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"In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, With a glory in his bosom That transfigures you and me. As he strove to make men holy Let us strive to make them free, Since God is marching on."

—Julia Ward Howe.

"Laurel crowns cleave to deserts, And power to him who power exerts."

"A ruddy drop of manly blood The surging sea outweighs."

—Emerson.

"He who cannot reason is a fool, He who will not reason is a coward, He who dare not reason is a slave."

WHERE WILL THE REPUBLICANS GO?

A private letter from Omaha during the past week says that within a year Rosewater will be wholly within the democratic party.

This suggests the query as to how many Omaha republicans he will take with him. Throughout the state generally the republicans are much nearer the independents than they are the democrats.

This state is an agricultural state. There are few large cities. As the Alliance commands the confidence of the agricultural districts, many clean republicans that have fought vainly for years against the corrupt manipulators of their party will obtain recognition among the independents. Those spoils republicans, however, that generally live in the cities will stick to their party to the last. Barnacles never let go; and there is not vigor enough left in the party that has fallen to the third place in the state to get them off.

The democratic party never goes to pieces or breaks up under defeat. Adversity seems to be its normal condition. It is likely to gain control of the principal cities of the state, and will likely draw to it some republicans for municipal spoils.

Republicans throughout the state surely have become satisfied that they cannot depend on Omaha republicanism.

Everywhere they must look to the independent party for political affiliation. Their interests and political aims throughout the state at large are quite generally the same as that of the independents, and they should act with them in the legislature at this season.

ALMOST A DEATH BLOW.

It was almost a death blow that the alliance struck itself when it allowed Dictator Burrows to lead it to commit the unpardonable act of attempting to overthrow all sense of right and justice. If the alliance intends to preserve itself intact a wiser course and a different policy must hereafter guide it. Burrows should not be allowed to dictate. If so he will certainly kill the party.

The above is a fair sample of the kind of rot we are compelled to submit to. A proper "sense of right and justice," in the opinion of the Nebraskaan, would impel the people of the state of Nebraska to let pass unchallenged the vilest conspiracy to debauch the elective franchise that was ever perpetrated in any state, and thus establish rapine and violence in place of law. In our opinion this would dethrone "right and justice."

Such blankety-blank fool editors make us very tired.

THE CONTEST.

Living in the country, possessed with but meager means of learning the latest and most potent facts bearing upon the contest, one very naturally becomes very anxious to learn the chances of securing justice. The writer makes no pretense of being posted, but was taught that our government consisted of three co-ordinate branches—but it seems that in Nebraska the Judicial assumes the prerogative of coercing the legislative branch.

Is it not barely possible that the railroads, banks, corporations, combines, syndicates, and hoodlums generally, are conspiring to rob the people of the legitimate fruits of their late victory? The frauds perpetrated at the late election evince concert of fraudulent intent. Was there not a villainous conspiracy? Has the serpent forgot its cunning or Shylock his greed? Has Satan lost his deceit and become the guardian of innocence and virtue? The people's representatives should not forget the wiliness, the unscrupulousness of the twin enemy; that the late victory was the people's, and is not solely theirs to surrender to a brazen and shameless enemy. Hold to every inch of vantage and give the people relief.

HAYSEED.

AN AWFUL LIE. Rosewater states that the "absurd demand" has been made that the relief committee should raise the needed funds for supplies. He knew it was a lie when he wrote it. The offer of the Alliance was to furnish supplies and wait until the state would pay.

The Kentucky State Alliance met at Louisville with representatives from nearly every county in the state. It was one of the finest meetings of the kind ever held.

The Quo Warranto Suit And the Great Conspiracy.

Is not the quo warranto a collusive suit? Are not Hon. John M. Thayer, Hon. James E. Boyd, Hon. John L. Webster, and Hon. Thos. Majors in the "collude"? Is it not another Cowdry-Benton-Boyd deal to use the supreme court again to knock out the legislature by the contest cases? Is it not a sham suit to impress the legislature again with the greatness of the supreme court, so they will not hear or try the question of the citizenship of Boyd? To get it away from the legislature when they never, in fact, intended to try it at all in the supreme court? To get it past the time for the trial of it before the legislature, and then never have it tried at all? And if Boyd can win on the count of votes, to seat a man who was a British subject when elected?

As the attorney-general's office was contested, and he needed Boyd's help in the legislature, he, of course, declined to prosecute the writ, and we cannot much blame him. As this very supreme court just a day or so before had decided that James E. Boyd was governor and Thayer was not, of course, according to the law of that court, Thayer and his attorney, J. L. Webster, knew he had no claim or right to the office, so he could not prosecute the quo warranto suit. He was not a party who could raise the question against Mr. Boyd at all.

Every lawyer and almost every private citizen knows that Hon. T. J. Majors, the lieutenant governor, was and is and will continue to be the only man in Nebraska aside from the attorney-general, who ever can prosecute this suit which Thayer has brought.

What is the probability of his prosecuting it? Why, absolutely none whatever. His office is contested as well as that of the attorney-general, and if he makes a move to contest Boyd's office in any shape, he brings down upon himself the power of the democratic-republican combine in the joint convention.

So it appears clear that this is a collusive suit to have this question pending in the court to keep the legislature from taking it up.

In the light of the above let us glance over some of the main items that have been published concerning it, viz:

Thayer applies to attorney general to bring the suit and he declines.

Thayer applies to file it himself and is at first refused leave.

John L. Webster is one of Thayer's attorneys for the suit.

The court next takes the papers. See Omaha make John L. Webster's life miserable, they innocently supposing that he is in good faith prosecuting a suit to prevent their alien idol becoming governor of Nebraska.

Now read in Rosewater's Bee that they are all wrong, that Webster has made an explanation which is entirely satisfactory, and it is. We hear nothing more of it, because every one knows that what would satisfy Rosewater or Boyd would satisfy anybody.

Now here comes the court—Listen: "Thayer, you had better leave; you have no right to the office." Leave to file it is given, however—hearing set off five weeks—and (an apology) leave given the lieutenant governor to intervene if he desires.

Putting these things together, will any intelligent person doubt that this is a collusive suit? How far was the court aware of it?

How far can this court be drawn into purely political controversies?

What intelligent citizen can put these circumstances together in their natural sequence and then honestly exonerate this court from the charge of gross partisanship and political conspiracy?

DARE YOU DO IT?

The confirmation of the frauds of the Omaha elections by making Boyd governor, and denying the seat to honest John Powers, who was honestly elected, will make a revolution in this state that will not leave a vestige of either of the old parties on its prairies. Honest John Powers represents a holy principle as well as an honest aspiration of our people. Send him back to them with his legitimate claim dishonored, and not a shadow of organized republicanism or democracy will be left two years from now.

What does Boyd represent?

IT'S A CASH DEAL.

Who takes it? If the men who are wavering—the men who are so anxious about legislation they will never get if Boyd is seated—want the money they can have it. But if they for a moment think they can go back on their pledges and their constituents and conceal that fact by any specious pretenses, they are very much mistaken. And if they do take the money the day will come when they will wish they had never been born.

Is his annual message Gov. Fifer says that Illinois has greater natural resources and is capable of supporting a denser population than any other state in the American union. If Governor Fifer would only remember Nebraska he would not make such breaks.

PROSPERITY BY ACT OF CONGRESS.

The Bee closes an article thus: "The scheme to provide prosperity by act of congress is a delusion and a snare." Well, it may be, but it is not because the scheme is impossible. The same power that can produce adversity might by turning its efforts in the right direction produce prosperity. It is now admitted that the demonetization of silver "by act of congress" began an era of adversity which is not yet ended. The act of the United States senate last week, restoring silver to its old position, emphasizes this fact.

"Acts of congress" have brought great prosperity to railroad corporations and projectors by granting them trifling amounts of the public domain, and lending them the national credit through the medium of bonds. Isn't it possible that the same humane considerations might not bring prosperity to the people?

The prosperity of a class of citizens who do business in Wall and Broad streets has been very carefully guarded "by act of congress," through the agency of the secretary of the treasury. Many millions of dollars have been paid out as premiums on bonds to rescue these individuals from the baneful effects of their gambling debts. The people have submitted more or less patiently, only to be insulted and derided when they presume to suggest that their own prosperity might be fostered.

We have long been under the impression that the call from the manufacturers for protection had its basis in the idea that prosperity might be secured "by act of congress." But this being prosperity only for a small class does not meet the censure of the Bee.

The Bee criticizes some of the propositions to secure prosperity, among them the sub-treasury scheme and the land-currency scheme.

As to the sub-treasury scheme, we fully agree with any adverse criticisms that can be made upon it. It has never been endorsed by any national body. It was foisted upon the Alliance by a charlatan under false pretences.

The land currency idea is different. This scheme has been and is grossly misrepresented. The original proposition adopted by the National Alliance at Des Moines was not for loans of money upon land, but that money shall be issued upon land security as now upon bond security, or as formerly upon specie security.

Under the present system the government taxes the people for the amount of the interest on the security (the bonds) and the bankers charge them interest on the loans they make of the money they procure on the bonds, the whole amounting to about 14 per cent. The interest on the bonds (tax) and the interest on the loans is procured by the application of labor to land, which makes land the real and only security for the bonds or the money issued upon them.

Now the Alliance proposition is to issue the money direct upon land, the interest on such issue to be paid to the government by such owners of land as receive the money.

It will be seen that these men would really become the benefactors of society by assuming the burden of the interest necessary to procure money for its use.

As a matter of fact, the reason why prosperity has not been secured "by act of congress" is because those acts have been in the interest of the classes instead of the masses, and when the masses assert themselves the prosperity which the classes are enjoying will begin to bleed them.

A THREE YEARS' STAY LAW.

There seems to be a great misapprehension as to the nature of the stay law asked for by the western men in this legislature. By a long term of financial prostration and unusual low prices accompanied by extortionate rates of interest, the men of the west are loaded with debt beyond their immediate power to pay. They have entered or bought their land, and made their improvements, and they believe that with some indulgence from their creditors and the improvement in the times they may expect from the free coinage of silver and more liberal financial legislation, that they would be able to liquidate their debts and retain their homes. This is certainly greatly in the interest of the state, as well as of the men who hold the mortgages. They therefore ask a stay law which shall only be in force three years, and shall then expire by limitation. When the mortgagees understand this thing rightly they will favor such a law, and it will not have the effect of driving money out of the state.

"THE LOYAL LEGION."

To the lover of American institutions it would seem that the organization of the "Loyal Legion" was a miserable attempt to ape English aristocracy. According to the constitution of the society no person can be a member unless he has been the possessor of a pair of shoulder straps, or is the eldest son of some person who was fortunate enough to have been an officer in the army. The man who carried the musket, or wielded the government saber, or manipulated the cannon cannot hope to climb the barrier, and the foolish attempt is made to perpetuate the wall between the children and the children's

children of the officer and the private soldier. The attempt of the American dude to introduce the English eye-glass or the English system of docking saddle or carriage horses is not more disgusting than this.

The organization of the loyal legion, which is simply another attempt to widen the gulf between the rich and the poor, is one of the many things that has made it necessary to organize the independent or people's party. The generals, colonels, majors, etc., are as a rule steadfast adherents of the old parties, while the soldiers, who are in the new party are privates. Of course, in the next batch of recruits that will come to the party it is to be expected that some of the officers who went into the army for the sake of the offices will drift into the organization for the same reason.

In the British army the officers belong to the aristocracy, and the private soldier is simply a dog. In this country the volunteer soldier was, when he went into the service, equal with the officer, and when they returned to private life there should be no difference. This attempt of the American snob to ape the English aristocracy is in poor taste, to say the least. The snobishness of this move cannot be better illustrated than by quoting the language of a member: "The boys were good soldiers, but then the officers must have some place where they can draw the line and keep the riff-raff out."

REGULATED POOLING.

It is amusing if not amazing to see the alacrity with which the Bee and other railroad organs take up and approve Jay Gould's scheme for regulated pooling. The scheme shows that the law having forbidden the vicious pool-system, and Mr. Gould, still finding it convenient to have around, proposes to legalize it under the euphonious title of regulated pooling. That is, if by any hook or crook Mr. Gould can make pooling legal, a system which was all wrong before, and was calculated solely to prevent competition and enable the roads to exact all the traffic will bear, becomes in the eyes of the Bee quite the proper thing to adopt. Making an equal division of the traffic according to an agreed per cent, amounts to exactly the same thing as making an equal division of receipts. The sole and only object in each case is to hold up rates by preventing competition. Does Mr. Rosewater think he can fool any gudgeons by talking about "the primary object of the agreement being to bring about satisfactory traffic distribution"?

No change has taken place in intelligent public opinion about the principle of pooling, unless towards the belief that the roads cannot themselves agree, railroad wars cannot be averted, and the necessity of the government taking charge of the roads is growing stronger every day.

Only a little while ago Mr. Rosewater was fighting Jay Gould. He is as tender of his feelings now as he is of Jim Boyd's.

ANARCHY NOT COUNTENANCED.

The democrats and republicans of Nebraska have unexpectedly joined hands. The state grange goes with them. It reminds us of the stormy times of 1892 when they united to save our common country. There is a great wrong done or threatened when the old parties tent together. The grangers of Nebraska are to be complimented on pulling out of the alliance camp. The fact that Grand Master Hall pinned on the Boyd badge is a guaranty that anarchy is not countenanced in the state grange of Nebraska.

The above is quite interesting. "The state grange goes with them." Nobody missed it. It is a fine body, historically. It makes a good showing on paper in this state. But unfortunately and strangely it continues to be represented by a man named Hall, of Pawnee county. This man is a confrere and henchman of Dave Butler, and a sharer of the boodle he gets from the roads. Butler, Hall, Coleman and two or three other traitors to the cause of the people, were here to prevent the independents from organizing the legislature. Some good men dropped on their scheme and it was promptly checkmated. These men have gone nowhere. They have been in the railroad camp, a little squad training under Butler's command, for years. They did their level best last summer to break up the independent movement, and failed. That they can lead any respectable portion of the grange we do not believe.

A POOL EDITOR AGAIN.

It is an ill wind that blows no good. "The Farmers' Alliance state purchasing agency" will undoubtedly find the drought of last summer and the legislature of this winter a great big nickel-plated bonanza.—Journal.

There is only one editor in the state could write that. His name is Gere. A calamity which incapacitates half the people of the state from purchasing anything a bonanza to an institution whose business it is to sell goods! That's sense for you. And it is hardly likely that the agency will handle any part of the western supplies, with the most notorious corrupt jobber in the city on the purchasing committee. If it did there would be honest work. The commissions of the agency are limited to paying its expenses. It has not been honored with an order, and don't expect to be.

ALL of the state legislatures are making appropriations for the world's fair.

JOHN D. HOWE AND THE CONTEST.

In the World-Herald of the 19th under the title "Boyd's Batteries Open," appears three columns of slush from John D. Howe, Boyd's attorney, which is an abortive attempt to transform a corporation tool, and lift himself from that degraded level to the exalted position of leader and adviser of the Independents. Mr. Howe not only represents Boyd, but he represents the railroads, the banks, and every interest antagonistic to the people of the state.

The contest was not instituted at the instigation of the prohibitionists, nor by the candidates on the Independent ticket, but was the outgrowth of a demand from all parts of the state, that a fair investigation might be had and justice done. The silly howl that it is a prohibition move is more like the driveling of a jibbering idiot than the reasoning of a sane man.

The effort that has been and is being made to prevent a fair investigation, and the quiet threat that all of the term will be consumed in the trial of the contest, is sufficient to convince any reasonable man that fairness is not thought of by the Boyd crowd. Nineteenth of the people of Nebraska believe that Boyd is not a citizen of the United States, and that Powers received a plurality of all the votes cast on November 4. Still, in the face of this settled conviction, Mr. Boyd and his attorneys refuse to furnish any evidence of citizenship. The only hope they have is to keep the matter in court until the term of office expires. Talk about patriotism! Mr. Howe, you know you are endeavoring to violate the constitution, and should you succeed, your next act should be to hoist the British flag on the state house. The only desire of the Independents is to enforce the constitutional provisions of our state, and the greatest mistake they could make would be to allow themselves to be hoodwinked by the soft palaver of the agent of the combined forces that are conspiring to crush them.

"MALFEASANCE" MEIKLEJOHN.

A word with you Mr. Meiklejohn. You are reported as saying in your Bee interview, and which you have not corrected, that "had they been smart enough to get out a civil warrant for malfeasance in office they could have made it very interesting for me."

Could they? You are a lawyer and of course ought to know. You are a parliamentarian as well, and cannot be mistaken as to your duties in office and as to what constitutes malfeasance. Did you, then, expect to be arrested? No one else seems to have thought of it. Was it the guilty part you took in the conspiracy to rape the legislature that made you think "each bush an officer"? Is want of smartness "on the other side" then the only reason why you are a slick offender at large? Great Nebraska! Great Meiklejohn! Great Lieutenant Governor! Great Lawyer! tricking an inexperienced citizen trying to arrest you out of his warrant, as a low down bum at a negro dive would do, then defying him, and then boasting of your avoiding arrest for malfeasance in office because those you officially tricked were not "smart enough" for you. And a reception for this! Shades of Pluto, what politics!

DON'T GET RATTLED.

The most important question that will be before the present legislature is whether the people of this state shall have free elections and a fair count, or whether the Mississippi plan shall prevail, and organized fraud and railroad power rape our government. This question far transcends any other that can arise. There is no need for any haste in any law. In fact, it is very important that the relief appropriation bill should not be railroaded through. A notorious jobber, who never touches anything that hasn't money in it, is on the commission named by the bill, and purchases are now being made by that commission. This matter wants watching, and a safe and honest auditing committee provided for. Don't get rattled. With Mr. Boyd as governor the farmers will get no satisfaction out of this legislature. With Mr. Powers as governor something can be done.

AN AVALANCHE OF LYING.

The avalanche of lying and misrepresentation throughout the state by the country press is simply amazing. The papers of both parties join in slandering and abusing the independents. They are spreading the false idea that the independents were disorderly and riotous in the opening scenes, which is just the opposite of truth. Every infraction of good order and decorum came from the opposition. The attempt is also made to connect the incipient row in the corridors and the forcing of the doors with the proceedings of the members on the floor. Nothing could be more incorrect. These things had no connection whatever. The independents have all through been the law and order men. A consciousness of pure intentions and of power beget moderation, and they have been moderate. They have only to calmly hold their own and bide their time to seat Governor Powers. Unless this is done the fruits of the election are lost.

A RIDICULOUS PROPOSITION.

When the joint convention met yesterday Mr. Switzer moved that the joint resolution covering the convention be submitted to Mr. Boyd for his signature. Amazing as it may seem the preposterous proposition was adopted, viz: if this legislature wanted to impeach its governor it must first get his consent. If it wishes to try this contest it must get his consent. Suppose he does not consent. He is then the autocrat of this state—the dictator of its legislature. If he really had such constitutional power wouldn't he be a fool if he didn't use it? As a matter of fact he has no such power. It is absurd to suppose. Such a power would effectually destroy the independence of the legislative branch of the government, and subordinate it to the executive.

DON'T DISGRACE THE STATE.

For unmitigated gall an editorial in the Bee of the 16th excels anything we ever read. The anxiety of the little Jew who edits the Bee was to convince the members of the legislature that it was imperatively necessary to railroad an appropriation bill through, and present it to Boyd for signature, before any relief could be sent out. The fact is, that at the very time the article was written, the Alliance agency had declared its willingness and proved its ability to put \$50,000 worth of goods on the track in forty-eight hours—much sooner than transportation could be received. This offer was not made by the Alliance in the expectation of receiving any order for goods. There would be no chance for any job in an order to the Alliance. But it was made to show that there was no need of haste in passing such a bill, and no need of recognizing Boyd by asking him to sign it.

"Don't disgrace the state" comes with delicious uncton from the lips of E. Rosewater. A political harlot who has taken the little remnant of his party into the arms of democracy—who stands sponsor and chief fugleman for J. E. Boyd, a man so low that his name is a blot on any page—a man who upholds riot, purchase of votes, repeating and wholesale perjury, or any vile means to get there—a man who recently sold out and aided to defeat the judge he pretended to support—the man who voluntarily relinquished the proud position of triumvir of the people for the contemptible place of lick-spittle for a corporation—for such a man to set himself up to advise a state legislature to rush in and recognize J. E. Boyd as governor and thus disgrace itself, is a spectacle for gods and men.

The only disgrace the state may fear is that which may result from the corruption money and the cabals of the men who are deceiving and bribing good men to desert their posts, violate their pledges and their principles, and dishonor their constituents.

We say plainly to these men, if such there are, who are on the verge of treachery and are thinking of breaking their phalanx by deserting their side, that such desertion will be eternal disgrace and infamy to the state as well as themselves. The names of such men will be handed down to dishonor.

A BIG NIGGER IN THE WOOD PILE.

The Bee of the 16th comes out with the amazing statement that there is a deficiency in the different state offices of nearly or quite \$250,000. This is not surprising. The Bee says the auditor has not stamps enough to carry on his regular correspondence. Probably his correspondents will be glad of it. But we do not learn that he lacked stamps to carry on his campaign. Perhaps that fact will account for the present deficiency.

In its anxiety to push the legislature in its work the Bee has made a fearful indictment against its party, such as is left of it. If what it states is true there has been the most shameless extravagance and plundering in the state offices. Not a dollar should be appropriated for their use until a searching investigation of all expenditures is made. The condition of the state treasury should be shown, and every dollar of the funds supposed to be on hand produced. No bank receipts or deposit checks should be accepted. The committee should see the funds. The financial condition of affairs at the state house may explain why the republican state officers are so ready to make contact with the democrats or the devil to seat Boyd and retain their places. Investigate, is the word.

Gov. Thayer Denies Collusion.

Gov. Thayer takes exceptions to the article in our extra of yesterday on the quo warranto suit, and emphatically denies that he was or is in any way in the combine to retain Boyd as governor. We give full credence to this denial, especially since we understand that Gov. Thayer's attorneys have brought an injunction suit against Boyd to compel him to show the fact of his citizenship. But at the same time it looks as though Gov. Thayer was innocently in a combine which he could not direct or control.

A GEM.

The Bee of the 20th says: "Burrows issued an extra edition of his paper, in which he denounced every independent as a traitor who would not bow to the decree of the caucus." No one but the Bee saw that "denounce."