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THE festive cyclone seems to have selected the south as his play-ground for this season.

THE Grand Island Journal is hitting the A. P. A. some hard raps but none too hard or too soon delivered.

CONGRESSMAN KEM's last letter has been reprinted in a number of our state exchanges. It is well worthy of it.

LAST year the prosperity shriekers shouted "stand up for Nebraska."

IF the democrats fall to give the people relief they will be without excuse.

THE schemes for building beet sugar factories at little towns where populist representatives dwell hasn't been heard of since the legislature adjourned.

BENTON and Hill are said to feel confident that the supreme court will refuse to try them.

THE Beacon-Light, Oakdale, Nebraska, is one of the staunchest and ablest reform papers in the state.

IF we had a system of national banks in the true sense of the word—owned and operated by the nation—the people could have a place of absolutely safe deposit for their money.

KEARNEY still keeps up her "gait." The Kearney canal is being reconstructed.

THE Beacon-Independent of Broken Bow has dis-hyphenated itself.

SIoux CITY was struck with a regular cyclone of "great prosperity" last week.

CORPORATION organs ridicule the farmers for being in debt, and say it is all their own fault.

WE hear that Tom Watson is to speak in Iowa July 4th.

THE idea of government ownership is making great strides toward the front.

THE people of the west and south can congratulate themselves on having acquired some influence at Washington.

THE Bee claims to entertain a high opinion of the Nebraska supreme court.

IF the reform papers for predicting that the august tribunal will whitewash the impeached state officers.

WE will soon show which is right, if it shows the Bee's view to be the correct one, the populists will all say "amen."

IF the contrary, what will the Bee say?

ECONOMIC TERMS.

Nothing is so important in the discussion of economic questions as the correct use and understanding of terms.

"Value," "wealth" and "capital" are the most important, and most commonly used terms in political economy.

Later economic writers have made efforts to establish greater uniformity, and some progress has been made.

No economic term gives rise to so much useless disputation as this. Nearly all this disputation arises solely from the different meanings which different writers and different speakers intend to express by the word "value."

The best definition and the one most generally accepted is this: "Value is power in exchange." It is only another name for price.

Economists differ much in the use of this term. Some use it to include everything that has value.

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WAS IT CARELESSNESS?

The friends of the impeached state officers are making a great ado over the carelessness of the legislature.

The facts are as follows: The house voted an appropriation of \$25,000 to pay impeachment expenses.

After the appropriation bill had been engrossed, Chairman Casper of the ways and means committee, Stevens of Furnas and some others went over it carefully to see that no tricks had been played.

The bill was signed by Speaker Gaffin, Lieutenant Governor Majors and later by Governor Crouse.

While we do not charge that such was the case, the theory that some employee of one of the impeached state officers deliberately made this change in the bill with a view to knocking out the impeachment proceedings, explains the case so well that the republic may well be pardoned for accepting it as the best explanation of the facts.

What effect this change in the bill will have on the validity of the law will be left to the supreme court to decide.

Auditor Moore has determined not to issue any more warrants on this appropriation till the court shall hand down a decision on the case.

The following well deserved tribute to the populists in the Nebraska legislature is from T. H. Tibbles' correspondence to the Nonconformist:

The Nebraska legislature adjourned sine die last Saturday. It has made a record that will be a stimulus to the people's party all over the United States.

Every one of the reforms accomplished by this legislature has been the work of populists.

When the populist agitation began in this state the Omaha Bee declared that if the movement succeeded and the people's party elected a legislature, their ignorance was so dense and their social fanaticism was so great, at their first session they would throw the laws of the state into such utter confusion it would take ten years of good legislation to remedy the evil.

THE MEED OF PRAISE.

Praise is an ever-longed-for wage. Of king and beggar, child and sage. True effort must with praise be crowned.

WHERE COIN CIRCULATES.

One of the curious things which one discovers on a trip east is that there is scarcely a silver dollar or a gold coin in circulation there.

In handling several hundred dollars at the stores, etc., in Washington and New York, we saw but one silver dollar.

Such a result must be produced by the combined and systematized efforts of the bankers.

We are inclined to think there is another potent reason why the silver dollar is kept out of circulation in the east.

A good many people will doubtless say this is all a matter of imagination.

THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL.

A full report of the great impeachment trial will be found in our news columns.

THE constitution gives congress the right to regulate interstate commerce.

As soon as the report got out that Secretary Carlisle would step the drain of gold from the treasury by redeeming treasury notes of 1890 in silver,

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.

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PROVERBS.

The best way to encourage treachery is to reward it.

The true patriot loveth his country more than his party.

The wise old man always remembereth that he was once young.

The good citizen mixeth both religion and business in his politics.

Truly saith the bard: "A man may smile and smile, and be a villain."

In a free country the people suffer only because they fail to do their duty.

The tall man never realizeth his longitude till he looketh on another equally tall.

The hypocrite loudly condemneth in others those things which he doeth in secret.

He who will not vote for the interests of his wife and children is worse than an infidel.

The scoundrel who boodleth with impunity for many years waxeth too bold and at last he will be caught in the act.

The self-righteous man foldeth his hands and piously saith to himself: "Verily there are only a few of us left."

Verily there is nothing like the gail of a republican politician: It adorneth him in prosperity, and in adversity it never falleth him.

WHEN you write to one of our advertisers, be sure to mention THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT.

ALREADY it is time for the populists to be looking over the field and selecting their best timber for county officers.

JAY BURROWS is still passing his hat for personal endorsements.

JUDGE HORTON is one of the republican supreme judges who ruled the Kansas populists out of order not long ago.

IN his inaugural address Cleveland boldly announced that he would use all his power as the chief executive to prevent the overthrow of the present financial system.

J. W. WILSON, formerly editor of the Paxton Pilot, is now editor of the Ogallala Record and Pilot, a consolidation of two papers.

SECRETARY Carlisle is afraid to issue bonds in obedience to the demands of Wall Street.

REMEMBER the wind mill and feed grinder goes to the person sending in the largest list of subscribers by June 1st.

WE would be glad to have reports of the progress that is being made in organizing the Industrial Legion in Nebraska and in other western states.

INDUSTRIOUS club raisers can do good work in this season if they only put forth the proper effort.

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.

The following is our GREAT PREMIUM OFFER IN BRIEF:

FOR A CLUB OF TWO.

FOR A CLUB OF THREE.

FOR A CLUB OF FIVE.

FOR A CLUB OF SEVEN.

FOR A CLUB OF TEN.

FOR A CLUB OF SEVEN.

FOR A CLUB OF TEN.