

SOME LAWS THE PEOPLE WANT

Suggestions to Legislators From a Number of Our Correspondents.

MR. FOSS HAS AN ENTIRELY NEW SCHEME.

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CURTIS, Neb., Dec. 27.—To the Editor of THE BEE: The necessity for new parties often arises. Whenever the political party which has control, or its opponent, does not seem to take up new issues as the necessities of the times demand, political revolutions and revolutions take place.

Perhaps not more than three within the last 200 years have there been such a demand upon strong political parties as during the last two or three years, both parties shutting their ears and giving no heed whatever to the popular demands.

On this account the so-called alliance party was obliged to take into its own hands, at the last election, the relief of those who needed it. The alliance party has been successful in Nebraska as far as votes are concerned, but this winning means nothing, unless, as a matter of fact, they go to work and carry into execution the promises which they have made and which gave them support at the election.

No one questions what something is needed to help the people of the state of Nebraska. The means, we are farming state, and every man in who has any interest in the state, I care not how small or great that interest may be, is dependent for success or failure upon the success or failure of the party which he supports. It is, therefore, a duty of every citizen to be very careful, should be conservative, and every move it makes should be made after due consideration of the rights and interests of the whole state.

The great drain that has come to our people by reason of the large amount of money loaned to the state, and the heavy interest cast as interest upon the debts which the farmers of the state are obliged to pay, is a heavy burden upon the people.

The plan can be carried further, and ought to be so that congress would take it up and pass a law whereby national banks could be authorized to use these bonds as a basis of circulation. Then within the state of Nebraska there would be money enough found to take up all of these bonds, and thus the people of Nebraska would be able to borrow, but the lenders also, to a great extent, the money which is drained never returns to the state.

I simply suggest this plan for I believe that it is a plan which is suggested in that it may induce argument, and that, crude as it is, something perfect may be fashioned out of it; that good may come from it, and that it may be utilized, to a certain extent, for the benefit thereof.

I have recently read a book which was written and published by John N. Cunningham of Chicago called "The Usury Question." I think the last chapter in this book should be read by everyone who has a mortgage on his farm to be paid off. For the facts and figures in regard to the same I refer you to the book.

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CURTIS, Neb., Dec. 27.—To the Editor of THE BEE: It will be but a few days when the people of the state of Nebraska will be face to face with the state legislature. I will on this occasion take the privilege of expressing my sentiments on the different questions that affect the material interest of the people of the state.

It seems very impracticable to enact a stringent law in reference to the usury question. As sure as such a law is enacted the capital will leave the state for better locations, and the indebted farmers will be in a far worse condition than they are now, which is bad enough. They will be deprived of any extension on their loans and will be compelled to make their payments if the property is actually worth it.

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In no other way would the state and members be safe from loss. It makes the borrowers interested in each other's loans so that the members of the association would not allow their members to borrow money from the actual value of the security offered, so the association would be able to carry all those who have entered through misfortune to be default in their payments, so it would be to the members' interest to see to fair valuation.

There could be no loss to the members that paid up promptly as they would be entitled to each one to his proportionate share of the earnings of the association at any time his shares of stock would become par or by advancing the money to pay off his mortgage.

It may be a good plan to have the bonds issued upon the security given by the Saline county association and other associations, which are approved by the state made non-taxable. This, however, is a question to be thought of and upon which there might be a good deal of difference of opinion.

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and immense agricultural products deems it necessary that a western state of her type should be well represented at the world's exposition. All her sister states are making preparations for their exhibits and immense appropriations are being made to improve the fair.

Nebraska at the World's Fair. Through the courtesy of Mr. Euclid Martin, one of Nebraska's social reformers to the world's fair, The Bee prints herewith a copy of the proposed law which that gentleman is working to induce the legislature to approve.

A bill for an act to provide for a presentation of the products, resources and possibilities of the state of Nebraska at the Columbian exposition, to be held at the city of Chicago, Ill.

Whereas, by an act of congress, the United States president has provided for celebrating the 40th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, by holding an international exhibition of the products, resources and possibilities of the states, territories and possessions of the United States, in the city of Chicago, Ill., in the year 1892;

And whereas, provision has been made by the United States president, and is invited to participate in said celebration and exposition; and whereas, the location of the exposition is so near Nebraska's door, and environments so remarkably auspicious to presenting to best possible advantage, and advantage to the state, in the exhibition of its products, resources and possibilities, and thereby extend invitation to capital and population to engage with us in expanding the wealth and greatness of the commonwealth;

Be it enacted by the legislature of Nebraska: Section 1. That for the purpose narrated in the foregoing preamble, and to defray the necessary expenses thereof, there be and is hereby appropriated from the state treasury, from funds not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, to be expended as follows:

Section 2. That within ten days from the passage of this act the governor shall appoint a state commission, to be known as the "Nebraska Columbian Exposition Commission," consisting of six members, two from each of the three congressional districts of the state, and to be selected from each of the three political parties, namely: The Democratic, the Republican and the Prohibitionist.

Section 3. That the commission shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the duties of commissioner when from any cause his principal may be unable to perform the duties of commissioner.

Section 4. That the compensation of each commissioner shall be \$100 per day for each day actually devoted to such official service as duty may require, and in addition, actual mileage and expenses while on duty, to be computed while en route to and from place of meetings or points of work. Compensation to be paid from the appropriation provided for in this act.

Section 5. The term of office for each commissioner and alternate shall be from date of his appointment until the date of the Columbian exposition at Chicago, Ill., and the term of the state work in connection therewith, not to exceed ninety days from the date of the closing of said Columbian exposition at Chicago.

Section 6. That within ten days from the passage of this act the governor shall appoint one commissioner and one alternate, a man of known experience and of acknowledged fitness and qualification for the duties of such office.

Section 7. The term of office of the commissioner shall be the same as provided for commissioners and alternates. He shall devote the whole of his time, during the term of his office, to the duties of his office. He shall have control of all details pertaining to the exhibit at Chicago, its arrangement, installation, transportation, erection, dismantling of the same, and a general supervision of the executive council, and the state commission. He shall be ex-officio member of the state board of agriculture, and vote only in case of a tie. He shall receive a salary of \$5,000 per annum, payable quarterly from the funds provided for in this act, and in addition, he shall receive expenses to be computed in like manner as that provided for the compensation of state commissioners. He is hereby authorized and empowered to employ such clerical and other force as he may find necessary for the successful prosecution of his duties.

Section 8. The president of the state commission shall be its disbursing officer, through whose hands all moneys drawn and expended must pass. He shall give bonds to be approved by the governor in a sum not less than \$100,000.

Section 9. The governor shall, at the earliest convenience after the passage of this act and the appointment of the commission and commissioner general, establish, at all above named places, a list of the names of the owners of all lands and interests therein, and the amount of the taxes thereon, and the amount of the interest on the kind of security offered.

In reference to the taxation of property at present, it is an injustice to the people and impedes the prosperity of the farmers. Railway companies should bear a just proportion of the burden of taxation, and their property should be taxed in the same manner as other property. If the personal property of the individual is assessed at one-third of its value the personal property of the state should be assessed in proportion. In order to regulate the railway rates a law should be enacted fixing a maximum freight rate, which should be based on the cost of production, so the producer can realize some profit from his produce that is transported to market. The proposition to abolish the tax on the property of the state should be repealed, and for the best interest of the state, it has not seemed inclined to regulate the rates for the welfare of the masses of the people, but to have a revenue rate established by the legislature. The appropriations that are made for the expenses of the state can be greatly reduced by the abolition of the tax on the property of the state; that of last year was greater than necessary and creating an extra tax on the property of the state.

It is essential that the Australian ballot system should be adopted. There are great advantages to be derived from the proper enforcement of that system. The elections to individual candidates is reduced. There is no interfering at the polls of bribery and intimidation. The purity of elections is promoted, and it is indispensable that the system should be employed by this state.

We demand a revision of our insurance laws, and the abolition of the present "Sinking fund" law, which is a burden upon the people. This branch of public business shall be superintended. These lawless companies do business in utter defiance of the statutes, and it is more than just that the people should demand that they conduct their business lawfully. The vast amount of property that is treated under their protection deems it necessary that they should be responsible and established with authority from the state.

The independent party being in the majority, it will devote its efforts to the modification of their wild and incompatible theories of legislative reform and come down to the general business interests of the state and conduct only those bills that are feasible, expedient and for the best interests of the whole people. It is important that all legislation on the subject of statutory prohibition should be disseminated from the minds of the next legislature, after the people of the state have repudiated it by more than 40,000 majority. The proper enforcement of the present "Sinking fund" law will be more beneficial to the welfare of the people than the advice of the prohibitionarians to place such an onerous tax on the people.

A JEWELRY STORE ROBBERED.

A Glass Broken and the Goods Taken From the Show Window. Burglars broke into Theodore Wolfe's jewelry store at 704 North Sixteenth street Sunday morning about 4 o'clock and stole a watch and some other small articles of jewelry that were in the front window. The thieves did not enter the store, but simply broke in the plate glass in the front window and reached for the goods from the outside. Mr. Wolfe awoke at 4 o'clock and after looking around the store he went back to bed without discovering his front window was broken. He was awakened by a loud noise and when he awoke Mr. Wolfe, who then discovered his loss.

AMUSEMENTS.

"Carmen," with Corinne in the title role, drew an immense audience to the Boyd last evening and judging from the frequent recalls, the audience was quite well satisfied with the burlesque. It is surprising what a hold burlesque has upon Shakespeare people. The critical lover of the theatre, the student of Tom Robertson's dramas, the admirer of Dumas, are all to be found in the theatre when a clever burlesque holds the boards, and then comes a comedy of the very best and still worse machine poetry is just as pronounced as the less cultured class, who go to burlesques for pure recreation and innocent amusement.

"Carmen" is beautifully mounted, the costumes are rich, and the chorus is made up of very excellent voices, a somewhat unusual thing in burlesque.

Corinne is still the same sprightly and vivacious young woman theater goers have seen for years, but her voice is becoming more and more worn as the evenings and the times are not very far distant when the young star will have to retire from the stage for a long rest, else lose it entirely.

Her imitation of Carmenita's Spanish dancing was one of the pleasant features of the evening. Her partner, who is exceedingly graceful, and she throws into the number an enthusiasm that is very refreshing.

Mr. Bernard Dillon makes an excellent "Carmenita" and possesses a fine baritone voice, a handsome and a very agreeable man with admirable discernment. His "Torvador" from Bizet's magnificent opera, was a well merited double encore it received.

The female portion of the cast is generally very acceptable. Miss Roberta Crawford playing the dashing young lover, Don Jose, very delightfully. She sings well and dances well and makes an excellent foil to the petite Corinne.

Other specialties are introduced which brighten the performance considerably, which taken all in all is exceedingly enjoyable.

The Palace Billiard Tourney. W. E. Wagner and Harry Parrish collided at the Palace billiard tournament in the presence of a large crowd of spectators. Parrish was the victor, and the score was as follows: Average, 25-6; best run, 14, 14, 12.

Hebrew Educational Entertainment. The entertainment given yesterday afternoon at the Omaha commercial college by the Progressive United Hebrew Educational association was well attended by many of the leading Hebrews of the city.

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A Child Poisoned by Handling a Mouse Caught by a Cat. WELLSMAN, Ia., Dec. 28.—Little Harry Yocler, aged three years, took a mouse from his pet cat. Shortly afterwards the boy became suddenly sick. His eyes swelled and shut and he suffered terrible agony. He was fed a quantity of sweet cream and a doctor summoned, who pronounced him dangerously poisoned. After twenty-four hours of suffering the boy was finally saved. The doctor says in handling the mouse he got the cat's hands, which he cut through with its battle with the mouse. Ordinarily the bite of a cat is harmless, but when after a mouse for its dinner it is as deadly as a rattlesnake.

Selah Chamberlain Dead. CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 28.—Selah Chamberlain, a well-known railroad man, died early this morning, aged seventy-eight. He was the great uncle of J. M. Chamberlain, the famous beauty, whom he treated as his own daughter, having no children and being extremely wealthy.

Death of M. A. Dauphin. NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 28.—Dr. M. A. Dauphin, a native of Alsace-Lorraine, and for twenty years president of the Louisiana lottery company, died at his residence in this city this afternoon, aged fifty-three.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. B. J. Fulton of Phillips is at the Barker. C. N. Gurley of Philadelphia is at the Murray. H. C. Stuart of Des Moines is at the Mill road. L. C. Sparks of Valentine is at the Merchants. G. Lester of Rapid City, S. D., is at the Barker. Frank P. Ireland of Denver are at the Paxton. J. F. Howell and wife of Denver are at the Paxton. George W. Kellogg of Sioux City, Ia., is at the Casey. Lou Wessal of Lincoln is at the Murray. E. A. Sutter of Chicago is in the city, at the Casey. W. B. Sheldon of Hastings is in the city, at the Casey. C. E. Meyer of Milwaukee was at the Mill road last night.

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Four Masked Men Held Up a Store-keeper Near Gainesville, Tex. GAINESVILLE, TEX., Dec. 28.—Four masked men entered the store of J. A. Moss in Sivil's Bend, on Red River, twenty miles north of Gainesville, in this county, last night at 7 o'clock, and held up the store-keeper, who was alone in the store at the time, and made him throw up his hands. They then tied him down and gagged him and proceeded to rob the store, securing several hundred dollars in cash and a lot of valuable merchandise.

Two Hundred Men Drowned While Trying to Escape from the Ship. LONDON, Dec. 28.—The loss of life through the burning of the Shanghai near Wu-Hu, China, was much larger than at first reported. The earlier advices received stated that the crew, consisting of about sixty natives, together with several European officers, were supposed to have met death either in the flames or subsequently by drowning while attempting to escape from the burning vessel. The number of lives lost will amount to over two hundred, and they all lost their lives by drowning. A terrible panic occurred among the Chinese passengers and crew as the alarm of fire was heard, and the panic increased when the flames spread beyond the control of the fire engines.