

FEDERAL OFFICIALS

If the republicans all over the United States who hold federal offices are of the same class that they are in Nebraska, there is no wonder that the millionaires increase in numbers, or that thousands of officeholders graduate from their official positions into trust companies, banks and show up on Wall street. The land officers of Nebraska—Clem Deaver is one of them—are such a hard lot that it takes as many Washington inspectors to look after them as there are officers. The latest deal of which they must all have been cognizant and kept silent was to steal a large part of the public domain by using soldiers' widows as tools through whom to work. A great fuss has been made over it, but not one of them will be removed from office and the thing will all be hushed up.

The various Indian land deals have attracted attention all over the country and have been so foul and full of fraud that they have all been set aside. Federal officials were the managers in all of them.

Down at Omaha the federal officials run a fraudulent fee mill. That mill grinds all the year around and is the source of profit to a score or more of federal officials. Bootleggers are always selling whisky to the Indians contrary to law. The men who are engaged in that business find that it is cheaper, the way the federal court is run in Omaha, than it is to get a license and engage in the trade in a legitimate way. One of them told the editor of The Independent that it was much cheaper to pay the small fines than to take out a license. A host of Indians are taken to Omaha at every term of the federal court as witnesses. Marshals' fees are run up into the hundreds and the bootlegger is fined such an insignificant amount that he goes away laughing and straightway proceeds with his business of selling liquor to the Indians, unmolested until toward the beginning of the next term when the same farce is gone through with again. The court knows that in imposing these small fines, that it is only an encouragement to go on instead of a warning to quit. Yet this thing goes on from year to year. What other conclusion can one form than that the court and the marshals are in collusion. They are all good republicans. A good stout fine or two, with an imprisonment, would ruin the fee business for years. Every one about the court knows that. The federal officials of Nebraska are all tarred with the same stick. A public office is a private snap with every one of them.

THE LITTLE TRUSTS

The favor extended by the government to the big trusts and the absolute security they enjoy has encouraged the formation of little trusts by the thousands. In every little town the dealers are combining and fixing prices. It is reported that in West Point and Omaha the coal dealers have combined and fixed prices, and while hard coal has been selling as high as \$15 a ton in West Point, at Oakland and Bancroft the price has been \$11. The same sort of complaint comes from Sioux City. That the elevators along the railroad lines have a hard and fast trust, bolstered up by the railroad management, no one denies. If the old common law doctrine concerning combinations in restraint of trade and destroying competition is to become a nullity, then a new organization of society will result just as certain as that the sun shall continue to rise and set.

PHILIPPINE SILVER

The plutocratic dailies are greatly exercised just at present on account of the silver standard in the Philippines. The condition there is exactly the same that the British brought upon India. As silver falls, the salaries of the officeholders which are paid in silver fall. The taxes are

paid in silver, and every fall in the price of silver is a relief of that much to the taxpayers. Those living upon salaries find that they cannot buy as much with their Mexican silver dollars as they could before the fall in the price of silver. Therefore all the carpet-bag officeholders want the gold standard established in the islands immediately, which would increase their salaries two and a half times, and increase the burden of taxation upon the Filipinos 250 per cent. That is what the British did in India and the result was that millions of the natives died of starvation through the oppression that it caused all over the land. Finally the suffering and death became so frightful that the British had to abandon the project of establishing the gold standard there. The carpet-baggers in the Philippines want to do what the British attempted in India and the plutocratic dailies in the United States are doing their utmost to aid the carpet-baggers to accomplish their purpose. If they succeed it will cause more suffering, starvation and death than all the "howling wilderness" orders ever issued by the military. There is no doubt that it will be done. The Philippines were bought for the purpose of exploiting them for the benefit of the syndicates who contribute to the corruption funds of the republican party.

THE SADDEST THING

The Boston Globe says: "The saddest social tendency, however, is that which gradually eliminates the middle class, the glory of every nation, and leaves nothing but the very rich and the very poor. "And all authorities are agreed that the trusts are the great agencies today that are accomplishing this worst calamity that can befall a nation."

It is just as sad a thing that the Boston Globe and some hundreds of other democratic dailies did not find this thing out six years ago. If they had listened to Bryan when he so often quoted these lines from Goldsmith—

Ill fares the land to hastening ills
a prey,
Where wealth accumulates and
men decay.
Princes and lords may flourish or
may fade,
A breath can make them, as a
breath has made;
But a bold peasantry, their country's
pride,
When once destroyed, can never
be supplied.

they would not now be uttering such lamentations. But at that time they preferred to advocate men and measures that would be certain to accumulate all wealth in few hands. This class of papers still pursue the same policies and then vainly complain of the result of their own work. The middle class will disappear—not in a year, nor in ten years—but certainly as time goes on, if the policies of the government are not changed. There will be no more of the independent business men. There will be nothing but the great corporations and their hirelings. Special privileges, destruction of competition, high tariffs, discriminations in freight rates, unequal taxation, will end in that result. For these iniquitous things the great dailies stand and their result is certain.

WORST SORT OF LYING

The telling of half the truth, which is constantly practiced by the daily press, is so much worse than downright lying that there can be no comparison between the two. This writer remembers a case that illustrates it. At a social gathering a distinguished professor remarked to those present that people wasted their time in denouncing Robespierre as a cold, blood-thirsty monster. "Why," he said, "Robespierre resigned his seat rather than pass sentence of death on a prisoner, as was required by French law, who was guilty of murder." Now that statement as far as it went was literally true, but it was only a half truth,

...\$28.50...

Genuine Leather. Freight Prepaid 150 Miles.
Safe Delivery Guaranteed.



\$28.50 buys this oak frame couch. Best quality guaranteed steel spring work (no cords or webbing), patent buttons and best quality machine buffed leather. Freight prepaid for 150 miles. Sent on approval.

SEND FOR FREE CATALOGUE
FURNITURE, HARDWARE AND CARPETS

RUDGE & GUENZEL CO.
1118-1126 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

for afterwards Robespierre was the instigator of the most ruthless and inhuman slaughter in all the annals of history. It is this sort of thing that is engaged in at present by the dailies in regard to the fall in the gold price of silver. Silver has fallen. That is true. But the value of silver "money" in this country and Europe has not been effected thereby. The English shilling or half crown and the American silver dollar are still at a parity with gold. That part of the truth the dailies do not tell. Some of them even lie outright and say that the American silver "money" has lost millions in value.

"STANDARD" OIL

Not so very long ago the Standard Oil company of Indiana was selling an extremely poor quality of kerosene in Lincoln at 14 cents per gallon in five-gallon lots delivered. Recent raises in price have brought it up to 17 cents, and the clamor raised on account of increased price and poor quality of the oil has induced the company to offer a "better grade of oil" at 19 cents. It requires a trained eye to notice any difference between the 17 and the 19-cent oil—but Lincoln consumers must grin and bear it for several different reasons: (a) Because of private ownership of railroads, the Standard Oil trust is enabled to secure a much lower freight rate on oil than any other shipper—hence, it can crush out competition. (b) Because a republican pettifogger occupies—but does not fill—the office of attorney general in Nebraska, the state lost a suit almost won by the former attorney general, C. J. Smyth, which would have shut out the Standard Oil company of Indiana from doing business in the state and so stirred up the whole question that for a time at least independent oil companies might have sold oil in Nebraska.

Last spring The Independent called attention to the shrewdly devised election law of Kansas, whereby it is practically impossible to vote anything but a straight party ticket without rendering the whole ballot defective. The Pittsburg Kansan estimates that there were 60,000 defective ballots thrown out in the last election. The result was about as follows:

Effective ballots, rep.....	150,000
Ineffective ballots, dem.....	120,000
Defective ballots	60,000
Total	330,000

"The 150,000 ballots elected eight congressmen," says the Kansan, "all republicans; the remaining 180,000 ballots didn't elect even one."

We Are for Women
BEST ON EARTH

LINCOLN STEEL RANGE



Made of Rocky Mountain Steel and lined with Asbestos. Most Economical of Fuel. Best baker and cooker, largest oven of any range. Top polished like a looking glass. Grease will not stick to it. No blacking required. Always polished. Can be delivered anywhere in United States. Write for price and what the people say about them.

AMERICAN RANGE AND HARDWARE CO.
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

To make cows pay, use sharples Cream Separator Book "Business Hauling" & Cat. 270 free W. Chester, Pa.

SADDLES
HARNESS OR
HORSE COLLARS
With this Brand on are the Best Made



ASK YOUR DEALER TO SHOW THEM
BEFORE YOU BUY.
MANUFACTURED BY
HARPHAM BROS.CO.
LINCOLN, NEB.

CATTLE
HOGS
SHEEP

Live Stock Commission

Nye & Buchanan Co.,
SOUTH OMAHA, NEBRASKA.
Best possible service in all departments. Write or wire us for markets or other information.
Long distance Telephone 2305

DON'T Set Hens the Same Old Way and let lice kill them on the nest! Tiffany's Sure Death Lice Powder will kill all vermin and your hen will bring her brood off free from lice. Tiffany's Parasitic Killer "Liquid," guaranteed to kill all lice and mites. Instantly kills lice on combs, calves, and legs. By using our Sprayer a very little goes a great way. Penetrates all cracks. Spray bottom of house for spider lice. It is a powerful disinfectant. \$1 per gal. can; 50¢ 1/2 gal. One gallon and Sprayer, \$1.50. Can get it free where no agents by a little work for us. THE TIFFANY CO., Lincoln, Neb.

Don't Pay Double.

We'll sell you a better hatcher for the money than any other incubator comes on earth. New improved regulator, that can't get out of order. Big look—500 illustrations free.

SURE HATCH INCUBATOR CO.
Clay Center, Neb., or Columbus, Ohio

