

De France Letter

Upon the populist party for the past four years has fallen most of the burden of conducting the Nebraska campaign.

The persons selected as chairman of the county central committee should be ex-officio state committeeman and congressional committeeman; he should have charge of the state representative and senatorial campaign in his county.

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Under such an organization as has been outlined briefly above, the chairman of the state central committee would communicate directly with the county chairman on all matters pertaining to the campaign in such chairman's county, and the latter would have sole voice in the county.

Utility and Value

"You modern school economists," remarked B. France the other day, "are a set of chumps. You say there is no such thing as intrinsic value; that value is a relation; that is power in exchange; but that value cannot be in a thing, because it is in the human mind. Is that correct?"

"Yes," I replied. "Well," said he, "then you say this thing has value and that has value. How can a thing have value, if value is in your mind?"

"That's an easy one, my boy," I answered: "suppose I say you have my best wishes; are not the wishes really in my mind? Suppose I say, 'you have a good reputation'; is the reputation without you? I am well aware that the expression 'has value' is a relic of the days when economists could not distinguish between utility and value, and as a result, were driven to use such expressions as 'intrinsic value,' 'commodity value,' 'market value,' and the like.

"Gearing for Public Money" In a certain Nebraska county the bankers entered into a combination whereby each bank refused to put up a depository bond to secure deposits of county funds.

So, after conferring with the county board, it was decided to use the United States postoffice for a county depository.

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election booths were so constructed that a space of nearly six inches intervened between the eight six inch tables on which the voter lists his ballot preparatory to marking it.

Government Depositories There seems to be no instance where the dollar is not placed above the man; not even above other property.

There seems to be no dispute that it is the duty of government to protect its citizens and their property.

My horse and buggy, locked at night in the barn, are comparatively safe. The fire department will save them from destruction by fire.

My money apparently has the same protection as my other property. But, has it? May I lock it in the barn or buggy shed? If it is stolen, could the police apprehend the thief as readily as in the case of the horse and buggy?

Because of its great value as compared to its size, and because of the great difficulty in identifying it, money must be treated somewhat differently from other property.

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Paying Expenses The office of secretary of state now does not cost the taxpayers of Nebraska a cent for maintenance.

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Editor Clavin of the Ord Journal has discarded the rule and commenced to learn those mysterious pot-looks which court reporters are popularly supposed to write as fast as one writes, two lawyers and one judge can talk all at once.

A Serious Problem Editor Independent—One of the most serious problems which confronts political reformers, is how to keep their party from falling into the hands of political leaders who (often without evil intent) sacrifice the object in view in order to be more certain of party success.

Joe Sibley Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—(Special Correspondence.)—Congressman Sibley of the Pennsylvania acrobats who has formerly represented a district of his state by virtue of the suffrages of prohibitionists, populists, and democrats, though he has shown symptoms of going over to the majority ever since his return to the present congress, still claims he is a democrat, but in his latest utterance on the floor of the house is in full support of the president's policy relative to the Philippines.

Ablest Reform Paper Our state paper, the Nebraska Independent, probably the best state reform paper in America, can be had in clubs of five for 50 cents each till Jan. 1, 1901.

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The Country Publishers Company at Omaha is a veritable thorn in the flesh of the Western Newspaper Union.

A Comparison table comparing Republican and Democratic financial records. Columns include 'Total Per Capita', 'Increase', and 'Decrease'.

Republicans frequently "point with pride" to the economical administration of state government by Gov. Crouse. The fact is, he made an admirable record when it is compared to the records of his predecessors; but there were too many republican barnacles adhering to the ship of state for any governor, however economical, to make the best possible record.

Take a single state institution for example. The hospital for insane at Hastings in 1893 had an average of 363 inmates for the year; under Gov. Crouse's administration the cost of maintaining these 363 inmates was \$70,865.06, or about \$193 per inmate per year.

In 1899, the Hastings institution maintained an average of 336 inmates during the year at a total cost of \$70,829.37, or about \$111 per inmate per year.

Gov. Poynter and his fusion appointees have shown their ability to care for 636 of the state's unfortunate wards for \$36.69 less than Gov. Crouse and his republican appointees used in maintaining 363 persons at the same institution.

It will not do to say that the services were better performed under Crouse than under Poynter, because there is no institution in the state where everything has gone along more smoothly than at Hastings. It is a model hospital.

It will hardly do to ring in the "prosperity" argument. In the Cleveland "hard times" of 1893 everything required by the institution should have been bought for a less price than in that year

of "McKinley prosperity" A. D. 1899. The only rational explanation is that fusion officers conduct state business with the same care that they do their own private business, but that the brand of officials under Crouse in 1893 believed a public office to be a private "snap."

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BUY OF THE HOUSE THAT SAVED YOU MONEY. WESTERN CLIPPER, WESTERN ALL STEEL, WESTERN GEM, etc. Includes illustrations of various machinery.

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NERVITA PILLS. Restore Vitality, Lost Vigor and Manhood. Includes an illustration of a man's face.

Look at This! SPECIALS. 50c Syrup of Fig, 25c Alum Powder, etc. Lists various products and their prices.

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