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We now have our premium list struck off in circular form and will be glad to furnish copies to anyone who will drop us a postal card request.

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A GRAND CHANCE.
During the coming month there will occur at Lincoln the most exciting trial in the history of the state. The impeachment trial will be the leading topic of conversation, discussion and speculation.

Next to the dailies, THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT proposes to publish the best and fullest account of that great trial. From the time the trial opens till it closes, we will devote from 5 to 12 columns per week to the impeachment.

This gives our club raisers just the chance they have been looking for. An active worker can go out now and take from ten to thirty subscribers a day on the strength of our impeachment reports alone. Scarcely a man will refuse to take it unless he is already taking a daily. Hence we urge upon our club raisers to push the work now. The trial will begin in ten days. The excitement is rising. The way to succeed is to "catch the rising tide."

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THE State Journal gives Mr. Burrows and his new paper a very kind complimentary write-up.

SHILLING BROS.' CLAIM
Within a few days there has been a good deal of discussion in legislative circles concerning a certain healthy, well developed claim for legislative supplies put in by Shilling Bros., wholesale and retail druggists, Lincoln, Neb.

Some of Shilling Bros.' competitors in business have undertaken to show up outrageous overcharges in this claim. We are not well enough posted on such matters to pass judgement, but it certainly would be in order for the house to appoint a special committee to investigate the matter.

Now Mr. Allen, following the bad examples of his predecessors, last fall ordered a vast quantity and variety of supplies for the use of the legislature. All these supplies, except such as were used in making repairs, were ordered by Mr. Allen without a shadow of law or authority.

Instead of ordering supplies of different kinds of regular dealers, Mr. Allen adopted the plan of ordering all sorts of goods of Shilling Bros., druggists. They furnished not only drugs, but hardware, dry goods, groceries, furniture, lumber, stationery and notions. A few examples from their bill will show the variety of articles furnished by these enterprising druggists: Nails, wooden buckets, brooms, lead pencils, towels, drinking-glasses, step ladders, flannel cloth, tallow, corn starch, flooring, chair botoms, soap and looking-glasses.

But to come to the point: Shilling Bros. have put in a bill for supplies for the house aggregating \$2,314.48. They were very careful to have the odd cents just right. And the committee on accounts and expenditures have allowed the claim down to the last cent.

Mr. Felton, chairman of the committee did his best to have the bill cut down, but was sat down on by the committee. Mr. Porter was absent from the committee when the claim was allowed. Mr. Beal says he didn't vote either way. Hence the blame for allowing the claim must rest on Representatives Kruse, Sinclair, Sheridan, James, Dew and Goldsmith.

The following are a few of the articles selected at random, with the prices charged by Shilling Bros. set in the first column, and in the second column prices for which the articles could have been purchased from regular retail dealers according to the statements of those who are fighting this claim:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Items include 4 steel claw hammers, 1 doz. patent mop sticks, 10 lbs. white gum, 7 gals. flooring, 1100 ft. weather stripping, 3 pt. plate glass, 11 doz. 2 bladed pocket knives, 8 porc. wash basins.

While Shilling Bros. advertise themselves as wholesale dealers, they have in many cases charged more than usual retail prices.

But this is not all. The house instructed its chief clerk to keep strict account of all supplies actually used by the house. This we believe has been done. But an examination of the records in his office shows that only a mere fraction of the stuff listed in Shilling Bros.' bill has been actually used by the house. The chief clerk disclaims all responsibility for the allowance of their claim.

All the evidence that has been offered as to the correctness of the bill is found in the following mystic symbol: "O. K.—John C. Allen."

Now it may be true that all these supplies were brought to the state house and are now stored away safely somewhere in the basement. But where will they be when the next legislature meets?

What right has the legislature to pay for a lot of stuff it never wanted, never ordered, never saw, and never used? What right has it to pay for supplies at higher than retail prices when it ought to get them at wholesale prices? What right has the legislature to endorse the acts of a self-constituted guardian, who is suspected of being in league with the men who furnished supplies, to rob the state?

Shilling Bros.' bill has been allowed by the committee, but has not been paid. It is within the power of the house to call it back and put it in the hands of a special committee for investigation. This should be done and without delay.

LATER:—On Tuesday evening the house appointed VanDyke (rep.), Olson (ind.) and Lulshart (dem.) a committee to investigate this matter.

AN ERROR.
In our issue of March 9th, we published a clipping containing some strictures on Mr. Burrows which we credited to the Polk County Independent. This it seems was an error although we are at a loss to know how it occurred. And now having corrected the error we wish to add that the boys out at Osceola are getting out a good paper and deserve the liberal support of Polk County populists.

SENATOR DYSART.
In our report of the vote on the Newberry bill, last week, Senator Dysart's name was accidentally omitted. We want to say by way of apology that no senator is voting or fighting harder for the passage of H. R. 33, than Mr. Dysart.

HOUSE ROLL 33, PASSES.
At about 1:30 p. m. Wednesday the sergeant-at-arms returned with Senator Hahn. The reading of the bill was soon completed. Then followed a motion to re-commit which was debated for two hours.

Then the vote came. It received the vote of the fourteen independents, two democrats Hale and Thompson, and two republicans Clarke and Everett. Eleven republicans and three democrats voted "No." Teft was absent.

The bill now goes to the house for concurrence in the senate amendments. The joint convention met at 5 p. m. to adopt articles of impeachment.

A CHANGE IS COMING.
During the past two years the populists of Kansas and Nebraska have found it practically impossible to increase their numbers by gaining converts from the two old political parties.

In fact they have really lost more than they have gained. The two old parties have stood like rocks; though beaten by the storms of populist argument and eloquence, they have shown no signs of disintegration. Men have turned a deaf ear to argument and clung blindly to their old parties.

Populist workers can testify to the truth of the above statements from their experience. Though such a state of affairs has been very discouraging, intelligent populists have been buoyed up with the absolute conviction that they are right and the abiding hope that a general breaking up must come soon. They have said within themselves: "We have the truth; it is mighty and will prevail."

That the time for a realization of this hope is near at hand no intelligent observer can dispute. Republicans are beginning to realize that their party is dead as a national organization and utterly corrupt as a state organization in Nebraska. They must soon decide whether in future to affiliate with the people's party or the democratic party.

On the other hand the rank and file of the democratic party realize that their party has passed into the control of the money power and no longer represents the principles of true democracy.

The time is ripe for a new grouping of political forces.

A PARABLE.
Hear a parable of the sewer: She sat down to sew and as she sewed she thought to herself, as she had often done before: "How nice it would be if I only had a new sewing machine." Then her eyes fell on a copy of THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT (which is found in all well regulated populist homes) and she saw therein a picture of a beautiful machine. And straightway she arose, and said to her husband, and to her boys and girls: "I pray thee go forth and visit all our neighbors even to a distance of several miles, and persuade them all to take THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT, the greatest reform paper in the west." And straightway the sewer set them all an example by going forth and taking ten subscriptions in one day, and besides she had plenty of time to talk to all her lady friends about the latest styles of spring bonnets and many other things. And the husband and the boys followed her example (except as to talking about spring bonnets) and in less than one week she had enough names to secure a fine "Columbian" sewing machine. And when she received it, she found it "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

CONNECTICUT MORTGAGES.
Alliance speakers have dwelt much on the increase of wealth in the northeastern states as shown by the census reports. At the same time they have asserted that the farmers and wage-earners of that section are in little if any better condition than the same classes in the west and south. The great and unnatural increase of wealth in these states is absorbed by the capitalistic and money loaning classes.

The truth of these claims is strikingly verified in the census bulletin just issued giving the mortgage statistics for Connecticut. Out of every 100 farms 18 are rented by tenants, and 31 are owned subject to mortgage, leaving 51 owned free of incumbrance.

Out of 100 homes, 66 are rented, 16 are owned subject to mortgage, and 18 are owned free of incumbrance. The entire debt on farms and homes in Connecticut is \$45,402,845, or 42 1/2 per cent of the entire valuation. In 17 cities ranging in population from 8,000 to 100,000 the annual interest drain is \$15 per capita.

Alliance farmers of the west and south, be not discouraged. The Shylocks of the east are doing missionary work for your cause. It is only a question of time when the farmers and wage-earners of the east will be ready to join you.

WHEN one undertakes to discuss Tom Majors' arbitrary and outrageous rulings, he feels very much like the man whose load of turpins rolled down hill: "No use cursin'; can't do the subject justice."

WHEN you write to our advertisers, say you saw the advertisement in THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT.

MAKING UP THE JOURNALS.
Again we desire to call the attention of both houses of the legislature to the appropriations to be voted for making up the journals. Heretofore these appropriations, have been so outrageously large as to be worthy of no other name than steals. A gentleman who is thoroughly competent to pass an opinion, said to the writer the other day: "The job of making up either the house or the senate journal isn't worth over \$500." In a former article we asserted that an ample and liberal appropriation for making up the journals would be \$900 for the house journal, and \$700 for the senate journal.

This means from \$100 to \$200 a month for the man who does the work.

WHAT IMPEACHMENT MEANS.
As the word "impeachment" is destined to be used a million times or more in Nebraska within the next month, a clear understanding of its purport is important.

A great many people have a wrong idea as to what the word means. It is commonly believed that to impeach a man is to prove him guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors, and turn him out of office. Such is not the case.

An impeachment is very much the same as an indictment. A grand jury indicts an individual for a criminal violation of law, but it does not prove him guilty. It simply formulates charges against him. He must then be arrested and tried. If he is able to prove his innocence in court he is acquitted. Still the fact remains that he was indicted.

In case of impeachment the legislature fills a place very like that of a grand jury. It inquires into the conduct of a state officer. If it finds, in such conduct, acts that a majority of its members believe to be "high crimes and misdemeanors," it may formulate and adopt articles of impeachment, or in other words indict the officer. The accused is thus impeached, but not convicted. If he establishes his innocence before the supreme court of the state, he is acquitted. Still the fact remains that he was impeached.

Debating clubs sometimes have eloquent discussions over the question: "Was Andrew Johnson, president of the United States, impeached?" The difference of opinion arises solely from a misunderstanding of what "impeach" means.

Webster defines the word thus: "To charge with crime or misdemeanor; to accuse; especially to charge an officer with misbehavior in office." Of course Andrew Johnson was impeached. Nevertheless his trial resulted in acquittal.

The legislature of Nebraska may, in joint session of the two houses, impeach any state officer, bring him to trial before the supreme court, and temporarily deprive him of his office. But the court alone has the power to decide whether or not the officer is guilty. Whatever the decision may be the fact remains that the officer has been impeached.

THE STREET RAILWAY BILL.
The street railway bill, introduced in the senate by Senator Smith and in the house by Representative Scott, is receiving a good deal of severe criticism. We have spent some time investigating the measure, and must say that its demerits appear a good deal more striking than its merits.

It was prepared by a man named Golding who has lived in Kearney for several years. The people of that city will no doubt smile broadly when they hear that he is posing as a reformer. We believe the bill has been gotten up solely in the interest of established street car companies, and to discourage competition. Messrs. Smith and Scott have no doubt acted honestly but we suspect that they have been imposed upon.

The bill must come before the senate again, and that body will do well to give it a quietus.

THE CITY CAMPAIGN.
The independent city committee deserves great credit for the energetic manner in which they conducted the campaign for Mr. Weir and the people's city ticket.

The meeting at the Lansing on Saturday night was by all odds the greatest demonstration of the campaign. Able and stirring speeches were delivered by Congressman Bryan and Mayor Weir. Many votes were made for the ticket.

All the independent candidates worked hard and faithfully for success, and whether elected or defeated deserve much credit for their efforts.

If the impeached state officers are found guilty their places will be filled at the election next November. In that case Nebraska will enjoy one of the hottest campaigns in its history.

AMONG the special features of this issue are a write-up of the impeachment proceedings, and a brief synopsis of the laws enacted by the present legislature.

THE motto, "Let no guilty man escape," is not so popular with republicans as it was in the days of Grant.

A PATTERN PLEA.
Made by The Alliance-Independent in Behalf of the Impeached State Officers.
The State Journal and its yelping pack of "me-too's" are trying hard to frame some defense, plea or apology to break the force of public opinion against the impeached state officers. Their howling slobbering efforts excite by turns pity and disgust in the minds of intelligent people. We feel sorry for them, and propose to help them out, to set them a pattern as it were. So here goes:

Gentlemen of the Legislature: You blood-thirsty wreckers of reputations: Don't you know that your "star-chamber methods" are a disgrace to civilization? They are unamerican. They are Spanish, quite Spanish you know. What do you mean by taking men, good reputable citizens, before a committee with no one near "to molest or make afraid" and asking them to tell the plain simple truth? Why, you should have had some plug-ugly pettifogging lawyer to cross question, and bull-doze, and torture these witnesses so as to prevent them from telling the truth.

Then you should have had your investigations right in the open sessions of the house so as to give the State Journal gang a chance to get in their work. Then whenever any man had dared say anything reflecting on the state officers, the Journal could have branded him as a black-maller, a disreputable character, a moral leper and all that. Then too by investigating in open house you would have frittered away the whole session, and wouldn't have had any time to pass that measly H. R. 33, which will bankrupt the railroads of the state.

You infamous, Spanish Inquisitorial, star-chamber persecutors, beware how you trifle with the reputations of great men who hold office. It's all right to go gunning after "ducks and jakes." Indeed it is decidedly funny. It's all right to smirch the character of an independent sergeant-at-arms. Didn't he cast reflections on our own great silver-tongued, U. P. orator? It would have been all right to deprive him of his office and send him home in disgrace. In fact almost every republican in the house would have voted for it. But when it comes to impeaching state officers, the case is different. Why, don't you know, the people elected these men to office after their misdemeanors had been exposed? What do you mean then by going behind the returns, and digging up these old matters? Just you wait Two years from now, the people will sit down on every mother's son of you.

You bold, bad, headstrong persecutors, pause in your mad career and hearken to the voice of reason: Don't you know that you have multiplied the duties of these men, till they have no time to attend to such small matters as building cell-houses, buying coal, etc? Now for instance, there's Johnny Allen. He is vice president of the Windom bank out at University Place, and a director of the Industrial and Savings bank of Lincoln. And there's J. E. Hill, vice president of the Industrial and Savings bank, and our own George H. Hastings a director of the same. Don't you know, gentlemen, that it takes lots of time, thought and energy to run the banking business successfully? A bank you know, has got to be run on business principles. If it isn't it'll "bust." They don't accept and approve forged paper in banks. They don't pay money on checks with payee's name forged on the back. The cashier don't throw out \$5,000 or \$10,000 to a penitentiary contractor, or some other boodler without note, account, or record, and say: "here go and spend this money to suit your notions, and when its gone call for more." Such things are all right for a Board of Public Lands and Buildings, handling state paper and state money, but it don't go with bankers. It's too dangerous and expensive. If you don't believe it, just investigate the Windom bank, or the Industrial and Savings bank. You'll find them run on business principles (perhaps on state funds too). Yes, gentlemen, you'll find that these officers know how to do business. No doubt they could attend to the state's business properly if they only had time.

Then again, recollect that these state officers have an elephant on their hands away down in Texas, a boom town, a great seaport with town lots attached ad libitum. Now a town is a big thing, especially a boom town. It takes lots of time, and money and wind to make it a success. Three or four times a year these state officers have got to leave their official duties and go down there in a special train to look after their La Porte, the coming city, the great gulf port of the future. Yes, gentlemen, drop this boasts impeachment business. Forget all about cell house and asylum steals. Buy a lot in La Porte. They're going cheap now (see the right parties, and you may get a lot for free gratis.) Yes, buy a lot and "stand up for Texas"—that is, we mean "stand up for Nebraska. Of course those fellows just go down there to advertise our own glorious state (and perhaps to invest their share of the rake-off.)

Keep these things in mind, you heartless defamers, and smirchers. Remember those banks that must be looked after. Remember La Porte. Remember all the other deals, and schemes these state officers have to look after. Remember that the state funds have to be distributed all around over the state in the friendly banks, and the interest must be collected and divided up and invested. Now, gentlemen, you surely wouldn't be so unkind and unreasonable as to expect these men to neglect their own private business in order to look after public affairs? O, no. That's not to be thought of—not for the paltry sum of \$2,000 a year. Why these officials must make anywhere from \$20,000 to \$50,000 apiece on the side, by these enterprises. You know the bible says: "Where the treasure is, there will the heart be also," and of course these men are justified by scripture in devoting their time and energies to those enterprises that yield the boodle. And where is the blaspheming skeptic that dare deny it? You say: "If they didn't have time to attend to public business, they should have employed honest men to look after these matters." O, unreasonable hypercritical objector. You are veridant. Don't you know it wasn't a matter of choice with these officers? They owed these boodlers for their nomination and election. They had to pay them. It is always fair and honorable, don't you know, to pay political debts out of the public crib.

Go to, you Rosewater gang of fiends and ghouls. Stop right where you are. Retrace your steps before it is too late. Vent your spleen, if you must, on Dorgan, on Mosher, and Hubbard and Lauer, but don't undertake to deprive these state officers of their positions. THEY NEED THEM IN THEIR BUSINESS.

Now, if the above isn't enough to paralyze the cruel and heartless legislature, we'll give them another dose next week.

IN COLORADO.
Things are not going well with the populists in the "Centennial State." Governor Waite is severely criticized by some leading members of his own party and by both The Daily News and The Road. They say he has taken for his advisers certain ring republicans who are coddling the old gentleman with promises to make him United States senator two years from now.

The row seems to have broken over the veto of a bill abolishing the office of railroad commissioner. The Governor maintained that if the present law is not good it should be replaced by a better one. He charges that his opponents want to repeal the present law and give the railroads full swing. To a Nebraska man up a tree, it would appear that the old governor is nearer right than his critics. We are inclined to think the whole difficulty arises from the fact that the populist party of Colorado and other mountain states was hastily and loosely organized on one issue—that of free coinage—and that, whenever any other issue comes forward, there is no unanimity of sentiment in its ranks. What the populists of all the mountain states need is a broadening of ideas, a thorough course of education in the principles enunciated in our national platform. A one-issue party will never succeed permanently.

MENTION THIS PAPER.
We would respectfully ask our readers who write in answer to our advertisements to mention THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT. By so doing you benefit yourself, the advertiser, and this paper—the last most of all. We know we have the best advertising medium in the west, and by this means our friends can help us to prove it to advertisers.

We would like to say in this connection, that we aim to admit to our columns only reliable advertisers. We aim to keep out "fakes" and "quacks." Though we may occasionally be deceived, we believe it is seldom. We would respectfully ask our readers to report to us at once if they find any advertiser in our columns to be a fraud.

LIBERTY last week gave Burrows and Thompson a great send-off occupying two columns. These Alliance Leaders who have endorsed Burrows will no doubt feel complimented to see their private letters in Liberty.

ACCORDING to the Washington correspondents, there is a row brewing in Cleveland's cabinet. The president, it is said, treats his secretaries very much as chief clerks of departments. He allows them to control only minor appointive offices, and does various and sundry other things that are very humiliating, especially to ex-Senator Carlisle and ex-Judge Gresham—so much so that they wish they hadn't had the "ex" prefixed to their former official titles.

We have received a communication from Chaplain Snyder, and some resolutions from the Polk county alliance both relating to the criticisms we have published regarding Burrows and Thompson. For want of time and space to publish them with comments, we have laid them over till next week.

As an inside page will be found Mr Burrows and Mr. Holden in loving embrace, figuratively speaking.

We are going to send out a large quantity of sample copies during the next ten days. Send for a package.

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