

to go before we achieve political perfection, but we've come a long ways during the last two decades.

Last Tuesday the four national banks of Lincoln reported deposits aggregating \$4,268,748—which is convincing evidence that the people are not worrying much about having their deposits guaranteed. It is also convincing evidence that the people are pretty well fixed financially and that the four national banks aforesaid are flourishing. All of which is very gratifying.

## About Men and Matters

Full of years and of honors, with a life record of which his surviving relatives may well be proud and jealously cherish, Lewis Gregory has laid down life's load. In his death Lincoln loses one of her best citizens and a leading man of affairs. Quietly, without ostentation, Mr. Gregory placed a leading part in business affairs, was a potent force for morality by reason of his private life and example, and an incentive to happiness and good cheer by his always present good nature and kindly smiles. As a minister of the gospel he occupied a high position in the ranks of the clergy, and to him in large measure is due the present rank of Congregationalism in Nebraska religious affairs. As a business man he achieved success, and was universally known and respected for his ability, his progressiveness and his unswerving integrity. It is easy to indulge in fulsome words when a leading citizen answers the final summons; it is difficult to frame sentences in which to pay proper tribute to such a splendid man as Lewis Gregory. Loving hands may erect a monument of marble above his mortal remains, but his most enduring monument will be the record of a life spent in unselfish services for his fellow men.

In a few days the legislature will meet in joint session, and unless a lot of legislators are liars Gilbert M. Hitchcock will achieve the ambition of a life time by elected United States senator. He is the first Nebraska born man to be elected to congress, therefore the first Nebraska born senator-elect. He further claims the distinction of being the original Nebraska born grandfather. Doubtless he is the only Nebraska born grandfather who still lives in the house in which he was born. He will soon occupy the seat that his father occupied more than thirty years ago. He will be the first democrat elected to the United States senate from Nebraska, although not the first senator not affiliated with the republican party. William V. Allen of Madison enjoys that proud distinction.

Our Chesterfieldian friend, Henry Richmond, has at last achieved one of his ambitions and is now chief clerk of the house. Let's see, wasn't it about twenty-one years ago this winter that an overgrown, somewhat dilapidated looking and awfully hungry youth wandered into Red Cloud and stopped because he couldn't get any further? And didn't that same youth "catch on" with a Red Cloud paper and show symptoms of having the makings of a newspaper man in him? And didn't he wander down to Lincoln during the session of '91 in the hope of catching on to a committee secretaryship, or something equally good? And didn't he do a little extra work for the World-Herald during that session, and afterwards get a run on that same paper in Omaha, winding up by having charge of the important South Omaha department? Our memory seems to run along those lines. Did he make good in all those places? Well, if he makes as good in his capacity as chief clerk as he did in all the other places he occupied, the lower house of the Nebraska legislature will never have a regret because it selected him for that position of trust and responsibility.

## Some Short Jabs to the Jaw

Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin is another argument in favor of the election of senators by direct vote of the people.

Doubtless a majority of Nebraska republicans are for LaFollette, but a majority of Nebraskans may be for some good democrat.

"Hoist by their own petard" is the epitaph written over the tomb of the "Douglas combine." There are those so foolish that even the dear school of experience is of no avail.

The city cannot prohibit the erection and maintenance of bill boards, but it can make their erection and maintenance decidedly unprofitable, and that will soon abolish the bill-board nuisance.

The daily press conveys the startling information that state university students are going to eschew the cab. This action would have been taken long ago if father knew all the facts about student life.

Nebraska has 10,000,000 acres of fertile and tillable land that is untouched by the plow. The way to quickly get that land into the hands of home makers is to make it pay as much tax as unimproved land as it would have to pay if improved. Our present tax laws put

a premium on lack of progressiveness and fine men who strive to develop the state.

We opine that the lower house of congress has been guilty of hitting Congressman Norris in the breakaway.

There are a lot of empty houses in Lincoln. If you want to know the real reason for this just try to rent one.

Every once in a while we see a news item in the daily papers that convinces us that Theodore is striving manfully to "come back."

The initiative and referendum seems popular. Why not let the matter of Sunday baseball be referred to the legal voters of every city?

It may be possible to abolish the beer signs upon windows, store fronts and bill boards, but how are we to abolish some of the numerous perambulating beer signs?

Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire is to the fore with another ship subsidy bill. Gee, but aren't the arguments in favor of popular election of senators growing numerous?

After giving Chicago university thirty million dollars Mr. Rockefeller has withdrawn his support. If he will give us half as much he may withdraw his support twice as quick.

Carnegie says that to die rich is to die disgraced. Some of these days it will be universally deemed disgraceful to acquire riches the way some men have acquired them—naming no names.

Judge Cornish favors better pay for jurymen. So de we, providing the fool jury law is changed and it is made possible to select jurors possessing other qualifications than paresis, ignorance and illiteracy.

Mayor Love is quite right in his opinion that there is no way of preventing the newspapers from carrying liquor advertisements by councilmanic action. There are several newspapers in Lincoln that refuse liquor advertisements, and The Wagerworker is one of them.

If Senator Cummins shies his castor into the presidential ring he is going to meet up with trouble in the shape of a Cummins remark to the effect that he "preferred the poorest republican to the best democrat." When Senator Cummins opened his mouth to say that he jammed his foot therein clear up to the pastern joint.

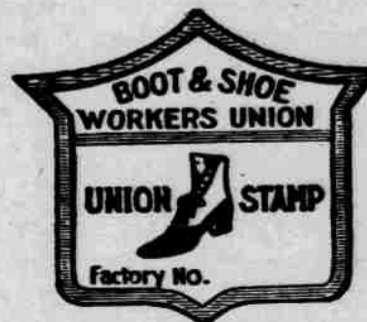
## In Terms Readily Understood

Among the guests at a recent social function where dancing was the rule were Warden Tom Smith of the state prison and Banker Tom Auld. Neither of these worthy gentlemen danced. After watching the dancers for a time the warden approached the banker and said:

"Auld, this dancing business looks pretty much to me like lots of applications for loans and not a darned deposit."

"I never thought of it in just that way," said Auld, "but I think you've hit it, Tom."

After I've worked so hard for six days dat me feet wobble, I tink it's tough t' have some feller w'ot never works tell me just exactly how I gotter take me day o' rest.



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