

It is already more than proven that this organization is doing excellent work in the development of home production in the State and no town in the state has developed its manufacturing business more in the last six years than Nebraska City.

An Omaha paper last week dilated at some length upon the fact that crime was greatly on the decrease in that city and yet this same paper recorded a record of one shooting scrape, three assaults, two cases of wife beating, one case of abduction and at least a dozen minor offenses not including the every day record of plain drunks, the records of the protected gambling houses in that city and the stone front castles that make up the protected streets of the city given entirely over to the fallen women who find in Omaha a place of permanent habitation. It is a matter of congratulation that Omaha is lessening its volume of crime but there is room for the good work to go on.

The latest political rumor to come down from the metropolis is to the effect that Mr. Rosewater has concluded that the republicans will ignore his recommendations and nominate Tom Majors in which event rumor goes on to state that Mr. Rosewater has expressed a desire to be made himself a republican candidate by petition in which event he is confident that he could carry several counties in the state.

The State band benefit given by the Lincoln base ball club last week was an entire success financially and has gone far toward making the solidity of the band assured. The mustering in of the band as the second regiment band in the Nebraska National guards is yet another step in the right direction and there is every evidence that the people of Lincoln, generally, are going to see to it that the best band in the state shall remain a permanent organization for the capital city.

Again is this community regaled with a war between the water department and the mayor and the string of vetoes is being reeled off again. The water commissioner called for extra help and the council heard and responded to the call and appointed W. C. Lane as collector in the office, to all this the mayor interposes his veto.

A profitable question for all parties to ask in this connection is if in all city departments the pay roll cannot be curtailed during the coming six months. There are over-laps in practically every fund already and it is two months yet before the new levy becomes available. Is there a department in this city but what could be safely acted upon by the pruning knife of economy? Some of the council who uphold the veto of the collector in the water department assert that there are two tappers doing practically nothing but drawing their salaries and that one of them might do the collecting and then not be in danger of sun stroke from over work.

It is only a short time since the city voted a hundred thousand dollars to take up floating indebtedness. Would it not be wise for both the mayor and council to cease bickering over one little office and enter upon a work of reducing the salary list in all departments instead of building up a debt for future refunding?

EDITOR COURIER:— I notice that Student did not like your remarks on Doctor Holmes' performance at Crete. I heard the doctor lecture there on Monday the 9th; and endorse every word you said in regard to that gentleman and his views.

He poses as a friend of the laboring man, and by that means gets the sympathy of many well meaning people. He had noth-

ing to offer for the benefit of labor in that lecture. The gist of his theme was denunciation of the capitalist as a robber bent on reducing the income of the laborer, that he might enrich himself.

Now whatever hurts capital hurts labor, and visa versa, and the man who creates hostility between those two classes, is not the friend, but the enemy of labor, the more so if he argues from false premises, as did Dr. Holmes. Some good and able friends of labor, believing that the system is perhaps wrong, have advocated profit sharing, and co-operation as a solution of the problem, and they have been tried in England and in some of the states with good results, and are growing in favor.

The difference between Dr. Holmes and those is, he is destructive and they are constructive. At the quiz meeting on the afternoon of the same day, his reply to the questions asked were neither clear, frank or intelligent. When asked if he sympathized with the Chicago strikers, who were destroying property, stopping travel and business, causing suffering and loss of life. "I pray for them every day." His prayers were for the criminals who were violating law, not for the innocent victims of their outrages. When informed that such talk as his was what led to strikes and anarchy, and was responsible in France for the assassination of Carnot. He replied that the reason Carnot was killed was because he wanted things to remain as they were. This answer betrayed the man; it was such a speech as Santo might have made. Carnot, who did so much to solidify the French Republic, and gave his people a noble and peaceful rule, appreciated by the French masses and honored by every European nation, according to Dr. Holmes' anarchistic theory, was only a man who wanted things to remain as they were. That was enough of Dr. Holmes for me. Is it not sad to see ministers and college professors applaud such rot, and the managers of the Chautauqua assembly hiring such a man? Let us hope that this folly is only a transitory fad among some educators, or what could we hope of good citizenship from our universities.

A WORKINGMAN.

HE ARBITRATED.

"Papa, I love Reginald, and I will marry him. Nothing you say can"—

"Very well, if you want to marry without my consent, you can try living on his salary."

"Papa! You shall consent! If you don't I'll I'll—strike. I'll do my piano practice at 6 in the morning, and I'll tell ma about those poker chips I found, and I'll—"

"Hold on, Sis. hold on. Can't we—can't we arbitrate this thing?"

DURING THE STRIKE.

"My darling," he said, "I have brought you a present as a token of my love. Can you guess what it is?"

"A diamond ring?" said Mabel.

"No dearest."

"A necklace?"

"No love," said the young man, as he produced a large dark object from his coat pocket and held it before her glistening eyes.

"Better than that—it is a potato!"

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