

DOWN IN KANSAS.

They Have a Penitentiary Ring Same as in Nebraska—Its Modus Operandi.

SOME G. O. P. ROTTENNESS EXPOSED.

Populist Secretary of State, Osborne, Makes Some Startling Exposures, and Promises More.

Corruption in Kansas.

The populists of Kansas are beginning to emulate the example of their Nebraska brethren. They are finding out some of the devilment practiced by their Bill Dorgans, Dan Lauers, etc.

The exposures thus far made bear a striking general resemblance to those lately made here in Nebraska.

Populist secretary of state has issued the following which will explain itself: "The corruption of the late republican administration is something wonderful. I have great faith in the honesty of the people, but the people have never had an opportunity of knowing the rottenness and corruption of some of their leaders. We are just beginning to unearth the rascality and dishonesty of some of them, and will soon have in shape for the public a full account of the scandalous practices which have for years been covered up.

Lyman U. Humphrey, Bill Higgins, Cy Leland and others of their gang are now at the penitentiary, and have been there for weeks, boarding there, trying to cover up their crookedness, but it can't be covered up. Cy Leland has for years been supplying Doniphan county with coal from the state penitentiary mines. The coal is billed to him as slack at \$2 or \$3 a car, or just enough to pay for loading it, and he in turn sold it to Doniphan county for first class coal, and supplied all the county institutions with fuel in this manner. This was first class coal, but he bought it from the state as slack. This has been going on for years.

We have positive proof that all the state officers were supplied with coal from the penitentiary mines. It was brought in car load lots and delivered to their homes, placed in their coal houses and never cost them a cent.

Another piece of crookedness is the way the mining at the penitentiary has been done. The records of the institution upon careful investigation show that for years all the coal mined by the convicts has been mined on coal grounds owned by the Santa Fe, and the railroad has received a royalty on every bushel mined, which has been paid over to the company every three months. The state has just as good coal grounds of its own, but the Santa Fe had to be taken care of.

We have positive information that almost any number of houses have been built in Leavenworth of material from the penitentiary; and that convicts did the most of the work, and yet the state never received one cent of compensation for any of this. I might go on and tell you about any amount of crookedness, but I won't now, but let the public be prepared for exposures for they will come now soon, and it will go hard with some people."

OKLAHOMA LETTERS.

Two Ex-Nebraska Farmers Write From the Land of Boomers.

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 19 1893.

EDITOR ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT.—Our city election has passed and left us two councilmen which were badly needed as corruption has been the rule here ever since this place has had an existence. They just negotiated \$17,500 of sewer bonds. They first correspond-

with a number of eastern firms to see just the kind of bond that would suit them. They were informed that nothing but a gold bond would be accepted and for them a premium of six hundred dollars would be paid. The committee accepted the offer at once. Score one for Shylock. Now the contract is let for the sewers and the contractors give it out cold that they will pay for the labor in city scrip and this scrip will be discounted from 10 to 20 per cent and in all probability the contractor will furnish the money to discount them. Thus are the people robbed. There are a good many independents here but they are totally unorganized owing to some would-be savors of the party forcing objectionable timber upon them last fall. But there are some able advocates of the cause, here notably, J. N. Harvey and M. Streeter. They are making a good paper and the time is soon here when the people will resent such actions as last year. May God speed the time.

Send me a few sample copies of your paper and blanks, I think I can send you some subscribers. I will send you one of J. H. Harvey's certificates of production. Send your opinion of them or comment on them. Yours for the cause.

T. B. McBRIDE.

From Oklahoma.

WATINGA, Okla., May 2, 1893.

EDITOR ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT:—

Since leaving Merriek county I have been taking your valuable paper regularly. I am rejoiced at the manner in which the legislature has shown up the state officers' stealings. It shows where the tax-payers' hard earned dollars have been going. I wonder if the G. O. P. will stand by the rotten ring in future.

I was much surprised at the manner Brother J. M. Thomson has betrayed the trust and confidence of the alliance people. It makes us think we don't know who to trust. But our cause is grand and bound to win in spite of traitors and conspirators.

There will be a shaking of dry bones in Oklahoma by the next election. The people's party is gaining. Alliances are being organized fast in this county.

Yours for justice. G. W. CRAVEN.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

Interesting Items Gleaned from People's Party Exchanges.

Auburn Maine has decided in favor of owning its own water works.

The labor unions of Germany have gained 73,000 members in the last year.

Prof. Felix L. Oswald predicts this country will have 300,000,000 inhabitants in 1893.

Ashtabula has voted \$150,000 with which to establish a municipal electric light plant.

Senator Allen has been honored by having a new precinct in Pierce county named after him.

An electric railway will be built between Baltimore and Washington, thirty-eight miles.

Lewis county, Washington, has 30 Sub-Alliances in a flourishing condition. Spokane county 47.

There is to be a trust on fish. The Salmon trust has been organized. The trusts are after land and sea.

Chas. N. Hunt, a leading lawyer of Minneapolis, will forsake his profession to become an evangelist.

According to recent census bulletins one half the farms and homes of Massachusetts are mortgaged.

The city of Seattle Washington owns its own water works which yield it a handsome revenue each month.

John Sherman says the republican party is dead. Great heavens! don't let him get into the people's party.

Dr. Frank S. Billings, before leaving for Chicago, presented the State university with his library of 1,409 volumes.

The Pennsylvania road will put on a "flyer," making the time between New York and Chicago in nineteen hours.

The students of the Iowa Wesleyan University have challenged the

pay a heavy assessment annually for living on this earth.

Railroad employers should make a note of it and not forget it either that they have ten people's party members of congress to thank for the passage of the car coupler bill.

Honduras has agreed to house and protect the Louisiana state lottery for a period of fifty years. As its present charter expires Jan. 1, 1894, it will remain in Louisiana until that time.

Thomas H. Benton it was who said: "The government ought not to delegate this power (to issue money) if it could. It is too great a power to be trusted to any banking business whatever."

Owing to the "beneficent effects of the McKinley bill" 20,000 tons more of tin was shipped to this country last year than the year before. So much for protection. Who paid the increased cost?

D. A. Houseman, a Danbury collector of Americana, lately came upon a pewter cup bearing on its front a crest and the inscription "George Washington, 1779" and evidently used as a shaving mug.

London England has established a municipal lodging house with a rate of ten cents for every twenty-four hours, and Glasgow has seven such houses. Massachusetts legislature is investigating the business.

The man who hung up private lams by the thumbs, Col. Streeter, was indicted recently on four counts, one of which is for being on a big drunk at Washington. Why don't the press dispatches talk about it?

The people's party in California shows more life than in any other state of the Union at this time. Thousands of men who opposed the cause in the November election are working tooth and nail for the new party now.

It is gratifying to observe that the failures which are daily increasing in number are confined to communities which have acquiesced in the demoralization of half of the money which formerly circulated among the people.

cient and these political plugs must now be "Embassadors" who are "personal representatives of the sovereigns" at the foreign courts. We, indeed, are a plain common people who believe in democratic simplicity!

The queerest railway train seen in many long years drew out of the Pennsylvania depot amid the cheers of a big crowd of curiosity-seekers. The train consisted of engine No. 1 of the Pennsylvania railway and cars Nos. 3 and 5. This engine is the first railway locomotive ever used on this side of the Atlantic. It is called "John Bull," and started to puff its way laboriously to the World's Fair, where it will be an object of great interest to thousands of observers.

Signs of Prosperity.

An ex-republican writes to the Thayer County Mail as follows about the mortgage records:

Here is the record for the month of March:

No. of farm mortgages filed 84; Amount involved, \$125,403.70. No., released 89. Amount \$69,773.10. No. of city mortgages filed 13. Amount, \$3,148.50. No., released 11. Amount, \$7,995.90. Chattel mortgages filed, 165. Amount, \$26,917.51. No., released 96. Amount, \$32,330.82. Total amount of mortgages filed \$155,470.11. Total amount of mortgages released, \$100,099.82. Total increase in March \$55,370.29.

So we see from the above figures, taken from the official record kept by the county clerk that the increase in farm mortgage indebtedness alone for only one month is \$55,639.60. We learned also from a further examination that the farm mortgage indebtedness had increased in this country every month except one (Jan., 1892) since the law went into effect which was June 1st, 1891. We found that the farm mortgage indebtedness for the year 1892 had increased \$276,526.55. We found

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students of Parsons College to a debate, May 12, on government ownership of railroads. Charles Lander, Max Babb and Scott Powers will speak on the affirmative for the Iowa Wesleyan.

Twenty thousand fish, part of the Wisconsin exhibit at the World's Fair, escaped through the carelessness of an employe.

St. Louis Democrat says Cleveland is doing his best to maintain the financial policy which he inherited from Harrison.

Now that Patrick Egan has been ordered home to Nebraska, peace may be declared between Chill and the United States.

Senator Gordon, and Hoke Smith are quarrelling over state patronage. Now let Potsdam Samms and Pod Dismunkes keep mute.

The whip trust has a capital of \$3,000,000 and the manufacturers of wood-working machinery have a trust with \$30,000,000 capital.

Under South Carolina's new liquor law there will only be forty-six saloons in the state, but they will do a rushing business.

The Texas populists have started a daily paper at Fort Worth, with \$50,000 capital and there is a good prospect of it being a success.

Emerson once said: "Every reform was once a private opinion, and when it shall be a private opinion again, it will solve the problem of the age."

Jamestown, New York owns its own electric light works and Harrisonville, Mo., and Everett and Needham, Mass., have voted to own their own works.

Bishop Spalding of Peoria thinks the Christian ministers, by closing the World's Fair Sundays, will lose the influence they now possess over work-ingmen.

The senate committee on territories will begin its investigation of the condition of the four territories now knocking for admission to the Union early in July.

There are 4,225,955 farmers in the United States and among these are 1,034,701 renters, who are compelled to

Secretary Morton is rarely seen on the streets except in a carriage, but it is Vice President Stevenson's custom to walk to the capitol, and he may usually be found any day in some hotel lobby mingling with the "plain" people.

San Diego voted nine to one in favor of issuing \$665,000 in bonds for water-works. The service is now in the hands of a private company, which the city will buy if it can be secured at a fair price, otherwise new works will be built.

Deacon Nelson Johnson, colored, while exhorting in a pulpit at New York, dropped dead. The superstitious negroes thought his death a visitation of God. The police reserves had to be called out to take the body from the church.

It was Thomas Jefferson who declared that: "I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. Already they have raised up a money aristocracy that has set the government at defiance."

Secretary Carlisle proposes to look closer into national bank affairs, in order, if possible, to prevent such dishonesty as was shown in the affairs of the banks which recently failed in Boston, Philadelphia and Nashville. Congress will be asked to give the bank examiner more power.

The Ventura Unit says Santa Cruz has tried the experiment of municipal water works, and the result has been that the rates charged for the water are from 40 to 60 per cent less than those charged by the private company. The Unit urges the people of Ventura to do likewise, predicting equally beneficial results to them.

President McKinney of the organization formed for the purpose of enforcing Sunday laws went to Homestead and found 300 men at work in the steel mills. He says that among the first to be prosecuted will be the Carnegies. It is proposed to prosecute toll collectors on bridges and every person engaged in worldly employment on Sunday.

The salary and fees received by our minister at London amounted, last year, to \$67,416. No wonder the com-mon-place title "Minister" is laugh-

that the total increase of all three classes for the year 1892 amounting to the snug little sum of \$373,290.43; and still readers of the Omaha Bee are caused to believe that this class of indebtedness is rapidly decreasing. Will some one be so kind as to tell us why these debts are increasing and how to turn the tide the other way?

A New Recruit.

EDITOR ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT: I want to use enough space in your columns to declare my political independence. I am an old soldier. I cast my first vote for Abraham Lincoln, and have been whooping it up for the republican party ever since. But I have been getting some light. I have made up my mind to cease belonging to a party and have some politics of my own. There appears to be no more than a straw's difference between the two old parties. I have concluded to enlist in the people's party for three years or the war. I hope to make my vote count for the election of a people's president in 1896.

Yours for a change, B. RILEY.

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