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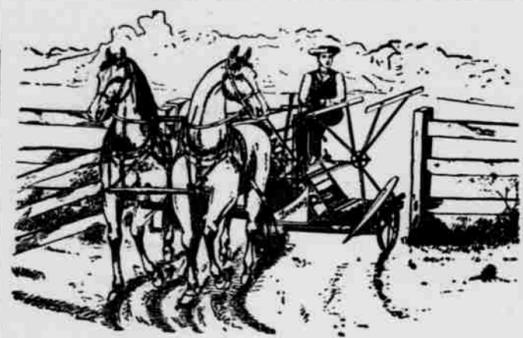
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THE NATION'S BIRTH.

Seven years long was the bow
Of battle bent and the helighting
Storm-buffs convulsed with the throes
Of their uncontrollable lightning.
Seven years long heard the sea
Crash of maelstrom and wave borne thunder.
Then drifted the cloud-rack a-lee.
And new stars were seen, a world's wonder.
Each by her sisters made bright.
All binding all to their stations.
Cluster of manifold light:
Startling the old constellations;
Men looked up and grew pale:
Was it a comet or a star,
Omen of blessing or a bale,
Hung over the ocean star?

Stormy the day of her birth:
Was she not born of the strong,
She, the last ripeness of earth,
Beautiful prophesied long?
Stormy the days of her prime:
Here are the pulses that beat
Higher for perils sublime
Making them lawn at her feet
Was she not born of the strong?
Daring and counsel belong
Of right to her confident eyes;
Human and motherly they
Careless of station or race,
Hark! her children to day
Shout for the joy of her face.

God of our fathers, Thou who wast,
Art, and shalt be when those eyes
Thy secret presence shall be lost
In the great light that dazzles them to doubt,
We sprung from loins of stalwart men,
Whose strength was in their trust
That Thou would make thy dwelling in their dust,
And walk with them a fellow citizen
Who build a city of the just,
We, who believe Life's bases rest
Beyond the probe of chemist test,
Sift, like our fathers, feel those bases,
Sure that, while lasts the immutable degree,
The land to human nature dear
Shall not be unbelieved to Thee.
—James Russell Lowell.

Editorial Notes

It will be thirty years next Monday since the battle of Gettysburg. The Civil War is rapidly becoming ancient history.

MR. F. S. TATHWELL, who made the Colony Free Press an excellent paper, has sold it to Messrs Dickerson & Curritt, who have our best wishes.

THE suspension of Dr. Briggs doesn't seem to suspend. At any rate the directors of Union Seminary have continued him in the chair of Biblical Theology as heretofore.

JOE GOODYKOONTZ has started the Coffeyville Telegram. A fellow with a jolly, good humored name like that ought to be able to get lots of fun out of the newspaper business.

THE Pop. papers have demonstrated that they will swear for Governor Lewelling, and lie for him, and fight for him; but even the most devoted of them have not yet published his poetry. They draw the line there.

DICK MORRIS was appointed Collector after all, in spite of the fusion protests. And our good friend, Col. Bill, has gained a ton. Dollars to doughnuts, though, that he wishes he were as sure to save himself as he seems to be to save others.

A. H. NICKERSON, who was an officer in the Federal army, describes in the July number of Scribner's Magazine, "Two Visits to Gettysburg." His article contains one of the most realistic descriptions in war literature of the sensations of a wounded man on the field of battle and during his long journey to recovery.

POULTNEY BIGELOW, who has witnessed all the grand manoeuvres of Germany during the reign of William II., and who enjoys the special confidence of the Emperor, writes entertainingly of the German army in Harper's Magazine for July. The article is illustrated by fifteen spiritlike sketches by Frederic Remington, who studied the German soldier thoroughly in company with Mr. Bigelow.

It is reported that the farm laborers of Kansas are going to organize a union for the purpose of securing an increase in wages to the amount of \$30 a month. It will be interesting to observe whether or not the next People's party convention endorses and approves this effort of the "oppressed laboring men" to secure a more equitable share of the products of their labor from their "plutocratic employers."

It is announced from Washington that at the present rate of action, 17,064 old soldiers in Kansas to whom is now paid \$2,145,680, will be "purged" from the pension rolls during the coming year. That is to be Kansas, contribution toward the "economical" policy of the Cleveland administration. But we hope nobody will kick. When we vote for a "chang," ought we not to have it?

SOME impertinent fault finders are asking for the names of just two or three real farmers, out of the 100,000 who voted for him, whom Gov. Lewelling has appointed to any of the 2000 good offices in his gift. The answer has not come yet. He has appointed bankers and preachers and teachers and editors and lawyers and money lenders, but the farmers seem to have escaped his notice. He probably thinks that they ought to be satisfied with the privilege of voting for him.

THE Paola Spirit (Dem.), has been diligently inquiring into the matter of Populist State officials putting their relatives in places on public pay and finds that the present State administration in all its branches has fifty-one wives, daughters, sons, uncles, nephews, aunts, brothers-in-law and cousins holding different jobs on State pay. This does not include Senator Peffer's family appointments. The

potism begins with Governor Lewelling and extends through every office, except Judge Allen's on the Supreme bench, down to Dick Turpin Chase, Warden of the Penitentiary, who has his wife, son, daughter, sister-in-law and nephew all quartered on the State Treasury.

A GOOD many people in Kansas can remember the time when Republican rulers of the State removed Prof. Canfield from the State University because he refused to teach Republican dogmas of political economy.—*St. Scott Lantern*

O no they can't, because it never happened. The "Republican rulers" raised Canfield's salary to the highest limit their funds would permit to induce him to stay, and it was with the greatest reluctance that they accepted his resignation when he was called to the Chancellorship of the University of Nebraska, at a salary just double that he was receiving here. The "Republican rulers of the University" never employed or refused to employ or dismissed a Professor on account of his politics.

THE Kansas City fire company which went to London recently to appear at an international gathering of fire fighters, has covered itself all over with glory. And yet it is steeped in great bitterness of spirit, because the Londoners insist on referring to it as "the team from Kansas." "Somehow or other," writes a member of the company to the Star, "Somehow or other the papers here persist in putting us down as Kansans; they won't be corrected but invariably set us down as 'the Hale team of Kansas.'" That is rather aggravating, to be sure, to the proud-spirited Missourians, but it is perfectly natural on the part of the Londoners. All the world knows Kansas. Who, outside the United States, ever heard of "Poor old Missouri?"

THE Miami Republican prints in its last issue a mighty pretty story about George Higgins, which would be remarkable if true, but the Republican knows that it is false in every particular with the exception that George drew a revolver on one of the Populist Department sergeant at arms of the Dunsmore House, and was laughed at for his pains. George demanded admission to Representative Hall and was refused. He said "My name is Higgins," and was told that that was not remarkable. He then drew a revolver and was told to shoot if he dared, but that he could not be admitted, and he was not, it's a pity to spoil so nice a story but truth demands it.—*Paola Times*.

IF the story referred to is the one which was first told in the REGISTER some weeks ago, then every word of it is true. We know, because we were there and heard it the day it happened from two or three men who saw it all. The Times' version of it is about as close to the truth as the average Populist paper comes. Anybody who knows George Higgins knows off-hand that there isn't a word of truth in it. George never bluffs; but when he has a full hand he plays it.

THE socialists and anarchists of Chicago carried the State of Illinois for Grover Cleveland and elected a Democratic governor. They have their reward. On Monday Governor Altgeld announced the unconditional pardon of Fielden, Schwab and Neebe, the anarchists convicted in 1889 for complicity in the Haymarket riot. He not only pardoned them, but he used 17000 words defending them and denouncing the judge and the jury who convicted them. It is a sorry spectacle. A foreigner, elected to the highest office in a great American State, pardoning three other foreigners who were convicted by an American court of a deadly assault upon American institutions! Doesn't it seem as if it were nearly time to renew the old battle cry, "America for Americans?" This much at least should not escape notice: It was a Democratic Governor, the first Illinois has had in a generation, who committed this outrage. It ought to be a lesson to that State which would be remembered through another generation.

NEW LIGHT ON SILVER.
The government of India has ceased the coinage of silver.
That is the most momentous and significant announcement, touching the silver question, that has been made for a long time. It seems to us that it must inevitably dispose, for the present, of any serious and well grounded agitation for free coinage on the part of the United States. Next to our own country, India is the largest user of silver in the world. Of the 152 million ounces, which was the world's product last year, the United States purchased 54 millions and India 45 millions ounces for coinage purposes. The adoption by this country of free coinage, now that it has been discontinued by India, would mean that practically all the silver in the world, available for use as money, would be unloaded at our mints; and that could mean nothing else than disaster. It would simply mean that we were to pay out our gold for the world's silver as long as the gold lasted. And then find ourselves with no currency but silver—for which we had paid \$1.29 an ounce but which we would be obliged to sell for 75 or 80 cents an ounce. In other words the United States would be reduced to a silver

basis and thus placed at the mercy of every other commercial nation on earth. For proof of this observe the operation of the present silver law. During eleven months the Secretary of the Treasury paid out 40 millions of silver certificates for silver bullion, and during the same period 47 millions of these certificates were returned to the treasury for redemption in gold. If there is so great eagerness to exchange silver at its bullion value for gold, who can measure the rush there would be if we should suddenly adopt free coinage, springing the price from 77 cents to \$1.29 an ounce? There can be no possible doubt that such a policy would soon drive every dollar of gold out of our treasury and leave us floundering with a debased currency which had cost us nearly twice its real value. Free coinage for the United States alone, at the old basis, would certainly be the rankest folly.

One of two things, it would seem, must result from this new Indian policy. Either the nations of the world must agree upon a new ratio which will place silver upon a parity with gold and thus bring it into universal use; or it must by common consent be dropped entirely out of use except for subsidiary purposes. Surely the United States cannot continue its present policy with the whole world arrayed against it.

IT WILL NOT PAN OUT.
Next year the straight Republican, prohibition, woman suffrage end of the party will put out a State ticket. The Populists who are also for prohibition and woman suffrage, will be going it alone on the State ticket. Anti prohibition Republicans and anti-woman suffrage Republicans will join the resubmission Republicans in nominating a State ticket. The Democrats will fuse with this last named party on an anti-prohibition, anti-woman suffrage platform, in the belief that this combination will carry the State.

A resubmission Republican who is well known in the State will be nominated for governor and the remainder of the State ticket will be made up of Democrats and Republicans.

This is official.—*El Dorado Republican*.
It may be official; but it will never pan out. There will be no prohibition Republicans next year, nor anti-prohibition Republicans, nor female suffrage Republicans nor anti-female-suffrage Republicans, and above all there will be no Democratic fusion Republicans. But there will be about 200,000 great big Republican Republicans. They will nominate a ticket of new, clean, brave men. And they will put them on a platform that doesn't pander to anything nor dodge anything, that doesn't equivocate or palter or apologize, but that speaks straight out the principles which all Republicans, which all patriotic lovers of Kansas, must endorse.
The Republicans who went out into the open and made the fight last year, are not going to desert or sink or bushwhack next year. They will be all together and they will be in the middle of the road.

A TIMELY AND WELCOME DEATH.
It is a great relief to every newspaper man who has any pride in his business, to know that the Lawrence Record has been sold to Frank Webster and will be consolidated with his Gazette.

The Record pretended to be a Republican paper, but it was really the personal organ of J. B. Watkins who started it and ran it to make war on his enemies, meaning thereby nearly every decent and honest man in Lawrence. Watkins is a little dried up Democratic Englishman who sold his soul to the devil a great many years ago for money. The devil has kept his part of the contract and Watkins is keeping his. He is rich; and he hates everybody and everybody hates him.

The only time he ever got beat out of any money was when he went up to Topeka last winter to buy himself into the Senate. "He wants to learn politics," the boys said "and he might as well learn it in one session as in two." And so they milked him. There never was a time when he could have had three votes. They actually made him believe that he lacked only one of election, and he could have that one if he would "cough up" a few hundred more. His candidacy was the one touch of humor in all the tragedy of that gloomy session that made everybody laugh. He was the only man who took it seriously. It was the softest snap the boys had for a long time.

Of course a paper run by such a man couldn't be anything else than a bushwhacker. It had neither honor nor courage, for it would sneak up to a man under cover of friendship, stab him, and then run away. It continually attacked the party it pretended to support, it was false to the principles it professed to espouse and it betrayed every man to whom it pledged its allegiance. The only good thing to be remembered to its credit is that it cost J. B. Watkins a pile of money.

Frank Webster will combine it with his weekly Gazette and will make a good, straight, clean Democratic paper which will deserve to make as much money as the Record deservedly lost.