CAMPAIGN APPROACHING

Lively Interest in all Parts of the State in the Coming Elections Notwithstanding the

Busy Season

LIBERTY SUBSCRIPTIONS INCREASING

Good Rains and Excellent Crop Prospects in all Parts of the State Make the Work Easier

erty Building and many orders for at present. Upon the prosperity of but it benefitted other pieces twice as The administration press has grown blocks of five have been received. The the farmers depends the business inculation and influence of The Indepen- in the state. dent is the surest sign of the splendid enthusiasm in the ranks of the people's manager during the past week and the party in this state, particularly when press of work in the office the list of it is manifested so early and in ad- orders received this week will be ac- have more wheat than we would have shall follow in the footsteps of Cuba vance of the conventions. In Nebras- knowledged with the list next week. had with a warm, wet, growing April. and become self governing. But Rooseka the present is by far the busiest None will be omitted. The orders reseason of the year. Every farmer is in ceived have carried the grand total his fields and rarely sees his neighbors past 6,500 cards and it is hoped that except Sundays and rainy days. The the list by next week will reach near indications are that his labors will be to 7,000.

News of the Week

Roosevelt has accepted the statue of Frederick the Great presented to the people of the United States by the German Emperor and it will be set up in one of the public squares of Washington. Would the Kaiser as gleefully accepted a statue of Washington, Jefferson or Lincoln to be set up in Berlin?

This congress will appropriate \$100,-000,000 for rivers and harbors and public buildings alone. This \$100,-000,000 is just for a few side trimmings for a government run by the republicans. What the whole bill will be is not yet known, but "it will stagger humanity.'

Mr. Asquith, the English statesman, said in a speech at a recent press banquet, that nearly every member of the present British cabinet, from the premier down, had worked for the

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Hardy's Column.

matter became serious enough that the war department took a hand and forwarded as official denial that dum We took a ride into the country dum or explosive bullets has ever

among the wheat and cornfields. We been furnished to our army the Philnever saw a better prospect for a good | ippines crop of wheat. The heads are of good Yet Chief Crozier of the ordinance

length and the straw long enough. department admitted that certain 30-Most of the corn is planted and up. A 40 bullets were explosive incharacter good system of planting has generally and had about the same effect as the been adopted. The rows three and a dumdum bullet, although not specifichalf or four feet apart and the seed ally known by that title. So now the one kernel in a hill and the hills one war department is inclined to think foot apart. Now in cultivating, the that "a few soft point" bullets may farmer should understand that one have been sent "by mistake" with a inch of dry dust on the top of the rush order. The country has had ground is the best protection in dry enough of the evasions of the war daweather. Hard crust, full of cracks partment to judge for itself whether or dust are bad. these flimsy excuses will hold or not. For the sake of decency we might all

The dry weather in April did not hope that we would hear of no further During the week the most encourag- bountifully rewarded by an excellent injure the wheat in Nebraska, as is atrocities perpetrated under the miliing letters have been received com- crop. Prospects in the state as a whole claimed. Connected with the wind tary process of benevolent assimilamending the effort to construct Lib- were seldom more encouraging than it may have damaged small patches tion.

much. Much of our wheat grows too so alarmed over the public indignation steady growth and increase in the cir- terests of every commercial institution rank, lodges down, rusts, and the ker- following the revelation of our policy nels shrink. The dry April checked in the Philippines that the leading

rains will lengthen the heads and the hope that Roosevelt will enunciate swell the kernels plump, and we will a policy promising that the Philippines velt is so very busy addressing college meetings and unveiling statues and

It appears that the Nicarauguan canal route is in the earthquake and laying corner stones that he has no time to formulate a policy on this most volcanic line and that within a short would have blocked the canal if it the whole subject produces a most had been built. That is another good painful impression even among those reason for choosing the Panama route. in Washington who try to uphold his law. Talk as much as we have a mind to policy and would be glad to follow him

By their own stupidity the republiroads opposing, there is little chance cans have become the defamers of the for it to built for the next fifty years. army. First they denied that any cruelties had been perpetrated and

were true they apologized for and dethat it would not do to let all the mem- fended such men as "Hell Roarit g Jake cratic party. Our duty was to go ahead bers of the party vote, in caucus direct Smith" and thus did their best to and make a full ticket and go home. for office. Such a primary has too odium for a policy concieved by cermuch referendum to mix in with re- tain people in the war department

publicanism. We well remember and carried out by such tools as Gen. when the old democratic party split Smith. In fact it was left to the demand one part took the name of nunk- | ocrats in the senate to defend our army ers and the other part took the name from charges made as to cruelty in the civil war with the attempt to prove vigorous fight was continued that at the whig party split into silver grays a parallel in the Philippine situation. least some of its worst features could and wooly heads. The republican It was left to Representative Williams of Mississippi, a democrat, to point out that in the war waged by Sherman and

Sheridan there was no water cure, no mission into the union of Arizona, killing of ten year old children and New Mexico and Oklahoma as states no harming of women. The republiwards the west is about the same as heads that the possible defense they it was in the south towards the north can offer for the proved facts of the an illustrated weekly are fully sanc- South Carolina is to be given a life fifty years ago. The east is not will- cruelty of our army in the Philippines ulist congressmen and senators. If ordered the cruelty be dismissed at they could be assured that they would once whether they are generals or the last five states were admitted six tacked the army. They have attacked republican side, but the pops have got which if passed over in silence would lasting odium. Senator Hoar's speech on the Philippine situation was one of the finest pieces of oratory heard in' the senate in many a day. It was calm and temperate but it showed how this nation has fallen from its lofty ideals of liberty. He declared that we have forfeited the right to express sympathy for other people struggling for freeof ten who has war forced upon him is apt to retaliate. He declared that the republicans have lined themselves up with Nero, and Torquemada of the Spanish inquisition, and the Ku Klux Klan and have cited such monsters as justification. The debate still goes on and the country next fall will have the opportunity to register its opinion.

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On account of the absence of the the overgrowth and the early May eastern papers are openly expressing stricture & Gleet Cured at home by new manager during the past week and the rains will lengthen the heads and the hope that Roosevelt will enunciate cutting. Consultation Free. Treatment by main Call, or address with stamp, DIS. Searles & Searles Rooms 217-20 Richards Block, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

vacancies so left by this convention. and assure the populists that the comume there have been convulsions that important question. His ignoring of mittee, under the instruction of the the expert objections made to the democratic convention, will test the validity of the so-called anti-fusion says a republican paper.

Overmyer was opposed to this, but it carried by a vote of 593 to 126. Then often in anticipation what bankers David withdrew from the race.

"I cannot afford to make the sacrifice," he said to the correspondent of the Kansas City Star, "after the small sums by mail; but the proposed when forced to admit that such things mix-up we got into tonight. It is a substitute will be but little better. tangle that is no credit to he Demoif any,than the old postal note scheme. Bankers never throw stones at their own counters, and they will not do for the men they wanted nominated fasten upon the military body the After the repeated failures of the two so now. committees to get together and agree

on a line policy, our only way out of it was to take a positive stand and go to the people with it. It was our duy to nominate a ticket partly of democrats and partly of populists, if you please, but still a democratic ticket, nominated by a democratic convention.'

The next day the convention nominated the following candidates:

W. H. Craddock, mayor of Kansas City, Kan., for governor; James Mc-Cleverity, Fort Scott, and J. C. Canshows that the feeling in the east to- cans simply cannot get it into their non, Mound City, for supreme justices; Claude Duvall, Hutchinson, for secretary of state; J. Lewis, Kinsley, for auditor: William Lence, Wichita, for tioned by the most approved preced- position as one of the judges of the ing to admit ten or fifteen more pop- is to demand that the offenders who superintendent of public instruction. This leaves three supreme justices, congressman at large, lieutenant govupon some of the old senators who all be Mark Hanna republicans they heads of bureaus in the war depart- ernor, attorney general, treasurer, would jump at the chance. When the ment. The democrats have not at- and superintendent of insurance to be nominated by the populists—on the years ago they were all counted on the the brutality and stupidity of the few whole, an equitable division of the offices and as fair as it could be made, all things considered. One of the gratifying things, too, is the turning down of J. Mack Love and W. H. L. Pepperill for chairman and secretary of the state committee. They were defeated by Hugh P. Farrelly of Chanute, chairman, and Col. Charles McCrum of Garnett, secretary. There seems to be some misunderstanding. however, as to the real significance of the elction of these men. Their election is held to mean an end to the sway of J. G. Johnson, and some day they are the creatures of Fike and Orr, who represent the Cleveland-Hill demo-republican. Farrelly has always been in favor of co-operation. however. The platform "reaffirms the platform of the national democratic convention" at Kansas City in 1900, and the state platform of that year; denounces trusts and arraigns the republican party for its protective policy; favors the election of railway commissioners; denounces the republican anti-fusion law; favors reform in the tax laws and local option in municipal taxation; demands the abolition of the free pass and all other like devices; endorses the position taken by the democratic members in congress; stands for direct legislation and for minority representation in the state legislature; congratulates Cuba upon her admission into the sisterhood of republics; and favors a resubmission of the prohibition question. The two planks of greatest significance, aside from reaffirmance of the national platform, are as follows: "We stand for the ownership and operation of all public service functions by and in the interest of all the people. Wherever municipal corporations inaugurate efforts to own and operate their own water or light plants or transportation facilities, we commend to the voters of our party the support of such measures as being in line with the principles of democracy, and we will welcome the day when the entire interstate trasportation system of our country can be acquired and operated by the people, thus doing away with these gigantic monopolies in private hands which discriminate unjustly between trade centers and constitute the real basis for the greatest trusts ever organized. "In the interest of the people we plead for a state administration and for a legislature free from railroad domination. The proposed republican tax law, which will be adopted if the next legislature is republican, leaves, by command of the railroads, the valuation of all railroad property in the hands of a subservient state administration. Attention is called to the fact, in this connection, that, in democratic Missouri, the Burlington road pays taxes on a valuation of \$15,-

May 29, 1902.

"WE ARE POPULISTS"

etc. But the board of experts appointed by the postmaster general and Judge Bryant Urges a Fight on Principle the secretary of the treasury to conand That Political Nonentities Take sider the post-check currency plan for a Back Seat the transmission of small sums of

surmises; that the bankers are tired

of drawing drafts for small sums, etc.,

money safely though the mail, for

which bills are pending in congress,

some. Chief among the objections to

the scheme is the fact that it would

involve the two departments in a con-

The board will recommend the adop-

tion of a modified form of the Can-

adian money order system, which fur-

be proposed that the United States

fractional notes run no higher than

\$2 and that for each note, whatever

its size up to one dollar, one cent

The Independent isn't mistaken very

Other Blindness

Editor Rosewater of the Omaha Bee

in an editorial headed "Partisan Color

Blindness," objects because The In-

dependent congratulated him and E.

which they represented the railroad

says: "The compliments of the offi-

would be better appreciated if they

were not coupled with the misleading

assertion that the proceedings initiated

railroad property is, on the average.

assessed as high proportionately as

other property. Isolated examples

000 acres were returned by the asses-

sors at nearly \$10,000,000 less valua-

In other words the area, increased

the assessed valuation decreased from

decline of 19 1-2 per cent in value.

sessed the railroads high enough.

taxed in Nebraska.

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tion than were 28,000,000 acres in 1893

W. Simeral for the able manner in

redemption.

Editor Independent: The discus sion of political candidates is still in reached the conclusion that the plan order. Whoever is named at Gran would be inconvenient and trouble- Island, it is to be hoped that he will not be a political nonenity. No good can come of a nobody. It is useles fusion of double bookkeeping, as the to avoid the issue If we are in search proposed notes would have to be pre- simply for plunder, let us quit now sented and cashed at the postoffices and have done with it. But if ou and afterwards sent to the treasury for principles mean anything, let's put u a man whose nomination is a platform in itself.

The absolute integrity of the pop list party must be maintained. W nishes engraved notes for different are not ready to be swallowed ye small sums, beginning at 15 cents and What are the democrats going to a running up as high as \$2.50. It will in 1904? That is the question. If w allowed them to swallow us, and soc demo-republican were nominated 1904, would we not feel cheap? St we must bear in mind that Bryan an be charged, so that for two or three his Nebraska democrats are all right cents at the outside almost any sum | Without Bryan we could not have ca can be procured by combination, up to ried the state in 1896. The democrat the point where the money order put up for two campaigns with out proper would come into play. It is place on the ticket, and allowed pointed out that this is not so con- to reap almost the full benefit of Br venient for those sending money as an's nomination. These things a

the post check system would be, but not to be lost sight of. Yet we are populists, and populis practical operation of that system we will remain. We do not ask, not probably put it out of consideration, will we receive, the kindly advice of those democratic editors who have struck at so many of our leaders, a soon as they were charged, without will do. The Post Check currency waiting for proof. No, we are popul would circulate as money and save lists; and populists we will remain. a trip to the postoffice in sending you please.

WILBUR F. BRYANT. Lincoln, Neb.

GOVERNOR DAMERELL

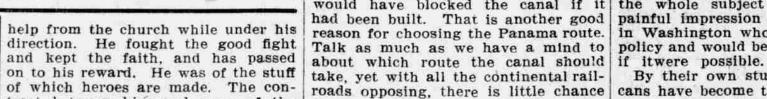
Mr. Houchin is Enthusiastic For H Friend Dr. Robert Damerell

Editor Independent: I am an old ex-soldier and a populist. I see a grea many names brought out for governo. I want to express my choice for gover nor and the reasons. I have lived 1 this vicinity about thirty years and tax question to the state board. He have been well acquainted with our candidate for twenty years. 1 know cial organ of Nebraska populism him to be a gentleman of integrity and ability and would make a first class governor. Give us Robert Damerel for governor and the people will ratify by the editor of the Bee received their the wisdom of the nomination in No inspiration from that quarter." That vember. The populists will rally was not the idea, Mr. Rosewater. Yet around the banner of Damerell as they it must be confessed that much of the can that of none other. I give my

direction. He fought the good fight and kept the faith, and has passed on to his reward. He was of the stuff of which heroes are made. The contrast between him and some of the modern bishops makes one look back with more admiration than ever before upon the pioneers of that church, such as Asbury and Peter Cartwright. Bishop Taylor never had any use for Krag-Jorgensen rifles or reconcentrado

camps. The news from Washington is to the effect that some of the old democratic fossils are weakening in their fight on the Philippine bill, while the younger members feel sure that if a

be eliminated. Some of these old senators have lost all interest in current events and when the river and harbor bill is passed they are satisfied and want to adjourn and go home. It is even reported that some of them press at one time or another. So have been corrupted by the hope of re-Mr. Bryan's letters from Havana to publican patronage. McLaurin of ents in English public life .- Spring- court of claims at a salary of \$5,000



True to republican principles, the

of barn-burners. At the same time party is near a split.

The debate in congress on the ad-

Lancaster county convention decided

field Republican.

The government of Justice Brown's "appurtenant possessions" still occlusion of matters of the most weighty importance to all who live in the states to which the possessions are sider it before we had any of the "appurtenances" to consume the months that ought to be devoted to the interests of the people who live in the states.

The Springfield Republican says that our coronation ambassador to King Edward's court, Whitelaw Reid, represents 1-76,000,000 part of the American people.

Congressman Steel of the Eleventh Indiana district, who was defeated after 1,000 ballots in the republican convention, has been in congress 16 years. It threw a gloom over the older members, for they interpreted it to mean that the people had grown weary of the men that they have so enthusiastically supported for years and were dissatisfied with the way things were going on.

Lord Pauncefote, British ambassador, died at Washington after a long illness, May 24th. He has held the position since 1889.

It takes a bishop when once he has abandoned the teachings of the peaceful prophet of Nazareth and has persuaded himself that way to propagate the gospel is by Krag-Jorkensen rifles and reconcentrado camps, to press things to a climax. Bishop Thoburn of the Methodist church in advocating imperialism before the Philippine committee said: "As a matter of fact, we all know that in Chicago a man is not safe in walking the streets at night, while he is so in Hongkong." The bishop expressed the opinion that Aguinaldo could not have subjugated the islands if left alone in his rebellion against Spain. He also said that there would have been civil war in the Philippines in case Aguinaldo had been victorious in his war with the United States. The bishop may think that Asiatic cities are better governed than American cities and that the British rule in Hongkong is quite superior to American rule in the United States, but it is going a little too far to say that a man's life is not safe in Chicago at night. The often expressed dogmatic statement that there would have been civil war in the Philippines unless we had intervened the bishops repeats. But how does he know? Is he possessed of miraculous insight to tell dogmatically what will or would have happened? Suppose there had been a civil war. Would it have been more bloody and barbarous than the one we have waged? There has been war anyhow and we have sacrificed our young men in it and paid out an

a year and that has an alluring effect would like a life sinecure of the same sort where there is no work to do. cupies the time of the senate to the ex- | New blood is badly needed in the democratic ranks. The young and fighting democrats like Carmack and Patterson begin to feel that they are 'appurtenant." Much legislation has leading a forlorn hope. It is said that always failed for want of time to con- | Harris of Kansas has been Funstonized, but that there may be no truth in the report.

in South Africa.

Joe Chamberlain made a speech in Manchester the other day in which he said that the government had never

insisted upon an unconditional surrender of the Boers. The only remark to be made about that is that the jingos have at last come to the conclusion that they will have to make terms with the Boers, which gives hope that peace may be soon declared

If the republicans can win over the Hoar family to the support of imperialism by patronage they are bound to do it. A brother of Senator Hoar has been tendered a seat on the supreme bench soon to be vacated by Justice Gray and a son is to be nominated for congress in the Worcestershire district of Massachusetts. That ought to bring the old senator to agree to the abolishment of the declaration of independence.

In his last book recent published. Herbert Spencer pours out the vials of his wrath upon the pestilent asertion: "My country right or wrong." He will find every honest man in the whole world agreeing with him.

The hearts of the men of all races and all climes are lighter on account of the realization of the hopes of the Cubans which were consummated during the week. One hundred years of government without the consent of the people has ended in the establishment of a republic. The most bloody years of the last century when the people were trying to throw off a foreign government, were 1823, 1826, 1828, 1830, 1848, 1850, 1851, 1855, 1867-1878, 1885, and finally 1895-1898. This last war alone cost Spain 150,000 men and over \$100,000,000 in cash, and Cuba gave up 500,000 lives through starvation alone. We have adopted the Spanish policy of government without the consent of the governed in the Philippines, and no reasonable man can doubt that that policy, if we conbe reasonable. tinue to pursue it will result in the same way. At the end of this century, the historian will write down the results as we now record those of the last century in Cuba.

Reports are persistently circulated contain the confession that it has tion in San Domingo for the chief exas candidate for governor, pouted and in Washington that the leadership Republicans learned a great deal about the same | ecutive's use in respect to the question withdrew from the race because his of the republican party is determined subject since 1900. The railroads have of annexation. The debate on the Philippines in the motion to adjourn was voted downto down Teddy. At the bottom of it senate has been proceeding in rather a motion intended to allow "further never borne their share of the taxes, "No. President Roosevelt stands seems to be the trusts and railroad a calmer tone during the past few days | consideration" of Congressman Jackbecause they escaped paying on their | quite alone in this affair, and so does magnates. Neither of them endorse but this is because the administration | son's resolution, as Overmyer stated franchises; but The Independent has the great republican editor. The latthe merger suit or the beef trust prosforces have at last discovered the ab- but virtually intended to kill it. The nothing to take back of what it said ter will appear at the coronation in ecution. The first effect of this opposi-226 per mile; while in republican Kansurdity of their position and have Jackson resolution is as follows: in its issue of May 17, 1900, because all the red plush puffery and fluffery tion it is said will be the defeat of enormous amount of money as the cost sas it pays taxes on a valuation of drawn in their horns. Senator Bacon's Resolved, That the rules and order then the whole question was discussed | that the occasion calls for, but the apspeech on reconcentration was a mas- of business of this convention, in and \$7,000 per mile; the Missouri Pacific, from the standpoint of actual, physi- proving sentiment he will be able to Cuban reciprocity. That is distincof it. If even as the bishop says, the tively an administration measure. terpiece and every query from the re- so far as they provide for the nomi- \$19,011 in Missouri, \$7,492 in Kansas; Filipinos would have gone to war cal, tangible property and there was call out will be confined to the other publican side only helped to drive nation of a full state ticket, be sus- the Rock Island, \$16,724 in Missouri, among themselves, would we not have ample evidence to show that railroad side of the ocean. It is evident that home the awful truth that the admin-istration has been guilty of Weyler-proceed to the nomination of such of-stration has been guilty of Weyler-istration has been guilty of Weyler-istration has been guilty of Weyler-proceed to the nomination of such of-stration has been guilty of Weyler-proceed to the nomination of such of-stration has been guilty of Weyler-proceed to the nomination of such of-stration has been guilty of Weyler-proceed to the nomination of such of-stration has been guilty of Weyler-proceed to the nomination of such of-stration has been guilty of Weyler-proceed to the nomination of such of-stration has been guilty of Weyler-proceed to the nomination of such of-stration has been guilty of Weyler-proceed to the nomination of such of-stration has been guilty of Weyler-proceed to the nomination of such of-stration has been guilty of Weyler-proceed to the nomination of such of-stration has been guilty of Weyler-proceed to the nomination of such of-stration has been guilty of Weyler-proceed to the nomination of such of-Reports coming from Kansas are been better off to let them fight than to the effect that the democrats down to have sacrificed 10,000 American lives there, that is, the rank and file, are ism in the Philippines. Senator Ba- fices as, in the judgment of this con- sas; and that the general valuation of franchises was not mentioned ably the most lonesome function ever and \$600,000,000 doing the fighting incon proved beyond doubt that the Fili- vention, will be the fair and equitable of railroad property in Missouri, for stead of letting the Filipinos do it all made of about the same sort of stuff then. created in this country, and if his ampinos were ordered to be in concentra- proportion of the offices to which the the purposes of taxation is 60 per cent as the populists. A few of the demoby themselves? In the eyes of The bition does not prove costly to his tion camps on a certain date and were democratic party shall be entitled at higher than the same property is val-Independent a bishop advocating imcratic "leaders" resolved that they party, he may count it fortunate. The The Reason. perialism is about the foulest thing would have no more co-operation with ued in Kansas." shot down without regard to whether the ensuing election. And that the embassy certainly cannot now prove the populists and refused all overtures. "It is hard to understand," says very satisfactory to the British king ever seen on this green earth. they were friends or foes if found out- democratic state committee be and the When the democrats who work on the the Post-Dispatch, "why the flag and people." **Post Check Currency** side after that date. The testimony same is hereby empowered to fill the farms got a chance to say their say Bishop Taylor of the Methodist should stay up in the Philippines and of ex-Private O'Brien in regard to the vacancy of any office so declared by From the very incipiency of this they retired the "leaders" and the church who recently died in California When The Independent first called be hauled down in Cuba." The reason use of dumdum bullets was another this convention, and that said comroyal flunkeyism in which Secretary prospect now it that there will be at a great age was one of the old time attention to this admirable plan for for the difference is clear. In the Hay was the chief mover, The Indeone of those things that the war de- mittee be instructed to meet at Topeka unselfish missionaries, who will long closer fusion this wear than ever bepartment and administration have on June 24 and confer with the popu- transmitting small sums, it took occa- case of Cuba the people through the pendent denounced it. The readers fore. Dave Hill would do well to take live in the memory of all good men. known all along but have hoped to list convention and assure that con- sion to say, that it doubted whether democrats in congress forced the of the paper may feel assured that notice of the democratic situation in He supported himself by the sale of keep from the public. At first the re- vention that if it will nominate the the bankers would allow the measure declaration that the flag should not re- nine-teenths of the people of the his books and refused to take a dol-Kansas. main as a condition precedent to its United States are of the same opinionpublican members of the Philippine men for office as made by this conven- to become a law. lar of pay or a gratuity of any kind committee pooh-poohed the idea and tion that the committee will indorse Immediately the Post Check Cur- being carried there. In the case of whatever the miserable creatures who How Are Your Kidneys ? for his labor. Not one of the missions tried to intimidate the witness. When and nominate the men for offices which rency buerau wrote The Independent the Philippines the people have not edit the great dailies may have said which he established asked for any plefree. Add. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or N.Y. he brought samples of the bullets the the populists may suggest for the assuring it that it was wrong in its had a say,-Memphis News. concerning it,

more than half of them already. They leave the army as a whole under everdid not take the new party into account. The east knows that the west will stand up for the common people more than the east so the millionaires fear they will lose their grip on con-

gress and the president if any more western states are admitted.

Is it not right to do right whether we have promised it or not? Are we not under the same obligations to dom. He pointed out that the child deal with our fellowmen whether we have promised it or not? Or are we at and is shot without mercy if captured, liberty to be mean, unjust and cruel when we have not promised to be decent? Nations are under the same obligations that individuals are. Our

nation has dealt justly with the Cubans, now why should we not deal the same way with the Filipinos?

Ex-Senator Allen thinks we ought not to criticise our own party leaders. That means, we ought to swallow, without chewing, everything they say and sanction everything they do. Perhaps it would be well to go a step Nominate Part of a Ticket and Hold Ou further and brand every republican a horrible liar who charges our leaders with taking more than their legal salary. Children should be corrected at home by loving parents, so erring leaders should be corrected by loving

members of the same party. The state is the home of politicians. Mr. Hardy in his column this week falls into the same error regarding Senator Allen's position as many other newspaper men and politicians do. Senator Allen does not take the stand that we ought not to criticise our own party leaders; but Senator Allen discriminates between criticism and violent attack; between calling attention to the wrong that has been done and suggesting a remedy, and the utter damnation of a man for making a mistake. Equity and good conscience would dictate that the good a man has done ought to be weighed with the evil he has done-at least in judging the man. With the act itself, regardless of who did it, the rule would be different; then the wrong should be condemned without mitigation. The child who has done wrong should be



Chief Crozler Admits That Certain 30-40 Bullets are Explosive-Crawfishing

KANSAS DEMOCRATS

Olive Branch to Populists-David Overmyer Disgruntled-A Grand Platform

The democrats of Kansas evidently took wiser counsel and have evinced a desire to co-operate with the populists. It was thought that the democratic convention, which met in Wichita the 22nd, would adjourn without any formal action to meet in Topeka June 24, the date of the populist state convention. This, however, was voted down. In place of this, the convention nominated part of a ticket and gave the state committee plenary powers to fill the remaining places after the populist convention has acted. The program is for the populists to fill the vacant places with populists and nominate the entire ticket as the populist nominees. The democratic commit tee will then nominate the populist candidates as the democratic nominees and both certificates of nomination will be presented to the republican secretary of state. He will rule, under the anti-fusion law, that one or the other cannot go on the official ballot, and an action will be brought in the punished—but the punishment should supreme court to test the law. This is substantially the program mapped

out by The Independent some months ago.

A small contingent in the democratic convention was affected by the "reorganizers" virus. David Overmyer, who was prominently mentioned

argument on railroad franchises and reasons why Dr. Damerell is the prop taxation thereof was a repetition of er man for governor. Let us unite what The Independent has been say- on the fusion ticket and we will carry ing along that line for a number of the state. months.

Ignoring the question of franchises, Red Cloud, Neb. The Independent still believes that

LONESOME WHITELAW REID

F. HOUCHIN.

can be cited in proof of an opposite He Will go Alone to Offer Adoration to view, but the true test is to take a King Edward-Roosevelt's Imperialgeneral view of the matter. In 1899, istic Appointment farm lands to the amount of 31,000,-

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican in speaking of the action of the senate on the appointment of a special 10 1-2 per cent in six years, while embassy to help crown King Edward makes the following remarks:

\$3.08 to \$2.48- 60 cents an acre, or a 'Whitelaw Reid has rented expensive apartments in London for the cor-The railroad assessment of 1893 was nearly \$2,500,000 greater than that of onation season. He has provided him-1899-a decrease of 8.8 per cent in the self with a retinue of attendants, and six years, yet the increase in mileage doubtless ere this with the requisite had been but 7 miles. Exclusive of red plush breeches of a special emrailroads, the decline in assessed valbassador, and he will now go to the uation of all other property from 1893 coronation in that capacity as repreto 1899 was over \$23,000,000, or nearly sentative of the great republic if he 14 per cent. If tangible property, has to go entirely at his own expense valued according to the usual methods, But the proceedings of the senate Satis to be considered without reference urday indicate that he will go actually to franchises, then the present board representing the feelings and sentiand all boards preceding it have asments of only about one-tenth of 1 But the trouble is that the value of per cent of the American people, and a railroad cannot be determined in that he will go by virtue solely of a the same manner as the value of a poorly considered act of the adminisfarm or a city house and lot is tration.

"This embassy hunts for apologista determined. A house is valued as a house-not as a combination of mortar and supporters almost in vain. They and brick and window glass and were summoned to appear from the republican side of the senate yesterday. shingles; but a railroad, under present methods, is valued as a scrap-heap of and did not appear. Mr. Hoar exengines, cars, rails, ties, depots, and pressed his disapproval of the whole a strip of right-of-way. It should be affair, and regarded as unanswerable valued as a railroad. But when the the argument of Mr. Bailey that the right-of-way is valued by comparing president, in naming such an ambassy it to contiguous land, and the depots, on his own authority exclusively and cars, engines, etc., are valued at what | without confirmatory action by the it would cost to replace them, it will senate, had exceeded his constitutional be found that the railroad as an entity powers. Even Mr. Lodge, who as is much more valuable than the value | much as anybody is the spokesman of of all its constituent parts, ascer- the administration and who is comtained in the usual way. The differ- mitted to a policy looking toward an ence between the two represents the Anglo-Saxon conquest of the world franchise value--the value of that felt obliged to express his personal intangible right to exist as a railroad, disapproval of this particular outto exercise the right of eminent do- cropping of Secretary Hay's imperialmain, to "charge all that the traffic | istic alliance. His attempt to find a will bear." Our constitution declares precedent in President Cleveland's that franchises shall be taxed-but creation of a "paramount commissionrailroad franchises never have been | er" to visit Hawaii falls ridiculously wide of the mark; for the mission The agitation for just taxation of of Commissioner Blount was merely franchises is of recent growth in Ne- that of a personal agent of the presibraska. It is not yet very well under- dent, sent to make a special inquiry stood, but the people are learning. for the enlightenment of the chief ex-The Independent is free to admit that | ecutive. He might as well have reit is learning something every day ferred, as a case in point, to President regarding railroad taxation, and a Grant's appointment of Gen. Babcock frank statement from the Bee would as a special agent to secure informa-