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THE STATE JOURNAL.

The Independent desires to spend a little time in a review of one issue of a sheet published in Lincoln called the Nebraska State Journal.

Washington in one of his letters recommending the education of the boys and girls of this country at home instead of sending them off to Europe...

The editor of course knows that Washington never, in all his life, ever spoke or wrote a word in defense of the annexation of distant islands...

The next item is like unto it, and is as follows: McClellan's celebrated euphemism of "change of base," when he got the worst of it in his grapple with Lee...

The editor knew when he was writing that item that it was a lie made out of whole cloth for the fact is that the Boers have sent no dispatches either of that sort or any other...

A little further down this Ananias says: The Modder river was bank full and the Boers had blown up the bridge...

This sentence is a curiosity. The whole intention of it, as is plainly seen on the face of it, is to lie to the readers of the paper in regard to the contending parties in South Africa.

The next article is an anti temperance one criticizing the recent action of the Georgia legislature. It contains the following lie, which is also made out of whole cloth:

It is related as an experience of Admiral Dewey that his ship having entered a harbor in Maine, his sailors asked permission, as usual, to go ashore.

The next article is about Cuba, and starts out with the following lie—it, too, being made up out of whole cloth.

It is pretty generally believed down in Cuba that the popular outburst against the military government and the protests against changing the military government for a civil government organized for the nonce by Uncle Sam...

The only conclusion that any sane man can come to after reading that is that lies bubble forth from the State Journal editor like beer from a bung hole.

The next article is about the Chicago big drainage canal. While there seems to be no motive to lie in such an article as that, yet the writer is so habituated to avoiding the truth...

What troubles New York is not the sewerage, but the fact that this is really a ship canal, connecting with the chain of great lakes.

That canal a ship canal! But that is only an innocent whopper, and so let it go without further comment.

The next paragraph starts a good big broad gauged lie of the sort that the readers of the paper expect to see every day. The editor says:

Since the Dingley bill was passed the treasury department has been collecting and locking up millions of dollars every month beyond even the extraordinary expenses of the government.

Now of course that editor knows that the surplus in the treasury was put there by the sale of \$200,000,000 of bonds, and

the revenues produced by the Dingley bill fall far short of paying the expenses of the government. Besides that, enormous expenses and losses have recently occurred in connection with the war in the Philippines...

The next article contains this statement: The croakings of the British mugwump about the absolute hopelessness of the effort of General Methuen...

Whether it was the Journal's intense love of British imperialism or whether the editor is incapable of writing an article without telling a lie, that was the occasion of the production of that paragraph it is hard to say.

The last editorial begins this way: Down in New York the other day, a Cuban applied for his naturalization papers and before he could get them, he was compelled by the clerk of the federal court...

The above articles constitute the whole of the editorial in that edition. The Independent defies anyone to find the equal of it for persistent, unqualified lying in one edition of any other paper published in the United States...

The State Journal people may claim that this edition of December 1st is not a fair sample—the writers having just returned from their Thanksgiving dinners—lied with more facility than usual.

Is it not time that the citizens of Lincoln took some means to establish a morning daily paper in this city that is fit to go into a decent family?

A VERY HEAVY HAND.

There was never a more infamous falsehood printed than the constant assertion that the Dingley bill has produced a surplus in spite of our enormous war expenses.

The effect of this heavy taxation manifests itself, as all economic forces do, very slowly. But it is beginning to be felt everywhere.

The Journal not satisfied with the amount of lying that it did that issue on its own account, also reprinted this, knowing that it was a lie. If one was to judge of the moral standing of the American people by the gold standard press he would come to the conclusion...

For twenty-six years the republican party has worn a mask. All this time it has had the determination to give the gold standard the validity of law...

Never in all history can there be found an example of such hypocrisy. President McKinley during the last campaign, when hard pressed with the charge that the republicans intended to do this very thing, came out on his front porch and denied it in toto.

The editorial columns of the great dailies are a disgrace to this age and nation. There is not one of them that employs an editorial writer of ability.

The republican papers continue to disgrace the state by discussing Senator Hayward's successor. Not a word of that kind has been printed in any popular organ.

The ten per cent gain in the republican vote of Kansas which was so widely circulated by the associated press turns out to have been a ten per cent loss.

By placing the government in the hands of liars and scoundrels—men who were frauds and hypocrites—we have not only given them the power to make slaves of the people...

Next year will be the year of the greatest presidential campaign ever fought in this country. The basis of that fight will be laid in the action of congress during the coming winter and spring.

The people of Nebraska are entitled to know why Superintendent Jackson remains in his employ regularly a clerk not authorized by law and pays him \$75 per month of the people's money.

Lucien Stebbins and his crowd of assistant republicans having made a total failure in attempting to organize a middle-of-the-road populist party in this state, have concocted a new scheme.

THE CRIME OF CRIMES.

There has been much said about the crime of '73 and the crime of '93, but a crime greater than these and greater than ever committed by any parliament...

It is a theft of a thousand millions from the producers of this country. It will increase the fortunes of the already enormously rich by that much and add that much to the burden of the already overburdened poor.

In another section of the bill, which will be found in another column, there is concealed a plan to contract the currency to the amount of \$200,000,000. A careless reading of the bill would not reveal it, but there is tucked away in one of the sections a plan to retire all the Sherman treasury notes.

Both public and private, in gold, we repeat is a crime in the presence of which all other crimes fade into insignificance.

BRIBES AND PATRONAGE.

Mrs. Kellie, who prints the only middle of the road paper in this state—a small five column folio—says that "the populist press of Nebraska was crushed out to make room for a mongrel fusion press bribed with patronage."

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WHO SHALL BE SENATOR

As strange as it may appear to thousands of the readers of this paper, the question of who shall be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Hayward has become a very vital one.

The Independent asks every reader of it as soon as he gets this edition to sit down and write a short letter to this office naming the man who he thinks should be appointed and his reasons therefor.

WHAT SHALL IT BE?

We have reached the point in the meeting of congress when the question must be answered whether this nation is to go on in the way we have followed for the last 125 years...

The secretary says it is essential that Porto Rico should receive substantially the same treatment at our hands as she received from Spain when a colony.

Will congress decide this question as the McKinley administration demands? Will they declare that the Filipinos after they have been bought, paid for and annexed, have no legal right under the constitution?

Will they say that Porto Rico shall receive at our hands "the same treatment that she received from Spain?"

A NEW SCHEME.

Lucien Stebbins and his crowd of assistant republicans having made a total failure in attempting to organize a middle-of-the-road populist party in this state, have concocted a new scheme.

The call has thirty-one names attached to it—two of them women. A look at it shows a lot of disgruntled office-seekers, one or two out of an old bug and the remainder "are unknown to fortune and to fame."

About four fusionists, evenly divided between the pops and democrats, here in the city of Lincoln, all of whom had held offices of profit or honor in the two parties...

The republican gains in New York turn out to be the same sort they were in Kansas. After the official count was made the republican majority in the state is shown to be a little over 9,000.

The great republican gain was a loss of 247,000! The republicans think it a very nice thing to have the associated press and hundreds of great dailies to circulate their lies for them.

