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OUR PREMIUM LIST. 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.

DISTRICT PREMIUMS. For the largest list sent in from each congressional district in Nebraska (not less than seventy yearly subscribers required) a first-class sewing machine, the "Columbian," worth \$20.

COUNTY PREMIUMS. For largest list from any county in Nebraska (not less than fifty required) a family library of twenty cloth-bound books, worth nearly \$20.

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, or a half dozen nickel silver teaspoons.

FOR A CLUB OF FIVE. We will send a strong two-bladed farmer's knife guaranteed to be first class, worth \$1.00. This knife is one of A. Field & Co.'s "Progress" brand and is warranted.

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.

RENEW! RENEW! We urge all our old subscribers to renew promptly as fast as their time expires. You can't afford to miss an issue.

OUR SPECIAL PREMIUMS. We now have on hand a large number of our premium knives and razors. They are beauties. We are now ready to send these premiums out as fast as they are earned.

TO OUR FRIENDS.

"Of course I'd like to have one of the great premiums offered to club-raisers by THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT, but then I don't suppose I would stand any chance of winning. There are so many others in the race. Somebody else would be sure to beat me."

Such is the remark of many of our readers on looking over our premium list. To all such we wish to say a word: "You've no idea how easily you can win one of our first premiums until you try, and when the contest is over, and the prizes distributed, you may be wishing you had looked at it differently."

Recollect that we do not require these lists to be made up solely of new subscribers. Renewals count just the same as new subscribers. Now hundreds of renewals are coming in every month that might just as well be included in somebody's club list if only 'somebody' would 'rustle' for them."

Some of our friends say: "Oh, I don't care for the premiums. I am working for the good of the cause, and will send in all the names I can get regardless of premiums."

We are indeed glad to have such patriotic helpers, but would say to them: "We have purchased these premiums for the sole purpose of rewarding our friends, and we want every club raiser to feel free to claim them, even though he works from patriotic motives."

NEBRASKA DEMOCRACY.

If threats and scowls and deep-drawn vows of vengeance made by leaders of the factions are any indication there'll be fun at the next democratic state convention.

Morton and Boyd and Tobe Castor will be there with a little army of federal office-holders whom they have helped into positions. Jim North, Mattes and Balcreek will be there to have their record on the rate bill endorsed.

But then, you know, perhaps these threats and vows are not to be taken as indications after all. The faithful may get together in due time and liquidate their differences.

Such is democracy. Such it has been. Will it ever be otherwise? We will believe it when we see it, not before.

STATE LABOR CONGRESS.

The different unions of Lincoln should not forget that the State Labor Congress of Nebraska meets in this city on July 2. There are several things that should be attended to to make it a success.

JEFFERSONIAN DEMOCRACY.

When democrats get together on great occasions they delight to talk about Jefferson, the great father of democracy. As a matter of fact most of them know and care as little about Jefferson or his teachings as they do about the philosophy of Aristotle.

WHAT IT COST.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 17, 1893. DEAR SIR: Having just finished my work as book-keeper and fourth assistant clerk to the chief clerk of the house of representatives during the past session, send a few items that may be of interest to your readers.

Last fall the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings, in the usual spirit of the eternal fitness of things, put from ten to fifteen men at work "pairing and cleaning" representative hall, and the committee rooms, for which the committee on accounts and expenditures allowed the several amounts for which vouchers were drawn to the tune of \$1,540.62.

To investigate the management of the various state offices, on account of which the officers are now forced to stand trial, cost \$126.12. Miscellaneous expenses paid out of the incidental fund, \$1,977.59.

To find the number of "feeble minded" that should be at Beatrice, cost \$306.50. To guess that all was lovely at the Hastings asylum, cost \$419.88.

The matter of supplies for house and senate ought to be thoroughly ventilated so that the tax payers may know what there has been an utter lack of system for purchase of supplies, making it possible for the jobbery and robbery of large amounts each session in the matter of supplies alone.

Respectfully Submitted, W. F. WRIGHT.

THE NEWS ALMANAC.

We have received a copy of the Chicago News Almanac and political register for 1893, a closely printed volume of 424 pages well filled with interesting and valuable information. It contains complete returns of the last election by states, state and national platforms of all parties etc.

STATE CONTROL.

South Carolina will try the experiment of state control of the liquor traffic at the very close of the legislative session, two prohibition measures having been defeated, a bill abolishing all saloons, and putting the liquor traffic completely in the hands of state agents was hurried through the South Carolina legislature.

First, the law will close up all bar rooms and club houses, for the act expressly outlaws all such establishments. The supreme power will be vested in a state board of control, consisting of the governor, the comptroller general and the attorney general.

The law will go into effect July first. This experiment will be watched with great interest by the people of other states. The liquor power of the nation will no doubt throw every possible hindrance in the way of success.

FIELD NOTES.

The Studebaker Wagon and Carriage Company have been treating their workmen so meanly that the latter have appealed to the public. The Studebaker concern has had heaps of trouble with their help, and the public is getting tired of it.

We suppose John J. Ingalls' "great prosperity" is still stalking over Kansas. The last issue of the Kansas Commoner published at Wichita, contained nearly 25 columns of town and country property advertised to be sold for taxes.

Carnegie has refused to employ men in his steel works until they will withdraw their labor unions. If Mr. Carnegie were in France, instead of free America, he would be arrested as a criminal for such an act.

Money will now be plenty as water in Oklahoma and the whole territory will enjoy a boom. The legislature has enacted a law exempting all mortgages and mortgage notes from taxation, and this with the law passed recently allowing the mortgaging of everything will cause money lenders and loan companies to flock in there by the hundreds.

The labor commissioner of Michigan, in his current annual report, presents some interesting statistics as to royalties received by the owners of the timber lands and iron and coal mines of the United States, which in 1890 amounted to \$451,197,596.

The senate has adopted a resolution reported from the finance committee directing the commissioner of labor to make a report to the senate at the opening of the Fifty-third congress of the total cost, including all the elements thereof, and also the labor cost of leading iron and steel products, leading products of textile industries, and of other articles the cost of which has been or may be approximately obtained, with parallel exhibits of cost of production in other countries.

A Mrs. Weeks, employed in an Augusta (Ga.) mill, was recently arrested for stealing cloth. She admitted the offense, saying that her wages amounted to 40 cents a day, which was not enough to keep soul and body together.

The projectors of the leather trust are working their big deal so secretly that it is difficult to get at the bottom facts. It is quite evident, however, that things are moving to suit them. The price of leather has steadily decreased since 1854, reaching its lowest point last year.

Farmer Brown's Wife and Her Troubles.

BY MIRIAM BAIRD BUCK. Yes, those were years of trouble, And I guess you've heard me tell How John was kicked by horses,

Well, I was very lonesome, I used to have day dreams About old Indiana. And all its woods and streams: And here there are no rivers— Wish green banks flower-strewn, But only dry and deep ravines, With no brook song atone.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

We are living under the dispensation of "the devil take the hindmost," and it will not be very long before he has taken all the farmers.—Virginia Sun.