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DORGAN says he doesn't know much about building stone, and that he thinks he was imposed upon. He is no doubt well posted on the subject of "rake-off's"

#### GOOD BILLS.

There are hundreds of good bills before the two houses of the legislature only a few of which can or will be passed. The main object of all patriotic members at this stage of the proceedings should be to select from the whole number a few of the best and endeavor

On Tuesday the editor of THE ALLI-ANCE-INDEPENDENT constituted himself a "sifting committee" for a couple of hours, and begs leave of the honorable senate and house to submit the following list of meritorious messures ought by all means to become laws:

H. R. 33, the railroad rate bill. necessary, in order to secure the passage through the senate of this great reform measure.

Also House Roll 40, by Lynch amend

Senate File 20, by Darner to prevent private enterprises.

Senate File 183, by Young to reduce Senate File 293, by Gray to fix the

number and define the duties of legis lative employees. Senate File 103, by Gray to reduce

passenger fares to 21 cents per mile, and abolish passes.

and should by all means pass the senate. H. R. 291, by Dimmick to make it lawful for laborers to organize, and to

for belonging to unions. Senate File 149, by Harris, a "pure

H. R. 15, by Higgins making terms of township officers two years. H. R. 523, by Dimmick forbidding in-

human punishment in the penitentiary. H. R. 291, by Ruggles providing for and Ogalalla.

H. R. by Barry to collect back taxes counties are interested.

H. R. 342, by Lingenfelter to re-apportion the state into representative and senatorial districts.

H. R. 370, by Lingenfelter to provide for cities owning and operating water works, light plants, street cars, and telephones.

H. R. 105. by Scott, submitting a constitutional amendment by which saloon licenses shall be distributed to all the schools in counties where the same are collected.

S F. 287, by McCarthy to provide a reserve fund for building and loan asso-

There are many other excellent bills whose passage would greatly benefit the state, but we will not burden the the legislators with further suggestions at present.

SEVERAL important articles have been crowded out this week for want

#### THE LEGISLATURE

The sixty days term of the legislature will expire Friday. It is not likely, however, that it will adjourn before

sometime next week. There is strong talk of a recess, and a reassembling of the body after a few months to complete the work of investigation, and impeach the state officers who have shown their utter unfitness to fill such high positions. It is impossible to predict what will be done in this matter.

The Newberry bill came up in the senate on Tuesday afternoon. The republicans, assisted by every democrat present, made a desperate effort to kill the bill. It was only saved by a call of the house, and a dead-lock of four hours' duration. Thompson (dem.) of Dodge county, was at home to attend his mother's fungral. His absence enabled the independents to secure a call of the house, and a compromise to let the bill lie over till Thursday without losing its place.

Clark and Everett, (rep.) support the bill. If they stand true, and Thompson votes for the bill, it will pass. The battle will be fought out on Thursday. Every independent is true as steel. No traitors this time. If the bill is defeated, the republican party will have to shoulder the blame.

Next week we will give a general report of the work accomplished by the egislature.

#### CLEVELAND AND SILVER.

President Cleveland is evidently discouraged with the condition of the public mind on financial questions. He tion between the north and south. To certainly used all his influence both before and after his election to prevent it is impossible to believe that their the democrats in congress from enacting any measure friendly to silver. He certainly hoped, and sought, to have the Sherman silver law repealed. But congress adjourned leaving that measure in full force.

If Cleveland had any hope of success, he would certainly call the Fifty-third congress together to repeal that law. But he has canvassed the situation. His friends have sent letters of inquiry to all the members-elect to find out where they stand on the silver question. The replies were such as to cause him to abandon the extra session idea.

He probably hopes that by the opening of the regular session next December, the "alluring phrases" of the goldbugs, coupled with the power of the administration, will have brought a introduced by independents which majority of the democratic congress men into line with his views.

Developments already indicate that Every thing else should stand aside, if the president's expectations will not be

Such a great question as that of the free coinage of silver, one that has Senate File, 29, by Stewart which taken such a deep hold on the public provides that all contracts calling for mind, is not likely to lose any of its money shall be payable in gold, silver force by time and calm reflection. Alor legal tender notes regardless of any ready a spirited protest against the "gold clause" which may be in the con- president's attitude comes from a demtract. Felton has a similar bill in the ocratic convention recently held in Denver, Colo. It declared for "free Senate File 229, by Mullen amending silver coinage as a cardinal principle the law regarding deposit of state and of the party, condemned Mr. Cleveland's antagonism to it, and pronounced his hostile attitude and encroachments ing the same law so that state funds in upon the right of congressman to the the hands of county tressurers must be expression of their convictions free from presidential intimidation, as at war with the sprit of democracy and in voting of bonds to railroads or other conflict with the platform upon which he was elected."

Another evidence that the missonary interest on tax sales from 20 to 10 per efforts of the president and his advisers are not producing their anticipated results is the fact that free silver sentiment prevails as thoroughly as ever in the senate. The committees are being formed so as to be under the control of the silver men. When the time comes for action on the guestion, the indica-Representative Scott's bill providing tions are that whatever act meets the for the sale of land sold under fore- approbation of the silver element will closure in parcels has passed the house be put through. The president when appealed to says he is "powerless and can do nothing."

Indications such as these encourage forbid employers to discharge laborers the belief that the movement for financial reform is taking a deeper hold on the minds of the people and that such reform is bound to come in the near

THE announcement of President Cleveland's "rotation in office" policy has aroused a thrill of joy as well for irrigation stations at Culbertsen well as pange of sorrow in democratic circles. The young democracy who have never borne the great responsifrom B. & M. R. R., a bill in which 22 bilities of public trusts, are profoundly impressed with the wisdom of their great leader. While the old officeholding brigade are wagging their heads in doubt and sorrow, and feel constrained to take up the lamentation, "Surely the former times were better than these."

> A SOUTHERN Exchange says: At a recent annual sale of state convicts at Jackson, Miss., white men in seperate squads brought \$5, and colored men brought \$9 a month.

We do things quite differently in Ne braska. We pay an organized gang of boodlers \$12 per month to work each convict, and we furnish the building in which to keep the convict and the factory in which to work him. We also give the organized boodlers every opportunity to steal the state blind. Nebraska is a progressive state you see, and far above such fogy methods as prevail in Mississippi and Tennessee. | Sts. St Joe. Mo.

### THE FORCE BILL IN THE LATE ELECTION.

The New York Sun which tried so hard to make the "force bill" the principal issue in the late national campaign, and partially succeeded, now prints the following results of its work:

Every senator from the south is a democrat. Out of 126 congressmen from the south 120 are democrats and 6 republicans. The populist movement which grew out of the Farmers' Alliance started out even more strongly in the south than in the west, and the economic conditions which favored its growth were mere marked in the south than in the west. Yet in spite of these facts, the democratic victory in the south was complete. The Sun attributes this result to the injection of the 'Force Bill" into the campaign.

In this conclusion the Sun is no doubt correct, be it said to the everlasting shame of the democratic party. For years the leaders' of that party plead with the people of the north to forget the war, to bury sectional strife and prejudice, and tight out national campaigns on real issues. They denounced the republicans for waving the bloody shirt, and fanning the flames of sectional hatred. Their appeals to a great extent fell on deaf ears. But finally the farmers of the country became tired of fighting the war over. They proposed to bury the bloody shirt in earnest. Then it was that the democratic leaders showed their insincerity, and hypocrisy. With a cry of "Force Bill" they sought to keep alive sectional hatred, and prevent any real reconcilia a certain extent they succeeded. But success will be permanent. The people of the south are too intelligent, too sin cerely patriotic to be long frightened by the bugaboo of "force bill." The gold-bug leaders of the democratic party can not long hood-wink the masses of the south. They can never carry another election on the "force-bill" issue. The people of the south are demanding real reforms. These the deme cratic party will never give them. The republican party is virtually dead. The centest of the future is between the democrats and the populists. In that contest the masses of the south will be ranged on the side of the populists.

#### WHERE ARE WE AT?

The Flaming Sword, published at Chicago, quotes the following from a speech delivered by the great afterdinner orator, Chauncey M. Depew:

"Fifty men in these United States have it within their power, by reason of the wealth which they control, to and arrive at an understanding by which every wheel of trade and comcome together within twenty-four hours nerce may be stopped from revolving. every avenue of trade blocked, and every electric key struck dumb. These fifty men can paralyze the whole country, for they control the circulation of currency, and create a panic whenever they will."

If some alliance lecturer had made this statement it would have been branded as the "calamity howl" of a fanatic.

What do our republican friends think of it, coming from the man who nominated Harrison at Minneapolis? Is Depew an "alliance crank"?

Isn't Depew's statement the litera

Isn't it a truth that should arrest the attention of every patriotic citizen? Doesn't he state a fact that menaces

our free institutions? Are liberty, prosperity and contentment possible to the masses while fifty men have it in their power to control the business of the country?

Isn't it high time all patrictic citicens were aroused to the danger that threatens the republic?

What are you going to do about it? Will you listen to the siren voice of prosperity shrickers," and political quacks till it is too late to everwhelm plutocracy except by a bloody revolu-

Or will you join the ranks of the organized reformers, and help redeem the notion by peaceful means at the ballot

The revolution is coming. It is for the people to say whether it shall be peaceful or sanguinary.

## THE CLIMAX OF BOODLING.

The house committee which investigated the asylum steals found that of fifty-seven vouchers approved and paid by the state officers for cattle and grain for use at the asylum,

Twenty were absolute forgeries. Thirty-four were raised, and only three were just and correct.

The amount paid by the state on these vouchers was \$5,603.40. The amount received by the farmers

who sold the cattle and grain was \$2,-153.45. The amount stolen by asylum offi-

cials was \$3,454.95. Those officials evidently believed in in the old proverb that exhorts people to seize opportunities. OIn this case boodling certainly reach-

ed a climax. St. Joseph Buggy Co. Carriages and Buggies at lowest prices. Catalogue and price list free. 6th and Messanie

## STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mr. Thompson has just sent us the following statement of alliance finan-

ces for last year. We invite the careful attention of all alliance members, to this report, also to the comments which follow: Cash on hand as per last annual re-

port
Fees and dues received Jan. 7th, when
last report was made, up to and including Dec. 10th, when books were
examined by the committee
Received on share of stock in live
stock Commission Co. returned by
Allen Root Jan. 19th
Books sold by lecturers and applied
on their accounts on their accounts.

Collections made by lecturers and reported by placing receipts on file in ported by placing receipts on the is my office.

N. F. A. badges sold
Receipt books sold to Alliances.
Received of J. Burrows. Treasurer
State Business Association.
Being the balance left in its treasury
after the expenses of incorporating
and printing two years ago, with accrued interest of same applied on
his account and noted in expenditures

EXPENDITURES.

Executive Committee.
Of this amount \$77.60 was paid to members of the committee for 1891 and the remainder \$23.90 drawn by the committee for 1892.
Clerk hire.
Freight and express on books received and books and supplies sent out.
Contest fund.
This amount paid out of the \$1,500.00 appropriated for this purpose at the last State Meeting.
Rent and fuel.
Total amount paid for office rent, fuel.
- light and telephone for the year.
Printing. Stationary and office supplies. piles.
Including all supplies printed and furnished Alliances, and all office stationary, books etc, during the year.
Annual meeting Jan, 30th, 1892.
Of this amount 95,00 was paid for rent of hall, and the balance as expenses of reception committee.

Paid for trimming badges for last meeting, 6.75; ribbon for officers badges this meeting 2 00. Exchange and telegrams. J. H. Powers, President State Alliance for lecture work in the field and ex-

Postage.
This includes stamps bought and remitted and used. EXPENDITURES NO 2. Business association...
Paid on redeemed certificate of stock.
O. Hull account of amount appropriated at last annual meeting for balance of salary...

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J. Burrows account of appro-priation of 300.00 voted him for services as Sec-Treas for the years 1887 and '88.....210.15 Miss Dolly McMullen.

Amount voted at last annual meeting.

W. F. Wright.

Paid as follows: By collections made
and reported to see 122.74. By books
sold and charged to his account 111.

75. By cash from Treasury 353 30.

In addition to this Brother Wright received 80.10 in collections not re-ported to me, making total received by him 667.89.

Books.
Books durnished lecturers and charged to their account when sold.
W. H. Dech.
Paid by collections made when lecuring 6.50, books sold and charged to his account 132 25. By cash 569 88.
S. C. Faircilid.
Paid by books 17.00, by cash 361.33. In addition to the above Brother Pairchild received 27.90 by collections, making tetal received by him to date 406.23.

EXPENDITURES NO. 3. W. H. Talcott, collections made and D. R. Carpenter, collections made and . C. Daniels, collections made and Cash balance en hand 64c
The report of the auditing committee on the bove accounts was as follows:
Lindell Hotel, Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14, '92

To the Executive Committee of the Nebraska 'armers' Alliance. Gentlemen:—
We your committee appointed to examine the books, vouchers and exhibits of the Sec-Treas, of the Farmers' Alliance beg leave to report that we have made a careful examination and find receipts with balance from last 6,663 72

and expenditure noted in same are included in he financial report of the term beginning Dec. 12, 1892 and ending March 1, 1893 On Dec. 10th, the following accounts were unpaid

S. C. Fairchild on salary as Assitant Lecturer W. F. Wright, on salary as Assistant Members of the Executive Committee... that the State All ance voted should be paid to Brother A. d'Allemand account of expenses as Secretary of the Nati nal Alliance, provided the dues this year would warrant it. We had the following resources at that that the State All'ance voted should N. F A, badges on hand for sale.......150.00

FIRST QUARTER 1893

Financial report for the quarter beginning December 12 1892 and closing March 1, 1893. RECEIPTS. 
 Balance on hand Dec. 10, 1892
 64c

 Fees and dues.
 502 65

 Badges sold.
 2.00

 Books sold.
 60c

 Special fund.
 42.65

 Collections at Grand Island 25.65.
 2.00

 assessment from eight Alliances.
 assessment from eight Alliances, and 1.00 from one alliance, 17.00, tanuals sold

Total ..... DISBURSEMENTS Postage.... There is still 78 60 due on account of printing, besides 72 60 due the Na-tional Allianc and Industrial Union

from Washington Rent. Alliance Publishing Co. Dec. 20, '92 to Feb. 1893 National Alliance.....

the books, vouchers and exhibits of

COMMENTS.

It will strike alliance people as very peculiar that this report should be published at this time. It has always been customary to publish the financial statement just after the annual meeting. But this year it was not done for some reason. If that reason was good in December, why not now? Evidently there is fear of criticism somewhere. Readers will observe a very innocent

looking Itme in the above report to the effect that Jay Burrows was paid \$210.15 assalary for services as secretary-treasurer for the years 1887 and 1888. Very few alliance people know that there was any alliance organization in this state in 1887 or 1888. The present reform movement came into existence in the fall and winter of 1889 and 1890. '87 and '88 and that Jay Burrows was its secretary. After a lapse of four years he comes in with a claim for salary for his services. Isn't it strange that this claim was not allowed and paid sooner if it was a just claim? During the years 1890, and '91 the treasury old claim them? Echo asswer "why." On the 9th, and 10th of last December, the executive committee held . Secretary-treasurer. If the inside history of that meeting had been laid before the state meeting at Grand Island. Mr. Thompson would not have received twenty votes for re-election. But for the sake of "harmony at any price" the matter was neatly smoothed over as usual.

When the committee met, it found the treasury empty. It found that Mr. full and wages for a clerk during the found that the other officers had been paid in full or nearly so with one exception: There was due Lecturer Fairchild \$273.12 on his year's salary. (See report above.)

There is no truer alliance man and farther, and delivered more lectures the money stolen from the state. during the year than any other man in the field. He is a poor man. In order to leave his farm and devote his time borrow money at 2 per cent a month. Although he repeatedly called on the Secretary-treasurer for money due him, he secured less than half his salary. Jay Burrows had betrayed and desertthe alliance to W. C. Holden, a man ests. whom he knew to be a boodling villain. He had deserted the friends and leadbreak down the reform movement.

Mr. Fairchild had a claim for work he was then doing to uphold our noble cause. Jay Burrows had a claim for something he is supposed to have done five years ago. Mr. Thompson deliberately chose to pay Burrows' claim and leave Fairchilds' unpaid.

When the committee become aware of these facts, there was a warm time, Mr. Thompson got the severest "round speechless.

The members of the committee were graphs from the Bee on this subject: emphatic in their disapproval. But ten days elapsed between that meeting and the state meeting, and during that time their indignation cooled down, the old spirit of "harmony at any price" reasserted itself, and none of them made any effort to show Mr. Thompson up. This is simply an instance of the manner in which State of Public Lands and Buildings than

At the Grand Island meeting it was the general sentiment of the State Alliance that no more money should be paid for clerk hire for the secretary. The executive committee was instructed not to allow any clerk hire unless the work should be greatly augmented. Now the above report shows that Thompson has been drawing \$8 00 per week for clerk hire right along since that meeting. Why is this? The report of dues received shows no increase of work.

The real truth is that at no time during the last three years should Thompson have ever received a cent of clerk hire. His salary has always been am-month is a good salary for a man of his ability. Yet for most of the time during the last three years he has receieved \$83 per month besides clerk hire. During all that time he has devoted a large part of his time and energy to the management of a newspaper while his clerk has attended to the alliance work. There are plenty of good alliance men in Nebraka who have more ability than J. M. Thompson who would be glad to devote their whole time this work for \$700.00 a year.

The state executive committee met a few days ago. The course Mr. Thomp- ury. The Daily Unionist still lives in son is pursuing at present was discuss- spite of the efforts of the Journal gang ed. It was the unanimous opinion of to down it.

the members that Thompson ought either to resign the secretaryship or dissolve his partnership with Jay Burrows, and they were not slow in expressing that opinion. But nothing came of it. Mr. Thompson is in the saddle and he is determined to ride as

long as there is anything left to ride. His present course simply means ruin to the alliance cause. He has shown himself unworthy of the place he occupies. The alliance people will never rally under such leadership as that of Burrows, Thompson, and Holden. If Mr, Thompson really has any patriotic love for the alliance organization he will accede to the expressed wishes of the executive committee, and no lenger be a stumbling block in the way of reviving the alliance.

### HAVE PITY ON THEM.

These poor fellows Allen, Hastings and Humphrey, who have been trying It seems however that there was a state to fill state offices for two years past organization, or a skeleton of one, in should be relieved at once. The strain is too great for their feeble intellects to bear. They don't understand their duties, and they have neither time nor ability to learn. Their education was sadly neglected in their youth. They haven't the first idea of sound business methods. Their ignorance of the law was full, and there was money to give is painful to contemplate. They don't away by the thousand. Why didn't know any better than to take \$500 out Mr. Burrows secure the payment of this of a fund appropriated for building a cell-house and use it to pay their expenses on a junketing trip to St. Louis and Chicago. Their confidence in humeeting to examine the books of the man nature is child-like and bland. They have no idea that any orthodox republican would do a dishonest act if he had a chance. They had implicit confidence in Bill Dorgan, Dan Lauer, Frank Hubbard, Charley Mosher and all the rest of that gang. Hence they paid out state money to these men with a lavish hand, and asked no questions as to how it was spent or what for. They were stoo busy "standing up for Ne-Thompson had drawn his own salary in braska" to pay any attention to such minor details. They thought every entire time covered by his report. It body else as honest as themselves. Even now they can hardly bring their minds to believe that Dorgan, Mosher, Lauer, and the rest of the gang are really boodlers. Such an idea shocks their sensibilities and completely breaks them up. They can't make up no more faithful worker in Nebraska their minds to help expose and prosethan S. C. Fairchild. He traveled cute these fellows, or to recover back

Members of the legislature, let your hard hearts be melted to pity for these poor unfortunates. Come to their reto alliance work he was compelled to lief at once. Relieve them of the places they were never fitted to occupy Send them out in the world to become organizers for the Young Men's Christian Association. Put in their places Why? We have but to look at that in- men who know something of the ways nocent looking item to see the reason. of this wicked world, men who have the rudiments of legal and business ed the people's movement. He had at- education, men who have the time and tempted to turn over the state organ of ability to look after the state's inter-

Act, gentlemen, act at once. It would be a crying shame to leave these poor ers of the movement and allied himself imbeciles groaning under the burdens with the same Holden to defeat and they are unable to bear for two years more, If you don't relieve them soon, they may have to be taken care of in some one of the institutions which they have utterly failed to manage properly.

### THE BEE AND STATE OFFICERS.

Mr. Rosewater is making a most persistent fight for the impeachment of Humphrey, Allen and Hastings, the men through whose actual conivance or ing up" he ever had. He could say criminal negligence several state innothing in self defense. He was simply stitutions have been so corruptly managed. The following are sample para-

"The legislature should not adjourn

before it has stamped out corruption and placed the state institutions under the care and supervision of officers who do not wink at corrupt practices and have the integrity and the backbone to stop thieves and plunderers from robbing the state and looting the treasury. A vote of censure by the legislature will have no more effect upon the Board

Alliance affairs are managed. Here is pouring water on a duck's bank. Turn the rascals out and place the management of our state institutions into the hands of men who will not stand by and let the state treasury be pillaged by thieves and swindlers. The conduct of these officials is inde-

fensible. Republicans must complete the work so courageously and conscientiously begun by the members of the investigating committee. They must purge the state house and set an example that will partially if not wholly wipe out the stain of corruption and restore confidence in the party's integrity.

In buying stone for building the penitentiary cell-house, Dorgan got in some of the finest boodling on record. "His man Friday," S. H. Atwood, bought stone at 10 cents per foot, actual weight 165 pounds. Dorgan took it off his hands at 35 cents per foot, counting 100 pounds to the foot, and estimating each car-load at 40,000 pounds whether it was a full car or not. Thus somebody got a rake off of \$50 of the \$70 paid for each car load. Who got the rake off? Well, it wasn't Dorgan of course. It would be cruel to suspect him. Poor innocent fellow, he was simply imposed.

THE Daily Citizen flourished for a few days and then died of a broken treas-