

struggled on the stage of the Lansing theatre.

The organization of the Nebraska McKinley club at the Funke opera house Tuesday evening was accompanied by a demonstration in favor of the Ohio Napoleon that must have produced an unpleasant sensation in the minds of Mr. Manderson and his backers, Messrs. Quay and Platt. The noise of it was heard clear to Washington. It was an overwhelming success.

Senator Thurston did not mince matters in his speech. He discussed the "favorite son" scheme and gave the plain truth. Thurston is thoroughly in earnest in his fight for McKinley, and he has the sentiment of Nebraska republicans back of him. In the meantime the B. & M. pass brigade is being marshalled for Manderson, and the railroad lobbyists are exhibiting great zeal in behalf of a Manderson delegation. Pressure will undoubtedly be brought to bear on those who are interested in advancing the cause of McKinley and a few may temper their enthusiasm; but McKinley sentiment has gone too far to be stayed at this late day. The Manderson cry is far and forlorn. It is astonishing that the ex-senator should have made the mistake of placing himself under the Juggernaut car. He is certain to be ground by the wheels, and it is doubtful if he will ever recover. In a sense the present contest is a trial of strength between Thurston and Manderson, and leaving McKinley's popularity out of the question, Thurston has a decided advantage. Mr. Manderson has not mingled with the people of Nebraska and has no direct personal hold on them. On the other hand Thurston has for years been in close touch with what may be called the rank and file. He has visited nearly every school district in the state. He is more than a match for the ex-senator.

There is some talk of a concerted movement on the part of republicans to rescue the city council in the coming campaign and place it in the hands of citizens properly qualified for the discharge of the important duties that fall to the council. There is a strong sentiment in favor of selecting for republican candidates for the council men who are large taxpayers and who have a vital interest in the welfare of the city, men of prominence and position and reputation, who would be in duty bound to serve at the request of their fellow-citizens. There may be some developments along this line in a few days.

T. C. Martin, of New York, who came on to deliver the address at the Funke opera house last week, at the instance of Prof. R. B. Owens, was impressed by two things, among others. He said he was struck by the appearance of life and activity in Lincoln. When told that Lincoln was unusually quiet and that times were not good, he said: "Of course, and right here is where I think your people may be making a mistake. Times are not good anywhere in this country. In New York city business is duller than it has been for years, tho' there has been a noticeable improvement in the last few weeks. From what I can see Lincoln is enjoying its full share of whatever prosperity there may be in this country." Another thing that impressed Mr. Martin was the state university. He was unprepared to find an institution so thoroughly developed and advanced. He was particularly struck by the showing made by the electrical department, and he will shortly have something to say of the work that is being done there in his paper, "The Electrical Engineer." In responding to a toast at the collation following the inaugural ceremonies he complimented this department on turning out not mere mechanics, but electrical en-

gineers of broad culture. Mr. Martin is a pleasing speaker and a man of wide information, and his presence added to the success of last week's exercises.

The introduction in the city council of a resolution protesting against the judgment against the Lincoln sanitary district in the Kendall & Smith case, and pledging the assistance of the city council in securing a new trial or appealing the case, was eminently proper, and Mr. Webster will find, if he continues to agitate this question, that the people of the city are back of him. There is hardly a man in the city, save those who have an interest in the case, who does not regard the judgment of \$61,000 as excessive. It cannot be seriously contended that the property ever was worth anything like the amount of damages awarded. It is a well known fact that the business was for years conducted at a loss or with nominal profit. If Messrs. Kendall & Smith had been suing an individual for like damages the jury, in all probability, would have returned a verdict of \$5,000 or \$10,000. Because the defendant was a community and a whole city could be levied on to secure the money to pay the judgment, the jury disregarded facts and became reckless. The verdict is an injustice and no effort should be spared to get it cut down to a reasonable figure.

Mr. Richard Curious Outcalt, who obtained a vindication in Judge Erraticus Sockdolager Dundy's most honorable court, is just now devoting his leisure to an enterprise truly worthy of his peculiar talents. It is Outcalt who is the instigator of the movement to protest against the continuance of J. E. Hill as the receiver of the Lincoln Savings bank. This discredited financier whose own methods were in question, and who, despite the judgment of Judge Dundy's jury, is not regarded as a fit and proper person to throw stones at a brother banker, insinuates that Messrs. Miller & Berkeley are guilty of what the people of Lincoln, Judge Dundy and his jury notwithstanding, are convinced that he, Outcalt, is most properly charged with, i. e., wrecking a bank. Outcalt has been inciting the public through articles in certain newspapers, and by other means, to a belief that



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