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Stand up for it! Three cheers for culture!

Friends of Senator Thurston, and I believe I may count myself under that head, are pained to observe that in the impetuosity of his ardent temperament and exuberance of his verbosity, he has been led into a course not entirely in accord with what the majority of the members of the republican party think should be the policy of a United States senator. Mr. Thurston has not been fortunate in the selection of his pronouns. He has been a little too enthusiastic in several directions.

Senator Thurston is a capable man and he will probably learn that demonstration isn't domination. He assumes to be a politician. Good politicians seldom open their mouths, and when they do they close them quickly with the least possible escapement. Good politicians arrange plans and see that they are carried out, and then cause the people to believe that they, the people, did it all. Good politicians know the danger of too much personal prominence. Mr. Thurston has made some mistakes since he went to Washington. He is young, and it is to be hoped that he will profit by experience.

The Honorable Euclid Martin having written a letter to Mr. C. J. Smyth, and Mr. C. J. Smyth having made due response to the Honorable Euclid Martin, the great ink-slinging tourney is closed, and the democrats, the soft and the hard, are settling down to the even tenor of their separate ways. Mr. Martin is an interesting man. So is Mr. Smyth. These gentlemen and their interesting adherents have given democratic politics in this state, a truly pungent savor, and furnished much entertainment for the people at large. The democratic party in Nebraska is interesting, not for its strength, but for the musses it kicks up. Mr. Martin and Mr. Smyth are star kickers. They are to the hybrid politics of this state what the eccentric-legged Loie Fuller is to the vaudeville stage. They need no vari-colored silk and draperies, no lime light, to set off their recalcitrant gyrations. They are a whole show in themselves. Of course it doesn't make the slightest difference whether the different patches of democracy segregate into one homogeneous, humorous whole or whether the patches continue in their picturesque independence. But that doesn't detract from the interest in the movements of the patches. It might be in order, now that Mr. Smyth has curtly closed the tourney, for the acid-brained Dan Crook to re-open the lists and hurl a few javelins, or for Tobias the Silent, to emerge from taciturnity and proclaim to the people. Let us get all the amusement we can out of the fragments of democracy.

Speaking of democrats reminds me of that champion heavyweight and approved lung tester, Job Sherman. Mr. Sherman is one of the shining lights of democracy, and his going out will leave a large quantity of gloom in this section. Despite the fact that this young man is chairman of the democratic county central committee and a member of the democratic state committee, and by virtue of his positions, the peer

of such privates as Albert Watkins and Col. N. S. Harwood, he will desert the local democracy and he himself to his native state, New York. Democracy suffers a severe shock in the departure of Mr. Sherman. He has highly intellectual legs and he must be a person of Influence, else he would not have risen so high.

Three judges sat on Harrison H. Blodgett and the poor man groaned under the weight. Blodgett is now a Horrible Example. Three judges considered the case and it would be unbecoming in The Courier to find fault with the verdict. But there is an idea at large in this community that Mr. Blodgett should have company in his punishment.

Mr. Bates finished his work at the university and wrote his last installment of copy for The Courier, and left for Cincinnati this week. He has the

best wishes of many friends in his new field.

As has been said several times in these columns, it is a pleasure to say kind things about the Journal when, every now and then, they are deserved. And the Journal's course in the recent McKinley-Manderson tangle was such as to justify entitle it to admiring consideration. The editor emeritus embarked into the McKinley movement body, soul and breeches, but for a time the paper wavered. Then came the Manderson demonstration and for a brief space it had a bad attack of locomotor ataxia. But it rallied slowly and really came out in the end with flying colors. The Journal came nearer being a live paper during this time than it ever did before, and 'tis greatly to the credit of the kindly-eyed editor emeritus, who, I am reliably informed gave several days time from the arduous task of compiling matter for the Sunday Bicycle Journal, to do a little moulding on the paper of which he was for years the active editor. Mr. Gere is a great and good man, and he has benevolent whiskers.

It is to be regretted that the Manderson boom was managed with so little discretion. The republicans of Nebraska have the utmost respect and regard for the ex-senator, and no scheming was necessary to induce them to

look with favor on his candidacy. The republicans of the state would have conceded at the outset what they are now ready to concede at the state convention. The agitation did not do General Manderson any good, and it only engendered a bitterness that may not wholly disappear at the wave of the hand.

General Manderson is a broad minded, patriotic, able man, and there is hardly a man in this state, whatever may be his politics, who would not like to see him nominated for the presidency. The whole state is for Manderson, and every delegate from this state will have his interests at heart.

The week after General Manderson formally launched his candidacy it was said in these columns that he would withdraw as a candidate before the delegates to the national convention were selected. The prediction has been abundantly fulfilled. General Manderson is no longer a contesting candidate, and what appears to be sweet peace reigns in Nebraska. Here is the situation: The delegates from this state will be McKinley delegates and they will stay with McKinley so long as there is a possibility that he may be nominated. If it should be found that he cannot be nominated then the solid Nebraska vote will be given to Manderson and every effort will be made to secure the nomi

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