Shameful State of Affairs Prevalent at State Institution.

FEEBLE MINDED YOUTH NEGLECTED

Sickness and Death Among the Inmates of Home for Feeble Minded Youth at Beatrice-Situation in General is Deplorable.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 29, 1900. Incompetency is gettink in its deadly work at several of the state institutions. It is indeed a crying shame that the poor, unfortunate people of the state who are helpless to protect themselves from results of ignorance and abuses should be thus treated. Governor Poynter has placed these institutions in the hands of spoils-hunting politicians and the result is that everything is demoralized and the unfortunate inmates are suffering to that extent that in some instances death follows.

The following correspondence between Mrs. S. A. Brown of Homer, wife of the chairman of the democratic county central committee of Dakota county, and Dr. B. F. Lang, exsuperintendent of the Home for the Feeble Minded Ysuth at Beatrice, throws a strong light on the sad conditions prevalent at that institution: "Homer, Neb., Oct. 15, 1900.

"B. F. Lang, M. D., "Beatrice, Neb.

"Yours of the 10th addressed to Mr. Brown is at hand. He will consider its contents and weigh it in the new light that has developed in our case, and let you know as requisted.

"You no doubt know that we visited the Institute Oct. 8th and the result of that visit is not yet known, only to us. What we found there, God alone knows. Dr. Lang, I want you to ascertain the true condition of Charlie when you left him and his condition during the two previous months. For how long a time has he been in failing health? Do you know if he had 'the spells' daily or menthly? Some of his attendants should know about this. We were never told one word about him being in a failing condition, but expected to find him in his general good health, considering his disease, and we found a total wreck, and I am very much in doubt as to whether it is the result of only two or three weeks of neglect and abuse. When we got there that morning we had to wait one hour before he was brought to us and when he was dragged in by two men his father could not believe it to be our Charlie. He was wasted and unable to sit up, blue and cold, fresh from a cold bath in a cold room. Fifteen minutes after I got him into a bed he was in a raging fever. Dr. Lang, I believe you to understand enough of humanity to realize our feelings at such a discovery. Charlie had developed lung fever and his body is covered with bruises and cuts and on his back is a deep festered sore. Is it possible, I ask myself, that this is all the sinful, wicked neglect of the new administration? We have had the best skill in the profession to examine him and all agree that his physical condition is the result of neglect. He has the next thing to pneumonia, lies helpless and has one hard spell after another. In the building that cold morning there was no sign of fire

"Well, Charlie has come home to die and if it takes the remainder of our lives we expect to hunt this thing down and find redress, not in political barterings, but it shall be paid even as he has paid the price for this sinful neglect-in the flesh. Dr. Lang, I request this of you: Write us all you know of his condition as I asked you. Two days before we reached there a letter came here that our child was in his general health and good condition. Dr. D- had not even known that he had been down sick. The whole town and surrounding country here are aroused and indignant over this shameful discovery. Dr. Maxwell of Dakota City and Dr. Way of Wahoo were the first to examine him. We did not expect

"Dr. Lang, I pray you, give this your attention. It is too late for Charlie's sake, but it may be the means of saving some other helpless soul. In faith, I am yours.

(Signed) "MRS. S. A. BROWN." The foregoing brought forth the following reply from Dr. Lang, who, by the way, has long been considered one of the strongest men in the fusion

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 18, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Brown: Dear Friends-I received the very sad statement about your little son whom you were obliged to take away from the Nebraska Institution for Feeble Minded Youth at Beatrice, Nebraska. I am not surprised at your statement, and I am sure that the taxpayers and voters of Nebraska will not be surprised either. Only a few days of neglect of the poor, unfortunate children at the Institution will cause, not only what you describe, but death. You will be astonished that two have died at the Institution within a week, so reported by attendants. Miss Wagener, an attendant, who died last Tuesday, wanted to quit the morning I left the Institution, but I advised her to remain to care for the inmates if possible. If a strong, vigorous person like ditions and neglect, need you be surprised that your weak and afflicted little son would be found in the condition described in your letter. Not only these, but I am informed that others are now confined to their beds with low forms of fevers. You ask me if his condition could have been the result of three or four weeks' neglect? It could have been even worse with the neglect of only one week. Your sons visited the Institution while under my charge, and you know how well pleased they were with your little son's condition, and you, about June, visited and was granted every privilege and invited to investigate every department. You had Charlie with you for two days, not in basement rooms, but were have. Dick Croker, its chief, came to chagrin and humiliation of his poputreated as every father and mother should be, in the guest rooms of that | years, with no other way of accumu-Institution. You know his condition when | lating a fortune than by fraud and | Kentucky and you understand my po- | United States senate I will labor with you visited him in his ward at night and | the spoils of office in New York City, | sition, and immediately a motion was | all my ability and energy to promote

voters of this state.

The voters of the state of Nebraska kave the only remedy to correct these evils in our state institutions, by electing legislators and a governor who will not be led by hungry political pie hunters. Any further information I shall be glad

to give. Yours very truly, BENJ. F. LANG, M. D. (Benj. F. Lang, M. D.) A MANLY DENIAL.

Hastings, Neb., Oct. 22, 1900. To the Public:

A circular letter has been issued and circulated throughout the state of Nebraska by the Anti-Saloon League of this state, which states that the republican nominee for governor pulled off a prize fight in the city of Hastings, during the month of September, 1899, during the street fair carnival. The facts are as

The Street Fair Association, by William Dutton, its president, Fred Renner, secretary, William Brach, treasurer, and the committee on miscellaneous sports, of which Mr. Dietrich was only a member, decided to have a sparring and wrestling

contest. A contract was entered into for a sparring contest with six ounce gloves and for points only. The ministers of the city, having been misinformed, understood that there was to be a prize fight. A committee of ministers called upon the officers of the association and with the mayor of the city investigated, and the contract was shown them and they, themselves, aproved of it, provided the contract was lived up to. It was a matter entirely in the hands of the association and nothing that could be charged up to Mr. Dietrich personally.

J. D. MINES, Sec. Miscellaneous Sports. WILL M. DUTTON, Pres. WILLIAM BRACH, Treas. FRED RENNER, Jr., Secy.

I have read the above statement and vouch for the correctness of the statement and positively assert that there was no prize fight held, but a sparring centest was held under the terms of the con-JACOB FISHER,

Mayor City of Hastings, William Dutton, who is one of the persons whose names appear above in exonerating and clearing Mr. Dietrica of all personal responsibility, is one of the most substantial business men of Hastings and heavily interested in Omaha, being a member of the firm of J. H. Hainey & Co. Mr. Dutton is also a member of Governor Poynter's

William Brash, another of the signers, is a democrat and is a member of the firm of Walbach &Brash, one of the largest business houses in the city of Hastings.

J. D. Mines is now and for years has been treasurer of the city of Hastings and is a highly esteemed cit-

The fusionists have scattered lies and falsehoods broadcast about Charles H. Dietrich. They are conducting a campaign of villainous deception. Every time one of these false reports is investigated it is invariably found to be untrue. It would be a gross injustice should Governor Poynter be elected by voters who have been influenced by false reports concerning Mr. Dietrich. Poynter's public record is that bad that falsehood could not make it worse. His management of the state institutions has been shameful in the highest conceivable degree. It would be a public misfortune to re-elect him and continue the reign of politicians over affairs of the state two more

SURRENDERED TO TAMMANY. Bryan is the first democratic candidate for the presidency, from Tilden to Cleveland, that ever surrendered to Tammany. All the other candidates on the democratic ticket have manfully refused to recognize Tammany. Tammany has always claimed as the price for its support the right to control and distribute all the federal appointments in the state of New York. No man of high moral standing would consent to such an illicit compact and the result is that for years Tammany has failed to take concentrated interest in the national elections and has confined its efforts to preying upon the metropolis. It was Grover Cleveland's stubborn fight against that iniquitous organization that led that sturdy old democrat, General Edward Bragg of Wisconsin, speaking in the democratic national convention, to romark: "We love Cleveland for the enemies he has kept aloof from Tammany Hall, David B. Hill, one of the leading democrats of the_nation, only a few weeks ago in a public speech denounced Tammany as "a monster of vice, ignorance and persecution." Hill at that time was making a speech in support of Bryan, but that did not stop him from placing the brand of vicious iniquity on Tammany. But along comes Mr. Bryan, the man from Nebraska, the "reformer" of reformers, and startles the honest men of all parties by riding through the streets of New York with Boss Croker as a companion and following it up by proclaiming in his speech in Madison Square Garden that same evening: "Great is Tammany, and Croker is its prophet!" Other democrats less loud in their professions of decency than Mr. Bryan have refused to have anything to do with Tammany, and Mr. Bryan's action in this respect will not only cause many of his adherents to view the aspect with disappointment, but will strengthen belief in the accuracy and

truthfulness of other reports concerning him which many have been slow to believe because of his supposed integrity. The simple fact of the matter is that the bargain between Bryan and Tammany has been struck and everybody with any knowledge of polities knows the consideration. In this as in all other respects Bryan and his advisers brush aside the logic of experience and history. It is a matter of history that Tammany's most destructive influence in national politics Tammany supported a candidate in times past has been enough to turn chastened sentiment against him. The record of the organization is so pregnant with iniquity that its opposition is the strongest certificate of character any candidate or any party could the position a poor man, yet in a few you know that I would gladly assist you. nobody has dared to deny these dras- such issue before the people. Had ble or poor.

corruption of this organization was so openly manifest that denial was useless. For years it has had its tentacles fastened upon the government of New York, with the result that it takes \$90,000,000 per year to maintain municipal government in that city, or nearly one-fifth of what it costs to run the entire government of the nation. Tammany is not in politics for its health. This is the organization that has made its truce with Mr. Bryan. Tammany's support has always been an element of weakness, and with a record shaking under the weight of its own rottenness it must continue to that great city, but he will lose the the state high up in the thousands. It is quite apparent that Bryan has knows as well as anybody that public support by Tammany in national campaigns will defeat any ticket. But Croker is looking out for 1904. He is bent on defeating David B. Hill at that time, and he must in order to succeed have control of the municipal machinery of New York City. Cunning politician that he is, he has laid his plans well. Disastrous as the alliance with Bryan will be to Bryan it is the only hope Croker has of retaining Tammany's grip on New York City. Should Bryan be elected Croker would of course be the power behind the throne in state if not in national affairs, but his eye is set on conditions four years hence. But how will Mr. Bryan's "reform" friends in Nebraska view this latest performance? Will they calmly yield to the party lash, or will they resist the affront? In other words, will they uphold a candidate who "reforms" by going over to the enemy bag and baggage? The popocrats profess to favor honest and economical government. How can they reconcile this profession to the alliance between Bryan and the most subtle, corrupt and iniquitous political organization this country has ever known?

NOT AUTHORIZED. It develops, however, that Darnall's use o fthe Anti-Saloon league to promote the candidacy of Governor Poynter is absolutely without authority.

Frank Carpenter of Omaha, vice president of the league and a member of the Carpenter Paper company, one of the largest establishments of this kind in the west, when asked if the league had authorized Darnall to take action against Mr. Dietrich, said: "Positively no. I regard Mr. Dietrich as being a thorough and substantial business man and good citizen. I feel confident that no better, safer or experienced man can be found. I know Mr. Dietrich well enough to know that the temperance cause is perfectly safe in his hands, and safer than it would be in the hands of some who just at cerned about it. I regard Mr. Dietrich as being one of the very best citizens and a man neither politicians nor schemers can control. He will do what he thinks is right regardless of

consequences." SOLD OUT TEMPERANCE. In an interview with Dr. Lang upon the position taken by Governor Poynter and his friends towards the temperance people of this state, he said: "I was chairman of the York county populist delegation of the state convention which nominated W. A. Poynter in 1898, and it is amusing to note the position that the friends of W. A. Poynter have taken and the arguments they are using that the 'temperance people of the state should not vote for Mr. Dietrich as against Mr. Poynter. I was an ardent supporter of Mr. Poynter's candidacy in 1898, as I believed there was a demand at that time that a man of temperance reputation be nominated. I remember well the long and tiresome siege that the populists had at that time in Lincoln persuading the democrats that Mr. Poynter was a fit person to become governor of the great state of Nebraska. Many of the populists who formerly were republicans, and some of us who had affiliated with the prohibition people of the state, were inmade." It is a matter of history that | clined to stay by Poynter at all hazhonest democrats everywhere have ards, as we were informed that he was a temperance man. We could not understand why the democrats should have been so persistent in their opposition, after agreeing that we should designate the man for governor, but Poynter, being an unknown factor to many of the populists, they were inocrats insisted that they would not suport a man whom they had any suspicion was tainted with prohibition personality. The fight was long and hard and lasted until the wee hours of morning. When the convention adjourned a committee was appointed to see if they could not agree upon some other candidate or some future I remember that the celebrated Edgar Howard, who is now running for congress in the Second congressional district, held the honorable position of chairman of the democratic party at that time. At the Lindell hotel he stated, when asked why the democrats were holding out | ple. against Poynter, "that of all the hard things in this world for a democrat to do was to take water from a populist convention." This statement gave away the whole thing and the populists renewed their courage and were determined, after being refreshed, that they would go back and fight it out. When the populist convention had convened a stampede was made to throw Poynter over the transom. This was planned and encouraged by the democratic allies and a few delegations of the populists who had opopsed Poynis its support. The mere fact that ter's nomination. Seeing that nothing could be done the democrats de- favor such legislation as will protect manded that Mr. Poynter should appear at their convention and make crimination by corporate monopolies, clear his position toward the temper- but at the same time am opposed to ance people of the state and whether any legislation that would prevent he were tied up with them. He appeared before them, and, much to the | honest investment. list friends, who had stood by him a period of thirty-seven years, is a sutfrom the first, he said: 'I am from ficient guaranty that if elected to the your testimony is worth everything to the he is already several times a million- made that they endorse his nomina- the welfare and material prosperity of aire. Tammany has been for years re- tion, and it was carried with a whoop. the state and nation and will always

tic impeachments. The thievery and this been the last of the matter the peopulists and temperance people of the state could have forgotten the entire deal. The least that could be said about it at that time was that he was a very weak man or he never would have yielded to the demand made upon him. Nothing else could be done at the time and the different elements composing the fusion forces It will be observed, therefore, that | rallied and congratulated themselves, believing that he would straighten up and show his mettle later in the campaign. Among the different elements tha composed the fusion party wera the prohibition people who desired to express themselves and to have recognition. They were allowed to ratify be. By this alliance Mr. Bryan may and to congratulate Mr. Poynter upon and will secure the slum element of his nomination. He assured them that they had his sympathy, but his fusupport of decent democrats, which ture actions disappointed them. When will send the republican majority in they asked the privilege of placing his name and that of Lieutenant Governor Gilbert at the head of their ticket, been tricked by Boss Croker. Croker | having been led to believe that they sympathized with them, upon he temperance issues of the day, they were refused this courtesy. The prohibitionsts have not to this day forgotten the cool reception Poynter gave them, and although he and his supporters are out slandering Mr. Dietrich, the candidate of the republican party for governor, and holding up their hands in horror, warning the people against any supoprt that he may receive, it will not have much weight with those who remember the deceit and doublehanded deal that he made at his nomination in 1898. The argument at that time that h eknew that if he allowed his name to go upon the prohibition ticket would lose him many votes, clearly shows the character of the man. The fact alone would not have much significance had the matter dropped there, but his association and the recognition that he has given to the worst element in the political arena of any party in this state will not only condemn him with the prohibition people, but with all respectable peo-

> "The malicious and uncalled for attacks made upon Mr. Dietrich and falsehoods that are continuously circulated have already reacted, as it is simply another deal to mislead honorable people and to cover up the actions of Poynter and the fearful weakness that has shown in recognizing an element which cannot be tolerated by respectable people. His appointees of the Fire and Police commission of Omaha stand out as a warning to every respectable man that he cannot be trusted in any manner in the future. One of the hardest fights ever made in this state, that common decency and respectability should have a standing in our state institutions, was at Beatrice, when investigation showed that the whisky bottle was the sole cause of the disorganizing elements. When Governor Poynter was obliged to face the proposition he chose rather to stand by the bottle, stating that it was purely democratic and and should have recognition. What was equally as bad was his appointment of Walter Moise, a notorious liquor dealer at that

"I am not surprised, at the present time, that the only recommendation that he is seeking is to slander and blacken the character of his opponents. Governor Poynter's reputation and standing toward the temperance people is considered in the same light as his reputation for truth and veracity is by those who have had dealings with him during his executive career. There is not a county in the state but can be found many men of his own party and former supoprters who are absolutely obliged to admit that his word is absolutely worthless.'

LINCOLN, Oct. 26.-Up to date but one candidate for the United States senate has petitioned the secretary of state to place his name on the official ballot. Under the law the voters may at the polls express preference for United States senators. The names of candidates are printed on the ballots without a party designation. Nearly 10,000 voters signed petitions asking the secretary of state to put Edward Rosewater's name on the official ballots, which was done according to law. In this connection Mr. Rosewater has made the following appeal to voters:

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In proof of my sincerity as an advocate of the direct popular election of senators I have appealed for an expression of public sentiment under the constitutional provision by having my name placed on the official ballot at the coming election. While standing upon the declarations of the republican party in its national platform, I am committed also to certain reforms which in my judgment are demanded in the interest of the American peo-

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My career in Nebraska, which covers I am very sorry, my dear friends, that galed in the public prints and de- To say that the populists were embar- hold myself accessible to every citizen you found your afflicted little boy in such | nounced from the public rostrum as rassed by the position he had taken of Nebraska who has a claim upon my a condition and if I could be of any help a monster of vice and corruption and mildly expresses it, as there was no services or time, no matter how hum-

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