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The railroadroads have announced a fare and a third as the rate to the populist state convention.

The Indian population of Nebraska is 3,322. There are also 180 Chinese and 3,300 Japanese in the state.

Various dailies have attempted to give a phonetic spelling of the name of the assassin. The latest is Shawl-gothch.

When occasion requires the republicans are always horrified at the idea of fusion, but up in Knox county they have fused with the mid-roads.

Which is governor of Nebraska? The republican state convention or a man named Savage. This thing has become somewhat mixed in men's minds of late.

McKinley has done a good deal of wobbling, but he wobbled the right way when he took the populist position on the tariff. What will the poor republicans do now?

Every civilized nation on earth has sent dispatches to Washington denouncing the assault upon the president and expressing sympathy with the people of the United States.

The assassin's shot at President McKinley was an appeal to force, and that very doctrine has been advocated by plutocratic bishops and ministers for the last four years.

The real name of the man who shot the president is Assassin. That jumble of consonants sent out by the newspapers is all a fake. Let him henceforth be called by his real name.

The census bureau announces that there are 62,884 more males than females in Nebraska. If Horace Greeley were still living he would probably now say: "Go west young woman."

The Boer war has already added \$500,000,000 to the national debt of Great Britain. That and the interest on it is what posterity will have to contribute to Joe Chamberlain jingoism.

That Roosevelt has been working industriously at his presidential boom there can be no longer any doubt. He has been denouncing the trusts while carefully avoiding the naming of any one of them.

The black man who was the first to grab the anarchist who shot the president, is said to be six feet, six inches tall. He was an employe in a restaurant on the grounds and is a man of exemplary habits.

Every attempt at force by an anarchist is a violation of his own principles. When any man openly attacks the principles that he declares that he believes in, he shows that he is of unsound mind and should be restrained.

The preachers disagree. While part of them are praying that the assassin may be brought to a realization of the enormity of his crime and make his peace with his Maker, another one declares that Czolgosz "will be an alien in hell."

It is somewhat humiliating to the good citizens of Nebraska to reflect that they have a governor that can be ordered around by a political convention like one of the slaves in the old days in the cotton fields, but they will have to stand it.

Since McKinley's speech on free trade at Buffalo, the republicans are getting ready to declare that they favor the principle of reciprocity, but are opposed to its practice. There is going to be trouble in the republican camps over this question.

The Dutch secret police in Holland arrested H. K. Vanderbilt as an anarchist. They did not miss the mark very far either, for it is the methods of such men as he that produce the discontent and uprisings which are so much feared by the European governments.

THE ANARCHISTS

There are but three governments in the world which have not adopted drastic measures to get rid of and drive out the anarchists. These three are Switzerland, Great Britain and the United States. All of them are republics, for England is only a republic masquerading in the name of monarchy. The United States and England punish no man for his beliefs, and every man may teach them in the abstract, however destructive may be their tendencies, except wage-workers, so they do not disturb the peace nor display immediate danger of doing so. In England and the United States anarchist sections may meet; they may denounce all governments, sing psalms to their own deadly doctrines and go to the extent of conspiracy against the lives of foreign kings and potentates. Yet the United States has suffered more from the murder of rulers than any other nation in recent times. Two of its presidents have been killed and another now lies at the point of death. The question now presses upon all of the people: What measures shall be adopted to suppress anarchism? In passing laws for this purpose it won't do to encroach upon the freedom of the press or of speech. Indeed, such laws would be unconstitutional. Neither must anything be done that will endanger the life or liberty of any innocent person. But anarchism must be suppressed. That the American people have determined upon and it will be done.

It appears to The Independent that the object can be accomplished without trespassing upon any of the rights of freemen. Society has a right to protect itself from domestic as well as from foreign foes. A man with a homicidal impulse is now restrained for the good of himself and of society. It is done on both purely legal and ethical grounds. Any man or woman who proclaims the insane belief in the murder of rulers should be immediately arrested and confined in some safe institution where he or she could not attack innocent men, society and government. Such a law would not only be constitutional, but humane and of the highest equity. Let such a law as that be passed. Send to some institution where escape would be impossible every advocate of murder. Every such person is dangerous to the welfare of mankind. A man or woman who sincerely believes in murder is to that extent insane and should be restrained. There are hundreds of such persons now in our insane asylums. Why not send the remainder of them there?

The way the plutocratic press has connected socialism and anarchy during the last few days is outrageous. The Independent has always been an opponent of socialism, but this connecting socialism with anarchy under the present circumstances is infamous. The anarchist believes in no government, while the socialist would expand government far beyond its present limits. To hold the socialist to be in any way responsible for the acts of anarchists is shameful.

When any man gets beyond the stage where he cannot reason he should have a guardian if harmless, and put under restraint if dangerous to the welfare of society. It is hardly possible that any man with reason undisturbed can believe that the form of government would be changed by the murder of a ruler. The next day after President Lincoln was assassinated and at the height of the excitement the Rocky Mountain News had the following editorial and it applies to this question with great force. The News said:

"It is idle to imagine that general results can be materially affected. The wheels of government, after the temporary jar of last Saturday morning, will move on as quietly and irresistibly as they did before. The power of the nation is not weakened while its determination is immeasurably strengthened. It is true we have lost the experience, the sound judgment and wisdom of our great ruler, and that the greatest statesman and diplomat of the age (Seward) is stricken, possibly to death, but other men will fill their places, who are, at least, equal to the emergency.

"Abroad the status of the United States cannot be affected to its disadvantage one particle. At home its armies are moving as orderly and as irresistibly today as they were a week ago. At the national capital every branch of the government is in order, and harmonious. More care and precaution will be taken in the future—a lesson learned by dear-bought experience. Even in financial circles there will be but a flutter, and then everything will settle down to the old routine; following the same channel and governed by the same rules that have confined and governed the financial and monetary world for years past."

During the last hundred years besides three presidents of the United States who have been attacked by assassins there have been fourteen rulers murdered, forty-two unsuccessful attempts at assassination and twenty bystanders killed. Not in a single instance has any change in the government been affected thereby. Men who

still believe in the efficacy of murder of rulers under these circumstances should certainly be confined in some safe prison for life.

FUSION IN THE EAST.

While the republican writers in Nebraska and Kansas shiver at the very thought of the immorality of fusion, it seems that the republicans of New York are bending every nerve to form a fusion against Tammany and the leading lights in the republican party there including Tom Platt are giving it all the aid they can. John Wannamaker and the republicans who act with him are making every effort to form a fusion with the democrats, populists and prohibitionists in Philadelphia. The Outlook says: "The present prospects are somewhat favorable to the movement which has been inaugurated in Philadelphia to defeat the nominations of the Quay-Ashbridge machine at the November election. The various organizations opposed to the ring have agreed upon a strong fusion ticket." The truth is that when a great party is entrenched in power with millions of patronage to distribute and has become corrupt that it always takes a fusion movement to overthrow it. It was such a movement that overthrew Tweed. Fusion is not only highly moral but it is statesmanlike. The Independent is glad to see that the reformers of the east are learning something of practical politics from the populists of the west.

MILITARY PROCLAMATIONS.

Joe Chamberlain has adopted the South American plan of campaign and is now going to conquer the Boers by proclamation. Under his orders Kitchener has issued the following proclamation:

"All commandants, field cornets and leaders of armed bands, being burghers of the late republic and still engaged in resisting his majesty's forces, whether in the Orange Colony, the Transvaal or other portions of his majesty's domains, and all members of the late governments of the Orange Free State and Transvaal, shall, unless they surrender before September 15, be permanently banished from South Africa. The cost of the maintenance of the families of all burghers in the territory named who have not surrendered by September 15 shall be recoverable from such burghers and shall be a charge upon their property, removable and immovable, in the two colonies."

This is simply a declaration that the English will make a desert of South Africa and call it advancing civilization. But it seems the Boers understand the proclamation business also, for De Wet has issued one saying that he will shoot every Englishman found in the republics after the 15th of September. Kitchener seems to have forgotten that he will have to catch the Boers before he can banish them and they are awful hard to catch.

The authorities of the populist party have wisely decided to continue fusion with the forces opposed to republicanism, a course that seems to The Independent wise and statesmanlike. The editor of this paper cannot be deceived into playing into the part of Clem Deaver and the True Populist by publishing communications attacking Bryan and leading men among our allies. This paper stands for the public ownership of railroads, telegraphs and all public monopolies whatever and will continue an editorial campaign along these lines until a majority of the people are convinced that the attempt to "control" the great corporations is futile and that their continuance is the foundation of most of the corruption in politics. Any article, well written, advocating the doctrines that the populist party has always advocated for the adoption of the Omaha platform until the present time will be received with pleasure, but personal assaults upon Bryan or other leading men who belong to the Bryan democracy will not be published and it is useless to send them. Bryan has often declared for the public ownership of all municipal franchises. He has never been guilty of "political tricks" and the columns of this paper cannot be used to make such charges against him. The editor of this paper is not a Clem Deaver and denies any relationship to him. The people of this state have had enough of that kind of politics. No political boss, and no man, high or low has ever attempted to dictate to this writer what should appear in The Independent or what course it should pursue. They know better than to try it. Some very lucrative positions have been offered in other fields and they have been refused, but no dictation has ever been presumed upon. That is the whole truth.

The steamship lines between New York and London have become great floating gambling palaces. Hundreds of gamblers make them their regular homes and go back and forth during the whole season. A jack-pot on one of the recent arrivals was said to contain \$90,000.

A NATION OF GAMBLERS

This nation is becoming a nation of gamblers. There is more gambling done in the United States than in any of the Latin republics—ten, and perhaps a thousand times as much—although the press has been writing funny items concerning their gambling proclivities for many decades. More money is invested in gambling in the United States than in any other one business. Hundreds of banks make all their profits by lending money to the gamblers—especially to board of trade gamblers. But gambling is everywhere. In Lincoln and every other town of any size in this state there are scores of gambling houses ranging from the old-style kind to the policy and bucket shops. All the sports of the people are based on gambling. The international yacht race is nothing but a big gambling scheme. A lot of steel trust magnates made a syndicate bet the other day of \$400,000 on that race.

This gambling is a loss to the state of such magnitude that no man can compute it. Hundreds of thousands of men are withdrawn from productive industry and legitimate business who spend their lives in gambling. Many hundreds of millions of money are employed in gambling, which, if put to work into legitimate industries, would give employment to thousands and appreciably raise the price of farm commodities. That is not the worst of it. If it continues to increase it will result in a race of effeminate degenerates and the destruction of modern society. Every thinking man knows this to be true, yet we hear no general outcry against it, and the great churches are silent. They admit to their communions the most notorious gamblers—not those who bet small sums, but those who put large fortunes at stake every day of their lives, sometimes losing all and sometimes making immense fortunes. A man who goes on the board of trade and bets on the rise and fall of prices, who has no goods to sell and never expects any to be delivered to him when he buys, is simply a gambler.

NO MORE EDITORIALS

The idea that editorial matter should be entirely eliminated in the daily press is gaining ground in the eastern states. Several articles have appeared during the last year in the magazines and the dailies themselves advocating it. In the near future that plan may be adopted. There are a good many reasons why such a course should be pursued. The daily press has completely changed in the last thirty years. They are all now owned or controlled by commercial interests of various sorts and kinds. There is no general principle upon which any editorial writing can be based advocated by any of them and any attempt at discussion is bound to make the writers ridiculous. So they have no heart for the undertaking. Their purpose can be much easier and more effectively obtained by sticking an opinion or a slur into the news note.

The ridiculous plight that the fifty-one-cent shilling editor of the capital republican organ found himself in when he undertook to write an article on exchange and prices in the Argentine republic is enough to forever discourage him from another attempt of that kind. It is much better and easier to mutilate dispatches and abuse Bryan. Rosewater will never mention the subject again. But their assertions that wheat sold in Argentina for 20 cents a bushel in gold will stand without correction. It is difficulties like that that causes editorial writing in the plutocratic dailies to be very unsatisfactory work. So the probability is they will give it up altogether.

THE UNIVERSITY

From the 17th to the 20th of September is registration week at the university. There is not a town, city or village in the state that is not interested in the university, while on scores of farms preparations have been making for weeks to send some son or daughter here to obtain a higher education. The university is now well equipped in all departments and although the students will have to furnish from their own pockets the money that Dietrich held up by his veto, yet even then it will pay them better than any other investment that they can make of their time and money. Whenever The Independent thinks of that veto, it feels like the old Quaker who wanted to hire a man to go out and swear ten dollars' worth. The money is in the treasurer's hands or is drawing interest for some "redeemer," while the poor students have to foot the bill. That is one of the blessings of having "redeemed" Nebraska.

The agricultural department will be more largely attended this year than ever before. Everything is in readiness for the reception of students out there and they will receive instruction that will be a financial benefit to them as long as they engage in farming. The university experiment station has been worth millions of dollars to Nebraska farmers. The ordinary farmer has neither the time nor the money to

make experiments to find out the best varieties of wheat and grasses. The introduction of alfalfa has brought more money into the pockets of farmers than the whole university has cost from its very beginning. The same thing could be said of many other things that have been done and discovered out there.

As a reason for the many escapes from the penitentiary since the redeemers got charge of it, the republicans now say that the pops got the convicts so demoralized during their control of the institution that the convicts all want to run away and really they can't be stopped.

According to the report of the United States treasurer, on July 1 the stock of money in this country included \$1,124,729,261 in gold, \$610,062,587 in silver dollars and subsidiary coin. That statement is proof beyond dispute that the idea of a single gold standard is still a far off dream.

The inheritance tax in France produced \$38,387,000 out of the total revenue of the government which was \$546,546,000. As France is a land of competencies, with few great fortunes, this is a remarkable showing. In our own country the same tax would produce upward of \$100,000,000, and in some years nearer \$200,000,000.

Mr. C. T. Bride and his son, W. W. Bride, real estate dealers of Washington, D. C., were in Lincoln during the week and The Independent was glad to greet them as intelligent, active workers in the cause for which it fights. They were guests of W. J. Bryan while in the city and their call at The Independent office was very enjoyable.

The Christian scientists claim a demonstration of their theory of the all powerfulness of mind over matter in the case of Mrs. McKinley. Before the president was shot she had to be carried up and down stairs. Now she can go up and down stairs without assistance and has taken no drugs. The regulars have another theory to account for the change.

Revs. Dr. Talmage and Dr. Naylor, a Methodist clergyman of Washington, D. C., have both publicly joined the anarchists by declaring that if they had been present when the president was shot they would have ignored law and order and brained or shot the assassin on the spot. Anarchist sections will no doubt glory in the acquisition of these two distinguished clergymen to their ranks.

When a political convention can give an order to a governor which he instantly obeys, it unsettles our former theories of government. That kind of government is an invention of the "redeemers" of Nebraska. If the precedent is to be followed, it will make little difference who is elected governor for he will have no policy of his own that he is not bound to change as soon as ordered to do so by a resolution committee.

If the anarchists could succeed in killing the president, vice president, the whole cabinet, the speaker of the house and every prominent military commander all at once, it would not result in any change in the form of government. The people would soon supply the vacancies with men just as able and the government would endure. Any man but a fool or an anarchist would know that the murder of rulers could result in nothing but murder.

The republican state convention of Philadelphia met, organized, adopted a platform, nominated candidates and adjourned in one hour and 28 minutes. They denounced the democrats and laughed at ring rule, declaring that such charges were only made in democratic yellow journals. There was harmony for you, my boy. That is republicanism true and undefiled. There are no more kickers against Quay in the republican party in Pennsylvania.

Of course the Nebraska republican farmer will be delighted when Hanna gets his ship subsidy bill through with the prospect of being one of those who will have to pay an increase in taxes of about \$10,000,000 a year to go into the pockets of the syndicate who are pushing the thing through congress. If he will not be why should he support the republican ticket? Hanna says he now has a cinch on the passage of that bill as soon as congress meets.

Under the fusion government the state treasurer forced the county treasurers to make a full report and forward their funds every month. The result of that policy was that the state did not lose one cent by embezzlement or otherwise while the fusionists held the state government. This policy has made such an impression upon the people that the republican state convention thought it would be good politics to demand that their treasurer should do the same thing. But he won't.

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It was in perfect keeping with the whole course of the Chicago Record-Herald that it should denounce Chancellor Andrews and set itself up as a champion of veracity. Every one knows that the Record-Herald keeps upon its staff the most accomplished and persistent liar that the world ever saw and gives his matter constantly the most conspicuous place in its columns. As long as it employs W. E. Curtis as one of the chief writers it only exhibits hypocrisy when it denounces lying.

When Garfield was shot there was the same demand made as now for a law inflicting more severe punishment upon the assailant of the president than upon a private citizen. It ended in nothing being done. The only action taken was to provide for the succession when a president and vice president were both removed. Now the succession runs down through the cabinet to the speaker of the house of representatives. To leave the government without a head the president, the vice president, the cabinet and the speaker would all have to be killed.

One would have thought that the Associated press would in the calamity of the nation caused by the attempted assassination of the president have discontinued under such distressing circumstances its habit of distortion and lying, but it didn't. In one column we read that Secretary Cortelyou never left the president for a moment, not even to obtain food or rest or sleep for two days and that no one was allowed in the room where the wounded president lay except the doctors and trained nurses and that even his private secretary was not permitted admittance.

It has been a bad year for yachts named "Constitution" and "Independence," but no worse than for the constitution and the Declaration of Independence themselves. Lawson says that he is going to break up the Independence and sell it for old junk. That is exactly what the supreme court did for the document that it was named after. The yacht Constitution has been put out of the race and relegated to the rear. That is what has happened to the constitution of the United States. Neither yachts nor the documents bearing those names find any favor with the millionaires.

An editorial was prepared for The Independent last week complimenting the "redeemers" on the fact that only one convict had escaped from the penitentiary during the week, but it had to be killed on the morning of publication because two more took a notion to leave the night before. All they had to do was to climb over the wall. The men selected to guard the prison walls are very much like the distinguished gentleman whom that party has chosen to guard their interests in the legislative halls. They sleep while the thieves do as they please.

A man writes to The Independent and wants to know whether the Omaha bankers who jumped at the funds as soon as Meserve turned them over to Stuefer carried them away in a carpet sack or in cigar boxes. Caldwell and Balch and another Omaha banker whose name is forgotten were present. As soon as the money was turned over they wrapped up the currency in a newspaper, the gold which was in sacks they took in their hands and called a cab, into which they all tumbled with great haste and started for Omaha. It is hardly probable that Stuefer will publish a report giving the facts, although the state convention so demanded.

It is said that the hair on the heads of the distinguished gentlemen who occupy the offices of the American tariff league and weekly send out hundreds of thousands of documents to

prove that the infant industries of this country must be protected against the pauper labor of Europe nearly turned gray when they read that passage in McKinley's speech which says, "Perchance some of our tariffs are no longer needed for revenue or to encourage and protect our interests at home." "Perchance" is a very mild word, but it was full of terrors to those who by the aid of the tariff have been charging Americans nearly twice as much for goods as they sold the same articles to foreigners.

After a railroad once gets into politics it finds it a very difficult matter to get out. The Southern Pacific seems to have made such an effort recently and found that it couldn't. It had kept a lot of political barnacles on its pay rolls and regularly sent them to the legislature. The recent combinations made them no longer useful to the road and the manager undertook to stop their pay. But he found that he couldn't. Instead of the barnacles having to go the manager had to be changed. Republican railroad barnacles have cost the people of Nebraska millions of dollars and will cost them millions more. The roads will never be able to get rid of them as long as there is any chance for that party to control the state government.

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