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REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE: OMAHA, JAN. 2.—The state central committee will meet at the Millard hotel at 7 o'clock, Thursday, January 14.

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES appears to think illuminating oil in Nebraska should stand the test of 100° Fahrenheit.

THE citizens of Douglas county care a great deal less as to who shall be president of the county board than who shall be superintendent of the poor.

THE adulterated flour shipped from St. Petersburg to the Russian famine sufferers is said to have created a municipal scandal.

AWARDED CONTRACTS: advertising proposals in an expensive way of performing public work. This appears, however, to have made no difference to a city council renowned for its reckless disregard of law, honesty and the best interests of the public treasury.

THE trouble on the Texas border promises to be more serious than it appeared at first. Garza is to all appearances merely the figurehead, and he has back of him money and men enough to make a revolution if he were on the farther side of the dividing stream.

GENERAL MEIGS, who died in Washington yesterday, was one of the most useful soldiers in the service of the government during the rebellion.

JUDGE THOMAS C. GRIFFEY'S death will recall the memorable contest between him and Hon. E. K. Valentine for the judgeship in 1876.

CHINA will be represented at the Chicago exposition, and her envoy promises that her exhibit will be large, novel and picturesque.

YEAR by year the court business of this judicial district has increased. The docket which thirteen years ago one man could easily dispose of has grown until two, then four and finally seven judges were required to keep the legal wheels in motion.

A PEEPING PROBLEM.

One of the most perplexing problems which confronts social reformers is the question whether all breadwinners can promote their mutual interests by concerted and united political action.

Mr. Powderly, who is only a surface thinker, has reached the conclusion that the interests of the farmer and laborer are identical, and their future welfare can be best promoted by uniting their forces and pooling issues in a new political party composed entirely of the wealth producers.

This has been the experience of past ages and is the situation at this time in England, Germany, France and other European countries. Far from pooling issues the workmen and farmers of those countries constitute opposing political parties that can never be harmonized.

Prof. James Bryce, the author of "The American Commonwealth," a liberal member of the British Parliament, writes to the editor of THE BEE under date of December 21, 1891, among other things, as follows: "Am I right in thinking that the American labor party has for the moment fallen into the background and will not distract the issue between democrats and republicans next year?"

Now the liberal party in England is largely made up of farmers and small land holders. In Germany the labor reform party, known as the social democracy, is solidly arrayed against the farmers and land owners, for whose benefit an embargo had for years been maintained against American pork and other American food products.

But we are told that these conditions do not prevail in America. One of the advocates of the proposed new farmers' and workmen's party declares that "the interest of one is the concern of all. When the farmer is receiving good prices for the products of his farm he is able to buy manufactured goods. This gives more work to the city people and surely betters their condition."

This is very plausible and in the main correct, but let us put the boot on the other foot. When the laborer is receiving good wages for the product of his skill and toil he is able to pay the farmer a good price for the products of the soil, and therefore creates a profitable market for what the farmer has to sell.

This is a very serious phase is presented by one of our labor reform organs, the Labor News, which in support of Mr. Powderly's appeal for a political union between working men and farmers in the impending national campaign declares:

Not as farmers nor as knights, but as men and loving brothers, we have agreed that "an injury to one is the concern of all;" that when we shall have knocked off the indirect taxes which now oppress us, scotched every franchise under the sun, stopped the eleventh of monopoly and taken possession of our estate—the earth—that then a man will receive all that he earns and no one will suffer that another may prosper.

This is very sentimental, but it will not stand the crucial test of practical politics. Our breadwinners are all loving brothers, but they do not all have the same wants and are not all willing to share the product of their individual toil.

We want the earth, cries the champion of labor reform. We have the earth, responds the farmer, but we do not have any land to give away. There are thousands of farmers who profess to believe in the doctrines of Henry George and Edward Bellamy, but if anybody proposes to organize a new party, pledged to the abolition of land ownership or the division of all lands among the inhabitants of the country, the farmers will ask to be counted out.

hour movement or a raise of wages on the farm. The workingman wants the dollar he earns to have as large a purchasing power as possible, while the leaders of the fiat and free silver movement are trying to debase our currency and thereby help to increase the price of the commodities which the workingman is obliged to buy from the farmer.

Between such conflicting interests, harmonious political union is out of the question, even if it were possible to bring about the reforms and remedy the grievances of the two classes of wealth producers by any conceivable political agency.

THE fabrication of imaginary dispatches and butterine telegrams gotten up out of clippings and news letters is kept up by the Omaha Fake Factory at its old stand. A fair sample of its enterprise was exhibited in Saturday's edition of the morning Fake in its alleged dispatches concerning the forthcoming decision of the United States supreme court on the Boyd-Thayer appeal.

The first edition of THE BEE, which goes by special train and connects with the Burlington flyer, contained a comprehensive epitome of the text of the pending decision, which was transmitted for its exclusive use from the national capital. The early edition of the f. f., otherwise known as the World-Headline, which goes out to the South Platte country, did not contain one word about the Boyd-Thayer case.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 1.—Republicans were paralyzed when told of the news from the supreme court. Many professed not to believe it, but it was clear that hope was father to the fool. Mr. Thayer could not be seen, owing to the lateness of the hour.

This is a dead give-away. Nobody in Lincoln had heard of a word of the Boyd-Thayer decision until 5:20 a. m. Saturday, after THE BEE containing this important and startling piece of news had reached the capital.

P. S.—Saturday evening's telegraph page of the f. f. was a reproduction, almost verbatim, of all special dispatches printed in THE BEE of Saturday morning about the gubernatorial matter.

OUR INTELLECTUAL STATUS: Our English cousins from Charles Dickens to Sir Edwin A. Arnold are quite sure that there is nothing distinctively great about American literature.

THE statute authorizing the president to set apart and reserve, from time to time, in any state or territory having public land bearing forests, any part of such lands as public reservations, under which last year a reserve was established about the Yellowstone National Park and another in the White river plateau in Colorado, affords a method of postponing the worst results of forest demolition, but something more is needed, and the secretary of the interior and the Forestry association have pointed out what this is.

SOME time ago complaint was made to the Interstate Commerce commission against the Boston & Maine Railroad company, charging that corporation with giving free transportation in violation of the interstate commerce act.

SMILE when Butler's Hudibras is powerless. Bayard Taylor ranks with the greatest of novelists as well as story tellers. Agassiz achieved his most marked success in America.

all friends of education, and none should be more ready to promote the work than educators in the west, where the opportunity for conferring its benefits is so great. It is advancing in this direction, however, and when it comes it will not fall of an earnest and enthusiastic reception.

THE organization of the Chilian cabinet having been completed, it is reasonable to expect an early official announcement of the position of the new government regarding the difficulty with the United States.

THE Nebraska World's fair commissioners have a great work before them and can accomplish a vast amount of good for the state if they perform their duties with energy and intelligence.

THE prevailing impression at the national capital, among parties who are usually well informed, is that the rumor concerning the agreement of a majority of the United States supreme court on the Nebraska gubernatorial contest is well founded.

THE Rio Grande Feud: Garza, the revolutionary gnat who is annoying Mexico and people on the American frontier, is not an entirely worthless person. President Diaz has offered \$5,000 for him, living or dead.

THE NEW EDUCATIONAL MOVEMENT: A conference that ought to have interested for all persons in sympathy with educational progress was held in Philadelphia during the past week.

A FREE PASS DECISION: Some time ago complaint was made to the Interstate Commerce commission against the Boston & Maine Railroad company, charging that corporation with giving free transportation in violation of the interstate commerce act.

BLASTS FROM BAIN'S BURN: A little religion is a hard thing to keep. A lie in the heart is black as it is in a horse's eye.

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MERRY NEW YEAR VOICES: Washington Star: It is a geometrical fact that a man cannot make a square meal of a pie.

Boston Courier: Even Washington's graceful beauty had to be in a haste to put on her hat for the coming year.

Indianapolis Journal: "You are another poor victim of circumstances, I presume," said the high dignitary, as he looked at the girl.

Washington Star: A resolution of economy is one of the most natural New Year's resolutions of the Christmas season.

Washington Star: It was in the hall where the most illustrious of our great men were seen, and he took at his father's cherry tree.

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