

LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES.

These include only the expenses of the legislature such as pay of members, and employes, incidental expenses etc. Here we have a chance to see whether or not the independents tried to practice economy. Let us compare the expenses of the former legislature with those of the last republican legislature.

The following figures are from the auditor's report:

Officers & employes of Senate	\$37,410.30
“ “ “ “ House	52,205.32
Incidental expenses	40,022.57
Estimated claims outstanding	10,000.00
Total expenses for 1891	139,638.22
“ “ “ “ 1889	190,000.00
Amount saved	48,361.48

This shows that the former legislature instead of being the most extravagant in our history, actually cost less than three fourths as much as its predecessor.

The independents in the legislature practiced economy to the extent of their ability, with limited power and under hampering conditions. If entrusted with every branch of the state government, so that honest capable men can be put in charge of all our state institutions, the independents will be able to save the taxpayers millions of dollars during the next two years.

A POINTER FOR REPUBLICANS.

Down in North Carolina, the Cleveland boomers are not only enrolling boys to swell the membership of their clubs, but are taking names from tombstones. The republicans of Nebraska should not allow themselves to be outdone in this way.

POLITICAL days at state fairs may be all right in states that have little of interest to show and the oratory offered may draw a crowd. But experience has demonstrated in Nebraska that people who come to the great fair at Lincoln once a year have no time or inclination to listen to speeches of any sort that last longer than a minute.—State Journal, Sept. 10.

Considering the fact that Carl Brown, the people's party orator, held a crowd of several thousand for three hours directly under the State Journal windows almost every evening during the fair last week the above is certainly an astonishing statement for Hathaway to make. Did the Californian knock our Journal friend *non compos mentis*, or was it too much "*Rose Water*?"

If there is any Lincoln republicanism or Jeffersonian democracy left in the two old parties they will recognize our demands on finance. We stand where Lincoln and Jefferson stood. The financial question is the one overshadowing issue, and the party that opposes financial reform will have us to fight in the coming campaign. The time is past for parties of expediency to ask our support. We demand a party with principle and a fixed policy in the interest of the people. The republican and democratic parties have been running after false gods for so these many years. Wall and Lombard street furnishes the platform, and, it would seem, little Ben and Grover, the demagogues chosen to carry the banners.—Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, N. C.

Dech is a valuable man and the pirates threaten to spend a million dollars to defeat him if necessary, as indicated by the following from the State Journal: "Nebraska could not afford to give William H. Dech a seat in congress for a million dollars per year."—New Era

MR J. B. ROMINE has been

CRIME IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Philadelphia Press contains a lengthy editorial under the above caption. It quotes from an address by Andrew D. White, our minister to Russia to the effect that:

Reliable statistics and testimony prove that among all nations of the Christian world, in the United States the highest crimes are most frequently committed and least punished.

The Press also says:

The Edinburg Review for July has an article on "Crime and Criminal Law in the United States" which reaches practically the same conclusions. The record kept by the Chicago Tribune for 1891 shows that there were 5906 murders committed in the United States that year—an increase of 1606 over 1890, and of 3339 over 1889.

Several reasons are assigned for this alarming prevalence of crime in the United States such as: Law enforcement of law, and delays in meeting out justice; criminal neglect of parents in training up children; the elevation of unworthy men to the judicial bench; foreign immigration, etc. The Press winds up its article by declaring that after making all due allowance for the causes as signed, "the proof is indisputable that an abnormal amount of crime is happening in the United States. The sooner public opinion awakens to the facts of the situation and a sentiment is formed which will demand a rigorous administration of the law, the better it will be for the country."

These facts are undoubtedly correct, but the Press like all the rest of the great subsidized dailies is wrong in the causes it assigns and the remedy it proposes. The increase of crime in the United States results from the OPERATION OF UNJUST LAWS.

Unnatural conditions always produce evil results. The people of the United States are living and working under unnatural conditions. Great wealth goes to him who earns it not, and involuntary poverty to him who does not deserve it. The concentration of wealth in the hands of the few creates dissipation among the rich, and sullenness or despair among the wealth producers, and in each class the tendency to crime increases.

Legalized robbery blunts the sensibilities and sears the conscience of him who robs. It also arouses in those who suffer from the robbery a sullen disrespect for law.

Marriages fall off, and crimes against social purity increase because the conditions of life among the industrial classes are not conducive to the establishment of homes.

Children are not well-born or well brought up because their parents are poor, and disheartened, or rich and heartless.

The tendency of the times is to develop narrow selfishness in men, and to crush out their better and higher natures.

Hope, sympathy, and religion are being crowded out of American life.

These are the reasons why crime increases.

The only cure for the evil lies in the passage of laws by which justice to all men can be secured.

THE best joke of the season: General Victor Vifquain of the First district who is running for congress in the Fourth district says he is going to be elected—sure, not a bit of doubt about it.

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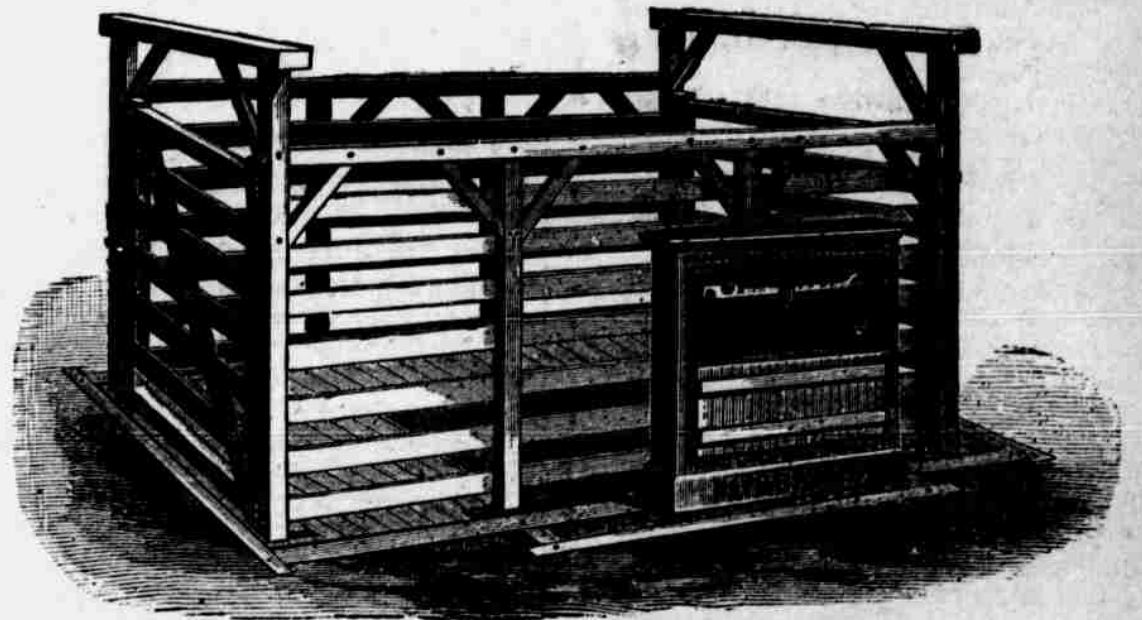
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