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"In the beauty of the lillies Christ was bern 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 outwelghs."

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

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ritten on both sides of the papered. Very long communications not be used.

TAYLOR'S VILLAINY

The sensation of the past week was railroad gang to defeat the Newberry braska. maximum rate bill. The mendacity and villainy of the railroad lobby was never before excelled in this or any other state. Men are bought like cattle. Men who have received the confidence of their constituencies are assailed in their weak points, corrupted with gold, and thus the very essence

The evil has reached such a point that the true patriot may well stand aghast bills. at the actual state of facts he sees before him open as the day, and wonderingly ask if there is a remedy. The gold offthe corporations, wrung by und duct up to this time. just exactions from the people, is thrown In the meantime the people can se into the scale against equality. Equal-

men will pour with their lives in their principles. The declaration of the rights of man is the supreme and ultimate formula before which the trifling forms upon which these corporations lean for their support melt away like wax in a furnace. Right and justice are the rocks upon which we build. The bloody fusillade in New Orleans the other day shows how easily the barriers are swept away when once the people realize that upon themselves alone must they depend for right and justice.

most sacred laws. A murderer is clean- and irresistible as the pulse throbs of handed by the side of them. They are the mighty ocean. murderers of honor, of truth, of faith, of the confidence of their fellowmen.

We send the plutocrats now a grim warning. Misfortune, suffering, protest, individual encrifice, have reached their climax here. The very air we breathe is heavy with oppression-an irresponsible oppression born of the corruption of corporate interests striving to hold and tighten their clutch upon the producers and the toilers. The twin of this oppression is rebellion-re--rebellion that will seek revenge with justice, and that will bring in its Pandora's box fire, rapine and blood. Unless there is a change and a remedy found this day is as inevitable as that God reigns, and it will be soon.

This is not a threat-it is a grim warning. It is the inevitable repetition of you turn before it is eternally too late?

> SO CALLED INDEPENDENT CONVENTION.

A convention purporting to be Inderight whatever to the name "independent" as designating a distinct political made any pretension whatever to renouncing their allegiance to the old parties.

convertion. We now and here tien THE FARMEN' ALLIANCE.

The Farmers' Alliance, distinctly repudiate any obligation whatever to support any hybrid ticket under the name of Independent. This does not mean that we will oppose it; but we are unalterably opposed to any fusion with either of the old parties. criticizing any of the persons nominated. It is a matter of principle entirely independent of the personal character of any candidate.

We were not present at the convento a sick bed and unable to be on our feet. But had we been there and allowed a voice, it would have been for a clean ticket of pronounced Independents or no nominations.

The course of the conventions thu far has assured victory to the worst boodle element of the city. This result can only be averted new by a citizens' ticket made up without regard to any party whatever, on the basis of honesty and ability. Such a movement, aided by the new ballot law, might give Lincoln a new and pure government, but it is doubtful. There is nothing to be hoped for from party conventions ma- is just cause for alarm! Patriotic men nipulated and controlled by their opponents, as the so-called "Independent" convention seems to have been.

THE LAST EFFORT.

There never was a more devilish spirit manifested than has recently been developed by the corporations in respect the flight of Senator Taylor to aid the to legislation in the state senate of Ne-

Not content with their success in cor rupting legislators in regard to the contest resolutions, they have deliberately agreed upon the following plan to spirit leagues ? away one of the senators whom they have heretofore tampered with. Then to move a call of the senate, and as under the rules no business can be tranand life of republican institutions and sacted while the call is pending, and the free government are destroyed. As the call cannot be suspended so long as five Goth invader of Rome put his sword in senators object, to keep said senator it was only the natural outgrowth of the balance against the jewels of the hidden and to be sure that five railroad Roman citizens, so these corporations tools are always in the senate chamber and the money power put their gold in to object to suspending the call until the scales against the ballot, against the sixty days of the session transpire; purity, against honesty, against every- than to force an adjournment, if necesthing that is prized by the patriot and sary by the help of the governor. An good citizen, and the gold outweighs extra session is then to be called by the governor and the business restricted to office? passing the necessary appropriation

This is the plan as made manifest by the boasts of some of the more indiscreet of their number, and by their con-

more and more clearly that the objecupon by the corporations, the leaders ands. We warn these corporations of the old political parties, their satraps and their vile henchmen now. They do in the legislature and the court of last not see how near they are to the brink appeal in the state to deliberately of it. It is only a short step now to first thwart the will of the people as expressed by their votes, and in the platforms of all the political parties of the state.

These men seem to be blind to the fact that they are treasuring up wrath who have during the past week, stood against the day of judgment, that they are verifying the truth of the old saying, "Whom the gods destroy they first make mad," and they are so exasperating the great mass of the citizens, both in city and country, that a revolution is sure to follow; peaceful we trust, but as The Taylors are the violators of the inevitable as the reflux of a high tide,

UNITE.

necessity of union and unity been made so apparent as during the past few days. The almost unaccountable bond be tween such bitter and ancient adversaries, that have maintained, for thirty title page. It is printed on silk paper, members of the Independent party po- worn. When we remember that the bellion that will destroy when it comes litical wisdom; the main interests of the first edition of the English Bible was party are common; the union of the printed in 1535, we can understand two old parties unnatural.

mosities should be laid aside; the peo- purchaser £50 sterling. ple of this state, in these times, will not small men or their bickerings.

history. Will you wait for it or will ties can send you home, divided and sheepskin and bears the signature of disunited, it is a practical defeat, if not George Washington and John Knox, far as you are concerned-and it is very and was issued in 1786. demoralizing to your brothers at home. If you can not unite, bow can you expendent was held last week to nominate pect others to be elected from the farmcandidates for city offices. It nomiling classes who can' The stragglers ade. On Friday afternoon the "New- ment nated a ticket, but this ticket has no from a disorganized army are always berry bill" was on third reading. When

picked up by the enemy. party. The ticket is a hybrid ticket having lest all the state executive offices opposition moved a recess. The motion made up of republicans and democrats. that justly belonged to the people, from was defeated 16 to 15. It soon became with a sprinkling of Independents. We want of unity and experience; wisdom apparent that obstruction tactics were believe the leading nominees have never and the interests of the state now de- sought. Another attempt to take recess mand that every man of the party, with- when several members were at lunch out an exception, should advise and at lifty feet away in the hall. Mr Warner

We take this position without adversely Let Every Patriot in the State Cry the Alarm Unto His Neighbor.

against the very life of the state.

of Nebraska, these things cannot come to good. The political atmosphere stinks and reeks with corruption.

Is there no longer any government? is there no longer any law? Is there no longer any people?

Is there no longer any state?

Is there only corrupt corporate capiof right, justice and law, and became organized corporate crime?

to utterly debauch and destroy a senator, and blight and paralyze his col-

does not stand alone. It is only one of How long will the people be mocked? a series of like events, that have preceded it; it is only a little more criminal than those that have gone before; the conditions that have existed in the supported and sustained by pretty good

Does not the act clearly disclose the

pression of indignation? of dissent?

What is the remedy? How shall check this mad dance of crime?

The only answer can be, that the correction must come from the common people, from the virgin soil. If it cannot be found here then there is none. And herein lies the absolute demand for the Independent party; it has thus far done grand work, all honor, especially to those noble senators, every one,

fluence for the people and for the right. The battle has only just begun. The circumstances and the time make it if he have at heart the good of his state.

TWO VALUABLE RELICS.

permitted to look at and admire them one day last week. One is a complete family Bible, bearing the date 1592 on its

the order of Cincinnati, issued to an If the sharp managers of the old par- ancestor of the Olneys. It is a genuine destruction of the Independent party so president and secretary of the order,

THE DEAD LOCK

The Nebraska senate is under block-Without active state organization and would have completed its reading, the power in which the supreme court of axing lest all the state executive offices opposition moved a recess. The motion this state has been taking a part. arms was promptly dispatched for the citizens.

refugee senator, and located him in Council Bluffs, Iowa On receipt of telegrams from sergeant at arms Derby, mayor by the republican convention, that the absent senator was beyond the and his running mates selected by the the illiterate and detect fraud. When MEN OF NEBRASKA AWAKE! jurisdiction of the Nebraska senate, Senator Pointer, reciting these facts, element of the city. It is commended asked that further proceedings under the call of the house be dispensed with. The obstructionists promptly rose and The rank, open, unblushing bribery objected. Senator Stevens explained of a member of the senate by the rail- that the technical blockade was excessroads, the felon's undisguised flight ively expensive on the tax payers of the sidered that "the party" only recogtion simply because we were confined from the state, and the adoption and ap- state and revolutionary in its effects. nized by the Journal consists of one of proval of the infamous transaction by This did not deter the devotees at the the worst nest of boodlers and thieves the demo-republican senate combine to hold the senate in a deadlock, until their corrupt masters should reap the fruit of the bribery by the defeat of the maximum freight bill, are stunning in their mum freight bill, are stunning in their masters at the devotees at the the worst nest of boodders and thickes that ever plundered a city treasury, the to the worst nest of boodders and thickes that ever plundered a city treasury, the to the worst nest of boodders and thickes that ever plundered a city treasury, the to be approaches the judges of election with his corrupt masters should reap the fruit of the worst nest of boodders and thickes that ever plundered a city treasury, the to under such a system. A vofer approaches the judges of election with his corrupt masters should reap the fruit of the worst nest of boodders and thickes that ever plundered a city treasury, the to under such a system. A vofer approaches the judges of election with his corrupt masters should reap the fruit of the worst nest of boodders and thickes that ever plundered a city treasury, the to under such a system. A vofer approaches the judges of election with his corrupt masters should reap the fruit of the worst nest of boodders and thickes that ever plundered a city treasury, the to under such a system. A vofer approaches the judges of election with his corrupt masters should reap the fruit of the worst nest of boodders and thickes that ever plundered a city treasury, the to under such a system. A vofer approaches the judges of election with his corrupt masters should reap the fruit of the worst nest of boodders and thickes that ever plundered a city treasury, the to under such a system. A vofer approaches the judges of election with his corrupt masters should reap the fruit of the worst nest of boodders and thickes that ever plundered a city treasury, the did not deter the demonstance of the worst nest of the worst nes boldness, shocking in the extent of the senators objecting, the motion is not corruption and depravity they disclose, agreed to." Had seven senators conand alarming by reason of the great spired at the beginning of the session wealth, power, and influence of this, to defeat all LEGISLATION, one could now public, enemy, which wields this have hid securely away, another moved corrupting, deadly weapon of bribery "a call of the house, and FIVE persistently refused to allow further proceed-Men of Nebraska, not farmers alone, ings under the call" to be dispensed honest men everywhere, arouse! There with, and no legislation could have states the case cogently: been had.

Do the railroads think that they own the state? Will it ever be that the purchase of two or three men will defeat the will of the people?

thought they could do without such patriots as Stephen A. Douglas and their enthusiastic following. They had tal, which has sunk every consideration dominated the government and now sought to destroy it. Slavery perished. The railroads have dominated Nebraska. Is not the baleful touch so deadly, as The people ask to be as fairly treated roads send their hireling boodlers to corrupt legislators. Those who love The startling and alarming thing the corporations more and the people about the whole matter is that the act less, blockade legislation in the senate.

UNJUST TALK ABOUT SENATOR

KOONTZ. We nearly wrote the above "unjust charges." But as a matter of fact we fraudulent combines, that have been do not refer to charges at all. We have been shown a letter in the Trenton Register, signed by Daniel O'Sheridan, de-Does not the act clearly disclose the bribery of the constitutional court that was to try the rights to the executive office?

Not that many of the members of the court were bribed. But did not too many of them approve some silently.

No that many of them approve some silently. nouncing Sanator Koontz as an "inmany of them approve, some silently, Senator Koontz are unjust in the last some not? How, now, in the sequel, will degree. They consist of mere denuncihistory discriminate? Is there one ex- ations-not a specific charge of wrong doing is made-not an instance of dereof even disapproval of that crime any- liction from duty is specified. Mr. where in the record of that constitu- Koontz was severely critizised for his ity is destroyed; the ballot is neutralized. tion continually made by the demowhere in the record of that constitution continually made by the demorepublicans on the early part of the session that consideration of the contest
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What are we coming to the tax part of the session that cons pectedly and unavoidably absent on account of the storm when their vote came

> matter of record. We have not scrutinized all of them, but as far as we know every vote of his has been consistent with his duty and convictions as an Independent. With real traiters in our of audacity and rapacity, immunity and dependent. With real traiters in our fold, bought with gold, we cannot afford to denounce our friends for mere minor differences on points where no sacrifice like a wall against every adverse in. of principle is involved.

> > ANOTHER STEP IN THE CONSPIRACY

Another very notable fact was develappropriate that we should emphasize oped by the Washington dispatches last the above facts and draw attention to week. Judge Cobb was recommended the necessity for every honest man to to the president as the successor to cut entirely loose from the old parties Judge Groff in the land commissioner's office, the latter gentleman having resigned. This recommendation was made by Senator Paddock. This gentlemen Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Olney, living in is per se the representative and attorney Never before since the Independent Lancaster county, have in their posses- of the U. P. railroad interest at Washparty came into being has the absolute sion two heirlooms that are of great ington. The course of Judge Cobb in historic value. Our office force were preventing, as far as in his power, the contest from being tried, and thus keeping out of the gubernatorial chair of this state a man who was supposed to be on the side of the people instead of years or more hostile camps in every and was a very substantially bound volt the railroads, is to be rewarded by a state in the union, should teach the ume, although the corners are now much federal appointment by a republican administration. The connection of this administration with the railroad power, and its servility to it, is thus sharply dewhy Mr. Olney refused a house and fined. Mr. Paddock is the fitting me-All personal ambition and petty ani- lot for it. The book cost the original dium for such a recommendation. That he and all the other federal office hold-Another valuable document histori- ers have been working in this matter. look with complacency or patience upon cally is a certificate of membership in under the orders and in the interest of the railroad and money power, there isn't a shade of a doubt.

That Mr. Cobb would not dare to face Nebraska public in a contest for reelection to the supreme bench is not surprising. It is unfortunate however; as the people are aching for an oppor-tunity to bury him so deep under an avalanche of ballots that he would not be resurrected before the day of judge-

All these straws are significant as it was nearly read, when another hour ticians and the railroad and money showing the vile conspiracy of the poli-

COLORADO GIVES NO AID. Rev. J. D. Burr of Colorado, called at this office one day last week. He was on his way to lowa and the east to sowith his fellows upon every measure, in moved a call of the house, so that the licit seed and feed for Colorado's desti-No surer course can be adopted to harmony, till the end of the session. members at lunch in the hall might pardestroy and neutralise a new party than this! It is a complete abandonment of principle, and means discolution short and charp. We know not by what nutberfully any parame elaboration to be depended upon therity any parame elaboration party associates in the obstructionists probably and the advice of party associates is safer and more to be depended upon the obstruction of the election of 1884, we find that this pay the expenses of Nebraska's sensitive and allow any number of stocks to be perpetuated but when after a hard flight on the party of the election of 1884, we find that this pay the expenses of Nebraska's sensitives and allow any number of a hard flight on the party of the election of 1884, we find that this pay the expenses of Nebraska's sensitives to be preparated but when after a hard flight on the party of a hard flight on the party of the election of 1884, we find that this pay the expenses of Nebraska's sensitives to be preparated but when after a hard flight on the party of the election of 1884, we find that this pay the expenses of Nebraska's sensitives. The vicing function is pay the expenses of Nebraska's sensitives to be party associates in the vote. They came promption is pay the expenses of Nebraska's sensitives to be preparated but when after a hard flight on the party of the election of 1884, we find that this pay the expenses of Nebraska's sensitives. The pay the expenses of Nebraska's sensitives to be perpetured but when after the pay the expenses of Nebraska's sensitives to be pay that the pay the expenses of Nebraska's sensitives to be pay that the pay the expenses of Nebraska's sensitives. The pay that the pay the expenses of Nebraska's sensitives. The pay the expenses of Nebraska's sensitives. The pay the

THE REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

The nomination of Si. Alexander for same outfit, is a triumph of the boodle by the State Journal, which naively observes that the ticket selected did not answers intelligently a certain per give much satisfaction to those outside of the party, but was eminently satisfactory to the party. When it is con-

multiplicity of tickets, each strenuously adhered to by its partisans, will inevitably give the boodlers a new lease of power. No good citizen can desire this stamped or written upon it an attempt result. We give below an extract from an article by Mr. G. C. St. John, a republican who repudiates his ticket. We do not know Mr. St. John; but he

"It is refreshing and encouraging to know that the public when sufficiently irritated by an accumulation of petty wrongs, or by the multiplying force on the mind of each citizen of some one In 1850 the pro-slavery democracy thought they could do without such spite of the lamentations of those to whom public pap has become an invet-eracy, and in contravention to the expressed desires of railway corporations, insurance companies, electric and gas lighting companies, banks and ex-B. & M. railway superintendents and other individuals with interested views, disas their brethren in Iowa. The rall- solute principles and extravagant expectations, who consult the interests of the city no further than it is subservient to their own.

"In view of what is past and liable still to come in the line of needless expenditures by our city government such as neglecting the central pertion of the city as to water pipes, but extending water mains out to unoccupied prairie such as the increase of electric lights, needless excep; for the benefit of the electric company, and the crafty alder-man who stood by the helm and steered the measure through, such as the out-rageous and farcical display of compe-tition in paving contracts, whereby the same contractor is awarded all concompetition, and not entertaining the bids of any electric lighting company excepting the one which seems to own the city fathers; such as paving two miles to the northeast of the city, while Tenth street recently was with difficulty paved to the court house. I say in view of these matters which float well ballasted in public conviction and belief positions, and to whom possibly they have sworn fealty. If there ever has been a time in the history of Lincoln when an effort to wield the power of Every vote of Senator Koontz is a the ring on the city has manifested natter of record. We have not scrutilities, it is at the present, and it devolves upon every taxpayer of Lincoln to rebel against the nominees of the of audacity and rapacity, immunity and impunity of corporations and individ-uals who would make the city subservient to their selfish schemes.

> A NEW VOTING SYSTEM. Indications are not wanting of an approaching change in the policy of Americans as regards the further restriction and protection of the ballot. Such a change of policy, if it be a change, has been growing, although somewhat slowly, since the days of know-nothingism. There has always been an idea that after all the bulk of ignorance was among the negroes, and that time and education would change them from an ignorant inte an intelligent and powerful class of citizens. It is certainly true, and it has been one of the advantages of universal suffrage, that the ignorant vote has been nullified in a degree by the more intelligent, and that the intelligent vote has been of a percentage large enough to control elections in a majority of cases. Nevertheless, there must be a constant pressure, as the steady descent of parties show, to deal tenderly with the illiterate vote. The pressure is not so strong, however, as it would be if the debased and ignorant held the balance of power. But it is strong enough to exert a steady influence toward the degradation of parties and party politics. Massachussetts tries and fails in practice to disfranchise those who are unable to read and write, just at Connecticut fails to difranchise thosee who are not of good moral character.

Since the census of 1870, illiteracy in the United States has been the subject of frequent magazine and newspaper articles. It has generally been treated, however, more from a standpoint of national pride than of national danger. That column of the census reports which defines the illiteracy of white males of twenty-one years and upward, should be enough to startle the most indifferent. Out of 11,343,005 white votelection there were eighteen states in which the illiterate vote was give or than the pluralities, and they cant 243

plan that will effectually disfranchise a young man becomes of voting age he shall go to the county seat of the county in which he resides and be examined by a board of examiners, and if he him on the political issues of the day, he shall be given a voting certificate which shall entitle him to vote at any election. An exact duplicate of the certificate shall be kept on file in the county in whice its original was grantvote. It would be quite impossible to vote twice in the same day, because the voter must show his certificate to the judges before voting, and as the date is Let us suppose for a moment that such a system be univeisal and that a voter who had originally lived in Philadelphia should vote in Chicago with a counterfeit or fraudulent certificate.

It is true he could vote, but if any indi-vidual in Chicago so desired he could send to Philadelphia for the name and

date of issue upon duplicate of Pennsylvania certificate No. 31,190, or what

ever number the certificate might be

It is easily seen that if it were fraudu-lent there would be no duplicate. Such

a system would have a tendency to make

young men and foreigners more wide

out of 569 electorial votes. So large is

A certificate voting system is the only

the voting power of ignerance

awake upon the important political questions. It would also pave a way for the detection of fraudulent votes. We cannot show the ideal America to the world until the ballot receives the protection that genuine Americanism demands. American institutions and the liberties of the people should be shielded from the corrupting power of invincible ignorance. The rise of the laboring classes and the attention the masses are now giving the needs of the hour, is prophetic of the new American who shall lay aside the dead issues of the past and so shape the new ones that they will be true missions of justice. REUNE D. Ross.

How to Secure Intelligent Action.

During all ages past the tendency of the people has been to form into two great classes-the thinkers and the actors. We often hear it said of a man, "He is a thinker," and we merely notice, then pass it by. How seldom we say to ourselves of such an one, "He is no more than all men should be." Even now a large majority of mankind is content to plod on acting out the thoughts of others. Only when some great calamity befalls, are the apathetic ones aroused to the realization that thinking power by its presence in man is what constitutes the difference between him and the lower animals.

are able to circumvent the laws of even our wisest legislators. Only when the added burdens upon the farmers are made apparent through a failure in nature's supplies is he brought to realize that the lower animals alone, are compelled to depend on nature's resources.

But then he thinks. Then he has such a spasmodic attack of thinking that he continues in spasms till good crops return; and those who have made it their interest to control his destiny know they merely have to humor him

till nature smiles again. But can the farmer of Nebraska ever fall back ta the old condition of blind servitude? It does not seem possible! After we have come to realize that we live in thought, that the simplest action of which we are capable, even the lifting of a hand, must first be thought out, that we cannot act for self alone, but are bound by common ties tolevery other man upon God's footstool, surely we cannot again descend to the level of machines. We can not new believe that time spent in Alliance meetings pondering the things that be and planning the things that should be, is time wasted from the plow or the reaper. We cannot think that we and our little farms are all the world to us. We can not fail to read and weigh carefully the thoughts of other as we find them in our paper, (strange that in Nebraska, almost an old state that paper is not quite two years old yet.)

And so we will take and read papers that voice the thoughts of mon untrammeled by any base and sordid connection with usurpation and tyranny, we will meet as brothers and plan and execute wisely, and we will remember that,

We live in thoughts not deeds; In acts not figures on a dial. We should count time by heart beats, He most lives , who thinks most, acts noblest, feels the best.

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