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NEWSPAPERS AND THEIR BIRTHDAY

Newspapers have a rather foolish habit of celebrating their birthdays by calling attention to their age, and boasting of their lusty condition, just as though the public is interested in their prattle, and is concerned in their teething and other infantile experiences, or even the things that accompany a maturer age.

If the public has any interest in a newspaper it is in what the newspaper is, not in what it has been or will be, and whether the paper is one or ten years old is a matter of very little consequence to the reader. One of the oldest, if not the oldest daily newspaper published in the United States is the North American, of Philadelphia, and it is one of the poorest and most tiresome of the generally indifferent papers published in that city.

The COURIER was started just eight years ago, and with this issue enters upon its ninth volume. Following the example of some of our contemporaries on a like occasion we might look back and say that since THE COURIER first appeared the grass has disappeared from the streets of Lincoln, to be replaced by brick and cedar blocks, that electric street cars have been introduced, and other metropolitan frills adopted—all the result of agitation by THE COURIER.

But whatever truth there may be in all this, THE COURIER will not say it. We will not work off any anniversary guff on an innocent public.

We merely extend congratulations to our readers on the fact that THE COURIER is no worse than it is, and wish them all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There is a movement on foot in this city to provide a new list of subjects for the distinguished humorist who conducts the department in the News known as "Pertinent Topics."

THE MESSAGE. President Cleveland, in his message to congress, went clear around the world and touched at nearly every port. He looks in on Chile, Brazil, Costa Rica, France, Great Britain, Liberia, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Norway, Russia, Germany, Samoa, Spain and Hawaii.

Mr. Cleveland makes evident his intention to place Liliuokalani upon her throne in Hawaii, but he doesn't say anything about re-establishing any more monarchies, and the countries mentioned above that are without a king or queen will doubtless rest in security, at least until the president has finished his job in Hawaii.

Mr. Cleveland also gives some attention to home affairs. He points out by the use of figures how the country has been going to the demitison bow-wows since he got hold of the reins of government.

He shows the discrepancy between the receipts of the government and its expenditures. He points to the national banks, and tells us that during the year forty-six went into voluntary liquidation, and 138 suspended.

And then the president tackles the tariff. He shows to the country that he is not unmindful of the effect of the "object lesson," and notwithstanding the fiery, untamed utterance of the Chicago platform, he goes clear back on the proposition that protection is unconstitutional.

He does not forget the empty furnaces, silent spindles and closed factories, and he does not counsel the overthrow of protection. All he advocates is "reform." Considering the fact that he was elected president on the issue of a tariff for revenue only vs. protection to American industry, he is remarkably mild. His customary audacity is altogether lacking.

Mr. Cleveland's message, depicting the almost unprecedented depression in business following the political revolution in 1892, and counseling in the mildest manner "tariff reform," instead of a

radical "tariff for revenue only," is a strong endorsement of the policy so adequately represented by that brilliant republican and rising statesman, William McKinley, the gentleman, who recently received such a handsome testimonial from the voters of Ohio.

ABOUT the only thing in Lincoln that hasn't felt the effect of the general business depression is the divorce mill at the county court house. It's a nip and tuck race between the decrees of divorce and marriage licenses in this county, and the judges are kept busy undoing the work of the ministers. "What God hath joined together let no man burst asunder," sounds well; but it doesn't go with the judges in this district.

LINCOLN AND HARD TIMES.

Faith in Lincoln must necessarily be intensified when it is considered what an enormous strain the city has been laboring under the past six months, and how well the city has stood the strain.

THE COURIER last week stated, and gave conclusive evidence in support of the statement, that considerably more than \$1000 a day goes out of Lincoln to pay interest on mortgages and bonds held in the east. Some little attention was attracted by this showing, and one contemporary in referring to the same seemed to find as the most significant fact in this connection, Lincoln's dependence on the east.

But there is a much more important fact made evident by this showing, namely, that Lincoln is in a remarkably healthy condition to be able to stand the pressure to which the city has been subjected since the first of last June.

Prior to that date, as we have previously stated, much more money came into Lincoln in the form of new loans in a given period than went out in the way of interest. But since June 1 practically no money has come into the city, and nearly if not quite a quarter of a million dollars have gone out in just one form, and that too in a period when business of every kind has been at a standstill. There has been no money made during this time; but the \$1,000 and over a day, has been sent east just the same, and while people have been and are pressed for money, business embarrassments have been remarkably few.

All things considered Lincoln has made a most creditable showing in the last six months. It has been made apparent that there is something solid and substantial back of Lincoln's growth, something that can be depended on in the time of adversity. Had Lincoln been distinctively a manufacturing city, the hard times would have worked a much greater hardship on the people. As it is there have been no big plants to close down on a moment's notice throwing two or three thousand men out of employment. The smaller concerns have not made any material reductions, the jobbing business has suffered but little, and Lincoln has met the storm with a brave front, and come out of it with colors flying.

Lincoln, most favorably situated in a great agricultural country, has the most solid foundation in the world.

The basis of this town's prosperity, and the assurance of its future development, may be found in the hogs and corn that come from Nebraska farms, and other like products, more valuable than gold or silver. These things have built up Omaha and Lincoln and Nebraska, and given solidity to the business interests of the state, and will make this town, the natural focus and distributing point for the state's marketable products, one of the most solid and prosperous cities in the country.

Agriculture is conceded to be the one sure foundation of prosperity, and the fertility of Nebraska's soil is an impregnable safeguard from the evils that must now and then afflict communities that depend on mining, or manufacturing or some other cause for their existence.

Here in Lincoln we have agriculture to begin with, and are rapidly securing a wholesale business and manufacturing industries that are making this town a most important commercial center.

THE NEWS continues to manifest commendable zeal in the movement for lower taxes, and if the other papers will take the matter up, and all pull together it is possible that important results may be realized. The taxes in this city are unmercifully high and the improvements are not notably excellent. A very large portion of the money is absolutely thrown away in useless extravagance, and at a time when private business is being rigidly overhauled and put on an economical basis, it is altogether fitting that some of the fancy and expensive frills in the cities business affairs should be lopped off. No man should be elected to the city council next spring who will not pledge himself to a policy of low taxation.

There is no question but that the sentiment among the heaviest taxpayers of the city is favorable to the dismissal of the remaining asylum cases. The best legal talent of the city has declared that in no instance would a conviction result, and if, as it appears, the only reason for further prosecuting the cases

is for buncombe only, it is time that the force were stopped. It may be fun for some people; but to the citizens who have to pay the taxes it is decidedly tiresome. The county has already incurred an expense of over \$6,000, with absolutely nothing to show for it. In a law suit as in everything else it is a pretty good idea to have some slight assurance of success before you go ahead. In the asylum cases the result is a foregone conclusion, and Mr. Woodward might as well quit. The county attorney is given credit for making an earnest effort to convict in the cases already tried, and those cases were regarded as the strongest of the lot in favor of the prosecution. Where then is the use of proceeding any further in this farcical undertaking?

It is about time now for somebody to state that all that is the matter with the country is a want of confidence.

MINOR NEWS.

W. E. Burlingim, for many years a resident of Omaha, has decided to cast in his lot with the residents of Lincoln. Mr. Burlingim is a brother of Mrs. W. Q. Bell, and through visits here has already formed a large circle of acquaintances. The occasion for Mr. Burlingim's coming to this city grows out of his purchase of the stock of books and stationery formerly owned by the Clason & Fletcher Co. He proposes to conduct the business at the old place on O street. THE COURIER is pleased to see this business continued in good hands and predicts a successful business career for him.

Mrs. Barr Parker very pleasantly entertained eighty five poor children for dinner Thursday. They all seemed to enjoy the tempting food set before them and many thanked the hostess for remembering them. Mrs. Olive Davis, Mrs. Frank Brownell, Miss Bessie Perry, Miss Whitmore and others assisted in carrying for the little ones.

NEWS NOTES.

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