

of the expenses of the agents, say about six hundred dollars. A committee was appointed who drew up the regulations for the rule of the Association, which were accepted and ratified; and in the persons of Messrs. Nicholas Duerst and Fridolin Streiff, were found and selected the agents for the important trust. They departed for their far-away field of responsible labor the 8th day of March, 1845; and, after a stormy and disagreeable voyage, landed on the shores of the New World, where they were directed to consult a commercial house in New York, and an old countryman, Mr. Blumer, in Allentown, Pa., who would assist them with counsel and every needful help. Mr. Blumer secured Mr. Joshua Fry, a man able to speak English, to accompany the agents to the far West, and to aid them in carrying out their instructions, which were as follows:

1. The agents will journey from Switzerland, *via* Havre, to New York.

2. They will find an amount of money (about \$2,500) deposited with a house in New York, sufficient to buy a certain quantity of land for the emigrants, according to the respective shares to which they will be entitled.

3. This money they will not draw before they have selected and bought the land, or are ready to buy; and shall be guided in this matter by the counsel or advice of Mr. Blumer, of Allentown.

4. As soon as they arrive in New York, the agents will proceed to the said Mr. Blumer, and ask him either to accompany them, or aid them with his knowledge of the relative advantages of the country in the Northwest.

5. In regard to the purchase of the lands, the agents will consider the climate and the nature of the soil, which ought to be as near as possible similar to those in the old country, and suitable for the production of grain and cattle.

6. The agents are not positively bound to purchase government land; but they shall, if possible, try to secure enough that each colonist may have twenty acres, for the amount of money, \$1.25 per acre, which is the price of government land.

7. The agents shall try to buy all the land in one tract, well