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throughout the state. Everybody will have plenty to eat and an abundance of feed for stock, and a big product to sell, and money will commence coming into the state almost immediately.

The election of McKinley in November will cause such a revival in manufacturing as this country has never seen and that revival will open up great avenues of employment, and there will be a prosperity and a consumption that will send prices of farm products up with a bound. In 1892, four years ago this month, before Cleveland was elected, corn sold for 5 1/4 cents and oats for 37 cents. Then republican policy was keeping the factories of the country running full time, and many of them night and day. The price of farm products fell with the decline in manufacturing, and when republican policy again opens up the factories our corn and oats will be worth more than twice as much as they are today. The crops that Nebraska produces must ever be low in price and a drug on the market when industry is paralyzed. It is not over production that is hurting us. It is the fact that the nation is idle and non-consuming. It is sometimes said that Nebraska and the west, where manufacturing is light, do not benefit by protection. If there is any section of the country that benefits by the operation of a protective tariff it is the great crop-raising west. Our product is doubly valuable when the whole country is prosperous, and protection, as nearly everybody, including our own Mr. Bryan, is ready to admit now, means prosperity. If the people of Nebraska want 50-cent corn and 40-cent oats let them vote in McKinley and protection. They would not have long to wait. Prices would take a big jump before the holidays.

Col. L. C. Pace has joined Erastus E. Brown and Cunningham R. Scott in flamboyant repudiation of the republican party and reiteration of the advocacy of the free coinage of silver. The example set by the lachrymose Teller is an invitation to the Browns and Scotts and Paces that will be accepted with sensational asseveration during the pending campaign. Patriots of a certain sort take on enthusiasm when they have an opportunity to proclaim their patriotism with tears and protestation. Teller's tears will be responsible for a vast amount of spectacular demonstration. These effusive leave takings are all the more amusing when one knows, as the people in this city know, that the gentlemen who talk so glibly of their regret at leaving the republican party have not been republicans for years. Mr. Brown and Colonel Pace are estimable citizens and we are willing to ascribe to them every virtue, except that of advocacy of republican principles. When Mr. Rosewater was making frantic efforts to hand this state over to the populists his most anxious assistant was Mr. Brown. Colonel Pace has been a greenbacker and a cheap money advocate so long that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. Because he professed republican ideas in intervals of fiat money calm as the most direct road to office, is no proof that he was, at any time, a republican. Their announcement, accompanied as it is by much verbal pyrotechnics, does not call for serious consideration.

It is not disputed that a number of republicans in this state will, on account of their views on the money question, vote for the free silver candi-

date for president this year. They honestly believe they are right and they are to be respected. But the feeling aroused by manifestations such as Brown's and Scott's and Pace's is certainly not respect.

The exact technical and artistic status of our energetic friend, John Curry, may not be thoroughly established, but one thing is clear, he is a hustler. Torrigiano and Benedetto de Maiano and Roubiliac and Chantrey and Sir Frederick Leighton and the rest of the tribe may have achieved considerable local notoriety as sculptors, but they were not hustlers like Curry, and lacking that quality they lacked an important quality. Curry has a new idea of art. His idea is that it is composed of one part plaster of Paris, one part nerve, and one part advertising, and by persistently following out this idea he has won for himself a considerable distinction. He has demonstrated that the artist who gets into the papers and who works a state for a block of marble is the artist who hustles. There is no telling what the outcome of this Curry business may be. Tennessee and Nebraska may come to blows. But pretty soon the whole country will be saluting John Curry. Why not take that block of marble and stand it up on end in government square as a monument, not to Lincoln, but to Curry?

The reports of the various committees of the board of education, submitted at Monday night's meeting, establish the fact that the business of the board is being conducted most economically and efficiently. It has not been an easy task to keep up the school work of the district the last three years in the face of decreased revenues, and those persons who are disposed to criticize the board should weigh carefully the difficulties that have had to be met and overcome.

Iowa was the first state to pledge its assistance to the Trans-Mississippi exposition project. Louisiana now takes official action looking to representation in Omaha in 1898, and there is every reason to believe that the remaining states to which the promoters of the exposition look for support will be prompt to interest themselves in the great enterprise. The people of Omaha have never taken hold of any undertaking with the spirit and enthusiasm and determination with which they have taken hold of the idea of the Trans-Mississippi exposition, and the activity and interest shown by the people of the metropolis insure, we believe, the success of the scheme. The people of the state should not be backward in proffering substantial assistance, for the exposition will benefit every part of Nebraska; and Omaha should be careful to make the people of the state understand that they have an interest in the undertaking, that it is something more than an Omaha movement. The exposition effort should be regarded in the broadest manner possible, and it is important that, first, the people of Omaha, second, the people of Nebraska, and third, the people of the Trans-Mississippi country should work together in perfect harmony. It will benefit all. It should be understood that congress having authorized a government exhibit and an appropriation of \$200,000, it devolves upon Omaha, first, to raise a sufficient sum of money to constitute an earnest of the serious intentions of the primary moves in the matter, and to effect a preliminary organization. Then it will be time to invoke the co-operation of the people

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