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JEROME SHAMP of Lancaster.

OUR exposure of the rottenness at Norfolk last week has caused a rattling among the dry bones.

THE reform papers of Nebraska are firing weekly volleys of hot shot into the ranks of the enemy.

NORFOLK Insane Hospital is not the only state institution that has been corruptly managed by republican officials.

THE Dodge County Leader is now edited by Mr. R. D. Kelly. He is an old hand at the business and is giving the old party clackers in that "neck of the woods" a "course of sprouts."

THE article headed "Majors a Coward" was written by Metcalf, the well-known correspondent of the World-Herald. It is one of the finest, best written political articles that has appeared in many a day. It should be read by every honest, fair-minded voter in Nebraska.

KEM and Whitehead met in their first joint debate at Kearney Monday night, Sept. 19. Our friends out there have failed to send us in a report. But we gather from the reports in the dailies, there was a great crowd present, and that Kem was master of the situation.

### THE STATE SENATE.

Last fall some folks who felt sore over Edgerton's defeat accused the editors of the ALLIANCE and INDEPENDENT of causing over-confidence, and consequent indifference among the independent voters. Whatever may have been the justice or injustice of the charge, we do not propose that it shall be made again this year. Already we have twice forcibly called attention to the importance of controlling the next state senate, and to the great efforts the corporations are making to capture that branch of the state government. All legislative reform consists in the repeal of bad and the enactment of good laws. The corporations know that, by controlling the senate they can keep on the statute books every law that is now in their favor, and prevent the enactment of any reform measure. Under such conditions, even if the independents elect their state ticket, the only reforms they can accomplish will be administrative.

The state senate has always been the citadel of the corporations. If they lose that they lose all. If they hold fast to that they remain in the saddle. The railroad politicians are at work with all their might and cunning, making and executing plans for the election of senators, and a lieutenant governor. Their candidate for the latter office is Tom Majors, their tried and true friend. In every doubtful district they are planning to elect either a railroad democrat or a railroad republican. Whichever party has the best chance of winning will get the railroad support if the candidate is acceptable. There is a considerable vote in every district that the corporations can throw just as they please. There is a considerable vote that can be purchased. Then trades and combinations will be made to catch votes which can neither be controlled or purchased by the railroads.

The independents do not seem to realize the supreme importance of this matter. They appear to be drifting along as usual, depending on main strength and awkwardness to carry them through. They may succeed in electing the state ticket in this way, but unless extraordinary effort is put forth in doubtful districts, they will lose the senate as sure as election day comes.

On the other hand if the right course is pursued the corporations can be given a crushing defeat even on their chosen battle ground.

How?

The fight must be forced on the railroad question. Every candidate must be forced to take a position on the question of a law giving us Iowa rates. If the railroad candidates try to stay in their holes, they must be hunted out. Probably four-fifths of the voters of Nebraska are sick of railroad domination. They are tired of carrying the burden of railroad extortion. Thousands of republicans and democrats who cannot be induced to join the people's party can be persuaded to vote for legislative candidates pledged to the passage of an Iowa rate law. All that is necessary is an organized effort on this specific issue. The state committee, the congressional committees, and every county committee should take this matter under consideration at once. Circulars should be printed and distributed. Every individual voter who wants to see the railroad power overthrown, should make himself a committee of one to work from now till November 8, for the election of men pledged to vote for Iowa rates.

Prompt, earnest, persistent action will win the state senate for the people. Delay, indifference and haphazard work will lose it.

Independents of Nebraska, which course will you pursue? Will you win or lose? If you lose, you will have yourselves only to blame.

### THAT MORTGAGE RECORD.

In the next issue of THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT the final article on Nebraska mortgages will appear, and it will be the best of the series.

This record will then be published in an EXTRA to be used as a campaign document.

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### SENATOR STEWART.

Senator Stewart, republican, of Nevada, has been one of the bravest and ablest advocates of the free coinage of silver. Now he proves himself to be one of the men who will stand by principle rather than party when he is forced to choose. He is making speeches for Weaver. In a speech last week he said: "Harrison was an enemy to silver coinage and would, without question, veto the measure whenever congress passed it. This being his conviction—regarding free coinage as the measure above all others his state and country need to restore their waning prosperity—he would be false to principle, false to his country and false to his people if he did not urge the republicans of Nevada to repudiate Harrison and vote for General Weaver."

### "THE AMERICAN PEASANT."

The above is the title of a story that has just been published. T. H. Tibbles is the author. Mr. Tibbles is a Nebraska farmer, and one of our nominees for presidential electors. His ability as a writer is beyond question. As a story, the "American Peasant" is interesting, but as a means of teaching economic and political truths it is great. It ought to receive a wide circulation. Price only 25 cents. Address the Alliance Publishing company.

WE are informed that I. N. Leonard, the populist candidate for the senate from the country, has issued a challenge for a joint debate to G. Washington Eggleston, the republican candidate for the same place. It is needless to say that the invitation will be declined with a dull thud. The spectacle of Leonard putting Eggleston through a hay press is too funny to ever be realized except in imagination.—Lincoln Herald.

HUMPHREY, Allen, and Hastings refused to investigate the crookedness at Norfolk. Why? Are they getting a "divy?" Did they lie still for the sake of political influence in securing a re-nomination? Whatever may have been the reason, they are guilty of wilfully neglecting a sworn duty and are unworthy of confidence. The people will elect honest men to take their places.

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### A REPLY TO MORTON'S CHALLENGE.

Some days ago the chairman of the democratic state central committee issued a request that Morton, the democratic candidate, be permitted to take part in the joint discussions arranged between Van Wyck and Crouse. The following is the reply issued by the independent committee:

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 19.

Hon. Euclid Martin, Chairman Democratic State Central Committee, Omaha, Neb.

DEAR SIR:

In reply to your request that the democratic nominee for governor be permitted to participate in the joint discussions between the independent and republican nominees, we desire to say the contest in this state today is clearly defined. It is not a three cornered fight, only as the representatives of the railroads would have it appear.

The contest is between the republican candidates, backed by the corporation money, and the independent candidate, backed by the patriotism of the people. The question to be settled is whether the people of Nebraska propose to indorse, by their ballots, the railroad extortion, jobbery, bribery and crime, made possible in this state by the domination of the republican party. On the question "Shall the people of the lobby rule," there can be but two sides.

The independent party has shown that it is the only political organization capable of dealing with this infamous shame.

To permit your candidate to participate in their joint discussions, would only tend to throw dust in the eyes of the people.

Your professions are on the side of railroad regulation, while your party practices have been contrary to these professions.

Your party professes to represent many of the principles for which the independent party battles. The democratic party on the issue of free coinage, differs from the independent party; the views of your candidate on this subject are well known to be in harmony with the views of Wall street. It would be gratifying to the friends of free coinage to have this great question discussed, and no silver man would for a moment believe that the great western interests would suffer by such a discussion.

But the point wherein your party and ours mainly differ, is the financial plank of our national platform, and on this your candidate's views are the same as those entertained by the republican candidate. It is manifest to every one that in this great contest your candidate is but a figure-head, running in the hope of dividing the forces of those opposed to monopoly and railroad domination.

We recognize that in this fight we have against us the power and money of the corporations and syndicates. To be sure it would be interesting to demonstrate to the hosts of democrats in the rank and file of your party who believe with us, that your candidate is but a pocket edition of the republican party. But the duty we owe to the people of this state is entirely too important to waste in child's play.

We must devote our time and attention to the real foe. Time is too short and principle too precious to permit us to waste our ammunition on political shadows. With the assurance of kind feelings, we are,  
Yours Truly,  
GEO. W. BLAKE, C. H. FIRTLE,  
Chairman. Secretary.