AS TO STEBBINS

rity of Clem Deaver's Lieutenant Editor Independent: I like The Independent better than any paper ! ever read and could scarcely get along without it. I am going to take it as long as it teaches the true principles of government, if I can get the money to pay for it. I would like a little information in regard to Lucien Stebens of North Platte. He went with Deaver part way in the mid-road movement (as did a great many others until they found out the rottenness of Deaver, et al.), but did not Stebbins denounce them as soon as he found them to be a Mark Hanna annex? And do you think he is honest in his political convictious? The reason I ask is because Stebbins is making advances to the liberal party, recently organized at Cincinnati. Although I do not belong to that party, yet I am a liberal in its broadest sense, and I do not like to see the old liberal wheel horse. C. C. Moore of Lexington, Ky., or his paper, the Blue Grass Blade, imposed upon. Stebbins offered Moore \$1 for each letter that Moore would publish in the Blade (the official organ of the liberal party). Moore did not accept, but told him to send on his dollar and his letter and that the dollar would be accep ed and the letter published if the subject matter was what he could use. W. B. GUTHRIE. Indianola, Neb.

(The Independent has no information as to whether Mr. Stebbins ever denounced Deaver-but is inclined to believe he did not, unless the twato quarreled ove dividing the swag. One thing The Independent does know is that Stebbins best it out of several years' subscription, giving the flimay excuse that it had destroyed the populist party.-Ed. Ind.)

EXTRUMES AND MEANS

Mr. Obenchoin Forsakes "Wilk and Cider" Populism for the Dreams of

reforms farther reaching than any-jaristorcatic administration. sition will challenge admiration or forms that are practical than if he had

not dreamed this "socialist dream." The growth of this paper is somepeople. I will not be able to take The Independent. C. E. OBENCHAIN.

Greenville, Tex., box 122. (Mr. Oberchain's letter is so frank empire. and manly that The Independent is

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tion and distribution. Because the affairs. populist does not agree with the socialist on all things, the socialist discard their principles and nominate calls him a "milk and cider" advocate a Hill in order to crush forever the and refuses to help get the things spirit of freedom in this nation? Eterwhich must come before socialism can nal vigilance is the price of liberty sults count. Talking socialism a hun- republicans, the true populists and evdred years will accomplish nothing ery true American join in the fight to (except pleasant dreams) without leg- restore our primitive rights and libit lation. Every public service func- erties, we may never again look upon tion acquired by the municipality is the stars and stripes with the same a triumph for populist principles, yet pride we once did. Our flag once did it does not retard the progress of so- float over the land of the free and the cialism. But populists refuse to go home of the brave, but now it floats beyond the line of public service func- over the land of polygamy and the tions in their demand for public own- home of the slave. bridge is reached.-Ed. Ind.)

We Must Organize

Editor Independent: The attempt succeed in forcing a David Bennet Hill | men. Editor Independent: Sample copies on the party in 1904 by defeating the ple; but I believe a time has come and General Nelson A. Miles are re- dependence. when to arouse the prople it will tak ceiving from the hands of the present

thing now advocated by the populist | The enemies of the Kansas City must depend upon in its struggle arouse enthusiasm. Extremes invite democracy would be misleading, faise look only to wealth and "selfish re- many more. extremes, and, although I do not and dangerous. Neither Hill nor any spectability" for political wisdom is Rev. A. N. Spears, Trumbull, O.: In wholly agree with it, I welcome the other man who holds like views can not safe. No N. D. Hill or any other this part of Ohio the great majority Appeal to Reason at this time as the ever be elected on the democratic tick- man holding like views with him can are John Brown republicans and you vanguard of reform. All that the Ap-! et unless that contemptible rot of "ex-! ever hope to receive the support of know that such do not want to read a peal contends for may not be practical epdiency" should be considered above loyal democrats.

thing marvelous, which but indicates gently the principles of true democ- a monometalist; he is opposed to a put in the workman's dinner pail inthe state of mind of the people, and I racy and to stand firmly by the old tax on incomes; he is not a democratic stead of beef to give him a full pail? am glad to see it, nor have I any fear ship of state builded by our forefathers leader, he is an ambitious obstructionof the consequences. In fact I shall during the days when it tried men's ist; he cannot be classed with such the republicans expect to crown a king aid, as I now see it, this paper in its souls to be democrats. The present men as Jefferson, Douglas, Tilden and in the United States? (4) The repubpropaganda work, feeling that in 5, administration has repudiated the doc- Bryan. doing I will be doing most for the trine upon which this republic was founded and have gone after "strange gods." In theory we are yet a repubile, but in practice we have become an

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glad to publish it. Admitting for the tion, but we practice paganism. We zake of argument that everything coa- are now administering the "water tended for by the socialists is right, cure" instead of Christian Biblism. Mr. (u hrie is in Doubt as to the Integ- yet results will never be reached by We are teaching the gospel of Christ simply dreaming dreams and seeing by force instead of by persuasion and visions of a happy people "under so- love. This government is run by a cialism." If all the means of pro- coterie of aristocrats instead of by the duction and distribution are to be people; our beautiful and true theory owned by the people collectively they of government is like a crippled butmust be acquired piecemeal, almost terfly struggling in the mud. It is any reasonable man will agree. Mu- said "truth crushed to earth will rise nicipal ownership of street car lines, again"-a grand and consoling electric lights, telephones, and other thought; but can any one say how similar public service functions must long it will be until truth shall rise

Is it expedient that the democrats

ership and operation. There will be The enemies of democracy are well no collective ownership of all the organized, active and aggressive and means of production and distribution unless they are met by an active aguntil after the populist demands have gressive organized opposition of suffirst been satisfied, and there will be ficient strength to turn them down we must organize. We must organize to battle against the enemies of the Kansas City platform. Twice have the by the Cleveland-Palmer-Buckner con- enemies of humanity deceived the pentingency to get control of the demo- ple and led them to indorse aristoc- powers that be (the republican party) cratic national organization and turn racy and reject democracy. Let aristhe party of Jefferson into an aristo- tocracy nominate either Hill, Hanna Hamiltonian organization or Roosevelt, the results would be the that they could see if they all would should be resisted by every genuine same, as each are opposed to democdemocrat. It is an attempt to steal the racy and favor the wealthy class ennext president before he is elected by gaged in non-producing pursuits, the stealing control of the party prior to selfish, un-American aristocracy, the the campaign of 1904. Should they self-constituted rulers of their fellow-

of The Independent received, also leval democrat who ought to control spirit of destruction, in opposition to crushed down and our party organizayour circular letter requesting that if the party, we would then be in the democracy, has been and is now guilty tion consists of two factions, neither the poper is not desired to notify you same position we occupied in Cleve- of supporting and protecting under our of which seems to have any life or land's second administration, and real flag human slavery, of carrying on a power. Replying I will say that I recognize democrats would receive the same war of criminal aggression in the A. C. Cameron, Brownsdale, Minn.: The Independent as an able and sin- treatment from the aristocratic con- orient, of violating the constitution Justice and fair play is about all we cere defender of the rights of the peo- tingency then in control that Schlev and repudiating the Declaration of In- now lack of having a co-operative

> The American ballot in the hands of intelligent men is what democracy religion may do much.

or possible, but no man is hurt by be- principle. It would be much better to One of the cardinal principles of the does. I wish to ask you a few quesing inspired by such ideals, for he will advocate and work as democrats for democratic party is that the money of tions: (1) What lady is to take the be content to stop far less short of re- what is right and lose, than to advo- the United States shall be gold and place of President Roosevelt's daughcate and work for the wrong and win. silver and paper money issued by the I believe it is the bounden duty of government and convertible into coin the crowning of King Edward? (2) every American citizen to study dili- at the demand of the holder. Hill is What do the republicans propose to

> curse, but our pretended friends are even worse. I repeat we must organize, organize in every state, city, vil- to guess; but it won't be long if the lage and hamlet and meet with courage the cohorts of greed and turn back | the Philippines IS over-over in the the tide which menaces us as a nation. In other words be loyel to our principles and have the courage to fight for what we believe to be right. A. J. ANDERS.

A DOUBLE DECKER

Other Bill Dech

Editor Independent: I see in your issue of the first of May the follow-"W. H. Dech, Ithaca, Neb., who was a power on the stump in the oil Catalogue and beautiful Souvenir of Lincoln free. Address: days." (quoting paragraph in third column, second page, Independent of May 1, 1902).

I am willing to take abuse undeserved and unsolicited, but I will not accept undeserved complimentary notices. I sold no block of five and will not advance \$3 when I come to Liucoln. There are two Bill Dechs at Ithaca. The one is known here as W. E. Dech. The other, and the one to whom you allude is your humble ser-W. H. (BILL) DECH.

Ithaca, Neb. (The Independent's most humble apologies to both Bill Dechs. The records are hereby corrected to conform to the real facts.-Ed. Ind.)

Two Quotations

When they (the Filipinos) have shown their capacity for real freedom by their power of self-government,

Many politicians of our time are in the habit of laying it down as a self- copies for distribution and one block evident proposition, that no people of five. ought to be free till they are fit to use their freedom. The maxim is Neb.: Send me 5 or 6 samples of the IT was-?worthy of the fool in the old story, hest paper I am reading out of four- And so cheapwho resolved not to go into the water best I ever have read. I want to read Mark paid the bill till he had learned to swim. If men it as long as I can see to read, so (So we thought), are to wait for liberty till they be- you can count me on your list a long But behold! T'next come wise and good in slavery, they time if nothing happens to me or the Morning may, indeed, wait forever.-Lord Mac. paper. I wish I could get every re- When we awoke

The readers of The Independent will had the first billion dollar congress the editor remarked that it would not fled as they were then when they were

RANDOM SHOTS

Along the Line of March of the Liberty Building Guards-The Battle for the Common People

cannot dispose of the cards. As long support him again for any office he as I distribute the sample copies it is may be nominated for. all right, but when I ask them to come before the public ownership of again and we shall return and prac. pearls before swine and will fill out day. I am a republican. Voted for steam railroads; and public owner- tice again the principles taught us one for my son-in-law in Kansas, keep John C. Fremont and on down until ship of the railways must come before by our forefathers if the democrats of one myself, and the other two you can they killed James A. Garfield. I never ness and untiring zeal in the service the people collectively will acquire this nation join in with the republi- send to some worthy persons. Please left the republican party—they left all ownership of all the means of productions and the present state of find postal for \$3. Use plenty of the principles of the party. I am now the democracy and most fearless and thick and heavy.

Peter Bergquist, Atlanta, Neb.: be anything more than a theory. Re- and unless the true democrats, the true harvest, but I have promises of many union of the '49ers. names then.

O. C. Taft, North Ferrisburgh, Vt.: five. It was hard work to get the sub- (It is too horrible to think about. scribers-I had to take most of the money out of my own pocket and wait for prosperity for my pay. There are more mullet heads to the square mile in Vermont than in any other state. W. I. Calhoun, Wayside, N. C.:

Please send me a block of five Liberty Building cards. Although I am a a nation will become more and more est of the laboring man and should every line of it. corrupt, cruel and tyrannical. We not let a party name divide us while the forces in the interest of wealth agree and win.

> L. J. Griffith, Belvidere, Neb.: hope God will speed the day when the will see the error of their ways and return to their first love; and I think for a few weeks. Please send me a block of five.

Harrison Ogborn, 931 W. 30th st., Indianapolis, Ind.: I love your paper

commonwealth. Socialism without order or discipline is impossible. But | States.

H. T. Hoyt, Dewey, Neb.: Find draft party. Plutocracy is going to such ex- platform who claim to be democrats against aristocracy and tyranny. One enclosed for \$6.60. Cards received and church. Before his election to the of the same social disease—special tremes, and at such a rapid pace, that are trying to defeat the loyal demo- if the greatest enemies of democracy I sold them in less than an hour and presidency Mr. Garfield was asked to privilege. And we emphatically reafcrats by obscuring the issues. An ar- is the persuasive power of money used | yesterday got six more subscribers at istocracy in power under the name of by unscrupulous political parties. To same price and think I could get as

> paper that tells the truth as yours ter in carrying the queen's trail at (3) Can you give some idea of when licans said a year ago that the war in Our open enemies have proved a the Philippines is over-how many soldiers has Uncle Sam there now? (1. Give it up. 2. Hot air. 3. Difficult present gait is kept up. 4. The war in Philippines, not here. The forces have not been reduced materially in a long time.—Ed. Ind.)

W. A. Roberts, Greenfield, Tenu. I have read your paper with much interest. Wish you all the success possible and hope you can gain followers of the principles you advocate until we can down thieving and rascality The Independent in Error-It was the and restore our ancient liberty and equality before the law. We must get our help from the old parties. God bless you and the noble William J. Bryan.

E. W. Crane, North Platte, Neb.: 1 consider The Independent the best paper published in the United States today, The Commoner not excepted. It is the common people's source of information, boldly fighting their bat- | Parade,

William Law, Lawrence, Neb.: Our | Skyrockets, whew! people, populists and democrats, are taking republican papers because they get them cheap. They don't seem to realize that they are being led astray. Looked like a half-dime-When I ask them to cake a card at 75 A Canadian half-dimecents they say, "I am taking more With a hole now than I can read-I haven't the In it. money"-and so on. Where are we A glorious nightdrifting to? The people had better pull that wool off their eyes. This is Dinner pails galorethe most plutocratic, aristocratic, despotic, and most damnable administra- (Beer). tion that has ever been. We'll have a Yes, sir; we marched in howling wilderness at home bye and

Elias S. Gilbert, Weeping Water. Neb.: You are right when you speak | Or something more of my interest in The Independent. Absurd. then and not till then will it be possi- God bless you and Tibbles. What a Republic ble to decide whether they are to ex- fight you are putting up! You will ist independently of us.—Theodore understand how I am handicapped when I tell you that I passed my four Marched score corner more than five years ago. But I shall do all I can. Send me 25

> L. D. Sturdevant, Cedar Rapids, publican around here to read it.

A. Shufelt, Ashburn, Mo.: Send me | The price of meat had a block of five. I have been a reader Raised 'bout remember that at the time when we of The Independent ever since it 'Steen cents and a halfstarted. I joined the greenback party And we discovered that in 1882 and have stayed with that We principle ever since, but have lost (The marchers) be long until we had a two billion doi- faith that we will ever win. There Had to pay the price of the lar congress, and that the mullet head are too many mullet heads. The re- Fireworks! (I'm sad, but say, hooray!) taxpayers would be just as easily paci- publicans think that the people's party For I am a sucker! is only a side-show to catch what won't go in the main tent of the demotold that this was a billion dollar cratic party and that democracy

(There are August Hohnke and David E. James.—Ed. Ind.)

Dee Butler, Violet, Neb.: Send me a block of cards and I will do what I can for The Independent, which is the best paper published. I was almost caught by a Deaverite, as I did not I. Greenmayer, Sloan, Ia .: I have like the action of Bryan, but I have

O. P. Swett, Strang, Neb.: I was subscribe-"too many papers now to afraid I would have to do without your read." So I think it best not to cast paper, but just got a spare dollar togrape, Captain Bragg; let them fail in my 68th year and my eyesight is eloquent champion of the rights of too poor to read the lies in the dailies. man, William J. Bryan.

J. D. Cockrill, Elkcreek, Neb., would am thankful for your courage in the like to have the names of all residents good work. I shall not be able to do of Nebraska who crossed the plains much work for your paper until after in '49 with a view to calling a re-

Eliza Sowards, Ashland, Neb.: What was done with the Filipinos, under ten Find postal order for \$3 for block of years of age, that were not killed? What could a little six-year-old do? Simply die of starvation and thirst. -Ed. Ind.)

James L. Howard, Imperial, Neb .: You are certainly worthy of the confidence of the common people. Your editorials hew close to the line. Your paper is a beacon light. May your democrat, I like your paper well; it conscience be as clear in future as it advocates the people's rights. It mat- has been in the past. You are doing ters not with me what you call your- a noble work. I wish every voter plenty of time to quarrel when that will see history repeat itself and we as self, we want legislation in the inter- could read The Independent. I read

A Great Convention

The 1902 convention of the Disciples of Christ will be held in Omaha, Neb., October 16-25. A rate of one fare for the round trip has been made from all parts of the country, and it is confiperuse the columns of The Independent | dently expected that upwards of 30,-000 visitors will attend. The citizens of Omaha are making extensive pro- to them their independence. parations for the entertainment of For at least the last three years this the United States. But we here are Coliseum, which will seat with comfort 12,000 people.

percentage of growth exceeds that of them, sparing none. any protestant denomination, and the church now numbers upwards of 1,-300,000 communicants in the United conferring special privileges, benefits, pledge our support to organized labor

field, was a minister of the Disciples rupt and debase character are results He complied with the request and formulated the following statement: 1. We call ourselves Christians or Disciples.

We believe in God the Father. 3. We believe that Jesus is the Christ the son of the living God and our Savior. We regard the divinity has brought about the death of a reof Christ as the fundamental truth of cent incumbent of that exalted office. the Christian system. We believe in the Holy Spirit.

both as to His agency in conversion and as a dweller in the heart of the Christian. 5. We accept both the Old and the New Testament as the inspired word

of God. 6. We believe in the future punishment of the wicked and the reward of the righteous.

7. We believe that Deity is a prayer hearing and a prayer answering 8. We observe the institution of the

Lord's Supper on every Lord's Day. To this table we neither invite nor debar; we say it is the Lord's Supper for all the Lord's children.

9. We plead for the union of all God's people on the Bible and the Bible alone. 10. The Lord's Word is our "Book

of Discipline." 11. We maintain that all the ordinances should be observed as they were in the days of the apostles.

Who Paid the Bill?

Say, mister, dy'e remember

That glorious time we had-

Not long ago-When we marched in You and I? Roman candles! 'Till the stars of the Firmament A republican knight-And they contained the real thing-Solid phalanx To the sweet strain of God Save the Queen-It's a Dead One! Cohorts shrieked while we

And cheered for Hanna And what not-And we thought a Glorious time

(With such a headache)

A. REPUBLICAN.

The capital invested in railroads country and of course we must have means Clevelandism. But the demo- throughout the world is estimated at billion dollar congresses. The ap- crats say there is no difference be- \$32,661,696,000, of which no less than propriations of this session, that is tween the democratic and the people's \$18,170,114,000 has been invested in one-half of the expenses of a whole party and that voters might as well 162.225 miles of European railroads congress which lasts two years, is stav with the democrats. But we will which have an average capital of \$119,-\$925,908,262. The mullet heads are all still fight on. I have been looking for 593 per mile, while the average of satisfied. The leaders don't even have some of the names of the old workers to tell them that it is a two billion in Wayne county, Neb., in the Liberty world is \$55,034 per mile,—Public Building list, but have seen none.

MINNESOTA DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

We declare our allegiance to the principles of democracy, as set forth in our national declaration of indewaited as long as I reasonably can, but got all over that and will be glad to pendence; as especially taught by that that cut down the freight bill of Mingreat exponent of democracy, Thomas nesota farmers \$400,000 per annum by latest national convention of the democratic party.

We further express our admiration for and grateful appreciation of the great ability, singular disinterested- of one grade on this entire crop; that of humanity of that great leader of

We congratulate the people of the United States that their latest democratic spirit and sense of fairness have been sufficiently aroused to compel the faith, however reluctantly, with the people of Cuba as to withdraw our troops from their island and allow before the declaration of war with

publican party, the people of the its incompetency to deal. United States are, by our imperialistic policy in the Philippines, placed before the world in the false position of repudiating the most cherished fundamental principles of our government. forced to disgrace our flag and army in obedience to orders from their su-

We indorse and commend our deniocratic congressmen for the position taken by them on the Philippine question, and demand that our government declare its intentions and purpose in regard to the Filipino people and grant

The power of the modern trusts is delegates and visitors. The sessions an appalling evil and a monstrous who labors an equal use of all natural and am sure it is the best paper in of the convention will be held in the menace. We would revoke the tariff opportunities to the end that no man benefits they enjoy; we would refuse the subsidy they seek; we would pass The growth of the Disciples of Christ appropriate legislation for the control for. as a church organization is one of the of their affairs and to secure publicity. marvels of the religious world. Its and we would enforce the laws against The republican party openly advo-

cate the policy of class legislation, subsidies, bountles, tariffs. Excessive in its efforts for securing the same. The late president, James A. Gar- riches and abject poverty that corstate concisely the doctrinal position firm our belief that the application of of the church to which he belonge 1. the democratic principles of equal submission to the people was secure i rights to all and special privileges to by the persistent efforts of the Lind none is the only remedy for existing administration, for the increase of the inequalities and wrongs. We deplore the existence of a spirit

of lawlessness which finds expression even in murderous attacks upon the chief magistrate of the republic, and We favor the postal savings bank and the income tax; we oppose government by injunction. We would correct the imbecile and

our trade with Canada and Cuba at the in giving up the state's jurisdiction behest of special interests.

We take this opportunity to pay bearer of our cause during three hard | terest in the school lands. fought campaigns, John Lind. His place in the history of the northwest term as governor will be known in tions. the history of our commonwealth as that in which every executive department-railroad and warehouse commission, public examiner, labor commission, insurance commission, dairy and food commission, adjutant general, superintendent of public instruction, board of equalization and grain of the interstate commerce commisinspection-was brought to the highest standard of efficiency and in ev- to privileged greed should compel our ery respect represented the people.

tion which reduced the state tax levy while securing large increase of revenue from tax-dodging corporations: Jefferson; and as reaffirmed in the reducing railway rates on grain; that reduced both the state cost and trust price of binding twine; that raised the standard of Minnesota wheat through just and efficient inspection an average ordered a 25 per cent reduction in railroad rates on iron ore and for the first time in ten years exacted of corporate power in Minnesota the same obedience to public laws as is required of the humblest citizen.

We pledge a continuance of this enlightened policy, efficient administration and fidelity to the people when present administration to so far keep | the candidates of the democratic party are again summoned to serve the state.

The state's law forbidding merger of competing railroads should be enthem a measure of self-government, forced, and that in every case; and the and we condemn the republican party state's neglected power to regulate for its failure to fully comply with rates should be exercised as the prime the congressional resolutions passed remedy for discrimination and extortion.

The readjustment of our tax laws It is with deepest shame and regret is an absolute necessity with which that through the apostasy of the re- the present administration has proved

We adopt the clear and intelligent program submitted by the democratic minority in the late session, the taxation of non-resident corporations equally with domestic, the adequate and our brave citizen soldiers are taxation of public service corporations and the taxation of incomes and we favor the amendment of the constitution to that end.

We favor the municipal ownership of public service corporations, the principle of direct legislation and home rule in local taxation.

We believe that the interests of labor can best be conserved by organization, and we demand for every man shall take the proceeds of another's labor without full compensation there-

We are in favor of the observance of a general eight-hour work day, and that all printing done for and supplies purchased by the state of Minnesota shall bear the union label, and

We would correct the errors in the law establishing the state board of control. We recommend to the voters the

railroad gross earning stocks. We favor the election of United

States senators by direct vote of the people, and the election to the senate only of men pledged to that reform. We condemn the failure of the pres-

ent state administration to enforce the law against the merger of the Iron Range railroads. We condemn the surrender of the

state railroad and warehouse commisunbusinesslike policy that throttles | sion to the United States steel trust over railroads wholly within its borders and abandoning the just rates orheartfelt tribute to that statesman and dered by the preceding commission, popular leader, the heroic standard- to the prejudice of the state's in-We condemn the failure of the board

of control to conserve the efficiency and in the hearts of the people of all of the state institutions, and we abclasses is secure and the impress of his | hor the theory that the public schools, character upon the political life of this | which are fundamental to the life of state will endure for all time. His the republic, are charitable institu-

We condemn the administration for converting the state binding twine plant into an auxiliary of the cordage trust.

We condemn the Minnesota congressmen for their failure to promote legislation to strengthen the powers sion, and we regret that subserviency United States senators to vote for the It will be known as the administra- | iniquitous ship subsidy.

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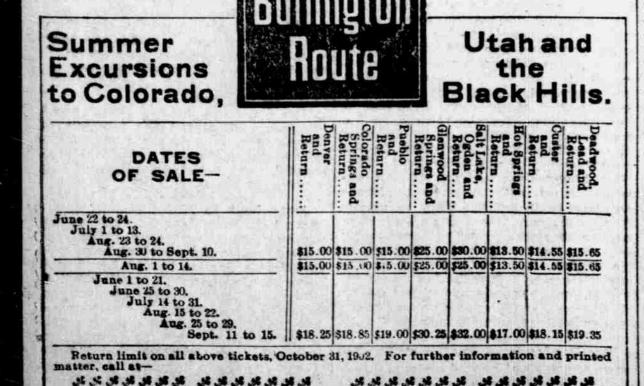
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