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With Nebraska hogs bringing nearly ten dollars per hundred, it would seem that the farmer ought to wear that smile that wont come off. But the question is, where do the rest of us smile.

The World-Herald comes out on Washington's birthday with a cartoon representing President Taft cutting down the "Roosevelt Policies" cheery tree while Teddy stands by showing his teeth. The papers which are banking so much on Teddy raising thunder when he comes home are very liable to be very much disappointed when he gets here.

The democratic banquet which was pulled off last week for the purpose of getting together has had an altogether different effect on the members of the party. Every man has his knife up his sleeve and the prospects are that Governor Shellenberger will find that in packing that dinner for himself and his eight o'clock closing law he has made himself unpopular.

There is little doubt but that the ship subsidy bill will encounter bitter opposition. It has been reported favorably by the house committee, but by a fairly close division. There are as with most questions, two sides to it. The decadence of American shipping is a matter which ought to interest all American and if we could disassociate ourselves from some facts; if we could take the view that we are not citizens of Nebraska for instance, but of the United States and that we are directly interested in the commerce of the United States as one common enterprise, and in addition, could consider a bill which carries merely the protection, or subsidy, or what ever else it may be called, that would represent the different between the labor employed on foreign vessels in addition to the subsidiss granted by the governments under whose flags such vessels sail, somehow we believe many of us would look at the matter in a different light.—Grand Island Independent.

With the usual results, the fellows who hope to make political capital out of the Peru normal incident and the discharge of Principal Crabtree, are finding that their loud acclaim at that time was touched off just a little too soon. In making the assertion that the present board was a partisan board they were not dealing with the facts, for it has been discovered that all of the appointments made by the present board, with one exception have been that of democrats. E. O. Garrett, democratic candidate on the ticket two years ago for lieutenant governor, and a former prominent educator of the state, says that when Arthur Mullen, the present oil inspector under Governor Shellenberger drew the bill to provide for a new normal board he handed the bill to Mr. Garrett saying that bill will remove more republicans from office than any measure that has been thought of, or ever was thought of. Certainly the new board would have been a very "non-partisan" board.

The "sting of ingratitude" is being felt in more than one breast in Nebraska at the present time. The actio

of Mr. Bryan in putting his democratic friends in the hole on the county option matter has left a sore spot in every hamlet in the land. Among the number who feel that Mr. Bryan is not just exactly what he ought to be is our old friend and neighbor Douglas Shawvan of Boone county. Mr. Shawvan claims to have taken Boone county democracy under his wing, when it was sorely perplexed and by his hard work and far seeing efforts, pulled them out of the mire of despond and landed them in the winning class. In his efforts to win applause for Mr. Bryan and also to assist in landing him a three time winner of the democratic nomination Mr. Shawvan hired a whole train of cars and taking in the rich and the poor, the lean and the fat, and the halt and the blind, took them down to Denver and assisted in every way possible to win the election for his chief and place him in the presidential chair. He carried Boone county as he had promised to do. As an elector on the democratic ticket he assisted in carrying Nebraska for the man he hoped to see elected. It was not Mr. Shawvan's fault that democrats in other states were derelict to their duty. He was there with the goods as far as his influence went, but when he asked the favor of carrying the electoral vote of Nebraska down to Washington, the man who owed him much, said "Nay, nay, Oscar, it cannot was." He added insult to injury by insinuating that Mr. Shawvan had been looking upon the red licker when it shineth aright, and in no uncertain tones intimated that he was not a credit to democracy. Mr. Shawvan showed his independence by telling his great leader to go to, and Mr. Shawvan now feels that as Mr. Bryan has turned county optionist that he has followed his advice. Mr. Shawvan threatens to come out as a candidate for the U. S. Senate, and if he does, there is going to be a hot time in the democrats ranks. It is probable that Mr. Shawvan may challenge Mr. Bryan to a series of "joint" debates with Mayor Jim in the role of judge and jury.

There are those who decline to believe that Bryan's declaration for county option puts him entirely out of the running as a presidential candidate. In this class are included those who have always clung to the belief that Mr. Bryan has an insistent desire to become president, and that he is always figuring on that possibility when he takes any new step. One of these pointed out to The News yesterday that with the prohibition sentiment growing fast in the south and in the agricultural west, there is a better opportunity for Bryan to become president on a temperance issue than upon any of those in the either of the old parties. The east will have none of a western man for president, but if the south and the middle west can be cemented together on this issue the east need not be reckoned with at all. It was also pointed out that Bryan had "the courage of his interests." He insisted on running for congress on a free silver platform in 1892 against the wishes of the leader in this district, and he has gone into his other campaigns smashing things dear to some democratic hearts. All of which proves that Mr. Bryan will have a difficult job of rooting out the idea that he isn't always figuring on how he can land in the white house.—Lincoln News.

## GOVERNOR SHELDON.

The declaration of George L. Sheldon that he would not be an avowed candidate for the nomination for Governor at the hands of the republican voters and the later announcement that if the republicans of the state thought that the county option slogan would be better at at this time than his own idea of the temperance question, ought to settle the matter of a republican candidate to lead the party this fall.

Governor Sheldon would have been re-elected governor two years ago but for the unholy combination of the liquor and temperance people brought about by fraud and misrepresentation. Had the temperance people been true to their principles George L. Sheldon would have been retained in the governor's chair another term, but they allowed themselves to be stampeded by the rotten underhanded work of Elmer Thomas of Omaha and took his word that Sheldon was not a friend to temperance against the record of the man in the past. They turned down a friend for a man who had always been an enemy.

Two days after election the temperance people saw the mistake they had made, and could the election have been held over again, George L. Sheldon would have been elected governor by a large majority. We believe that the temperance people of Nebraska are in a mood at this time to rectify that mistake. We believe that if they were given a chance to again cast their ballots that they would be cast for the man whom they defeated before because the man trusted was not to be trusted, as they later discovered after the election was over.

We believe that every republican in Nebraska who regrets the defeat of George L. Sheldon, should at this time get in the harness and urge upon Mr. Sheldon that he announce his candidacy for the republican nomination. We believe that every other man who may have had his plans made to announce his candidacy, should withdraw and give a clear path to the ex-Governor for that nomination and a vindication at the hands of the people. George L. Sheldon has a record as governor that no man can successfully assail. He made a record as governor that the state has reasons to be proud of. His whole record through life is such that Nebraska and Nebraskans should be proud of, and anxious to show him that they believe in and trust him.

It is our opinion that if sufficient power is brought to bear upon Mr. Sheldon that he will consent to again make the campaign and we feel that he will be glad to make that campaign upon a county option platform. We believe that he is the strongest man in Nebraska for that nomination on account of the peculiar method of his defeat last year that he will be stronger than he otherwise would. There are thousands of voters in Nebraska who believe that George L. Sheldon was wrongfully deprived of an election which was his because of dishonest methods used on the eve of election and there are many others who believing this would assist in giving back to him that which is rightfully his.

George L. Sheldon is a Nebraska product. Born on a Nebraska homestead, reared on a Nebraska farm, educated in Nebraska public schools and a Nebraska University. He is a grand representation of what all Nebraskans should be proud of, and we believe that if the opportunity is given them to vote for him at the coming primaries that they will do so and then see that he is again placed in the governor's chair.

George L. Sheldon should not be expected to ask a nomination at the hands of the people. His announcement that he is willing to abide by the wishes of the people should be sufficient to bring from all sections of the country a unanimous petition that he again be the standard bearer of the republican party. George L. Sheldon loves his native state and is proud of her success. If the people declare their confidence in him he will again, we believe, allow his name to go before the voters. Let it be done and at once.



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## At Havelock.

The effect of the vote on the saloon question in Havelock this spring will be felt in the city of Lincoln as well as in the shop suburb. With Havelock dry it will be possible for the Lincoln excise board to so amend the famous Rule 12 as to permit common carriers to deliver intoxicating liquor to residents for private consumption only, without requiring consignee to call in person at the office of the carrier to receipt for the goods. This will tend to reconcile to prohibition the people who find it hard to say whether they dislike the saloons or Rule 12 the more. In this respect a dry Havelock will be an assistance to the success of a dry policy in Lincoln. In one other respect it may turn out to be a disadvantage. At present a thirsty citizen who has neglected to lay in a cellar supply from Milwaukee can board a street car and in forty minutes find relief in the suburb. When that surcease from sorrow is beyond reach the temptation will be strong to search for some illicit supply in the city proper. A persistent demand will develop a boot leg supply. Perhaps enough to give the city authorities real trouble in enforcing the law.

The completeness of the triumph of prohibition in its practical working since last May has been the surprise of the whole community. It will not be easy to maintain that standard without the suburban safety valve but the present city government has shown its zeal and its ability to keep the evil at a minimum. Whether Havelock goes wet or dry will be a matter of much interest in the city proper, but it will have no decisive bearing on the problem here. In one way a wet Havelock helps Lincoln enforce the law. In another way it endangers the prohibition majority because it requires the excise board to be more strict than it desires in regulating the business of the common carriers.—State Journal.

## "Partisan" — How's This?

The World-Herald, democratic, and the Lincoln Star, assistant democratic have been making a great ado over politics and partisanship in the state normal school board, much of which has been swallowed by an unsuspecting public, and all of which has virtually passed unchallenged.

What are the facts. It is important that the public should know, if it is to be the policy of the Omaha and Lincoln papers mentioned to keep the normal board in the political limelight. If they really desire something to sustain their repeated attacks they should go to the record for it. This record, of this so called republican "partisan" board would show:

First—That the board has never asked the political affiliations or church membership of any person elected to a place on the faculty of either state normal school.

Second—That this so called "partisan" board has elected Searson, Rouse, Gregg and Scott at Peru, all democrats, and that Professor Beck, former deputy state superintendent under democratic administration, and Miss Stone, a former candidate for state superintendent on the populist ticket, hold positions under this roundly denounced republican board.

Third—To put the whole thing in a nut shell, every member of the faculty

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elected at Peru in the last four years is a democrat, with one possible exception. With this kind of a "partisan" record the Hub is loth to believe that the board has been animated by politics or partisanship in requesting the resignation of Principal Crabtree. The secretary of the board declares that the politics has been injected by the principal. But, passing that, the secretary makes public a few of the real reasons for the board's action, which shed a new light upon the Peru matter. They are at least worthy of judicial consideration.—Kearney Hub.

We wonder if Governor Shellenberger will be able to again pull off the stunt of getting the two extremes of the liquor question to support him in his second attempt to be elected governor of Nebraska. The state has had a wonderful exemplification of the absent treatment in the work of the present administration, and it has led one to think that the state would probably have been just as well taken care of if there had been no governor elected the last time and the office had remained closed. Of course the state does not pay a very big salary to its governor and possibly he should not be criticised for spending most of the time fixing up the fences which were built of such rotten stuff at the time they were erected that they need continual attention. The governor will find that this year the whiskey bull and the prohibition steer will not feed together in the same pasture, but will be fighting to get through the fence for a different purpose than before.

The publication of the opinions of 179 republican papers in Nebraska favorable to the return of Senator Burkett should be evidence that the Senator is not so very unpopular after all. By a perusal of the latest

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newspaper directory just issued it is shown that there are 195 papers classed as republican papers in Nebraska. Here is a chance for the papers which were making so much out of the Chicago Tribune's newspaper vote to make a few comments on the Senator's vote in Nebraska. The talk against Senator Burkett has just about run its course and there is nothing left but the memory of it all and that insurgent uprising at Lincoln which brought out hardly enough followers to cause a ruffle of the political atmosphere. It is one of the incidents of the past which will only be remembered as an "incandescent" dream.