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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."

—L. C. Burr.

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The Board says "the board of transportation was let down easy by the state convention." That's very thin. The board of transportation—i. e. the railroad bosses—set the gait for the convention, and the latter meekly took its medicine.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

It first renews its devotion to the principles of the party, but don't state those principles. Now we affirm our entire devotion to republican principles, as declared by Stevens, Sumner, Lincoln, but at the same time declare that Nebraska republicanism has no connection whatever with those principles.

It congratulates the people upon the marvelous prosperity of this state, and claims this as the result of republican rule. No comments are necessary upon such a foolish declaration.

We give the next sentence in full: Notwithstanding the fact that there are within the borders of the state a large number of dissatisfied persons, who took advantage of the general financial depression which swept over the entire country, to pave their way to temporary prominence by declaiming against the welfare of our people and slandering the fair name of our state, the rains from heaven and the rich soil, vigorously cultivated by the energetic hands of our farmers, have produced such bountiful crops and such unrivalled prosperity that shall silence all "causality talkers" and lead to the strength and enthusiasm of the republican party.

There are now in the state at least 100,000 "dissatisfied" voters. As the republican party has been in almost uninterrupted power in state and nation for twenty-five years, who caused "the general financial depression" which the above admits to exist? Is the republican party the cause of "the rains from heaven and the rich soil," and for its "vigorous cultivation by the hands of our energetic farmers?" As the "dissatisfied persons" are largely among the farmers, it does not seem wise to slap them as "causality talkers" and compel them to give up their energy all in the same sentence. The ring fellows will find that that kind of taffy will not satisfy them, nor that kind of argument bring them back into the fold.

We give in full the clause in relation to silver coinage, and say in relation to it that there is not a single true statement nor a single correct economic proposition contained in it:

We approve of the silver coinage act of the present administration, by which the entire product of the silver mines of the United States is added to the currency of the people, we denounce the democratic doctrine of the free and unlimited coinage of silver as a financial policy liable to precipitate the people of every city and every state into a protracted and disastrous depression, and delay the revival of business enterprise and prosperity as ardently desired, and now so apparently near. The free and unlimited coinage of silver would lead to the hoarding of gold and to the use of cheap money in the payment of wages in every work-shop, mill, factory, store and farm, and tend to the raising down of wages of the toilers already depressed, and weaken the purchasing power of the dollar which would be used to purchase the products of the farmers. We are in favor of having every dollar as good as any other dollar.

Now under that act not a dollar is being added to the currency to-day. How would the addition of a full legal tender coin money "precipitate a disastrous depression and delay the revival of business?" The proposition is an absurdity.

But look at the monstrous proposition that \$4,500,000 per month of silver bullion may be safely purchased with paper every dollar of which is a debt redeemable in coin, but that the same amount of silver coined into actual dollars would precipitate a panic. This is anti-climax. The next proposition is equally false. The free and unlimited coinage of silver would place it and gold on an exact equality, and would not tend to the hoarding of gold.

We have lately explained the "cheap money" fallacy. Cheap money means high products. High products means high wages for the laborer and prosperity for the farmer. In using the term "cheap money" or "dear money" as relating to the intrinsic value of the material of money, the writers of that platform were either woefully ignorant of the correct meaning of terms or vilely intent upon deceiving the people. We think the latter. From 1797 to 1873 a cheap dollar was never heard of. The demonization of silver was the only thing that cheapened silver, and the same thing would cheapen gold. There is no financial reformer but who believes in having "every dollar as good as any other dollar," and these republican claptrap makers lie when they insinuate that there is.

The platform in successive sentences endorses protection and reciprocity, or practically protection and free trade. No comment necessary. In the next paragraph it "insists upon the suppression of all trusts, combines and schemes designed to artificially increase the price of the necessities of life." Now we have had a kind of well-founded idea that protection was a method to "artificially" increase the price of products; that in fact, as applied in this country for the benefit of special interests, it was the most potent factor in not only increasing the price of products, but in fostering "trusts, combines and schemes." Every man who is posted knows the fact, and we don't care to argue the point, because protection is not this year an issue.

The balance of the platform is devoted to denunciations of the democratic party. With these denunciations we fully sympathize, but the gait of them, coming from the republican machine, is simply monumental. These two parties joined forces last winter against the independents. The railroad power caused the veto of the Newberry bill. The republican governor would have vetoed it, at the demand of that power, if they had not had a democratic governor to do it. A republican supreme court, at the demand of the railroad power, took an extended vacation, purposely leaving the gubernatorial question unsettled until the Newberry bill was got out of the way, thus conspiring with the railroad power to save the republican party from the odium of defeating that bill. And now comes the republican convention, and while itself falling to either approve or condemn that bill, denounces the democratic convention for doing the same thing. It is the plainest case we have ever known of the pot calling the kettle black.

But the cheekiest and most brazen thing of all is its "denunciation of the Grand Island platform of the democratic party" for its "failure to give the people relief from exorbitant freight rates." These clauses are actually in the platform, and they constitute the most mendacious and impudent platform declaration that we have ever seen. For many

years the republican party has been in its platform promising freight reductions, and in its legislatures shirking the question and failing to grant them. The democratic party has never been in power. As far as the veto is concerned, it was conspired for, aided and abetted by the republicans as much as the democrats. Boyd was only the tool of the combined corporation outfit in illuminating the veto.

It is also observed that, the republican board of transportation having declared that no reduction should be given, the party tacitly sanctions that declaration by failing to renew its demand for reduction.

While fulminating against the democratic party, this republican platform is absolute evidence that there is practically no difference whatever between these two parties except in name. There is not an honest issue between them. They both dodge the money question, and both dodge the railroad question. "Free coinage" amounts to nothing. "Free and unlimited coinage" is what the people demand. The platforms are simply sets of platitudes calculated to deceive the people; but the vote in November will show that they have not been deceived.

THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION AND THE DEFEAT OF JUDGE REESE.

The event of the past week was the defeat of Judge Reese for the nomination for supreme judge, which was neatly and expeditiously accomplished in the republican state convention last Thursday.

Four years ago Judge Reese was elected to the supreme bench on the republican ticket. As a railroad judge he was not a brilliant success, and therefore did not endear himself to the dominant ring of the republican party.

As the time for the convention of two years ago approached it became evident that a conspiracy was on foot for his defeat for a re-nomination, notwithstanding the fact that he was the most popular judge that Nebraska had ever had, and that a large majority of the delegates to the state convention were instructed in his favor. That conspiracy was successful. The railroad power having had no decisive lesson at the polls, and being as arrogant and tyrannical as any power on earth, outraged the convention and the party in the most shameless and brazen manner, and openly and insolently set at defiance the well-known wishes of the party, as well as a majority of the people of the state, and elevated to the place of Judge Reese a well-known railroad attorney named Norval.

On Thursday last the same result was accomplished, but with a gloved hand and a trifling infusion of discretion, arising from the different political conditions in the state. Judge Cobb was a candidate for reelection, and had the support of the railroad power. But there were certain elements which, while subservient to the railroad power, believed the re-nomination of Judge Cobb to be impolitic and unwise. When the first ballot showed that the avowed friends of Reese and Cobb were nearly equal, these elements began to go to Judge Post. There was another element which was for the railroads all the time, but which in the first few ballots, scattered its vote. This element also concentrated on Post. The opinion of the Post men as to his position on the railroad question was well illustrated by the reply of a delegate who was casting the five votes of Cheyenne county steadily for Post. His neighbor said to him, "Well, Reese can take his little medicine. It will teach him not to be fooling around in the republican party with his anti-monopoly notions." "That is exactly the size of it," replied the Cheyenne delegate.

The defeat of Judge Reese is quite as decisive in emphasizing the dominion of the railroad power in the republican party as well as endorsing the outrage of two years ago, as would have been the nomination of Cobb. The fine Italian hand of the railroad workers was plainly seen in there being enough scattering votes that they could depend upon to throw the nomination where they wanted it. Mr. Post is a railroad man through and through. He was appointed judge on the first increase of the judicial districts by Gov. Dawes during his first term. Gov. Dawes was never accused of making an appointment inimical to the corporations. Up to the time of his appointment Mr. Post was a railroad attorney, as the records of the court will show.

Again the issue is squarely made up. Again, as two years ago when Norval was brutally thrust upon the convention by railroad strikers and proxies bought with money and passes, is the issue brought to trial between the railroads and the people. The people are better organized than they were two years ago. They not only have a party of their own but they have a candidate, pure, able, honest—a man of the people in every particular. The contest is between this man and the candidate of the corporation power. That power has put forth the ablest and best man whom it could induce to accept a nomination. That he will be its faithful servant if elected there is no shadow of a doubt. That power would not nominate a man like Judge Reese, who had made a record in behalf of the people. With the contest in the shape it now is there can be only one issue. Hon. J. W. Edgerton will be elected by at least 20,000 plurality.

TWO FACTIONS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Doc. Mercer, in order to conciliate both factions of the party, has appointed Ed Roggen Assistant Secretary of the State Committee. This is not only a reward for the Roggen letter, but a sop to Roggen. "Rum, Roggen and Rosewater" will now run the party, as last fall they run the Bankers' and Business Men's Association.

B. & M. R. R. ANNUAL PASS CONVENTION.

At the Lancaster county republican convention held in this city September 19th the following delegates held annual passes of the B. & M. R. R.:

- F. M. Hall, L. C. Burr, C. C. Burr, J. D. McFarland, C. W. Pierce, W. J. Houston, J. L. Caldwell, A. G. Hastings, C. J. Dawback, Elmer Stevenson, D. G. Courtney, Phelps Paine, C. W. Mosher, A. Halter, S. J. Alexander, Tom Benton, Ed. R. Sizer, R. B. Graham, C. O. Whedon, N. C. Abbott, A. S. Talbott, I. M. Raymond, Charles Magoon, William Baird, John B. Wright, D. C. Van Duren, W. E. Stewart, H. D. Hathaway, J. D. Knight, W. H. Clark, R. E. Moore, C. H. Gere, L. Meyer, G. Ensign, L. C. Pace, Sam. Melick.

Some distinguished gentlemen may have been overlooked in this list whose names should be in the roll of honor. To them we owe an humble apology.

The following candidates on the republican ticket hold annual passes on the B. & M. R. R.:

- Allen W. Field, judge. C. L. Hall, judge. Sam McClay, sheriff. I. W. Lansing, county judge. S. W. Burnham, county treasurer.

Annual passes are intended as bribes by this great and good corporation. This company expects an equivalent for these passes; they are not given for amusement.

This company expects that when there is any clash of interest between the railroad and the public that the pass-holder will lean to the road. This holds good especially in political and judicial matters. In other words, the pass is a bribe.

A CONTEMPTIBLE SK—K.

Editor Gere of the B. & M. Journal found it necessary to deny the genuineness of an interview with him lately printed in this paper. He says:

A former friend writes the Journal to know if the "interview" with the editor of this paper, published by Boss Burrows in his paper of the 10th inst. is genuine. We are compelled to say that it is a genuine of the very tame imagination of the boss. If THE ALLIANCE man wants an interview of that sort that would stir the pulses of his readers and make 'em froth at the mouth, The Journal suggests to him that it would be a fine idea to get one manufactured at these editorial headquarters.

Now if the Journal man is such a hummer we suggest that he get up something on his own responsibility that will hum. It would be a great novelty for his readers.

The trouble with THE ALLIANCE interview was that it did not tell half the truth. The facts upon which it was based are as follows:

Editor Gere is a member of the G. A. R. and when he joined he took the following obligation: "In the presence of Almighty God and these comrades of the G. A. R. I do solemnly promise that I will * * * regard every comrade as a brother, and will answer all signs and words by which he shall make himself known to me as such. * * * and that in all things connected with the G. A. R. I will exercise a spirit of fraternal charity and loyalty toward all my comrades. * * * and this obligation I voluntarily assume, on the honor of a soldier."

Having taken the above obligation, Mr. Gere received a statement containing excessively damaging charges against D. McCall, whom he knew to be a comrade in the G. A. R. These charges were entirely ex parte, and without a scintilla of proof. But Comrade Gere, without troubling himself as to their truth or falsity, and without any investigation whatever, published them as true, with embellishments and exaggerations calculated to heighten the infamy charged upon Bro. McCall.

Afterwards Comrade Gere received a sworn report from the G. A. R. post of Bro. McCall, entirely disproving the charges, and fully establishing Bro. McCall's innocence, with a request that he should give it the same publicity he had given the charges.

This he neglected to do, and has continued to neglect to do, up to the present time.

Mr. Gere has been informed that we have the affidavits of nearly eighty of the best citizens of Valley county, swearing to Bro. McCall's innocence of the charges; but Comrade Gere has neglected to publish that fact.

Now, these are the facts, FACTS, FACTS. We submit, in view of them, that the form of words at the head of this article, which we greatly regret to use, is but a faint characterization of the "hummer" who edits the B. & M. Journal. He is beneath the contempt of a dog.

THE A. P. A.

The above letters signify "American Protestant Association," or when it is necessary to disguise the full significance of the name, the "American Protective Association," the words "Protectant" and "protective" being interchangeable to suit convenience.

It will be surprising to most people to learn that there is any need for a religious crusade at this time. It would seem as though the old and foolish cries about Catholic ambition and desire for universal dominion were about exploded; and that the Catholic church might be looked upon as what it really is, a devote, fervid religious institution which is zealous in the con-

version of souls, zealous in the spreading of what it believes to be the true faith, and unusually and persistently zealous in extending what it believes to be true Christianity in the dark and unknown portions of the globe. Intelligent men and women have long since given up the absurd notion that there was the least danger of papal supremacy in America, or the least danger to the Protestant religion, to free education or free institutions from the spread of the Catholic faith. It has been said that error may be left free if truth is left free to combat it. If the Catholic faith, or any part of it, is an error, all the Protestant denominations are free to proclaim the truth.

Now the attempt to get up a religious crusade in our workshops and among our working people has a significance entirely above and beyond the merely religious aspects of the case, as from a religious standpoint no necessity for such a crusade exists. This being the fact, we have been at some pains to ascertain the origin of the movement. We find on inquiry that the leading men who are promoting this organization are railroad and bank men who are seeking every means in their power to circumvent and block the new movement of the people for their financial and industrial rights. We find that the prize object of the organization seems to be to divide and estrange the working men on a religious question, and so prevent their acting together harmoniously on political questions. This is the whole object of the association, concisely stated. Ignoramuses and zealots, who do not know the true interests of their class, are being used by long-headed designing men like John M. Thurston and his ilk to divide the laborers among themselves, so as to render them easy victims to their wiles, to blind them to their real welfare, and keep them as mudsills and all hevers of wood and drawers of water, instead of permitting them to lift themselves to a high human level.

In other words, the objects of this association are political, and its promoters are cunning devils who are borrowing the livery of heaven to serve the devil in. We have hesitated to allude to this matter for fear of fanning the very flame we wish to extinguish. But we say now to workmen and all others that the motive for this A. P. A. is purely political, and that your religious prejudices are being used for the selfish political purposes of leaders who do not see the inside of a church from year's end to year's end.

There is not the shadow of need for any religious crusade and we advise workingmen to avoid this association as they would any other poisonous thing.

JUDGE BROADY DECLINES.

As our forms are closing we hear the news that Judge Broady declines the democratic nomination for associate justice of the supreme court. This is not at all surprising news. To all who know Judge Broady's liberal views and independent tendencies, his acceptance of the nomination would have been a matter of surprise. There are democrats who are willing to accept places on the democratic ticket when they know that such action can only have the effect of aiding to elect their traditional enemies. Judge Broady is not one of that kind. We have not yet seen his letter of declination, but there is no doubt that the reasons he will give for not accepting will be ample and well stated.

Our opinion of Judge Broady is well known. Several weeks ago, before the democratic convention, we frankly gave our estimate of his character as a man. We did this believing that he would be the democratic nominee for supreme judge, but implicitly believing at the same time that he would not accept the nomination. The event has shown our opinion to be well founded. What the democrats will now do remains to be seen. They are no longer an important factor in this fight. Whatever they may do the contest lies between Mr. Edgerton and Mr. Post. But they can most nearly put themselves on the side of the people, and most nearly alone for the action of their leaders in this unholy combine last winter, and the action of Boyd in vetoing the Newberry bill, by simply neglecting to make any nomination, and leaving the lists exactly as they are. This would leave the rank and file of the democracy to choose where they would vote, in which case nineteen-twentieths of them would vote for Edgerton. We want no fusions, and indorsements are compromising and misleading.

THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

By an oversight we failed to notice the nomination of Hon. W. G. Hastings for judge in the Seventh judicial district, which was made at the independent convention held at Geneva on the 17th of September. Mr. H. was elected independent county attorney of Saline county last November. He was born in McHenry county, Ill., in 1853. He graduated from the Chicago university with honors in the class of 1876. He was admitted to the bar in Saline county in 1878, and has successfully practiced law since that time. Mr. Hastings is a man of irreproachable character, and has the respect and confidence of all who know him. His court will be pre-eminently a court of justice, in which all will be equal before the law.

We trust there will be no divisions in the Seventh district, and that not only our judicial ticket but our state and county ticket as well will receive rousing majorities.

A MUD SLINGING CAMPAIGN.

If the railroad organs like the Bee and Nebraska City Press think a mud slinging campaign will win let them keep it up. But we respectfully refer them to Harlan's campaign last fall.

ORGANIZE! ORGANIZE!

Give Every Man His Place and His Work.

The fight is on, and it is a fight in which organization will win. Do not presume on the organization of last year, and do not on any account under-estimate the strength of your opponents.

You have to cope with a formidable power. It has the offices, money, prestige and success or ruin before it.

The corporate power will make the most desperate struggle of its life in Nebraska this year. Success is vital to it. It is battling for its life in '92.

First, organize to see that every voter in every precinct is labored with. Encourage the wavering, rejoice with the jubilant, strive for new converts.

True men! good men!—men who feel the imperative need of winning this fight!—men who have patriotism and enthusiasm!—we appeal to you to work! Do not wait for others. Do not be sure of winning! WORK and WORK ALONE will win.

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McCLAY, THE COUNTRY RING AND THE GAMBLERS.

Chief Dingee arrested some gamblers, and seized their tools. Sheriff McClay allowed himself to be used as the tool of the gamblers and the old ring, and replevined the gambler's tools. In the ensuing trouble a conflict of authority rose between the city police and the sheriff and his deputies. On which side the technicalities of the law were we do not much care. The fact developed in the melee in which our citizens are deeply interested is that Sheriff McClay and his boodle gang will go to any length to defend the gamblers against the efforts of Mayor Weir and his police to enforce law and maintain order. It is gradually dawning upon the minds of the best citizens that there is any amount of devilment going on in the republican ranks to bring reproach upon our worthy mayor. This is a fight between the saloons, brothels and gambling houses aided by Sheriff McClay and the republican rings on one side, and honesty, decency and law, aided by Mayor Weir and his police, on the other. There is no doubt where every reputable citizen will be found.

THAT SUNDAY MAN.

Will the honest christian men of Lancaster county vote to place in the position of county treasurer a man who will run a Sunday amusement garden. It is well known that Lincoln Park is run in opposition to the churches of this city. It is run for money—money at the cost of Sabbath desecration and all kinds of amusement seeking. What can churches, christian associations and Sunday lectures do against men like Burnham, with their Sunday pleasure grounds, steamboats, swings, music, boats, etc. Will the christian voters of this county endorse this thing?

PICNIC AT ROCK FALLS.

By copy getting mislaid much to our regret no mention was made of the picnic and independent rally at Rock Falls, in Furnas county, which took place week before last. Rock Falls is a most delightful pleasure resort about ten miles northeast of Oxford. It is in a gulf on Spring Creek, where the wayfarer unexpectedly comes upon a shady grove of a large extent, with swings, stands, boats, and all the accessories for pleasure camping. Many of the trees are venerable monarchs of the forests, or prairies, and bring to one's mind fancies of bark wigwags and their dusky occupants. No doubt for generations before the white man invaded this part of the desert the red man used this grove as a camping ground and winter home. On Wednesday evening, the 16th, we were met at Oxford station by Dr. Briggs of that place, and royally entertained at his home near town. In the morning in company with Dr. Briggs and his family we went to the ground above named. There we met a large concourse of citizens of the surrounding country with their wives and children, on picnic pleasures bent. The weather was delightful, the singing and instrumental music was fine, the picnic dinner, under those magnificent primeval elms and cottonwoods, presided over by the hospitable wiver of our entertainers, was more than superb. After dinner had been served addresses were delivered by the editor of this paper, S. H. Sornerberg, of Saunders county, representative Stevens of Furnas county, and several of the local independent candidates. The speaking continued until six o'clock. On the day following Hon. J. H. Powers spoke to a gathering at the same place.

We carelessly omitted to take the names of the committee who had charge of the picnic arrangements, except Messrs. Yeomans, Johnston and Dr. Briggs. But the occasion was of the pleasantest, and good results will be apparent on election day.

The Journal devotes two thirds of a column to the record of W. H. Dech, without saying a single word against him. That his fellow-citizens have frequently nominated him for office is greatly in his favor. But Dech is not now a candidate, and therefore not in issue.

Because the big crops here and a shortage abroad will enable our farmers to pay their taxes and reduce their mortgages a little this year the republicans ask them to vote for perpetual war taxes and a succession of billion dollar Congresses.

The ring had better take they up to the laboratory and have him analyzed. They are analyzing beets up there.

INDEPENDENT BADGE.

We print below the form of the independent badge which Secretary Partie is now prepared to furnish to all who wish them. This badge is printed on satin ribbon to which is affixed a beautiful bullion fringe. It is sold by Secretary Partie for twenty-five cents each; and will also be furnished to speakers who will sell it at their meetings at the same price. The money arising from its sale will be used to defray independent campaign expenses. Be careful to buy only of authorized parties.

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By copy getting mislaid much to our regret no mention was made of the picnic and independent rally at Rock Falls, in Furnas county, which took place week before last. Rock Falls is a most delightful pleasure resort about ten miles northeast of Oxford. It is in a gulf on Spring Creek, where the wayfarer unexpectedly comes upon a shady grove of a large extent, with swings, stands, boats, and all the accessories for pleasure camping. Many of the trees are venerable monarchs of the forests, or prairies, and bring to one's mind fancies of bark wigwags and their dusky occupants. No doubt for generations before the white man invaded this part of the desert the red man used this grove as a camping ground and winter home. On Wednesday evening, the 16th, we were met at Oxford station by Dr. Briggs of that place, and royally entertained at his home near town. In the morning in company with Dr. Briggs and his family we went to the ground above named. There we met a large concourse of citizens of the surrounding country with their wives and children, on picnic pleasures bent. The weather was delightful, the singing and instrumental music was fine, the picnic dinner, under those magnificent primeval elms and cottonwoods, presided over by the hospitable wiver of our entertainers, was more than superb. After dinner had been served addresses were delivered by the editor of this paper, S. H. Sornerberg, of Saunders county, representative Stevens of Furnas county, and several of the local independent