

NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

The republicans of West Point have organized a club.
"Cyclone" Davis addressed a large crowd at Cook.
District court is in session at West Point and Lincoln.
A lodge of the Bankers' Union of the World has been formed at Table Rock.
Judge J. E. Bush, an old and distinguished resident of Beatrice, died of paralysis.
Joe Alcorn and Frank Wigginton of Sterling are in jail at Tecumseh on a charge of highway robbery.
Frank Slatterman is in jail at Ogalala, charged with burglarizing Weer Bros.' store and robbing them of \$450.
Thieves broke into the postoffice at Bellevue, blew open the safe and got money and stamps to the amount of \$100.
Governor Poynter spoke at Tekamah, Lysie J. Abbott at Weston and G. M. Hitchcock at Plattsmouth last week.
The Knights of Pythias of North Platte gave a splendid banquet in honor of the grand chancellor, George E. French.
Eugene V. Debs, candidate of the social democratic party for president, opened his campaign at Omaha Tuesday night.
The remains of Engineer W. F. Roberts, who was killed in a wreck near Plattsmouth, were taken to St. Joseph for burial.
J. C. Hitchman of Omaha has succeeded Ben Dows as assistant in the draughting department of the B. & M. at Plattsmouth.
Miss Ora E. Shinrock of Omaha won the diamond medal at the state meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance union at Aurora.
A special train, carrying a theatrical company from Denver to Kansas City, passed through Wymore at the rate of sixty-five miles an hour.
C. E. Halsted, Tecumseh's veteran lawyer, has sold his stable and equipment to Philip Walter, and the new owner is now in possession.
The fusion forces held a big rally at Falls City and listened to an address by Lieutenant J. T. Smith, who was engaged in fighting the Filipinos.
A negro giving his name as James Hancock fell from a train near Elm Creek, breaking an arm and suffering other injuries of a less serious nature.
Judge W. G. Norris opened court at Rockville two weeks and ago court is still in session. A large number of cases are being disposed of at this term.
Charles E. Holmes, who is confined in the county jail at Plattsmouth awaiting trial upon the charge of stealing from the Burlington, has gone violently insane.
The forty-fourth annual meeting of the general association of Congregational churches of Nebraska was held at Hastings. There was an attendance of about 200 ministers.
Patrick McDonald, an old resident of Saunders county, was kicked by a horse in his stable, receiving injuries which resulted fatally a few days later. He was about 65 years old.
Charles S. Brundage, a citizen of Tecumseh and an employe of Uncle Sam at Washington, has been sent to the penitentiary for the purpose of inspecting the rural free delivery system in vogue in the state.
Hon. H. C. Stoll of Beatrice was assaulted in loading some chains into a wagon, standing in the rear, when the wagon started and he was thrown backward, striking the pavement and badly bruising the back of his head.
The ninth biennial session of the Nebraska state council of the Catholic church of America was held last week at Columbus. Delegates were present from all parts of the state and a successful session took place.
A new trial for Charles ... convicted two weeks ago of the murder of A. L. Hadenham last May, was overruled at Harrison. Russell was sentenced to the penitentiary and the sheriff immediately ... Lincoln with him.
... entered the postoffice at ... failed to find anything ... punishes. They also visited ... of G. E. Williamson and ... which were kept as mementoes and a valuable gold ring.
... heavy barn burned at ... and seven head of horses ... the flames, while several ... and a quantity of hay and ... By heroic efforts ... Mr. Beck's residence ... The loss is



FOR BRYAN

THE HASTINGS REPUBLICAN DECLARES FOR BRYAN.

REPUDIATES OLD PARTY

Delivers Heavy Broadside Against the "Ohio Crowd" and Hannalism in Politics.

Hastings, Neb.—(Special).—A bombshell was exploded in the republican camp in Hastings Wednesday, the echo of which will be heard throughout the state. The Hastings Republican, the oldest, largest and strongest republican newspaper in Central and Western Nebraska, prints the straight fusion ticket at the head of its editorial columns, and announces that it will no longer submit to the leadership of such men as Hanna, Thompson, Rosewater, Dietrich and Morian.
In an editorial of great strength and genuine eloquence it tells the reasons that have led it to enlist in the fight for fusion principles. Hastings republicans are dazed by the Ohio and frankly confess that it will have a powerful effect, not only in Adams county, but throughout the state. They are especially dejected that their leading organ, the home of their gubernatorial nominee should cast its influence against him at this critical juncture.
CAN'T FOLLOW THE PARTY.
The Republican has been published here for twelve years, both as a daily and weekly newspaper. It has through all that time heartily supported republican candidates and measures. In the last few months, however, it has been notified that though the Republican was still supporting the republican ticket, its old-time force was lacking. The reason was that Frank A. Watkins, who has been its editor since the first number appeared, was beginning to see the light. Mr. Watkins, a man of the Ben Harrison type, a thoughtful, earnest, patriotic citizen, had been a republican from conviction and principle. He found it difficult to follow his party from one position to another, changing his convictions every time McKinley changed his policies and Wednesday he gave up the attempt.
THE REPUBLICAN'S INFLUENCE.
The Republican has a daily circulation in Hastings of over 4,000 copies and is a leading newspaper of the

county. The signed editorial in which Mr. Watkins announces the change is destined to figure prominently through the balance of Nebraska's campaign. It is an earnest, forceful and logical presentation of the political conditions which have impelled his action and at the same time an eloquent and moving appeal to old party associates to pause and honestly consider the issues of the campaign. The editorial follows:
ITS NEW DECLARATION.
"For twelve years the Republican has been a republican newspaper. Since 1888 it has made as best it could, a clean, honest, manly fight for republican policies and measures and has supported republican nominees for national, state, county and city offices. Proud of its affiliation with the party of Lincoln and Sumner and Seward and Chase, of Grant and Blaine and Garfield and Harrison, glorying in the record these great leaders had made and in the ideas of American government for which they had stood, the Republican has lent their party cheerful and loyal support. We can assure that support no longer. From now henceforth the Republican has lent their party cheerful and loyal support. We can assure that support no longer. From now henceforth the Republican will be found advocating the election of the man who stands for the same fundamental principles for which Abraham Lincoln lived and died—William J. Bryan of our own state of Nebraska.
ADHERES TO PRINCIPLE.
"It will be found supporting fusion policies and fusion candidates because they represent those policies. It will do this because it finds it easier to adhere to the principles in which it has always believed and which the republican party has abandoned and discarded, than to follow that party in its desertion of those principles. With this statement of fact he desires in justice to its readers and patrons who have accorded such faithful support, as well as in justice to itself, to indicate briefly the conditions which have made this announcement imperative.
"The republican party once stood for principle, for noble deeds, for American ideas, for devotion to duty. It was a party led by thoughtful patriotic, earnest men. It represented what was best and most healthful in American politics. That was before that Governor Pinglee denominated that "Ohio crowd" got hold of it. It was before the views of Hannalism was inculcated in its ranks. Since that time the republican party has undergone a transformation as startling and deplorable as it is complete and undeniable.
"The developments of the last two years have satisfied the Republican that when Marcus A. Hanna, with mastery, skill and matchless craft, took it upon himself to accomplish the nomination and then the election of William McKinley four years ago, he acted at the instance and as the agent of a powerful, unscrupulous and seditious combination of corporate and financial interests that were seeking for their own selfish and unscrupulous control of the national government. That conspiracy and money lenders became the managers of the republican party, placed William McKinley in power and for over three years have dictated his acts and policies from congress, which they equally control, gold standard, immunity for trusts, high tariffs to shield them from competition, a larger standing army and an unjust and un-American war, costing thousands of lives and millions of money.
ENEMIES OF REPUBLIC.
"All this has been done that syndicates may profit though the price were the blood of a brown people, that hunger for liberty, the blood of American soldiers and the endangered liberties of American people through the violation and repudiation of fundamental law which is the charter of their freedom. The republican party today stands for policies as eternally opposed to the principles of the Declaration of Independence as to the moral code of the Christian religion. It favored not only for special privileges to the interests of the army and for empire, but for conquest, rapine and brute force. It has returned to the discarded ideas of kings and emperors against which our very existence as a nation is a protest. It is the embodiment of a sordid and soulless commercialism and on its every policy is stamped the dollar mark.
CANNOT BE DEFENDED.
"This is the product of Hannalism. It is this against which the Republican protests and which it cannot and will not submit. If we hesitated to doubt the truth of these allegations before the campaign opened we can doubt no longer. The republican party stands self-condemned. Its silence gives assent to the charges preferred against it. Where is the republican newspaper, where the republican leaders, where the republican campaigner who will discuss the issues of this campaign? Where the one who does not deny facts or distort them, who does not substitute ridicule for argument or abuse for reason? Truth is not thus propagated or defended. It is error alone which seeks refuge in these tactics.
CORRUPTION IN THE STATE.
"A few words as to Nebraska. The republicans feel keenly the disgrace attending the exposure of republican pecuniations in the state capitol and in the state institutions. But even in its humiliation it hoped that the republican party of Nebraska would march through the fiery furnace to higher and better grounds, that old bosses would be repudiated and old methods discarded. We had hoped that the old days of Majors and McColl, of Bartley and Moore were gone forever, and that corruption domination would be thrown off. Yet today the Burlington railroad is more than ever before the supreme dictator of Nebraska republicanism. As a result of its influence the republican nominee for governor is a Hastings man. The Republican would have been proud of the nomination of

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Hastings republican for this high position, involving as it does such grave responsibilities.
DIETRICH'S CANDIDACY.
"The nominee they gave us is C. H. Dietrich. The Republican has no personal enmity or malice for Mr. Dietrich, but in all candor we submit he is not a fit man to be governor of Nebraska. The mere fact that every Christian minister of his own city is openly opposing him, that many of the best republican business men of his own city declare that they cannot give him their vote, speaks more forcefully than anything the Republican might say as to Mr. Dietrich's qualifications for the office to which he aspires.
ROSEWATER AND THOMPSON.
"For United States senators we find the whole republican machinery at work in the interests of D. E. Thompson and Edward Rosewater. There is not an intelligent man in Nebraska but knows that a republican legislature means that these men will represent us in the senate. Are they the men fit for the position? Do they stand for honesty and principles in politics? Who dares answer yes? Thompson is a boss of the Hanna type, representing the B. & M. railroad—Rosewater has been at the head of the bully and hoodoo of Nebraska republicanism for a generation, yet these are the men appealing for our support today.
"W. R. Morian, republican candidate for congress, is of the same type as Thompson and Dietrich and takes his orders from the same corporation. Even F. P. Olmstead, who aspires to be float representative, is tarred with the same stick.
TO REPUBLICANS.
"Fellow republicans, do you wonder the Republican cannot stand for Hannalism on a big scale in the nation and on a little scale in Nebraska? Do you wonder that it is driven to refuse its support to men whom it knows and you know stand for what is bad and unworthy and unwholesome? Do you wonder that it had rather aid in saving the republic than the interests of taxpayers and helpless wards of the state than electing C. H. Dietrich? Way down deep in your hearts don't you know the republican position on these matters is your own position? With all earnestness and sincerity the Republican begs its old party friends from whom it is loth to separate, by whose side it has fought shoulder to shoulder through many a hard campaign, to pause and consider well what Hannalism means before casting a ballot to approve and commend and perpetuate it in November.
"The Republican has hesitated long before taking the final step that must sever it from the cherished associations of a decade. From honored leaders whom it has revered, from party workers with whom it has fought in the ranks, it has found it hard to part. Hoping even against hope that the grand old party would arouse itself and cast off the influence to which it has succumbed, the Republican has

tions of a great name and of great deeds once nobly done.
MCKINLEY FLOPS.
"We can hope no longer. When William McKinley denounced Grover Cleveland for dishonoring silver, for making money the master and all things else the servant; when he declared that dear money made cheap men, we were with him. We were with him when, in 1894 he promised us international bimetalism; we were with him when he sent the money commission to Europe. But when he discredited his own commission and fastened the gold standard more firmly on the American people our hearts were heavy.
"We were with McKinley in the war for the emancipation of the Cubans, with him when he declared forcible annexation would be criminal aggression, that it was contrary to our code of morality and not to be thought of. But when he became the criminal aggressor when he shattered our code of morality and entered upon the unthinkable policy of forcible annexation of the Philippine islands, our faith was turned to bitter disappointment.
"We were with him when he declared that it was our plain duty to give free trade to Porto Rico; he violated that plain duty and demanded of congress the levying of an unconstitutional tariff. We were with him when he promised the people protection from the bad trusts; he tied the hands of his attorney general and gathered all trusts under his protecting wing.
"We were with him when his Canadian boundary commission declared that the union jack of England should never be hoisted over one foot of American soil in Alaska. He has lowered the stars and stripes from 6,000 square miles of Alaska territory, where the imperial flag of England now floats in its stead.
HOPE OF THE PARTY GONE.
"Hope deferred maketh the heart sick. Doubting, fearing, hesitating, we have hoped for an explanation of all these things, against which our reason revolted and our conscience rebelled. We have hoped for an explanation of slavery and polygamy under the American flag in the Sulu Islands. We have hoped that even in the eleventh hour the grand old republican party, with the heroism of its ancient greatness, would repudiate these things, and in the words of Abraham Lincoln, "return to the waters whose fountains spring close to the Declaration of Independence."
"We have been cruelly disappointed. The voices of old-time leaders have been silent as the grave; new leaders have made light and merry with sacred things. Mark Hanna has been sent forth to preach his own gospel and over all his influence reigns supreme. All these things being true, the Republican can no longer support republican policies in the vain hope that the party itself will acknowledge its errors and recant. We shall fight for a free people and a free republic, doing right as we see the right and not caring as to who is right and