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The legislature of the state of New York has passed a law forbidding the sale of bird feathers for hats. This is done to protect the birds from wholesale slaughter for trimming purposes.

The new congressman from the 14th Massachusetts district how had been unable to get elected to an office while a republican and switched to the democratic party and landed in a dead man's shoes invites the insurgents to come over and join him in the democratic camp where they will find congenial company.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has been criticized considerably by those who are in the habit of knocking on everything they don't like and especially everything in connection with the present administration, because of the deficit in the postoffice department. However Mr. Hitchcock has attended strictly to business, notwithstanding the knocking and as a result is able to announce that the deficit of \$17,000,000 of last year is rapidly disappearing.

The Kearney Weekly Times has solved the capital removal question. It says that the capital should be removed because the present building is liable to fall down and a new one will have to be built and therefore it would be best to build it somewhere else. Then again the present building could be used for the state university and save the state from making any more appropriations. According to the Times if the building was used as a state university building it wouldn't fall down, but if used as a capital building it would.

Tomorrow is editors day in Plattsmouth and the town will be full of them. A few years ago such a declaration would be sufficient notice to the people to lock their chicken houses, and put an extra bull dog in the back yard. But times have changed. The average editor, and especially the Cass county native is prosperous enough now to have beef steak once a day and yellow leg chicken on Sunday and can walk up to the butcher man and lay down the coin if it does cost twice as much as it did a few years ago when meat and chickens were plenty and cord wood and turnips were taken on subscription. Chickens were also taken on subscription, but the editor had to go and get them and then burn the feathers.

The Success Magazine, printed in New York, and which is nursing the "insurgent" movement, with the hope of disrupting the republican party is sending to the weekly newspapers of the state a communication which it seeks to boost the candidacy of Congressman Norris for the republican nomination to the United States senate. We do not think that the loyal republican papers of the state will be influenced by this move. Norris is not of Senatorial calibre. He was a traitor to his party in the house and when he accomplished what he went out for, the capture of Speaker Cannon's scalp he turned tail and ran. He was too cowardly to stand by his guns and be consistent. The democratic press of the state, the Lincoln Star included, are all for Norris with the hope that this support will split and break the republican party. Nebraska has flourished under republican regime in the state and nation and it would not be well for the state to break away from the force which has fostered her prosperity. Mr. Norris has been an aid to the democratic party and an enemy to the republican party. If he wants to run for the United States senate let him do so under his own flag, or the democratic banner. It would not be consistent for him to fight under the standard he has betrayed.—Nemaha County Republican.

Mayor Dahlman in addition to wanting to move the capital from Lincoln now wants to move the penitentiary also. Lincoln could well spare the penitentiary and it might be quite a saving in mileage for Douglas county to move the pen to Omaha.

The Cass County Editorial Association which held its session here yesterday was a very successful gathering. The presence of President Ludi of the State Press Association was much appreciated by the boys and his talk during the business session was one that will be remembered with a great deal of credit to those who heard him. The banquet in the evening tendered the association by the Plattsmouth Commercial club was appreciated by the members of the press gang and the editor of this paper as president of the association desires to express to the club its sincere appreciation. The boys went home feeling that the commercial club of Plattsmouth was composed of a bunch of live boosters.

Omaha and a few other towns which have newspapers which howl for personal liberty, take great delight in poking it into Lincoln because the excise board has repealed a law down there which prohibited the saloon keepers of Havelock from doing a land office business with the dry city close by them. The Bee says in sarcasm: "Does prohibition prohibit? Of course it does. If you don't believe it. Look at Lincoln." The City of Lincoln has never objected to any resident of Lincoln drinking the stuff if he wants it. But it does object to him making a blamed fool of himself and a general nuisance to the community. If a man wants to keep it for himself, he can do so, but he shall not make somebody's else life miserable.

Two western cities, Lincoln and Des Moines, have been without a red light district for over a year. A Lincoln man who was over in the Iowa capital a few days ago says that the same opinion is held there as here, that it was a big step to lessening crime in the community. Des Moines defeated for re-election the man responsible for banishing the bawdy houses from that city, but it is explained that it was not because of this fact that he was not re-elected. These places are the natural resort of the holdup men, the burglars and other criminals. They commit a crime and seek these haunts as a place where they may spend their money and find congenial company. When these are not existing, they abandon the section of the country where they are proscribed. Nobody has contended that closing up these places banishes the social evil from a community but there is not such a tendency to scatter it as some observers insist. The truth is it is never confined within the reservation boundaries, but exists in blocks and often in residence districts. The question of control is as baffling as one as is regulation of the liquor selling, and there always will be secret places where both vices are practised. Closing up these houses, has, however, had a salutary effect along other lines.—Lincoln News.

ADVICE TO A DAMSEL.

When a damsel has a steady who's a pretty decent man, and who shows a disposition to perform the best he can; who is shy of sinful habits, and whose bosom needs no gulle, and who labors in the vineyard with a gay and cheerful smile, then she shouldn't make him promise that he'll do a seraph stunt, when they've stood up at the altar with the preacher man in front; and she shouldn't spring a lecture when he comes around to court, for a man is only human and his wings are pretty short. When a maiden has a lover who is surely making good, who is winning admiration,

who is sawing lots of wood, then she shouldn't make him promise that he'll be an angel boy when the wedding ceremony ushers in a life of joy; she should murmur: "He's a daisy, and we'll take things as they come; for a man is only human, and his halo's on the bum."—Walt Mason. (Copyright 1909)

WHY HAVELOCK WENT DRY.

There are two primal causes why Havelock returned such a stiff majority for a dry town. One is the uncertainty of how Lincoln will go, but the greater was the disgusting scenes witnessed on the Lincoln cars during the past years. Gangs of degenerate individuals, wholly devoid of a sense of decency or shame, came from the capitol, threw countless slugs of everything from alcohol to soda water into their capacious stomachs and then boarded a car for the return trip, in many cases before the liquid had begun to get in its work. The motion of the car would churn these mixtures into a life-sized and hilarious drunk before the second turn of the road—of which there are some seventeen—was reached. These cars were so numerous, especially in the afternoon and evening that it was impossible for a lady bound for Lincoln to get beyond the range of the low behavior and vile language of these semi-human swine, if, indeed she escaped without direct insult. It was to stop the visits of these degenerates and to save mothers daughters, sisters and wives from the insults that Havelock men to register such a stern protest last Tuesday. Many were so disgusted with the condition that existed on the cars that they voted dry who under ordinary circumstances would have favored the saloon.—Havelock Times.

With Havelock and Lincoln dry, Crete is the nearest wet relief for the burning stomachs of the poor debauched inebriate specimens of humanity, who have lost both means and manhood through the excessive use of liquor. It will hardly be safe for women to go to Lincoln after May 15. It may be of some advantage to out saloon keepers, but is sure to bring about a radical change in the minds of our voters. They will not stand for the conditions which have existed in Havelock, Dewitt and others near dry towns.—Crete Democrat.

STATESMANSHIP

"I will call your attention to the fact that you who love personal liberty are in great danger. You can plainly see that any body of men who will stoop to such methods as were used last week in forcing Lincoln to remain dry will finally succeed in forcing laws upon you which will be damnable in their restraint of this liberty. You must organize and fight hard or you will be defeated. There are always plenty of politicians glad to jump to the crest of a wave and ride with some so-called "reform movement," hoping thus to be elected to an office they could achieve in no other way."

The above comprises a part of a speech made by Mayor James Dahlman of Omaha, candidate for the nomination for governor on the democratic ticket and a personal liberty platform, at a meeting of the Danish club in that city which he was invited to attend. His reference of course was to Lincoln and its late action in voting to remain dry.

Is this the kind of an argument that should spring from a man who hopes to some time be the governor of a great state, or is it the vapors of a politician who seeks to jump on the crest of a what he thinks is a popular wave and ride into office. It is the argument of the anarchist who seeks to make the foreign citizen believe that the American people are seeking to put him under bondage which he hoped to escape when he left the old country and came to America. It is the same kind of argument which has been claimed was used by two members of the last legislature which was in part responsible for the doing of that mob which broke loose in South Omaha and destroyed life and property.

Such sentiments springing from the lips of a man distinguish him only as a vampire who is willing to fasten himself upon the public artery even at the sacrifice of the public life. Such utterances place him in the same category with Emma Goldman and her class of foreign thugs and insures to Nebraska a governor whose name will not begin with Jim Dahlman.

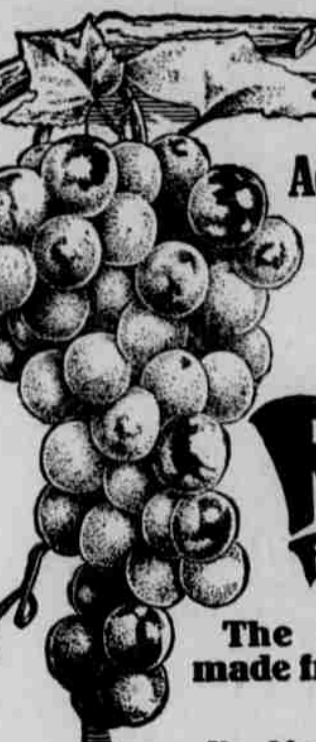
The Dog Nuisance.

We notice in the daily papers a few days since a warning, given by one of our citizens, to dog owners who allow their canines to prowl around both days and nights to the detriment to the neighbors. When the matter was called to our attention, we saw at once the pertinency of the question. This question was more than ever for-

ced upon our attention, when last evening a report was circulated that two ungainly brutes of the dog variety became involved in a combat in the postoffice lobby, at a time when the patrons of the postoffice were getting the evening mail. The result being that in the melee a little child which was with its mother who was calling for the family mail was bitten. It looks like the dog man with a sure shooting gun should get around, and prepare some of these festive canines for a dog funeral. The way they go around in gangs makes them a menace to any woman or child, and even the hair will rise on a man's head providing he has any, when he encounters them at a lonely place at night. It is said that a gang of the brutes make the night hideous near the old mill on Chicago avenue, and worry stock greatly. It looks like it was up to the citizens of Plattsmouth to get out the old "fuzee" and do some target practice, on this dog nuisance. Contributed.

Will Hold Affirmatives.

The High school debaters received a telegram last night from M. M. Fogg at Lincoln, the president of the debating league, stating that Plattsmouth will hold the affirmative side of the coming debate with Wahoo. This news was received with great rejoicing by the school pupils here, for the team is unusually strong on the affirmative side of the question, having won this side in the last debate with Blair. The meeting will take place sometime within the next week and will probably take place at Wahoo. The Wahoo team consists of three girls and it is a decidedly strong team. The Saunders county aggregation have taken the highest honors at the last two state debates and the Plattsmouth representatives will be given a run for their money in the coming debate which is to decide the championship of the district. It was noticed that Wahoo had a man in the contest Friday night to take notes on the argument, which may give them some unjust advantage.



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It's rather an interesting fact to note that all of the post office boxes at the local building are rented and there is quite a call for additional ones. At the first of the year, there were sixty or seventy of them that were not in use but the demand has been unusually heavy this spring and additional boxes would be welcomed by the citizens who have their names on the waiting list. It is a matter of doubt whether any additions or improvements will be made by Uncle Sam in his present quarters here for the new building will be commenced as soon as the necessary steps are taken and the bids accepted.

It was noticed the bids on the Columbus federal building have recently been accepted and it is getting comparatively close to home. It is hoped Plattsmouth will be the next. The new Columbus building will cost \$65,000 the work being given to a Milwaukee company.

On account of the heavy work at

the office, Miss Ruth Johnson is an employee of the government for a week.

Postmaster Schneider is in Weeping Water today to attend a wedding of his friends, Mr. O. M. Card and Miss Mabel Day.

Former Plattsmouth Boy to Wed

Myron D. Elson, a former Plattsmouth boy, is to be married next week at Madison, Wisconsin to Miss Helen von Kaltenborn. Mr. Elson was born and raised in this city and will be remembered by most of the citizens of the town. His father conducted a clothing store next door to the News office for a number of years and the family removed from the city about four years ago. The invitations of the coming ceremony have recently been received by his many friends in Plattsmouth and it will be with a kindly interest that his large circle of friends hear of the young man's launching in the matrimonial sea.

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