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MR. LAMBERTSON is preparing an article for THE COURIER on the development of gold mining following the depression in silver.

JUDGE SCOTT, of the district court in Omaha, may not be crazy but his conduct on the bench furnishes a strong basis for such a presumption.

OMAHA is preparing to boom. Lincoln continues to display the utmost enthusiasm in doing nothing. Why can we not have a Commercial club or something that will stop the progress of dry rot that is making rapid headway in this city?

A NEWSPAPER that is honestly endeavoring to do its duty toward the community, that is earnestly trying to prevent the looting of the city treasury by dishonest contractors and subservient officials, meets with many discouragements.—The News.

We might put it a little differently and say: The donkey that prides itself on its bray often discovers that nobody pays the slightest attention to its noise.

THE Breckinridge case, as it develops, does not make Miss Pollard appear in the best possible light. In fact, about the only thing that can be said in the woman's behalf is that she has not made the high moral pretensions which so distinguished Colonel Breckinridge. Neither one of this precious pair is deserving of sympathy. The theatrical manager who offered Miss Pollard \$500 a week for twenty weeks, intending to exhibit her in much the same manner that Barnum displayed his What-Is-It, had a proper conception of her character. His offer ought to have included the congressman.

THE latest fad is to march to Washington at the head of 10,000 or 100,000 men and demand something. A movement is on foot in this city to organize an army of 10,000 persons and proceed to the capital and demand among other things, the immediate restoration of good times, the removal of Bank Examiner Griffith, and the establishment of thirty-seven mints in Nebraska. By the way, why wouldn't it be a good idea to organize an army of 30,000 or 40,000 people to demand the instant decapitation of the disreputable United States district attorney for Nebraska, Ben Baker?

ABOUT a year ago an enthusiastic populist in the state house in this city, in a moment of exultation cried, "All hail to our sister state Kansas! She has thrown off republican state rule and become the beacon light of the republic." Yes, Kansas has become a beacon light, but the light she sends forth is like the light of a rum soaked proboscis. It serves only to emphasize her disgrace and warn other states from following her example. John F. Wellits who was the gubernatorial candidate of the populists in the first great populist campaign of three years ago, has recently been remanded in disgrace from the State Board of Pardons. Secretary of State Osborne has been convicted of criminal libel, Assistant Attorney-General Allen bounced for boodling; Labor Commissioner Todd pleaded guilty to an assault upon an unarmed man. Adjutant General Artz was re-

lieved of his office under charge of theft and forgery. This is the record. The disgrace and humiliation of Kansas are complete. Kansas and Colorado have demonstrated to the honest farmers of the west that the men who are in control of the populist movement are not only men of unsound theories, but they are without either mental or moral balance and are unworthy of promotion to public trust.

THE result of the spring election in Lincoln is bound to have a direct bearing on the more important election in the fall, and every republican who subscribes to the theory that politics ought not to have any part in municipal affairs, and who intends to cast a vote for an independent or democratic candidate should remember that the independents and democrats have already had altogether too much encouragement in this republican city and county, that the apathy of republicans has allowed the opposing parties to capture the more important offices, and that there is much danger in allowing them or either of them to obtain a stronger foothold. The republican ticket is deserving of support, and republicans should remain in line.

LINCOLN has made a distinct advance in musical culture in the last two years, a fact which is plainly apparent to every one who has given this subject the slightest consideration. There is a deep and gratifyingly general interest in music and there is observable a critical spirit that bespeaks genuine culture. Musicians are being attracted to this city in large numbers, and the schools are graduating skilled performers on every kind of instrument. Musical instruction in Lincoln is now of a high order—it is in a much more advanced state than ever before, and we can say without boasting that few cities in the west offer so many opportunities for a thorough musical training.

THE COURIER's reputation as a prophet is not discredited by the sudden determination of Governor Crouse not to be a candidate for re-nomination. We have stated on several occasions within the last month that the governor would be a candidate and we have convincing proof that up to Thursday morning he was steadfast in his decision to come before the next republican state convention, notwithstanding his previously announced desire to retire from the gubernatorial office. There was, this week, a sudden change in the political situation. Certain considerations which we are not at liberty to disclose induced a change of front, and the fact that he has written a definite letter of disavowal to Lieutenant Governor Majors will doubtless cause considerable surprise among politicians who have known the governor's recent purpose to stand for renomination. With Crouse out of the field the gubernatorial situation undergoes a radical change. From a condition of chaos it assumes a more or less definite form, and the features of the forthcoming contest for the first place on the republican state ticket can be foretold with considerable clearness. THE COURIER could at the present time name the next governor of Nebraska, and we would not be showing any remarkable perspicacity in so doing. There will be some spirit in the canvass; but the result is, to our mind, easily foreseen. The candidate of the republican party will be a man who will arouse the enthusiasm of republicans, and he will be elected. There is plenty of time for eulogies of Governor Crouse, and a verdict on his career in the executive office at this time would be premature. We are guilty of no impropriety, however, in saying that Crouse has, in some respects, been a very satisfactory governor. He has made some notable mistakes—mistakes that could easily have been avoided. His policy on the question of Nebraska's exhibit at the World's fair was inexcusably bad. He retained the family friend Garneau as commissioner, who may be good at making crackers, and opening champagne bottles and entertaining (with the people's money) Lillian Russell, but who is a dazzling spectacle of utter incompetency when it comes to the management of anything like a World's fair exhibit, requiring sound business sense; and, as a natural consequence, Nebraska's exhibit was the most conspicuously wretched display at the fair. The governor has not been happy in his appointments, and his policy has too often been influenced from the editorial offices of Omaha's two daily papers. But, as we have more than once stated, he has been a dignified officer, and his intelligent course in the executive office has been in pleasing contrast to the exhibitions of executive imbecility and fanaticism that have recently disgraced Kansas, Colorado, Oregon and other western states. He may not be regarded with enthusiastic adoration by the people of Nebraska, but he is at least looked upon with respect.