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THIS WEEK'S ISSUE.

This week we send out a paper which is in some respects the best ever sent out of this office. It contains five lengthy articles that are worthy of the closest study, and of being preserved for future reference:

- 1. The Iowa Rates. 2. The Penitentiary Investigation. 3. The Investigation into Methods of Punishment at the Penitentiary. 4. The Asylum Investigation. 5. The First Installment of Colonel Flisk's Great Silver Speech.

Our intention was to publish Colonel Flisk's speech in full in one issue, but the investigating committee reporting all at once made that impossible.

We have been obliged to cut short our editorial and general news, to give space for the above named articles, but we fancy our readers will not complain on that account.

For the same reason we have been compelled to give Jay Burrows a rest of which he is sadly in need.

THE Fremont Leader is one of the best reform papers in the state. Brother Kelley strikes hard and seldom if ever misses the mark.

E. M. WEBB is making the Beacon-Independent a power in Custer county politics. Webb is one of the bright young men who are coming to the front in the people's party.

ON Tuesday evening the house held a session to act on reports of investigating committees.

After a long discussion that part of the penitentiary report censuring Boyd and Thayer was stricken out.

The report was then adopted by a vote of 67 to 7. The report of the asylum committee was then adopted without opposition.

Lastly a resolution was adopted looking toward knocking out the penitentiary contract.

MOSHER, the defaulter, stole over \$300,000 of the people's money, yet the Journal recommended to fill the offices this spring?

If so, you may expect the city to be stolen some night and you will be rested as a trespasser.

Down the ring, and elect pure honest business men to offices.

ARISE, ye toilers of Lincoln, and stand forth in your might. Will you still allow the huge octopus, the State Journal, to fasten its tentacles into your flesh and draw you of your heart's blood?

Will you allow the defender of the Asylum frauds, of the Capital National bank failure, and the employer of scab labor, to control you longer. Sound the shibboleth, "Reform," and tear the cruel arms from their cruel clasp.

Mr. V. O. STRICKLER of Omaha is receiving severe criticisms which to all appearances he fully deserves.

When the republicans attempted to recommit the rate bill with a view of killing it, Strickler was on the floor lobbying for the recommitment.

There can be little doubt that his influence over Porter caused that gentleman to make a blunder that might have been a serious one.

This is not the first thing Strickler has done to arouse suspicion. The course he pursued in the senatorial fight was not such as to commend him as a true and loyal independent.

He was deep in the fight to have the Omaha caucuses postponed without a hearing, and it is whispered that he expects to be appointed on the fire and police commission of Omaha as a reward for his action.

If Strickler is here in Lincoln for any good to the independent cause he is acting queerly to say the least, and all the representatives we have talked with say they have had enough of him for this session.

IMPEACH THE RASCALS.

The reports of the investigating committees published in this issue show a state of affairs that is a disgrace to the state. It shows that the principal state offices have been, and most of them now are, held by men totally unfit, either in a moral or a business sense, to fill such offices.

There is but one right thing for the legislature to do—impeach the rascals, and turn them out. The circumstances justify it. The people demand it.

MAKING UP THE JOURNALS.

So far the present legislature, and particularly the house has made an excellent record for economy. But that record is not yet completed. The one appropriation in which there has heretofore been the greatest "rake-off" is yet to be acted on. It is the appropriation for making up the journals.

Two years ago the independents followed the bad precedent set by the republicans in previous legislatures. The house voted the chief clerk \$2,000 for making up its journal, and the senate voted its secretary \$1,600 for making up its journal.

As a matter of fact \$1,600 would have been ample pay for both jobs.

This is no guess work. It is a liberal estimate based on the quantity and quality of work actually involved in making up the journals in 1891.

It is perfectly true that the independent clerk and secretary of 1891 only received as much as the republican clerk and secretary of 1889, and it is also true that they did a great deal more work for the money. But that doesn't make the appropriation of such sums any the less an outrageous waste of public money.

There ought to be a new pattern set in this matter, and it ought to be set by the present legislature.

\$600 is an ample and liberal appropriation for making up the house journal.

\$700 is big pay for making up the senate journal.

Here is a chance to save \$2,000. Gentlemen of the legislature what do you propose to do about it?

We have some inside facts regarding that \$2,000 voted by the house two years ago which we are ready to give to the public if the chief clerk questions the correctness of our position in this matter.

APPROPRIATIONS.

On Tuesday afternoon the senate finished work on the general appropriation bill. It increased the appropriations altogether about \$450,000. The independents have made a persistent fight for economy but have been defeated at all points by the demorepublican combine.

The bill as it came from the house committee had the indorsement of every member of that committee regardless of politics. The real question at issue is: "Shall the state institutions be honestly and economically managed, or shall the present corrupt, and wasteful methods continue?"

The independents and honest democrats stand for the former; the republicans and monopoly democrats say the latter.

The bill must now go back to the house for approval. It is to be hoped that the house will stand firmly by its record in this matter, and refuse to make any concessions that are not shown to be absolutely necessary and proper. The people will endorse such action. They are tired of having their hard earned dollars boodled away by corrupt, thieving officials.

THE IOWA RATES.

We publish in this issue a long article on the Iowa rates. It is one of the best articles on the subject we have seen. It should be carefully studied, and preserved for future reference.

This article appeared in the Omaha Bee of February 10. Mr. Rosewater was kind enough to permit us to use the plates of the article for which we return thanks. It is entirely proper to add that Mr. Rosewater is using all his influence to secure the passage of the amended Newberry bill.

THE DAILY CITIZEN.

Lincoln has a new morning paper. It is a straight independent, a shoulder hitter, a "regular kummer" as the boys say. It is backed by the organized labor of the city. Since it started the old ringsters can't sleep. They look sick and haggard. They will be sicker when the spring election is over.

The laboring men of the city are rallying to the support of the new daily and it has the encouragement of all law and order loving citizens.

For the present the mission of The Citizen is to overthrow the republican ring and elect the independent city ticket. It is likely however that the paper will be a permanent affair.

Believes It Was a Scheme.

THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT has gained every point it contended for with its enemies. Even Owen McGovern said he was persuaded to go into court by others. The Leader believes it was a scheme of Thompson, Burrows and the Lincoln ring to break up a faithful paper to the cause of good government and the people's party organ.

—Fremont Leader.

INDEPENDENCE, A MANLY VIRTUE.

Independence in thought and action, regulated by correct moral principle, has received the approval of the wise in all ages. It has graced the life and characterized the actions of the men who have achieved fame in their efforts to promote the welfare of mankind. It is a quality of mind that is generally allied with liberty and has made itself felt in every great movement in the world's history.

Hence it has always been feared and hated by despots. Oppression has ever been unfriendly to enlightened thought, and achieves its greatest success and enjoys its largest immunity when the people are not distinguished for a high order of intelligence.

Indeed it has been claimed that the ignorance and servility of the masses prove to be the best foundation for a stable government.

This sounds strange to American ears, yet the records of more than a thousand years emphasize the fact that man's ignorance has been the blind giant supporting the despotism that robbed him of his rights.

Monopoly, favoritism, titles and distinction are among the wrongs that have ever found a congenial home under the shadow of sceptred royalty.

These were the wrongs from which our pilgrim fathers fled that they might find a home where they could worship God according to the dictates of an enlightened conscience and enjoy a political independence, founded on the patriotism and enlightened wisdom of the people.

The heritage they left has prospered and grown till it has become a great national power challenging the admiration of the world. Yet it has not been exempt from perils.

Many a hard battle has been fought and won along the line of its history over evils that threatened destruction to the very citadel of American liberty.

The old systems of civilization that have ruled Europe for a thousand years and brought its nations well nigh to the brink of ruin, are leaving their victims writhing in the throes of a doom that is inevitable, are spanning the seas and are clutching at the throat of the giant of American freedom.

Aristocracy, monopoly, ecclesiastical despotism, under the guise of friendship and claiming the authority of hoary age, together with the money power, cruel and unrelenting as hell, are establishing themselves among us, seeking a new lease of life and finding new fields to conquer.

They are striking their deadly fangs into the very vitals of our country, drawing away the substance of the people, and destroying their liberties.

The term independence has come down to us resplendent with the achievements of men chosen by the arbiter of human destiny to roll back the clouds of despotism and rear aloft the beacon of liberty enlightening the world. The heritage they won has come down to us as the richest legacy of modern times.

It is the organization of a civilization endowed with imperishable life and power. Freed from the unholy alliance with which corrupt agencies are seeking to bind it, it will continue to shower its blessings on mankind long after the star of despotic empire has gone down in endless night.

To us as friends of liberty is committed the sacred trust of preserving this heritage intact and handing it down unimpaired to ages yet unborn.

Americans ought to study the nature, the design and uses of civil government. Cicero defined its mission to be "Salus populi," the welfare of the people. Paul says it is a "terror to evil doers and a praise to them that do well."

Our fathers judged wisely when they guarded against the abuse of power by placing the institutions of the government under the control of the people. No succession of titled monarchs, nor political parties have the right to claim that they are the government, nor have they the right to arrogate to themselves a divine right to rule. They are but organs by which the powers and institutes of government are administered. A political party which perverts the functions of civil authority from the beneficent purpose of protecting the rights and securing the happiness of the people, and transforms its agencies into an engine of oppression, forfeits its claim to the support of the people and ought to be defeated.

The right of suffrage is an American birthright, and ought to be kept pure and unsullied. It has a value above rubies, and the American citizen exhibits his independence and honors his manhood by using it unsparingly to eliminate abuses and to secure and perpetuate the blessings of freedom.

A PERSON or firm who is unwilling to trust the justice of his cause on its merits, is a coward. That is exactly the case of those who refuse to arbitrate. Right is right, gentlemen, and the people are not to be gulled any longer. Why the laborers do not take the matter into their own hands is a matter of much surprise to us. If a man is RIGHT, he can laugh at all the arbitration boards in Christendom, for they cannot help but coincide with him. To refuse is to admit cowardice.

THE OLD GANG AT WORK.

The old gang—the very men who are responsible for the present condition of the party, is again at work, unmindful of the warnings of the past, and the same old attempt to grind out a "machine made ticket" will be made."

The above taken from the Evening News of March 8th, indicates that the republican party in the city of Lincoln is in a serious condition indeed; that it is dominated by a set of corrupt politicians whose success in securing control of the city offices will surely imperil the public interests.

It is not that these men are unfit for positions from lack of education or of other qualifications, but it is gravely charged that they are a "gang of unprincipled and corrupt manipulators. And it would seem that this is not a new peril. It is the same condition of things which the party was called to contend with two years ago; and moreover this gang has grown to such proportions and secured such control over the party machinery that they are likely to nominate for city officers men addicted to such corrupt methods as to drive the respectable portion of the party from their support.

This is truly a grave situation and one that every good citizen is called upon to seriously consider.

The dominant political party in this city that claims the right to administer the city government has become so saturated with corruption that it is extremely difficult for an honest good citizen to obtain a nomination for any position in its ranks.

A lot of political bummers apportion the nominations to their henchmen and then appeal to the party for an endorsement, shrewdly counting that the respectable element in the party will be led by blind partisan zeal to vote for the regular nominees, in the face of the fact that they are known to be destitute of moral principle. It is in this way that the public interests are sacrificed to party success.

This has been carried to such an extent that official dishonesty commands a premium and vile methods are boldly counted on as passports to official position.

This game was tried two years ago, with practical success. It is true that enough of good republicans repudiated their candidate for mayor to insure his defeat. Yet the balance of the ticket was elected and the old gang has continued to control the city affairs. Mayor Weir has been trammelled in the performance of his duties, stripped of the power to control the police force and so circumscribed that he has been powerless to inaugurate any substantial reform in the administration of city affairs.

In view of these facts, it becomes the imperative duty of all good citizens to organize in defense of their interests, to combine together to throw off this octopus that has fastened its deadly tentacles on the city and is fattening on the substance of the people. It is the duty of the hour to place capable, honest and true men in nomination for city officers and then rally to their support and see that they are triumphantly elected.

RESOLUTIONS OF ENDORSEMENT.

Last week we published a resolution of endorsement sent in by Walton alliance of this county. Here we present another by Oak Valley alliance, the largest and best sustained alliance in Lancaster county. We are proud of these endorsements. They have been unthought. They are presented by alliances which are near the scene of action, and whose members are familiar with the facts:

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A. N. HOUSEL Secretary

ENGLISH money lenders hold American government, railroad and municipal bonds, aggregating some \$3,600,000,000.

The nearest to this sum at a low rate as 4 per cent, amounts to \$345,000,000 annually. This means an average drain of \$1.9 for each man, woman and child in the United States. Under the ruling of the treasurer of the United States the interest on these bonds must be paid in gold. From this it can be readily seen what causes the enormous drain of gold from this country to Europe.

The west now suffers the prince of bank wreckers in the person of Chas. W. Mosher. Washerwomen, laborers, city treasurers and other officers of the law and corporations had good hard money in the now defunct Capital National. Mosher, relying on the republican party for assistance made one fell swoop of all the money, never thinking that perhaps his hellish action would cause some poor stomach to feel the pangs of hunger, some helpless child to feel the chilly blasts of the pitiless wind or the fatal dampness of the pattering or falling snow. Not spurred on by the impulse of greed and gain alone he stopped his ears to the heart-rending wails of the poor and shut his eyes to the many pinched and drawn faces and accomplished his diabolical designs. He stands before the people of Nebraska one of the most coldblooded heartless wretches of this century. And his bond as security is \$10,000! Think of it, people of Lincoln! Think of it men of Nebraska! Ten thousand dollars keeps him from a felon's cell. The groans of the people is sad to hear; yet the republican boodlers pretend not to hear them and say there is no fear but that Mr. Mosher will stay and stand trial. But did he go to the court when summoned to do so by the law? Did he not refuse even the court's mandates? Put the thumb screws on him. Take him away and deal with him fairly and the people will then be satisfied, but not until then.

WHEN the bribery investigation came on, we promised our readers that we would not hesitate to publish the names of any independents who should be exposed in evil doing. Now is a good time to fulfill that promise. Representative Ruggles, as honest and true an independent as there is in the house, swore before the committee that Captain Ashby of Beatrice tried to bribe him to vote for Thurston. He told a straight story in every respect. Capt. Ashby of course denies it. But for credibility it would take several dozen of his denials to equal old man Ruggles' word. Capt. Ashby is simply a professional politician who came into the independent party because he thought there might be something in it for him. On the night before Allen was elected, he did everything he could to induce the independents to desert him. His scheme undoubtedly was to disorganize the independent forces, and elect Thurston.

THE Independent Enterprise is a new reform paper published at McCook, Red Willow county. C. W. Lindsay handles the editorial quill. We hope the venture may succeed for that county needs a good paper.

LAST week Mr. Burrows fell back on his old tactics—issued a circular. In it he virtually re-endorses Holden, slanders the editor of THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT, and J. B. Romine, and makes several false statements. We shall devote some attention to this circular next week.

MR. J. A. EDGERTON, our state house reporter, deserves great credit for the part he played in saving the railroad bill in the house. As clerk of the railroad committee, he has done a good deal of the work of making out the rates. When the republicans had well nigh succeeded in having the bill re-committed, Mr. Edgerton exposed their trick, and showed the independents that the bill was all right. Investigation showed that Mr. Edgerton was right and the motion to recommit failed.

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MORE GREAT PREMIUMS.

Our readers will remember that two weeks ago we promised them an eye-opener in the way of special premiums to club raisers. This week we submit our list of additional premiums so far as completed. The following premiums are offered to club raisers in addition to the district and county premiums:

FOR A CLUB OF TWO

We will send three of our sheet music songs of the people; or one package of Hall's Acme Horn Preventer for cattle raisers.

FOR A CLUB OF THREE

We will send a handsome pearl-handled lady's knife, or a good strong two-bladed boy's knife.

FOR A CLUB OF FIVE

We will send a strong two-bladed farmer's knife guaranteed to be first class, worth \$1.25.

FOR A CLUB OF SIX

We will send an elegant first class razor worth \$1.40.

FOR A CLUB OF SEVEN

We will send one-half dozen silver plated teaspoons, heavy silver plate on nickel silver base—not on brass—worth \$1.50.

FOR A CLUB OF TEN

We will send a potato planter worth \$2.00.

Still other premiums will be added to this list.

Remember that each subscriber in these clubs pays \$1.00 and gets a premium book worth 25 cents.

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THE Chance of His Life.

Mr. Henpeck—My life is miserable. Friend—What's the matter?

"Ah, my wife is always flaring up at something and now she is jealous of my typewriter."

"Jealous of your typewriter! Good! This is the chance of your life."

"How?"

"Discharge your typewriter and let your wife take her place and then you will be able to do something you've never done before in your life."

"What is that?"

"Dictate to your wife."—New York Press.

Tea and Brandy.

The superiority of tea over brandy in many cases is beyond question. The idea still lingers that alcohol keeps out the cold. As a matter of fact, mountaineers have found by repeated experience that the opposite of this holds true.

Why He Didn't Succeed.

"Young Hustle didn't succeed very well as editor of that religious weekly, did he?"

"Not very; the first thing he did was to start a voting contest to see who was the most popular section."

Consider a.

Belle—I wouldn't marry a man for his money!

Blanche—Nor I. Still I've had some disappoint one with money.

A FEMALE IDEA OF ECONOMY.

Now a St. Louis Woman Thinks She Saves Money on Beefsteak.

"Some women have a peculiar idea of economy," said a well-known merchant to a St. Louis Republic man.

"I live pretty far out in the West end, where corner grocery and butcher-shop provisions cost more than they do anywhere else on the present extent of discovered earth. We have been paying thirty and thirty-five cents each for common, ordinary good beefsteaks, and everything else in proportion.

"The other day my wife had occasion to visit a friend in South St. Louis and on her return to Broadway to catch a north-bound car she passed a meat shop which attracted her attention by reason of its clean and wholesome display of fresh meats. She entered the place, selected a large steak, and bought it.

"How much?" she asked the butcher, reaching for her purse.

"Fifteen cents, mum."

"What?" cried my wife, fearing she had not heard aright. "Fifteen cents!"

"Yes, mum. Or two for a quarter."

"Two for a quarter?"

"Yes, mum."

"Then gimme two right quick. I never heard of such prices in St. Louis."

"Proudly she walked out with her two steaks, but she had only gone a block—repeating to herself m while, 'never heard of such es'—when it dawned upon her that she ought to take advantage of the opportunity and lay in a sort of winter's supply. So back she came to the butcher's and bought two more steaks.

"Well, thus far everything was right, and for several days fairly reveled in cheap, delicious meat. But alas, her suspect turned her head. That was a month ago. And yesterday she told me, with pride in her voice, that she had been sending down every day since for one steak—one steak, mind you, for fifteen cents, with twenty cents car fare added.

"I dare not disturb her dream of economy. It was too realistic and too full of victorious pleasure for my ruthless hand to sweep away. I am still complimenting her on the frugality of her management—and paying out just the same."

DRUMMER'S CLOCKS.

He Wished He Had Not Been so Inquisitive About Them.

"We all have our weaknesses," remarked the drummer reflectively to the gang, "and one to be deplored in my profession is that of a perennial tendency some of the boys have in the matter of making mashes, as they call it. However, the masher gets called down occasionally, and it does my soul good when he does. An instance occurred the other morning, and I happened to see it. I was looking in a window where there was a fine display of jeweler's goods and the only other person near was a good-looking young woman.

"She was a type of snappy girl I like to see and I watched her studying the contents of the window. Pretty soon a dapper drummer from New York stopped and began eyeing the girl instead of what was in the window. He sidled along and in a few minutes he smiled at her.

"Jewelry is very attractive this year," he said by way of introduction.

"She had sized him up in about