# REPUBLICAN SENTIMENT OUTSPOKEN ON BARTLEY PARDON

Too Desterous a Pen.

Syracuse Journal. It's the Hon. Joseph Bartley now, by the grace of Governor Savage's sympathetic nature and dexterous pen. It's also Governor Savage now, but when the voters of Nebraska get a whack at him he will be plain Ezra P. from Custer county.

#### Open to Very Grave Doubt. Pawnee Republican.

Governor Savage has set Joe Bartley free While the governor is an honest man striving to do right, his good judgment in this matter is open to very grave doubt. Anything that tends to lower the standard of public morals is not right under any

#### Thunderbolt to Loyal Republicans. Interial Republican.

The complete pardon of ex-Treasurer Joseph Bartley by Governor Savage came as of Nebraska. To think that Governor Sav- age. age would commit such an act in direct violation of the voice of the republicans of Nebraska in convention assembled last last fall is a sad blow at the party. One thing is reasonably certain and that is that Governor Savage is a dead oyster. politically.

## Fletitions Petition No Surprise.

Norfolk News. Surprise is expressed in some quarters that developments are to the effect that some of the signatures on the Bartley petition for pardon are not genuine. should occasion no surprise whatever. Men desperate enough to exert themselves in he had some "sand" anyway, and was behalf of a convicted embezzler, desperate ready to say with a former distinguished enough to defeat the ends of justice and capable of interesting the governor in their cause would not hesitate at the mere formality of procuring names if they were apparently acted for at least two years.

#### Let the Governor Stay Away. Blue Springs Sentinel.

Governor Savage found it to be an opportune time to take a junket to Louisfana after pardoning Bartley, which places Senator Steele of Fairbury in the governor's chair during his absence. The governor's ears will buzz like a disturbed bumble bee's nest during his absence, or we are have to suffer for it. E. P. Smith, former mistaken. For the act of pardoning Bartley the governor ought to find it convenient to leave Senator Steele in charge of that office until the next legally elected governor can assume the duties of that po-

## Too Big for His Party.

Tekamah Herald. The republican editors of the state had Meir inning last week, the one theme being the pardon of Bartley. Governor Savage received the righteous indignation of the press, and that without stint, the sentiment being almost unanimous that the governor committed political suicide. Undoubtedly the governor made up his mind to quit the political arena or he would never have committed the egregious error of slapping his party in the face after the almost unanimous expression of its regularly elected delegates, in convention assembled, on this same subject. When a man gets bigger than his party the quicker he is relegated to the rear the better.

## Would Welcome His Resignation.

The Star-Journal calls upon the republican state central committee to meet at the earliest moment and take action to discredit the flagrant outrage perpetrated on the people of the state in general and upon the republican party in particular by Governor Savage in pardoning his sidepard, Bartley. The committee should insist on Savage resigning the high office he has disgraced. It is, of course, impossible to compel him to do so, as a committee, but in asking for his resignation they are backed by nine-tenths of the people, and show conclusively that he is not wanted by the decent, conscientious, law-abiding people of the state.

#### Not a Popular Proposition. Wahoo Wasp.

Governor Savage did not strike a very popular proposition when he made Joseph Bartley a New Year's present of his liberty. It is certainly a peculiar condition when a man can deliberately appropriate nearly a quarter of a million of dollars of people's money and, without attempting to make a reasonable excuse for his conduct, should be given his liberty before one-third his sentence has been served. We venture that one-third of the convicts in the Nebraska penitentiary could give a much better reason for a pardon than Bartley has. Governor Savage is deserving of censure and it is only too bad that h cannot be relieved at once of the responsible position he holds.

# Press Voices Rank and File.

North Platte Tribune. The republican papers of the state are practically a unit in condemning Governor Savage for pardoning Joe Bartley, and these papers but voice the sentiment of the rank and ale of the party. It can be said of the country republican papers of Nebraska that few of them uphold or condone the wrong acts of the men who they have helped to place in power. When an officer has stuitified himself they do not withhold their criticism.

# Universally Condemned.

Albion News. Never, perhaps, in the history of Nebranks politics has any act been so universally and ausnimously condemned as has and it is the weakest kind of reasoning, been the pardoning of Joe Bartley by Gov- even for a third-rate man. ernor Savage. The press of the state, except a very few which have said nothing, ing of a lot of slick scoundrels, instead of true the party would gain hothing by the ing unanimously of one mind, and if Gov- heeding the voice of safe conservative men further incarrent on the party would gain hothing by the unanimously of one mind, and if Gov- heeding the voice of safe conservative men further incarrent of ut have the confidence of the people by his any backing throughout the state he seems the state at heart, and instead of remem- pardon. But the blow will fall entirely te have been mistaken. While it can't help berin, the demands of his party in state

but injure the republican party in some degree, it should not. The action of the last state convention put the party on record on this question and the universal condemnation of the act by the party presfurther shows the feeling of republicans throughout the state. Mr. Savage has dug his own political grave and his party will take pleasure in filling it up at the first opportunity.

#### A Merited Round of Rebuke. Pender Republic.

The action of Governor Savage in pardoning Joseph S. Bartley has met with a round of rebuke from not only the press all over the state, but from the people as well from one end of the state to the other. It was the most vicious act that has ever emanated from the state house under the guise of executive discretion. While the governor liberated Bartley he imprisoned himself forever in the prison house thunderbolt to the loyal republican voters of the people, who want no more of Sav-

#### No Shadow of Reason. Greeley Leader.

We have studied hard to find in Governor Savage's statement about the Bartley pardon some shadow of reason for his exercise of executive clemency, but so far we haven't been able to discover any. About the only striking thing we see is the gov-ernor's petulance with himself for letting go of Bartley's parole so easily when the state convention set up its shout last summer. It looks as though his excellency had gotten his "second wind" after that bout and concluded be'd show the public American citizen. "The people be d-d." It seems that way to a layman who hasn't seen the petition on which the governor

## That Imaginary Four Thousand.

York Republican. Evidence that the petitions for the pardon of Bartley were cooked by forging names of prominent people thereto grows every day. A number of prominent men in Omaha, who claim their names were forged, will investigate the matter, and they say whoever is responsible for the forgery will assistant attorney general, is among the number. J. B. Sheean, a well-known attorney of Omaha, a prominent banker, and a number of other influential men, have the same complaint, denying that they ever signed the petition. A prominent citizen from the southeast part of the state was at the capital investigating, and declared his name a forgery. The "four thousand others" petition from Chadron is said to have been shamelessly cooked.

## Bartley Wins at Savage's Expense.

Arcadia Champion. We have listened to the storm of protest which almost unanimously went up from the Nebraska republican press on account of the Bartley pardon, and in it is plainly seen a few things. That Savage is a political corpse cannot be doubted, for the fact that he took this task upon himself in the face of the declaration of the party to the contrary is enough to convince anyone of that. In this round of the game Bartley is surely the winner at the expense of Savage. That the state will never see a cent of the lost money is also he can use it he certainly will keep it, and If anyone else has it Bartley's silence would be very easy to buy now. things the state had to get hold of the facts of the transactions are now exploded.

# Cannot Buy Public Sentiment.

Fremont Tribune. The country press of Nebraska is practically a unit in its condemnation of the Bartley pardon. When the state convention, by a vote of 998 to 168, requested the governor to recall Bartley's parole it did not any more unanimously express the unbought, unhampered sentiment of the party and the people of Nebraska than does the country press of the state in dealing with Bartley's pardon.

Tribune doesn't pretend to know what efforts have been made to forestall the criticism of the country press, but it does know that Bartley's attorney a few months ago put in a whole day in Fremont trying to argue the editor of this paper into the advisability of signing a petition for pardon. This attorney said it was the desire of the governor that the signature of the editor be procured. This fact is in-dicative of the far-reaching plans laid to pardon Bartley and break in advance the force of the storm that was apparently pending in case such action was taken.

# Most Indefensible of All.

Nehawka Register. The most indefensible act ever done by a governor of Nebraska is the pardoning of Bartley. He was a thief, pure and simple, and no amount of explaining can make it anything else. No man is a safe governor who can be awayed by tearful appeals of a family or sentimental reas ing of "the ends of justice satisfied." Bartley should have stayed his twenty-one years in jail. When he came out he would have \$25,000 per year for the time he served the state in stripes, but by the governor's action he has been paid at the

rate of \$100,000 per year. The action of the governor shows how dangerous it is to place third-rate men in places of trust. An action that requires an apology should never have been committed, and our governor takes two columns of the State Journal to apologize for his action,

He has listened to the sophistical reasoning of a lot of slick scoundrels, instead of

convention. If he is renominated we will take pleasure in helping to give 500 majority against him in Cass county.

## Lorde Decidedty at Pault.

Rushville Record. The Recorder has read Governor Savage's preamble to his pardon of Embezzler Bartley three times and our conclusions are not arrived at hastily, when we condemn the whole transaction from first to last.

We believe that the pardon of Bartley is a mistake, and not from political motives alone, but on general principle. The object of the law is not merely to make the punishment fit the crime, but to prevent the growth of crime by making salutary examples of criminals in order to deter others from walking in their path. The idea of making the punishment fit the crime cannot be determined by a bad precedent and we believe Governor Savage's reasoning is faulty from the simple fact that he justifies Bartley very much in the same way that a gambler stakes his maney with the idea that he may win. But what about the other side. The world admires success and daring, but for those who dare and fail they only consider them fools and we cannot afford to breed a race of fools for the sentiment's sake, much less

## Direct Disregard of Party Will.

Nelson Gazette. In granting to ex-Treasurer Bartley an unconditional pardon Governor Savage gives evidence of his utter disregard for the wishes of the people of his state and the instructions of the party that made him, politically speaking. We doubt if there is another official act of a public servant on record in this state that meets with such unanimous disapproval on the part of the common people as does this pardoning of the embezzler in question. Mr. Savage is the representative of the republican party. The party is, in a measure at least, responsible for his actions. On the other hand, he is in honor bound to be guided by the platform of his party. The representatives of the party, in convention assembled, registered their disapproval of granting Bartley a parole. The governor recognized the wisdom of this and at once recalled his parole and Bartley was returned to prison. On every hand was heard the voice of the people, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." But scarcely has the echo of this praise died away when now comes, like a thunderclap from the clear skies, the news that Bartley is pardoned without any condition or restraint whatever.

In assuming the right or privilege to relieve Bartley of the payment of the penalty for his crime the governor has no doubt served himself in the capacity of political executioner. Just what effect it will have on the republican party in Nebraska, time only can tell.

## Utterly Without Justification.

Columbus Journal. To put it with exceeding mildness, republicans of Nebraska are grieved over the pardon of ex-State Treasurer J. S. Bartley

by Governor Savage. Sentenced to twenty years in the peniten tiary for embezzlement, he had served six years, and now is unconditionally pardoned.

Once he was paroled, the parole, thought by some to be for the purpose of giving Bartley opportunity to make collections from those to whom he had loaned money, and that \$200,000 or \$300,000 might be recovered to the state of the moneys embezzled.

The republican state convention condemned this action of Governor Savage so strongly that he immediately ordered the reincarceration of Bartley. Now comes an unconditional pardon, and,

needless to say, most people are astounded. The true inwardness of the matter may appear to view later. If Governor Savage, on principle, was

convinced of his duty when he paroled Bartley, he should have unflinchingly held to it, even against the action of the republican convention. Newly-discovered facts are allowed

change judgment, but there seem to be these with Governor Savage-at least so far as the public is as yet advised. If anybody is guilty with Bartley and is

now using money got of him that ought rightly to be in the state treasury, the public does not know who they are. Perhaps Bartley, being himself pardoned, may now turn state's evidence and disclose where the money was placed, to the end that a large portion of it may be re-

covered by the state. Whatever the event may be, the Journal sees no justification for Governor Savage's

# Does He Want Vindication?

Crete Vidette. The republican press of the state is alnost unanimous in condemning Governor Savage for pardoning Joe Bartley. The Vidette was one of the few papers that defended the governor's action in the parole of Bartley. We believe his motives were pure and his argument in defense of his parole were sound. Had he then defled the resolution of the state convention and kept his promise with Bartley to the limit of time granted, all fairminded men would have applauded the governor's course. And if Bartley had made some restitution and furnished the public with a detailed account of his losses, the Vidette would have cheerfully signed a petition for his par-We have always admired Governor Savage, but believe his friends have led him into true the party would gain nothing by the

his nomination upon the party, we firmly satisfactory. It is worse than no explana- wrath. believe that he will be the worst defeated tion at all. man that ever ran for the office of gov-Savage, but they will find that they can no

to the almost unanimous voice of the great 'common people."

## An Unsavory Last Chapter.

Holdrege Citizen. Governor Savage has been given a good opportunity to know what the people think of him and of his action in pardoning Joe Bartley out of the penitentiary. The pollticians who were afraid that Bartley would say something that they did not want him to, made life a burden to the governor till turned Bartley loose. Now the people who are not politicians, but believe in honesty and that the man after he has been proven a rascal should be punished, are making it uncomfortably warm for the governor. It is quite probable that the governor wishes he was out of public life and there certainly are lots who would say amen to it if he did. It is hard to see how the governor could arrive at the decision to set Bartley free. The governor tried to explain the reason for his action, but, outside of the few who were anxious to get Bartley out of the pen, his explanations are very savory to the people at large than some of the preceding ones.

## Clear the Track for Bartley.

Walt Mason in Lincoln News, Colonel Bartley hasn't run up the white flag; he said he wouldn't, and he kept his word. He went to the pen haughty and uncompromising, and he emerges in the same spirit. He lets it be known that those who have opposed his pardon will feel the weight of his royal displeasure. He evidently feels that he will step directly from the penitentiary to a place of power in politics, where he may empty a few vials of wrath upon the heads of those who have offended him. There is nothing humble or repentant about this illustrious sinner. He has no use for the mourner's bench. He reminds the reader of the count of Monte Cristo, who emerged from a dungeon with righteous determination to punish those who put him there. He owes nothing to the state or to good morals. He is going to open an office as Nemests, and will do a wholesale and retail business in retribution. Old wrongs avenged while you wait Vengeance delivered anywhere, express charges prepaid, either in cans or in bulk. Mail orders promptly attended to. Call and compare goods and prices. The people are very sick of Mr. Bartley. Now that he is free the best thing he can do is to tell what he did with the swag, and then hunt a hermitage, and clothe himself in sheepskins, and spend the balance of his days in meditation and prayer.

#### Up to Savage to Resign York Republican.

The republicans of Nebraska would not feel offended or bereaved if Governor Savage should at once hand in his resignation. It is up to him, and he has been up to tricks they do not like. His position that it is party welfare is unassailable, but it has not been done in any feature of the Bartley case and, therefore, the platitude does not exonorate him. Justice, for personal reasons, has been outraged, and the people of the state have a right to cry out at the outrage. The pops are laughing and pointing the finger of derision at republicans all over the state, and republicans have no reply to make. They can only hang their heads in humiliation. They said Bartley would be pardoned as soon as the election was over. The Republican did not believe that such an outrage could be possible. It did not believe there was in all the state of Nebraska a man who would dare to so outrage public sentiment, after that sentiment had been so strongly expressed as the auti-Bartley sentiment was expressed by the republican convention and by the people of the state. Such a man existed, however, and he was found in a high office, to the humiliation of the party which placed him in it. The only atonement he can make is to "come down from the high place which he is in no way worthy to hold." While the republican party is in no way responsible for his deed it is responsible politically for his elevation above his compatriots of the sand hills. Had it been known what the outcome was to be he would be still gracing the gritty bucolic scenes of Custer county, which has given the state so much cause for grief and tears. Now that the outcome is known, the only true course for the party to pursue is to disavow the burden and cast it from the party shoulders.

#### Earns Only Severest Criticism. Aurora Republican.

The indignation felt at the action of Governor Savage in releasing ex-Treasurer Bartley from the penitentiary seems to deepen as the days go by. True, there are some who uphold the governor's action, but the majority of the republicans of the state are stifling their feelings and sharpening up their political axes for the next state convention, when Mr. Savage, who has seen fit to thwart the will of the men who placed him in office, will feel the weight of public sentiment and know that don. But nothing of the kind was done, his political standing is a thing of the

The governor has endeavored to explain

Mr. Bartley is now a free man. He is parties will undoubtedly support Governor been forgiven and that executive elemency has transformed him at one stroke from a more stay the wrath of the rank and file criminal to a man of honor. Whatever of all parties than they can quiet the circumstances there may have been to lesraging force of a cyclone. No man ever sen his crime, his attitude of defiance has made a political success by running counter set them at naught. The spirit of penitence has not been his-he has hardened breathes the air of freedom because an ting at naught the wishes of party and putting a premium on crime. Governor Savage deserves for this act

#### the severest criticism of the people of Nebraska.

Crime Against the Commonwealth. Pierce Call. We believe Governor Savage made the greatest mistake of his life when he pardoned Bartley out of the penitentiary on New Year's day. Think of it, a man who stole \$600,000 of the people's money being allowed to serve a term of only five years when he should have served the full sentence of twenty years. As it now is Bartley is a free man and the state is minus that \$600,000. Why didn't the governor parole him again with a view of granting pardon if he should turn back into the state treasury the whole or a good share unsatisfactory. The last chapter in the his- of the money stolen by him? This would tory of Bartley and the state is not more have been far better than the way it is

> The pardoning of Joseph Bartley by Governor Savage is a crime against the commonwealth of Nebraska and the governor may try to explain from now until doomsday, but he can't cover up the crime. Last August the republican party in convention assembled demanded that Bartley be sent back to the penitentiary, and the party hasn't receded one step from that position. Governor Savage obeyed the voice of the convention then and revoked Bartley's parole. Now he has defled the will of the republicans of this state and must take the consequences. In this instance, Governor Savage has shown himself unfit for that high office. He had a chance to make a good record and one that he could well feel proud of. While he has made a few friends by this pardon he has lost the confidence of the rank and file of the party, as well as the people of our state.

It is quite evident that Governor Savage doesn't want to be governor again. No one who will pardon a man in so short a time that has stolen over \$500,000 of the taxpayers' money can have the nerve to stand up before the people of Nebraska and ask for a renomination. The republicans of Nebraska must nominate a man for governor who won't be making issues for the fusionists of the state in every campaign.

## Short Route to Political Grave.

Plattsmouth Tribune. Treasurer Bartley by Governor Savage has The governor said at first that he hoped public trust in the history of the state. the name of every man who borrowed was considered by many people a sort of at restitution is now ignored by his exmartyr-a man who was suffering the pen- cellency. alty alone, while others equally guilty enjoyed the misappropriated funds and were promising. In a lengthy published stateleft unmolested. These claims of his were ment, replete with flowery, empty expresnever substantiated and is still one of the sions such as "white light of reason," and unexplained mysteries. He certainly has attempts at distraction from the central not been looked upon as an object for thought of a notorious criminal freed, he executive clemency by a majority of the recites causes of the panic and crop failpeople of this state, unless he returned ure, and by allusions to the McKinley victo the state treasury the greater, if not tory and references to "the quality of the entire, amount he embezzled. This he basal currency" would divert attention has never done and never will.

Those who claim that by simply donning the stripes for a few months that he was adequately punished are certainly not believers in, or supporters of the constitution, which declares all men equal before the law and they are also the very ones who would clamor for their pound of flesh if they chanced to be "touched" by a poor hungry tramp for a meal out of the pantry and would insist on the limit of ten or twelve years as a sentence. If this misplaced use of the pardoning power can be so easily condoned it will have a strong tendency to the lowering of the standard of public morals, for it would not be hard ingly run the risk of serving a few years at some soft job in prison at the ratio Bartley did-\$100,000 or better a year.

he first place, as no notice was given of not to the state. He then attempts to laud the application to pardon Bartley, as required by law. Mr. Savage's abuse of power gained through accident is in no way chargeable to the republican party. At the time of his election to the office of lieutenant governor he enjoyed a good character and no party can be held responsible for a wrongful act of one of its officials. Mr. Savage has dug his own political grave and should resign.

#### Stench to Decent Republicans. St. Paul Republican.

There is no division of sentiment worth mentioning on the Bartley pardon. The republican newspapers of the state, which unerringly indicate the attitude of party, are practically unanimous in condemnation of the outrage. A more sweeping storm of protest than that which followed Governor Savage's celebration of the New Year's birth has never passed over Nebraska. The foolish drivel of his threecolumn explanation (written by Bartley's exit of a most dangerous element of sothe error of making a fatal mistake. It is how justice demanded the release of Bart- lawyer) and the weak chirping of a few ley and how he has been besieged by the apologists have been drowned by a roar and because a scoundrel like Mosher got state's best people to extend full and com- of rightcous indignation from all quarters less punishment than he deserved is no ex- doing a justifiable act. ernor Savage had an idea he would receive of good judgment who have the interest of it lose the confidence of the people by his plete pardon to a traitor who betrayed his of the state. The governor has fied to the party and wrecked the state treasury. But swamps and canebrakes of Louisiana, lackupon the governor. If his friends insist his explanation fails to explain. It lacks ing the moral courage to face an outraged

That a republican governor should have committed such a mistake in the face of What if no "danger" can come to the ernor. Influential political leaders of all to take it for granted that his crimes have his party's sentiment, as expressed in a state from Bartley's release, as Savage representative state convention, is incom- says! What, too, it might be pertinently prehensible. Had Mr. Holcomb or Mr. inquired, of the fracture of law, of right, Poynter seen fit to exercise elemency in of the principles on which justice is the Bartley case there might have been founded? some excuse. The fusion party had beneexecutive has violated the obligations of the state's loss in failing to exact either considers expediency in a matter affecting his office and given sanction to crime, set- a proper accounting from Bartley at the right and wrong. end of his first term or an adequate bond coming from such a source would not have looked so bad. But Savage's action, viewed under the light of all the attendant circumstances, is indefensible. . . .

Although the action of the last repubparty of any responsibility for Bartley's pardon in the minds of all unprejudiced people, it cannot fail to suffer, in some extent at least, for its carelessness in clevating a man of Savage's caliber to a posttion of such importance as that of lieutenant governor. It was an open secret that the republicans had little hope of winning the election of 1900, and the nominations made in the convention of that year were allowed to go by default. The contest was over delegates to the national convention and little attention was given to the state ticket, the lieutenant governor being considered the least important position on the list. Circumstances have since shaped themselves so as to place great power in the hands of a hitherto obscure ranchman and he has misused it to the shame of the entire state. Savage is the offspring of party despondency, just as

Bartley was the child of overconfidence. It is said that Savage has been promised a renomination by the men who influenced him to issue the pardon. Had he not already shown himself to be absolutely devoid of political judgment such a statement could not be credited. The nomination of such a man would invite the most overwhelming defeat any party has ever known in any state. And yet it seems that there is actually to be a serious effort made toward that end. The decent republicans series of misfortunes. It is only a question of how emphatic their rebuke to such a brazen proposition will be. It should be sufficiently strong to forever set at rest any suspicion of sympathy with public em-Savage to understand.

#### Fraught Full of Danger. Hebron Journal.

It will be remembered that at the time of the state convention last August Governor Savage had paroled Bartley for sixty days, but on the culmination of the expressed public indignation in the emphatic demand of the republican state convention The unconditional pardoning of ex-State by resolution, Bartley was re-incarcerated. called forth the disapproval expressed by to make restitution of funds by exerting the state press that his unwarranted ac- clemency, but he now abandons that idea tion deserves. Bartley's crime was one and pardons Bartley notwithstanding! At of the most flagrant cases of betrayal of a one time the governor promised to secure Bartley has always posed, and for a time money from Bartley, but even this attempt

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Governor Savage poses as being greater than his party, or its state convention, whose action he characterizes as a "discourtesy" and an unwarranted right of interference with the constitutional right of the executive. The governor forgets that after all he is but the servant of the people-the sworn executive of the stateand that this office of responsibility is not simply one of titles and honors wherein should serve the state instead of exercising a personal constitutional "right" when that right is wrong. The governor claims find any number of men who would will- sincerity of honest motives, but his actions causes the citizen to question the influences that can have so swayed his mind and biased his judgment, causing him to talk Governor Savage's action was illegal in only of justice to the "individual" and the ex-treasurer for standing behind wobbly banks during the panic, as if state robbery in the interests of any class would excuse or expatiate the breaking of laws and the betrayal of public interests.

Again, the governor makes a startling bank wrecker, whose light sentence was such a flagrant violation of justice. Savage says Mosher's failure "sent disaster into a large number of homes and seated poverty at a great many firesides," while Bartley's shortage "was attended by less sadness and distress in the homes of Nebraska!" Shades of Justice! Savage's reference to Bartley as though he were suffering a martyr's imprisonment jars on one rather harshly as they read of "a withhundreds of other convicts in the penitentiary? Shall the doors of our penal institutions be flung open for the triumphal

upon a vindication and succeed in foisting sincerity. It is hollow and wholly un- constituency until time has cooled its cuse for pardoning another who betrayed public trust and took that which belonged

The governor credits himself with courimmensely from his defalcation and age for defying the sentiment of the reeach was under at least indirect political publican party. It is not a question of "pohimself and the people. But now he obligations to him. Governor Holcomb has litical supremacy." The governor mistakes been accused of partial responsibility for when he infers that the average citizen

> The governor says he "is bound to pass at the beginning of his second. A pardon upon them according to the dictates of the law and in the light of unbiased reason." And yet he advances no proof to show that these were ignored in the placing of the sentence by the court under which Bartley was given a fair and imparlican state convention should free the tial trial. There was never any question as to the guilt of the condemned. The only issue now is, what has he done to merit

liberty? Every sympathetic heart in Nebraska beats in tender sympathy for the "bruised and quaking hearts of the innocent and defenseless wife and children' of the defaulter, as it does for the similarly suffering wives and children of the other criminals in the penitentiary who have less of a "pull"-and yet it would be a dangerous precedent and an encouragement of countless evils, to liberate on New Year's day all "who had served" five years, seven months and eight days of a twenty-year sentence

for a monstrous crime. The fear expressed by some that the governor's action will weaken the republican party is unfounded. The inevitable result will be the further retirement of a certain dangerous element to the party; the action of the state convention will be even more strongly indorsed, and the barnacles which impede the progress of the party of honesty and progress will be compelled to seek recognition in the ranks of some other organization.

## Poor Way to Get Even.

Kearney Hub. It was Senator Thurston who once said that no one person was greater than his party, or some such words in substance. will never tolerate such a climax to their When Thurston became a senator he lost sight of this truth, and acting on the assumption that he could ignore party interests in the reward of subservient cronies. and by setting the moral sentiment of his party at naught when he stepped down bezziers. It should be sufficiently plain from his exalted position as a paid servant for even the perverted conscience of Ezra of the public to defend a great corporation in a suit wherein the state he was supposed to represent was plaintiff, it was not assumed for a moment that he had erred in judgment, but that he had con-

sulted solely his own interests. 'A spectator in the last republican convention who sat through that memorable scene when the governor of the state followed in the wake of Bartley's paid attorney in making a plea in justification of the parole, and boldly asserted that Bartley had already suffered in disgrace and niliation all that he could ever suffer and that further punishment could no further serve the ends of justice, could not be feel humiliated, and the blush of shame mantled the face of every person of clear moral conceptions in that body. Like an animal at bay the executive of the state, mit that his and party representatives had a right to be heard, sought to brazen out his act, to defend his position, and force the convention to repudiate the recommendation of the committee on resolutions. That resolution was as follows:

"The republicans of Nebraska disclaim for the party any sympathy with custodians of public money found guilty of the betrayal of sacred trusts. Without impugning the motives of the governor in any case, we deprecate any exercise of executive clemency tending to create the false impression that the republican party is disposed to condone the wilful embezzlement of public funds under any circumstances, and we request the immediate recall of the parole of Joseph Bartley."

The writer knows something of the sentiment behind that resolution. It was not the people should fear to show the "dis- nearly so much a matter of party loss or courtesy of demanding that their executive gain as it was a protest against an impending public calamity. It was adopted by a vote of 988 to 168. It will be noticed. however, that the convention did not impugn the governor's action. Neither did the public at large. People had been willing to wait and see, trusting to the governor's honesty and good judgment. That he resented the action of the convention and smarted under the humiltation that he forced upon himself by his unnecessary plea for Bartley, goes without question, and the Hub does not doubt that it was in a spirit of "playing even" that he finally ssued full and complete pardon. This is the least that can be said in explanation excuse for elemency by comparing Bartley's of his act, and if there is anything in this sentence with that of Mosher, the infamous theory, the fact remains that he was moved by ignoble motives and a base passion, and that he is not fitted in any sense whatsoever to occupy any position of great responsi-bility in the service of the state. The well known fact that a large sum of money has been at the disposal of any executive who would pardon Bartley, and the fact that he has been pardoned, naturally give rise to ugly suspicions. The Hub does not, however, share in them. Indeed, it cannot conceive how an executive could be corering travesty on justice." What of the rupted in such a manner, in a case so notorious, and carry the weight of the thing upon his conscience until his dying day. It prefers to believe, and does believe, that the governor acted in spite and anger, and ciety? Two wrongs never make a right, in a spirit of revenge, finally bringing his disordered mind to believe that he was

# BUSY WEEK FOR COMMITTEES

Both House and Souate Wait for Reports on Various Billa.

PENSION APPROPRIATIONS ABOUT READY Hearings on Cuban Reciprocity Are to Be Begun Wednesday-Ship

Subaidy Bill Soon to

Reappear.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 .- The really important work of the house of representstives, saide from the Nicaragua bill, is still in the committee stage, so that there is little of importance to be considered during the coming week. Monday will be given to hills affecting the District of Co-After that the pension appropriation bill will be passed. Although this witness a greater display of activity in

The ways and means committee has a few minor bills on the calendar, for the redemption of revenue stamps made worthless by the repeal of certain features of ing the week are the Nicaragua canal bill. the war revenue act. With the disposal of these bills there will be little to engage the attention of the house and there promises to be several periods of adjournments during which time the committees will complete the largest measure to be brought

The chief interest of the week will center in hearings on Cuban reciprocity, to begin at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. before the ways and means committee. The hearings will continue for several days, and it is expected that General Wood and others prominent in Cuban affairs, as well as the interest opposed to reciprocity, will address the committee.

# Senate Lacks Definite Plan.

The senate is still without any definite plan of action for the future, and the indications are that the present week will not involve any serious issues, so that ters of importance on the calendar, but west, died today in this city at the home

will probably adjourn for the week.

Among the measures which there will be an effort to get out of committee durthe Philippine tariff bill and the ship subsidy bill. The indications are that the BRICKLAYERS' UNIONS Nicaragua bill will be reported practically as it passed the house and that the shipping bill will not be materially amended but the republican leaders have practically decided to make a material reduction of the tariff on Philippine exports. It is not probable that the discussion of either of these questions will begin for some time. The utmost that is to be expected in that direction is a preliminary arrangement for consideration.

Which of the measures will receive first consideration, is not yet determined, and for precedence. All three measures are likely to be debated at considerable length when taken up in the senate.

Death of Rev. Charles L. Hamilton. CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Rev. Charles Letcher measure carries about \$139,000,000, it fol- the senate committee rooms than in the Hamilton of Sauk Center, Minn., one of lows the department estimates and does senate chamber. There are very few mat- the prominent Episcopal ministers of the

federate army during the civil war. He occasion of his visit to this country. Comwas born in 1828 and is survived by the ing as he does, the personal representative widow and one son.

#### MEET Tradesmen Will Convene in Annual Session for Some Import-

ant Business.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 12 .- The thirty-sixth nnual convention of the Bricklayers' and Masons' International union opens here on Monday. Delegates are arriving on every train and when the sessions are opened 350 delegates, representing 582 unions, twenty-two of whom are in Canconsiderable rivalry is likely to develop More than 70,000 workmen are members ada, are expected to be in their seats. of the union.

One of the important actions expected to be taken by the convention will be a movement for an eight-hour work day. A proposition will also be made to affiliate with the Federation of Labor. Reception for Prince Henry.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 .- At the White

after a brief explanation of it usually enough to engage attention for a few hours of his son, Rev. W. B. Hamilton, rector House tonight it was stated that no arfollows promptly. ton was a brigadier general in the con- tion of Prince Henry of Prussia upon the of the emperor, he will be accorded the nonors due his high rank. His mission, it is understood, will bring him to Washington probably as the guest of the German ambassador.

# Raise Point of Legality.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 12 .- The point has been raised that the federal parliament of Canada was not legally called last year on account of the proclamation summoning it being issued in the name of Queen Victoria, and before parliament met the queen died and King Edward VII reigned. It is contended that a new proclamation should have been issued under the king's name. The minister of justice, David Mills, says that parliament was summoned under the great scal and therefore no new proclamation was necessary.

# Over Hundred Mark.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Jan. 12.-Mrs. D. B. Stamp celebrated her 198th birthday today at her home near Finchville. She is in full possession of her faculties and spends much of her time in spinning.

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