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O, WHERE, And what, for-  
O, WHERE sooth, has be-  
HAS IT GONE? come of the  
Civic Federation, that clean-skirted or-  
ganization that was to bring about the  
dawn of a new era in the politics and  
government of the city of Lincoln?  
Mayhap, it has tripped in its long skirts  
and fallen by the wayside. Or, perad-  
venture, it may have been lulled to sleep  
by the sweet music of the saints with  
whom it was ever closely attuned. Again,  
it may have slowly died of the blow  
which Frank Graham and his cohorts  
gave it on last election day. 'Twas such  
a promising thing, too. 'Tis a shame  
that it should have died or been put to  
sleep, or been given that tired feeling,  
so soon. But no man can say what will  
be the fate of anything born into the  
world. It may have fluttering ribbons  
and gay streamers all over it, and yet  
die. It may be lusty as an infant, and  
die of desuetude while yet in its youth.  
Like the Civic Federation, it may  
flourish as the green bay tree for a day  
and then wither and perish, unhonored  
and unsung. There was a double field  
for the Civic Federation. Its primary  
object was worthy. Its constitution  
was good. But in addition to this it  
was valuable as affording a means for the  
Good Men, the High Priests and Apos-  
tles of Sweetness and Light and Political  
Purity and All That Sort of Thing to  
come forth and instruct the common  
people in the ways of righteousness, i. e.,  
in the ways of the democratic party. It  
was a sort of night school for making  
proselytes of week-kneed republicans  
or mugwumps. And while it lasted it  
was as entertaining as a summer season  
of opera. Here's wishing for its speedy  
resurrection!

IT'S A GOOD THING. When September comes  
and the first touch of  
WAIT FOR IT autumn gold tints the  
trees, when the pumpkin is ready for  
the pie, when the corn in the field  
makes the heart of the husbandman  
glad, then will come the big Lincoln  
fair; and the stock pens will be full, and  
the fruit and the grain will dazzle the  
eye, and art and machinery will display  
themselves, and fast horses will tread  
the race course, and in town pageants  
will move and red light will burn, and  
music will sound. The state fair will  
be held in Omaha this year, but the  
Lincoln fair, bigger, better and more  
stupendous than ever before will be  
here. There will be rings and sideshows  
without number. It will be a grand  
and glorious combination of light and  
color and all good things, something to  
be waited for with joyous hope and en-  
joyed with keenest pleasure. Try the  
Lincoln fair and you will use no other

LONG LIFE That worthy man, Char-  
TO THE ley Daubach has written  
L. C. C. a letter, and the Commer-  
cial club has held a meeting. There  
are some signs of life in the organiza-  
tion. It may awake from the slumber  
that overwhelmed it early in the morn-  
ing of its existence, and it may live and  
prosper and do good work. The Lord  
knows there is a big field for it; plenty  
of work for it to do. Let it get away  
from that tired feeling and sloth and  
slumber that early attached themselves  
to it, and shake itself and settle  
down to a steady line of endeavor in  
accordance with the provisions of its  
constitution. Let it give fewer dances,  
and do more business. Then it will  
prosper and do much good. May it  
blossom and fructify. May its days be  
long in the land, and may success  
crown all its efforts.

THE RISE OF THE CYCLE The newest and biggest  
thing in appliances for  
facilitating business as  
well as for the purposes of exercise and  
recreation is the bicycle. When one  
manufacturer states that he has been  
making bicycles for twenty years it may  
be said that the wheel is not a new  
thing. But it is only within the last  
few years that it has come into general  
use. Before that time its use was con-  
fined almost entirely to those who rode  
for exercise or pleasure. Lately it has  
crossed the limitations of the sporting  
field, and is now a recognized factor in  
the business world. The bicycle is  
becoming fully as necessary as the  
buggy and the wagon. It is, to a great  
extent, supplanting the horse, and street  
railway companies and even the big  
steam railroads are feeling the influence  
of this remarkable development in  
cycling. Traveling men are making  
use of the wheel, newspapers are being  
delivered by its means, collectors find it  
much more convenient than the buggy,  
business men of all kinds use it for  
various business purposes. And every-  
body uses it for recreation nowadays.  
In Lincoln nearly three thousand peo-  
ple use the cycle, and the number is in-  
creasing with great rapidity. Riding  
the two-wheel concern will soon be  
almost as general as pedestrianism.

HOLCOMB The governor of Ne-  
PAYS TRIBUTE braska, Silas A.  
TO GRANT Holcomb, may be  
deficient in many respects; he may be a  
democrat with populistic leanings; he  
may have made many foolish appoint-  
ments, as for instance those of Mart  
Howe and E. C. Rewick; but when it  
comes to the summing up of the char-  
acter of U. S. Grant he rises to the oc-  
casion in a manner calculated to warm  
the cockles of the old veteran's heart.  
This democratic or mixed goods gov-  
ernor says that "in ancestry and educa-  
tion, in thought and in action Grant  
was intensely American." "As the  
years roll on and partisan strife and  
sectionalism are softened and buried  
and men can see and think dispassion-  
ately, all will realize the true grandeur  
of this warrior, statesman and patriot,  
and in the coming ages those who look  
back to trace the world's history will see  
the name of Grant beside that of Lin-  
coln—great monumental stones to mark  
the existence of the Nineteenth century."  
The governor's letter to the Grant Ban-  
quet association of New York does him  
proud.

THE FATE OF BOB MALONE The chief of the fire  
department is between  
the upper and nether  
grindstones of political pressure and  
official disapproval, and there is a pros-  
pect that he will be crushed. Mr.  
Malone is a most capable chief; it is  
admitted on all sides that the depart-  
ment has never been in such a satisfac-  
tory condition as now. But politically

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assembly many times and always makes  
friends.

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women for Mrs. Benjamin is one of the  
national workers and speakers. She will  
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possible for a person to become very pro-  
ficient in parliamentary usages by attend-  
ing these drills.

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ested in this work many years and has at-  
tended many assemblies. All Chautau-  
quans will immediately feel at home.

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