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 - Men's 50c Buckskin Working Shirts..... 25c
 - Men's 50c Unlaundered Shirts..... 35c
 - Men's 75c Laundered Shirts..... 39c
 - Men's 25c Silk Web Suspenders..... 12c
 - Men's 15c Metal Back Suspenders..... 9c
 - Men's 50c Leather Suspenders..... 23c
 - 100 Boys' 70 per cent Wool Suits, sizes 4 to 8 with large collars, sizes 8 to 14 plain at, suit..... 89c
 - Men's 25c Leather Belts..... 12c
 - Men's 35c Balbriggan Underwear..... 21c
 - Men's 50c Straw Hats..... 25c
 - Men's 75c Straw Hats..... 49c
 - Men's 25c Straw Hats..... 15c
 - Men's \$1.50 Linen Pants..... 99c
 - Men's 50c Extra Grade Overalls..... 35c
 - Men's 50c Check Jackets..... 25c
 - Men's Gannet Gloves..... 23c
 - 300 Men's All Wool Suits..... \$4 25
 - Boys' 35c Brownie Overall..... 19c
 - Boys' 25c Sweaters..... 15c
 - Boys' 20c Bicycle Hose..... 10c
 - Boys' 35c, 60 per cent Wool Pants..... 19c
 - Boys' 65c All Wool Pants..... 39c
 - Boys' 50c Blouse Waists..... 25c
 - Boys' 40c Summer Shirts..... 23c
 - Boys' 65c Summer Shirts..... 39c
 - Boys' 35c Balbriggan Shirts..... 15c
 - Boys' 15c Straw Hats..... 15c
 - Boys' 40c Straw Hats..... 23c

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ALL OUR ALL WOOL PANTS that sold up to \$2.25, and Pants broken of suits, up to \$7.50, at **\$1.50 Per Pair.**

ALL OUR ALL WOOL PANTS that sold up to \$3.00, and all Pants, broken of suits, up to \$10.00, at **\$1.95 Per Pair.**

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Ladies' Bright Dongola Kid, Oxford Ties, opera toe, patent leather tip, all sizes all widths, worth \$1.25, at **74c**

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Ladies' Fine Grade Oxford Ties, all sizes, all colors and black, shoes worth \$2.50 to 3.00 at, per pair..... **1 98**

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Men's Persian Calf, Congress and Laced Shoes, in black and ox-blood, all styles of toe, worth \$2.00 at, per pair..... **\$1 39**

Men's Best American Calf, full stock, congress and laced Shoes, all the staple and newest styles, splendid wearers, worth \$2.50 to 3.00 at, per pair..... **1 99**

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Boys' Shoes, Satin Calf, laced, needle, coin and common sense toes, warranted all solid, sizes 11 to 2, at, per pair..... **89c**

Boys' shoes, Satin Calf, laced, needle, coin, and common sense toes, warranted all solid, sizes 2 to 5, at, per pair..... **1 09**

Boys' Laced Shoes, American Calf, Goat and Dongola, black, ox blood and chocolate, all styles and toes, all widths, sizes 11 to 2, at, per pair..... **1 29**

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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 300 words. Manuscript will not be returned.

Fusion.

To the Editor of the Independent.

The word "fusion" is now used almost entirely when reference to co-operation of all the free silver forces is referred to. In that sense we shall treat it throughout this article. So far the fusion has been a mixture of good and evil in its results. It has been good in arresting vile administration of public affairs in many places; of throwing out of office and public trust bad men—aye criminal men—and securing punishment for some, with prospect of more of the same to come.

All too late for the general good were we in reaching this, but perhaps it is in time to save us. The fusion has been good in giving us the kind of men for office who know the meaning of honesty. Their actions in the counties and states where they have been able to elect has been for the general good. That some rare exception might be pointed out is possible, but we are not able to call to mind any case of impeachment or embezzlement.

The men now in office at the capital are doing a grand work, worthy of praise, and furnishing a burning rebuke for those who preceded them.

Still further, fusion has secured attention to the principles of the populist party, where they could receive no attention in previous years. It is getting to be quite common to see some one of the planks advocated in our platform advocated in publications, or in speeches by those who would not consent under any circumstances to be called populists. Just now Chicago, and Chicago newspapers are conspicuous in this line. But far and wide the co-trines are travelling and like leaven shaping human thought and feeling. This is all good, but is not all that fusion has done for the country.

And by the way, those who do all their work on the line of denunciation, giving no credit anywhere, only advertise themselves to bad advantage, if such an expression is admissible.

But all has not been good. The divided feeling among old stand by soldiers in populist ranks is not a good thing. I do not believe it will be fatal to us, but I am sure it has been a damage to us, and under further and deeper provocation may prove ruinous.

no more. Populists, alone, are entirely trustworthy on the platform. Divide and destroy them, and an earthquake would injure the country far less.

What then? I answer. Our platform or nothing. There has been a lack of dignity—of self-respect. Stop it at once and forever. What has any reform element got that they did not get from us? If we are the authors and fountain from which it all came, there is nothing to be ashamed of; nothing to make us apologize for. We are the men to command the attention of this nation, and no beggars under any circumstances. Brotherly we can be, and have been, and still prefer to be; but we are

In a very large sense we furnish the votes. There is no hardship or unreasonableness in insisting that our platform be guaranteed as a sure thing as soon as we can elect the men.

Democrats and republicans dislike our name. All right, we dislike their names; but more yet the awful facts that cling to both names. So let's make it even all round. You choose the name, gentlemen, almost any name but the two old ones. Say you call us all "Americans," "Patriots," "Liberty or Death," "Sons of Seventy-six," anything in that line. Just let us name the platform and we will fight under any creditable title. Our want of respectability embarrasses you. Very well—the old abolitionists were not respectable, and republicans was chosen; but the abolitionist furnished the principles. We are ready to do it again. You choose some respectable name, and let us have our principles, and we are ready for a forward march.

But thousands who voted for Bryan in 1896 will never vote for him again as a democrat. Perhaps he can be elected without them. Be it so, but sure it is many a vote once there, will not be there next time. The treatment populists received in Texas last fall, and Iowa and Ohio recently, will be resented very generally—perhaps universally.

Neither General Weaver nor any other man or men need hope that such treatment will be tamely submitted to. An alliance is not fusion, and may be honorable. If that is done call it by that name; but for love of God and country surrender no part of the platform. It is now clear to all that all populists will be a unit if no part of the platform is minimized or compromised. This unity is more valuable to this nation than election to a few offices. All is lost if the principles perish. Failure to elect is only temporary. I demand only one thing in fusion. **WANT AN UNCOMPROMISED LEADERS.**

A round dozen of leading men, two years ago are now destroyed by their souls of populists, and some of them are down to stay down. This is painful enough to call a halt. Personally I do not doubt these men's integrity. They meant well, but they have lost friends by thousands. It will be wise and prudent hereafter to stand firmly to our guns.

Herald is Presumptuous.
To the Editor of the Independent:
The grand old republican party will be in condition to wipe out a few of the

black spots in the state this fall and will then get in good fighting trim for the campaign a year hence," says the Wayne Herald. The Herald appears to be very presumptuous. It appears to me however, that the populist party has been doing some very good work during the past year in "wiping out" some of those black spots in the state which were made by the grand old party, and every honest republican in the state should thank the populist party for its exposition of those black spots—turning on the X rays, as it were—and the efficient manner in which it has been wiping them out. Had the republican ticket been successful in the last campaign in this state, and the grand old party continued in power, the nefarious manner in which the state administration and the state institutions have been managed in the past would have been continued, and the citizens of the state would never have been any the wiser. But the populist party, aided by its free silver allies, have turned on the search light and shown up the defilements of Bartley, Moore, Armstrong et al, and the manner in which the state school lands and funds have been manipulated and the schools of the state robbed of their just appropriation of state funds. It does not appear to a rational person possessed with principles of honesty and justice, that in the face of those records the grand old party would be able to regain its "old time party" and gain the confidence of the people sufficiently to be returned to power, in this state for years to come.

The Nebraska National bank of York one of the "sound money" institutions of our country, doing business under one of the "best financial systems the world has ever known," went to the wall on Tuesday evening of last week. Our people were considerably shocked at the result, as the president of the institution is a stalwart man in the gold standard ranks, and was industriously telling the people of this community during the last campaign of the prosperous era which would visit our land if "soundness" was restored by the election of McKinley, insuring the maintenance of the gold standard and a return to the high protective tariff policy. Our people are just now wondering whether it was the fall end of the Cleveland panic which hit the institution or whether it was struck by a head under the McKinley boom. Not long since the president of this defunct institution, in conversation with a free silver advocate, stated that there is plenty of money in the country. He was then asked, "why are there so many bank failures throughout the country if there is plenty of money, whereupon the banker replied, there are no banks failing that are conducted on sound banking principles. This particular free silver advocate appears to be inclined to the belief that the institution was not conducted on "sound banking principles," but, as the management of the bank was composed of good conservative business men, many of our people believe that the failure was due principally to the blighting effects of the gold standard.

J. F. ALBIN.

RED CLOUD, NEB., July 17, '97.
To the Editor of the Independent.

Dear Sir: You will find money order for \$1 to pay on subscription. I am feeling that we will carry the state this fall by a larger majority than we did last fall. The g. o. p. are quiet in this part of the country and do not want to talk of the issues of the day. I think the g. o. p. will take a back seat and rest, with exceptions of those who go to the pen.
Yours Truly,
F. HOCCIN.

Facts About the Auditor.
LINCOLN, Neb., July 27, '97.
To the Editor of the Independent.

DEAR SIR: I notice that the Omaha Bee, through its Lincoln correspondent, made an attack upon the state auditor, in which a great wrong and injustice was done to the auditor, his friends and the state as well; as such unfounded and damnable falsehoods, fostered by a man whose principles are clothed with the stigma of falsifying, deceit and corruption, going out to be copied by foreign papers, leaving a bad and false impression, adding to the disgrace and dishonor brought upon the fair name of our state by his party composed of such men as he. To the editor of the INDEPENDENT, I want to say to you as one that knows that this charge made by the Bee's reporter is as false as it is possible for a thing to be, as it can be proven by many, regardless of who or to what party they belong, have called at the office of the auditor and were never refused the opportunity to see any record of the office, with the auditor and his clerks ready to assist them. But this reporter had visited the office of the auditor long and often, and having never been able to furnish his paper with any damaging and unofficial news from the auditor's office, and as one sin and wrong begets another, remembering the prophecies of his party to the people last fall that if the pope were successful and the affairs of the state fell into their hands unofficial misrule, corruption, repudiation, bankruptcy, reduction of the state's credit and wholesale calamity resulting in devouring every dollar from the state would follow. So this reporter was willing to humiliate himself and his paper that this prophecy might be fulfilled attempts an attack on the auditor, having no regard for the truth, and after being asked by his employer, coming very near losing his job—as was told to go to the auditor and get the facts in regard to this ruling made by the auditor. As this reporter had said that he would not go to the auditor for any news, but when he got this telegram from Mr. Rosewater he, the reporter, struck out for the auditor's office. See how now as he approaches his honest job, humiliated with a look upon his face that would make a sheep killing dog

ashamed of himself, and after the auditor had read Mr. Rosewater's telegram, handed to him by the reporter, the reporter says, what shall I say to the people in my retraction. The auditor says, tell them that it is a damnable falsehood. The reporter blushed and, trembling, said, I am willing to make it pretty strong, but I don't believe I can make it as strong as that. At about this juncture Mr. Rosewater called to see the auditor, stating that it was not the intention of his paper to do any one an injustice by publishing falsehoods, and said that the correction should be made, and it was. This reporter had been reporting for this great daily prevaricator, known as the Call, prior to his connection with the Bee, but he got so corrupt and had so little regard for the truth that the Call could not stand him any longer, and being somewhat afraid that the Bee would drop him soon, he has been trying to make up with the Call by furnishing this anarchistic sheet a lot of rot which he knew the Bee would not publish. People wonder what has become of that great daily the tax payers and the common people friend. Has it fell overboard the great tow line and is no more? The people of Lincoln begin to think so until the other morning when the Bee reporter received this telegram. The Herald reporter went rushing in to the auditors private office nearly out of breath saying Mr. auditor I understand that the Bee through its Lincoln reporter has done you an injustice by the publication of a malicious article about a week ago. I was in here a day or two ago and tried to get to interview you on this matter but you was not in or was busy. So I just met the Bee reporter down town and swapped notes with him and among those I got in the swap—well you seen that article about your office on the editorial page of the Herald a day or so after that article in the Bee. I am sorry. Wish that I had come and got the facts but I thought that anything the Bee would print could be relied upon. Now the facts in the case are these—the Herald reporter never went to the auditor or tried to get to see him but rather endorsed the false report of the Bee, until further developments as above stated. The auditor is conducting his office in a thoroughly upright legitimate manner and in the interest of the masses of the people of the state, having made many improvements over old methods practiced by his predecessors and following the law to the letter. As to his wife being given a permanent position in his office is false, and he had little or nothing to do with her being in the office. As Mr. Simpson wanted to get some one to stay in his place while he examined two insurance companies. As the state examiner was out of the state examining some companies in Indiana and after trying for some time to get some one that he could trust to do his work as bond clerk, the deal was finally made between Mr. Simpson and Mrs. Cornell. Mr. Cornell did not seriously object as it was only for a short time, and the very fact that the g. o. p. organs are jumping on Mr. Cornell is because he is carrying out the obligations of his office making the best auditor the grand old common

wealth of Nebraska ever had and where thorns and thistles of corruption grew he will cause to grow and bloom flowers of honor and grandeur until every inhabitant will be proud to be called a citizen of this the grandest state in the union.

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WANTS A PARDON.

For Drawing a Short Straw Ezra Carter Is Serving a Long Term.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 29.—The state board of pardons is considering an application for the pardon of Ezra Carter, who in 1893 was sentenced to serve fourteen years in the penitentiary for train robbery. In that year a Frisco train was held up in Butler county by four men, Carter, Moffit, Livingstone and Bailey. Moffit turned state's evidence on the other three under promise of immunity from the penalty of his guilt. It seems that on account of some technicality of the law the other three agreed with the county attorney that two of them would plead guilty to grand larceny, while the third would plead guilty to train robbery. They were to determine which one of them should be amenable to the higher offense by drawing straws. Carter drew the long straw, went before the court like a man and pleaded guilty to train robbery. He was sentenced to fourteen years, while the other two were sentenced to four years each. It turned out later on that Moffit, who escaped by turning state's evidence, was the most guilty, inasmuch as he was the man who planned the robbery and was the leader in the execution. It also turned out that Carter, who received the heaviest penalty, was the least guilty. The board will probably recommend his pardon.

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