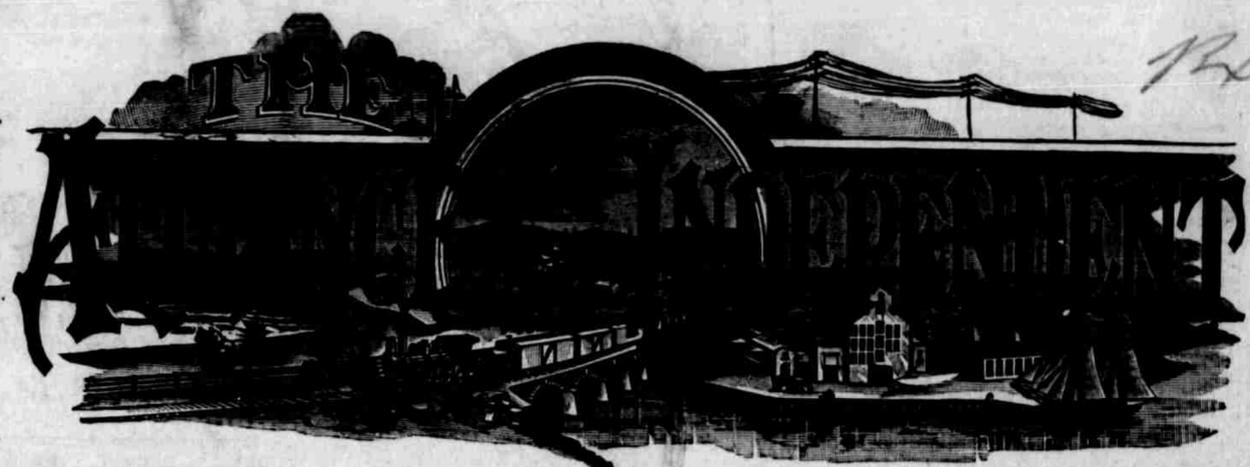


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INDIGNATION UNCORKED

Nemaha Valley Alliance Adopts Some Scathing Resolutions.

POST AND NORVAL BLISTERED

Poor Thieves are Convicted, While the Rich go Free—The People Will Stand it But Little Longer.

Indignation Uncorked.

EDITOR ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT:—Enclosed find the sentiment of No. 1187, which we request you to publish. S. G. MOWER.

Nemaha Valley Alliance No. 1187 deplores and denounces the action of Judges Post and Norval, the partisan members of the state supreme court.

State officers guilty of the grossest outrages upon the treasury have been acquitted by them.

Leeches that stole many hundreds of dollars of our state taxes for junketing trips all over the country, they have set free.

State officers that were proven guilty of wasting, squandering, and dividing among their corrupt chums, at least a hundred thousand dollars of our state funds, have been turned loose upon us by these two judges, and bidden to go ahead and outrage a long suffering people still further.

These judges are still promptly confirming fines, judgments and penalties upon the poor. If they find a farmer or laboring man guilty of the smallest crime, these they ever stand ready to punish severely.

The laboring poor are punished without charity or mercy. They are fined and imprisoned for trivial offences. We do not complain of this; we would not refer to it if there was any chance to convict great criminals in high places.

But these unjust judges stand in our way and say this must not be done. Allen, Humphrey, Hastings, Hill, Benton and Mosher, all deserve much more to be in the penitentiary, than any unfortunate poor fellow that is there now.

Post and Norval say none of the great scoundrels brought before them should be punished at all.

The United States court sends poor men to prison, but sends the great state thief Mosher, to a first-class hotel and obliges us to pay a United States marshal five dollars a day to keep Mosher company.

Our courts are trying to convince us this is a government of the classes against the masses. Our corrupt courts are goading and persecuting patient people to see how much we will endure.

They will try to continue these outrages and favoritism until endurance will cease, people will arise and destroy our prisons, hang corrupt judges and oppressors, and with a bloody sword write a constitution that will forever stop these wrongs.

After the tiger in humanity has been thoroughly aroused, those who caused it will blame the barbarism in human nature, never willing to see the devil in their own hearts and acts.

We ask voters to reflect sincerely: When will all this abuse of power cease? You Richardson county farmers, who voted to put Judges Post and Norval into their high positions after it had been shown to you that they were corporation ringsters, and unscrupulous partisan shysters, you also voted last fall for these thieving state officers, after all the proof of their stealings was published. Politicians, lawyers, office holders and the rich will never reform anything. They always wink at corruption, abuse and decay in government.

Where will all this end, if farmers, laborers, producers and honest tradespeople, longer stand apart and vote against each other in the too corrupt old parties?

Let your answer come by voting next time for those who are honestly striving for better conditions.

Stop voting with the party whose papers, politicians, leaders and judges believe in letting thieves go unpunished and corrupt state officers be acquitted.

We commend the noble conduct of Hon. Jule Smith and Hon. Henry Gerdes in the legislature. They labored many days free of charge, and paid their own expenses to impeach rascals which the upright Judge Maxwell says are guilty.

But it is different with Senator Scott. He was a pliant tool. He favored every measure urged by corporations, and opposed everything asked and desired by the farmers of this county. His junketing trips to Yellow Stone Park and all over the country, it is believed were made on free passes gotten from railroads for voting against the expressed wishes of his constituents.

He could hear the request of one office holder, and salaried politicians,

who asked that another unnecessary office be created in this county with a two thousand dollar salary for us to pay.

Scott heard that request and labored hard for our injury. But the request of the many thousand farmers of this county, he failed to hear. Farmers by the hundred met in institutes and elsewhere and sent him resolutions asking for laws to stop extortion, oppression and rascality. They got sneers for their trouble.

If John Cornell had been our senator last winter he would have been an able honorable law-maker in passing good laws, punishing thieves and correcting abuses at Lincoln, and Richardson county would not have been a by-word and a reproach in the senate.

WING SHOTS.  
The impeached officers knew how the supreme court decision would go for several days before it was given. It is not just certain what one of the judges Post-ed them about the matter.

Did you ever pinch a dog's tail and watch him turn around and bite his tail instead of biting you? You doubtless thought the dog very foolish. But the people did the very same thing for many years. When plutocracy pinched the people, the people began fighting each other instead of fighting plutocracy. See the point?

There is work yet for reformers and will be as long as the gang is in the state house and Mosher and the asylum coal thieves are outside of the penitentiary. Get your water elm clubs skinned and prepare to scrap. This little scrimmage has just begun.

We are generally a friend of science and enjoy the smashing of images and things as well as anybody. But there is one fond hallucination that we are sorry has faded—viz., the belief in a personal devil. The thought that his satanic majesty would sometime interview certain people of our acquaintance was always highly comforting.

O'Willy O' Jones was a colonel Who wrote on occasions delinquent A mess of nonsense most infolent For a sheet called the measly old Jolentel.

Willy O had one hobby and rode it, 'Twas an ass and full plainly he shod it With its braying his sheet he would load it, Until all of the populace nod it.

This ass was named Bixby, a poet, (O, poetry, what an art forgot!) He, in order that others should noet, Brayed louder and louder to shoot.

The Journal spoken of in the above has been called by many endearing names—such as the B. & M. Journal, the R. R. Journal, the Rat Journal and the poor old Journal, familiarly abbreviated into the p. o. j. We like the last name best because it reminds of a little squib we saw in our boyhood. It ran somewhat thusly:

The p. o. j. The p. o. j. Whose wit has caused full many a tear. That sheet, alas, has seen its day! The wild winds whistle cold and clear Its whiskers through, while sad and slow It prints the news of long ago.

You have often braced up a rotten post with a rail, haven't you? The later experiment, however is to brace up a rotten Post with a railroad. Vide impeachment decision. See the point?

Our friend Scraggs says he likes a paper to be full of life. Likes to see it juicy, etc. What's the matter with the Bee? Its Jew-ey enough, isn't it? Ah, there!

Lincoln is a beautiful city, one of the most beautiful in the west. The only thing lacking is to get rid of the infamous ring that have made their headquarters here and will now be a disgrace to the place until they leave it.

The newspapers are now going wild over the fact that the infant Eulalia likes corn bread. Well, it beats the deuce, don't it? We presume that several million people like corn bread, but nobody ever says anything about it. However the infant has the blood of several generations of dead-beat Spanish princes in her veins. That makes a difference.

William Ewart Gladstone, the most eminent statesman of his age, favors bi-metalism. It will now be in order for some two-by-four Nebraska ring "Friday" to call him a calamity howler.

You people who want to go to the World's fair, but cannot because of the exorbitant railroad rates, you are now getting an example of the beauties of the private ownership of railroads. You people who have lost your money in some rascally bank failure and who are feeling the stress of hard times, you can see the beauties of our present financial system. But don't kick. Don't try to use your own brains to see the reason for these things. Some henchman might call you a "vicinity howler" and that would make you feel bad.

The World-Herald says a man can't

be a thief and be a gentleman. Can't he? Well, he can be a thief and be a state officer all right. Observed that, haven't you?

Gorham Betts lacked political influence and was sent to the "pen." It now looks as though he were to be made the scape-goat of the gang—the Dorgan outfit, etc., who stand in politically.

A poor devil can steal a horse and probably get hung for it. A thieving gang of state officers and their contractors can steal the whole state treasury and stay right in their places. It all depends upon the amount, you see.

Col. Work-for-Cash Holden has now turned his batteries against the pope of Rome. We imagine the pope is shedding tears over it. How sad, O, how sad he must be. J. A. E.

ROUSING MEETINGS.  
Populists Turn out to Hear Senator Allen and John M. Devine.

Senator W. V. Allen began his series of meetings at Tecumseh, Monday afternoon. The meeting was held in the court house, which was crowded to its utmost capacity. Mr. W. G. Swan was elected chairman of the meeting and first introduced John M. Devine, of Colfax county, who discussed the money question.

Senator Allen was next introduced. He discussed the silver question. Those who have heard Allen on any branch of the money question pronounce him one of the ablest economists in the west. Since his election he has devoted all of his time and energy to the study of this issue. His discussion of the silver question aroused such enthusiasm as has seldom been seen in a Johnson county.

AT BEATRICE.  
On Tuesday another meeting was held at Beatrice in the auditorium which was comfortably filled. Judge Bush was elected chairman. Mr. Devine again opened with an hour's talk on the money question and was again followed by Senator Allen on silver. The Racket store band of Beatrice gave music for the occasion, donating the same free of charge.

On Wednesday the two went to Geneva, from which meeting we have not yet heard.

Book Notices.  
DIRECT LEGISLATION.—An exposition of the Initiative and Referendum. By J. W. Sullivan. Nationalist Publishing Co., N. Y., 25 c.

The chapters on Switzerland and the difference between a representative and purely democratic government are very fine. The author shows, to our mind at least, that the adoption of this plan is perfectly feasible. Anyone interested in this question could not do better than to invest in this little book.

HOW WE CAN ALL GET RICH.—By Wm. Van Ornum. Chas. H. Kerr & Co., Chicago. This pamphlet advocates the abolition of all law and government as the only solution to the social problems which confront us.

MORTAL MAN.—By A. Easton. Chas. H. Kerr & Co., Chicago. An argument in verse that death ends all. Contains a little of everything from the first appearance of man to the present time.

THE RUSSIAN REFUGEE.—By Henry R. Wilson. Chas. H. Kerr & Co., Chicago, 50 c.

A Novel of over 600 pages, with an undercurrent of theosophy and political liberty running through it. A book of thrilling interest whether you agree with its doctrines or not.

The decision of the court is not much of a surprise to the general public. With each step in the investigation, both before the legislature and the trial in the supreme court, it was shown that the corruption and frauds complained of extended into all departments of the state government, and that all the officials were cognizant of the frauds practiced. The testimony of these officials also show that they endeavored to shield each other, and it is not surprising that Norval and Post, who are doubtless as deep in the mire as the ones tried are in the mire, added the last crowning act to the whole inquiry by turning their friends free, and exonerating them from guilt.

Retribution is in store for these betrayers of the confidence of the people of Nebraska. The condemnation and ignominious retirement from public office by the people will be swift and sure. By their votes they will render a verdict in harmony with Judge Maxwell, and the robbers and their defenders will be hurled from their positions of trust.

Judge Maxwell has taken the position in the matter that had been anticipated he would, and stands alone for the conviction of the offenders. His action bears out his already well-established reputation as an incorruptible judge, and a long-suffering and outraged people will ever do him homage.—North Platte Era.

THEY WILL STRIKE.

MISSOURI COAL MINERS ONLY WAITING FOR THE WORD.

GRAVE TROUBLE IS QUITE LIKELY.

A Speedy Settlement of the Southeastern Kansas Mining Trouble the Only Thing That Will Prevent a General Walk-Out at Any Moment—All Nations Represented by the Miners.

HILL, Mo., June 14.—There is now no longer to be a question that there will be a general strike of the miners here to help out the Southeastern Kansas miners, the only uncertainty being as to the hour when it will occur.

When M. L. Walters and his associate officers of the interstate union left here yesterday it was understood by the local unions that unless the difficulty at Pittsburg was settled to the satisfaction of the union last evening the men here would be ordered out to-day.

Meetings were held by the men of several mines last night and the determination fully exists to go out as soon as the order comes from headquarters.

How many miners of the Rich Hill field belong to the union is not known. The men include almost all nationalities and should they go out in any considerable numbers bloodshed is apprehended.

MERELY A RATTLE TRAP.  
Another Clerk Gives His Opinion About Ford's Theater.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—The inquest over the victims of the old theater disaster was continued this morning in Willard's hall, yesterday's exciting proceedings when Colonel Ainsworth was berated by several hundred of his subordinates and threats of hanging were made, calling out a large crowd. When the inquest began clerks and others were crowded into the hall. In order to prevent a repetition of yesterday's scenes a squad of police was present.

Just before the inquiry began Judge Jere Wilson, a well known Washington lawyer, entered the hall with Smith Thompson, the elderly clerk who presided over the indignation meeting yesterday. Judge Wilson had volunteered his services in the service of the employes and his appearance was the signal for an outburst of applause. Colonel Ainsworth and his attorney, Ross Perry did not appear.

Deputy Chief Shaeffer called the jury to order and M. H. Mallack, a clerk, was employed on the second floor of the old theater, took the stand and described his escape from the collapsed building. He had, he said, mapped out a route of escape from the building in the event of fire. He had heard the building described as an old rattle trap and had the statement confirmed by seeing the rear or east wall which bulged to a considerable extent.

There was a private staircase in the annex but it was used only by Colonel Ainsworth and his chief clerk, Mr. Brown.

Continuing Mallack said that the building was dangerous and he did not dare to complain, for he felt if he had done so his position would not be secure.

Chief Justice Bingham of the supreme court of the district issued an order this morning requiring the acting coroner to show cause at 3 p. m. why Colonel Ainsworth should not be allowed to be represented by counsel at the inquest.

INDIANS THREATEN TROUBLE.  
Chippewas in Minnesota Hold Their Agent Prisoner—Troops Ordered Out.

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 13.—To-night 1,300 soldiers from the department left over the Great Northern railroad at Brainard, from which point they will march to the Leech Lake reservation.

Reports of a threatened outbreak of the Indians have been received by General Wesley Merritt, in charge of the department, and Dr. J. R. Walker, resident agent at the reservation, has telegraphed for assistance. He accidentally killed an Indian, Sunday, and the Indians hold him prisoner in an out-house and are dancing about him.

Printers Oppose an Appointment.  
CHICAGO, June 14.—At to-day's session of the International Typographical union a committee was appointed to draft a formal protest to President Cleveland against the appointment of C. A. Edwards of Wilmington, Del., to be public printer.

Waived Examination.  
FREMONT, Neb., June 14.—As predicted yesterday morning, Charles C. Carlton waived examination when brought before Justice Huff for preliminary hearing on the charge of murder in the first degree. He was sent to jail without bail to await the action of the district court, which convenes in September.

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BUTTE, Neb., June 14.—At the dedication of the new bridge over the Nebraska Monday George Harrison, son of a farmer near Butte, while in bathing got beyond his depth and was drowned.

DASHED TO DEATH.

Three Polish Jew Tailors Killed and several Hurt in a Tenement Fire.

NEW YORK, June 14.—The six story building filled with "sweat shops" at Twelfth and Montgomery streets caught fire at 8:30 o'clock this morning and in the wild rush to the street of the 250 workers, three were killed and several injured.

The blaze started on the first floor from the stove used for heating irons and spread to the stairway at once. The inmates, Polish Jew men, women and children of all ages, became panic stricken when they saw their mode of escape by the narrow stairway cut off and, there being no fire escape apparatus at the rear, a fearful struggle ensued for the fire escape ladders in front.

The whole front of the building was soon alive with women and men fighting for places on the fire escapes. One would make an attempt to go down through the manhole in an escape when a dozen would pull him back. Some girls lowered themselves through the manholes by their hands and dropped to the street without sustaining any injury.

A few moments later the flames burst from the second and third floors and leaped nearly across the street. This caused the people to dash through the manholes in the fire escapes and they fell on each other's heads as they came down and were piled tiers deep. The first to jump was a large woman. She landed on the iron railing in front of the building and rolled over dead.

A man jumped further into the street and his head struck the pavement. His skull was cracked and he never moved. A second man followed him in an instant. He, too, struck his head but did not die immediately. A young girl was the fourth to jump. She fell on her side. Several leaped into a policeman's arms and were not hurt.

Alice Naleston, aged 15, and her father, Morris, were both badly burned and will probably die. Four others were hurt.

KANSAS ANTI-TRUSTERS.  
The Bolters in the Interstate Convention Call for General Paternalism.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 14.—The Topeka Advocate, the official organ of the Farmers' Alliance and of the People's party of Kansas, will to-morrow publish the official report of the meeting held by the bolting delegates after the adjournment of the anti-trust convention held at Chicago last week.

The Chicago papers paid no attention to the bolters and Dr. S. McLallin, editor of the Advocate, who was secretary of the bolting meeting, undertook to give to the public the address and resolutions adopted.

The resolutions are short and in brief are that since it has been demonstrated that the mining of anthracite coal has become a monopoly and the mining of bituminous coal fast becoming one, the government should take possession of all coal fields by the right of eminent domain and operate them for the people; that since it has been officially shown that coal monopolies are railroad monopolies and that the railroads are also fast getting control of the iron and timber lands of the country, the people should for their own protection take possession of these railroads; that the country should return to bimetalism and that congress and the state legislatures should enact laws to condemn and seize for the benefit of the people the property of all trusts and combines. The resolutions close with an address to General A. J. Warner, president of the bimetal league, to call in advance of the meeting of congress in September to repeal the Sherman silver bill, an industrial congress to take steps to completely organize the country to meet what the bolters call "the impending crisis."

Dr. McLallin, who returned from Chicago yesterday afternoon characterizes the anti-trust convention as a great sham, packed largely by the fanatics of the coal mine owners of the country.

A Sandbagger.  
OMAHA, June 14.—George Walker was arrested last night on telegraphic advices from Leavenworth, Kas., saying he had sandbagged and robbed a man there of \$250,000. His victim was a miser, but the amount is supposed to be inaccurate. Walker is apparently not over twenty-five years old and does not look like a desperate character.

Farm House Burned.  
ATKINSON, Neb., June 14.—The house of Robert Aisworth, one mile west of Atkinson, burned about 7 o'clock last evening. The fire originated from sparks from a chimney catching the roof. It was insured in the German of Freeport for \$500, which will nearly cover the loss. Mr. Aisworth's spin-law, Hank Bauman, lost all his household goods, two gold watches, and some money which was stored up stairs. The household goods were not insured.

Law Lights Scrap.  
DAVID CITY, Neb., June 14.—Judge Dean's court was the scene of a disgraceful fight Monday morning. Attorneys Miller and Sheesley had a set-to. Blows were rained on each other, ending in a clinch and tumble over the chairs in the court room. Friends separated them before great bodily injury was inflicted, but both show marks of the battle. Miller is an ex-district judge, now mayor of the city, and Sheesley is ex-county attorney and a member of the present council.

Jail Delivery.  
PAWNEE CITY, Neb., June 14.—About 3 o'clock yesterday morning the jail doors were forced open and two prisoners escaped. It would be impossible for them to effect an escape without help from the outside. Two heavy iron doors guard the jail. The inside door was pried open and the outside forced out at the top and a chair bottom used for a wedge. The door was sprung enough to allow them to crawl through by taking out a small rock at the top of the door.

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