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The Ord Quiz suggests M. P. Kinkaid for supreme judge. Let him alone and he'll go to congress.

It is about conceded all along the line that Maxwell will be the pop nominee for supreme judge.

LYNCING in the south goes merrily on: each succeeding daily furnishes a complete roster of coons that have passed in the night.

AMELIA RIVES CHANDLER will spend the summer at Hot Springs, and write a book. Her surroundings will be conducive to the production of some good literature.

ONE can notice between the lines in the Atkinson Graphic that Bro. Jeness does not entertain the same high personal regard for the populists that he once did. He'll find 'em out.

The present session of the supervisors reminds us that in August twenty-three familiar names will be dropped from the pay-roll. This will be a saving to the county of thousands of dollars. It is a piece of republican legislation.

JUDGE KINKAID has been chosen one of the delegates to the National Republican League meeting, to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, June 19-20-21. On account of the Boyd county term of court we presume he will not be able to attend.

It is safe to say that after the completion of the Short Line bridge at Sioux City there will be some tinkering with this end of the line. The company cannot afford to build that bridge for the accommodation of 130 miles of track. We believe the line will be extended to Julesburg, in conformity with the original survey.

A FIRE will soon be kindled under the local political caldron, and when its contents begin to boil and bubble there will be toil and trouble for those seeking preferment at the hands and feet of the various conventions. It will be a lively campaign and none will enjoy it more than the newspaper fellows. News will then be plentiful and luxuriant.

THE men charged with that dastardly murder of last December will be on trial at Butte this week. THE FRONTIER hopes that even and exact justice may be done. We do not want an innocent man convicted, nor a guilty man to escape. A fair and impartial trial is a right of the accused, and a conscientious verdict a right of the state.

DIVISION agitators are not sleeping, neither are they dead. They are floating about the county getting in their little work to their own best advantage. In our present poverty-stricken condition it looks like foolishness to divide, but if the arms and legs are determined to sever connections with the body we suppose there will not be enough votes to say them nay.

BRO. BATES is laboring under the hallucination that it is humiliating to a man to be termed a "Hawkshaw." The "Hawkshaws" are the people who say it is wrong to commit murder, and in so saying have gained the enmity of some populists who appear to think—and almost say—that to accomplish their own-selfish ends any means are justifiable. Ridicule is all right in its place but it has no place in these serious matters.

If some magician could by a wave of his wand blot the name of Barrett Scott from the county records and obliterate the recollection of him from the minds of the people, what would the populist party of Holt county have to stand upon? To every charge that is made against their administration they answer, "Barrett Scott." The party is mistaken that thinks it can perpetuate its power by keeping green the misdeeds of a dead man. Every tub must stand upon its own bottom.

EDITOR HOWARD, of Papillion, has declined to become a colonel upon the governor's staff. He has no hard feelings toward the governor, but is opposed to the militia. He thinks the boys in blue should be suppressed because they occasionally injure rioters and do not exterminate the greedy capitalists. A man who has such conclusions certainly deducts them from a false premise, but when he has the courage of his convictions he may be admired for expressing them. We congratulate Bro. Howard; ditto the Nebraska National Guard.

THE Northwestern Catholic, Sioux City, is for silver at 16 to 1. We wonder if the Hon. John Brennan still moulds thought for that excellent journal. If he does we are at a troublesome loss to reconcile the position of the paper to a speech made by him in O'Neill last fall. If we are not mistaken, during his speech he exhibited two Mexican dollars and told the audience that he purchased them with one American silver dollar, which was explained by the fact that the American dollar could be exchanged for gold, which was not true of the Mexican coin. His paper now admits that free coinage would "Mexicanize" our finance. Has Mr. Brennan changed his views upon this question?

It is important that some steps be taken, and quickly, to repair our sidewalks. We realize that the city purse is in anything but a plethoric state, yet it seems to us that a council, such as ours, filled with inventive minds, could devise some remedy. The walks should be repaired or removed. They have become so dilapidated that they are actually unsafe for a sober man to walk upon after sunset. They will result in broken limbs if allowed to go in their present condition, and then will come damage suits and judgments large enough to build brick walks. A little closer observance of the ordinance which makes it a misdemeanor to drive horses and cattle over the walks would be a wholesome thing. Reprimand violators a few times and then, if they do not desist, give them an opportunity to bribe the police judge.

THE late lamented republican legislature voted tax burdens on the people greater by \$575,801 than the preceding one under populist control. Subtracting the \$250,000 voted for necessary relief still shows an extravagance in excess of the populist management of \$325,801. This, too, in the year that Nebraska was forced to beg charity all over the east and south.—Wealth Makers.

We have been expecting some pop organ to spring these figures. Why does the Wealth Makers not be honest? Why does it not show that a great deal of this money was appropriated to pay the shortages of the last pop assembly? which was so economical that some state officers had to forego the convenience of telephones, and pay their own postage. And when it has given these facts as forcibly as it has the above deception, let it compare the last session to the first pop gathering and truthfully tell its readers how they stand in point of appropriations.

THE Sun admits that "our taxes are higher to-day than they ever were." It would not concede that before the last election. It attempts to trace the cause to the Scott defalcation, but in so doing gives the lie direct to the populist orators who last fall made the school-house welkins ring with stories of populist retrenchment. They went into Shields, Emmett, Chambers and other townships and told the voters that their taxes were being reduced under populist control. That was after the Scott defalcation. Now if the populists at that early date had overcome the shortage so far as to be able to reduce taxes, an observing public will not allow them, at this late day, to plead that cause in defense of taxes that "are higher than they ever were." If the populists were responsible for the reduction in the first instance, why are they not responsible for the increase in the second instance? The logic of the Sun surely is hot stuff.

THE sale of the little ditch is, we believe, a matter of greater importance to this city than most people at present realize. It is plain that the purchasers have some object in view, otherwise they could not have seen their way clear to pay a large price for the plant. We see but one way for them to make a big paying business of it, and that is to colonize it from end to end. It traverses territory sufficient to maintain several hundred families, and these families once located would mean considerable to O'Neill as well as the ditch company. The owners of the plant are men of means and business ability and we are more than pleased to welcome them to a seat among us. The company which conceived and executed the idea of building the ditch is deserving of praise and our people generally will be pleased to learn that it withdrew with a little profit on its investment. It built the ditch at a considerable cost, when to borrow money was almost an impossibility; and after construction maintained it against fearful odds. It lacked the means—but not the ability—to properly handle the enterprise, and the change is doubtless a good thing all around.

EXONERATE CORBETT.
I desire to state that Mrs. Notson secured leave of absence from her school in August before she had ever seen Mr. Corbett or communicated with him at all. After his election she asked me to write a letter in her behalf. At that time she distinctly told me that he had never promised to appoint her as his deputy, but that she most earnestly desired the position, and I inferred from what she said that she thought she had earned it from the party. I have it from the gentlemen themselves that she told two others precisely what she told me—that Mr. Corbett had never promised her the deputyship. From all her conversation with me it appeared that she simply hoped to induce him to appoint her, although he had made her no promise whatever.

Mr. Corbett was the choice of the people of this state and is filling an important position with credit to himself and advantage to the schools of the state. There is certainly nothing in this matter which should call for his condemnation or for the withdrawal from him of public confidence.
A. P. MARPLE,
Supt. Omaha City Schools.
CHANCELLOR CANFIELD'S ENDORSEMENT.
I entirely concur in Superintendent Marple's conclusions. From all the information obtainable there certainly seems a strange injustice in attempting to make Superintendent Corbett at all accountable for Mrs. Notson's death.
JAMES H. CANFIELD,
Chancellor University of Neb.

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