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In the beauty of the hills Christ was born across the sea, With a glory in his beam...

EDITORIAL.

THE ALLIANCE RELIEF FUND. The following amounts have been contributed for the relief of the drought-stricken region of the state:

ADAMS AND GOULD. Twenty years ago, in the North American Review, Charles Francis Adams spoke of the places where Jay Gould sometimes plucked his hands...

There is a contest being against Ed. J. Hall, representative from Hall county.

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THE BEST PAPER IN THE STATE. Will you aid us to make it \$0,000? All Alliance officers are requested to act as agents.

WHO WILL ORGANIZE THE LEGISLATURE?

In view of the peculiar situation in this state the above question is one of great importance to the people. In the appointment of the committee, and in the direction he can give to legislation, the speaker has great powers.

No man has thus far been elected speaker of the Nebraska house without first putting himself into the hands of the corporations, giving away beforehand all the important chairmanships, appointments, and making terms with every corrupt and vicious combine.

Mr. Rosewater says that the opposition will organize the house. He means that a republican-democratic combination can be made, and sufficient strength gained by bribery from the ranks of the independents to make a majority of the house.

Remember, the interest that organizes the house will control it. The first battle is the important one, the one on which hangs the issue of every one to follow.

THE METHOD OF PROCEDURE.

The Omaha combine has laid out a programme for the coming legislature in the matter of the contesting governors and has fortified its position by an opinion from a railroad attorney named Lake. Achieving an honorable position as Chief Justice of Nebraska, and nursing aspirations for the United States Senate, he demonstrated his innate littleness of soul by relinquishing an honorable career in the service of the people and sinking into insignificant obscurity in the arms of a corporation.

"The returns of every election for the officers of the executive department shall be sealed up and transmitted by the returning officers to the secretary of state, directed to the speaker of the house of representatives, who shall, immediately after the organization of the house, and before proceeding to other business, open and publish the same in the presence of a majority of each house of the legislature, who shall for that purpose assemble in the hall of the house of representatives."

Now it will be observed that the above does not say that the person having the highest number of votes on the face of the returns shall be declared duly elected; but it says "the person having the highest number of votes." It will also be observed, on reflection, that this is the very point in controversy, and the point that must be investigated and determined before the fact can be declared. There has been no precedent anywhere for a case such as the present one in this state.

MR. WINDOW'S NEW SCHEME.

Mr. Window has proposed in his forthcoming treasury report a scheme for easing the money market. The most important fact connected with this is the admission of the necessity for any measure of the kind.

"In case of the death, impeachment and notice thereof to accused, FAILURE TO QUALIFY, resignation, absence from the state, or other disability of the governor, the powers, duties and emoluments of the office for the residue of the term, or until the disability shall be removed, shall devolve upon the lieutenant governor."

We beg leave to further suggest that the governor cannot "qualify" and be installed in office until he shall have been declared duly elected by the legislature, and that the same is true of the lieutenant governor.

THE DEMAGOGUERY OF DEMOCRACY.

This subject is brought to our attention by the use of the World-Herald in making of a letter written to it by Mr. McKeighan. This was a civil letter thanking the W. H. for its able support of him in the late campaign, and was right and proper.

The W. H. advocated nothing but democracy in the late campaign. If there had been a straight democratic candidate for congress in the Second district it would have supported him. It did its best to defeat Powers and elect Boyd.

This matter would be hardly worth attention if only the W. H. had made this proposition. But a letter from J. Sterling Morton was published November 13, which is worthy of more notice.

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THE GREAT CONSPIRACY.

When we look at it in the light of later developments, the strength and shrewdness of the late election conspiracy, as well as its unprincipled villainy, stand out in bold relief.

First—The whiskey party desired the defeat of prohibition.

Second—The railroads desired to control the board of transportation.

Third—The democrats desired to elect Jim Boyd.

Fourth—Rosewater wanted to be on top, no matter how the pile might sink.

But like all villainous conspirators, they left one or two points unguarded. They did not sufficiently hide their gross infractions of the law.

Another point they did not consider. They did not count on any contest. They did not consider that there might be men in Nebraska who would carry this thing to the court of last resort.

The people of this country will not consent to another issue of bonds, the interest on which at even 2 per cent is to be raised by taxation, on which to base an issue of their own bank bills to be loaned back to them at 10 to 15 per cent.

Secretary Window is on the right track, and if he will follow the road where it will lead him he will reach the place where relief may be found.

The fact is that the extreme limit at which paper money based on gold can be issued has been reached and passed, and the volume is entirely inadequate for the needs of the country.

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THE WORLD-HERALD, MR. SHRADER AND THE INTEREST QUESTION.

We copy from the World-Herald of December 1 a very peculiar interview with Mr. Shrader, the independent representative elect from Logan and Custer counties.

It will be entirely unfair to judge Mr. Shrader by this interview. The W. H. is crazy to enter into any kind of a compact in behalf of the democracy with anything and anybody who claims any affinity with the independents.

Therefore its claim that Mr. Shrader is a democrat-independent should perhaps be taken with considerable allowance. It has also been claimed for Mr. Shrader that leading republicans of Lancaster county desired him to be a candidate for speaker.

The independent who undertakes to make a compact with either of these parties to secure a position commits political hari-kari beyond redemption.

Legitimate banking, as at present carried on in Nebraska, is a very equivocal term, and we presume it is the reporter's, not Mr. Shrader's. We presume a majority of the next legislature will propose to interfere with banking as at present carried on in Nebraska.

We presume also that a majority of the members of the next legislature do intend to lower the legal rate of interest in this state, as well as to put an end to the "wide-spread robbery" resulting from unchecked usury.

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FREE FISH.

State Fish Commission Have Them for Distribution.

A Letter From Commissioner McBride That is of Much Interest.

Plant Fish Now.

The following is a copy of a letter written by Commissioner McBride to an inquiry from Saline county regarding young fish for free distribution.

It is of such general interest to all who are interested in fish culture that THE ALLIANCE publishes it that it may become generally known that young fry are to be obtained at the state fish hatchery by those who may wish them.

The Nebraska Independent is the name of a new claimant for favor in the newspaper line. It is edited by Mr. Hucksins, late of Nebraska City.

The labor element of this and other cities should have an organ, if it will support one. The Laborer was started as such an organ, but it was not supported, and its editor was driven either to discontinue its publication or go into the enemy's camp and the political blackmailing business.

Dear Sir:—In reply to your letter regarding fish with which to stock your ponds I will say this:

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RATHER UNJUST.

It has become perfectly clear that the proposed cleaning of the Argoon tables by the independents in the contest of the results of the election has degenerated into a dirty conspiracy to oust Boyd.

Very respectfully, J. C. McBRIDE, President Neb. Fish Com.

Where ballots have been cast in the "mode provided by law," says the state supreme court, "the presumption is that they are legal, and this presumption cannot be overturned by vague, indefinite and uncertain testimony."

Burrows, Powers & Co., accept the above dicta as exactly right. If the Bee could understand plain English it would not put its foot in it as it has in the above.

The desperadoes of the combine are as great a menace to the prosperity of the city as the dark clouds of prohibition. Every citizen should rally once more for Omaha and place public interest in the keeping of reputable, progressive men.

"Rally once more" is good. The rally of Nov. 4th was for the purpose of placing the interests of the state in the keeping of "reputable progressive men." There are combines and combines. Their character, in the estimation of the Bee, depends entirely upon whether Rosewater is inside or outside.

The most audacious piece of political jugglery which the combine has played on the eve of the city election is the selection as judges and clerks of the election at which they expect to be voted for of a choice assortment of their tools, accomplices and co-workers, in both parties.

Their audacity depends entirely on who is in it. But isn't it quite remarkable that while the election of Nov. 4th and all its concomitants were so peaceful and quiet—a perfect Sunday school, in fact—and there wasn't an ill-disposed man in the city on that day, that such a vile outfit as the Bee is depicting every day should blossom out as soon as that election was over?

The outrages perpetrated at both democratic and republican primaries above party men from any obligation to support the nominees."

This is merely a city election. At the state election Omaha was on its good behavior, and the election was as quiet as a Sunday school. Rosey is singing.

"I want to be an angel, And with the angels stand."

"Have not the franchised corporations received every public privilege they have asked for? Do they want a perpetual mortgage on the city government?"

That's what they want, and Jay Gould wants a perpetual mortgage on the United States, and the Bee has gone in to help him get it.

DAVE BUTLER NOT A MEMBER OF THE ALLIANCE.

The World-Herald prints an interview with Dave Butler, in which it says he is a member of the state central committee of the Farmers' Alliance.

The man has no official connection whatever with the Alliance, and not even a member of a subordinate Alliance. By a vote of the state committee his name was taken off the list of campaign speakers.

He is a handler of boodle for the B. & M. railroad company or for anyone who has corruption money to invest. We deem it our duty to protect the fair name of the Alliance by denying such statements as the World-Herald's.

THE CHICAGO EXPRESS. That time-honored greenback advocate, the Chicago Express, has gone out of business for the people, it having been bought by the Lord & Thomas newspaper advertising agency.