The Secret Ring in Politics.

effectually against the abuse of governmental power, by placing it in the hands of those who should be subject to it. As a means to that end they provided that the citizens themselves should in turn perform all public services, that the terms of office should be short, and the officers be chosen by a direct vote should do the people's will.

established it was in fact, as well as in to the last degree. The vast political theory and form, a perfect government ring of the country is separated into of, by and for the people. The constit- two nearly equal sections known as the uencies were not large, the public offi- old political parties. These two parts cers were few, and officers personally of the ring are always apparently hosknown to, and rigidly watched by those | tile to each other, but, in fact, are in by whom they were elected, and official perfect accord upon the questions that responsibility attended closely upon the affect the welfare of the people, -as in heels of official action.

the governmental system established by officials) proved themselves the most public in part, however, I now think our forefathers is so perfect in itself abandoned banditti that ever disgraced the best place is to make it public in that the ends for which it was ordained civilization, stooping to any and every full. are, and always will be attained, so subterfuge to deceive the people, shout long as the people follow the lines of its | ing honest dollar, latrinsic value, lack oblivious to the fact that the conditions ing system on earth, God's money, existing in this country now are vastly. Nicaraguan canal steal. With the treasdifferent from those in the times of our ury bursting with silver (with which forefathers, and that those sage men any and every obligation of the governnever dreamed of the tremendous changes that have already occurred. They never anticipated that under the the benefit of foreigners. popular forms they ordained a perni-

When the government was founded the population was less than four millions, whereas, it is now sixty-five millions. When the first president was chosen the vote of all the electors would not have reached four hundred thousand, while it would now nearly exceed fifteen millions. The number of officers has frown from a few thousand, to some to ir hundred thousand. The fre-guestly recurring necessity of changing this last army of officers constitutes a political situation of which the founders of our government could have had no conception, and a situation for which no prevision is found in the plan they adopted. In lieu of small constituencies, represented by a few officers that were well knowh to, and held to a strict accountability by their electors, we now have vast constituencies misrepresented by a kost of political pirates, of whom little is known by the great mass of voters, and they ignore and often insult those who elected them to office While the forms of our government remain unchanged, its former truly popular character has come to be a thing of the past. In our time a large constituency is called upon at a general election to choose fifty or more public officers to serve in as many different capacities. Under our several governments, national, state, county, municipal, &c., it would be impossible to elect these officers without some previous arrangements as to candidates. Candidates must be nominated. The merits, qualifications and principles of candidates when nominated may be unknown to three-fourths of the voters. This fact necessitates the educational work of political campaigns, which is made up of newspaper writings, printed made in fallible as Holy Writ, both stage of the process, from primary meeting to counting the ballots, requires much time, thought, labor, and more or less money. In 1888 the twin parties used three millions of dollars. Missouri Pacific route will give every In 1892 they used five million to mis- one who desires to take a look at the lead and deceive the people on the tariff question. The requirements of round trip tickets at half rates to all our election system have grown far beyond the capacity to meet them with this opportunity and go with the crowd. the methods employed during the City ticket office 1201 O street, Lincoln earlier years of the Republic, and have become so stupendous that the citizens in their private capacity fail to meet them, except on occasions when they are moved by the spur of some powerful special incentive, such as a panic. Our election system now demands such these shall grow eight million seedfar-reaching, thorough organization, lings. Eastern nurserymen prefer the employment of so much skill, time, own lands, because free from all parasilabor, and money, that the average citi- tie and insect enemies. zen, engrossed by his own private affairs, does not exercise any influence upon the conduct of public efficers. And as a natural result of these conditions, the politics of this country has become a business in itself, and a vast business, in which rare ability and thousands of men are employed and vast sums of money used. The class of citizens thus employed are Shylock professional politicians. Their compact and thorough organization compose the political ring. To there the affairs of the country are committed, except in times of unusual popular agitation. The great political ring of and in politics, is composed of man who

live by politics. The great ring, with

its compact organization, splendid

equipments and mercitous discipline,

reaches all the way down from Its Na

tional head through the var-

ious organized constituencies to the

remote country precent. It is The fundamental purpose of the fram-omnipotent through the country. It ers of our system of government was to formulates all the platforms, nominates To Editor ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT: establish a purely People's government. the candidates, directs the campaigns, They labored under a strong distrust of controls the state legislatures, -so that by and for politicians.

The tremendous po ver of the poiltical ring is a perpetual menace to the general welfare. The ring must be gotten rid of in some way. They that would be free, must themselves strike practice. Its internal government is At the time this government was despotic beyond compare, and military the special session of congress in the

They intend to bond the American clous class rule would be set up. And large numbers of our citizens appear to be insensible to the fact that such class rule in a malicious form now exists.

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Tell the Truth.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 24, 1894.

18, you make some objections to a clause understanding of it now is the same as kind. I refuse to do so now. My effort men invested with power over their the citizens do little more than confirm of my report of the state conference before. After a'll the gaseous mists of in the past campaign was to heal up all fellows, therefore, in the system they the decrees of the great political ring contained in a late issue of the Ameri- leading editorials, etc., have cleared factional differences. I thought those established, they undertook to guard Instead of a government of, by and for can Nonconformist. In your last issue away, it looks just like it did. As the efforts had been crowned with success. still insist in maintaining, at least by yourself." intimation the criticism based upon that

the blow with the ballot. The great criticisms of me, as they fell to the about that document myself. of the people; and those political agents ring in politics is victous in nature and ground the moment you admitted they The Omaha platform, as I regard it, had no foundation in fact, but rather to is the grandest document of the century lay the work of the conference fully and It is a crystallization of the demands fairly before the Populists of the state. for better things. It was a voice speak-I can perhaps the better do this, as I ing in the wilderness of selfishness, was secretary of that body and have the gred, wrong and misery and tells of minutes of it now before me.

conference, resolved that the work of light from the yet unrisen sun of a new counts for the matter of which you shed over every nation and every peo-A large number of our fellow citizens panic year of 1893. A great majority speak not having been published be- ple of the earth. appear to be under the delusion that of our legislators (including all the high fore. Since it has already been made

At the first session of the conference, held on the evening of January 3rd, a prescribed forms. They appear to be of confidence in the best wildcat bank- committee of five on plan of organiza- pointed for the toiling poor of the world tion and campaign was appointed by the chair. The committee consisted of rights. the following gentlemen: J. N. Gafflo. W. F. Porter, W. A. Poynter, W. L. ment can legally be paid,) advocating a Greene, C W. Stewart. At the mornbonded loan of \$200,000,000 in gold for ing session this committee submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

In the issue of your paper of January should report it just as I did then. My to any personal fights of whatsoever

question, you have had considerable to forgive and overlook the other.

say about the Omaha platform. This But I warn you never again to make I, the efore, ask for a brief space in say about the Omaha platform. This your paper, not so much to refute your gives me an excuse to say a few words an attack upon any brother worker un-

the grander civilization that is to come. The state central committee, which On the brows of the patriots gathered met just prior to the meeting of the at Omaha on July 4, 1892, fell the dawnthe latter should be secret. That ac- day, whose light shall some time be

The Omaha platform contains the application of Christ's teachings to the science of human government. It contains a prophecy of the brotherhood of man. It was like an evangel that stepped upon the mountain top of Hope and the way to the promised land of equal

The Omaha platform marks a milestone in the way of human progress. It constitutes the beginning of a distinct epoch in the world's history. It is one repairing the wrong we unintentionally of those happenings that the race in did Mr. Edgerton, through the very exfuture times can look back upon and cusable mistake of misunderstanding say, "Blessed are the men and women his own words, is the satisfaction of who framed that immortal document, being a gentleman ourself, and doing for it has made us free."

or excuses from the pen of any man. It tion a chance to compare us with an

unjust. But let that pass. You tried

til you know that you have just ground for doing it; and be very slow about it even them; for it will hurt you more than it does him Two or three editors in this state have killed themselves by much of it already in our party. It must cease.

I have nothing but the best wishes for yourself and THE ALLIANCE-INDE-PENDENT. I have done what I could for the paper in the past and propose to do so in the future. I have referred to this matter the last time I ever shall. I referred to it this time more to show forth the truth in regard to the committee and conference than for any personal reason. I am not sorry that the matter has come up, for It may help to teach a needed lesson; and that ir, that factional fighting in the People's party is a sin and will not be tolerated in conclusion, my brother, I would say: "Go and sin no more."

J. A. EDGERTON.

[The principal satisfaction left us in justice. Reparation does not satisfy The Omaha platform needs no praises our young friend. He wants in addi-

and hurridly as I understood it. I am privat priefs you have against me I do agreed on a certain money transaction free to say that if I should report it not know. Neither do I care. I have between themselves, and who have again, under similar circumstances I steadily re'used in the past to enter in every facility to evade the law and hide the transaction."

After reading this over carefully one fact is manifest, that it is impossible to enact laws of a prohibitory nature where intelligent men in business are naturthe people, we have a government of, you admit that you were mistaken as to Shanghai rooster said of his lone tail Your first article surprised me and hurt ally agreed to evade the law. The the facts in regard to that report, but feather, "There it is, behold it for as much as it surprised me, for it was strong common sense logic used in this is too apparent to contradict. The In your two or three editorials on this to make honorable amends and I will question therefore, arises, how then are we to counteract the baleful effects of usury? My answer is simple. Let the government establish banks of deposit, and loan out on good, well-established land securities, moneys at say 3 per cent or even less. Would it not act on the usurious classes the same as was done on the celebrated black Friday when such means as that. We have had too Jay Gould and Fish, had a corner on the gold market? The secretary of the government came with a few spare millions, and the gold conspirators were scattered. Now the usury laws are a nullity, because the quantity and price

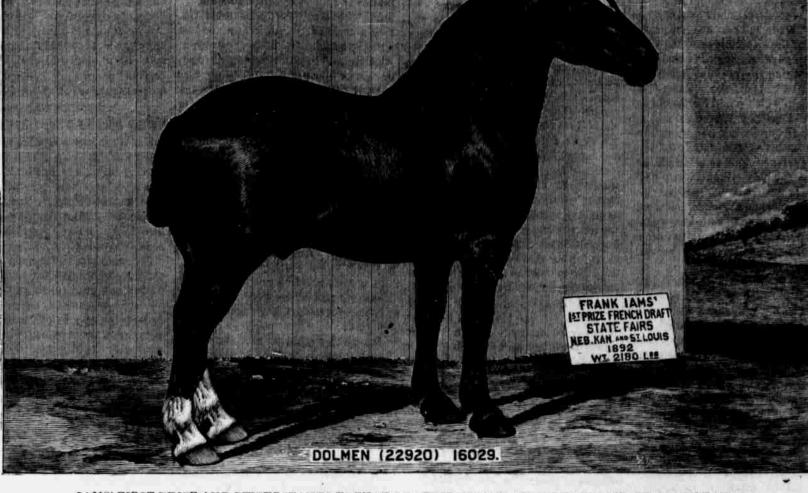
of moneys are controlled by the few. Not wishing to occupy too much of your valuable space I will remind our friend Todd that Shylock hated Antonio more for lending money out gratis than for teing a Christian.

Yours for just money. Palmyra, Neb. JOHN S. MAIBEN.

DOLLMEN" (22920) 16029.

## First Prize and Sweepstakes French Draft Stallion at Nebraska State Fair of '93.

Our third page illustration is of that magnificent French Draft stallion Dollmen, 5 years old, weight 2180 pounds, imported and owned by Frank Iams of St. Paul, Neb. He is a grand big flash draft horse of real quality and individual merit with the very best of feet and heavy, clean, hard flinty bone and of the right shape-with a great, massive, smooth body of the right kind and a very large, beautiful crest attached to a nice clean cut head with finely set ears-in fact he is a model draft horse and a show horse and a 1st winner ever since he was imported in '91. He won lat as a two-year-old at Kansas and Nebraska State fairs of '91, 1st as a three-year-old at Nebraska and great St. Louis fairs of '92, 1st and sweepstakes at Nebraska State fair of '93. He has never been defeated in the show ring, and he has a right to be a "big gun," as the Blue blood of winners courses his veins. His finely matured form with that roundness and symmetry of muscle se well developed and his flash style and grand dashing way of going make him the center of attraction in any show yard, and he richly deserves the ribbons and medals he has won, and without flattery he is a grand one from end to end, and he is a model brood horse also. Iams can show 18 months old colts that weigh 1600 pounds by this grand stallion, and they have been 1st prize winners at our State tair also. This is the type of draft horses to be found at "The Home of the Winners." Mr. Iams' horses won 45 out of 50 1st and 2d prizes at our late Nebraska State fair, and many of them over the "World's" fair winners. His horses won 6 sweepstakes prizes and the herd prize of \$200 for "best herd of draft horses" or about \$600 winnings at Nebraska State fair of '93. Mr. Iams has more black Percherons than all other importers in Nebraska and is second to none on French drafts, Clydes and Shires. He handles nothing but first class stock of gilt edge breeding and has more State prize winners in his barns than all other importers in Nebraska. His herses are all for sale, winners and all (he has no pets) and at prices that are within the reach of all good stockmen and from one to three years time at 5 per cent. interest, and lams pays the freight. Go and see Isms; he will treat you white and show think? It is apt to remined one of an not great enough or grand enough to you more first class draft horses than you can see at any other barns in Nebraska, and if you are a real buyer you will buy a topper of lams.



IAMS' FIRST PRIZE AND SWEEPSTAKES FRENCH DRAFTSTALLION AT NEBRASKA STATE FAIR OF 1893.

made up of newspaper writings, printed spired and infallible as Holy Writ, both documents, public meetings, &c. Then sections of the great secret ring in the printing of millions of tickets, their politics advise us to reform the old careful distribution at the polls. Every parties. It would be as vain as to reform hell, with old Beelzebut in the lead. A. B. Flack.

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ex-officio chairman of the central committee of his respective county; that the central committee of each of the several counties of this state shall be composed of such chairman and one person' selected from each township or precinct, in such county. And that such persons so selected from said townships and recincts shall be by virtue of their office, chairman of their respective town-hips or precincts and that such township or precinct committee shall be composed of such chairman and one member from each school district of said township or precinct. ex-officio chairman of the central committee

ship or precinct.

And we further recommend that all heads of committees be empowered to remove any member of their respective committees who neglect or refuse to at end to their respective

e further recommend that it, the selection of committeemen for the various committees herein provided for, none but efficient work rs be selected. We further recommend that the state central committee prepare suitable pellbooks to be used y the various committees herein contemplated to the end that a thorough the winding of the visit may be obknowledge of the vote of the state may be of

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We further recommend that in the next state valga, our at to central committee

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with the appointment of that committee willing to sell for a reasonable price. | and in it there was this broad state port of that committee.

written on the evening of January 4th, there had been a shadow of truth in enforced in the business world, and cannearly a day after the conference was your strictures of melt might have been not be, because of the impossibility of

It has already drawn unto it the best dictionary name of. He wants to play brain and best heart of the nation. It the superior and elder, and condescendhas stirred up the natures of men and ingly forgive and patronizingly rebuke women as they have not before been and warn us. We have smiled good stirred for a quarter of a century.

and grand enough Mr. Editor, that it phatically, the Omaha platform dees services were really required. But the make its principles the law of the landelephant does not know anything about |- EDITOR ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT. it, and goes on his way just the same as though that particular antemire had The Only Remedy for the Usury or never had being.

So far as the recommendation in ques | Editor ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT: tion is concerned, I think it has nothing All that was intended, in my opinion, advocate a paternal government after preceding the last, which you published which I think was an admirable one, phrase "paternal," is highly misleading last week and to which you seem to ob- and to put forward a few well-defined in as much as all governments are based with the other recommendations, and the words, government control of rall- in governmental regulations, the more roads. And even in that case I believe certain they are to contain mischievous Now as to my part in the above. You that rigid government control is the tendencies. seem to insinuate that I had some mys only pathway to the government owner- Allow me to lay before your readers say, that I had absolutely nothing to do telegraph companies who will then be appeared in the Nebraska State Journal

absolutely nothing to do with the action | Taken all in all, it really seems to me | ment in relation to usury: of that committee, and absolutely noth- that you have tried to make a mountain "But it is actorious enough that, ex ing to do with the adoption of the re- out of a mole hill. It looks as though cept in cases where no interest is speci you wanted to attack some one and took fled, that the usury lass are dead lot-My letter to the Monconformist was the first opportunity that offered. If ters. Whether just or not, they are not lover. I reported the matter briefly different. But there was not. What law to reach intelligent men who are O St.

naturedly, and printed it all. In reply The Omaha platform is great enough to his one question, we say most emhardly needs such frantic efforts from need to be worked for, and fought for if you to shield and protect it, do you need be, by every honest man. It is antemire trying to defend an elephant. propagate its own truths, or defend The antemire's intentions are good, and itself when attacked. An occasional he works just as hard as though his panegyric is not all that it needs to

## The use of tobacco in any form if you Interest Evil.

In your issue of the 18th, I see a comout of line with the Omaha platform; munication from L. G. Todd, that seems and, knowing the members of the com- in my humble opinion to contain a mittee which drafted it, as I do, I feel fallacy. It is in his remarks about the justified in saying that not a single one loaning of moneys by the general govern of them intended that it should have, ment; and in emphasizing his objection the same to be made israeig on state traues.

And we further recommend that said committee prepare and compile all statistics and facts necessary to piace in the hands of speakers and others for such purpose.

That conference had no power to amend to this idea he concludes his remarks of NO-TO-B with this sentence: "It will be time to speakers and others for such purpose.

All that was intended, in my opinion, advocate a paternal government after I distinctly remember that the clause | was to adopt a plan of reorganization, first maintaining a just one." This ject, was, on demand of several in the principles on which we should make more-or-less on the paternal principle of conference, read the second time, and our fight; and I think that is also ad regulation in social circles, and the was then unanimously adopted along mirable, with the single exception of further they recede from this principle

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