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The subscription price of the ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT is \$1.00 per year, invariably in advance. Paper will be promptly discontinued if expiration of time paid for unless we receive orders to continue.

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

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

If Mr. Thompson 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.

In another column is a blank for subscription to stock. Are there 200 men in Nebraska who will respond to Bro. Wolfe's earnest appeal and subscribe \$10 or more?

He who sows the wind will reap the whirlwind. Let the powers that be beware. There is a day of reckoning.

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.

It 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 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.

It now transpires that according to the wishes of the president, Springer is to be removed from the chairmanship of the ways and means committee.

THE Alliance-Independent calls attention to two articles in this week's issue. The first is on Federal Ownership of telegraphs and telephones and is taken from the Arena.

AN EARNEST APPEAL.

To all true Independents of Nebraska, Greeting: I address myself to none but the faithful, and am glad to believe there are but few of any other kind among us.

We are nearing the third anniversary of our birth as a party organization. Our growth has been as marvelous as our birth. Conceived in necessity, born amid the pangs and throes of oppressed labor.

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?

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 merge professions no longer count in anything.

When we are satisfied that we ourselves are right our next duty is to go to work to convince and convert others to our belief. This we can do in various ways but in no way more successfully than by supporting and encouraging those who proclaim our doctrine.

I need not speak of the county press and the service it is doing. We owe it a hearty and loyal support.

We must however have and maintain a state paper, and in THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT we have one that is worthy of our support.

holders. All those now connected with the paper have shown their good faith and loyalty by agreeing to step out of the reorganized company shall demand it.

Now I think I have said enough, and perhaps more than enough but if I have attribute it to my zeal and interest in the cause the paper represents.

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

THE DIVIDING OF THE WAYS.

America has reached a crisis. For the third time in her history a special session of congress is called to deal with the financial question.

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 is 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 heard.

It is not a matter of party. It is a matter of patriotism. If silver is unconditionally stricken down, the price of every American product will go down with it.

We are at the dividing of the ways. Both roads may finally lead to free silver 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 should reach the promised heights beyond.

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 position than ever before.

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.

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 for a rehearing of the case against Allen, Hastings and Humphrey.

EX-SENATOR GEO. F. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, declared recently that silver should be remonetized and that the act of 1873 was a mistake, though he voted for it.

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THE 29TH OF JULY.

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 Nebraska, we have thought it eminently proper for the independents of the state to celebrate the occasion by holding public meetings in the various counties.

At these meetings it will be appropriate for the speakers to review the history of our grand young party, and recount its great achievements.

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 tools and slaves of the money power are loudly demanding a further contraction of the currency as the only remedy for existing evils.

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 16 to 1 be substituted in its place.

"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.

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.

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 burden of supporting and transporting dead-heads, lawyers, ward-heisters, corrupt politicians, lobbyists, and the countless army of camp followers and other parasites, the business of carrying freight and passengers will be revolutionized.

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 \$3841.

A PIECE OF VILLAINY.

For some time past Holden and Burrows have been making cowardly insinuations against my private character. Inasmuch as these things may have come to the notice of a few respectable people, I think it entirely proper that I should notice the matter.

They contain not a particle of truth nor a shadow of foundation in fact. Burrows and Holden are actuated only by the basest motives: a desire to revenge themselves on me for exposing their treachery and corruption, and the hope of frightening me into future silence.

In Burrows last issue, I find the following:

"At the State Alliance Executive Committee meeting held in Lincoln this week, a letter which had been written by a gentleman in this city to Rev. N. H. Blackmer, and by him sent to some other parties, was found to be in the hands of the chairman of the committee. This letter charged Thornton with the grossest immorality, in plain terms. It also stated that the writer did not ask the matter to be considered confidential, as he was fully responsible for what he said and was prepared to prove his statements."

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.

Burrows 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.

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.

S. EDWIN THORNTON.

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

SINGLY and in flocks the free silver Congressmen are falling into line with Cleveland's anti-silver policy.

WHEAT has gone down to 63 cents in Chicago, the lowest, probably, it ever has been.

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 devilry among the bosses. Keep your eye on the bosses now, "there's a hen on."

IF POLITICAL parties would have remained 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 is put on the market in competition 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.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has never been an advocate of free trade. His declarations in favor of revenue reform made him popular because that issue was popular.

MADE A MESS OF IT.

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 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 with the management of our state alliance.

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.

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.

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. S. 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.

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.

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 written request from your chairman asking me to propose and present to this meeting specific charges against the present secretary treasurer.

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