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There is to be a great silver paper started in Chicago.

ONE of the asylum coal thieves is safe for the "pen" at least.

DON'T fall to read the article headed "Progressive West" on page 7.

THE populists are making things warmer than ever before down in old Georgia.

HONEST or dishonest government, which? That is the issue in the coming campaign.

In every crisis in this country's history the farmers have saved it. They must do so now.

POPULISTS can make as a refrain for their campaign songs this fall: "Up" with Nebraska, down with the thieves.

INDIANA republicans are preparing to push Ex-President Harrison's name for the republican nomination for president in 1896.

DR. BRIGGS has been fired from the Presbyterian ministry but the cause of religious liberty has suffered nothing from his trial.

THE populist exchanges over the state are all looking first rate. They appear to be in good fighting trim for the coming campaign.

NOW is the time to get up clubs for THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT. Push the fight. The populist outlook was never so bright as now.

THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT invites correspondence from all parts of the state. Let us know how the work is progressing in your locality.

THE Sunday opening of the World's fair is a distinct victory for the working people of Chicago who could attend the exposition on no other day.

THE railroad attorneys are now preparing to disobey the freight rate law passed by the last legislature. It seems opportune to ask here, "who really are the law breakers?"

THE populists of Nebraska are now standing upon the threshold of victory. The days of the ring are over. Let no mistakes be made, no ill-advised steps taken, and Nebraska is ours.

THE Geary law says that "Chinese cheap labor must go." The moneyed concerns which employ that labor say that "Chinese cheap labor must stay." Great observer of law is plutocracy.

We don't hear the plutocrats talking so much lately about "the best financial system the world ever saw," and the "honest dollar," etc. The whole business is too near the ragged edge.

THE World-Herald had a number of its reporters dressed as tramps, visit a number of Lincoln churches last Sunday. All but two were treated well. Two were turned away from the doors.

PEOPLE should turn out very generally to hear Senator Allen in his tour over the state. They should see what a populist senator looks like. And, more than that, they should hear what he talks like.

THE SUPREME COURT DECISION

The great trial is over. The thieving republican state officers are declared innocent. The case will now be appealed from the supreme court to a higher court—the great court of public opinion.

In that court, if I mistake not, these men have already been declared guilty. The decision is the culminating disgrace of our highest judicial tribunal. But in the light of past events, what else could be expected of the two railroad judges? Have they ever once decided a question other than as their masters bid them? Have they not always prostituted their high offices to partisan ends? In their decision mandamus the legislature two years ago, in their decision on the Boyd case, afterwards reversed by the federal court, in their decision in the Kruse-Norton contest case, have they not thrown aside their judicial character and decided solely and alone as politicians?

In the light of these events could anyone expect these railroad judges to decide otherwise than for their political friends in the great impeachment case?

Over two months ago, in my letters to the state press, I predicted that Post and Norval would decide to acquit these men and that Judge Maxwell would decide to convict. In doing so I did not pretend to know anything from the inside, I did not claim any superior knowledge, I simply judged from the character of the men.

But out of this whole decision, which influenced as it was by the railroads, is a disgrace to the state of Nebraska, shines one glorious fact: We have one incorruptible judge. On the supreme bench is one honest man. He led the people to believe as much by his decisions in the Boyd case and the Kruse-Norton case. He has blazoned it in letters of light on the history of his state by his decision in the impeachment cases. He is a man whom money can not buy, whom power can not frighten, whom party can not swerve. In every case where he could see his duty he has fearlessly performed that duty. He is the venerable chief justice and his name is SAMUEL MAXWELL.

I do not pretend to say what the populists of this state should or should not do. That is for them to decide in their convention. But I do say that the people of this state will decide and will decide by a tremendous majority that that grand old man will stay where he is.

I say farther that right here is the turning point in the politics of this state. Henceforth is honest government. The people have been fooled and robbed as long as they will. The hour has struck. The seeming acquittal of these corrupt officials will be turned back by the strong current of popular opinion into one overwhelming verdict of GUILTY.

Populists of Nebraska, up and into line again. Carry this fight forward and win. There is a brighter day dawning for Nebraska. See that the promise is realized. The plain path to victory is before you. You cannot miss it. J. A. E.

ONE OF THE GANG STUCK.

By our news column it will be seen that one of the gang of Lincoln asylum thieves, Gorham Betts, has been found guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary. It only took one ballot for the jury to unanimously declare him guilty.

The "ring" is slowly being broken up. The others under indictment are J. Dan Lauer, Bill Dorgan, Frank Hubbard, Sewell and one or two others.

This is one more victory for the people and one more black eye for thieving of public money. Let the good work go on.

VOTE OUT.

The questions now confronting the American people must be solved by sober reflection. We do not need hot-headed passion so much as intelligent thought.

We want to win people by reason, not prejudice. Hence all talk of any labor war is ill-advised. If bloodshed unfortunately should come in the course of the industrial revolution, let it be brought about by the plutocracy.

Education is the "open sesame" of our movement—the magical word which will throw back the gates upon the road to the new era.

The ballot is the most powerful weapon ever put into the hands of the people. It is more powerful than the sword. It is more powerful than the torch. It is more powerful than the dynamite bomb. And by its intelligent use we must solve the problems which now confront us.

We must draw men to the new ideas, not frighten them by wild utterances. The way to get out of our difficulties is to "vote out."

GEN. A. J. WARNER, of Ohio, is president of the M-metallic league of America, a thoroughgoing populist and a man whom it would be well to keep your eye on. He was at one time one of the best known men in the United States congress. The writer used to know him at Marietta, Ohio, and few men are personally more popular among their own people than A. J. Warner.

SILLY TWADDLE

The claim of a few railroad "Fridays" and small-bore republican weeklies over the state that the freight rate law passed by the last legislature will in certain instances raise present local rates, is the silliest twaddle.

The bill specifically provides that in "no case shall rates be higher than those in force on January 1, 1893."

Besides this is a "maximum rate bill." It fixes a point above which rates can not go. It does not say that rates must go up to that limit, but that they shall not go over it.

The law makes an average cut of 20 per cent. on all rates in force in the state at the time of its passage. The only instances where it fixes a limit higher than rates now charged are:

1. The local rates fixed by the law are of course higher than through rates charged on interstate traffic. Over this traffic a state law can have no possible effect. This is solely governed by the interstate commission, and the Newberry bill will have no more to do with it than the Iowa rate bill had to do with rates in Nebraska.

2. The maximum rates are in some cases higher than the special rates heretofore allowed to certain petroleum manufacturing concerns and wholesale dealers. Over these rates the law can possibly have no effect as they are fixed by agreement between the railroad companies and the private concerns and have nothing to do with the public. If they are raised the railroads must do it on their own motion.

Outside of these two classes the law reduces all rates in effect in the state of Nebraska. If anyone tells you anything to the contrary, set him down as either a tool of the railroads who is talking for effect, or an ignoramus who does not know what he says.

If it were really a fact that the law raises rates as claimed by these two-by-four "Fridays" would all the railroads of the west prepare to make a strenuous fight against it as they have done? The claim of the railroad companies is that it will break them up. It certainly would not do so. If it raises rates, would it?

Altogether the question is too silly a one to raise among men who understand the facts. I have however received a number of letters and seen a number of newspaper clippings concerning the matter and, as I had something to do with getting up the bill, I take this method of answering.

Below is a sample clipping from a Valentine paper. The advice spoken of here are going to every town in the state:

"Several Omaha firms have written to the merchants stating that when the Newberry bill takes effect in July it will make a difference in freight rates from Omaha to Valentine as follows: The freight charges on first class freight will be 21 cents per hundred cheaper, on second class it will be 18 cents per hundred cheaper, on third class it will be 13 cents cheaper and on fourth class it will be 8 cents cheaper." J. A. E.

THE DEATH KNELL.

On Monday morning before the supreme court handed in its decision in the afternoon, the following appeared in the Bee as part of a leading editorial:

"The future of the republican party of Nebraska is in the hands of the supreme court. The impeached state officers were elected as representative republicans and if their conduct is condoned by a republican court the party will rightfully be chargeable with the responsibility for the acts of the impeached officials and the verdict of the court. In the high court of public opinion, to which all public men and parties are accountable, the supreme judges will be judged by the standard of public morals which they shall set up in this case for the political agents of the state.

There can be no middle ground for the court to stand upon. There is no place in the verdict for a reprimand or a whitewash. The court must either declare by its verdict that these officials are unfit to be reinstated as custodians of public property and managers of the affairs of state, or they must decree that in their judgment, in the face of all the evidence of criminal recklessness and indefensible negligence the affairs of our state have been in trusty hands and the impeached officials will by their finding of no guilty be acquitted of all blame and resume their functions with the seal of approval from the highest tribunal in the commonwealth.

Such a verdict will be hailed by the gang of corruptionists that has looted the state treasury as a new dispensation but it will be the death knell of the republican party in Nebraska.

The party has already suffered incalculable injury by the infamous betrayal of trust of the impeached officials in refusing to discharge their sworn duty as members of the Board of Transportation and their retention in power after the scandalous exhibit of mismanagement will leave the party where the trump of Gabriel will scarcely resurrect it."

The above strong language comes from the member of the republican national committee for Nebraska, and editor of the leading republican daily in the west. It means something. It means a great deal. The statements made by Mr. Rosewater are true. They are also ominous. They indicate that there is an irreconcilable division in the republican party of the state, a factional fight that will defeat and destroy the party no matter which faction wins. "When thieves fall out, honest men get their dues." The honest people of Nebraska will have an inning in the near future.

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SAVE THE AMERICAN HOME.

Under the above heading in the June issue of the Arena is one of the finest articles on the money question we ever remember to have read.

It opens by quoting the famous sentence from the American Monetary Commission:

"A shrinkage in the volume of the currency has caused more misery than war, famine, or pestilence, and more injustice than all the bad laws ever enacted."

It shows that in England from 1820 to 1840 under a contraction of the currency that the actual number of land owners decreased from 160,000 to 30,000.

It shows that in the United States from 1880 to 1900 under a similar contraction of the currency the decrease will be fully as rapid. To prove this the writer quotes liberally from the census report of 1890. Here is one of the quotations from Hon. Robert P. Porter, chief of the census bureau. This is for the state of Massachusetts alone:

"The mortgage movement of the ten years, (1880 to 1890) which has been an increasing one without interruption, began with an incurred debt of \$28,176,133 in 1880, and ended with \$75,626,344 in 1889, an increase of 168.05 per cent, while the population increased but 26.57 per cent in the same time."

As with Massachusetts, so with the rest of the Union.

The writer then goes on to speak of the men who hold these mortgages, who have charged from 10 to 144 per cent. interest per annum. He says:

"These inhuman vultures are the ones to tell you that there is plenty of money in the country if you have anything to get it with; yet one of them (while boasting that he had entered 692 chattel mortgages in the last four months) told me that he never indorsed a note unless he had collateral on it which would sell for double the amount under the sheriff's hammer."

He goes on to show the enormous scouring power of money at compound interest. He shows that one of the financial brigands, shaving notes at 18 per cent, which is not uncommon, could in one hundred years only, make one dollar bring him \$15,145,007. Then he shows how this effect is still more heightened by the contraction of the currency, which he proceeds to denounce as follows:

"The shrinkage of the volume of currency since 1870 throughout the civilized world, has caused more business failures, more misery, more heartache, more suicides, more ruined homes, and made more drunkards, than all other causes combined."

"It has filled our country with rented farms, our cities with tramps and millionaires, both inimical to the best interests of the people."

"The continual strain of trying to keep up under adverse circumstances has filled our insane asylums with bankrupts, our poor houses with paupers and our prisons with criminals."

"Legislation for a quarter of a century has discriminated in favor of unemployed idle capital, and against the wealth producers of our country."

He then cites the case of a farmer who bought a farm for \$15,000 in 1872. Paid \$500.00 down. He is industrious and the first year he pays \$2000 towards the debt. Then silver is demonetized in '73, the panic comes and from that on he gets farther and farther behind.

In 1893 he has paid \$24,500 in interest and principal on that debt and still owes over \$5,000, for which a mortgage covers the entire farm. The mortgage is foreclosed he loses all the improvements he has put on the land and \$24,500 besides.

But the writer sees one ray of hope. This iniquitous state of things has called together some of the greatest minds in the nation who are attempting a change

He says:
"This movement has inspired the farmer with new courage and the mechanic with renewed hope. Four millions of men are today members of organizations who are demanding some or all of the following laws:

"An increase of the volume of full legal tender money to \$50 per capita.
"The unlimited free coinage of silver.
"The sub-treasury and farm-loan plan.
"The graduated income tax.

"Postal savings banks.
"These men are fast getting together and then we shall have prosperity for the producer. Over a million voted at the election of 1892 for these avowed objects; and were the election to be held again today, four times that number would be recorded for these principles."

This is rather a hopeful picture to populists, coming as it does from an eastern writer in an eastern magazine. Truly, "the world do move."

The article goes on to show that in every instance in the world's history, contraction of the currency has been followed by misery, bankruptcy and want, and that almost every liberal issue of money has been followed by a blaze of unprecedented prosperity.

The great awakening comes on apace. The light of that doctrine taught so long by the despised greenbackers and Weaverites is spreading throughout the land. It is beginning to penetrate even into the hide-bound east. The people are being aroused for the final struggle. It is coming. The mutterings of the storm are growing louder throughout the west. Money sharks, thieves and gamblers must not and shall not rule America.

The storm must come—the sooner the better; for after it is over the sunlight of prosperity will shine upon all the people once again.

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JUDGE POST.

The following is clipped from last week's issue of the Grand Island Democrat:

"We have received another letter from the Leon, Iowa, editor who wrote the vindication for A. J. Post during the campaign two years ago. He says his bill for the contract has never yet been paid and wants to know if there is any way to force the collection. We don't know of any. The Leon editor might get even by publishing to the world that he lied when he wrote the vindication and that the charges made against Post were true, and state the facts in regard to the matter as he knows them to be. Men who will write vindicating articles for political office-seekers for money are not entitled to much sympathy if the vindicated gentleman refuses to pay after he has had the benefit of the vindication. Of course it does not reflect much credit on the vindicated gentleman to refuse to pay, but the vindicator places himself on the level with him and should take his medicine."

The above is cited to throw a little light upon the character of the man who wrote the opinion acquitting the infamous state house ring in the late impeachment trial.

A man who would deliberately ruin the fifteen-year-old daughter of a friend and then refuse to make reparation, a man who when charged with this offense in a political campaign, would hire a Jim Crow editor to "vindicate" him from the charge and then refuse to pay this editor the amount on which he had agreed, is about such a man as would be capable of standing in with the gang who have been robbing the people of Nebraska for years.

A man, farther, who as a lawyer and as a district judge, has always stood by the railroads and against the people whom those railroads have injured; a man who, as supreme judge, at least on two occasions, has sunk his high judicial position into the mire of partisan politics, a man who brought on himself the deserved rebuke from the venerable chief justice that he had "interpolated and interlined a decision after court hours," such a man would be fully capable of attempting to uphold the rotten ring that infests Nebraska's state house.

Even when a man like Norval hesitated to take such a step, this man Post dragged the judicial ermine through the mire of dishonesty and corruption to save his political friends.

People of Nebraska, behold your judge—a disgrace to the judiciary, to his party and to his state! O, that Nebraska, though her capital has long been a "den of thieves," might have been spared this crowning shame!

Well, there is one consolation. The laws of God and man may be overridden by a gang. And they may be declared free by the act of this railroad hireling called a judge. But in return for the sense of justice which he has outraged, the name of "Post" will go down to posterity as an anathema, a byword and a term of reproach.

THE POWER BEHIND THE THRONE.

The week's delay in giving out the decision in the impeachment cases has caused quite a good deal of conjecture.

The Omaha Bee in its Sunday edition explains it something in this wise: It says that when the court met on May 29, Judge Norval was still undecided, Maxwell was then for conviction and Post for acquittal. Up to that time the impeached officers had confidently expected a unanimous acquittal. After the week's adjournment they became frightened. Something had to be done. The Bee goes on to say:

"It is alleged that the railroads were asked to use their influence to induce Judge Norval to look at the evidence in the impeachment cases in the same light as Judge Post and were particularly alarmed over the outlook as Judge Norval had shown a disposition to agree with Chief Justice Maxwell. The railroads are credited with having responded nobly to this call from Macedonia, and it is now the general impression in Lincoln, and the accused officials share it, that when the supreme court meets on Monday there will be a majority and minority report in the impeachment cases."

It is needless to say that the majority decision was as predicted: Post and Norval for acquittal.

PROF. VINCENT'S ARTICLE.

On the seventh page of this paper will be found a long article written by Prof. C. Vincent of Indianapolis. This is one of the ablest and most scholarly articles we have ever published. We hope not one of our readers will skip it.

At latest writing it appears that free silver democrats are not in it in the appointment line. This administration seems to be carrying out the Wall street program fully as well as did the Harrison regime.

PAUL VANDERVOORT says that the only change that the new administration has brought about is a change in the avoirdupois of the president. Even the proverbial change of postmasters is lacking this time.

THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT acknowledges the receipt of the current Iowa Tribune Quarterly, containing the great Quadrangular debate. Gen. Weaver's speech therein is one of the greatest of his life.

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A FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE GONE.

Senator Clarke, the brainy young republican who aided the populist senators in passing the freight rate bill last winter, is dead.

His death was caused by an attack of pneumonia and occurred last Thursday at the Hotel Ideal in this city.

He was a republican in name—would to God we had more such republicans—but he was a populist in principle. In every important fight he was true to the people.

He was the youngest member that ever held a seat in the Nebraska state senate, yet proved himself a match for the oldest parliamentarians in that body.

"Whom the gods love die young." We know not how the gods regarded him, but the people who knew him loved Senator Clarke.

STATE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The executive committee of the State Alliance held a very important meeting this week for purposes of investigation. On account of the importance of the matters brought before the committee, THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT was requested to give no report of its proceedings to the public until its labors are completed which will not be earlier than July 7.

THE shipment of gold to foreign countries is growing heavy again—heavier than ever before. On June 3 the amount of gold in the treasury was only \$89,939,217, the smallest amount ever known since the resumption of specie payments in 1879. It seems to be the general opinion in administration circles that the gold bugs will force an issue of bonds or bankrupt the treasury.

THE tone of our exchanges shows that the populists are gaining all over the nation. Even in the extreme eastern states, the very home of plutocracy, the cause is marching on. In the south, Cleveland's attitude on the silver question is alienating thousands of old time democrats. The only place to which these people can go is the people's party.

GENERAL WEAVER and other leaders of the people's party are at work all the time campaigning. Bank failures, mortgaged homes, railroad extortion and "bunco steering" in Wall street are also doing some very effective work in opening the people's eyes. We will have more than a million votes in 1896.

CLEVELAND seems to be attempting to build a new democratic party out of the monopoly wings of the two old parties. The plutocrats are getting so afraid of that populist host which is marching on from the west that it will no longer attempt to carry on the fight with divided forces.

THE Oakdale Guard and the Holt County Independent have been consolidated with Ham Kautzman, that old-time hard-hitter as editor. If the good qualities of both sheets are combined in one, it will have few equals and no superiors among the reform papers of Nebraska.

PEOPLE of the coast are charging the president with collusion with the infamous six companies of the Chinese in evading the Geary law. They claim to have indisputable proof of the fact that Cleveland agreed with the Chinese minister that he would not attempt to enforce the law.

THE attempt of the plutocrats to raise a religious war and so blind the people's eyes to the real issues does not seem to be meeting with very pronounced success. America is the land of religious liberty. It will remain so. What the people now demand is honest government.

THE exorbitant rate charged by the railroads to the World's fair is an outrage. It makes it almost impossible for a poor man to see this crowning achievement of the century. The people paid for this fair and should have the opportunity of attending it.

HONEST Judge Maxwell, whose integrity during twenty years service on the bench has never been questioned, never stood so high with the people as now. Every patriotic Nebraskan, whatever his party, is proud of this fearless, honest man.

A CONSIDERABLE portion of the editorial work on this week's issue has been done by Mr. J. A. Edgerton well known to our readers as our legislative correspondent. We need not say anything of his work in this line. It speaks for itself.

THE state house gang is now trying to read G. M. Lamberton out of the republican party. Let the ring have the whip hand a little longer and there won't be any republican party to read anybody out of.

Farmers.
We have a new Davis harvester for sale at one third off, part cash balance on time, a bargain for some one
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