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THE grand jury meets November 16,  
to investigate the asylum steals.

Now is the time to renew your sub-  
scription, and send in a new name or  
two.

HEREAFTER a good market report  
will appear in every issue of THE ALLI-  
ANCE-INDEPENDENT.

THE article on labor and capital pub-  
lished in this issue is an excellent one,  
and deserves to be carefully read.

EVERY alliance member in the state  
should read President Powers' letter,  
and act upon his timely suggestions.

THE poem, "The Only Road to Free-  
dom," written by Mr. Gibson was clipped  
from the last issue of the Knights of  
Labor Journal.

EVERY independent in the state will  
want THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT  
during the coming session of the legis-  
lature. It will give full and fair re-  
ports of all the important and exciting  
events of the session.

"FOR ways that are dark, and for  
tricks that are vain the g. o. p. is pecu-  
liar." For instance out in Polk county  
they tried to prevent a lot of independ-  
ent Russian settlers from voting by  
telling them that if they made a mis-  
take in voting the Australian ballot  
they would be sent to the penitentiary.

ON page 3 of this issue will be found  
a short review of "An American Peas-  
ant" written by Mr. George Howard  
Gibson. Mr. Gibson highly recom-  
mends the book, but not too highly we  
think. It is a most excellent book for  
the student of finance. Send 25 cents  
to this office and get a copy.

**WATCH THE CANVASS.**

Within six days after the day of  
election the county clerk of each  
county must open and canvass the re-  
turns. It is of the highest importance  
that independent watchers be present  
and see this work correctly done in  
every county. The republicans will  
not hesitate to manipulate the returns  
in order to insure them a victory.

Independents, do your duty in this  
matter without fail.

**JUDICIAL DESPOTISM.**

The following appears in the Asso-  
ciated press dispatches as a common-  
place matter of news, yet it should re-  
veal to the American public a most  
momentous fact, namely, that trial by  
jury, once the bulwork of common  
justice, is being rendered a force by a  
plutocratic judiciary. The case re-  
ferred to is that brought by Private  
Iams against the militia officers who so  
cruelly tortured him at the time of the  
late Homestead trouble:

PITTSBURG, Nov. 5.—When court  
convened this morning the jury in the  
Iams case came in and asked leave to  
submit in writing a question which it  
did not wish to ask openly. After  
reading it Judge Porter told the jury  
the subject of inquiry was wholly im-  
material. Any other action between  
the parties could not enter into the  
case. The judge continued as follows:  
"As to the instructions given you to  
find the defendants not guilty of assault  
and battery, I propose that you shall  
obey the court. You, of course, may  
ignore the instructions. You are the  
judges of the fact and the law—not law  
as you think it should be, but what it  
is. We have told you what the super-  
ior court of the United States says the  
law is and that is the law you want to  
take. If any man on this jury thinks  
he knows more than the supreme court  
of the United States, of course he will  
stick to his opinion. It is a shame,  
however, that a man with such pro-  
found knowledge should waste his time  
in the jury box."

The court then warned the jury  
against the dangers of being guided by  
feelings of prejudice, and the jury re-  
tired, returning shortly afterwards  
with a verdict of not guilty.

The verdict, however, adjudged that  
the defendants, Colonels Hawkins and  
Streater, shall pay half the costs in the  
aggravated assault and battery case.  
Their counsel moved, in view of the  
judge's charge, that that part of the  
verdict be set aside. The court order-  
ed the motion put in writing, but made  
no ruling on it.

Note the language:

"Instructions given you to find the  
defendants not guilty."

"I propose that you shall obey the  
court."

What is the use of a jury trial if the  
judge is to find the verdict? Is it not  
a farce?

Of what use are laws to prevent in-  
timidation of a jury, if the judge is  
allowed to issue despotic commands  
which the jury must obey?

The judge even descends to ridicule  
and sarcasm to over-power the inde-  
pendence of jurymen!

Think of a court that has prejudged  
the whole case warning the jury  
against "being guided by feelings of  
prejudice!"

That some of the jurymen were dis-  
posed to render a verdict of "guilty" is  
shown not only by the judge's vehe-  
ment efforts to browbeat them, but by  
the fact that they assessed half the costs  
on the colonels, Hawkins and Streater.  
But of what use would have been such  
a verdict? The judge would have sim-  
ply set it aside, and ordered a new  
trial.

Such an outrage on justice had its  
fore-runners only a few days ago when  
a judge of the supreme court of Penn-  
sylvania, descended from his supreme  
bench, and took his seat in one of the  
lower courts at Pittsburg in order to  
indict the leaders of the Homestead  
strike for treason.

Truly the time has come which the  
great Lincoln foretold when he said  
"corporations will be enthroned, and  
all of liberty be lost."

MART HOWE deserves a great deal of  
credit for his vigorous action in bring-  
ing Lancaster officials to time.

**TRICKSTERS FOILED.**

Republican officials have got into such  
a habit of doing things according to  
their own notions regardless of law  
that it makes them very angry to have  
their schemes interfered with by people  
who are cranky enough to want the law  
observed. For instance county clerk  
Woods of Lancaster county is very  
angry, and so are several republican  
ringsters whom he numbers among his  
friends. The occasion is as follows:

Mr. Woods first made up the ticket  
with candidates for county commis-  
sioner left out. The error was discover-  
ed, and a new lot of tickets had to be  
printed. When these come out, the  
independents discovered that "People's  
Independent" was printed after the  
names of Wolfe, Van Wyck, and two  
electors in very small type, while all  
the rest of the ticket was in large type.  
Also in the county ticket the word  
"People's" was omitted altogether.

Hon. Mart Howe, chairman of the in-  
dependent county central committee,  
after taking legal advice employed H.  
F. Rose, our candidate for county attor-  
ney, and they asked for a mandamus in  
the district court to compel Mr. Woods  
to have the tickets printed correctly as  
required by law. They went before  
Judge Tuttle and at noon Saturday  
secured a mandamus to that effect.

Then clerk Woods, and county com-  
missioner Churchill got angry. They  
said it couldn't be done. There wasn't  
time, and there wasn't paper enough in  
the city. Finally Churchill remarked:

Woods: "You print the city ballots  
first, give the country what is left, and  
let them go to hell."

Woods said Chairman Howe "You  
have been so particular with me, I am  
going to be particular with you, and  
names on your certificate won't go on  
the ticket, because they are not legally  
certified. That man MEDDINS place of  
residence is not given." Howe said:  
"Woods, you dare to disobey the order  
of the court, and I will have you in jail  
before the sun goes down."

There was the mandamus staring him  
in the face, and Woods decided that he  
had better submit. The tickets came  
out in good time and all right.

**Unwelcome Immigrants.**

The recent action of the emigrant  
bureau in returning a large lot of con-  
victs, contract laborers and diseased  
paupers, shipped hither, chiefly from  
Italy, should be followed by prompt  
legislation making it impossible for  
the Chinese to smuggle themselves  
into this country across its northern  
border or elsewhere. Thomas Bab-  
ington Macauley, 1857, wrote:

"The day will come when a multi-  
tude of people, not one-half of whom  
have had more than half a breakfast  
or expect to have more than half a  
dinner, may choose a legislature. I  
seriously apprehend that your republic  
will be plundered and laid waste by  
barbarians in the twentieth century,  
as the Roman empire was in the fifth."

It is possible that the great English  
historian foresaw that this fair land  
of ours was to be an asylum for dis-  
contented foreigners, for anarchists,  
murderers, outcasts and the Huns and  
Vandals of the Old World? America  
has a place and a welcome for the  
brain and brawn and muscle of every  
honest man who seeks a home in this  
country and who will rest content to  
become an American citizen with all  
it signifies. In coming to this coun-  
try, however, our immigrants must  
become Americanized and adopt  
American ideas. Otherwise they can  
not be Americans. The advent of de-  
moralizing elements should be stopped  
in justice to the millions of citizens  
who are now a part of the great work-  
ing forces of the republic.—N. Y.  
News.

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**THE RAILROAD RATE QUESTION.**

In the near future we will begin the  
publication of a series of articles on the  
railroad rate question as it concerns the  
people of Nebraska. These articles  
will form the most complete and ex-  
haustive discussion of the subject ever  
presented to the Nebraska reading pub-  
lic.

No business has paid such large  
dividends on capital invested the past  
few years, in Nebraska at least, as that  
of raising poultry and marketing the  
products. Eggs always bring a good  
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the world. Write them for particulars  
and mention THE ALLIANCE-INDEPEN-  
DENT.

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again;  
The eternal years of God are hers;  
But error wounded writhes in pain,  
And dies among her worshippers."

WAVERLY, Neb., 5, 1892.

Editor ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT:

Lancaster county's loss is Harlan  
county's gain.

Relatives and friends numbering  
eighty assembled Thursday evening,  
November 3rd, in commemoration of  
our esteemed neighbors, Mr. and Mrs.  
Obadiah Hull, who having bought a  
farm two miles from Alma, Harlan  
county, Neb., contemplates departing  
soon.

The event being in the nature of a  
surprise, we had the satisfaction of  
making it such, and the good ladies  
besides their good graces and pleasant  
faces brought eatables which satisfied  
our appetites in a very pleasurable man-  
ner.

Mr. and Mrs. Hull with affable and  
hospitable dispositions were equal to  
the occasion. They have resided in  
Mill precinct for sixteen years and are  
both devoted members of the Christian  
church at Greenwood.

Mr. Hull has advocated for years and  
keeps uppermost in his mind those  
principles which would give "equal  
rights to all and special privileges to  
none," and many are the sacrifices he  
has made. He is a man of deep feeling  
for humanity, a thorough understand-  
ing of the above principles and a strong  
desire to impart such to humanity.

In commending Mr. and Mrs. Hull  
and Mrs. Fell (Mrs. Hull's mother) who  
will accompany them, we will say that  
they are of that genial make up which  
speaks more deeply than words and  
the reflections of their friends many  
times will westward wander.

Lancaster county has lost one of its  
best known and highly respected  
families. May prosperity abound with  
them in their new home is the wish of  
a host of friends. A. E. S.

**The Australian Ballot Law.**

PALMYRA, Neb., Oct. 30, 1892.

EDITOR ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT:

The republican press is claiming that  
John C. Watson of this county drew up  
the Australian ballot law, which was  
passed by the last legislature. Tell us  
who drew and introduced that law.

Yours Truly,  
WM. YOUNG.

IN answer to the above we will say that  
the present Australian ballot law was  
drafted by V. O. Strickler of Omaha,  
and introduced by Hon. W. F. Porter,  
independent representative from Mer-  
rick county. It comes with poor grace  
for republicans to be claiming any cred-  
it for the passage of that act, when they  
defeated a bill for the Australian ballot  
in the previous legislature.

Jennings' hotel of Omaha is the only  
"People's party hotel." Remember  
this when visiting that city. 134