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"GLORY!"

SOME few years ago the World-Herald excited the risibilities of its large family of readers, and the carping remarks of envious contemporaries, with a day-after-election leading editorial on the engrossing subject of "Tea Culture in Japan." If those who laughed and those who jeered could only have known, from first hand experience how trying it is, after spending exciting and strenuous weeks in saving the country, to get down to normal and write zestfully of other than political matters on election day, they would have had a fellow-feeling for the writer of that editorial. For it is on election day, when the ferocious battle of the ballots is raging, when the die of fate is being cast, when the result is clouded in an agonizing uncertainty, that the editorial for the day after must be written. The writer is wrapped in the one subject he cannot discuss. Little wonder if he is sometimes driven as far away as Japan in his quest for some other subject!

THIS year, however, we return our thanks to Collier's Weekly for affording us the opportunity to stay right here in Nebraska. In its current issue it prints an editorial on Nebraska that ought to make mighty interesting reading for Nebraska people even on the day after election; that ought to comfort the losers and swell the victors with additional pride. Appropriately enough, it is headed "Glory." This is it:

Nebraska in 1909 produced corn more valuable than all the gold mined in the United States and Alaska, and worth more than our total tobacco crop. She produced wheat worth more than the total sugar production of the United States; live stock worth more than the crude petroleum of the whole United States; live stock grain, poultry, butter, eggs and fruit worth more than the coal in the United States, outside of Illinois; hay worth more than all the gold and silver produced in Alaska; cereals worth more than the product of all our copper mines, grass and grain and live stock worth more than all the iron ore. This is according to the report of the committee of the legislature and the reports made to the bureau of labor and industrial statistics. To be a little more frivolous, if the eggs laid by Nebraska hens in 1909 were placed in a double row end to end they would be three times as long as the railroad mileage built in the United States in 1908. If the permanent school fund of Nebraska were converted into dollar bills and laid end to end, the line would reach from Omaha to Salt Lake City, but it probably would not be left for very long. Less than half of the tillable land in Nebraska is under cultivation, and less than forty years ago the region which is now Nebraska was frequently designated upon the maps of school geographies as part of "The Great American Desert."

FRIENDS and fellow countrymen, we are the citizens of no mean state. Politically speaking, Nebraska will appear to about half of us at its very worst today. It will seem to that half of us as if the demnition bows were growling at our very door. But they aren't. The ambitions and strifes of men are a passing dream, a tale soon told and sooner forgotten. The "issues" that today are "decided" one way may soon be "decided" an-

other, and always the question will stare us in the face, "What is the Truth?"

But the corn and the wheat and the live stock and the chickens will keep right on coming! The millions of fertile acres will remain, and wax in their fertility. "The Great American Desert" of forty years ago will continue to burgeon and to blossom. In spite of republican heresies or democratis vagaries, in spite of brewers or prohibitionists, Nebraska, with its inexhaustible natural wealth, its energetic and healthy people, its schools and colleges, its culture and its conscience, will march onward to greatness and power and increasing plenty.

Let us say "Glory!" with Colliers. Let us be joyful--or as joyful as we can. And let us have peace.--
Omaha World-Herald.

CURT CURRENT COMMENT

In all candor, good people of Nebraska, what incentive is there for a public official to endeavor to render good service to the state after that official has achieved the honor of an election? From the moment the official takes his seat until he is ready to give way to his successor he is libeled and villified and denounced unsparingly. No matter how faithful and efficient his services, he is the target for every small bore politician and every writer who is so narrow between the eyes that he can not see anything but his own party. Take the case of Governor Ashton C. Shallenberger as a case in point. Did Nebraska ever have a more efficient governor? Not a single breath of scandal has touched his administration. There was absolutely no abuse of the pardoning or the parole power. The departments under his immediate control have been cared for efficiently, and the deficiencies will be the smallest in the state's history. He affixed his signature to the best temperance legislation enacted in a generation--the "8 o'clock law." He gave us the valued policy law, the corporation tax law and other laws in the interests of the people. His every appearance as the representative of the state reflected credit upon the commonwealth. Because of his thorough business training he was enabled to command business methods in every department over which he exercised control. With an administration admittedly able and clean, and with a record beyond criticism, Ashton C. Shallenberger was defeated for re-nomination by a combination of elements that lost sight of every regard for the state's welfare in their desperate efforts to advance selfish interests. We again ask: What incentive is there for a public official to render good service to the state after that official has achieved the honor of an election?

It might be well for the Lincoln city council to get busy with its fire escape ordinance and make it conform to the state law. As it is now the city authorizes a ladder escape, which is not permissible under the state law. The result of this conflict has already proved costly to several builders.

"Judicious Advertising" for November contains a picture of the recently wrecked Los Angeles Times building, and beneath the picture has the following words: "Wreck of dynamited Los Angeles Times building--Plotters failed in their task the paper being issued as usual the following morning." The editor of the Wagerworker happens to be a subscriber to "Judicious Advertising," therefore felt at liberty to address the editor of that handsome magazine on the subject. After quoting "Judicious Advertising's" words as above given, The Wagerworker editor wrote: "What I want to know is, have you any inside information on the dynamite business? Or have you knowledge that the building was wrecked as the result of a plot? I have watched the papers very carefully, but as yet I have found nothing but the bald assertions of organized labor's opponents that the building was wrecked by dynamite, or that it was the result of a plot. Your words, quoted above, lead