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STATE COMMITTEE MEETING.

To the Members of the State Committee of the People's Independent Party of the State of Nebraska.

Gentlemen:—We, the secretary and chairman of the State Committee, do hereby announce the official call of such committee, to take place at the City of Lincoln on July 24th at 2 p. m. at the Lincoln Hotel...

As Bartley gets nearer to the penitentiary state warrants get nearer to par. A remarkable coincidence.

Our ability to produce exceeds that of every other nation in the world, but as for our distribution—its bad. A few men, with the aid of congress, get it all.

Statistics show that as our population increases the per capita expense of government increases also. In the face of such a record should we pursue the policy of annexation?

Some chapters in history should be carefully studied by custodians of public money—"Barrett Scott," "Maxey Cobb," "City Treasurer Bolla," "State Treasurer Bartley." The next chapter that will be added will be entitled "Eugene Moore."

The Wahoo Wasp, a republican paper cites the fact that the treasury department coined \$1,500,000 new silver dollars last month as an evidence of returning prosperity.

It would be a very proper subject for the present congress to consider favorably a bill providing for a protective tariff, and bounty upon the production of republicans in Nebraska. It is an industry that greatly needs protection or it may die out entirely.

A Washington News letter sent out by the National information bureau speaking of Congressman W. L. Green says:

Representative Green the brilliant satellite of the plains, who even exceeds Mr. Bryan in oratorical ability, has been confined to the house by the sickness of his daughter.

If we remember there were certain republican papers in the state that were asserting not very long ago, that the attorney-general was not vigorously prosecuting the case against Ex-Treasurer Bartley.

The INDEPENDENT acknowledges the receipt of a large and very valuable map of the United States and a late volume of the coinage laws, from Hon. A. E. Sutherland, congressman from the Fifth district.

Sutherland is the right kind of a congressman. He has a mind large enough to remember his friends in all parts of the state of Nebraska.

In outlining the future policy of the Holt County Independent, its editor, Mr. O. F. Biglin very properly takes a broad and liberal view of the situation that confronts him in Holt county.

THE POLICY OF ANNEXATION.

It is a surprising fact that every time the sugar trust succeeds in getting a multi-million dollar steal through congress, the question of the annexation of the island of Hawaii "bobs up serenely."

As for annexation the people of the United States do not favor it. Their reasons are many. It would prove to be a very expensive luxury to control an island 2,500 miles from the American coast.

The American people will not allow foreign nations to increase their holdings in the western hemisphere. That is the Monroe doctrine, and should be stoutly maintained. Annexation is entirely different. It is a scheme of the millionaire bondholders of Lombard and Wall Street.

THE TRIBUNE'S EVOLUTION.

The Chicago Tribune has been established for more than fifty years. It has seen the rise and growth of the republican party. It will probably live to see its complete downfall.

Republicanism in Illinois like republicanism in Nebraska, has decayed past all endurance. The last legislature, which was overwhelmingly republican, sold out the entire state to the monopolists of Chicago.

"The legislature and Tanner have done their worst. The boodle council is preparing to do its worst. Tuesday night Alderman Walker offered a rule providing that when an ordinance is introduced extending an existing street car franchise no action shall be taken on it within thirty days.

All is not lost. Something remains to be done before Yerkes gets the lease of 700 miles of city streets for half a century. The council has not acted yet. The people must rally and see to it that it does not act."

The Tribune abused Altgeld in the last campaign in every way it possibly could, and supported the present governor, Tanner. Comparing Tanner with Altgeld it now says:

"Gov. Tanner has done something which on his election day no one would have deemed possible. He has made Chicagoans deplore the defeat of Altgeld as a choice of evils. Violent, revolutionary as he was, and shady in his official actions as he was, he never would have signed the Allen bill; he would rather have lost his right hand.

The citizens of Illinois are complaining bitterly at Gov. Tanner and the last legislature. They deserve no sympathy for they deposited the ballots that substituted Tanner for Altgeld.

Senator Tillman of South Carolina when discussing the tariff bill said, "And I say plainly, if we are to have this stealing I want my share for South Carolina." Since that time the republican papers have been claiming that Tillman has been converted to the theory of protection.

Bixby in the Journal says: "A man never knows how many staunch friends he has until he gets in trouble and needs their kindly offices."

We presume that Bartley and Moore can testify to the truth of that statement, as they think back over the kindly acts and favors which they have shown to the State Journal and now read in its columns its cryings for their blood.

In the month of April last year the sugar trust imported 388,381,830 pounds of raw sugar. In the month of April this year it imported 773,527,477 pounds. In May last year the trust imported 544,106,452 pounds.

McKinley seems to have fallen into Cleveland's practices very easy. While he does not fish he spends his time bonifiding, and such work, that does not help the Cubans whatever. His mind is not on the Cuban question as much since the campaign of last fall as it was then.

If we are to have annexation, why not liberate Cuba and begin the policy by annexing Cuba. Cuba is worth as much to the United States as half a dozen Hawaiis, whether considered in a commercial or military manner.

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The great republican dailies of the United States are almost unanimous in their denunciation of the proposition to tax inheritances. It is well known that the wealthy do not pay their fair share of taxes for the support of the government.

There are 400 persons worth \$10,000 each—\$4,000,000,000. There are 1,000 persons worth \$5,000 each—\$5,000,000,000. There are 2,000 persons worth \$2,500 each—\$5,000,000,000.

There are 15,000 people who own \$500,000 each, making \$7,500,000,000. These 24,000 people own \$31,500,000,000, or more than one-half of the wealth of the United States.

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THE NEBRASKA PENITENTIARY.

The special correspondent for the Chicago Record at Lincoln, Nebraska, who ever he may be, should be awarded the "liar's belt." He has written an article, more than a column in length, for the Chicago Record in which there is less truth than in any article of the same length ever published.

The exact facts in the case as learned from an interview with Governor Holcomb and Warden Leidigh and the records of the penitentiary show, first that instead of 1400 convicts there are only 329. Of the 329 there are 165 that have regular and steady employment in the workshops and manufacturing institutions inside the penitentiary walls.

Some of the contracts that were made before the change in administration are not as advantageous as they should be. They will be cancelled, and new contracts at a better price will be made as soon as possible. Governor Holcomb says the provisions made by the last legislature for the support of the penitentiary are ample for its maintenance as it is now conducted.

The figures show that the penitentiary is being conducted at this time with at least \$2000 per month less expense to the taxpayers of the state than ever before. The discipline at the penitentiary is good. The prisoners are satisfied. Health and Sanitary provisions were never better.

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BRYAN'S REPLY.

The first test of intrinsic value was the pose of the last campaign. Mr. Bryan illustrates it with a story. Mr. Sound money meets Mr. Popocrat and says, Pop, look here. I have \$100 in gold, \$100 in silver and \$100 in paper in my house.

FREE EMPLOYMENT.

The bureau of labor have more calls for girls to do general house work than they have applications for such positions. If there are any who are out of employment and desire a position they can secure it by addressing the labor commissioner.

The expenses of the government of the United States has been increasing very rapidly in the past twenty years. The per capita expense of conducting the government in 1876 was \$7.24. Last year it had risen to \$8.22.

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STATE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Chairman J. H. Edmisten has called a meeting of the state central committee to be held in Lincoln July 8th. We publish the call at the head of our columns.

When bilious or constive, eat a Cascarat candy cathartic, cure guaranteed, 10c 25c

It is contended by administration organs that Hawaii should be annexed because it is a splendid winter resort. What a convenience it will be for the coal miners of Pennsylvania, Illinois and Iowa, the factory hands of the east and the farmers and merchants of the whole country to have such a resort, only 2,100 miles from San Francisco.

The republican party promised the American people that as soon as the news of McKinley's election was flashed over the telegraphic wires, that confidence would be restored, business would revive, money would circulate, the mills would open, there would be work for the unemployed, wages would increase, international bi-metalism would be assured.

It seems that the republican party was considerably mistaken. Many of the people were fooled by their pledges and promises, others were frightened at their cries of danger. In 1900 the American people will not be so easily fooled or humbugged.

AN UNTIRING WORKER.

We worked through spring and winter, Through summer and through fall; But the mortgage worked the hardest And the steadiest of all.

It worked on nights and Sundays, It worked each holiday; It settled down among us, And it never went away.

The rust and blight were with us Sometimes and sometimes not, The dark-browed, scowling mortgage Was forever on the spot.

The weevil and the outworm They went as well as came; The mortgage stayed forever, Eating hearty all the same.

It nailed up every window, Stood guard at every door, And happiness and sunshine Made their home with us no more.

Till with failing crops and sickness We got stalled upon the grade, And then came a day upon us When the interest was not paid.

And then came a sharp foreclosure, And I kind of lost my hold, And grew weary and discouraged, And the farm was cheaply sold.

The children left and scattered, When they hardly yet were grown; My wife she pined and perished, And I found myself alone.

What she died of was a "mystery!" And the doctors never knew; But I knew she died of mortgage, As well as I wanted to.

If to trace a hidden sorrow Were within the doctors' art, They'd have found a mortgage lying On the woman's broken heart.

Worm and beetle, drought and tempest, On a farmer's land may fall, But for first-class ruination Trust a mortgage 'gainst them all.

—Coming Nation.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

In this column we will publish communications of a worthy and suitable character, received from subscribers to this paper. No communication should contain more than 200 words. Manuscript will not be returned.

By the Connection Route.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT:—Find enclosed postoffice order for \$1.25 as pay for renewal for the INDEPENDENT and "The New Time" (B. O. Flowers' paper.) I would not know how to get along without such papers.

The gold standard avalanche is sweeping the homes of industrious Americans into the valley of bankruptcy so fast that the people are becoming alarmed. It seems as though they have to be knocked down to get a lick of sense.

Yours to the finish, B. F. McDANELL.

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The Dingley bill was a tariff for protection with incidental robbery. The Senate committee changed it to a tariff for robbery with incidental protection.—New York World.

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