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Calhoun, Vandevort, Hagan and Howe are striking the bar of the independent cow. While young Mr. Hitchcock, with his pants rolled up,

The statement of the Aurora Republicans, copied into the Journal, that Mr. Burrows opposed the independent ticket in this city, the railroad organ knew to be false when it printed it.

Discussions are brewing among the Alliance and kindred organizations. It is predicted that the great Cincinnati meeting will be torn by rival interests, likely within six months to wreck the whole third party movement.

No discussions have been discovered except in the imagination of monopoly tools like the editor of the Bee. With them "the wish is father to the thought."

As to '92 exactly such predictions were rife before the Nebraska landslide of last November. Condemned to be out in it, the victims predict the flood will not be much of a shower.

THE KANSAS CITY SUNDAY TINKS. The above paper is printed for the brothels and the slums, and ought not to be named in decent company.

TO OUR FRIENDS. We invite your attention to the enlarged ALLIANCE we are now sending to our subscribers. We extend your help, and we hope you will extend it.

A GREAT INVENTION. We are informed that a man named T. J. Phipps, of Clay county, has invented a machine which will have a wonderful effect upon the independent vote next fall.

Who are "the people" and who are those "bankers and brokers" whom the Witness exalts above them? We wish to remark to the Witness that kind of rot is played out.

THE NEW YORK WITNESS ON MONEY. Our attention has been called to an editorial in the New York Witness entitled "Questions About Money."

TO THE EDITOR: What has the intrinsic value of money to do with it? Has the paper of a bank note any great value? If the government will accept its own silver coins for export and import does, does not that fact make them, in the one sense, redeemable at full face value by the government?

The first remark of the editor is as follows: "The intrinsic value of money is the only thing that can make it an adequate and reliable measure of value."

"If the ultimate object of all commercial business was to obtain money enough for the payment of taxes, then the readiness of the government to receive back its own notes in payment of duties would be, in a subsidiary currency, such as our present silver coinage is, can be kept at par in that way, but the real basis of the principal currency must always be market value."

Gold happens to be the only article in the United States upon which the government fixes a value. By an act of March 3, 1849, the government provides for the gold dollar piece to contain 25.8 grains of standard gold, and so to be of the value of one dollar, or unit.

So far as possible law has fixed an "absolute value" to gold. But did that law in any way prevent "changes" in its value? It may be quite difficult to determine what substances possess "absolute" value and what do not.

THE B. & N. JOURNAL AND KANSAS MORTGAGES. The railroad Journal, edited by Bro. Gere, formerly private secretary to Dave Butler, has had a great deal to say of late about the doings of the Alliance in Kansas, greatly to the neglect of the Alliance in Nebraska.

GEN. LEASE AND THE INDEPENDENT PARTY. The following item is floating around the press of the state: "Ex-attorney General Lease has announced formally, yet quietly, his retirement from the republican party."

CO-OPERATIVE STORES. There will be many of these stores established this summer. It is proposed to have one general store in each county, which will draw its supplies from the State Agency.

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Mr. Rosewater expresses young Mr. Hitchcock as a perjurer and impostor, who has imposed on local merchants and foreign advertisers, and Mr. H. exposes Mr. R. for attempting to form a newspaper trust. Probably they are both correct, as the rush of their subscribers to take THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE proves.

OUR ELECTRIC MOTOR. The power with which our mammoth cylinder press is now run is an electric motor, set up by the Lincoln Electric Street Railway Co. The electric motors are really run by steam power, electricity being only the medium of transmission.

We are much indebted to Mr. G. A. Bush for his ability and promptness in getting our motor at work. Mr. Bush is a born electrician. He carries thunderbolts in his memorandum book and flashes of lightning in his vest pocket.

THE SITUATION IN VALLEY COUNTY. We invite attention to some resolutions of the Valley County Alliance in another column of this issue. These resolutions give a concise and graphic statement of existing conditions in that county; and we have no doubt the same conditions exist in many other western counties.

Now, consider what they have to gain by free trade. The farm laborers, who are more numerous than either of the other classes, would, of course, be in much greater demand, because of the immense increase of demand for farm products.

Now, we respectfully ask Mr. Shearman to demonstrate just how this "immense increase of European demand for farm products" is to be caused. We respectfully submit that his statement is vague and indefinite.

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FREE COINAGE OR FREE TRADE? An article in a late number of the New York Standard, by Thomas G. Shearman, is a striking example of reckless statement and loose reasoning.

It is clear that they will lose at first by any lowering of the coin standard or expansion of currency, it sufficient to accomplish any of the great things which the advocates of cheap money promise.

Admitting that wages advance slower than products let us look for the reason of it. In times of depression like the present there is a vast array of idle laborers. There are said to be 1,000,000 idle now. This is not only an absolute and irreparable loss to the country in their failure to produce, but it is a loss from the fact that they must be subsisted from the earnings of those who do produce.

Very Respectfully, J. H. HOPKINS. LINCOLN, Neb., April 20th, 1891. J. H. HOPKINS, JOY, NEB.

In answer to your favor of the 13th I will say that it has always been my understanding that the county treasurer is not entitled to any fees on money derived from the sale of bonds. He is entitled to a fee on what money he collects, and as he does not collect the money received from the sale of bonds, he cannot legally charge a fee.

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THE OMAHA BEE AND THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE. It seems that the Omaha Bee is absolutely incapable of making a fair and truthful statement as to any matter whatever. It begins an editorial entitled, "The Third Party Movement," thus: "It is beginning to be pretty generally perceived that the convention which is to meet in Cincinnati next month, ostensibly under the auspices of the Farmers' Alliance, to form a third party, is really a movement in the interest of the democracy."

COUNTY TREASURERS' FEES. The following correspondence, being on a subject of very general interest, we present it to our reader. JOY, Holt Co., Neb., April 13, 1891. WM. LEASE, Ex-Attorney General, Lincoln, Neb.

Seeing your opinion on the Newberry bill as published in World Herald of recent date I decided to ask your opinion on another matter of much interest at present in this county which you think well of giving will much oblige many taxpayers here. I will now state the matter briefly as possible.

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constitutional provision only affects the states and not congress. Will the Journal give some good reason why legal tender money, which the great mass of the people must necessarily receive in payment of their debts, should be demonetized by contract?

NEW SECRETARIES OF THE BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION. On Monday morning last the board elected its new secretaries. These are J. W. Dilworth, J. W. Johnson and JASPER N. KOONTZ, of Hayes.

What will Mr. Koontz's constituents say now? Has this gentleman resigned his seat in the senate? The Neb. constitution, Art. III, Sec. 6 says: "No person holding office under the authority of the United States, or any lucrative office under the authority of this state, shall be eligible to a seat in the legislature."

THE TALKED OF SPECIAL SESSION. There is some talk of a special session, but there will be none. The men who want it are hoodlums who think they can work the legislature for some money making scheme, or they are dealers who hope to make money by selling supplies.

STATE NOTES. The Benkelman Bee says farmers in that locality will be planting corn this week. A new independent paper is to be started at Crete, with Mrs. F. M. Vines, formerly of Friend, at the head of the enterprise.

THE BEAVER CITY TIMES says "the verdict of the Supreme press of Nebraska is that Boyd is a foreigner (to the interests of the people)." True enough. Bro. Challis also endorses Gen. Weaver for '92. The independent party will sweep the state next fall like a whirlwind. It takes no prophet to foresee this.

On Monday last a colored man fell from a second story window of the Webster block, Lincoln, and received injuries which will probably prove fatal. He was standing on the window sill outside when the window he was clinging to fell outward.

It is now demonstrated beyond doubt that the democratic and republican parties are only side shows to the combine against the people and the best interest of the state and nation. They must meet this and no dodging it, in the future campaigns to be made in 1891 and 1892.—Fair Republican.

Col. D. R. Anthony, editor of the Leavenworth Times, one of the oldest republican papers of Kansas, has forsaken his old love and joined the independent party. He says the republican leaders in Kansas are with the democrats, and that they are doomed, and that he is with the new party body, soul and breeches.

In two years it will be difficult to find a man opposed to the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, and when the new idea is once adopted it will be still more difficult to find a senator whose election is tainted by charges of bribery, a task which is now, alas, entirely too easy.—Oklahoma Observer.