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Something like forty of the Lincoln Coxeyites, appropriately termed duffers by the *Journal*, finally shook the dust of this city from their feet this week and started out for Omaha. The offer of Mr. T. E. Calvert, superintendent of the Bur-

lington & Missouri River Railroad company to give immediate employment to these men, and the developments following, must have convinced anybody who had any doubt on the subject that these noisy malcontents had no yearning desire for work, that they much preferred to be soldiers of idleness and be fed by the hands of charity, than to become genuine members of the true industrial army and earn an honest livelihood.

Sixteen men out of a possible seventy-five accepted the terms offered, \$1.40 per day; the balance constituted themselves into a band of tramps and started to join Kelly.

It may be said that railroad grading is not genteel work; it isn't as pleasant a pastime as clipping coupons or running a bank; but there are many kinds of labor not any more agreeable. It is a good deal better than nothing. There is no starvation or pauperism in it. At the wages paid it means board and lodgings and \$4 or \$5 a week. Surely this is to be preferred to idleness.

But it is not surprising that so many of the Coxey recruits should have indignantly spurned Mr. Calvert's offer. Mars'alled by their leaders as were responsible for the movement in this city, it follows as a matter of course that the rank and file should be unreasonable, visionary and criminally foolish.

John Currie was one of the first to agitate the question of the foundation of an "army" in this city; John was frustrated in his designs of being made a "general" and withdrew, it is hardly necessary to waste any consideration upon him.

Dr. Aley was one of the principal agitators. Perhaps the fact that Aley's record has made impossible for him to secure any recognition among a class that looks beyond a man's mouth in making an estimate of character, is the reason why this precious humbug is found exhorting his "dear friends," the people. Aley is a humbug and it is to be regretted that he did not join the "army" he helped form, and clear the town where he finds so much to condemn.

Nate Reynolds another leading spirit, has "held cases" on the *News* all winter. He has, while holding a good job, talked anarchy, imbibed whiskey, leaving his family in want. Reynolds belongs to a numerous class of frauds.

T. F. Barnes, an erstwhile capitalist was active in the organization of the mob. Mr. Barnes' standing in the community may at all times have been of a somewhat questionable character. Latterly there has been no doubt of what should be his proper sphere. He is a nuisance. Having forfeited the respect of one class of people he turns to another that has less knowledge of him.

Duff, the commander, is a printer, who came to Lincoln recently from Denver.

John Tierney is a bar tender.

Alexander Salvini in "The Three Guardsmen," at the Lansing Theatre Thursday evening was altogether disappointing if one expected the *D' Artagnan* on the stage to measure up to the hero in Dumas' book.

Dumas' *D' Artagnan* was a happy-go-lucky soldier of fortune, but he was never a clown, such as Salvini portrayed. This actor makes a melo-drama of what should be a drama, and with scenic devices and buffoonery appeals almost solely to the people in the gallery, whom he pleased Thursday night. We think that if old Tomaso Salvini were to see his son in "The Three Guardsmen" he would disown him on the spot.

Omaha and Lincoln are similarly afflicted. Each has for mayor a man who is politically ambitious, who aspires to be governor, and each, in his desire to make political capital, makes a very dizzy

Of the many spring openings that have occurred in the city of Lincoln this season, we must say that the opening of Le Grand Baldwin's shoe store is the most complete of any. The fixtures are of a very neat and tasty design and neatly arranged so as to show their immense stock to the comfort of their customers. Mr. Baldwin deserves great credit for his venture. Mr. Frank Perkins will have the management of the store, which assures success to Mr. Baldwin and courteous treatment to his many customers.

The fact that human intelligence is not essential to success in pugilism is demonstrated by the performances of Tom, the trained kangaroo, which are diverting the patrons of the Great Lemen Bros. Shows daily. Tom stands six feet high, and, planted solidly upon his two long hind legs, with the adjunct of a powerful tail, is able to stand up before human boxers and deal honest blows that would do severe damage to his antagonist, but for the fact that the fists of both are covered with padded gloves. Lemen Bros. will exhibit at Lincoln, Monday May, 14.