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Who wants the new office of county clairvoyant?

And now the Kearney Hub intimates that the Omaha World-Herald is a prevaricator.

Columbus people feel badly because they did not get the Smith factory and are now throwing mud at the company claiming that they were unreasonable in their demands. Nothing unreasonable about it, as between Columbus and Plattsmouth it was perfectly natural that they should choose the best town and select Plattsmouth.

The members of the editorial profession who are running democratic papers of the non-partisan brand, delight in quoting from the Lincoln Evening News, emphasizing the quotation by saying that it comes from a republican paper. The Lincoln Evening News is not a republican paper and never pretended to be. It is an independent paper and has been for years.

The Lincoln Evening News thinks that the Federal courts cannot be trusted to give right kind of decisions as long as the judges are appointed the way they are. It thinks however that the United States Supreme court is all right. Both courts are appointed by the same authority, and we fail to see the point made by the News. It maybe however that if the United States Supreme court should declare the bank guarantee law unconstitutional, the latter court would also get in bad repute with the editor of the Lincoln News.

Plattsmouth should be proud of her Commercial club. It has accomplished in the week past what will mean a great deal for this city in the future. The securing of the M. E. Smith & Co. factory for Plattsmouth is but the beginning of what will in the future mean a great deal. With its natural location and with the conditions surrounding it this city should be scene of great industry. The Commercial club has placed Plattsmouth on the map again, and with a proper "pull all together" we can make the city an important one. It is but a question of time when the hum of the factory and the work shop should be heard on every hand.

If the democratic candidates for supreme judge are in earnest about the supreme court being a non-partisan court and that partisan matters should not enter into the campaign, why are these same judges contributing to the democratic campaign fund and not donating anything for any other campaign fund. If their offices are of a non-political nature why show partiality toward one party and donate funds to assist in defeating other parties to which they do not belong but which they claim should assist in electing them. It is about time this non-partisan idea was exploded. It is nothing more or less than a democratic scheme to elect democratic candidates and many republicans are so taken up with the bait that they cannot see the hook concealed underneath.

VERY COMPLIMENTARY.

We have received a great many very complimentary notices from the press and several congratulatory personal letters from others not in the newspaper business which we appreciate very much, but the following from the Ashland Gazette and the pen of an entire stranger, we appreciate immensely:

The Daily News of Plattsmouth has been revived by the present management of the News-Herald, which has been issued as a semi-weekly, and

Plattsmouth is to have what it needs and has room for, a live, clean, up-to-date republican paper. We are glad to note that the News is of the straight republican variety and not of the namby pamby, demo-pop kind, such as we get from Lincoln. Editor Barrows is a vigorous writer, and he gets out a paper as bright and clean as a new silver dollar. He has a good field, which he shows capabilities to fill, and we both predict and wish for him unbounded success.

Two weeks more and the great questions before the people will have been settled by the people themselves, at least for a year. The campaign so far has been a peculiar one in many respects. Generally a party makes its campaign on its record, but this year the democratic party has not referred to its record, but has attempted to make its campaign on such peculiar issues that when one looks at it closely he is struck with its humorous points more than anything else. That of the "non-partisan" idea is about the most peculiar of all. How people can be worked into embracing it is more than we can understand, yet there are people who have never had any use for the democratic party who are shouting themselves hoarse over it. The democratic party is urging republicans to vote for a mixed or non-partisan court, and at the same time are asking their own party members to vote the straight party candidates for the court. If they are sincere why do they not vote for at least one of the republican candidates. It is all a game, and it is strange that some republican editors cannot see the point.

We feel very sorry that the editor of the Evening Journal should have taken so much at heart the political discussion lately indulged in between that paper and the Daily News, as to with one fell swoop erase this paper from his exchange list and sever business relations between the two papers. Outside of its political columns the Journal is a good paper and we enjoyed very much after the toil of the day was over, to pick up the Evening Journal, seat ourselves in our luxurious boudoir and peruse its valuable columns, and it pained us greatly at the thought of having to forego that pleasure and confine ourselves to the common papers which come to our exchange table. However we are feeling some better at this writing for we found that the feelings of the Journal was not so greatly damaged but that forty cents in advance put us in shape to receive the Journal as a common every day subscriber, and life is now worth living again. However we would urge the Journal editor not to indulge in political discussions any more unless he can hold up his end of the controversy with unruffled feelings.

COLUMBUS FEELS BAD.

Columbus wanted the M. E. Smith & Co. shirt factory which was landed by the Commercial club of Plattsmouth, but the Commercial club of that city was not composed of the rustling qualities which have made the club here so potent a factor in securing the new factory, and this is how the Columbus Telegram feels over the matter:

"That overall factory which was promised by the Omaha house of M. E. Smith & Co. is not going to come to Columbus just now. At first the Telegram was authorized to say to the people of Columbus that the Smith people would locate the factory here, asking no bonus whatever, their only demand being an effort on part of our citizens to secure enough laborers for the factory. Then the Smith people came out and looked the city over. They met our citizens, and found everybody ready to welcome them to this good town, when they went back home and wrote

a letter to the commercial club. In that letter they asked the citizens of Columbus to guarantee them everything, almost asking for a guarantee as to dividends on their investment. They wanted free rent, and designated the number of windows and water closets which they wanted Columbus to put in the building which they would use for a factory. They did not ask for a white bull dog to guard the entrance to their factory, but that was probably an oversight on part of the Smith man who wrote the letter to the Commercial club. And this is the end of the overall factory. Next time the Telegram announces that the Omaha Smith people are going to build an overall factory in Columbus or in any other town—well, there will not be any next time about it.

P. S.—We are hourly anticipating from the Smiths a letter in which they may ask Columbus to refund the money they paid in traveling from Omaha, and we shall not be surprised if they shall ask us to refund the postage stamps they have expended in their correspondence with the Commercial club."

FOREIGNERS NEED NOT APPLY.

In its issue of yesterday the Plattsmouth Evening Journal in an article headed "Native Born Candidates," takes occasion to "point with pride" to the fact that the democratic county ticket is composed almost wholly of native born Cass county citizens. The Journal may feel proud of this fact, but the Daily News feels more proud of the fact that the republican party, while recognizing native born citizens, feels that the foreign born citizen who comes to Cass county is just as good a citizen as any in Cass county and that when qualified to fill an office is not ashamed or afraid to give them every right that they are entitled to as citizens of the United States, whether born in this country or across the water.

The republican party is proud of the fact that it has placed upon its county ticket representatives of that class of sturdy and honest foreigners who came to the shores of America with the determination to become citizens under the stars and stripes and who appreciating the great blessing which comes to every American citizen, are in fact in every way just as worthy, just as able, just as honest, just as honorable and just as good good citizens as those who were born on American soil and have enjoyed the distinction of being native born Americans.

We defy the Journal to produce a better type of American citizenship than that of George Lushinsky, republican candidate for county clerk, or of Martin Freidrich, republican candidate for county commissioner. Both were born on foreign shores, and both came from that good Old Germany that has sent so many honest and good men to America. The Journal should remember that the type of American citizenship which come to America and affiliates with the republican party is capable of holding better positions than that of members of the police force in the cities of Chicago and New York.

There are some things that have been injected into the campaign this fall in Cass county by the Journal that ought to have been kept out, but this feeling proud of the fact that there are few foreign born citizens on the democratic ticket, is just about the limit and should be resented by every foreign born citizen in Cass county.

What little hope was left for the democrats to cling to regarding laws passed by the legislature last winter, was broken Tuesday when the Lincoln Evening News published a sensational article showing that the democratic state committee had broken the law passed in the interests of Mr. Bryan and at his urgent request, covering the paramount point made in his campaign for the presidency last fall regarding the publicity of campaign contributions before election. It is surely about time when the people of the state of Nebraska opened their eyes to the fact that the democratic party is incompetent, untrustworthy, unfaithful, unfortunate, unreliable, unparalleled, unaccountable and unbusinesslike, and undeniably up against a hard proposition when nearly all its laws passed by its only legislature for many years have been declared no good, and now their own party managers break the last one left that was of any consequence and which was passed especially to pave the way to the United States Senate for Mr. Bryan. The rank and file of the democratic party have been faithful to their leaders against repeated

unfaithfulness of those leaders. The rank and file of the democratic party have faith in the principles of that party the days of its great leaders. But under the leadership of the fellows who attempt to lead it now or in the past few years, it has been lead to defeat again and again because those leaders have betrayed the rank and file whenever an opportunity was given them to prove their right to leadership. Pie counter, not principles of democracy has been the bribe that has caused them to betray the rank and file of the democratic party. The editor of this paper has no issue with the rank and file of the democratic party. They have as much right to their belief as we have to ours, but we feel that with the record of the past before them they ought to be able to see how they have been betrayed time and again, and either vote independently, irrespective of party, or start a campaign for a reorganization of the grand party of the past on lines that would appeal to the great common people. As it is there is nothing to look back to with joy and the future has no better prospects.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

As one looks over the political situation at this time he is at once impressed with the similarity now with the conditions which have existed occasionally during the past twenty years in Nebraska. The democratic party, instead of hunting for something that would be of benefit to the people if enacted into law, have persisted in hunting for something to find fault with and then invent something that would catch the public idea after the people had been led to believe that there was really something wrong.

We can remember way back several years ago when the populist party came into existence, that the demopopo combination convinced the people that in order to get relief from the clutches of the railroads, it would be necessary to take the reins of state government out of the hands of the republican party and turn it over to them. The people listened to the cry and the republican party was relegated to the

rear. Everybody knows the result. The new fellows in power forget their promises to the people and began a mad scramble for the political pie counter which did not cease until the people seeing how they had been taken in, again put the republicans in power and the laws that would be of benefit to the people were passed.

The free silver issue which carried so many republicans away from their party was another issue which was brought out for the purpose of getting people dissatisfied with their conditions and hoping that it would land the inventors in power. It was soon found to be a flimsy article, would not stand the ravages of time, and it was relegated to oblivion. Then came other issues which passed into the political graveyard with those gone on before.

Then came up the bank guarantee scheme brought out by the small panic of a year or so ago, and it did valient service in electing a democratic legislature which convened the first of the present year. So anxious were the members of that legislature to put themselves in line for the jobs that they expected to legislate themselves into, they forgot their promises made to the people before election and spent most of their time doing everything else but keep their campaign pledges.

Finally some of the democratic members of the legislature who were more anxious to keep faith with the people than to receive political jobs, commenced an agitation for the passage of a bank guarantee bill. Consequently several of them got busy, but finding that there wasn't a democratic in the whole bunch that knew enough to draw up a bill they appropriated \$300 of the peoples' money to pay a democratic lawyer to prepare the bill which afterwards passed and was signed by the governor.

There were so many things and so many different members who had ideas that they wanted to draft into the bill that the drawer of the bill, Judge Albert, was compelled to cut out most of them in order to get one that would stand a show of passing and which would be legal. There were so many fellows who wanted their ideas put into

law that as Judge Albert put it, "I stretched it till I didn't dare go any farther," and the bill was put on its passage.

A peculiar thing about the passage of the bill was, that while they all believed that none of them were capable of drawing the bill, when it came to its passage all of them who had pet ideas wanted them put into the bill. On the floor of the house democratic members warned the radicals that they were going too far and that there would be trouble if they persisted in ejecting their ideas into it. But the lash was applied and the bill went through. The courts have decided just as the conservative members warned the radicals would happen.

Now we are confronted with with another new thing, "a non-partisan supreme court." What makes this new idea ridiculous is the way the democrats are working it and the presistency with which some republican editors are falling into the scheme. The democrats urge the election of a non-partisan supreme court, but advocate the election of all of the democratic candidates. That is, if you are a republican be non-partisan and vote for all the democrats for supreme judge. If you are a democrat, be partisan and vote for the same candidates. They are playing a "heads I win, tails you lose," game all the way through, and some republican editors cannot see the point.

Pepperburg-Carns.

Leon Pepperburg and Miss Rachel Carns were united in the holy bonds of matrimony in Lincoln, Neb., the ceremony was performed by Judge Cosgrove in the presence of immediate friends. The home was beautifully decorated with flowers and garlands of sweet honeysuckle.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Mrs. Carns and the late Lieutenant E. C. Carns, ex-lieutenant governor of Nebraska.

Leon was born and grew to manhood in this city and was graduated from the Nebraska university in 1904, and is a member of the Aecia and Kappa Sigma fraternities. He is now engaged in the United States geological survey service. They will reside in Washington, D. C.

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