A FARMERS' ALLIANCE POEM.

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The New York League.

The New York State Farmers' league, after much consideration in Utica, adopted the following:

We demand that our state and national governments shall take action regarding the following matters.

First, that all property, real, personal, corporate, shall be equally taxed; second, that no public officer accept passes from railroads or other corporations; third, that the dealing in futures in agricultural products be prevented; fourth, that the sale of adulterated food products be prohibited unless they are so marked; fifth, to secure the navigation of the canals, and make the deepening of the Hudson river a national expense, and until such time make no further appropriation for the canals, save such as may be necessary to keep them in good repair; sixth, to secure the publication of a uniform system of school methods under direction of the state, in order that they may be furnished at a minimum of cost; seventh, to secure such protection to state lands in the Adirondack forest as will prevent further destruction by lumber pirates and others, thus insuring a supply of water sufficient to meet the demands of our waterways, without expending millions in purchase of lands held by speculators and syndicates to establish a state park; eighth, that an estimate of the probable cost of completing the state capitol be obtained, to the end that the management may determine whether it will not be economy to abandon the same and build one more in keeping with the demands of the people; ninth, that while our present system of road making is not productive of the best results, we believe that any scheme to spend millions of the people's money on the highways should be postponed till an improvement in the financial condition of our country will warrant such expenditure; tenth, that national legislation be deferred in reference to the irrigation of the western and lands at public expense until the consumptive demands of the people shall require a greater productive area; eleventh, to secure such financial legislation as will meet the requirements of the agricultural and business interests of the country; twelfth, to prevent the importation of the pauper and criminal classes to this country, also all persons who don't in good faith intend to become its citizens.

We further demand retrenchment and reform in national, state and local expenditures, to the end that legislation in these stringent times shall provide for the passage of such laws as will relieve an overburdened and ridden people.

Governor Abbett and the Jersey Farmers.

The annual message of Governor Abbett, which is a comprehensive review of the public affairs of New Jersey, dwells at great length upon the conditions which affect the farming industry of his state. These conditions, which have been made the subject of investigation by a special commission, are anything but cheering, although they do not differ materially from the prevailing agricultural conditions in Pennsylvania and other eastern states. Governor Abbett confirms the statement of the commission that farm land has fallen in value in New Jersey about 40 per cent within the last fifteen or twenty years, but he derives some consolation from the fact that the value of land per acre is higher in New Jersey than it is in any other state in the Union.

Governor Abbett admits that grain raising is no longer profitable in New Jersey, and he says that the farmers are obliged to compensate themselves with the cultivation of vegetables and fruits, with the rearing of cattle and with the dairy industries. But the great depreciation of land values in the state indicates plainly enough that the farmers have not found in these substitutes sufficient compensation for the loss of former profits on wheat raising.

Chief among the causes to which Governor Abbett refers the agricultural depression in New Jersey are unequal taxation, state and federal, unjust discrimination in freight charges, bad roads and high rates of interest.—Philadelphia Record.

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