

NEWS OF THE WEEK

A Weekly Resume of the Really Vital News by the Editor

Adjutant General Bell, who, under the order of the governor, has been enforcing anarchy out in Colorado, has resigned. He says that the militia has been used solely for the benefit of the corporations. But what the matter with General Bell is that the hoodling democrats in Denver played him a trick. The men that Bell had driven out of the mining camps he says were brought to Denver and voted by the hundreds for the democratic gang. So Bell has dropped the despot business as he is a republican and the democrats are getting all the profits. Colorado is worse than a South American republic and is far on the road to the conditions of San Domingo.

Things are going on in the same way that they have in the Philippines for the last 200 years. Fifty-three people were massacred in the dead of night last week by the insurgent Moros. Not a week passes but some such news is cabled to the United States.


The Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: "Some of the democrats are beginning to be exercised over the suspicion that the populists in 1904 will support Roosevelt instead of the democratic candidate. They are pointing to the circumstance that a familiar figure at the White house these days is Marion Butler of North Carolina, a former senator from that state, and for a long time at the head of the populist national committee, a position which he still holds. It is said that Butler is an ardent admirer of Roosevelt. He has been talking so strongly in favor of the president that some of his old allies of the democratic party say he will support Roosevelt this year." Perhaps Butler will be at Springfield trying to run the populist national convention for the republicans while

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some other fellows will try to run it for the democrats. The "old man" and several others will be there from Nebraska to see to it that they are all kicked out.

A doctor who has been measuring 100,000 heads of children and those who have lived long in the flats of the high buildings in the cities, declares that the investigation shows that the heads of these people are much smaller than those who live in the open. He attributes this result to the want of fresh air, but more especially to the absence of sunlight. We never did think that the cliff dwellers down on Manhattan island had very much brains.

The imperialists have been demonstrating their ideas about the rights of the common people very effectually in Panama. The citizens—no, they are not now citizens of any country—the people of the canal zone were a short time ago citizens of Colombia, then of a fake republic, and now subjects under the government of a commission appointed by Roosevelt. During all these changes they have not had a word to say concerning what kind of government they should have or who should govern them. The Declaration of Independence and the doctrines upon which this government was founded, have been buried very deep by the republican party.

The papers say that the little village of Bonesteel, in South Dakota, has suddenly developed into a city of 3,000 people. It is the headquarters of the land seekers when a portion of the Sioux reservation is opened. Oh! that land hunger, and the millions of the landless.

May 30 ends fifty years of life for Kansas, divided between John Brown, grasshoppers, the populist movement, Senator Burton and ranting rous republican, with border ruffians and Quantrell thrown in. And at the end of the semi-centennial, Kansas don't know where "she is at."

The corner stone of the machine shop of the Farmers Co-operative Harvesting Machine company was laid May 21 at Springfield, O., in the presence of 1,500 people. The principal addresses were made by S. H. Eells of the national grange, General J. Warren Keifer and O. A. Bradfute, president of the International Live Stock association. William N. Whiteley is at the head of this new enterprise which is backed by the grangers of the country. The shops will make everything in the way of agricultural implements. In time the company expects to give employment to 3,000 men. The farmers seem to be "getting a move on themselves" in several states of this Union.

Walter Wellman has been down on Wall street and from his writings it would appear that the brokers have been working him for a tenderfoot. People down there did not talk to the editor of The Independent as Wellman says they talked to him. The unsophisticated Wellman says: "It is not thought probable Wall street will subscribe much money for either political party this year. In the first place the financial district is hard up. Business is light, speculation is at low ebb; the public will not come into the market and promotion is a lost art." Wellman thinks that contributions to carry presidential elections come from stock speculators and brokers in the "financial district." A pop school boy would know more than that. Carnegie, Rockefeller, Rogers and the men who put up millions for campaigns are never seen down about the stock exchange.

The Pennsylvania railroad announces that about 22,000 men are to be laid off, being 10 per cent of the total number of employees, which will be reduced to what it was two years ago. The cut applies to all departments—transportation, the shops, and maintenance of way.


It is being remarked all over the state that the republican state convention held at Lincoln nominated a queer lot of delegates at large. Who ever heard of Dempster, J. E. Piper, H. C. Brome, or L. M. F. La Plang? What has become of Cowen, Gurley, Manderson, Rosewater, Majors? Are they all dead?

There was a resolution introduced into the republican state convention

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to put Victor Rosewater off the state committee, and on a preliminary motion it carried. Among the crowd there were some wiser heads who got the resolution side-tracked. They concluded that they did not want the Bee to fight the ticket.

The other day the State Journal came out and testified to the truth of what The Independent has been saying for a good many years. Read the following from its sacred republican columns: "It has been no secret that for years in Nebraska delegates to conventions have been supplied with passes. While these did not bind a man to do as he was asked, it has not been overlooked that the pass has a soothing effect and inclines the recipient to be good at least. There are a good many lawyers in Nebraska who use annuals, and at the convention the other day two of them indulged in a little debate at the hotel that was instructive to the bystanders. Both are men of some prominence, and both had railroad passes in their pockets. One, however, was voicing his opposition to the openness with which the railroads were working."

J. H. Ager, the political agent of the Burlington road, has been known for years as the most astute politician in the state, but the other fellows got ahead of him in the last deal. An agreement was entered into with all the roads that they would shut off the passes to the conventions. Ager kept the agreement and the other roads distributed more passes than ever before. When the Burlington delegates who paid their fare got rounded up at the Lindell they-made such a howl that Ager had to refund the money.

In explanation of the downfall of Ager, the State Journal published the following: "You have a good hunch when you say that there is an effort made by some of these fellows to bump him out, and they are trying to make it appear that the thumping the Burlington got in the last convention was due to Ager, but the fact is that it was because the Burlington was chary about issuing passes, while the Union Pacific and Northwestern had plenty of them out. The roads made an agreement months ago to stop giving delegates passes. Ager simply stood by this agreement, while the other one didn't. You hear a good bit about independence in conventions when a machine gets hard hit, but the real reason why the Burlington fell down was that it didn't tap the pass supply liberally." As that was published in the state organ of the re-

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publican party there will be no denials. How does the republican farmer who was hard at work planting corn while these things were going on look at the question of "railroad domination?"

Among the other religious performances of Rockefeller it seems that he pirated \$50,000,000 from a man named Greenbough. Greenbough invented the process of refining oil so as to prevent explosions and make it a safe lighting fluid. Rockefeller and Rogers agreed to pay Greenbough one-quarter of a cent a gallon for the use of the invention. This Rockefeller did for a while, but when Greenbough was lost at sea, Rockefeller never paid the heirs any more and they have just discovered the contract and sued Rockefeller and Rogers for \$50,000,000. Here's hoping that the heirs will get the money.

Chancellor McLean, who resigned from the Nebraska state university when the fusionists obtained a majority of the regents, is in trouble over in Iowa. There was a meeting of the alumni held in Davenport last