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THE B. & M. BRIDGE CASES.

The Wabash Weekly News is responsible for the following, which explains itself:

The bright young corporation lawyer who was elevated to the bench of this district, Mr. Field, will have some time for sober reflection over the decision of the supreme court over the decision of the B. & M. bridge tax case. He was so certain that the law of the case was with the company that he would not even allow a jury to consider questions of fact involved, but summarily ordered a verdict for the company, without leaving their seats. If the young man has any self respect it must have been sadly wounded by the terrible rebuke that was couched in the supreme court's decision. His hasty and abrupt action when the case was before him gave strong color to the general belief that he was put forward for the judgeship as a corporation creature, and the decision given out by the supreme court seems to confirm that belief as a fact. The young man had better do penance awhile. There is room for reform in his conduct.—Plattsmouth Journal.

And the newspapers which also thought the Judge was right and that the commissioners were foolish in appealing the case, have they had time to repent? If we remember rightly when those resolutions were adopted by the County Alliance, urging a repeal, and criticizing the rulings of the Judge THE PLATTSMOUTH HERALD cried out in agony at the idea of the tax-payers criticizing the actions of a judge of a high court, or in any other way interfere with the verdict the jury was compelled to render. Time and the supreme court makes all things right, Judge Field and THE HERALD notwithstanding.

In reply to this we quote for the benefit of the News just what this paper did say, and that our neighbor may again know exactly where THE HERALD stood on "the bridge cases."

It was the harsh criticism of the Alliance expressions in a resolution implying dishonesty upon the part of the judge that the HERALD objected to. If a judge of a court is to be charged with dishonesty every time he commits an error of ruling upon questions of law there would be no courts left in the land entitled to respect. THE HERALD thought Judge Field made a mistake and was willing and anxious that the supreme court of the state pass upon the matter and correct that mistake. On the evening of Dec. 13, 1887 in reporting the case the HERALD made the following comment:

MR. ROSEWATER AND SUBMISSION. The announcement is made by the friends of Mr. Rosewater, of the Omaha Bee, that he is leading the anti submission lobby at Lincoln.

It would be a moderate estimate to say that two-thirds of the voters of this state are in favor of the submission of a prohibitory amendment by the present legislature. And yet here is Rosewater who is constantly howling about the wishes of the people not being satisfied etc., not only prostituting his paper but taking the field in person, and for what? For the purpose of attempting to bulldoze the legislature into preventing the people from having an opportunity of expressing their views through the ballot box in this, a limited to be one of the live questions before the country. Persons who in times past have been accustomed to giving Rosewater credit for a certain amount of sincerity, will certainly have their eyes opened. For the lowest depths of practical depravity has been reached when a newspaper becomes the willing tool of the Whiskey Trust and Saloon Keepers association. It seems that this great paper of the people (?) has detailed a couple of its creatures to go over into Iowa to write up prohibition in that state. What has the failure or success of enforcing prohibition in that state got to do with the right of the voters of this state to pass upon the question for themselves.

The time for the discussion of the merits and demerits of prohibition will be when the question is before the people. Some of the most earnest advocates of submission would doubtless vote against the amendment, should it be submitted. They believe in fair play. The editor of the Bee does not. He wants to say to the people of Nebraska that they shall not have the right to decide this question

A WAR with Germany is not desirable, but if it should become necessary, the first tap of the drum would raise a million volunteers, that would stand ready to defend the stars and stripes on sea or land.

THE SECTIONALISM OF FREE TRADE.

The most notable speech delivered thus far this year is that which has just been made by J. F. Hanson, of Georgia, before the American Protective Tariff League, at the annual banquet in New York. Maj. Hanson, we believe, was for years, and until recently, the editor of the Macon Telegraph, and, although one of the most conspicuous democrats of his state, is an earnest and pronounced protectionist. In the course of his speech Mr. Hanson said:

Whenever the union has been assailed, and it has been in jeopardy more than once, the sentiment that opposed it, that sought to dissolve it, was conceived in the womb, nurtured at the breast, dandled upon the knee and rocked in the cradle of free trade. This statement is true, whether tested by the nullification act of South Carolina or the Confederacy formed at Montgomery, Ala. It is true, because the philosophy of free trade as taught at present, and as always taught in this country, has been, and is, based upon segregation, upon conflict and antagonism between sections and states, classes and interests. This doctrine is contrary to the spirit of the union, which ceases to be a union in fact when it ceases to be a union of interests.

This is a strong statement, but everybody who is familiar with the political history of the country knows that it is solid, sober fact. The free trade idea has always been sectional. In the old slavery days, on the assumption that nothing but cotton could be produced in the South, it discouraged and opposed the policy which placed the northern states of the country in material and moral greatness, in advance of every other portion of Christendom. Today it seems to array the South and West against the Eastern and Central States, on the plea that the country is being robbed in order to build up and enrich the manufacturing regions, in the face of unimpeachable evidence that without the competition created by these industries which the tariff has established the South and West would have to pay far more to Europe for the commodities which they purchase than they do to the manufacturing districts of their own country at this moment.

In contradistinction to the free trade idea, the protective policy is based upon the theory that there can be no real conflict of interests between different states of this country. While free trade is sectional, protection is always, and must of necessity be, national. It aims to build up all the industries of the country not those simply of a small portion of it. The rice and sugar growers of the South find as ready and ample defence behind the barriers against foreign rivals which the tariff has erected as is accorded to the metal and textile producers of the North. Indeed to the two peculiarly southern industries named is given a larger measure of support by the laws than is extended to the average industries of the remainder of the country. The aim is to give all important concerns needing protection, irrespective of locality, a fair and reasonable amount of protection, to the end that the industries of the whole country may be fostered symmetrically, so that all the resources, resources, talents and aptitudes of the people may be intelligently and profitably developed. Against this nationalistic principle the free trade scheme wages war.—Globe Democrat.

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for themselves; that the wishes of a lot of gin mill proprietors are to override the wishes of the respectable element of society.

It is a little singular how sensitive Mr. Sherman grows when anything threatens the official existence of his bean ideal of a democratic office holder, the present county attorney; consequently, the recommendation made by the county commissioners of the state that the office of county attorney be abolished, prompts our neighbor to make an attack on County Commissioner Todd, for favoring such a movement. There is a common likeness, a similarity of tastes, a common standard of principle and morals by which our neighbor and his protegee are, alike, governed which, undoubtedly, prompts the Journal man to fly to his relief when danger threatens. The Journal has evidently found one official which it can appreciate and understand. We predict, ere long, most of our neighbor's time will be taken up guarding the official character of this wonderful protegee.

An average allowance of nerve and intelligence in the state department at Washington during the past year or two would have been worth many thousands of dollars to the American residents in Samoa, and would have spared the American nation a serious loss of prestige throughout the world. However, a new and worthier set of men assume control of the government six weeks hence.

From all appearances it is safe to say that the present administration will not risk a war with Germany. The most that can be expected of it is vetoing pension bills for the widows of union soldiers.

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