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Turn the rascals out!

Church Howe has come home and the old ship is leaking again.

The "Hall of Sorrows." That is the name that the republican state headquarters is known by.

The last three years' experience makes that \$20,000,000 we paid to Spain for the Philippines look like thirty cents.

And the cry still goes up from every county and precinct: Where is Nebraska's school fund? Stuefer answers not.

The manner in which the opening of the Ohio campaign was written up shows for whom the Associated press is doing business.

Matl. Geering didn't get an office, and Clem Deaver did. The Independent waits for some remarks to be made on that subject.

To a remark that President Roosevelt had confidence in him, Senator Hanna is said to have replied: "Confidence is not always reciprocal."

Morton has told us of the house that "Gab" built. Will he now tell us, please tell us of the mansions that "boodle" built, including his own?

The transference of a Nebraska republican from the state to Washington does not in the least change his habits. The Metkelljohn investigation is a proof of that statement.

The motto of the literary society to which this editor belonged when he was in college was "Lobor Omnia Vincit" and he believes in that doctrine yet.

The bankers are beginning to talk about the "elasticity" of the currency again. What they really mean is that they want still greater opportunities to get interest on what they owe.

Schley did not obey the ridiculous orders of the strategy board and won the greatest naval victory of record. Cervera obeyed the orders issued by his strategy board and lost his whole fleet.

The salvation of this country was worked out by the chemists. The cyanide process which made it possible to work ore at a profit that contains only \$1.40 to the ton is what did the business.

In sentencing five Cape "rebels" to life imprisonment, one is to be beaten with rods and one to death, Kitchener of Khartoum makes martyrs of billiard-players and of himself practically a murderer.

When Uncle Sam builds and launches a new war ship that costs \$5,000,000, that is only the beginning of the expense. That ship has to be manned, provisioned, coalled and kept in repair as long as its floats.

The Kansas City Times has been sold out to the plutocrats. That leaves only two democratic dailies west of the Mississippi. It is about time that the populists started in on the daily business.

It is announced in the papers that Rosewater has fled the state. It appears that Bartley, Gould and Stuefer were too much even for the doughty editor of the Bee. After the election Honey will come back.

The editor of The Independent had a vase of apple blossoms on his table last Monday, October 22. We call these days "Indian summer," and no one is disposed to deny that the Indians can make summer of the genuine sort.

Poor J. Sterling Morton suffers from many delusions, but the worst one is what he calls "a unit of value." When Morton once catches a value, divides it into units and then exhibits those units, he may prove that he is not suffering from a delusion. It is no use to attempt to reason with a person who suffers from a delusion.

POP BUSINESS PLANS

A telephone is absolutely essential to every business man, to residences it is a convenience, but to the business man an indispensable necessity. While one portion of the business world uses telephones, the others must, or quit business. It is a public service of the very same kind as that performed by the postoffice. That being the case there is no reason why the postoffice should be conducted by the government that does not apply with the same force to the telephone service. No man will deny that if the postal service was in the hands of private parties the charges would be greatly increased. Under the government it is conducted at cost. Under private management there would have to be added profits. There is not a business man in the whole land who would for a moment consider the turning over of the postoffice to private parties, and the thing that no pop can find out is why these same men will denounce the public ownership of telephones. Why will they insist upon paying from twice to five times as much for telephones in private hands as they would cost when operated by the government? Is there any one who can tell why? If the business community would demand the public ownership of telephones, it would be but a short time until they were owned by the public and operated at cost.

In the city of Buffalo a company has agreed to put in and operate telephones at the following rates: Business, one party line, \$48; business, two party line, \$40; business, three party line, \$32; business, four party line, \$24; residence, one party line, \$36; residence, two party line, \$24; residence, three party line, \$20; residence, four party line, \$15, and pay 3 per cent of the gross receipts into the city treasury. That is about half what the citizens of Lincoln pay. Six or eight other companies bidding for the privilege of operating the telephones in that city bid very nearly as low. The defeated companies are making a big row, although it is not denied that the parties making the above bid are perfectly responsible, and the republican press of the city is giving them all the aid it can. As for the democratic press of the city it has only got far enough along to remark:

"The Times is not prepared to advocate the municipal regulation of telephone systems, but, judging from the present mix-up on the question, this might afford a way out of the difficulty."

The business interests, from the bankers down to the pop corn vendor, have cut their own noses off by fighting the populist party, and a good many of them are beginning to find it out. Would it not be an incalculable benefit to this whole community if those Buffalo rates could be put in effect all over this state? And these rates provide for interest, profit and 3 per cent to be paid into the city treasury. How much greater would the benefit be if the telephones were owned by the public and operated at cost? There is a certain stolidity about the average business man that is incomprehensible.

Every man in the city of Lincoln knows that if the street car lines, the electric lighting and the telephones were owned by the municipality that rates could be reduced nearly one-half and an income to the city could be secured that would abolish taxation, and perhaps at the end of the year, instead of the citizen walking up and paying a heavy bill for taxation, he would receive a dividend. These are some pop ideas and business plans that it will take several years yet to beat into the heads of the brutal republican majority of Lancaster county.

WHAT REPUBLICANS HAVE DONE

They have reduced the school appropriation \$50,000. They have provided for the creation of a state debt of over \$1,900,000. They have allowed a large number of criminals to escape from the penitentiary. They have pardoned a great many more convicts, some of them murderers. They have decreased the taxes upon railroads and other rich corporations. By the employment of inefficient men in payment of political work they have allowed two of the largest state institutions to burn down. They have enormously increased the cost of maintaining the inmates in every institution in the state. They have nominated thieves for public office. They have attempted to put in control of the university, where the youth of the state are educated, a man who had part of the money stolen from the state by Bartley.

Heads of institutions under their control have refused to make reports so that the people might know how the taxpayers' money was expended. They have held up \$90,000 of money appropriated by the legislature for the support of the state university, and the treasurer refuses to tell what he has done with it.

They have forced a tax upon poor students to pay the expenses of the

university while the treasurer holds the money that can be used for no other purpose. He refuses to tell where it is and how much interest he gets on it.

The state officers who compose the board of public lands and buildings propose to let large contracts to favorites without the authority of law. All that is only part of the maladministration that has appeared in the first ten months of their restoration to power in Nebraska. If you want more of that sort, be sure to vote the republican ticket.

BRAVE WOMEN-COWARDLY MEN

There is an evil growing up in this state to which there should be applied some drastic measures of repression. It is the habit of a great many mean, cowardly, contemptible bipeds of the male sex to marry some trusting young woman in the bloom of youth and live with her until two or three children are born and then desert her. In all such cases that have come under the notice of this writer, and there have been a great many of them here in Lincoln, the woman has proved to be brave, heroic and in every way praiseworthy. These women have toiled night and day to provide for the children, they have suffered want and hardship uncomplainingly, and seldom have become objects of charity. They dress their children as neatly as they can, they send them to school and in some instances known to the writer have starved themselves that their children might have food. No braver or more truly heroic feats have ever been performed on the field of battle than some of these women have accomplished, after they have been deserted by their criminal husbands, in their efforts to rear their children.

Two or three most distressing cases of this kind have been brought to the attention of the editor of The Independent during the last few days. Measures have been taken to prevent suffering, but that is not the question of most importance. There is no statute in this state for the punishment of men who act in this inhuman way. There should be such a statute and every one of these beasts should be made to know when they commit a crime like that that a good long term in the penitentiary awaits them. There is nothing that an honorable man more abhors than the desertion of a woman after she has given the best years of her life to a man and born him children, for the embraces of some younger woman who has no children to support. If there is any criminal who deserves horse-whipping, it is a wife deserter.

THE SENATE WILL INQUIRE

The indications are that Millard will have to explain his transactions with Bartley to the senate after he takes a seat in that body. The cock and bull story that he told in court about handling a state warrant made payable to an individual whom he had known for years, and who he knew never was worth half the sum of the face of the warrant will hardly go down with the shrewd business men of the senate. That warrant was made payable to Bartley and Millard knew that the state could not possibly owe Bartley \$180,000. He was so positive of that fact that he carefully avoided handling the warrant in the regular way. No bank put its stamp on the back of that warrant, which is evidence that every man who handled it was aware that he was handling stolen goods. When Millard charged Bartley on the books of the bank with being paid personally \$180,000, he knew that he was transferring to Bartley state money that did not belong to him. The question arises: Did Bartley ever receive the whole of that \$180,000 and the interest, which amounted in all to over \$200,000? Two hundred thousand dollars is not carried around in a man's vest pocket. Did Bartley take that \$200,000 away with him that night after banking hours? It will be very hard to make an investigating committee of the senate believe that. From information received from Washington it appears that the senate will make some inquiries about that matter. One or two senators object to sitting in the same body with Bartley's partner without making a protest.

It turns out that the statement that the republican state treasurer had purchased \$80,000 of Douglas county bonds is a lie made out of whole cloth. The county treasurer down there knows nothing about such a transaction and no trace of it can be obtained anywhere. That \$80,000 of school funds is still "on hand," but Stuefer won't tell where. The same is probably true about the Colfax county bonds. The fact is that Meserve raked the state over for county bonds as investments for the school funds and there was, when he left office, nearly \$4,000,000 of them held by the state. Stuefer's game to quiet the people by telling mythical stories about investing that school money in county bonds will only raise a bigger rumpus. Where are Nebraska's permanent school funds, Mr. Stuefer?

THE PENITENTIARY DISGRACE

Comment has been made heretofore regarding the failure of the warden of the state penitentiary to make his semi-annual report to the governor. This should have been filed shortly after the expiration of the semi-annual period (May 31, 1901). This semi-annual report ought to show the amount of money expended in the maintenance of the penitentiary. Doubtless the expenditures have been so heavy that he is ashamed to make a report until after the campaign is ended. However, his incompetency is so well known that it is highly probable the poor fellow doesn't know how to make a semi-annual report. Perhaps even, he doesn't know he is required to make one.

There is another class of reports which, during the fusion administration was made immediately after the end of each month. This is essentially a convict balance sheet. It shows the number of convicts on hand at the beginning of the month; number received during the month; number discharged, escaped, died, and paroled or pardoned; and winding up by showing the number on hand at the end of the month. These reports are filed in the office of the secretary of state. Inquiry at his office will reveal the fact that during the fusion administrations these reports were filed promptly each month. It will reveal the fact that under this "new" republican administration but one report of this kind has been filed, and that is for the month of August, 1901. This little report for August shows some interesting facts. It shows that Preston Todd, No. 3613, sent up from Boone county, five years, for cattle stealing, was paroled. It shows that during the month of August five convicts escaped from the penitentiary, these being as follows: 3688, Lowell Adair, Douglas, forgery, three years. 3778, Fred L. Denny, Cheyenne, grand larceny, 18 months. 3708, Clyde Page, Buffalo, horse stealing, one year. 3749, Chas. F. Bennett, Douglas, larceny from person, one year. 3734, Edward Connaday, Cass, burglary, two years.

The convict account shows as follows: Convicts on hand, July 31.....281 Received during August..... 6 Returned from escape..... 3 Total.....290 Convicts discharged during Aug. 7 Convicts escaped during Aug..... 5 Convicts died during Aug..... 3 Convicts paroled during Aug..... 1

This is a record of only one month's mismanagement of the penitentiary by incompetent republican officials and employes. It is not unfair to assume that a report for each of the other six months would show no better than this. Think of allowing five convicts to escape from the penitentiary in one month and this does not take into account those who escaped from parole, being already outside the walls of the penitentiary! It is rather curious that this report was made at all. It is the only one on file since the republican warden took charge. It is probably not too much to say that he didn't know that such a report should be made and the fact that this one is filed for the month of August is evidence that the populist acting warden placed there by Governor Savage to straighten out the kinks had prompted Clerk Fairfield to make the report before referred to.

According to the Bee the board of public lands and buildings is about to award a contract for putting up a building at Norfolk when they have no authority to do such a thing that the man in the moon. In fact it is an act in direct violation of law and any contractor who engages to put up such a building on their order will have no legal claim upon the state for payment. That, in the eyes of republicans, counts for nothing, providing that they ever again get a republican legislature in this state. There are plenty of republican contractors in this state, who are now as they ever have been, after good fat jobs that are always dispensed with prodigality when the republicans are in power. They are looking after more "stone plugged to size." They'll get it. What is the use of electing a republican administration if the grafts are not liberally distributed?

Turn the rascals out!

PHILIPPINE LOSSES

General Corbin has submitted his annual report as adjutant general of the army. In it he says that "the casualties to the troops in the Philippines since the date of the first arrival, June 30, 1898, to June 30 last, were 115 officers and 3,378 men killed and 182 officers and 2,646 men wounded." Since last June there have been great losses as the weekly reports of killed, wounded and died of disease have told us. That is the cost in men of this wild and foolish business, while the cost in money has been about \$400,000,000. There is no more prospect of an end to this loss of men and money than there was in the beginning. There was another big fight

last week in which we lost about forty in killed and wounded and if reinforcements had not arrived in the nick of time, another whole company would have been wiped out of existence. There has never been anything more statesmanlike than the position that the populist party has taken on this Philippine question. Even the black journalists have ceased to charge that Bryan and his followers are responsible for the resistance to the American troops in the Philippines. The question now is, how long is this enormous expense and bloodshed to be continued? What have we received in return for it all? To settle this thing and settle it right, there ought to be a little pop statesmanship at Washington. The populist view will have to be adopted at last, and the sooner the better for both the citizens of the United States and the Filipinos. How much aid toward the settlement will be given by Bartley's partner and his illiterate colleague?

THE SOUTH STIRRED UP

President Roosevelt invited Prof. Booker T. Washington to dine with him, whereat the whole south is on the rampage. Southern dailies have denounced the president in language very much like that once used by Bob Toombs in congress. It seems that the southern democrats persuaded Professor Washington to come to Washington to urge the appointment of Jones of Alabama, a gold democrat, to the position of federal judge. Washington came and after the appointment was made the president invited Washington to dine with him. The claim is made in the south that that was an attempt to force social equality between the whites and blacks in the south. The way that The Independent looks at the matter is this: If the southerners don't want to eat at the same table with a black man, however eminent he may be, that is an affair of their own and no northern man has any right to try to force them to do otherwise. If a northern man wishes to invite an eminent and highly educated black man to dinner, that is none of the business of these southern men. They have no more right to try to force their social customs on the north than the north has to force its social customs on the south. The only reason given so far by any southerner for this social ostracism of the blacks is that if it is not strictly enforced without any exception whatever, it will lead to inter-marriages and miscegenation. To any one who has travelled in the south it does not seem that social ostracism has prevented miscegenation in the slightest degree. A full-blooded black man is a rare sight in most of the southern country, and the color continues to bleach out very fast from year to year as the matter now is. Social recognition of either black or white people is a personal matter, and when any man or set of men undertake to dictate in that matter they will come to grief.

Ross Hammond has certainly gone daft. In speaking of the demand made on Treasurer Stuefer to tell what has become of the schools funds, he remarks that it is "a good enough Morgan until after the election. Any old thing is a good enough 'issue' for the faded and jaded fusionists." That demand was made by the republican state convention and not by the faded and jaded, he should have taken a glance at and "jaded" is concerned, if one wished to look upon a body of men utterly collapsed, in ruins, harrassed, fatigued, crushed, dispirited, fagged, faded and jaded, he should have taken a glance at the republican state committee when they met to haul off a candidate for regent because he had a lot of the money stolen from the state of Nebraska in his pockets. There was a "faded and jaded" thing worth looking at, my boy.

A republican editor up in the northern part of the state says that he is "proud of the record of the republican party in this state." The Independent was at first inclined to give the name of this editor, but upon reflection it was not considered hardly fair to forever blight the reputation of a young man by attaching his name to such a statement as that. Perhaps when he gets older he will be sorry that he committed such an indiscretion. The republican party robbed the taxpayers of this state of nearly a million of dollars, but worse than that and a thing far more disastrous and disreputable, it elected Millard and Dietrich to the United States senate. It will not be long after Bartley's partner and his illiterate colleague take their seats in the august body until Nebraska will become the laughing stock of the whole country. The young men in the press gallery will have a fine time with them.

A republican state treasurer will cost the people at least \$15,000 a year more than a populist cost them. In the first place they had to pay \$3,000 to insure him against the republican stealing, and the figures from his own reports show that he gets a rake-off of something over \$1,000 a month which, according to law, belongs to the state.

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The New York Sun has been doing its best to excite mob violence against a competing newspaper. At the same time it has been posing as the great anti-anarchist of the world. Such are the methods of modern black journalism.

About half of the republicans of Iowa swore by the holy horn spoon before Cummings was nominated for governor that he was as bad as a man could be. Now they all declare that he is a saint come down from heaven. Republicans have some queer ways.

Strange things happen in this world and one of the strangest is that a weekly pop paper should change the whole financial conditions in the west. But that is what one of the most prominent bankers in the west says about The Independent. Read the extract from his letter.

"Redeemed" republicanism has presented to the people of Nebraska a chief justice who has swiped a slice of the public funds and nominated for regent a man who had part of Bartley's stealings. The question now arises what would it have done if it hadn't been "redeemed?"

To please the black journalists, the cartoonists have dropped Mark Hanna altogether and he is rapidly passing from public notice. Not a cartoon of him has appeared for weeks and Hanna is unconsoled. He will soon be a negligible quantity in politics if the cartoonists don't take him up again.

According to all the Washington correspondents, the white republicans of the south are the vilest wretches who ever navigated around on this old earth. That is a new turn that they have taken. Something of that kind was said in democratic papers twenty-five or thirty years ago, and the old moss-backs in the republican party have just found it out.

The Exeter Enterprise says: "Republican favors in Nebraska are apportioned on the basis of how much of the state money was gotten through the Bartley steal. Joe Millard got \$200,000 and drew a senatorship. Poor Gould only got \$1,500 and drew a nomination for university regent. When it was found he had paid \$500 of it back, however, he was pulled out of the race."

The Unitarians will hold a conference in Lincoln, beginning Sunday, November 3, and continuing for three days. There will be many eminent speakers present, including S. A. Elliot of Boston, Rev. F. C. Southworth and others. Sunday night Mr. Southworth will lecture on "The Two Greatest Religious Leaders." The Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday following will be filled with addresses by eminent men.

Hitchcock county is going to remember the First Nebraska, U. S. V. James O'Connell of company B has been nominated by the fusionists of that county for county superintendent. If the people of Hitchcock county appreciate faithful service to the country and excellent qualifications for the office, they will certainly elect Professor O'Connell. He served in all the campaigns of the First Nebraska and fought in seventeen battles and skirmishes.

The republican state convention posed as sanctified and "redeemed" saints. They then called to preside over the convention a man proved to have state money in his pocket that he had fished from the state treasury. The next thing that they did was nominate for a state office a man who had part of Bartley's stealings in his pocket. When the committee had to haul off their thieving candidate they still

posed as the sanctified and said that it was an evidence of their holiness. Such saints as these the world was never afflicted with before.

A BANKER'S APPEAL

Since the news of the action of the national bankers in the Milwaukee convention has been received, the bankers in the west who have been reading the financial articles in The Independent and who know something of the fundamental principles of banking and political economy are waking up to the danger that confronts them. One of them in a private letter to the editor of The Independent uses the following words:

"The Independent has been of more real service to the business interests of the country than all the other financial writing in the daily newspapers and the banker's magazines put together. I personally know that the articles on bank reserves published two or three years ago have been handed around from one banker to another until they have effected a change in banking methods to such an extent that the west has become almost independent of the New York clearing house ring. I have had something to do with that matter myself and know whereof I speak. There is no doubt that the purpose of the law regarding reserves was to force all of the money of the country into Wall street where high rates of interest could be obtained from the men who bet on the board of trade on the rise and fall of stocks. When The Independent began to tell the bankers of the west to keep their reserves out of Wall street and place them in the reserve banks in the west, they immediately saw the force of the logic. Many of them remembered that in 1893 the New York banks simply refused to honor the checks of the western banks when the said western banks needed the money to save themselves from ruin. A large western bank now, instead of sending all of its reserves to New York, divides them up among the reserve cities of the west. You no doubt have noticed that there has been no great call made upon New York this year 'for money to move the crops,' whereat the Wall street banker is greatly astonished. The reason was that the money was already in the west, and the New York bankers have not had the pleasure and profit of drawing interest upon it by loaning it out to the stock exchange gamblers, for the greater part of the year. It will be many a long year before the New York banks will have the western bankers at their mercy as they had in 1893. It seems that they begin to realize the situation, from the action they have taken at Milwaukee. The truth is that nine-tenths of the bankers in the eastern states are as ignorant of all fundamental principles as a ten-year-old boy. They never do any investigating for themselves, but follow impliciting the directions given out by the New York city bankers. The height of their ambition is to be accurate bookkeepers and to know whose note to discount and whose to refuse. That is the sum of their knowledge of banking.

"The New York city clique of bankers having found out that we bankers of the west know a thing or two about banking and that a good many of us are determined to keep the money of our depositors where we can get our hands on it when the depositors want it, are now engaged in another scheme to force us to put it all down in Wall street as was done previous to 1893. That is the meaning of that Milwaukee address to which Secretary Gage gives his unqualified approval. You can readily understand that there are business reasons why no banker can come out over his own signature and denounce the secretary of the treasury and the leading bankers of New York, but if you will take this matter up and discuss it in The Independent in the