

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Audit Accounts of Chairman Edmisten and Make Report-Plan to Raise Campaign Funds Submitted.

The populist state central committee meeting, held in this city January 15, will long be remembered by those who were present, not only because of the important business to be transacted, but also because of the harsh words exchanged by certain members of the committee.

The bills paid before the first of March. A 5-cent contribution from each person who voted for Governor Poynter; last fall would wipe out every cent of indebtedness and leave money in the treasury.

The Independent expects to see every cent of this indebtedness paid off by the first of March—it amounts to less than three cents for each voter.

The Markets

CHICAGO GRAIN—Wednesday: Cash quotations: Flour—Barely steady. Wheat—No. 3 spring, 65@75c; No. 2 red, 75c.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK. Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$5 00 @ 6 00; poor to medium, \$4 40 @ 4 90; stockers and feeders, strong, \$3 00 @ 4 50.

SOUTH OMAHA LIVE STOCK. Cattle—Representative sales: Beef Steers. No. Av. Pr. No. Av. Pr.

DISBURSEMENTS. For speakers and speakers' expenses, \$1,584 20. For labor and office help, 1,921 55. For literature, 896 10.

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FAILURE OF THE DAILIES

The Independent Eight Days of Them on the Most Important News—What is News?

What is a newspaper? The cyclopedias define it thus: "A periodical publication printed and distributed for circulation of news."

But what is "news?" Webster declares that it is derived from the adjective new, corresponding to the French word "nouvelles," and that it means "recent account; fresh information of something that has lately taken place at a distance, or of something known before."

How should news be classified? Any "fresh information of something that has lately taken place at a distance, or of something known before," it follows that it is not news.

But is this classification sufficient to exclude what ought not to be printed and to include what ought to be? It seems not.

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amendments to the Bland act, the Sherman act and subsequent repeal of its purchasing clause, and the recent so-called gold standard act, shows to the reasoning man that they are all a part of a gigantic scheme whereby the entire control of our circulating medium shall be placed in the hands of a few men.

It required no gift of second sight, no clairvoyance, to foretell that the silver dollar must finally be completely annihilated if the money power succeeds in fastening its pernicious national banking system upon the people, and populist editors have been watching like hawks for the first suspicious movement in that direction.

The Independent in January 17, first column, first page, gave at length the news regarding the latest attack on the silver dollar; it discussed the matter editorially under caption of "The Crime of 1901."

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whip in order that I might treat the woman as she deserved. We take into account all of these things and the outrages in China, especially the exhibition of brutal passions of travelers to the Chinese. We ought to deplore ourselves.

A Few Questions

The Omaha Bee is the first republican newspaper in Nebraska to notice editorially the Hill bill. In this the Bee shows enterprise and a spirit of independence to be commended, even if we may disagree with its position on the merits of the proposed legislation.

The Bee observes that "there is no good reason why this proposed legislation for fortifying the gold standard act should not be enacted by the present congress. It is approved by the financial and business interests of the country and there is nothing to be gained by leaving it for the action of the next congress.

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demonetization by change in denomination. Haven't silver dollars been keeping up their parity quite well, thank you, the past four years? They haven't needed a redeemer—haven't had one—never will need one so long as they are a legal tender, and you know it.

Legislative Supplies. The P Street idiot devotes a good deal of space these days to accusations against the fusion secretary of state for the amount of money expended in furnishing supplies and renovating, cleaning and preparing the two halls in the state house preparatory to the meeting of the legislature.

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