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THE days of the railroad gang are numbered. Mark that down. WHAT a fine thing it is to have a "political pull" on the supreme court!

EX-GOV. FORAKER seems to be getting the whip hand of Ohio again. THIS week it is Gov. Majors, if you please. "Smuttery Tom" is now at the top of the heap.

GLADSTONE says he will have the home rule bill up for third reading by the first of August. PEOPLE can get a practical illustration of the "best banking system the world ever saw" by referring to our news columns.

ONE more bank and one hotel failure are reported from Chicago. At the same time one of the principal savings banks of Omaha has gone to the wall. THE Nebraska building at the World's fair was opened amid impressive ceremonies on June 8. Governor Crouse and Buffalo Bill were the heroes of the day.

GERMANY is having the hottest election in her history. It is a fight between the emperor and the people. And the people appear to be coming out ahead. WM. MCKINLEY has been renominated for governor of Ohio by the republicans. The keynote of the Buckeye campaign is to be the old chestnut of the tariff.

If these western zephyrs put half the sand into a man's constitution that they do into his eyes, he would be right up and bristling along the thoroughfare of life. IF Judges Post and Norval should conclude to imprison all Nebraskans who are guilty of "contempt of court" all the jails in the state wouldn't hold a hundredth part of them.

It takes a woman to make discoveries. Some of the girls at the World's fair discovered a thing that men never would have discovered. It was that Montana's "Goddess of Justice" is bow-legged. THE Bee's charge that Hon. J. W. Edgerton wrote the opinion on the impeachment proceedings credited to Ex-Atty. Gen. Leese is utterly false. Leese himself admits that the opinion was his own.

AN EXTRA SESSION.

President Cleveland has announced through the associated press that he will call an extra session of congress to meet September. But it will not be called to deal with the much-ridden tariff. Oh, no. It will be called to deal with financial questions. In other words it will be called to repeal the Sherman law and put the country finally on a gold basis. This is the avowed purpose of Cleveland and his friends.

It has been plain to the country for months that Mr. Cleveland is using all the influence of the administration, all his personal influence and all the influence that can be wielded by the public patronage at his disposal to force democrats into line on this question. No free silver democrat has ever received a crumb from the administration table. Free silver congressmen have been utterly ignored, until they were whipped into line and forced to give their assent to the repeal of the Sherman law.

The president is certain of nearly all the republican votes in both branches of congress. Now, all his effort is to force enough recalcitrant democrats to his position to accomplish his object. In the meantime the goldbugs are shipping gold out of the country by the millions of dollars. They are forcing a panic throughout the country. All of this is for one object. The object is the repeal of the Sherman law—the last barrier that stands between Wall street and the much desired single gold standard.

It is one gigantic, diabolical scheme of the plutocrats. And they are perilously near to accomplishing their object. The financial condition of this country was never so menaced as now. The tariff is allowed to drop into the background. It will remain there until the next election when it will be trotted out to gull the nine or ten million fools who do the voting.

Will congress bow to the president's will? The outlook is alarming. It behooves every free silver man to be awake. The fight is coming close and it will be a fight to the finish on this question. Every man who does not believe that this country should be forced to a single gold standard should now prepare to do everything in his power to avert such a catastrophe.

LABOR OMNIA VINCIT.

If a resident of some other planet should visit the earth he would be attracted first of all by the great cities with their magnificent buildings, by the railroads, and by the mechanical contrivances of man.

If he should ask what produced all this magnificence, he would be answered, "labor." Labor takes the raw material from the mountain side and makes of it a thing of beauty and usefulness. Labor visits the rough stone in the quarry and it becomes a temple. Labor breathes upon the wilderness and it becomes a garden. Labor waves its magic wand over the ocean and immediately great ships plough from shore to shore. Labor touches a continent and it becomes a living organism with electric nerves and arteries of steel.

Labor has filled the earth with happy homes. It has created the luxury of capitals. It has spread a girdle of plenty around the world. It has built the successive rounds of the ladder of progress. In fine, labor is the means which God has given man to beautify and develop the earth, to make it fit for his habitation. Labor is the "open sesame" to the store-house of nature's wonders. Labor is the staff that enables man to ascend from the realm of the brute to the realm of the angel.

Labor is divine, and the laborer—the man who produces, who creates—these should be the nobility of the world. Labor should occupy the palaces which it has built, should enjoy the luxuries which it has created, should be blest by the bounty which it has brought forth.

But it does not. Labor now is clothed in rags and grovels for a pittance from the hands of idleness. It lives in misery beneath the very shadow of the happiness it has created. The laborers bend 'neath unceasing toil for the means to live and die perhaps in almshouses; while the tricksters, the idlers, the sharpers and the thieves revel in unneeded luxury and ease.

This is wrong. It is wrong in the sight of God and man. It is a wrong which will never be tolerated. The object of the people's movement is to right this wrong. J. A. E.

NORTH GETS IT.

Jim North has been rewarded. We do not know what he was rewarded for, unless it was his treachery to the people on the railroad question and the fact that he voted for a republican for president of the Nebraska state senate; but he has been rewarded anyway. This is a proof of the fact that J. Sterling Morton "has gone out of politics." It also shows the complexion of the present administration. People of Nebraska don't need to be told anything about Jim. If you meet a man with "corporation capper" written all over him in large characters, why that's him. A republican on every single question before the people of Nebraska; a man who assisted in the elec-

tion of the republican Melkielejohn to congress: a goldbug of the most pronounced type—that is James E. North.

And that is the man whom President Cleveland has chosen to be internal revenue collector for Nebraska.

A SILVER CONVENTION.

The people's party delegates to the anti-trust convention which met at Chicago last week, withdrew and formed a convention of their own. Gen. J. B. Weaver was elected chairman. After adopting resolutions favoring the nationalization of the coal industry, the following address was sent which is self-explanatory:

To General A. J. Warner, President Bimetallic League: Sir—The delegates in attendance upon an adjourned meeting of delegates to the anti-trust convention, which met in Chicago June 5 and 6, call attention to the fact that the president has openly declared his purpose to convene congress early in September, for the purpose of reducing the country to a single gold standard. In view of the gravity of the situation we suggest that an early industrial congress, to meet at St. Louis or other convenient point, to take steps to completely organize the country to meet the impending crisis. The emergency is forced upon the people and it should be met by organized effort of the most formidable character. J. B. WEAVER, Chairman. S. MCLALLIN, Secretary.

"THE GATES OF HELL."

Rev Thomas Dixon of New York, is preaching a series of sermons on "The Gates of Hell" as they exist in our modern civilization. If the ministers of all cities would follow his example, the pulpit would soon become a factor in the re-generation of the world.

The following are extracts from his seventh sermon: "In the midst of all her squalor and wretchedness at home she dreams of the magnificence of which she reads in the daily press, and the cheap story paper which is her daily pabulum. This continues for weeks and months and the months lengthen into years and her life becomes a ceaseless, hopeless round of deadening toil. Then comes the tempter with his whispers of bright things to be had for the taking. Then comes the time when the Devil puts in his fine work. Life has lost its glamour. Poverty in all its grim, hideous and hellish outlines looms up before the tired vision of the girl. Sickness comes, loss of work and the terrible alternatives to steal, to starve, to beg, to commit suicide or sell her body for money. Oftener comes the temptation to obtain the fine clothes to answer the aspirations and yearnings of an unfulfilled life, in the way of sin. God sees it all and keeps the account, and I would sooner stand in the poor shop girl's shoes, even in sin and shame, than wear the fine clothes of those who have made these things possible in human society.

King Otho of Bavaria is now a hopeless maniac. In his lucid intervals only he realizes his terrible condition, but his chief amusement seems to be to shoot peasants. It seems to amuse the mad king to kill the peasants. Of course they do not really let him kill them, but they dress up a man as a peasant and he passes before the window and the king seizes his rifle which has been loaded with paper, fires at his victim and the peasant falls with dramatic effect and dies in great agony. The king looks on with the utmost glee at the result.

What a horrible amusement, and yet this is practically the result which the kings of our economic world are bringing about. They may be mad—it is the most kindly interpretation to put upon their actions and upon the result. Not only is this a fact, but it is a fact that should be remembered. It is a butchery that is useless and that is as destructive to the conservative forces of society as it is a needless slaughter. Poverty is necessarily the mother of despair—despair, grim and sullen and stupefying. The man who fights with hunger becomes an animal. Is it not better to die a man than live a brute? Shall these desperate people reason? Suicide becomes a luxury. The death of a child under such conditions is a joy not a sorrow. They are gathered in the potter's field, but they rest. They are crowded one on top of the other in great black trenches, but they will not be aroused in the gray twilight of the morning to dull, ceaseless toil. Their little bodies moulder on together in the grave, but their little stomachs do not cry for bread and meat and drink. Their little faces do not grow pinched and wan any longer. There are some things worse than death. There is some thing worse than the potter's field. It is the living potter's field. It is the living death."

EDWIN BOOTH. The greatest actor of modern times is dead. The voice that charmed the world is forever still. He was great in many characters. No man ever played Cardinal Richelieu as Booth did. As Iago one of his devilish malignant looks would bring down the house. But he was supremely great in Hamlet. Shakespeare's greatest character found its best interpreter in the American actor.

WHITE SLAVES. When the brave soldiers of the late war were fighting to free four million black slaves, they did not dream that the money power was preparing to rivet the fetters on their own limbs. But such was the case. Fetters less intangible than the blacks wore perhaps, but not less galling. A ny man is a slave who is forced to yield the products of his labor to another. Today there is not a producer on American soil but what, through the accursed system of interest, rents, exorbitant profits, gambling in margins etc., is compelled to yield up a large part of the wealth which he produces, to the idle classes who produce no wealth.

This is slavery—reaching its ends by insidious means—industrial slavery under the cover of political freedom—slavery, whose lash is the sting of want and poverty and whose auction block is the counting house—slavery that enables the classes to roll in opulence and ease and condemns the masses to lives of unremitting toil. If the people could only see the injustice which is practiced upon them, see it with the cover torn off, in all its hideousness, such a revolution would shake this country as was never known in the history of the world. And they will see it. The eyes of many are opened already. The eyes of the rest soon will be. When these awakenings once start they go on with terrible swiftness. America was dedicated to freedom and will never be ruled for any very long time by thieves and robbers.

Our political system was based upon the divine principle that "all men are created free and equal." Our rulers have made of that principle a travesty and a farce. But the people will not long let it remain so. Political liberty can only live where industrial liberty lives also. We can not have political freedom and industrial slaves. We can not maintain a true republic so long as one class lives off of the earnings of another. We must get rid of the blood suckers and leeches. We must drive out the drones from the hive of toil. We must guarantee every man the products of his own labor.

This is the final object of the people's movement. And never did any party of men in the history of the world have a grander object. It is the consummation of all the struggles toward freedom—the embodiment of the teachings of the divine master. America is in the van of the world. The eyes of the down-trodden everywhere are turned unto her. She must lead. She must lead until every throne crumbles and every Shylock is forced to leave his calling. As she brought true political freedom into the world she must bring true industrial freedom as well. Our next emancipation proclamation must be that of the "white slave." J. A. E.

THE NORTH AND SOUTH RAILROAD.

Populists should not forget the meeting of the delegates to the north and south railroad convention which will be held at the Nebraska state house, June 28. This convention meets in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the last legislature, introduced by Senator Stewart. It provides that the governor of Nebraska shall call a meeting of the governors of the states through which the proposed railroad would pass; viz: North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Texas. Other delegates from these various states will be admitted. The resolution provides that this railroad shall be built and maintained by the states through which it is to pass. This convention meets to discuss the feasibility of carrying out that idea. Many distinguished populists will be present, among them Jerry Simpson and Governor Lewelling of Kansas and others from the Dakotas and our own state. It is an important meeting and one in which our people are deeply interested. Nothing would do so much to cheapen transportation rates for Nebraska as a railroad to the Gulf, especially if that railroad were controlled by the people. Besides it will be the first step toward the government ownership of railroads.

A WORD TO THE WISE.

The gateway to victory stands open before the populists of Nebraska. The impeachment trial should be made the turning point in the political history of the state. The issue should be between honest and dishonest government. The office of supreme judge is not a political office. What the people desire above all other things is that it should be filled, not by partisans but by honest men. It is not the policy of THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT to boom any man for a nomination. It has no ante-convention candidates. But it holds that fidelity to the people's interests should be rewarded; that honesty and integrity are better than partisanship. There is an opportunity before the people of the state to give the hoodlum gang a terrible slap in the face. And in that opportunity lies the possibility of a sweeping populist victory. "A word to the wise is sufficient." J. A. E.

BANKS GO TO SMASH.

In our news columns will be found a partial record of bank failures for two weeks. It was impossible to get an account of all the failures, but we give the most important.

Since this record was closed a number of other failures have occurred: one bank in New York, one bank and one hotel in Chicago, one bank in Detroit, one bank in Kansas City, two banks in Omaha and one in Cortland, Neb. The two banks in Omaha were the McCague savings, and the American national.

By these failures the earnings of thousands of people have been swept away, the savings of a lifetime of toil lost completely. Isn't this a beautiful financial system of ours? Don't you love the fools who praise it as "the best financial system the world ever saw?" Don't you think it is a fine scheme for a class of rascals to have a perfectly lawful means to steal the earnings of other people?

In a government banking system failures would be impossible. "But no," ye! the plutocratic Fridays, "this would be paternalism." Well, it might be paternalism, but it wouldn't be a legalized means for robbery. Which is worse, paternalism that impartially protects the interest of all, or class legislation that leaves honest citizens at the mercy of thieves?

GROVER CLEVELAND seems really to believe that the only salvation for this country lies in the adoption of the single gold standard. He seems to think that the only genuine, unadulterated, self-sacrificing patriots in the country are those that stand up for "honest money" in spite of "popular clamor." Well, we have remarked before and we will remark again that Grover Cleveland is either the prince of hypocrites or else a man whose education, and mental development has been sadly neglected.

SHAKESPEARE speaks of a class of fellows who "steal the livery of Heaven to serve the devil in." This is exactly what Grover Cleveland is doing. Under the cloak of a patriotic civil service reform, he is holding back the army of democratic office seekers. His real object is to hold a club with which he can whip democratic congressmen into line on the money question when the extra session is called. If this isn't "stealing the livery of heaven to serve the devil in" then we don't catch the meaning of that phrase.

ANDREW CARNEGIE, the owner of the Homestead iron works, in a later edition of his book, "Triumph of Democracy," has made a prophecy that America will one day be reunited to Great Britain. It seems to be the wish of the gold-bug plutocracy of which Mr. Carnegie is one, that America should at least become a financial dependency of Great Britain. It is very probable, however, that sixty-five million American citizens will have something to say about both questions.

O YES, J. Sterling Morton is entirely "out of politics." He is paying no attention to the distribution of patronage but devoting his whole time to the distribution of garden seeds, and agricultural reports! So he says, and who would venture to dispute the great "Sage of Arbor Lodge?" Still it seems curious that nobody but particular friends of J. Sterling who are "sound" on the money question can get appointments in Nebraska.

HITCHCOCK county is going to have another county seat election. 1051 voters out of less than 1300 have signed the petition. There is a good deal of feeling against the supreme court for setting aside the results of the election held last year, and it would seem such feeling is justified. Trenton certainly won the fight over Culbertson, and if another election is held, Trenton is likely to win an overwhelming victory.

IGNATIUS DONNELLY in his new paper, the Representative, has shown to the world one Dr. Fish, a sort of a Holden, who posed to the world as a reformer while he was receiving republican boodle. Fish ought to go to the penitentiary but will probably go to the republican party—which practically amounts to the same thing.

MARK it down, that in the long run crooked, tortuous, scheming ways in business, politics or any other of the affairs of life, do not pay. The frank open and honest man will win friends and followers, where the schemers and tricksters will in the end meet only defeat and disgrace. "Honesty is the best policy."

JUDGING from the tone of the state press the "vindication" of Humphrey, Hastings and Allen has failed to vindicate. Instead of the two judges dragging the three hoodlums out of the mud the three hoodlums are just as deep as ever and have dragged the judges into the mire with them.

THE apparent victory of the thieving state officers is something like the victory won by a certain French general, that, when his aids were congratulating him upon it, exclaimed: "Victory! a few more such victories and we will be undone."

EVERY farmer reader of THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT should carefully read and consider the article in this issue headed "The Great Plan." It is written by a practical farmer who is also a thinker. His plan ought to be discussed in all the alliances and farmers' clubs in the west. We would be glad to have short articles from others on this subject.

THEY say the impeached state officers appealed to the corporations for help.

The corporations went after Dick Norval who has a fat position as a railroad attorney. Dick was afraid he might lose his position, so he went after his brother the Judge and finally brought him around.

C. W. MOSHER, supposed by the people of Nebraska to be under arrest in Omaha, is at the present writing, cavorting around at large in the state of Illinois.

People will at last learn that it is the will of the all-powerful state house gang that Mosher go free.

A MAN cannot be a general all round scoundrel for very long without being found out.

In fair weather he may cover himself with the cloak of hypocrisy but when the storm comes the cloak is liable to be blown aside and reveal his true character.

CHIEF JUSTICE MAXWELL is recognized as one of the finest jurists in the nation.

His opinions are everywhere quoted as authority. His treatises on law are standard. This is the man that the state house gang is trying to down.

THE plutocracy should hesitate before goading the people too far.

There is a point at which human endurance ceases. This lesson has been taught two or three times in the history of the modern world. Must it be taught again?

JUDGES POST and Norval excuse the state officers for misappropriating \$500 for a junketing trip on the ground of "good intentions."

They have perhaps forgotten the old saying that 'Hell is paved with good intentions.'

IT is reported that certain adventists in Buffalo county predict a catholic outbreak during July.

The only thing now lacking is for some idiot to prophesy the end of the world.

MR. EDGERTON has given us valuable editorial assistance again this week.

THEIR OPINIONS.

The whitewash given the nest of political corruption will not appease the people, and at the coming fall election they will rise in their indignation and assert their rights as they have never done before and political parties will cut but a small figure with them.—Tecumseh Republican.

The supreme court has filed its opinion in the impeachment case; Post and Norval for acquittal, and Maxwell for conviction.

This rendering of the court is not a surprise to many people of the state, yet it was something of a disappointment to all who have carefully noted the evidence against the accused throughout the trial and a vague hope that the decision would be for conviction. This case means a great deal more than an ordinary trial in court. Not only have the officials been tried, but the court itself and the republican party of Nebraska, have been tried in the great court of public opinion. No one who has carefully read the evidence without prejudice, doubts for a moment the guilt of the three state officials and the respect and veneration of the new party as the only party likely to legislate upon those vexed questions beneficially. The day of derision and ridicule is past, and now supporters of the old parties are at a loss to know how to meet the arguments which show up their defects and corruption. They stand without a support of any kind and are fast coming to a realization of the fact that their day of spoliation and degeneracy is about to end.—New Era (Wahoo.)

There never was a political prisoner brought to the bar of justice but could plead no knowledge of the law and because of the want of such knowledge plead innocent. But no court will hold the offender innocent because of such ignorance. It has remained for our supreme court to lay such a foundation in law as a precedent. Judges Post and Norval giving the opinion, and Honest Judge Maxwell dissenting. The people of course believe that Judge Maxwell is right, and the tools of corporations and the gang of thieves have no standing. Thus ends one of the most remarkable trials and rank decisions ever rendered. Innocent! How innocent? Innocent of taking cell-builing money for an excursion. Innocent of taking money from the same fund to pay the expenses of Dan Hopkins an Chaplain Howe to a prison congress. Innocent in allowing Dorgan and Hopkins pay out the state money at will, and calling on the same parties for excursions at will. Yet our supreme court judges are such innocent idiots that they can see nothing but innocence in all this. May the good Lord deliver the state from such "young and vigorous" men, by placing them in their proper sphere.—Dodge County Leader.

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