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common people and must stand or fall by their own personal worth and effort. Few of our great men had famous ancestors. The descendants of but two of our twenty-four presidents ever roomed in the White House.
 It is so with wealth. In this country the law does not make it stick in the same family. We have no laws of primogeniture. The father may sleep in a millionaires grave and his children in a pauper's. There is ten times more of the smack of greatness in the man who makes money by his own ability and puts it to a good use than in him who heirs it. Fortunes and crowns thrust upon us by birth are no signs of greatness or financial ability. There seems to be a plausible excuse for people the world over to respect the rich man.
 The clown, the jester and the funny man were once rated as men of wit, but today the writer, the poet, the philosopher and orator are classed as men of wit or intellect. And yet all cannot be writers, poets, philosophers or orators. The great majority of the human family are shut out from being great, either by birth, riches or wit.
 But there is a higher realm of possibilities which is open to all, the greatness of being intelligent. A person may have knowledge of a few things and be a big dunce in everything else; such persons are not intelligent. Intelligence may be defined as diversified knowledge. To know a few things well is creditable, but to have a general knowledge as wide as humanity is far better.
 A thirst for knowledge is as natural as thirst for water. That thirst can be cultivated and strengthened as easily as a flower garden. We ourselves are the gardeners. Reading is the Amazon of intelligence and yet there are other avenues of intelligence, those of conversation and travel. Farmers and tramps many times possess knowledge that cannot be found in books. The mechanic and day laborer knows things worth knowing. There is not a human being whose intellect and memory are roused who does not possess sparkling jewels. All stand ready to yield up their treasure when asked. Intelligence does not bedfellow with frivolity or laziness.
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 Alvo, Neb. J. P. Routs.

Lese Majesty
 A peculiar circumstance has occurred in connection with the investigation of the Standard Oil Co., by the Industrial Commission. The commission has refused to receive and record the testimony of Mr. George Rice, of Marietta, O., because some portions of it "reflect severely upon President McKinley, former Presidents Cleveland and Harrison, Attorney General Griggs, and former Attorneys General Olney and Miller, and upon the Interstate Commerce Commission."
 So the plutocrats have found out a way to enforce the monarchical doctrine of lese majesty without any act of congress or the consent of any legislative body. Step by step we go on toward despotism.

Not These Our Kindred
 The lust for gold and lust for empire found' That the bold Dutchman dared their way to block. They joined their force to sweep him from the ground. Move, said the Sea; I will not, said the Rock. For twenty years the Sea has shouted, Go! For twenty years the Rock has answered, No!
 Now breaks the tempest! now the lightning leap! And Beer and Briton join in fatal strife, And we, afar, bewildered sit, and keep Hushing the thoughts that cut us like a knife. Are we not Britons, too, in speech and blood? Can we curse them and blast the alien brood?
 Britons, but not such Britons were, for lo! These men who goad the patient Boer today Are heirs of those who struck the insensate blow At Lexington and Concord. Tories they. Whose lands have smitten Freedom's form, alas! In all her strife with privilege and class.
 Not these our kindred! no, we spurn the claim. But rather those whose voices have been bold, For love of England, to avert this shame And break the spell by another cast by gold. Oh! for one hour of Gladstone's voice to plead The cause of God against the claims of greed.
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Important Decision Rendered in Cass County Court.
 County Judge Spurlock of Cass county decided a very important case at Plattsmouth in the suit of Douglas Shinn vs. School District No. 28. Shinn had taught the school in that district for several years prior to July, 1897, at which time he entered into an agreement with the then board to teach a nine months' school at \$39 a month. On September 7, the first day of the term, Mr. Shinn commenced his school, his certificate in the meantime having been renewed. The board of directors, however, had changed, and the new moderator and treasurer refused to allow him to teach. He offered his services anew to the new board, but met with a refusal and another teacher was engaged. The suit was brought to recover \$270, the full amount of the term, and the judge decided he was entitled to it, and gave judgment accordingly. The defense took the ground of no certificate, but failed to prove their case.

A WELCOME TO THEIR HERO

Tecumseh Citizens Extend the Glad Hand to Lieutenant Kavanaugh.
 Inclement weather modified the attendance expected at the formal reception and sword presentation by the citizens of Johnson county to Lieutenant Arthur G. Kavanaugh at Tecumseh, and yet it was a vast throng that witnessed the exercises. An escort consisting of the Tecumseh military band, the reception committee of company I, Second regiment, Nebraska national guard, Grand Army fraternity and citizens, accompanied the Lieutenant from the home of his parents, on First street, to the speaker's stand in the court house yard. After a selection by the band, Mayor George Warren, in behalf of the citizens, extended a very cordial welcome to the distinguished visitor. The Lieutenant pleasantly replied. Lieutenant Kavanaugh was on the bridge with Dewey at the battle of Manila bay, carrying the admiral's orders.

HARDLY HOLDING HIS OWN

Senator Hayward's Condition Falls to Improve.
 Senator Hayward's condition has not improved over that of Wednesday. He passed a restless night, his periods of sleep being infrequent and of short duration. The paralyzed members are no better, and his physicians are anxious and worried.

Visited By Insane Patient.

R. G. Emmons, who now has charge of the Lincoln bloodhounds, reports a peculiar incident that occurred the other evening. During the night he heard his dogs making considerable racket but paid little attention to it. The next morning he noticed two foot prints directly underneath his window. He got out his bloodhounds, put them on the scent and followed them. They went toward the insane asylum, and when nearly there he overtook three men. Two of the men were leading the third, an escaped patient who had been captured that morning and was being returned to the asylum. The dogs ran up to the patient and were very anxious to get at him. This was regarded as proof that the patient had paid Mr. Emmons a visit during the night.

Bessey on Plant Diseases.

Dr. Bessey, acting chancellor of the state university, has just completed his report as botanist of the agricultural experiment station to be printed in the thirteenth annual report of the station. He discusses the diseases of plants, poisonous plants, weeds, grasses, and other forage plants, trees of Nebraska, and gives a list of the publications relating to agriculture which he has issued during the past year, the most threatening of the plant diseases is that which affects the potato, causing brown discolorations within the tuber and eventually destroying it. Thus far its exact nature has not been made out, and it will require much more study and experimentation.

Makes a Partial Confession.

A Hastings, Neb., November 22 special says a tramp was arrested at Doniphan, Hall county, Wednesday afternoon on suspicion of having murdered the city marshal at Aurora several months ago. The marshal was found dead on the railroad tracks one morning and it was supposed his death was accidental. The tramp arrested yesterday, while under the influence of liquor, bragged about being responsible for the marshal's death.

University Statistics.

The statistics gathered in the chancellors office show that the largest department is that of English language and literature, with 1,289 students, the next being Germanic languages and literature with 629; Mathematics numbers 537 and chemistry 526; Latin 497; physics 330; physical training 493; romance, language and literature 328. It is therefore no wonder the class rooms and laboratories are crowded.

The Russians are reported to have occupied Herat on the northwestern border of Afghanistan.

Joke On Hathaway.

The police officers of Lincoln have a great joke on Sergeant Job Hathaway. A report came to the station that the dead body of an infant had been found in the alley back of K street between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets. The sergeant hurried down there and found a workman guarding a box that looked very much as though it might contain a corpse. The lid was slowly raised, revealing a cotton lining showing bloody marks. Finally the lid was removed entirely and the covering taken off the object inside, showing the dead body of—a young cat.

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If the republicans do put Hanna out, it is to be hoped that they will put Matt Quay or Tom Platt in his place. They are the only two rascals that are fully qualified to fill Hanna's place.

According to Otis' latest dispatches he has captured the wardrobe of Mrs. Aguinaldo and the Filipinos are still collecting taxes in the city of Manila. Otis says that he actually caught a lieutenant-colonel of Aguinaldo's staff in the act of taking in the money. Therefore, we are to conclude, according to the astute republican editors, that the "rebellion" is "about" to be crushed.

The voting machines that were used in several cities of the east gave the most perfect satisfaction. They should be adopted everywhere and especially in Nebraska. Voting machines in Omaha would have prevented the dirty trick played by the republican county clerk and ousted a set of judges that have been a disgrace to the state for ten years.

Melting pot Morton is still inquiring where the money came from to pay the expenses of the campaign. He says that "the plain people" wonder where it came from. How does he know that the "plain people" wonder? He never had any association with them. The plain people know very well where the money came from for they are the ones who furnished it. They put up their dollars month by month, and they are awfully glad that they did it. They are going to do the same thing next time. They have made a new departure and they are going to keep it up.

There is a great deal of talk in the republican newspapers about how the returned volunteers voted in the late election. The position that the republicans take when they claim that they were all for the war against the Filipinos puts these men in the most dishonorable position that a brave man could occupy. If these men were all enthusiastically for the war, and thought it was a just and holy war, then they were the most consummate sneaks that ever shouldered a gun, in refusing to stay and fight it out. There is no escaping this conclusion. The Independent prefers to believe that they were true and brave men, that they saw no justice in the war and therefore refused to re-enlist. That is the only honorable position to take in regard to the matter.

BOTH OF THEM LIARS.

Dun and Bradstreet had better call a convention, get together and make arrangements so that both of them can tell the same lie. Their usefulness to the gold standard propaganda will be destroyed unless they do. Here are the two reports they sent out last week:

Bradstreet says: "Business failures in the United States for the week number 199, as compared with 182 last week and 229 in this week a year ago."

Dun says: "Failures for the week were 219 in the United States against 223 last year and twenty in Canada against twenty-six last year."

Now which of these chaps shall we believe? The probability is that both of them are liars. It pains us to say it, but that is the probability in the case.

The Independent has received a letter from the "Office of the Supervisor of the Census, First District of Nebraska." It is one of those mimeograph or manifolded things. This sentence was all that could be made out: "The Director of the Census believes, and I concur in his judgement." The signature, after much difficulty was made out to be Frederick W. Miller. The Independent is very glad to know that Mr. Miller "concurs in the judgement" of the Director of all the

Census. If he did not, something serious might happen. The Independent will write a letter to the Director of Census and ask the authorities at Washington to send Mr. Miller a spelling book. If he is to be the judge of the number of people living in this district he ought to know how to spell "judgment." If the department can't afford to send him an old spelling book, he might go out and ask some old farmer how to spell it.

The Independent has been very moderate in its estimate of the vote in Ohio. Now that the official figures have been published it appears that Mark and McKinley are 73,761 in the minority, instead of 50,000 as the Independent has claimed all along. From a majority of 62,000 into a minority of 73,000 is nothing less than a revolution in the politics of the state. Hurrah for Mark Hanna! It is to be hoped that he will be kept in his present position as a leader of the republican party. Any pop who says any thing against it ought to have his head punched.

HARDY'S COLUMN

Our New Regents—Bankruptcy—Wide Comparison Gold In The World—The Monroe Doctrine Applied—Intelligence Crowned King.

We hope our new regents will not undertake to turn out all the professors, tutors and employes in our state university who did not vote the rustian ticket. It will be sure to bring disgrace and defeat to our party just as it did down in Kansas. Things have been done nearly as foolish, but we ought to have more sense.

It is rather wide to compare state, city or school expenses in Nebraska with the same expenses in the east. The government of New York gets \$15,000 a year and members of the legislature get \$5,000 a year. That extravagance runs through the state departments. They smoke twenty-five cent cigars down there. Their flush of money comes from taxing us on everything we buy of them, while we are compelled to sell them our produce at world's prices, less freight. They make the laws, that's why. Cleveland, Harrison and McKinley have given them what they asked for.

Supposing there are a billion gold dollars, or gold to make them, in the United States, the gold of the world has not increased half as fast as the business and population of the world has. Money should increase as fast as the business in order that the parity between money and property be maintained. Gold and silver together would increase so as to maintain a parity between money and property.

We said to France, "send no more troops to Mexico. Those that are there must fight it out with the Mexican people who are the rightful owners of the soil and government." That was a slight touch of the Modro doctrine. Now, supposing that Japan and China should say to Samuel, "send no more troops to the Philippine islands," how long would it be before our generals would be perforated and the islands have a progressive republican government similar to that of Mexico? The Filipino people are much better qualified for such a government than the Mexicans were fifty years ago.

Intelligence is crowned king in the realm of thought and intelligence. It was once said that only three things could make men great and famous, these were birth, wealth and wit. The easiest road to fame was that of birth. The royal sire excluded all competition and all need of exertion. Such fame does not depend on choice, will or effort, but comes to a few whether or no. The theory that royal sires beget royal offspring does not hold good in America. As soon as their lungs receive our air, that moment they become one of our

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