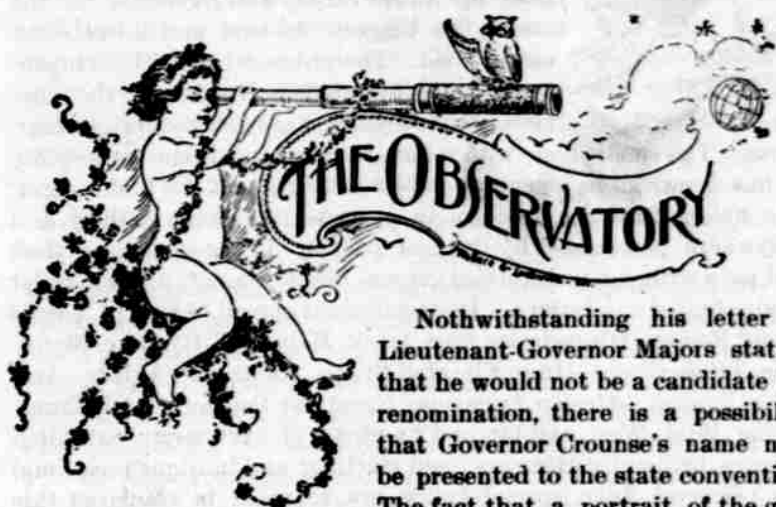


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Notwithstanding his letter to Lieutenant-Governor Majors stating that he would not be a candidate for renomination, there is a possibility that Governor Crouse's name may be presented to the state convention.

The fact that a portrait of the governor was distributed with the *Journal* this week, when the city was full of republicans, is a basis for the suspicion entertained in some quarters that the governor is not entirely out of politics. His address at the university commencement served to emphasize the suspicion. It is predicted that should there be a prolonged contest between Majors and MacColl, Crouse will be proposed as a compromise, in which event there is no telling what might happen.

Professor Herron's incendiary socialistic address at the commencement exercises of the state university Wednesday morning has been the talk of the week, and Governor Crouse has been heartily congratulated for his earnest rebuke to the sensational speaker. We believe the governor cannot be too strongly commended for his action. To those who say that his remarks were in bad taste, we would say that the Herron's address was much more than a violation of good taste. It was an insult to the intelligence of the students of the university. Such addresses as that delivered by the Herron breed populism and socialism, and populism and socialism breed anarchy.

There is a great deal more good in the world than bad, and we are sorry for the man who is unable to find anything to praise. His intellect is dwarfed. If the Herron really believes that there is no honesty in our courts, that judges and all public officers are rascals that society is rotten to the core and that the country is on the verge of irredeemable doom, he is mentally deficient and should be restrained from inflicting his vagaries on the public. On the other hand, if he is uttering this bombast for effect, he is a scamp, and should be suppressed. Either horn of the dilemma does not place the Herron in an enviable light.

The remarks made by Chancellor Canfield in introducing the Herron would indicate that he was aware of what this man with a new political vision was going to explode for the benefit of the students and the public, in which case the chancellor must be blamed. That part of the public which has a strong antipathy for the vagaries of populism and socialism has been very lenient with the chancellor and the university authorities in their apparent leaning toward these things, and recognizing the great efficiency of the work now being done in the university, is disposed to withhold all criticism. But the Herron address was a little too much and the opinion has been expressed in this city that the dressing down administered by Governor Crouse will have a good effect in checking this tendency to populism or socialism, or whatever you may call it.

Some have remarked that it is proper to hear all sides of a question, and that therefore, there could be no valid objection to the Herron's address. It is proper to hear all sides of a question; but in the last three years the speakers selected by the university have given us little else besides socialism. Washington Gladden, Mr. Bryan and the Herron all represent the same tendency, and we have had too much of this doctrine. The other side should have a chance

The street railway ordinance was disposed of at the special meeting of the city council Thursday evening. One lurid contemporary has had much to say about our "corporation ridden council," and yet there were only two votes in favor of the ordinance.

If Mayor Weir desires and expects to receive the consideration due his office and be invited to deliver the address of welcome at republican and other political conventions held here, he should train down to the point where he will be able to keep Weirism in the back ground in making a public address.

It is a dull day in Lincoln when there isn't some new and interesting development in the Oliver-Lansing feud.

When a senior of the University of Nebraska can become a senior at Yale, and this is to be done by Mr. Dixon of Nebraska City, it argues well for the thoroughness of the instruction at the state university.

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