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Nebraska Clothing Co

Two volunteers have been killed and two trains wrecked the past week in moving soldiers to the front. There is no such organization of railroad service for sudden military needs in this country as in Germany, where the railroads are mostly owned by the government, and most system characterizes every detail. In this country the poorest roads, which are generally the poorest in equipment and organization, have been suddenly called upon for the heaviest service. The wonder is that there have not been more disasters.

HARDY'S COLUMN.

All quiet—The big War Ship—Why hunt—Pops and Thieving—How They Groan and Kick—English Paupers—Don't Kick any More—John Sherman—Senate Debate—Paid Liars—Republicans and the Pen.

Great things are expected and will be expected for times and half times to come.

The Oregon has arrived at Key West after the long voyage around Cape Horn from San Francisco. She is loading coal and ammunition making ready to start out on the war path.

What is the use in hunting for the Spanish fleet? They can find Cuba any day.

Bixby begins to be afraid that the pops will go to stealing. Has Moore and Bartley turned pop?

It does an honest soul good to hear the republicans groan over the state appointment of a few pops. We will offend that against the one hundred seventy-nine government appointment secured by Thurston for his party friends.

The republicans are kicking like big horned steers because their men did not get all of the military appointment in the Nebraska regiments. For thirty years they had them all and all the state civil appointments too, now they will have to get along without any for thirty years. We are going to want them all the same if they do howl. Neither Holcomb or Bryan will ask them for advice or direction. 'Tis hard 'tis true but nevertheless just.

The English pauper labor manufacturers begin to talk about a high protective tariff to protect themselves against the cheap labor of America. When everybody is protected against everybody else we are going to have grand times. But how are the ten millions of American farmers to be protected? There is no use of talking, those who will work the hardest and produce the cheapest are going to supply the world, and if the farmer wants to work half the time for the rich nabobs of the east he must vote the straight republican ticket.

Now don't kick any more against a high protective tariff. We need a few wealthy men, multimillionaires they are handy to carry our bonds, to furnish money to carry elections, especially the election of U. S. senators and presidents. Then it takes a slight of money to strengthen the weak bones of congressmen. Now everybody knows that wealthy men do not grow in the western states, they are indigenous to New England and New York, but they do not grow well without special protection. For instance we take our wheat down there and sell it to them for five cents a bushel less than we could sell it for the same day in the markets of Europe, then if we buy a yard of cloth of them we have to pay them seventy cents more than we would in Europe. You see that is the best food in the world for multimillionaires. If we should trade our wheat for cloth in Europe and could bring it home free, what would become of the multimillionaires.

No wonder John Sherman has lost his mind. Gladstone would have lost his mind long ago had he worked for the money men against the common people. The only wonder is that he did not lose his mind sooner after 1873 and if he had lost it a little before that time it would have been all the better for the American people. We have reason to thank divine Providence that he is done for even at this late day.

The debate in the senate on the bond issue is growing warm and is likely to continue two or three weeks longer. It is taxes, silver and greenbacks, as proposed by Senator Turpie of Indiana against bonds. Tax all corporations according to their gross income. Of course the wealth of the east will fight that, for it means money out of the rich. Next he proposes an inheritance tax according to the amount inherited. That too will be fought by the rich for it means great fortunes inherited must pay the greatest amount of tax. Who more than the person who inherits property is able to pay taxes? The fine haired republican doctrine of today is, tax anybody or any thing only don't make the millionaire pay more than the industrial farmer and poor day laborer. Then to bridge over the present need, the senator favors coining the silver, lying idle in the treasury and paying it out. And to further increase the supply of money, if needed, issue more greenbacks. All of which we hope will be adopted.

It is really laughable to read the republican taffy handed out to the rank and file of the party, to convince them that there is such an article as gold bug prosperity. The Washington paid liars have just given it out that the money, in circulation, in this country has increased \$140,000,000, during the last year. Of course all the pap sucking republican editors reproduce the statement with a flourish that McKinley did it. They state gold has increased \$100,000,000, while at the same time all the gold dug in the United States, including Alaska, falls short of \$60,000,000. Then they report that silver certificates have increased \$28,000,000. Every body knows that silver certificates cannot increase without depositing silver dollars, and how can that increase the circulation? Every soft pated republican will swear that retiring silver dollars and issuing certificates increases the circulation and that is McKinleyism, pure and simple. Why, say they, if I have a thousand silver dollars, hand them over to Uncle Sam and he prints a thousand dollars in certificates for me, doesn't that increase the money? I still have a thousand and Samuel has an increase of a thousand. The balance of the increase is in silver and treasury notes.

The reason why Moore and Bartley don't want to go to our penitentiary is because they now make the prisoners own their own living and no chance to handle public money. It is a long step from republican management that prisoners are made to earn their own living. They can do that easy enough but they can't earn enough on top of that to satisfy republican thieves. They have always earned their own living but the stealings were too great. The first and chief object of final law is to protect society from criminals. The criminal has committed one or more crimes and is likely to continue his course. We shut him up not as a punishment but as a preventive. We tie up the ox that has broken into the corn, not as a punishment but to protect the corn. So we shut up the criminal to protect society. When an ox endangers life we slaughter him. It is for the same reason that we hang the murderer. A secondary object in this restraint is gained by deterring others from committing crime. More than half of this benefit is lost, by not making commitment more certain. Commitments should be more certain and more in proportion to the crime committed. We do not believe that it is better that ten guilty persons should go free rather than commit one who is innocent. It is better that the innocent should sometimes suffer rather than that society should continually suffer. When we enter society we assume all its liabilities. The third object of restraint is to reform and wean the criminal from his tendency to crime. Intelligence and education strengthens the power to withstand temptation. Steady manual labor also weans the prisoner from crime. We believe in contract labor. The state contracting with the prisoner, to pay him or his family all he earns, above his support. This will induce him to do his best in most cases. Some useful trades should be taught so the prisoner can earn a living outside the prison wall.

Many People Cannot Drink coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Graia-O when you please and sleep like a top. For Graia-O does not stimulate it soothes, shores and leads. Yet it looks and tastes like the best coffee. For nervous persons, young people and children Graia-O is the perfect drink. Made from pure grains. Get a package from your grocer today. Try it in place of Coffee. 15 and 25c.

Great special sale of military at Mrs. Gosper's this week.

A Prophetic Ode to Dewey.

On Commodore Dewey's departure for Hongkong last November a dinner was given for him at the Metropolitan club in Washington, at which the following verses—then scarcely appreciated perhaps at their true prophetic worth—were read by Colonel Archibald Hopkins:

Fill all your glasses full tonight,
The wind is off the shore,
And, be it feast or be it fight,
We pledge the commodore.

Through days of storm, through days of calm,
On broad Pacific seas,
At anchor off the isles of palm
Or with the Japanese;

Ashore, afloat, on deck, below
Or where our bulldozers roar,
To back a friend or breast a foe,
We pledge the commodore.

We know our honor'll be unstained
Where'er his pennant flies,
Our rights respected and maintained,
Whatever power defies.

Colonel Hopkins recently added this postscript to his toast:

Along the Philippine coast,
Where flew the flag of Spain,
Our commodore today can boast
"I'll never fly again."

And up from all our hills and vales,
From city, town and shore,
A mighty shout, the weeks shall hail:
Well done brave commodore!

"Now let your admiral pennant fly,
You're won't it like a man,
Where heroes love to fight and die,
Right in the battles van."
—New York Tribune.

THE EBRIGHT CASE.

Republican County Attorney in Otes County Refuses to Prosecute.

The case of the State of Nebraska against ex-Supt. Ebright, of the Nebraska City blind institute, is set for preliminary hearing at Nebraska City the day we go to press this week, it having been continued at request of defendant.

Senator Mutz, of the investigating committee, arrived in Lincoln yesterday, on his way to the hearing. He learned for the first time while here that Paul Jessen, county attorney of Otes county, had enlisted and gone to the war in the second Nebraska regiment and that Judge Hayward of Nebraska City had been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Senator Mutz called up the new county attorney by telephone and inquired about what preparations had been made for the Ebright hearing. He was curtly informed that the present county attorney would have nothing to do with the case.

As is well known Judge Hayward is a prominent republican politician and prospective candidate for governor. What reasons he may be willing to give for his course in this case is not known. The evidence against Ebright as gathered by the investigating committee, an abstract of which was published in the Independent some weeks ago, is very strong. The people of the state of Nebraska are entitled to a trial of this case. Supt. Ebright himself is entitled to a complete vindication in the courts or he is entitled to the punishment provided by law. Wars and war rumors must not prevent the administration of justice at home.

I. S. ENTERTAINMENT.

The girls of the industrial school gave an entertainment at the opera house Tuesday night, May 17. Owing to the rain during the day and the fact there was indications of a severe storm in the evening, the house was only about half filled. Mr. Weber was complimented by many of our citizens on the manner in which the girls acquitted themselves. There was not a dull number on the program and the scarf drill was encored, but Mr. Weber asked that on account of the approaching storm they be allowed to complete the program in as short a time as possible. The entire proceeds of the entertainment was \$13.80, and that amount was sent by draft to Capt. Williams at San Francisco Wednesday morning. Mr. Weber has been requested by a number of our citizens to repeat the concert and will probably do so in a few days, when he will be assured a full house.—Geneva Gazette.

BRYAN RAISING A REGIMENT.

Governor Holcomb of Nebraska has issued a commission empowering William J. Bryan of Lincoln to raise a volunteer regiment of 1,000 men to be tendered to the war department for actual service at the front, with the distinguished free silver champion as commander. Mr. Bryan already has begun the work of recruiting, and believes that he can have his regimental ranks filled within two weeks.

It is quite probable that short-sighted political opponents will charge that this action upon the part of Mr. Bryan has been undertaken solely for political effect and without patriotic motives; but facts are much more convincing than mere rumors and surmises, and the fact that he has undertaken to raise a full regiment of sturdy young Nebraskans and has offered to lead them personally if permitted to do so must be set down as distinctively to his credit.—Chicago Times-Herald.

GIVES MANY GOOD REASONS.

The Patriot of Clay county is supporting Silas A. Holcomb for governor for the third time, and the Patriot gives a great many good reasons why he should be nominated.—Red Cloud Nation.

Play For British Coal.

The Spanish gunboat Insular II. fired a shot into the hull of the British steamer Robt. Liden with coal in the harbor of San Juan de Puerto Rico. This was done to disable her so she could not have port until her cargo was discharged.

The Spaniards allege the shot was fired accidentally.

An American cruiser captured a Spanish bark six miles off San Juan Saturday and is now taking it north in tow.

Halshead, the American correspondent caught in San Juan, was taken to the convict camp on Saturday to serve a nine years' sentence. An American whose name is unknown, is imprisoned with Halshead. No particulars regarding his capture are as yet obtainable.

See our exhibit of stock salt at the Trans-Mississippi International Exposition, Omaha, Neb., Main Building.

In Camp at Chickamauga.

The Second Regiment Nebraska Volunteers, under command of Colonel Bills left Lincoln last Thursday in three divisions and are now in camp at Chickamauga. The boys were tired of camp life in Lincoln, so far from the enemy, and welcomed the chance to move nearer to the scene of actual hostilities and greeted the orders to go with cheers. A large crowd of friends were at the camp to see them start and bid them goodbye and God speed. They arrived in the southern camp in good spirits and health and will probably put in some time drilling before being ordered nearer to the front.

Strength of Dewey's Fleet.

The census of Spanish troops in the Philippines, just made public by Spanish officials, shows 7,000 in Manila, 2,000 in Cuba, 1,500 in Iloilo, 1,000 in Mindandaro and 800 in Loyte. There is no artillery outside of Manila and the forts.

The presence of American ships has practically put an end to Spanish activity in Manila. The Spanish political and war center is for the time being here. Spies are everywhere. They are busy circulating reports of disaster to American forces in the West Indies and elsewhere.

Today they started a rumor that Dewey had been assassinated, and following this came the unfounded report that the insurgent chief, Arnold, had gone over to the Spanish, and had been given command of the Spanish military forces.

Hurting Help to Dewey Now.

Admiral Dewey's squadron will be reinforced by five warships. The Charleston and the Monterey, a monitor, are already under orders, and today orders were telegraphed to the Philadelphia, now at Mare Island refitting, to hasten repair work on that vessel. The Charleston will pick up the Bennington at Honolulu, and the Yorktown of the same class and armament as the Bennington will be gotten ready at the Mare Island yard as quickly as possible. The Bennington and the Yorktown, although third-rate gunboats, are equal to the Spanish gunboats blown up by Dewey at Manila. It is expected that before the new Spanish fleet arrives at Manila, Dewey will have received the Charleston and Bennington and at least 8,000 troops.

Senator Allen Speaks.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—Senator Allen delivered his promised speech in the senate today upon the war revenue bill and in opposition to the issuance of bonds. The speech was characteristic of the senator's previous utterances on the subject. The supreme court, the house and the senate, said the senator were all in the clutches of the heartless financier. He made this confession with humiliation, but he said no one could but admit the truth. An issue of bonds he said would be a great blanket mortgage upon the property and industries of the country, and the only way to pay the interest on the same in gold would be by other issues of bonds. It would be an endless chain and would place the people in the grasp of the monopolists of the bonds. The senator referred to the issue of bonds under the administration of Cleveland and estimated that the issue of bonds in times of peace was about on a par with the proposed issue for the purpose of carrying on a war that is costing the government a million dollars a day to prosecute.

Nebraska Crop Report.

The mean temperature has averaged about three degrees above the normal in the eastern counties and about one degree below the normal in the western. The weekly minimum temperatures were generally slightly below 50 degrees, and the maximum slightly above 80 degrees.

The rainfall in the past week was generally heavy; it exceeded two inches in the northern and eastern counties and exceeded one inch in all except a few central and southwestern counties.

The past week has been very favorable for the growth of small grain and grass. Rye is heading out; winter wheat is jointing; both have made a very rank growth of straw, and in a few instances complaint is made that wheat is lodged slightly. Grass in pastures and on the ranges in western counties is exceptionally good. The wet weather retarded corn planting and there is still considerable of the crop to be planted. The early planted corn is coming up, and a few fields have been cultivated for the first time; there is some complaint that the stand is not good. Corn has been damaged slightly by washing during the heavy rains of the past week.

Vermont

You're a cold relentless state, Old Vermont;
And your hills are nothing great, Old Vermont;
But we'll search the country through,
Mount the hosts of Gray and Blue,
For we'll patriots find more true than yours,
Vermont.

You're brimful of wholesome air, Old Vermont;
And your sheep are more than fair, Old Vermont.
Though you do serve, now and then,
Pie for breakfast, pork and hen,
There's no better feed of meat than yours,
Vermont.

"History repeats itself," in Old Vermont;
Nation's house entrance self in Old Vermont;
From each rock-bound hillside town
Some brave hero's earned a crown,
From bold Ethan Allen down, in Old Vermont,
Never for their native land, Old Vermont,
Fought a more famous band than yours,
Vermont.

But we'll drink from that cup,
On those hill slopes, also green,
Admirable like Dewey, too, Old Vermont,
E. LOUIS, C. H. H. B. B. U.

Food Caused Pain

Catarrh of the Stomach Cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"I was taken sick about a year ago with catarrh of the stomach. At times I would have a severe pain, and at other times would vomit. It caused me excruciating pain. I was running down so fast I had to stop work. My friends urged me to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. I did so and soon began to feel better. The disagreeable symptoms of disease gradually passed away and flesh and strength returned. I owe it all to Hood's Sarsaparilla." MARY L. CUMMINS, North Brookfield, Mass. Remember Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists. \$1.00 per bottle.

Hood's Pills cure liver, bile, constipation, cure liver, bile, constipation, cure liver, bile, constipation.

SCHOOL FUND APPORTIONMENT.

The following table compiled by W. R. Jackson, Superintendent of Public Instruction for Nebraska, shows the semi-annual apportionment of school funds for the years indicated.

County.	June '96.	Dec. '96.	June '97.	Dec. '97.	June '98.
Adams.....	\$ 4,369.49	\$ 4,224.16	\$ 6,596.26	\$ 6,913.02	\$ 7,889.99
Antelope.....	2,964.27	2,587.61	4,040.69	4,119.96	4,702.20
Banner.....	487.39	296.16	462.48	429.54	430.25
Blaine.....	148.48	118.47	184.09	157.36	179.60
Boone.....	2,719.47	2,616.40	3,929.49	4,219.99	4,816.27
Box Butte.....	1,255.82	1,048.89	1,637.89	1,585.28	1,752.25
Boyd.....	1,208.49	1,099.47	1,716.88	1,780.89	2,032.57
Brown.....	1,025.07	793.32	1,288.81	1,218.45	1,386.84
Buffalo.....	5,176.38	4,729.97	7,386.11	7,078.37	9,105.88
Burt.....	3,218.69	2,880.44	4,508.36	4,710.04	5,375.68
Butler.....	4,180.16	3,840.15	5,996.60	6,281.48	7,109.88
Cass.....	5,993.31	5,476.70	8,552.18	8,939.51	10,209.86
Cedar.....	2,729.08	2,572.30	4,016.79	4,289.01	4,895.14
Chase.....	707.27	581.68	908.32	808.42	1,025.39
Cherry.....	1,104.95	851.89	1,330.27	1,472.55	1,680.96
Cheyenne.....	1,212.19	903.80	1,411.88	1,432.15	1,634.55
Clay.....	4,569.92	3,854.13	6,018.43	6,237.88	7,119.48
Colfax.....	3,802.27	3,002.24	4,888.16	4,772.77	5,447.27
Cumming.....	3,709.78	3,404.22	5,815.88	5,488.00	6,257.87
Custer.....	4,831.00	4,558.93	7,119.92	7,478.66	8,535.55
Dakota.....	1,624.14	1,458.86	2,278.09	2,318.56	2,640.51
Dawes.....	2,048.66	1,773.69	2,709.66	2,605.94	2,974.22
Dawson.....	3,039.71	2,737.35	4,274.53	4,521.85	5,160.89
Deuel.....	730.72	480.52	750.35	776.15	885.84
Dixon.....	2,524.96	2,290.78	3,577.18	3,781.86	4,316.32
Dodge.....	5,560.97	4,987.53	7,788.31	7,991.12	9,120.44
Douglas.....	26,884.80	29,971.31	37,432.52	40,702.00	46,454.06
Dundy.....	647.88	602.31	904.54	854.85	975.63
Fillmore.....	4,246.72	3,557.30	5,554.91	5,851.94	6,678.94
Franklin.....	2,398.49	2,153.01	3,332.06	3,448.94	3,934.07
Frontier.....	2,264.62	2,031.22	3,171.86	3,343.81	3,818.37
Furnas.....	2,973.15	2,781.28	4,343.12	4,560.62	5,079.59
Gage.....	7,820.42	6,576.84	10,270.09	10,578.99	12,074.08
Garfield.....	377.19	327.44	511.32	509.09	577.62
Gosper.....	1,407.44	1,237.23	1,932.01	2,022.24	2,308.92
Grant.....	126.47	103.16	161.09	228.59	260.90
Greely.....	1,385.99	1,270.51	1,983.97	2,079.65	2,375.55
Hall.....	3,970.12	3,830.83	5,982.05	6,287.85	7,176.46
Hamilton.....	3,776.34	3,328.35	5,197.40	5,327.77	6,080.70
Harlan.....	2,417.72	2,150.35	3,357.89	3,631.94	4,145.22
Hayes.....	661.19	648.90	1,013.29	972.84	1,110.33
Hitchcock.....	1,337.92	1,232.58	1,924.73	1,977.15	2,241.86
Holt.....	2,964.27	2,617.56	4,087.46	4,181.63	4,772.58
Hooker.....	47.33	38.60	60.28	58.48	66.74
Howard.....	2,808.22	2,563.65	4,003.28	4,252.86	4,855.88
Jefferson.....	4,240.06	3,677.76	5,743.02	5,914.67	6,750.54
Johnson.....	2,944.31	2,665.46	4,162.29	4,385.88	4,777.43
Kearney.....	2,635.16	2,419.89	3,778.80	4,001.94	4,567.50
Keith.....	516.97	470.54	734.77	585.83	668.63
Keya Paha.....	877.15	657.55	1,026.80	986.66	1,120.10
Kimball.....	153.83	109.81	171.48	190.32	217.21
Knox.....	3,265.29	3,017.55	4,712.06	4,971.59	5,674.19
Lancaster.....	15,152.70	12,839.54	20,049.65	20,575.34	23,483.07
Lincoln.....	2,698.02	2,551.00	3,983.53	4,166.74	4,755.59
Logan.....	275.39	208.31	325.29	340.23	388.31
Loup.....	318.76	266.22	415.71	448.68	512.09
Madison.....	4,056.65	3,841.48	5,998.68	6,137.94	7,005.37
McPherson.....	69.52	20.63	32.22	66.98	76.45
Merrick.....	2,162.56	1,950.69	3,046.11	3,071.63	3,505.72
Nance.....	1,746.17	1,530.74	2,390.33	2,702.69	3,084.64
Nemaha.....	3,650.61	3,378.27	5,275.35	5,539.95	6,322.18
Nuckolls.....	3,073.73	2,672.13	4,172.68	4,477.20	5,109.98
Otoe.....	5,431.54	4,877.72	7,616.83	7,963.48	9,088.89
Pawnee.....	3,044.15	2,680.78	4,186.19	4,385.76	5,005.57
Perkins.....	656.02	453.90	708.78	611.35	697.75
Phelps.....	2,548.62	2,362.66	3,689.42	3,800.99	4,388.16
Pierce.....	1,999.11	1,833.55	2,863.20	3,031.23	3,459.61
Platte.....	4,625.39	4,099.04	6,400.88	6,769.49	7,726.17