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STUDY that table of overcharges or printing. It is full of information.

MR. Burrows' desire for an investigation cooled off very rapidly during

IF Mr. Thempson was guilty of no wrong why did the committee compel him to resign?

C. W. MOSHER received a five years' sentence. The sentence was the lowest that could be given. The general opinion is that it was much less than he werved.

In another column is a blank for subscription to stock. Are there 200 men ing now and at all times, that every ast of every American product will g in Nebrasks who will respond to Bro. of mine in connection with this grand down with it; the silver states will be Wolfe's earnest appeal and subscribe movement should be thrown upon can- almost depopulated, and the west es-\$10 or more? Every one who does so vass for all the world to read. If pos- pecially will suffer from the blow. w'll n t only hel) to save our paper, sible I would be willing that my entire We are at the dividing of the ways. but will become a life subscriber to the being, soul and body, should be lighted Both roads may finally lead to free sil- friends of silver, regardless of party,

HE who sows the wind will reap the whirlwind. Let the powers that be beware. There is a day of reckoning. There is a spirit in the people of Amerion that cannot be trampled out by all the Jews and gold bugs in existence. That spirit has asserted itself in the past and will assert itself in the future.

SENATOR ALLEN, in an interview in the World-Herald, expresses the opinion that there will be a long and protracted fight in congress before the repeal of the Sherman law. He does not believe a bill for unconditional repeal will pass the senate. He says that four ple's party papers in Nebraska undesenators and fourteen congressmen will attend the populist conference.

Ir may be possible that the action of the British officials in striking down silver in India may have an effect exactly opposite from that which was intended. The English bankers may have overreached themselves. This They use their columns to quote from. country did not schieve her independence of England in two wars to surrender it now without a struggle.

THE financial outlook of this country was never darker than now. The policy of money contraction has gone steadily forward bringing in its wake bankruptcy and ruin. We are approaching the crowning set in an infamous conspiracy. The next step to be taken by the money power is to place this country on a gold basis. This means still further ruin. It means that the gold justice, but would win all to the cause bugs will become the financial despots of truth. of the country; and that our people question is, will the American people a hearty and loyal support. permit this thing to come to pass.

se he is too radical for tariff reduc- dates and to our cause. Holman is to be removed from the chairmanship of the cammittee on It is the first time in the history of the should rally to its support and rally changing. government that the president attempt | quickly. Its affairs have been investied so openly to dictated the organiza- gated by a committee, and a plan for its tion of congress. But Grover is using reorganization proposed. This plan is the public patronage club for what it is meeting with great encouragement. It worth and is bringing recalcitrant is simply to raise \$2500 in cash, to pay Thank God, however, the public prtron- in shares of \$20 each, fully paid up and age club can't reach the people and there non-assessable. The editorial and bustin against him.

AN EARNEST APPEAL.

Greeting:

I address myself to none but the faithpolicy has been with reference to that few to let them severely alone. The feet of justice and truth may be slow. but they tread straight and narrow go to the wall, our cause wonter to a paths, and sooner or later will overtake the swifter feet of him "that loveth and maketh a mischievous lie."

We are nearing the third anniversary of our birth as a party organization. Our grewth has been as marvelous as our birth. Conceived in necessity, born smid the pangs and throes of oppressed labor and fed on the milk of industrial emancipation, we have grown in less than three years to astional importance; and to us more than to all other party organizations are turned the eyes of oppressed labor throughout the world. Three years ago when I threw off the shackles of old party affiliation and joined this great movement, I said that in my judgment it was the last hope of mankind in this country to redeem itself from industrial bondage, except that of revolution itself. I believe so yet, and God grant that it may not fail and leave to us but the final choice. But we will not, we must not, we cannot fail if we are true to our cause, our children, and ourselves.

In view of these facts, are there not great responsibilities resting upon us? Has not every man and every woman among us sacred duties to perform? To some of those duties let me direct your attention for a moment:

Our first duty is to examine ourselves and to see if we are honestly and earnestly in the work, and endeavoring by all means in our power, to establish the principles, and to promote the cause we have espoused. Mere professions no longer count in snything. "You show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works," is as applicable in politics as in religion. Our work is indeed a new religion, for the word means simply "to bind anew." It is a new gospel-the gospel of. or good news to labor. Men may say they are for this or for that, but, not by their words, but by their works, shall you know them. We do not gather grapes of thorns nor figs of thistles in this day any more than they did eighteen hundred years ago. By this rule I judge others, and by it I am willing at heard. all times to be judged. I have made no pretentions, at any time to anything but honesty of purpose, and I am willfriends and foes alike invited to look upon the record it would reveal.

When we are satisfied that we our-

ways but in no way more successfully than by supporting and encouraging those who proclaim our doctrine, and especially those who speak to us weekly an army of good and true men and women, who are gallantly fighting our favored few. battles, and who weekly present our cause to the reading world. The peoserving our support are so few that I have probably already been given too much notice. They may be known by their bitter attacks upon the chosen candidates and the trusted members of our movement. They seek to tear down, rather than to build up our cause. and their slanders are quoted by. our worst enemies-the papers of the old parties. What support they receive is largely from those who would wreck our cause. I know that some good and true men among us believe otherwise, and give them support. I also know that sooner or later they will be undetunites for knowing some of these men have been greater than have been offered most others, and therefore am I charitable. I would do no one an in-

I need not speak of the county press will virtually become their slaves. The and the service it is doing. We owe it

We must however have and maintain a state paper, and in THE ALLIANCE-It now transpires that according to INDEPENDENT we have one that is of the ways and means committee, be- it has always been loyal to our candi- not thought that the court will grant it.

All the readers of THE ALLIANCE INDEPENDENT were informed of its appropriations because he is too eco- financial condition two weeks ago, should be remonestized and that the act al. Hland is to be removed from Through hard times and the stringency of 1873 was a mistake, though he voted the chairmanship of the ceinage com- of the money market, it is in great for it. Here is another righteous voice mittee because he is a free silver man. danger of going to the wall. Its friends in Sodom. Sentiment seems to be retic congressmen into line, off the indebtedness and to issue stock the tide of opinion is beginning to set ness pelley of the paper will be entirely Subscribe for THE ALLIANCE-INDE under the control of the new stock | PINDENT.

holders. All those now connected wit To all true Independents of Nebraska, the paper have shown their good fait and loyalty by agreeing to step out the reorganized company shall demand ful, and am glad to believe there are but it. I have no interest in this paper ax-few of any other kind among us. My cept the interest which every true independent should have. I do not lown a dollar's worth of stock, and never did. But I realize that if the paper spould

> certain extent, go to the wall with it. Now I think I have said enough and perhaps more than enough but it I have attribute it to my zeal and interest in the cause the paper represents. Now let this money be raised at once and sent in and don't wait to be called upon by some one personally for it costs money to travel. The stock can be taken in shares or talf-shares or even fourth shares by one or more individuals. Several have contributed as high as one hundred dollars spiece. Remember it is not a donation but stock will be issued and there is no reason why that stock should not be a good paying investment in a short time. Blanks for subscriptions to the stock will be found elsewhere in this issue. Put down what you feel able to invest and see your neighbor, then cut out the blank and send in at once to

Yours Sincerely, J. V. WOLFE. Box 325, Lincoln, Nebr.

### THE DIVIDING OF THE WAYS.

Am rice has reached a crisis. For the third time in her history a special session of congress is called to deal with the financial question. Of the two previous sessions, one was called by President Van Buren, the other by the elder Harrison. But neither of them dealt with such momentous issues as the session called to meet next month. Before them it was merely a matter of the federal bank. Now the question presented is that of a radical change and a radical contraction in the currency.

It does no good now to criticize the president, or question his motives. What is demanded is that every American, who opposes the repeal of the Sherman law, act and act quickly.

The right of petition and agitation s given to every citizen of this country. If the people are opposed to the gold basis, they should appeal to their congressmen, and appeal with force enough to be sure that they will be

It is not a matter of party. It is a matter of patriotism. If silver is unconditionally stricken down, the price

up with a blaze of electricity, and ver coinage. But one lies through a land of so much ruin and disaster that it is hard to contemplate going through that valley of shadow, even though we selves are rights our next duty is to go should reach the promised heights beto work to convince and convert others youd. If the country ever once goes to our belief. This we can do in various to the gold standard, it means the impoverishment of the masses and a monied oligarchy. It means a system of industrial slavery equal to that of England or Germany. It means a still through the press. The pen is indeed farther fall in prices, a still farther mightler than the sword, and we have losing of the homes of the people, and financial ruin and disaster to all but the

That the American people would long submit to live under such a system, we do not believe. But the money power would then be in a more impregnable need not stop to name them. They position than ever before. And to dislodge it would require a revolution.

There is but one way to prevent such a calamity. it is for the friends of silver to force the passage of a free silver bill at the coming session of congress.

## SENATOR ALLEN.

Senator Allen has requested us to state that on account of the early assembling of congress he will not be able to fill any more appointments in the state at present. All intervening time will be spent by him in preparing to do his share in the coming fight. ceived. I know also that my oppor- And THE ALLANCE-INDEPENDENT sends him a God-speed in his work and only regrets that the United States senate does not contain more such men.

> EVERY alliance man in Nebraska should read our report of the alliance investigation. It is very long and it may be somewhat tedious, but it is solid facts from beginning to end.

WORD comes from David City that the impeachment committee will move the wishes of the president, Springer worthy of our support. I do not say it for a rehearing of the case against to to be removed from the chairmanship has made no mistakes, but I do say that Allen, Hastings and Humphrey. It is

> EX-SENATOR GEO. F. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, declared recently that silver

THE ALLIANCE INDEPENDENT calls especial attention to two articles in this week's Issue. The first is on Federal Ownership of telegraphs and telephone and is taken from the Arena. The other is on the silver question from the pen of Seantor J. H. Darner.

The Birth Day of the People's Party to be Celebrated by the Independents of Nebraska-

TO RALLY FOR FREE SILVER.

The State Central Committee Recommends the Holding of Meetings in all Parts of the State.

Let us Have a Revival.

The 29th of July, being the third anniversary of the birth of the People's party in Nebras a, we have thought it eminently proper for the independents of the state to celebrate the occasion by holding public meetings in the various counties. There should be at least one meeting in every county in the state, and in some counties it may be well to hold more than one.

At these meeting it will be appropriate for the speakers to review the bistory of our grand young party, and recount its great achievements. We have controlled two legislatures, placed upon the statute books many important laws, reformed many abuses, exposed the corruption of the dominant party, made an end of corporation and ring rule, and finally elected a grand man to the United States senate.

Still we have only done a little of what we hope to accomplish, and now is an auspicious time for a gathering of our forces for a new onset on the ranks of monopoly. The events of the past few months have justified all the predictions made by independent speakers. We have prophesied calamity, and now calamity has come. In spite of all the "prosperity shrickers," we see the commerce and industry of our country prostrated. Failures of banks, business houses and manufacturing concerns has houses and manufacturing concerns has created general consternation. Confidence in our financial system is shaken, and widespread suffering is bound to follow.

The tools and slaves of the money power are loudly demanding a further contraction of the currency as the only remedy for existing evils. Congress has been called to meet in extra session to carry out the dictates of Wall and Lombard streets. It is high time for the people to rally and speak with no uncertain sound. The people of Nebraska should speak with a vigor and intelligence that will make their voice heard in Washington.

On the 29th day of July let the people of every county meet and pass resolutions demanding that the Sherman law be not repealed unless absolute free coinage of silver at the ratio of should turn out and take part in these meetings. County and local committees are urged to arrange for these meetings at once, and report their action to this committee. The securing of speakers will be left entirely to the local committees. Let there be a grand revival of enthusiasm along the whole line.

### G W. BLAKE, Chairman. C. H PIRTLE, Sec'y.

### "DOMINEERING RAILROADISM." Under the above head the United

States Investor, one of the leading real estate papers of America, scores the western railroads for their proposed retaliation against the maximum rate law. After commenting on the taking off of trains in the Aurora district, the article goes on to discuss the law generally. It says:

As a matter of principle it may not be right for legislatures to control or coerce the management of any railroad corporation, but it matters not in this instance, so far as concerns a policy of retaliation. The railroads for years have, in the estimation of the people of the west, taken advantage of the producers shippers and passengers in Nebraska. Becoming desperate at what they considered the centiqued desperate at oppression, in the legislature of 1892-'93 the populists and democrats joined hands and passed a very much modified. maximum freight rate bill. and Gov ernor Crouase, a conservative business man and a republican, approved the bill, and it is now a law. If the provisions of this act are unjust and inequit able in their effect upon the earnings of railroad companies, the attorneys of the roads can easily seek redress in the courts, and will be very likely to obtain relief. Such a course will be inexpensive and ought to satisfy both sides Western railroads make a grevious mistake in thus bitterly antagenizing the people at every turn. It is this pugnacious course which railroad man-agers pursue that has fostered the unfriendly feeling now existing in those vestern state

Touching lightly upon these things and passing on, it can be said that if the pruning knife is applied to western roads, and they are relieved of the roads, and they are relieved of the burden of supporting and transporting dead-heads, lawyers, ward-healers, corrupt politicians, lobbyists, and the countiess army of camp followers and other barnacies, the business of carrying freight and passengers will be revolutionized. By such a readjustment the farmer will be called upon to pay a reasonanie rate for his service rendered to him alone, instead of his being charged enough more to make up for cha ved enough more to make up for the dead heads, etc.

THERE are several men in Nebraska who would rather see the alliance organization go to ruin, than to help rid it of leeches and ax grinders.

The amount of money which Burrows and Thompson took from the state alliance treasury in overcharges in the last three years is \$3541. No wonder the people stopped sending in dues.

## A PIECE OF VILLAINY.

For some time past Holden and Burws have been making cowardly inunations against my private charachave come to the notice of a few resectable people, I think it entirely roper that I should notice the matter. I regard to these insinuations and silesions. I will say that they are as alse and villain us as the hearts of the men who made them.

they contain not a particle of truth or a shadow of foundation in fact. Hurrows and Holden are actuated only y the basest motives: a desire to reenge themselves on me for exposing their treachery and corruption, and the lope of frightening me into future silence.

In Burrows last issue, I find the ollowing:

"At the State Alliance Executive committee meeting held in Lincoln written by a gentleman in this city to lev. N. H. Blackmer, and by him sent o some other parties, was found to be on with the grossest immorality, in plain terms. It also stated that the writer did not ask the matter to be conidered confidential, as he was fully reponsible for what he said and was pre-

The fact is that the letter referred to was not written by a "gentleman," but by a cowardly black-guard who signs his name J. Burrows. At my urgent request Rev. Blackmer forwarded it to a member of the committee. It was read first when I was not before the committee. I was told that J. Borrows declaring it was "private correspondence." It was afterwards read in my presence, and I denounced it and its author as they deserved, but Burrows took great care to absent himself at that time.

pared to prove his statements."

Burrews says further that the chairman of the committee now has in his possession affidavits substantiating the charge. This is another lie. These affidavits were brought before the committee without my knowledge. I found this out after the committee had adjourned. Then I secured a view of these mysterious affidavits. They substantiate nothing.

The fact is that the attempt to injure my good name is as great a piece of villainy as was ever concocted by man or devil. I here and now challenge J. Burrows to publish the identical language he used in that letter. If he is not a coward and a liar, let him prove it by accepting this challenge.

S. EDWIN THORNTON.

WHEN a man votes for what he don't want just to be with his part-e-e, he ought to have his head souked to keep him from wilting.

SINGLY and in flocks the free silver Congressmen are falling into line with Cleveland's anti-silver policy, Give 'em a "chance," boys.

WHEAT has gone down to 63 cents in Chicago, the lowest, probably, it ever has been. Money has not gone down, neither has bonds and notes.

IF THE plutes see anything else in the United States that they want and haven't got they ought to ask for it. Cleveland is their huckleberry.

A FLASH of silence among Democratic papers always precedes a batch of deviltry among the bosses. Keep your eye on the bosses now, "there's a hen on."

IF POLITICAL parties would have r mained true to the interests of laboring men there never would have been any labor organizations. What we need now is a party that will represent their interests.

GROVER CLEVELAND is a convert and disciple of John Sherman. He advocates and is carrying out the same financial policy with the same regularity and more persistence than President Harrison.

WHEN the farmers understand that we furnish England cheap silver with which to buy wheat and cotton in India, and that this wheat and cotton with the American product, they will vote against a party that discriminates against silver.

More business failures than ever was known before, but its prosperity that's doing it. There is too much prosperity. There's an overproduction of it, but its all on one side. After while when the people quit playing suckers and put their votes where they will do the most good it will be more general.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has never been an advocate of free trade. His the people, we may conclude that ke I could ill spare for the purpose. I has decided there are no burdens in the McKiniau sariff law.

ter. Inasmuch as these things may Full Report of the So-called Investigation by the Executive Committee of the State Alliance.

OVER-CHARGES OF NEARLY \$4,000

Made by Burrows and Thompson-Thompson no Longer Secretary-An Attempt at Whitewashing.

The Case Laid Before the People,

While striving with all my might during the past six months to expose his week, a letter which had been the crooked dealings of republican state officers in Nebraska, little did I think it would soon become my duty to expose similar crookedness in connection ommittee. This letter charged Thorn- with the management of our state alliance. But as an honest man, and an advocate of right and justice, I can not, without stultifying myself, cover up in our own ranks what I condemn in the ranks of our enemies.

If the state executive committee had done its duty, if it had investigated matters without fear or favor, and with a view to doing exact justice, the publication of these facts might have been avoided. But that committee fell so short of its duty, and made such a mess of the whole matter, that in justice to objected strenuously to having it read myself. I am compelled to lay the truth before the people. To me it is a most disagreeable task. The publication of these things may secure me the condemnation of some alliance people; but to my mind there is no nobler rule of life than for a man to do his duty regardless of condemnation. I would rather spend the rest of my days in poverty and obscurity, knowing that I had done my duty, than to rise to wealth and fame by being a coward and a traitor to my own sense of right and

CALL FOR INVESTIGATION.

During the past six months there has been a deep and growing dissatisfaction among the alliance people over the conduct of Secretary Thompson. This dis-

satisfaction arose from two causes: First. His conduct in allying himself with Jay Burrows and attempting to wreck the state paper of our order.

Second. A general suspicion that Thompson had sacrificed the best interests of the order for personal advantage to himself.

On May 20th, I received the following letter which will explain itself:

WABASH, Neb., May 19, 1893. EDWIN THORNTON, Lincoln, Neb DEAR SIR: -The executive committee of the State F. A. & I. U. will meet at the Lindell hotel Lincoln on Tuesday June 6th, at 2 o'clock p. m. At this meeting a thorough investigation of the management of the affairs of the office of the secretary will be made. All charges against Bro. Thompson will receive attention. There are also serious charges against Bro. Burrows that also demand attention and investigation as they have had a tendency to hurt in no small degree alliance interests. I therefore notify you of the meeting in order that you may prepare such specific charges against these parties as you may deem proper to lay before the committee. Assuring you that the investigation will be conducted impartially and for the best interests of the organization, I am

Yours Truly and Fraternally, B. F. ALLEN. Chairman Ex. Com. In reply to this letter I wrote to Bro.

Allen frankly stating that I hesitated to appear before the committee because three of its members had been on the committee during the period covered by my charges, and for the further reason that two members of the committee had already passed judgment against me in the matter. A few days after this, Burrows came

out in his sheet with a blast, giving the proposed investigation publicity. He stated that Thornton had been defaming Thompson and himself through THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT, and by private letters (which was false) and that he and Thompson had demanded an investigation. He further stated that Thornton was a "low down defemer" and a "dirty dog," and that if he ever appeared before the committee is put on the market in competition he would make a miserable failure. After reading this I felt that there was but one right course to pursue, and that was to file charges and trust to the honor of the members of \ e committee to deal fairly in the matter.

The following are the charges filed with the committee. A few explanatory notes have been inserted in brackets. I ask the alliance people of the state to read these charges carefully and in a spirit of fairness:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT.

To the executive committee of the state alliance of Nebraska: Nearly three weeks ago I received a

declarations in favor of revenue re- written request from your chairman form made him popular because that asking me to propose and present to issue was popular. The most he has this meeting spicifile charges against ever promised was to remove the bur the present secretary treasurer. Out dens of the protective tariff. As he of respect for the wishes of your chairhas recently announced that the silver man and a sincere desire to promote purchasing law "was the only danger the good of the order, I have complied which menaces the welfare and pros- as well as I could under the circumperity of the people," and permits the stances. In order to do so I have been "oulminating atrocity" to still rob compelled to devote much time which

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