June 12, 1902

THE NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT.

A PECULIAR SITUATION

Railroads of Nebraska Driven Into Buying Space in Their Own Papero for the

Purpose of Discussing the

Tax Question

Last Friday morning the State Journal had on its editorial page a scarehead article, "Nothing To Hide-Nebraska Railroads Will Turn On the Searchlight-Tax Matters to Be Probed-Statistics Compiled to Show True State of Affairs-Correct Figures Prove Home Roads Are Not Escaping Taxation, But Paying Full Share." A careful reading of the article shows it to have been prepared by some railroad man; it sounded much like the dulcet tones of J. H. Ager lobbying for a stricter game law or against some railroad bill. The next day the State Journal announced that the article was a paid advertisement; that the railroads expect to continue the work of "educating" the people on this tax or upon any influence that I may be the nomination would go to him alquestion through the public press, paying regular rates for the privilege of talking to the dear people, etc.

Now, that's decidedly rich. Has the State Journal slipped the railroad leash? The Independent will be glad to publish the railroad articles free of charge, if manuscript is furnished it in plenty of time so that the figures may be verified and a reply given to each article as it appears. It has never asked, and does not now ask, that the railroads shall pay a cent more than their share of the taxes. It would much prefer that there was no such thing as railroad taxes-in other words, that the railroads were public property, operated by the government, and, of course, exempt from taxation. But until this shall come to pass, they must in future pay their share. It has no patience, however, with any drivel about railroad "philanthropy' and the great public benefit they are, and so on, ad lib. No business, unless it be absolutely vicious in character, can help being a public benefit. A clothing store is a public benefit; but the owner runs it for the private profit of himself. A newspaper is a public benefit-if it isn't absolutely bad-but its owner runs it primarily for his own benefit. It is the same with a railroad; the public could hardly get along without railroads, and clothing stores, and newspapers, and braska a red cent to tell their story so long as the corporate domination of Patrick H. Barry was born in Cork,

necessity for my nomination and no good reason why I should give up what I believe to be a more important me. I am of the west, western, and, ously suggest. I have no personal ambition to serve; there is no office to which I aspire. I am not only conof the state that I love so well. tent to do the work which I am now doing, but I believe that in this way can accomplish more for my state and for the United States, as well as for not a candidate. Cordially yours,

my political associates, than I could accomplish as a candidate for governor whether my candidacy resulted in defeat or in success.

My candidacy is not necessary to defeat the reorganizers. While I ex-From comments in a number of papect to do all that is within my power pers in the Sixth district it looks as to aid those who are determined to though General Barry will capture to and was on the alert. He had the prevent the Clevelandizing of the the fusion nomination for congress. democratic party, yet the success of If M. F. Harrington would accept the that effort does not depend upon me nomination, however, it is probable able to exert. It depends upon a mul- most, if not quite, unanimously. But titude of earnest, honest and loyal The Independent understands that Mr. democrats who, having seen the party Harrington positively declines the nomination-and that settles it so far once debauched by an abject surrender to plutocratic influences, will spare as he is concerned. Judge Homer M. Sullivan, of Broken Bow, is also menno pains to protect the party from antioned for the place. He would make other such humiliation and disgrace. I may add that I am looking forward the greatest objection to his nominawith pleasure to an opportunity to tion at this time is that a vacancy return some of the favors that have would be created in his judicial disbeen bestowed upon me. In five camtrict, to be filled by appointment of paigns I have received the constant Governor Savage. Judge W. H. Westand unwavering support of the demoover, of Rushville, is also mentioned crats of Nebraska. In the campaigns by a number of papers, although there of '92 and '94 I was supported by seems to be some misunderstanding as many populists, and in 1896 and 1900 to whether or not he would accept. received the votes of all of the fusion Like Judge Sullivan, the only objecpopulists. I am now in a position to tion to nominating Judge Westover make return and I am not willing to would be the probability of losing intercept a reward which is due to another populist district judge. these friends. I am not willing to de-While The Independent has no voice prive any one of them of the honor in the selection of a candidate for the that attends a gubernatorial nomina-Sixth district-and has no desire to tion or election. interfere in the work the conventions

For these reasons I am not and canwill do at Kearney, July 9-yet it has not be a candidate and I beg you to no hesitancy in saying that the conmake no further mention of my name ventions will make no mistake if they in connection with this office. On the nominate General Barry. contrary, I hope you will hold yourself in readiness to throw your great In presenting the name of Gen. P. influence to such democrat or populist H. Barry of Greeley county for the as may in the opinion of the delepopulist nomination for congress, the gates give the best promise of uniting Citizen but reflects the sentiment of the fusion forces of the state in a not only this county, but in whatever supreme effort to recover the state portion of the Sixth district and state a thousand other things; but if being from republican hands. While a large he is known. All the world loves a a public benefit is the foundation for number of those who acted with us in hero, and in Patrick H. Barry the tax shirking, and a justification of it, 1896 were of republican antecedents, state of Nebraska has an old soldier then most of us will escape taxation. there ought to be no fear of their per- with a record second to that of no It shan't cost the railroads of Ne- manent return to the republican ranks man who wore the blue.

who might be named. Therefore, from | for me, it is only fair that other coun- | which means much work from all of | information regarding the different the standpoint of votes, there is no ties in the district have a chance. us. I can further say that North Loup constituent parts of the Harriman sys-While I was born and reared in the precinct never has been asleep when tem follows: east it has no particular charm for work was needed." Mayor W. D. Haller of Blair is the work for the task which you so gener- personally, shall rejoice when I am kind of a republican that ought to be cnly an elector in Nebraska, there to more in evidence in Nebraska. He Preferred stock 99,537,800 act well my part as best I can and has served several terms in the Neat the last be laid away in the bosom braska legislature both in the house

W. L. STARK.

Barry For Congress

OUR CANDIDATE.

and senate and is known to be a very Wheever our people select as a independent, conscientious sort of a nominee for congress, I shall do all in man. Not long ago the C., St. P. & M. Oregon Short Line. my power to help elect him, but I am railroad asked permission of the city council to lay side track along cer-

tain streets in the city of Blair. The as follows: sion to the railroad, probably inspired by the stealing of 9th street in Lincoln some months ago, decided to lay the track whether or not. Mayor Haller discovered what the road was up

police and fire department ready for action when the alarm should be given. About midnight he discovered that the road had a force of men laying track along the forbidden street. In the name of the city of Blair he commanded the work to stop and ordered the police to prevent the workmen from further track laying. About all the satisfaction he got was jeers and scoffing; "go soak your head," an excellent congressman. In fact they said to him. Mayor Haller had evidently been keeping close watch of our benevolent assimilation in the line was assessed at a trifle over 7 Philippines. The reply given was suggestive and he instantly decided to property and franchises) while the administer the water cure to the obstreperous track layers. Accordingly the fire department was ordered out and several vigorous streams were played upon the street-steaters. Like a character in one of Bret Harte's poems, who was struck in the stomach | fortieth. with a chunk of old red sand stone, 'subsequent proceedings interested

them no more." And the track-laying broke up rather suddenly. It is quite refreshing in these degenerate times to find a republican, and a republican official at that, who has the nerve to refuse a railroad company anything and to back up his denial by force if necessary. All honor to Mayor Haller of Blair.

C. L. Mayes, in Rushville Standard. believes that Senator Allen erred in advocating the nomination of W. J. Bryan for governor. "We do not think it policy or good politics. Mr. Bryan's name has hardly been connected with the position, which is proof positive that he has not been considered a candidate nor considered himself a candidate. In our opinion his candidacy will not be seriously considered."

to readers of The Independent. All we that party not only continues, but be- Ireland, in 1843. His parents brought T. J. O'Keefe, in the Alliance Her-Allen's suggestions of Mr. Bryan for governor. He says: "There is no ofthe death of his father left upon his excepting the presidency of this great republic-that we would not give to and younger brother. And the young Mr. Bryan tomorrow-today-were it lad bravely bore up his part and went in our power and he intimated his deinto the battle of life, learning the sire to obtain it. In the first place Mr. Bryan does not desire to be gov-But the remarkable part of Mr. ernor and in the second place the of-Barry's history is his army record. On fice is not commensurate with the September 1, 1861, when 17 years old, qualifications of the ability of the he enlisted in Co. E, of the 63rd N. Y. man. In plain English the office is then third regiment in Gen. Thomas not big enough. Francis Mar's Irish brigade, which

more votes than any one of a dozen things that have been said and done the traces and not in the breeching, mile. A short statement of statistical June 21. Union Pacific-Miles of road..... 3,033 Common stock\$104,051,400 Bonds 191,508,009 Net earnings, 1901*..... 22,172,001 Surplus on hand*..... 13,597,769 *Including earnings and surplus of

The market price of Union Pacific stocks and bonds on June 3, 1902, was council would not grant the permis- Bonds (at N. Y.) 4s.....1061-8 Bonds (at N. Y.) conv. 4s.....107 5-8 Common stock (London).....107 7-8 Preferred stock (London)..... 90 1-2 At these figures the value of the Union Pacific on that date was: Common stock\$112,245,447 Preferred stock 94,560,910 Bonds (at lowest)..... 203,237,865

Total\$410,004,222

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This would make the value of the
Union Pacific at the rate of $135,190
for every mile of its line. The road,
in fact, was selling on the New York
and London markets at that price; yet
of the 944 miles of Union Pacific in
Nebraska, 467 was assessed at the rate
of $9,800 per mile and the remainder
at $3,000 to $3,500 per mile. The main
per cent of its actual value (including
branch lines, which are a constituent
part of the system and covered by
the capitalization which is selling at
$135,000 per mile in the markets, es-
cape by paying taxes upon about 21-2
per cent of actual value-about one-
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Oregon R. R. & N. Co.-Mileage 1,136 Common stock\$ 24,000,000 Preferred stock 11,000,000 Bonds 20,242,800 Net earnings, 1901..... 3,688,543 Oregon Short Line-Mileage 1,439 Stock\$ 27,460,100

ment. Southern Pacific-(Including lines leased, operated and controlled)-Mileage 9,016 Stock\$493,798,820 Bonds 350,951,247 Net earnings, 1901..... 29,739,978 Kansas City Southern-Mileage 833 Common stock\$ 29,993,500 Preferred stock 21,000,009 Bonds 26,197,500

Net earnings, 1901..... 1,453,398

LOW Hamilton, populist, Aurora, June 21. RATE Harlan, populist, Alma, June 21; EXCURSIONS nominating. via NORTHERN PACIFIC Hayes, democratic, Hayes Center, the Northwest during the summer. June 14; nominating. JUST WHAT YOU WANT. Hayes, populist, Hayes Center, June 14; nominating. Hitchcock, populist, Trenton, June 14; nominating. Hitchcock, democratic, Trenton, June 14; nominating. Holt, populist, O'Neill, June 21. Holt, democratic, O'Neill, June 21. Howard, populist, St. Paul, June 21. Howard, democratic, St. Paul, June

democratic), Fairbury, June 21; nom-

Kearney, populist, Minden, June 21;

Keith, democratic, Ogalalla, June 21

Knox, democratic, Center, June 21;

Knox, populist, Center, June 21,

Lancaster, democratic, Lincoln

Lancaster, populist, Lincoln, June

Lincoln, democratic (mass), North

Lincoln, populist, North Platte, June

Madison, populist, Battle Creek

Madison, democratic, Battle Creek

Merrick, populist, Central City, June

Merrick, democratic, Central City,

Nance, populist, Fullerton, June 21;

Nemaha, populist, Auburn, June 21.

Pawnee, democratic, Pawnee City,

Pawnee, populist, Pawnee City, June

Phelps, populist, Holdrege, June 14

Phelps, democratic (mass), Hold

Seward, populist, Seward, June 21

Seward, democratic, Seward, June 21

Sheridan, populist, Rushville, June

Sheridan, democratic, Rushville,

Sherman, populist, Loup City, June

Stanton, democratic, (mass), Stan-

Thurston, populist, Pender, June 21.

Valley, populist, Ord, June 12; nom-

York, populist, York, June 14.

DEMOCRATIC.

Dawes, Dawson, Deuel, Dixon, Dodge,

Loup, McPherson, Nance, Nemaha,

Nuckolls, Otoe, Perkins, Pierce, Platte,

Polk, Red Willow, Richardson, Rock

POPULIST.

Cass, Clay, Cheyenne, Colfax, Cuming

Dawes, Deuel, Dodge, Gosper, Grant

Paha, Kimball, Logan, McPherson.

Nuckolls, Otoe, Perkins, Pierce, Platte,

Saunders, Scotts Bluff, Sloux, Stan-

If your subscription is delinquent

now is an acceptable time for pay-

The Fourth District

Eric Johnson, editor of the Saun-

"On Board Train, June 10, 1902 .--

Just returning from the meeting of

Wayne, Webster. Total, 41.

ment. We can use the money.

Pender,

Thurston, democratic,

Polk, populist, Osceola, June 21.

Loup, populist, Taylor, June 14.

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14: nominating.

21: nominating.

June 19.

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Valley,

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Wayne. Total, 52.

Cloud, June 14.

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20; nominating.

ton, June 14.

June 14; nominating.

June 18; nominating.

June 18: nominating.

Platte, June 14; nominating.

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ask is a chance to reply to what we cannot agree with. If the railroads want their story to be read among the farmers of Nebraska, The Independent will guarantee twice the circulation of the State Journal-and print it without money and without price.

Mr. Bryan's Position

Last week The Independent reproduced Senator Allen's editorial in the Madison Mail, in which the senator took the position that "the only really wise thing to be done by the fusionists is to nominate Hon. William J Bryan for governor and redeem the state from republican misrule." Below we give Mr. Bryan's reply, which will apear in The Commoner of June 13. The Independent agrees with Senator Allen that there is no force in the argument that the republicans will flood the state with money to defeat Mr. Bryan. "If they can defeat him with money," says Mr. Allen, "they can certainly defeat a weaker candidate with a less sum of money, and they can defeat any candidate with a sufficient | trict which, even in the face of the sum of money." On the other hand, The Independent agrees with Mr. Bryan that he can accomplish more for his state and for the United States as editor of The Commoner than he could as a candidate for governor-yet it ernor, his strength in the Fourth would be delighted to see him at the might be the winning factor in the head of our state government, and at the end of two years abandon the gubernatorial chair for the presidential chair. The conventions should not act hastily in this matter-but give calm deliberation and then do what seems wisest to do.

THE REPLY.

Hon, Wm. V. Allen, Madison, Neb. -My Dear Mr. Allen: I have just read the editorial which appeared in the last issue of your paper, The Madison Mail. While I have not thought it proper to take public notice of the suggestions that have occasionally been made in line with your editorial. your prominence in the populist party and your high standing among the democrats of Nebraska and the nation would seem to make some reply necessary, and I answer at once. need not assure you that I appreciate the compliment which you pay me, as I do the friendship that you have shown toward me on former occasions. Neither need I repeat my expressions

ulists of the state for the support they

A.L.B.

and populists have contended. I take it for granted that political friends are convinced that my sole aim is to be useful in securing good government; and other friends in the state will upon reflection agree with me, that I can best serve our people by continuing to discuss through the columns of my paper and upon the platform

comes constantly more aggravated. him to America when he was 5 years ald, is not in sympathy with Senator The republicans of Nebraska are weak- of age. They settled in Boston, Mass. ened by both national and state is- Young Barry attended the schools of sues, and an aggressive fight by the the great city until he was 12, when fice within the gift of the people-not reform forces ought to result in a hands the support of a mother, sister sweeping victory.

I shall be at the service of the joint committee, and shall devote such time to the campaign as they think necestrade of tinsmith. sary.

Again assuring you of my respect and good will, I am, very truly yours, W. J. BRYAN.



went through the peninsular campaign The newspapers and politicians of and made the famous charge on St. the Fourth district seem divided in Mary's heights in December of 1862. sentiment as to whether Congressman Mr. Barry was wounded in the right Stark should be renominated for conleg in the battle of Antietam, which gress or should receive the nomination occasioned his discharge from the serfor governor. It goes without saying vice. He re-enlisted in July, 1863, in that he would be an honor to either the 12th Mass. V. I., afterwards transplace, and whatever is done should ferred to the 39th, served under Grant be done with an eye to accomplishing in his terrible campaign through the the most good. His efficient services wilderness on to Richmond. At Spottin congress the past three terms have sylvania he was severtly burned in the given him a friendship over the disface by gunpowder, but did not lose a day's service. He was at the famous apparent republican majority there. mine explosion in front of Petersburg, ought to insure his re-election; and when he received a wound which ocit is a fact that he is most feared by casioned the amputation of his right the republican aspirants. On the arm, when he was again discharged other hand, as a candidate for govfrom the service. This is the war record of the man that the Citizen-and the fusionists coming election-for there is no disof Greeley county, with its 400 maguising the fact that the populists and jority for Bryan democracy and Weavlemocrats have a hard fight aheader populism-asks the Big Sixth cona fight which cannot be won by dillygressional district to nominate at tile

dallying, but only by hard, persistent, intelligent effort. But there are other strong popul-

record? Is there an old veteran in the ists in Nebraska, even if there is only district that would vote against a one Stark in the Fourth. Sprecher, comrade with such a record as this? Damerell, Berge, Coffin, Sutherland, A number of years ago the por-Lyman-each has an element of ulists of this representative district strength, peculiar to himself, and it honored General Barry with the nomiwould be difficult for one man to denation for representative, the people cide-even if he had the right to do ratified their selection by electing so-which of these seven populists him, and he in turn honored the discould make the strongest race for gov-

idan county.

difficult matter to raise money for campaign purposes. When the people

Brother W. F. Cramb of the Fairbury Journal has been thumbing over a copy of the Nebraska statutes and discovered some alarming provisions under section 24, article V., of the state constitution. There is no gainsaying the fact that the section referred to is explicit in its terms. The Independent has no contention with Brother Cramb over this provision. But it does not believe in making flesh of one and fish of another. The governor of Nebraska lives in a twenty thousand dollar mansion purchased by the state; he has an allow. ance of something like fifteen hundred dollars per year to pay for heat and light and flowers and other household

expenses. Would Brother Cramb put this as such perquisites of office as to come within the meaning of the constitutional provision referred to? It seems difficult for Brother Cramb to understand the situation regarding the clerk of the supreme court. No money "belonging to the state happens to fall in his hands." But a large amount of money in the way of fees is paid to him every year by litigants. The statute authorizing the collection of these fees was enacted in 1866. At that time all the state officers received their pay in fees and of course these fees went to the clerk for his own use. The constitution of 1875 provides that "there shall be appointed by the supreme court a re-

ested in the subject of taxation-and who is not?-may find some food for

Chicago & Alton-Mileage 919 Common stock\$ 19,542,800 Preferred stock 19,544,000 Bonds 63,881,659 Net earnings, 1901..... 4,972,368 The Harriman Roads-Mileage16,376

Stock outstanding\$849,928,220 Bonds outstanding 708,891,179 no calls for county conventions, at Total net earnings, 1901.. 62,026,288 least The Independent has seen no Surplus and bal. on hand.. 27,626,287 paper containing any information to

Conventions

populist state, Topeka, Kansas une 24. South Dakota populist state, Huron,

June 25. Nebraska republican state convention, Lincoln, June 18.

Nebraska populist state convention, Grand Island, June 24.

Nebraska democratic state convention, Grand Island, June 24. Third congressional, populist, Co-

lumbus, July 15. Third congressional, democratic, Columbus, July 15.

Fourth district republican congressional. Beatrice, June 16. Fourth district congressional, popul-

ist, Seward, June 23. Fourth district congressional, demo-

cratic, Seward, June 23. Fifth district congressional, popul-

> ist, Oxford, June 23. Fifth district democratic congres-

sional, Oxford, June 23. Sixth congressional. democratic,

Kearney, July 9. Sixth congressional, populist, Kearney, July 9.

NEBRASKA COUNTY CONVEN-TIONS.

Adams, populist, Hastings, June 14. Adams, democratic, Hastings, June ders County New Era, writes The Independent as follows:

Antelope, populist, Neligh, June 21; nominating. Boone, democratic, (mass), Albion,

nominating.

liance, June 14.

Cass, democratic, Union, June 14.

20: nominating.

21: nominating.

18; nominating.

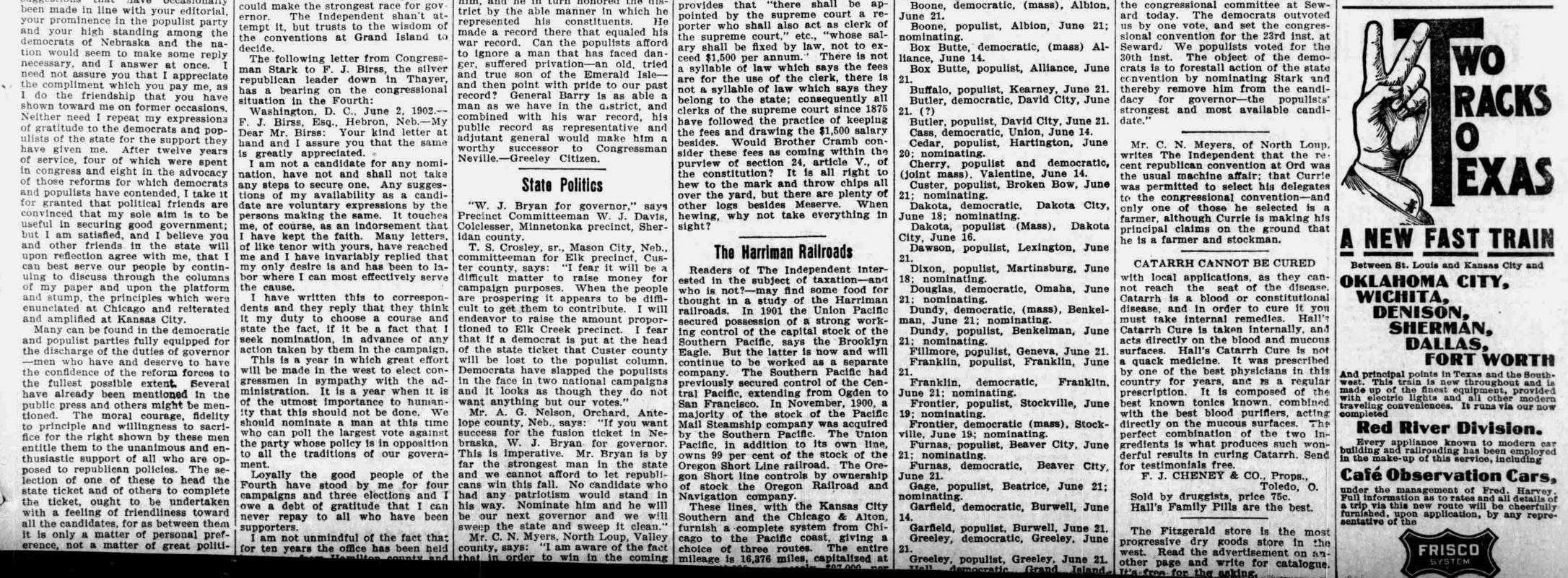
democratic, (mass), Ord, Webster, democratic, (mass), Red Wheeler, populist, Bartlett, June 21. York, democratic, York, June 14.

The following counties have issued HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS to points in Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana, Indian Territory and Arizona, on June 17, July 1 and 15, August 5 and 19 and September 2 and 16. Tickets are good Antelope, Banner, Blaine, Boyd, 21 days from date of sale with stop-Brown, Buffalo, Burt, Cedar, Clay, over privileges going. Rate only one Cheyenne, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip. For illustrated and descriptive pamphlets Fillmore, Gage, Gosper, Grant, Hamilon Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana, etc., ton, Harlan, Hooker, Johnson, Kearor for further information apply at ney, Keya Paha, Kimball, Logan, city ticket office, 1039 O st.

F. D. CORNELL, P. & T. A.







Kearney convention on July 9. Could

the bloody shirt be waved against this