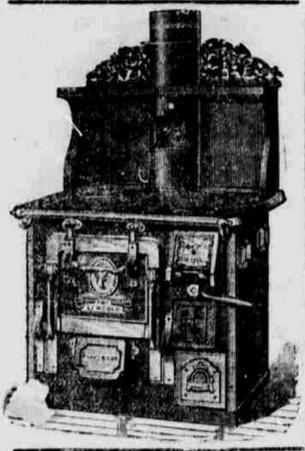


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The Best Range Ever Offered for the Money!  
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44-inch Storm Serges, regular price 60c, this week 49c.  
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All wool fancy dress flannels, this week 24c.  
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**Cotton Flannels.**

4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8½c, 10c, 12½c, and 15c.

Buy now and Save Money.

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Boys' Scotch Caps 15c.  
A job in Men's and Boys' 50c, 60c, 65c and 75c, to close out at 35c.

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Table Oil Cloths, Duck Coats, Live-Geese Feathers.

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Buy this week:  
\$3.50 10-4 All wool \$3.13  
4.50 10-1 " " 3.99  
5.00 " " " 4.50  
5.50 11-4 " " 4.95  
6.50 11-4 " " 5.85  
8.00 11-4 " " 7.20

**Prints.**

1 Case Standard Print, worth 6c are this week

43-4c Per Yard.

**Lamps.**

\$1.50 Lamp with Shade \$1.20  
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1 bale L.L. Muslin, worth today 5½c to 6c, this week

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**STATE WARRANTS.**

Few people who never investigated, and who have not been in position to learn of their own knowledge, understand how state warrants are manipulated by certain banks and note shavers in Lincoln, and the state and the people robbed.

For instance, you have a claim against the state for goods or services rendered. With your voucher properly signed you go to the auditor and get a state warrant. When presented to the treasurer he places his signature upon it and informs you that he has no money to pay it with but you can probably get it cashed in Lincoln by discounting it one, two, three or five per cent. You take it to certain banks or to the lieutenant governor who shaves it as suits him best and gives you the cash. The warrant is then taken to the treasury and registered, and draws 7 per cent interest until redeemed.

When presented to the treasury for payment the owner of the warrant is informed that the county assessments have not been paid in and he has no money to cash the warrants yet it is asserted by men who profess to know that the treasurer is furnishing state money to shave warrants with, getting a share in the profits and in the interest which accrues upon these warrants.

Two per cent shaved from \$200,000 in warrants is a snug little sum to take from the pockets of merchants and laborers who serve the state and add to this 7 per cent interest for two, four or six months and the parties to the deal are doing a lucrative business at the people's expense. Is it any wonder the old republican ring is loth to let go the state machine which has become so well oiled and manipulated by these old ringsters for the past twenty-five years that it almost runs itself? Is it not time to turn the rascals out and give honest government a show, and the taxpayers an opportunity to get justice? Honest republicans will certainly not longer condone such official acts.

**THE MODERN TRAMP.**

Time was when to be a tramp was considered a sin and a disgrace. When the epidemic first struck the country away back in the 60's it was largely the restless, roving intemperate class who took to tramping and there was little excuse or sympathy for them. Following the great financial depression of '73, when factories were closed, merchants driven to the wall and the labor market practically closed to willing hands the list was extended and honest tradesmen, sturdy yeomen and hitherto successful merchants joined the ranks which have gradually increased in numbers for the past twenty years. But during the financial depression from 1892 up to the present time the number has increased so steadily and so rapidly that it has ceased to be a matter of much comment. It takes in such a varried class of citizens—merchants, lawyers, doctors, preachers, tradesmen and farmers—that to be a tramp now has lost its odium. It is such a common thing now days for the sheriff to turn the key against the industrious merchant or frugal tradesman because of lack of business and lack of work that it has become semi respectable to be classed as a tramp. It is such a common thing to see the former prosperous merchant, laborer and professional man occupying the same box car in their fruitless search for employment or vainly waiting for that wave of prosperity to strike them, that it has really become fashionable to be classed as a tramp. And there is no telling how soon the merchant, professional man or laborer, who complains of hard times and nothing to do, will have the key turned against them and they join this great army.

But these men are not to be pitied; they got just what they voted for. For years they have followed the behests of a lot of political pirates, and never stopped to think for themselves. They voted to place the finances of the country in the hands of an eastern and foreign money tyrant; they have voted for national banks, gold standard and interest bearing bonds. They have voted to destroy the manufacturing and commercial interests of the country

and to build up a moneyed oligarchy that is putting the sheriff on their track and making homeless tramps and paupers of honest, industrious men. Will they continue this policy; will the practical, sensible business and laboring man continue to vote in power the gang that has wrought so much disaster until the whole country goes down in the sea of bankruptcy?

The populist cause in the twelfth judicial district is booming in every sense. It is generally conceded that W. L. Greene will be elected judge and his majority is placed at no less than 1,000.

Gold standard or "over production" has placed the price of corn at 11 to 15 cents in Nebraska, and this after two or three failures of crops. How is the farmer to pay his taxes, interest, store bills and mortgage at such prices?

One dollar will pay for this paper from now until January 1, 1897. During the coming presidential year the INDEPENDENT will be manned by some of the ablest editorial talent in the United States and you cannot afford to be without it. Subscribe now and induce your neighbor to.

It is claimed by some that the B. & M. is not in the present campaign to any great extent, neither state or local. That last year the strikers carried on such a reckless, boodle campaign that eastern and foreign stock holders have called a halt to such high-handed bribery and corporation as too expensive and pernicious.

WHAT did the people of Lincoln gain by electing a liberal republican city government last spring? The city is overrun with questionable characters, officers have been hauled out of bawdy houses in a drunken maudlin state, councilmen been found in colored dens of vice, the treasury looted by robber contracts and vice and crime have had their own way. The masses of the republican party are decent, respectable people and we doubt if they will endorse such a conduct of affairs by their vote this fall.

The people are mad. That wave of prosperity which John Sherman promised them would follow the demonetization of silver has failed to appear. They are poor and in debt, and their business, and their homes going to the bow-wows—is it any wonder they are mad? The republican and democratic parties have been making promises for years which they never fulfilled. If you want to make the average American citizen mad just lie to him a few times and let him catch you at it.

We are told by the plutocrats that the distress of the people cannot be relieved by legislation. If this is true why do they want legislation? Why did they ask to be relieved from the income tax? Why did they ask for the demonetization of silver? Why do they ask to be free from taxation on their bonds? Why do they ask the exclusive privilege of issuing paper money? Why do they ask for franchises that are worth millions of dollars? why do they keep a horde of paid lobbyists at our national and state legislatures to influence legislation? But we might sum the whole thing up in one question. Why do they lie?

ATTORNEY GENERAL CHURCHILL, in a letter to Gov. Holcomb gives his opinion that the warden has no right to charge for services rendered in returning paroled or escaped convicts to the prison or taking remanded convicts to and from the prison for trial; that his salary as warden is all that he is entitled to except for money actually expended. As the records show that the ex warden has made various exorbitant charges along this line not authorized by law, would it not now be proper for the attorney general, in execution of his sworn duty to bring suit in the name of the state to recover any money wrongfully taken in this way and have such punishment inflicted as would meet the exigencies of the case? In rendering this decision to the governor Mr. Churchill seems to have put somebody's foot in a trap.

**Grandma Thayer.**

General Thayer's speech to the voters of the Fourth ward Tuesday night, is a moral curiosity, and is a fit epitome of the conscience of a political party hardened through corruption and iniquity carried on through a series of years of office holding uninterrupted by the breaking in of any other party, until within the last few years the populists succeeded in making a break in the line.

According to Thayer's speech, the cardinal doctrine of the republican party seems to be that a Nebraska state official exists for the sole purpose of drawing a salary and making as much money out of the taxpayers as possible.

The question of serving the state does not seem to be at all considered.

His chief grievance against Judge Maxwell seems to be that after Judge Maxwell had received \$9000 for able service rendered to the state the Judge had bolted the republican party, and had been guilty of ingratitude, as though the members of that party had paid Judge Maxwell's salary out of their own pockets.

The query comes in here, where, in the republican scheme of things do the people with their votes and tax paying powers come in? The people of the state evidently don't exist from the republican standpoint.

He says that "the republican who votes against his ticket is a moral traitor."

What if the republican ticket is composed of such men as Mosher, Hill, Dorgan and others of that ilk, of penitentiary defalcation and insane asylum "steals" fame.

He says "The nominees of our party have a moral right to demand of every republican his vote."

Is that according to the principle of "honor among thieves?"

But perhaps the funniest part of Thayer's address was where he appealed to voters to vote for Sam Low because "Sam Low is a poor man."

No question of qualification for service seems to enter into Thayer's mind. These are his literal words "let Elias Baker step down and out and let Sam Low a poor man, step in". We remember in the course of our experience a man who was appointed superintendent of a certain institution. He was really half witted, and was removed for incapacity. Those who recommended his appointment were asked why they did so.

The answer was "O, he was so poor, and he was such a good Sunday school teacher".

The really extraordinary part of Thayer's speech is where he said that "it was stated that E. Baker has built a nice house this last season, but he did not build it till the last year of his term of office."

Now let Sam Low take the position of district clerk and I pledge you my word he will build as good a house the first year of his office and I pledge you my word, also, that before the end of his first term, he will have built two houses as good as Baker's. Give him a chance.

Does Thayer mean to say that Sam Low's capacity for making money out of his office will be triple the capacity of Baker?

Thayer charges some of the best men in the state with having bolted the republican ticket because they wanted more office. Might it not be that these men bolted the ticket because the consciences of these men would not allow them to affiliate with men who showed such moral turpitude and want of public conscience as that exhibited by Thayer in his speech to the voters of the Fourth ward? Will some republican please tell us how old Thayer is?

Perhaps that will account for his speech.

Parties who receive the INDEPENDENT this week in only four pages we would say that it is only for this week that the size is reduced. We have put out a large extra issue and reduce the size to reduce expense.

The conservative republicans of this county already on the quiet concede that John Trompen is badly beaten and that Sam Low is probably beaten. So here you are, not a republican can be found ready to bet a cent on the election of either Trompen or Low.