

# THE FRONTIER.

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"You must not make an idol of J. P. Mullen."—J. P. Mullen in the Independent Convention.

"If we are to cling to the old parties we might as well tear down our school houses, burn our churches and write on the vault of heaven, 'Satan has triumphed over God,' and turn all the imps of hell loose on our country."—J. W. Edgerton in a speech at Kearney.

THE platform of a candidate for a judicial office should be the constitution, the law and the solemn oath of office that he takes. The oath of office implies the duty of administering the law truly and impartially between the rich and the poor, between the high and low, between the poorest and humblest citizen and the richest and wealthiest corporations.—Judge A. M. Post in his speech of acceptance.

VOTE for Barrett Scott, the farmer's friend.

A VOTE for Ed. Butler is a vote for good government.

If there ever was a right man for the right place, that man is Ed. Butler.

In the heat of this political campaign, THE FRONTIER warns the people to keep their eye-glasses turned toward O'Neill.

VOTE the Republican ticket from top to bottom if you desire to rebuke calamity howlers and vilifiers of our state and county.

MR. MULLEN, stand up! Why did you knowingly take from the county \$3 per day for your services as supervisor, when the law plainly stated that you should only receive \$2?

VOTERS, see that your vote is properly prepared before you deposit it in the ballot box. Remember if it is scratched or mutilated in any way, the judges are compelled by law to throw it out.

It behooves the voters of Holt county to look the matter squarely in the face before they cast their ballots. The Republican ticket will gain votes if the voters give the matter their careful consideration.

ATKINSON Enterprise: The opposition of the republican papers to Mullen is largely personal. At several stages of his career as supervisor, it has fallen to the lot of Mr. Mullen to stretch forth his hand to protect the county treasury from these looters. Every official act of his has been in the interest of the taxpayer. They hate him because of his honesty.

THE FRONTIER invites the attention of newspapers to our article in this issue headed "Mullen's Salary." It comes to light that at several stages in Mullen's career as supervisor, he knowingly took more pay from the county than he was entitled to. THE FRONTIER does not, as the Enterprise insinuates, hate an honest man. THE FRONTIER believes that an honest man is the noblest work of our Creator.

THE articles contributed to THE FRONTIER this week and last upon the money question contain many facts that can not fail to interest and benefit the people even if they do not agree with the statements. But any one acquainted with history can hardly have the effrontery to question the statement of facts, however much they may differ with the writer on the financial question. There are a great many vagaries and wild statements at variance with facts indulged in by Independents in discussing this financial question, but they are no more erroneous than many other of the statements made by these calamity howlers. When they learn the truth there is grave doubt in the minds of many as to whether they will recognize it or not, so it will not be surprising if we are treated to another dose of the same kind of rot in future issues of the A. T.

O'NEILL Sun: The Sun says that Mullen induced Cruise to withdraw. Many Democrats are of the opinion that it was Jo Bartley, in the interest of Scott, who got Cruise to pull off.

But the editor of the Sun is not of that opinion.

Listen to this: The day Cruise announced that he had withdrawn, Mr. McHugh, editor of the Sun, was at the court house in O'Neill and while there had a short conversation with Mr. J. S. Weekes, deputy treasurer, concerning the political situation. Mr. Weekes said: "I understand that there is a vacancy on the Democratic ticket. It would seem that Mr. Cruise had sold out the entire Democratic party to Mr. Mullen." "That's just exactly what he has done," said Mr. McHugh.

And still the editor of the Sun is endeavoring to saddle the responsibility of Cruise's withdrawal onto the Republican leaders.

## MR. HAZELET'S LETTER.

Much to the surprise and discontent of the Independent newspapers of Holt county, THE FRONTIER last week published in full Mr. Hazelet's letter to the Republican voters of the county. The Independent editors were engaged last week in the amusing role of winking at each other and writing fraternal letters back and forth, telling how they "would fix 'em" in the next issues. They published Mr. Hazelet's letter, which, by the way, was furnished them by M. F. Harrington, through one of his henchmen, and called upon their readers to witness the gall of the writer and read the lies he had written.

The Tribune, which is supposed to speak officially for Mullen, Harrington, Watson & Co., says:

You know that the circular from beginning to end, except, "We must win this fall in order to carry the state in 1892, and 'All depends on good honest work by each Republican in the county' is a political falsehood.

THE FRONTIER challenges the Tribune or any other newspaper in Holt county to prove wherein there is a single falsehood in that letter. Every identical assertion made by Mr. Hazelet is a matter of political record which is patent to every observing man. Of course the letter was not supposed to be a very satisfactory dose for the Independents to swallow, but THE FRONTIER doubts very much that Mr. Hazelet had the health of the Independent party under consideration when he mixed the medicine.

The simple fact of the matter is this: The letter was a first-class political document, and THE FRONTIER recognized its usefulness in this campaign immediately upon seeing a copy. The Tribune deliberately falsifies when it says that it has in its possession a dozen or more of the letters received from disgruntled Republicans. THE FRONTIER knows exactly where that one came from. It is cunningly dated "Inman, Neb.," but that date is about as near right as the Tribune ever gets at anything.

## Financial Conspiracies.

From the Omaha Bee:  
Senator Sherman has felt called upon to take public notice of a document issued in the interest of the People's party of Ohio, which cites seven events in the financial history of the country since 1860 that are declared to have been conspiracies. As like views are held by the supporters of the new political movement everywhere, their treatment by Senator Sherman is of general application. One of the alleged conspiracies is the contraction of the currency, and in reply to this Senator Sherman presents figures showing that in 1860, with a population of 31,000,000, the total amount of all the money in circulation was \$485,000,000, half of which was money of variable and changing value, while now, with a population of 62,000,000, we have in circulation \$1,500,000,000 "every dollar of which is as good as gold, all kinds equal to each other, passing from hand to hand and paid out as good money, not only in the United States, but among all the commercial countries of the world." While our population has only doubled our money has increased nearly fourfold. Another of the so called conspiracies was the refunding of the national debt, a process which Senator Sherman says is regarded by all intelligent statesmen as a measure of the highest value, and its results were in the interest of the people of the United States. Of course the alleged demonetization of silver was also a "conspiracy," although the record clearly shows that the silver legislation of 1873 was as free from anything of the nature of conspiracy as any ever enacted by congress. Senator Sherman cites the well known facts in the monetary history of silver in this country down to the enactment of the existing law, and says: "In spite of all, and growing out of the increased supply of silver and the cheapening processes of its production it is going down in the market and is only maintained at par with gold by the fiat of the different governments coinage it." Resumption of specie payments was another "conspiracy," a measure which Senator Sherman justly says is the glory and pride of the people of the United States, since it enabled this government to obtain a higher credit among the nations than it had ever before enjoyed and to maintain it unquestioned.

Reference to the other so-called financial conspiracies is unnecessary to show the spirit and the quality of intelligence dominating the People's party. Its ill-informed and visionary leaders can see no merit in the financial legislation which has made the United States the most flourishing and prosperous nation in the world, and as far as possible would undo it, had they the power, and substitute a policy which would in time reduce the country to the financial condition of the Argentine Republic. It is high testimony to the intelligence and patriotism of the people that this party is everywhere on the decline.

## The Public Debt.

From the Business Men's Journal.  
The public debt of the United States was reduced \$26,000,000 during September. The interest bearing debt of the nation is now less than \$600,000,000—the lowest it has been since 1862. The extension of the four per cent bonds at two per cent, gives the United States the highest credit ever attained by any nation in the world.

## SHORT LINE SALE.

Garretson's Agent Bids \$2,000,000 and Gets the Road.

## THE NEW ORGANIZATION.

Sioux City, O'Neill & Western Is the Name of the Road—O'Neill People are Jubilant—Notes.

At 11 o'clock last Friday morning the Pacific Short Line railroad was sold by Receiver Bierbower to A. S. Garretson and Geo. M. Mickersham, who are trustees for the owners of the road's bonds, the consideration being \$2,000,000.

The sale occurred in Omaha and attracted quite a number of railroad people from Chicago, Sioux City and New York.

In regard to the steps that have been taken to bring about this result, which is very satisfactory to Sioux City and O'Neill, the Journal of the 24th has the following statement from one of Mr. Garretson's intimate associates:

"When the road went into the receiver's hands the New York stockholders were divided into two factions. It was necessary for Mr. Garretson first to unify these and secure their support. This he accomplished, and succeeded in buying at 50 cents on the dollar the bonds that Donald McLean had sold at 66 cents. Thus he secured the entire amount of \$2,588,000 worth of bonds that had been issued for about half their face value, or something like \$1,290,000.

"But in addition to the bonded debt there was outstanding a considerable amount of claims against the property. Of these he secured various waivers pending the sale, and was able to bid on the road without making the cash deposit to secure them. Yesterday after the sale he settled with practically all the claimants through their attorneys, paying from 25 to 50 per cent. of the face of the claims. For the claim of E. P. Reynolds & Co. and some minor ones he gave a bond. The Reynolds claim will not be held worth a dollar in the opinion of attorneys. Thus he gets the road free from all incumbrance for about \$1,450,000. Bonded at \$18,000 per mile, as it will be, it will represent \$2,294,000, or \$844,800 more than it cost him. And the gentlemen who are well acquainted with the details of the transaction say that his profits will be in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. The profit represents the investments of stockholders in stock that is not worth the franchise on which it is printed, the decrease of 15 per cent. in the price of the bonds from the time Donald McLean sold them till Mr. Garretson bought them, and the discounts on the outstanding claims.

"The purchase of the road by Mr. Garretson and Mr. Whickersham as trustees is merely a formality. Mr. Garretson owned every dollar's worth of bonds and could have bought the road outright in his own name. Mr. Whickersham represents eastern capital that stands ready to interest itself in the road when it is reorganized."

In speaking of the prospects of the road, Mr. Garretson said to a party of newspaper men:

"The road will be operated in connection with the Sioux City & Northern as a Lake Superior line. It seems to me it is just as important for Sioux City and the territory west of it to have lines to the Atlantic seaboard to the north of and independent of the Chicago lines as for Omaha and Kansas City to have lines to the south of Chicago. Independence of the Chicago lines is the important feature. The Short Line will be the first road in Nebraska to connect with the lake route, and the state is to be congratulated on this fact. The new route will be of great advantage to the country through which it runs and to Sioux City."

"Can you tell us anything at this time about the plans for extending the road?"

"I don't care to talk of that just now. The road will be incorporated under a new name, which is not yet fully decided on. The incorporators of the new company will probably be Sioux City and Northern men, but when it is organized some names new to Sioux City and its railroad and financial interests will be found among its officers and directors. They will be the names of eastern men who are strong financially and will bring strength to the company. The road will be extended ultimately to some point in central Nebraska to connect with the Burlington & Missouri line, probably at Dunning."

## The New Organization.

The Sioux City, O'Neill & Western is the new name by which the Short Line will be known.

O'Neill is proud of this new name; not that the Pacific Short Line was at all inappropriate, but the new name has a suggestion of greater importance and brings O'Neill more prominently before the railroad world.

As to the operations of the new Sioux City, O'Neill & Western none of the arrangements have been announced except that Superintendent J. C. Coombs will stay with the road. Mr. Coombs has had charge of the road under the

receiver and has made an excellent record. His administration has been careful, conservative and economical, and even before he was informed that the new company would like to retain his services he had an offer of a position with a road out west. He will remain in Sioux City, however, and is understood will be superintendent of the consolidated lines.

## The Advertising Train.

FORT WAYNE IND.; OCT. 20, 1891.

Mr. Editor: As I represent Holt county on the Nebraska exhibition train I wish to make a report to your readers of my trip thus far. Upon my arrival at Omaha on the evening of Oct. 18, I found everything being pushed to completion in the arrangement and decoration of the exhibit. Work in arranging the Holt county exhibit completed the story of the day and landed us past the hours of midnight. Wednesday was a repetition of the same story. At 9 a. m. Thursday, Oct. 15, the train was made up and pulled into the union depot when the exhibition cars were thrown open to the public. Large crowds thronged to see and wonder at the excellence of the exhibit. Even the delegates who came in with the exhibits from the several counties wondered when they saw the aggregate collection. At 8 p. m. the train moved out of the station and sped away on its swing of thirty days around the circle. A twenty minutes stop at Red Oak, Iowa, for supper, and our journey was resumed landing us at Peoria, Ill., at 7:30 a. m., Oct. 16. The train was put on exhibition during the forenoon and at 1 p. m. we pulled out for Galesburg where we remained over night. At 8 a. m., Oct. 17 our train made the run from Galesburg to Chicago, stopping at Galva, Kewanee and Earlville, reaching Chicago at 8 p. m.

In the crowds that thronged to see Nebraska's great exhibit, we met many who inquire after friends in Nebraska. At nearly every point where we have made stops the crowds have been immense. The success of our mission is assured. We have undertaken to show our eastern neighbors what Nebraska is by the unmistakable evidence of her products. They see and are convinced. A party came around at Galva, Ill., to the Holt county exhibit several different times, making inquiries each time and apparently in deep study until the last round his face had cleared up and he told me he already owned a piece of land south of O'Neill and proposed to own several tracts more in Holt county before six months passed by. The "exhibition" had done its work in his case as it will in thousands of others. Sunday, Oct. 18, was spent in Chicago and we undertook to represent Nebraska worthily by sending a strong delegation to the morning service at Dr. Swing's church. The sermon was a masterly statement of evident truths delivered with no attempt at oratory, its whole power lying in its thought and in the consciousness of its language. Outside the press no one was admitted to the exhibition cars during our stay in Chicago. Monday, Oct. 19, our run was from Chicago to Plymouth, Ind. with a stop at Valparaiso. Although the rain fell steadily all day the hoosiers turned out in great shape to see "Nebraska on Wheels" and gave the boys a run that made them feel like carrying their chins in a sling.

Tuesday, Oct. 20, we run from Plymouth to Fort Wayne Ind., with stops at Bourbon, Warsaw and Columbia City. Fair weather, big crowds and hard work characterized the day. Indiana will not come to Holt county en masse but we may reasonably expect a sprinkling of hoosiers. They are thinking hard about big crops and undeveloped resources. After nearly a week's acquaintance with our party I feel like saying that it is made up of men calculated to reflect credit upon the state they represent. The dignity, the enterprise the sociability of Nebraska people is represented in a way it cannot be misunderstood. Each is proud of his state and proud of his exhibit, and it is doubtful whether any of our party, however bright his future career, will count any honor greater than that of having been one of the first delegates sent by Nebraska to her sister states in the east with the products to prove the greatness of her resources. Too much cannot be said in praise of the "State Business Men's association" of Nebraska, under whose management our train is run. The interests of our business men and our farmers are mutual, and in this enterprise the business men are recognizing and advancing the interests of the farmers with their own. Especial credit is due R. F. Hodkin, general secretary, to whose executive ability we are indebted for much of the success of our trip. Very Truly,  
JOSEPH STURDEVANT.

## Edgerton on Grammar.

From the Omaha Bee.

If anybody still doubts Edgerton's want of a common school education let him observe the way his verbs get mixed up in the following extracts from a verbatim report of his speech: "Us fellows that is talking this reform movement." "When the farmer was paying their taxes." "If the government is wrong the people is wrong." "Then she done what we demand." "There is several to speak today." "Two bills was introduced." "There is a few roads." "Attacking the candidates." "My enemies has circulated the report."

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