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Eugene Montgomery's case will be thoroughly investigated by the state board of public lands and buildings, as will other cases of reputed cruel treatment at the state hospital for the insane in this city. If Dr. Hay can prove that Montgomery was not shamefully mistreated he will do more than a great many people expect him to be able to do.

Dr. Hay has been at the asylum nearly fifteen years, and judging from common reports he has become calloused and indifferent through his constant association with the insane.

"The convention was a red letter event in the history of the republican party. Enthusiasm of the most pronounced type prevailed from start to finish. Forty states and territories were represented by large delegations, many of whom had no vacancies and a full list of alternates besides. Among this class may be mentioned Iowa, Wisconsin and Nebraska—for Nebraska was at Denver good and strong. Besides the full list of delegates including representatives of four college leagues from this state, fully one hundred true blue Nebraska republicans were in attendance upon the sessions. A large length of canvas hung on the outer rail of the parlor floor gave notice to the multitudes that thronged the rotunda of Brown Palace hotel that Nebraska headquarters were open to all comers, and these rooms were thronged with visitors from all parts of the country day and night. Behind the headquarters sign the David City Glee club, as it came to be called, sang sound republican doctrine as it had never been sung before. The boys captivated the crowd and when later in the convention they were called and recalled and clamorously applauded Sam Steele's satisfaction was visible to the naked eye. Dressed in the snowy suits of white duck and with pink shirts they sang their way into all hearts and although Denver's crack glee club opened the convention, yet after our boys were heard, no other glee club was in it. The Nebraska delegation from first to last acquitted itself with great credit to themselves and the state. While the other delegations felt the sting of ridicule, Nebraska's voice and vote always came in for unstinted applause. As indicative of this feeling at one stage in the

convention the chairman of the New York delegation jumped to his feet and proposed three cheers for the Nebraska delegation and they were given with a vim that shook the rafters. On Tuesday night a great mass meeting took place in convention hall. Among the speakers who delighted the magnificent audience were Congressman A. B. Cummings of Iowa, Geo. Cannon of Michigan and our own John M. Thurston, who carried the audience, as he always does, by his wonderful eloquence and provoked the utmost enthusiasm. Nebraskans are always proud of Thurston in these national gatherings. During the closing hours of the convention, 'our John' being in the chair, the president of the Nebraska League, F. W. Collins, was called to the platform and introduced to the convention by Thurston as the most brilliant and eloquent young republican in the west—our Collins.' Judging by the thunders of applause and the congratulations from the delegates from all over the country, crowds of whom surrounded Collins when he finished, one would have thought the young man's head might be turned, but there is no danger. Invitations were later showered upon him to stump New York, Illinois, Texas and other states, but Mr. Collins will confine his whole attention to Nebraska. After the convention concluded its labors, Nebraska headquarters were visited by throngs of delegates among whom there was but one verdict and that was that Nebraska carried off the honors at the convention. Colorado people, were somewhat hurt because Nebraska republicans would not commit themselves to 16 to 1, yet freely admitted that the Nebraska delegation carried off the honors of the great convention. Many of the delegates remained for a day or two to visit points of interest. Large numbers of Nebraska's fair ones were at the convention, among whom we noticed Mrs. Judge Barlow, of Chadron, Mrs. W. E. Andrews, of Hastings, Mrs. O. P. Baker, of Exeter, Mrs. Judge Robbins, of Ord, Mrs. J. H. Kyner, of Omaha, Mrs. Snow, of David City and many others. We cannot mention all the Nebraska representatives, but our own Sam Low was there to represent Lincoln along with Collins. Church Howe was everywhere, as was also Judge Closson of Hastings. McNally, of Edgar, Grinstead, of Humboldt and Tefft, of Nebraska City made many friends. The next convention was fixed at Cleveland, after the committee on time and place had agreed on Des Moines. There was some bitterness but it will soon pass away. Republicanism is waxing stronger every day. The convention was a hummer."

Mr. Ziemer is making a heroic effort to wipe out the indebtedness against the state band in order that it may remain in this city and not be taken to Omaha; but he is not meeting with much encouragement. The state band is deserving of the most cordial support, as one of the local institutions of which the city may be proud and it is greatly to be regretted that citizens show so little appreciation of the band's talent and value.

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