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Candidate John Morehead isn't the pink of manly beauty or the epitome of human wisdom, nor does he claim to be. He doesn't handle the English language as well as the average college professor. In these things he is much like the rest of us. However, from this distance we fail to perceive any scars on the noble brow of Governor McKelvie, caused by wearing of a laurel wreath. There isn't any question but that better men than either of these candidates reside in the state, but they wouldn't take the governorship as a gift. Voters are compelled, under the primary system, to choose their candidates from among those who file for the place, and the best men do not need to seek political offices of this size. As between Morehead and McKelvie, The Herald unhesitatingly chooses the former. The infamous code bill, by means of which \$2,000 clerks were advanced to \$5,000 positions, and the expense of state government increased without compensating increase in efficiency, was forced through the legislature and crammed down the throats of Nebraska taxpayers, who were denied even the opportunity of a referendum upon it. Even were the code bill what its maker claimed, the method of securing its passage should disgust every voter who believes in the principles of a democratic government.

MOONSHINE

The class in apologetics is still in session. The subject under discussion is the fifteen-gallon keg of homemade hooch that Sam Melick delivered to Phil Bross, republican state secretary of finance. (Phil is the man who made up the budget under the code bill. He estimated the expenses about a quarter of a million too high, and when the money was appropriated and not spent, claimed credit for saving it.) The democrats have been very kind to the republicans concerning the incident, but the latter are worried about it. They realize that an explanation is due, and when the democrats fail to demand it, give it anyway. Not only that, but when the explanations do not read exactly right in print, some republican scribe thinks of another one. To date there have been half a dozen apologies for the incident devised, and no two of them have been alike, and not one of them has had the right ring to it.

Affidavits were submitted showing that S. M. Melick, former sheriff of Lancaster county, former chief of police of Lincoln, and until last summer an agent of the law enforcement division of the state, left a fifteen-gallon keg of whisky seized in the Langley raid at the home of Phil Bross, former private secretary to Governor McKelvie and now head of the department of finance. Mr. Bross said that it was left at his house, but that the next day he turned it over to Gus Hyers, state agent for law enforcement. He said also that it was of very poor quality, unfit for drinking purposes, and intimated that he had figured on using it as a liniment for the rheumatism of a female relative, the stuff, despite its vile taste (Phil must have tasted it) being valuable as a liniment because of its high alcoholic content. He didn't explain why, having decided at first to use it as a liniment, he then turned it over to Mr. Hyers after only a day's trial.

The State Journal, feeling that perhaps this explanation doesn't explain, then took a hand. "The law

provides," this newspaper ponderously states, "that liquor taken in prohibition raids shall be placed in the custody of the officers. It is clear that some more definite provision should be made for keeping liquor when it is wanted as evidence and for disposing of it finally, after it is no longer needed for that purpose. There is nothing illegal in the carting of a keg of moonshine whisky by one law officer to the home of another law enforcement officer of the state. The fact that it was turned over to Mr. Hyers on the following day is reassuring."

It would have been reassuring, had not Mr. Bross made mention of the value of the stuff as a liniment, and of its vile taste, which unfitted it for beverage purposes. These remarks show that the keg was not intended to remain simply over night. Of course there is nothing illegal about it—both of them were law officers, but to the average man, or woman, voter, the second explanation is as laborious and strained as the first.

Other explanations are just as far-fetched, but someone occasionally thinks of a new angle to explain the matter and rushes into print with it. We are told that the charge is silly, because if Phil Bross wanted whisky he would have got good stuff instead of moonshine. We are told by another that it's all campaign bunk. Our advice to our republican brethren is to let well enough alone, and if the democrats do not take it up, to let it die. The democrats are remarkably charitable, it seems to us.

The paving work proceeds in fairly rapid fashion, although brick are not coming in as fast as formerly. If the good weather keeps up just a week or two, the Alliance paving will be completed before the snow flies. Already the contractors are planning to finish up this year, even if they have to wait until the first snow flurries melt, but present prospects are so rosy that the first of November is set as a tentative date for the completion of the contract.

Remember the dates of the Catholic ladies' bazaar at the Roof Garden, Oct. 25 and 26. Dancing. 93

At a meeting of the directors of the chamber of commerce, held this noon at the Alliance hotel, the chief item of business was the appointment of a committee to secure a room and make other arrangements for a weekly luncheon of members and directors. A greater effort will be made to interest the lay membership of the organization, and these weekly luncheons, it is believed, will be one step in the right direction.

September 30 has been set as the day for the hearing on a petition asking the appointment of a guardian for Alfred Vaughn, bachelor farmer living near Hemingford, who attempted suicide some weeks ago.

George Gadsby, Chester Rodgers and John Snyder are among the Alliance men in attendance at the state Odd Fellows convention now in session at Hastings. They left Sunday night.

County Judge Tash has set November 11 as the day for a hearing in probating the will of Clyde Lanham, at which an administrator will be appointed.

Orvil Buck is spending a few days in Alliance visiting friends.

Hell!

You sometimes hear, "It's cold as hell," "Tis often said, "It's hot as hell"; When rain pours down, "It's hell," they cry;

It's also "Hell" when it is dry; "We hate like hell" to see it snow, "It's a hell of a wind" when it starts to blow—

Now, how in the "hell" can a person tell Just what is meant by this word "hell"?

That married life is "hell" they say; When you come home late there is "hell to pay"—

"Hell, yes," "hell, no," and "The hell you do," "The hell you don't," and "to hell with you"

And "what in the hell" and "the hell it is!" And "To hell with that," and "To hell with this,"

And "Who in Hell?" and "Oh, hell, where " And "what in hell do you think I care?"

The "hell of it is," and "It sure is hell"— And still we don't know what in hell is hell.

—L. A. Low, in Elks Bulletin

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32x4 1/2	37.05	44.30	34x4
33x4 1/2	38.10	45.65	32x4 1/2
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