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THE corporations set up their pins to elect a railroad senator from Saline county. But a lot of democrats got together and knocked the pins down by endorsing Gilbert, the independent nominee. Now the corporations are doing their best to stir up dissension among the democrats of that county in order to elect the republican nominee, a railroad tool. But they will fail and Gilbert will be elected.

LOOK out for trading schemes on election day. Independents should "get-on-to" the schemes of the republicans in good time and frustrate them.

**AN OPEN LETTER.**

To Governor Jas. E. Boyd:

DEAR SIR:—In the ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT of Oct. 6, 1892, I published an article calling public attention to the mysterious disappearance from the capitol building of certain pieces of public property, and charging certain state officers with acts that are irregular and contrary to law.

To be more specific I called attention to the following facts:

1. That half a dozen fine chairs, one leather covered settee, one antique oak writing desk, and one black onyx clock had disappeared from the state house about the time Captain Crawford ceased to be head janitor of the capitol.

2. That the headquarters of the republican state central committee in the Lansing block are now furnished with state property which Secretary of State Allen in violation of law has allowed to be taken from the capitol building.

3. That the engineer employed in operating the engines which heat the state house has been paid out of the fuel and light fund a procedure that is grossly irregular if not in violation of law.

4. That one J. H. Naden an employee at the state house is drawing two salaries, one as bailiff of the supreme court and the other as janitor, another gross irregularity.

From conversation with persons who are familiar with the facts, I am led to believe that these facts are few and unimportant compared with what would be brought to light if a thorough and searching investigation should be made.

Although these charges were made before the close of the recent investigation into the management of the Lincoln Insane Asylum, the members of the board of public lands and buildings paid no attention to them.

I, therefore, as a citizen of Nebraska, ask that you take such steps as to you may seem best to have these matters investigated and their truth or falsity exposed.

Yours Respectfully,  
S. EDWIN THORNTON.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 25, 1892.

**GERMAN MATTER.**

This week, at the request of the independent state committee, we devote six columns to political matter in the German language, and will do the same next week. This fact will no doubt be greatly appreciated by such of our subscribers as can read that language.

We urge every subscriber who has a German neighbor, to put this matter into his hands without delay. By this means thousands of Germans who have never read any reform literature will be reached and many votes may be won.

The state committee also have a circular giving the Rewick exposure and other valuable matter in German. Parties who are in a position to do missionary work among the Germans should send at once for packages of these circulars.

HOLDEN, of Liberty has varied the monotony of throwing slime of his own manufacture at independents by getting a whitewash brush and bucket, and undertaking the job of whitewashing the republican state officers.

LANCASTER county has in I. N. Leonard and J. C. Mc Nerney two able and worthy men as candidates for the state senate. They are making a hard fight for success, and we believe they will be winners.

**A VILLAINOUS ATTACK.**

The most disgraceful and altogether villainous attack of the present campaign was made on the Hon. C. H. Pirtle through the columns of Liberty last week.

The contemptible character of that paper and its editor are too well known to need comment. And as a rule his attacks are worthy only of silent contempt. But this attack deserves different treatment from the fact that Holden has become the special champion of the republican state officers, who are using his sheet as a mouth-piece. And a very fitting one it is for the defense of such corrupt men.

The attack on Mr. Pirtle was inspired by John C. Allen, secretary of state, and he furnished the data which Holden used. Mr. Allen has been in a terrible rage ever since THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT published that article concerning state house furniture, and this attack on Mr. Pirtle he intends as a sort of countercharge.

The facts on which the attack is based are as follows:

At the close of the session of the legislature Mr. Pirtle, as secretary of the senate, had several months work to do in making up the journal.

He hadn't learned Walt Seeley's little trick of having the journal all made up by under-clerks before the session closed.

In finishing up this work, Mr. Pirtle of course had plenty of use for the desk and typewriter belonging in the office of the secretary of the senate. So with the permission of the Secretary of state he removed them to his office in the Lindell hotel. He gave Mr. Allen a written receipt which was a guarantee of careful use and return of the property.

It should be remembered that Mr. Pirtle took his property from the state house in his capacity as a public officer of the state, and for a "public purpose" in accordance with the statutes.

After a time, Mr. Pirtle returned the desk in perfect condition, having no further use for it. But having further use for the typewriter, he retained it. Later Mr. Allen wrote Mr. Pirtle a letter demanding the immediate return of the typewriter. Mr. Pirtle was at his home in Saunders county at the time and before he returned to Lincoln, Allen sent the janitor of the capitol to bring the typewriter. He found it in the keeping of the young lady whom Mr. Pirtle has had employed as stenographer for nearly two years past.

Now having held a secret conference with Allen, Holden undertook the task of blackening Mr. Pirtle's reputation. He fills two columns and a half with a tirade of abuse with glaring head-lines insinuating that Mr. Pirtle had stolen a piece of state property and disposed of it under suspicious circumstances.

But this is not the most vile and contemptible feature of the attack. In order to cast suspicion on Mr. Pirtle's character, he attempts by cowardly innuendoes to cast suspicion on the young lady stenographer. She is a poor girl, an orphan, who through her own industry has given herself an education, and is now earning an honest living. Her reputation is above suspicion. She is now employed as stenographer at independent headquarters. She has the respect and esteem of all the independent leaders, as well as a large circle of friends in Lincoln. This attack is too base and cowardly to be described in language. No man would make it who has not lost every vestige of manhood, and

degraded himself to a level with the vilest creatures that crawl upon the earth. Such is the man who is now employed as the chief whitewasher for three of the nominees on the republican state ticket. Such is the man whom John C. Allen uses to fight his political battle. Is the user more manly or honorable than the thing used? Have the republican state officers whose records Holden is trying to whitewash any more honor or manhood than he?

The publication of this attack is the only answer the state officers have made to the various grave charges this paper has preferred against them. They have denied nothing, and asked for no investigation. Let us suppose for the sake of argument, that there was something wrong in Mr. Pirtle's taking the typewriter and desk away from the capitol. Who would have been the wrong doer? Secretary Allen, because the law requires him to see that no state property is removed from the state house or used except for public purposes. Does this tirade against Mr. Pirtle clear Mr. Allen of guilt as a law-breaker in letting the republican state central committee have furniture for their headquarters? Does this relieve the board of public lands and buildings from guilt in letting thousands of dollars worth of state property be stolen from the capitol?

We have known Mr. Pirtle for nearly three years, and have had many opportunities to form an estimate of his character, and we desire to say that there is not a more honest, and worthy young man in Nebraska, nor has there been a more faithful, and honest public officer. This villainous attack on him will prove a boomerang, that will help to knock the man who inspired it out of the office which he has disgraced.

**TOM WATSON.**

Perhaps there is no man in the south today in whom the northern people are so much interested as Col. Tom Watson of Georgia. The impression has been spread all over the country that the gallant Colonel was defeated in the late October election. This is entirely incorrect. His fight for re-election comes at the November election, and all advices indicate that he will be returned.

UP in the Twelfth senatorial district consisting of Platte and Colfax, the corporations made Senator Van Housen stand aside and be a candidate for the house. They wanted a "sure man" for the senate and they had such a man in the person of Jim North. The people of that district should spare no effort to down him and elect Fred Jewell.

CONGRESSMAN KEM, after being laid up with a severe cold for about two weeks, is now on the stump again doing great work for the success of the independent ticket. His own success is assured.

SENATOR KEIPER, democratic candidate in the Third district, would deserve much more credit if he would devote his energies to the defeat of Meiklejohn and leave off his carping criticisms against Poynter.

OUR subscribers will get the ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT a day late this week. The delay was caused by the use of our press in running off our campaign extra, and was unavoidable.