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POPULISTS will do well to beware of the A. P. A. It is a scheme of the plutocrats to keep public attention away from the real issues.

THERE was never such need of publishing populist principles to the front as now. The financial panic is opening the eyes of the people to the real issues.

THOSE who now fight in the van of the great industrial revolution can be proud of the memory while they live and after they are dead can leave it as a legacy to their children.

WE have in stock about a hundred copies of A. B. Flack's little humorous pamphlet entitled "Sizin' up Politics." Mr. Flack is a Nebraska writer and there is good sense as well as genuine humor in his writings.

NEBRASKA populists should take heart. The days of "the ring" are numbered. Public robbery is growing unpopular. In the great court of public opinion the republican state officials have been pronounced guilty.

THE Rocky Mountain News says: A proposition is pending in Nebraska to allow Mosher, the defaulting president of the wrecked bank at Lincoln, to escape the penitentiary by his friends paying \$100,000.

MOSHER, the republican bank wroker, while under arrest, lives at elegant quarters at a hotel. Bill Smith, the poor thief, lies in a noisome cell in a jail. Mosher got away with several hundred thousand dollars and took the hard earnings of widows, orphans and men who live by daily toil.

PUBLIC opinion is awakening. The three leading articles in the Arena for June boldly take the ground advocated by the populists on three great issues: The first advocates the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

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A GREAT OBJECT LESSON.

The following dispatches contain a great and impressive object lesson for the American people: FOSTORIA, O., May 36.—Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Charles Foster started the business world this morning by making an assignment for the benefit of his creditors.

At an early hour this morning the bank of Foster & Co. was closed on an attachment for \$3,200 in favor of the Isaac Harter Milling company, and at the same time the wholesale grocery house of Davis & Foster was closed by an attachment for \$1,200 in favor of O. T. Brown.

The assignment of Secretary Foster was the signal for the assignment of a number of concerns in which he was interested.

The brass and iron works was one of the concerns to assign. The liabilities and assets of this company are included with the personal statement of the secretary.

The Mambourg, Calcined and Crocker Window Glass companies, three concerns that have been backed by Mr. Foster, will assign today.

When I returned from Washington I knew that my indentments for the window glass company and the brass and iron works company were very large, so large, in fact, as to induce me to fear that I would have to suspend at that time.

Words cannot express the deep distress and humiliation I feel. If I could bear all the burden that my failure will entail I should feel a sense of relief.

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Only a few weeks ago every paper in the land told under startling headlines of "McKinley's Ruin."

He shouted: "America for Americans! Down with English free-trade." But he voted to adopt the English system of finances. He voted for contraction of the currency.

He simply fell a victim to the monstrous system he helped to create and defend. High tariff couldn't save McKinley. Home market couldn't help him.

And now comes Foster, Harrison's secretary of the treasury, the little fellow who has been rattling around in the place which great men had been wont to fill.

He was Wall street's own tool. His financial condition "was well known in certain circles." He was over head and ears in debt and the money kings knew it.

To accomplish this he issued a special treasury report purporting to give financial statistics. And the plutocratic press of the country shouted "amen!"

Can any intelligent man read Foster's statement and fail to see true cause of his failure? It was the natural and inevitable result of doing business on capital borrowed at high rates of interest.

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THE JOURNAL'S RIDICULE.

The State Journal speaks of the coming railroad convention of June 23, as a "wind convention," and refers to the idea of building a railroad from Bismarck to the Gulf as a "wild and woolly proposition."

Exactly as we expected. Who ever heard of the Journal falling in line with any movement for the emancipation of the west from bondage to the east?

The Journal says: "In the first place the people of the states interested would not favor the expenditure of the state's money for such a road except in the immediate vicinity, perhaps, of the route pursued which would make it a purely sectional interest owing to the distances to be traversed from the remoter points to the line before it could be availed of."

Perhaps by the time the great "North and South" is built and put in operation, the people of the western states will have learned something of their rights and power over railroad corporations.

Then the Journal sees an insurmountable obstacle in the way of raising money to build the road. It points to that article in the state constitution which forbids the state's going in debt beyond \$100,000.

Besides after all the western states may not have to build this line after all. Perhaps the voice of the west may be heard in congress. Perhaps the north and south line may be the first great experiment in "government ownership."

Even the "populist cranks" don't expect to build this road the 28th of June, nor within a month or a year thereafter. The convention has been called simply to discuss a measure of great interest to the people of these great western states.

A GREAT CONTRAST.

The following a verbatim copy of a letter received by Governor Crouse one day last week:

CRETE, Nebraska, 1893.—Dear Sir: I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know the position I am in. I became converted and now stand on the true rock, Christ Jesus.

My case is this: I took some coal out of the box car a Lincoln at the asylum switch. It was two of us. We both are converted now. Please want you put that of both of us in the place where it will reach it again.

Governor Crouse turned the two dollars over to the treasurer to be placed in the "conscience fund."

Here are two fellows doubtless laboring men who each stole a dollar's worth of asylum coal because they needed it to keep their families warm.

for shame, if indeed they have any sense of shame.

What we need today is a revival of true religion, a quickening of consciences a restoration of the old-fashioned ideas of duty. Public opinion must be purified and elevated. We want preachers of the gospel who will denounce crime and criminals regardless of position or politics.

THAT NORTH AND SOUTH RAILROAD CONVENTION.

In pursuance of the resolution introduced by Senator Stewart and adopted by the legislature, arrangements have been made for a convention of western states to discuss the great north and south railroad scheme.

This meeting is one of great importance to the west. Its object is one of vast and immediate importance. It is a move which should receive every possible encouragement of populists.

The Alliance-Independent of this city appears this week with the typographical union label at the head of its editorial columns. More offices will use them as soon as they can be secured from Indianapolis.

A WESTERN railroad president is recently reported as saying: "If public opinion in the west still continues so hostile to the railroads as it has shown itself in the past few years, it will be necessary to organize to protect our interests."

TO BRIDGE CONTRACTORS.

On page 8 of this issue appears an extended notice to bridge contractors from the county clerk of Furnas county. We call especial attention to this notice for the reason that the publication of it has been delayed two weeks on account of the letter being held in the Lincoln post-office for additional postage.

THE ALLIANCE AID.

The alliance aid is simply an insurance degree in the F. A. & I. U. It is something new in this state, but it is well worthy of investigation.

NO DECISION YET.

On Monday at 2 p. m., the supreme court room was filled with an expectant crowd, but the august court failed to appear.

THE VANDERBILT POODLE.

I'm the Vanderbilt pet poodle—hear me!—Just a dog, like all the other dogs. Barking at the public who come near me: But observe my "togs"

And I shine, I tell you, at the parties. Of the princely pups who ve in style! Not a dog of all the high-nosed "smarties" Dares to growl or smile.

Mistress says, some people sniff their noses. And object to dogs in such a dress. Envious wretches! who, that's sans supposes Railroad pups need less?

More than this, says William (that's my master) —Hark ye, workmen who pay all the freight: I am king, and best not your disaster. Since my slaves is great.

Sweet ye, slaves of brutes, the wealth I've taken. And the legal rights I've gathered up Build for us a throne that stands unshaken—Serve me, serve my pup."

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MID-SUMMER RALLIES.

A Series of Great Populist Revivals Arranged for by the State Committee.

SENATOR ALLEN TAKES THE FIELD

An Appeal to the Populists of Nebraska to Renew Their Zeal and Enthusiasm.

Allen's Appointments.

The time is ripe for a grand revival of populist enthusiasm. The vote-field is yellow for the harvest. It is time for every true reformer to be at work. Confusion reigns in the ranks of the old parties.

Banks, business men, and manufacturers are falling in every section of the country. A general panic is imminent. Yet the only remedy proposed by the leaders of either old party is unconditional surrender to the money power.

The democratic party, on the other hand is rent with factional dissensions. The mass of its voters and a few of its leaders are in favor of free coinage of silver, and railway regulation.

The people's party is the only organized force that is ready to take advantage of the situation. If there was reason for a grand rallying of reform forces three years ago, how much more is there now!

Recognizing these facts the independent State Committee have arranged for a series of mid-summer rallies. Senator Allen will fill ten appointments in June and probably that many in each succeeding month.

The following is the committee's notice of appointments.

- Senators Allen: Tecumseh, June 12; Beatrice, " 13; Geneva, " 14; Red Cloud, " 15; Franklin, " 16; Alma, " 17; Indianola, " 19; Holdrege, " 20; Hastings, " 21; Clay Center, " 22; Lincoln, " 23.

All of the meetings will be held at 2 o'clock p. m. Local committees will make necessary arrangements.

Populists should turn out en masse to hear Senator Allen discuss the issues. But they should not be satisfied with merely turning out themselves.

THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT would be glad to have friends volunteer to distribute sample copies and take subscribers at these meetings.

DO YOU WANT A SEWING MACHINE?

If you do, why pay \$40.00 for a high-priced machine, at least half of which will go to the agents and middle men, when you can get just as good a machine for less than half the money?

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