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Omaha is in Nebraska. Senator Al len stands up for all Nebraska. As a result Omaha has an Indian supply de-

It is rather a sad commentary on curonly \$11,000,000. Poor fellow!

There is something to continually is the probability of an extra session.

The reason why the eastern press has not generally jumped onto western "lunatic" legislatures, is because they are busy attending to their own idiotic assemblies.

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The house of representatives of the state of Minnesota has passed a memorial to congress in favor of the government ownership of railroads. Populism is invading the state of Minnesota.

Braun, in the Iconoclast says that the eason people go barefooted is because ere is an over production of shoes, and the people go hungry and ragged because there is too much stuff grown and clothes made.

We believe in a diversity of industries. If you are not having good success with your butter making, write to C. E. Kittenger at Powell, South Dakota, for instructions in making cheese. You will find that cheese making will pay you more money than butter making.

The oil inspector has at last secured an office. He has two small rooms on the first floor of the capitol building. Mr. Edmisten has had the walls papered, the floor carpeted and the radiators painted. Though it is small there is not a neater or better kept office in the capbuilding.

Last week's issue of the Petersburg index is devoted to the interests of Petersburg and Boone county. It is an excellent production. It shows enterprise on the Part of the publishers. The entire county will reap the reward. Anyone interested in Boone county property should write for a copy of the May 13 issue of the Index.

If it be true, as was urged in the house debate on the supply depot location, that goods can be shipped to western Indian reservations more chesply from Chicago than from Omaha, the very pertinent question suggests itself, why is this so?—Bee.

Railroad monopoly. How would it do to have the government own the railroads and operate them in the interests of all the people?

Keep up your populist organizations. The populist party has brought forth all of the principles that are so fast gaining favor with the people. It is a party of originality and progress. The welfare of the state and nation demands that its organization be maintained separate and distinct from all other organizations. Its field is the entire United States. Under the populist banner there is no north, no south. There is no sectional feeling to hamper its growth. It surely triumph.

Senator Butler in a speech in the United States senate anid "Railway monopolies were the most powerful and effentive allies of the gold trust in the last compaign. The transportation monopoly and the money monopoly are the twin parents of all other combines and trusts." We agree, And the only po-The reverament should issue all the and should operate the railroads the interest of all the people. Item

SHUTS OUT COUNTRY BOYS.

The decision of the supremecourt hold ing the free high school law invalid makes it necessary for the educational authorities to make some arrangement by which the children living in the country districts shall have the same opportunity for schooling that is accorded to the residents of the cities. As the law formerly existed the graduation from eighth grade classes in any school entitled the graduate pupil to enter the free high school and prepare himself to enter the State University, without cost except for books and living expenses. Since the free high school law has been held invalid those pupils who do not live in a high school district must pay tuition for three years while preparing to enter the university. County superintendent on the matter says:

"What the decision means is just this," if anyone is so fortunate as to live in a town where there is a high school, he can get a high school tuition free and prepare himself for college at the public expense. If he doesn't live within these towns he can pay at least \$50 for tuition besides the other expenses for three years. It means that the poor boys in the country cannot go to the high schools."

There is only one way the matter can be satisfactorily adjusted. The preparatory department to the State University should be restored. This has only been abandoned within the last two years. course conducted with university funds such a school is not very great for the reason that the same skill is not required of instructors in that department as is apologetic surprise that Havemeyer left can be procured at correspondingly less not the larmers of this state the heaviest taxpayers? And are their sons and worry our republican brethren. The daughters not entitled to the same latest responsibility they have assumed opportunities to secure an education as those more fortunate residents of the

The next meeting of the board of regents is in the early part of June. Those intererested should see that some definite action is taken in restoring the preparatory department.

In the educational system of the stat there should be no favored few.

REBABILITATION OF THE SULTAN

There is a hitch in the program of the be convicted of contempt. The trust European concert. Under the caption officials were able to secure the signa-"The Concert Pays the Piper." The Chi- tures of all of the senators who were cago Times-Herald has this to say relative to the situation:

Greece has been humiliated, beaten in battle, coerced by the powers, and now, without a rag to cover her neakedness, brought every pressure they could to appears to sue for peace. It seemed so ensy a few weeks ago to say that when president. The real object was not so powers perceive that they must deal with an aroused, bloodthirsty Islam, more difficult to control and infinitely more dangerous than Greece could be Having waited two days without securing the help of the disconcerted concert

even the correspondents at Athens possess—and this to imagine the super-natural—to guess the consequences of a refusal on the part of Turkey to abandon the war at the solicitation of the powers. The fear has always been, not of a collision between Greece and Turkey but of the disturbing of the balance that was so nicely adjusted twenty years ago on this peninsula. It is one thing, as we have said, to survey a war between the two nations with imperturbability, another to put the bit on a victorious oriental army, inflamed with religious

zeal and in possession of a territory long held by their master. The rehabilitation of the sultan has been one of the most marvelous exhibitions in modern history. Two months ago he was the worst execrated ruler in the world. He was in as great danger deposition by foreign powers. Today he has regained all the confidence of his people and is as much feared as he was hated in western Europe. He holds the "peace of Europe" in his hands and it is a treasure to which he is more than in-

Greece may be utterly humiliated; she is now drinking the dregs of disappointment. But if her people feel any satisaction in revenge for insult and slight, they must know that they have stripped the Turkish question to the core and forced the powers to face it, whether they wish to or not.

SMOKELESS FURNACES. Dunn & Co. in their weekly review of

trade for last week say: "Several furnaces, especially those pro-

ducing foundry iron, have stopped production for this month." Six monthsago the great manufactur-

ers in the east were threatening to close the furnaces and stop production if Bry- its way into the state treasury. on was elected. They asserted that McKinley held the key to prosperity and is the party of the plain people and will was a campaign of deceit from begin ning to end. Many of those manufact Independent is willing to accord to tion. They knew before election that posal of "government by injunction" cates the government ownership of both, had an axcase for failing. We do not to them the grandeur of the nation, Kinley's election. They are the result of put.

the existing conditions of trust monopoly, and an iniquitous financial system. which McKinley stands pledged to maintain. There are more "smokeless chimneve" in the United States to-day than ever before. The American people were frightened and doceived at the last election. It cannot be done again.

It is sometimes urged against the government ownership of railroads that the employes would all be a part of a great army to serve to keep a political party in power indefinitely. When it is renembered that the rail-road corporations of the country went into politics in the last campaign with a pernicious activity unparalleled, hning up solidly with the gold trust against the people, it is evident that the argument along Baer of Lancaster county in commenting that line against government ownership is not well taken. If the government operated the railroads one political party would have the same facilities for transportation as another. The mail for one political party in the last campaign was distributed with practically the same promptness as for the other. There are exceptions though not many. The United States postal clerks were not nearly so active in the support of the gold standard as were the clerks and employes of the railroads. Their position did not depend upon their polities and among railroad employes in It consisted of a two years preparatory many cases it did. The government is usually just in its treatment of its paat the State University. The expense of trons. It costs a populist no more to send a letter than a republican. If the government operated the railroads it would cost a populist no less and no list party on the question of Cubambibrent opinion when the public express s required in the university proper and they more to travel a mile than it would cost erty. He declared that the government any other man. There would be less should have a little more humanity and salaries. And what if it did cost? Are politics in every department than at Americanism and look less at the compresent. The railroad legislative lobby would be known only in history. The benefits to be derived are innumerable.

> Broker Chapman of New York was convicted in a United States court, of contempt of the senate in refusing to answer questions propounded by the sugar trust investigating committee. The court passed a very light sentence thirty days in jail, not nearly so severe as the sentence of Eugene V. Debs. The members of the sugar trust took the matter up and urged that the president pardon him, as be was the first to members of the committee before which Mr. Chapman refused to testify, except Senator Allen. Armed with this they secure the pardon of Chapman by the plead in the same manner and secure the release of Havemeyer and Searles, the president and secretary of the sugar same charge under which Chapman was Greece apparently seeks suicide rather than suffer lingering death at the hands of an unappeasable enemy.
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> It will require greater wisdom than been punished for the violation of a new law the same as for the violation of an old law. Trust officials should be treated in the same manner. President McKinley has shown his political wisdom in refusing to interfere in Chapman's be-

The populist state auditor is making a good record in the collection of fees. He took the office January 8 and to May 15 inclusive had taken in \$14,236 .-50 and placed the same to the credit of the state of Nebraska. The receipts in the past have amounted to only about \$16,000 to \$17,000 annually: or only \$2,000 or \$3,000 more than the receipts of assassination by his subjects as of of the last four months and a half. It is the more surprising that the receipts should be so large when it is remembered that many of the old line insurance companies have either withdrawn from this state or have greatly reduced the number of agents which they have employed. Each agent is required to get a license from the auditor for which a fee of \$2.00 is charged. Consequently the receipts should be less instead of more. The mutual insurance companies are getting the business that formerly went to the old line companies. As a result they do not find business in this state as profitable as formerly. So long as they continue to transact business in this state the present auditor and his insurance deputy will see to it that they pay the fees required, and comply with the law in every particular. This is not all. The money collected for the fees will find business. If an insurance company can-

If the proposed mobilization of the that with his election they would at regular soldiers and national guards at it can pay cash it ought to do so and once increase their capacity and employ Omaha and Council Bluffs, during the save the state time, trouble, and expense the idle thousands. Their campaign 1898 exposition will give to those towns any great amount of satisfaction, THE tories , that were loudest in their denum them all they can get out of it. If it ciations of Bryan and most liberal in serves no other purpose, it will give to their contributions to the Hanna cor- the people of the west a chance to see ruption fund, have closed since the elec- one of the weapons which is at the dethey were on the verge of bankruptcy judges and presidents of the United highest point rached before was in 1892 and that their failure was certain. They States who are in sympathy with corvoted to continue the system that was parations. While the flags which will Meserve says that he will have the so but working their rain. Is it strange float over the encampment may serve to movey on hand to meet the payments litical party that proposes an adequate that they fail? Of course if Bryan had quicken the pulses of the patriotic youth promptly. remedy is the populist party. It adeas been elected they all would have heve the sight of the soldiers will not teach charge that the bank failures, shut when they recall to what base uses the been insisting that old accounts due the downs and bankrupteles are due to Me. federal and state troops are some times state from several different counties bee

Populists should appreciate the work done by their representatives in both houses of the national congress. They have not let an opportunity pass to show how populist beliefs, if enacted into law, of prosperity is well known. But it is would give relief to many of the abuses of the day. Such work must have its effect in time. One of the last of these instances is the passing of a resolution through the senate, by Senator Butler, calling upon the state department to furnish information as to the nature and operation of the postal savings bank systems in other countries. This will bring the many excellent points of these institutions before the legislators and later before the people.

The coal trust that has reaped millions in the past year is planning to increase the price of coal on an average of 25 cents per ton. The same organization has ordered a reduction in the wages paid to the already starving miners of Tennessee. They had little more than bread and water to live upon before the reduction. To submit meant the starvation of their families, They rebelled and are out on a strike. The McKinley army that is designed and organized to protect the trusts will be hustled to the scene and capital will have another victory. The people must control the trusts or the trusts will control the people. The populist party is on the side of the people.

In a speech made before a mass meeting at the Columbia theatre building in Washington Senator Allen correctly said there was no division in the popumercial aspect of the brutal war. He said:" "If the government were to send a squadron to Havana war would cease in thirty days and it would not be necessary to fire a gun. If the United States should say to Spain, you shall not war political parties can be united. It will upon the hospitals, upon women and upon childhood, Weyler's occupation would be gone." He voiced the sentiments of every populist and every liberty-loving American.

It will be necessary for Chicago to stop and rest from building operations for some time. The receipts from building permit fees are not enough to pay th expenses of the office this spring. It is cetimated that there are 10,000 men connected with the building trades in the city who cannot find employment But four buildings of any importance are under construction.-State Journal.

There you are. The predictions of the silver forces verified by an organ of goldbugocracy. What, we ask, has become of those large contracts that were "Greece, her knee in suppliance bent," much to save Broker Chapman as to establish a precedent by which they could to be erected? Aye, ye people, do ye the populist party. mind them? Will you be fooled in 1900 as you were in 1896? If you allow yourselves to be, you deserve slavery, and trust, who are now awaiting trial on the ought not to complain at the bondage you suffer to exist.

> Senator Allen was the only populist member of the senate sugar trust investigating committee. He was the only member of the committee that refused to bow to the trust and request the pardon of its criminals. With the existing political conditions in the United States, it is probable that Senator Allen's refusal to ask for Chapman's pardon had considerable influence with the president in arriving at his decision not to grant the pardon. It is well known that President McKinley had indicated that he would entertain a patition from the senate committee and bad hoped that it would be signed by all the members. Allen has again stood up fearlessly for the principle of the populist (party, 'equality before the law, with special privileges for none."

The records of the state auditor's office show that the state has lost large sums of money each year through the failure of insurance companies to make the proper payments for charters agent's certificates and other fees required by law. The auditor would issue the charter and certificate without re quiring the company to pay at the time. Through this leniency of the state auditor the state board has been de frauded of several thousand dollars. The populist auditor will not have it so. He has decided that insurance managers are made of no better clay than the rest of mankind and will require them to send the cash before any charter or certificate to transact business in this state will be granted. This is the plain common sense way to transact the state's not pay cash for its certificate it is certainly not in a very credible condition to enter this state to transact business. If of collecting.

State Treasurer Meserve has been collecting funds with which to meet the Jane apportionment of the school funds. The apportionment at this time is higher than ever before in the history o the state, It will exceed \$360,000, The when it slightly exceeded \$258,000. Mr

The reason the apportionment is larger this year is because the treasurer has paid without delayWHERE WILL IT END?

To what lengths the republican press and politicians went in the last campaign in their promises of a quick return really amusing now to see them twist sit next to royalty too. and contort in the efforts to "explain" its non-arrival. But while McKinley and his congress are laboring hard to bring forth an alleged revenue producer. the wheels of speculation have started up the "endless chain" and its revolutions are becoming frightfully rapid. Within the last two weeks there has been a heavy withdrawal of gold for export. The Rothschilds need it to speculate with. In the course of ordinary events there

will confront our republican friends a dilemma, and it remains to be seen which horn of it they will grasp. Both are worse than grasping a live wire. One will be as dangerous to their future success as the other. A depleted treasury and a constantly diminishing gold reserve will give them the choice of doing what they said would be repudiation of our debts, and consequently rank anarchy, or taking an equally fatal step by selling bonds to buy gold with which to pay. If the policy to pay both gold and silver is pursued, the republicans will find themselves in the frying pan. If they issue bonds they jump square into the fire. In short, our republican friends seem to be on the high road to defeat, no matter what action they

A bill making it illegal for two political parties to nominate the same candidate has passed both houses of the Illinois legislature. If Gov. Tanner (rep.) signs the bill it will become a law. This shows how important it is that the populist party shall maintain its organization in every state, county and precinct in the United States. Under the populist banner the reform elements of all draw as much support from one political party as the other and will soon grow to be the greatest of all. There is not the partisan hatred that exists between the other parties. It offers a neutral ground. The ridicule by the old parties, so effective a short time ago, is fast losing its force. The populist party in power has always gained in favor. Its business administration in Nebraska has won favorable comment in the extreme eastern press. By the close of the administration in this state the east will have lost much of its prejudice and will begin to seriously consider and investigate the principles of the populist party. In that it will have won a great victory, for study and intigation always results in a convert for take in regard to the adoption of the

Railway postal cars cost not to exceed \$4,000 cach. They last on an average over twenty years. There are about 500 in use in the United States. On this basis their total value would be \$2,000,000. The loss due to wear and nopoly and capitalistic combinations? tear would amount to \$100,000 each year. Interest at 8 per cent on the investment would amount to \$160,000. \$40,000 would more than pay the expense for repars. The total yearly cost for the manufacture, interest on the in. vestment, and repairs for postal cars would amount to \$300,000. In one year the government pays to the railroads twelve times the amount or \$3,600,000 for the rent of these cars. In twenty years the total cost of the cars to the railroads (including interest on the investment) would amount to \$6,000,000. For this expenditure the railroads would receive \$72,000,000 from the government for the mere privilege of using the cars, a net profit of \$66,000,000. If the government owned and operated the railroads such frauds could not be per-

H. Wittman & Co., wholesale and retail harness, saddlery and bicycles, have a half page ad in this issue of the In-DEPENDENT. This firm is one of the oldest and best established in Lincoln and have by far the largest and best se- no influence in the United senate should lected stock of goods. If you need a har- read the extract from Senator Butler's ness, saddle or bicycle, do not fail to speech, to be found on the first page of write them for prices. They keep first class goods and retail them at wholesale prices.

Ambassador Bayard is being very funny since his return from abroad, by telling what a time he had in England sitting at the feet of royalty and rawning upon them; how he was permitted to

It was on the recomendation of Secretary of State W. F. Porter, that the fees of the office were increased by the legislature to a basis similar to those in other states. Charges in the Nebraska office are still much less than the average charge in eastern states. The receipts for the month of April in 1896 were \$67.75. For the month of April this year the receipts were \$704.05. The most of these fees are collected from foreign companies for documents filed or issued from the office. This is not all, our populist secretary of state will see to it that fees collected are properly transmitted to the state treas-

THERE CAN BE NO COMPROMISE. In an article in the New York Jour

nal last week Mr. Bryan declares that any agreement that could be made with the bolting gold standard democrats would prove disastrous to success in 1900. He asserts that the money question will be the paramount issue and therefore there is no ground on which the two democratic organizations can meet. In his opinion there can be no permanent peace between the two factions, not even a truce without a cessation of hostilities, and a cessation of hostilities means the preservation of existing conditions. He says bimetallism can only be restored by affirmative action. Therefore any compromise must be at the expense of the advocates of bimetallism. He points out that there is nothing to indicate that the leaders among the gold democrats feel any more kindly toward the regular organization than they did six months ago. "Iu fact,' he says, "it is only a few days, since the most conspicuous met at the Waldorf dinner, and not only paid homage to the golden image which they have set up, but breathed out threatenings and slaughter against the greenbacks and treasury notes."

The people of the United States are watching the struggle between the factions of the democratic party with great interest. There is no question that the Bryan wing of the democratic party is sincere in its advocacy of free silver coinage. But the people know that the free coinage of silver will bring only partial "New democracy" in regard to national banks, postal savings banks, government ownership of railroads, telegraph and telephones? What position will it principle of the initiative and referenmoney, or will it go on record as saying that each dollar of the government should stand by itself and be as good as every other dollar? Will it favor national legislation to prohibit trust mo-Will they favor a graduated income tax and take the proper steps to secure its enactment into law? In his letter Mr. Bryan says that "agreement in opinion is the essential thing in a party." It the Bryan democracy expects any assistance from the populists it must place itself on record as unquestionably in favor of all these needed reforms.

POPULIST EDITOR WANTED.

We have information of a good opening for a POPULIST editor. The paper has a large circulation and is well established. The pay as is usual, would not be very good, but it would be sure. The position would be steady. A man of experince and known ability would be preferred, but the position is not beyoud the reach of a younger man if he can show that he has ability, and is a thorough believer in all of the principles of the populist party. For further particulars address

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