

...ll be good.
 A preacher in this town remarked in his last Sunday's sermon that idleness is the paradise of fools. The democratic administration has boomed this brand paradise.

Frederick Shepherd, of this city, in his communication in the News this evening discussed the propriety of newspaper criticism of judicial acts. Mr. Shepherd thinks the idea of the editors posing as judges is humorous. Now it is not known that anybody proposed that the editors should usurp the functions of judges. The contention is that the judges are subject to the same criticism that is meted out to all other public officers. And Mr. Shepherd and his brother lawyers will probably agree that newspaper criticism has enhanced the usefulness and integrity of the judiciary. The fact that the judiciary is constantly in the strong light of publicity, through the course pursued by the newspapers, has kept many a wavering judge to the straight line of duty. The Dundys and Scotts and others of their sort who are disposed, through arrogance or corruption, to override the law and defeat the ends of justice, are curbed in their propensity by the vigilance and fearlessness of the press. It is true that censors sometimes err and instead of criticism make an unjustifiable assault. When editors make this mistake they should be punished the same as anybody else; but the punishment should be administered by the judicial process. Judges should not have the privilege of personally persecuting editors who have criticised their acts.

Walter Wellman in discussing the position of senators on the silver question, said: "Thurston of Nebraska, Baker of Kansas, and McBride of Oregon, are the senators from all that great expanse of country courageous enough to stand up against the vicious and impossible plot of the mining camp bosses."

The venerated Journal is becoming widely celebrated as the source of legal opinions of peculiar and fantastic design. Not long ago this wise contemporary laid down the interesting theory that if an editor accuse a judge of an unlawful act and shall be unable to convict the judge he, the editor, shall be adjudged guilty of the offense charged against the judge. It is not surprising that this opinion was received with birthful manifestations by the press of the country. And only the other day the Journal was delivered of another opinion quite as picturesquely ridiculous as the first, and one that is productive of quite as much amused comment. This time the Journal said that "all other branches of the government exist merely that we may have courts." This deliverance caused the Bee to remark: "The whole machinery of government in all its ramifications and details, so we are told, has been constructed and supported solely that we may submit our dispute to judges and juries. What a beautiful political philosophy! Is it any wonder that judges become imbued with an exaggerated sense of their own self-importance when there are such journalistic sycophants ready to exalt them above the popular sovereignty, if not above the divinity himself?" An anxious public awaits legal axiom No. 3.

There appears on the first page of The Courier a half tone portrait of Mr. T. C. Martin. Next week, Thursday evening, February 13, at the Funke opera house, Mr. Martin will deliver an address on "Development of Power at Niagara Falls." This gentleman is an editor and he has much to commend him besides. He is a finished speaker and

has a wide reputation as an authority on electrical matters. For those who are interested in subjects along the line of material development, electrical engineering, mechanics, inventions, etc., there is no more attractive theme than the subjugation of the great power of the Falls of Niagara for the purpose of supplying electric force. The project was worthy of American endeavor and the accomplishment in keeping with American energy and ability. Mr. Martin has an interesting subject, and his reputation is the assurance that the lecture will be particularly attractive.

In local politics the latest style is a third term for office-holders. A few persons are enthusiastic advocates of the new style. A large number regard it with disdain, and their is a movement on foot to ignore it altogether.

The Honorable Erraticus Sockdolager Dundy, judge of the United States district court, has gone to Japan, where it is fervently hoped the variegated beauties of the land of small-eyed women, will have a soothing effect on the querulousness of this venerable judicial dictator, and work in him a placidity of temperament and a relish for justice, so that on his return to this country his declining years may be crowned by a grace somewhat lacking in him up to the time of his departure for Japan. The judge, previous to his flight to Japan, entertained the idea that some people here in Nebraska regard him with a feeling of contempt. The effect of the sojourn among the land of Tsi-Psi-Chis on the sensitiveness of the Honorable Erraticus Sockdolager is uncertain. He may forget all about the contempt in Nebraska as he waxes fat and ruddy in the favored country where the Japanese sun warms and beautifies and softens all. May the judge have a pleasant time—may the Japs know enough to keep out of his way. With Dundy roaming



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