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CLEVELAND in his message says the green backs must go. But will they?

THE Butte Gazette man has contracted the poetry habit. Beware the vengeance of the vigilantes.

O HUGH O'NEILL, give us your answer true; what in the name of goodness did the people ever do to you?

THE name of Gene Moore is being connected with the next gubernatorial nomination in a way that other aspirants for the honor envy. He has made a first class auditor.

THE Scribner News man has no scruples when it comes to "cribbing" items from his exchanges. We are not surprised, however, when we glean from his editorial page that he is urging the nomination of Bryan for the presidency.

J. H. McCLAY, cashier of the Columbia National bank, Lincoln, is mentioned among the possibilities for the next state treasurer. THE FRONTIER has known Mr. McClay personally for a number of years and could support him with a clear conscience and a hearty good will.

A RUSH of work often precludes the possibility of an exchange editor wading through all the papers which reach his table, but every editor has a few favorites. There are publications which he anxiously awaits, knowing that in them he will always find something particularly interesting. The sculptor of this department never permits the State Journal or Fremont Tribune to seek the waste basket with seal unbroken.

THE Beacon Light does not take kindly to being rated second to a political chameleon in the distribution of the spoils of war. It is rather hard to see the prize thus snatched away, a prize won by the deeds of many a dreadful day; Old Ham stood the sweat and danger of the fray and now his should be the wealthy prey. But 'tis the way of republics, political parties and individuals. They all are ungrateful.

THERE is but one county in the state of Nebraska that has a greater number of miles of irrigation ditches than Holt, the exception is Lincoln county with a total of 148.4 miles. Holt is credited with 118.9 miles, according to the latest statistics. It is estimated that these ditches have increased land values in this county \$88,880. These figures are conservative. Irrigation more than doubles the value of the land.

THE pops down in Custer are calling vociferously upon the red-headed rooster to resign. They are offended at some action taken by him in the late campaign. We suppose Kem is just about as good now as he was when first and last elected by the rabble of this district. He never was any good and we so told the pops, but they persisted in burning the blister and might now just as well make up their minds to sit on it for another year. Kem won't resign.

EDDIE Wray denies the charge made by the Sun that he engaged in whiskey peddling during his recent canvass for the office of county judge, and adds that he would rather meet defeat with a name untarnished than to secure the best office in the county by unworthy means. This is a statement after our own heart. It is the way campaigns should be conducted, but it is exasperating to attempt to do battle with the devil and not resort to the use of a little brimstone.

NEBRASKA is to be congratulated upon having the nerve to so far put aside the prejudice against corporation lawyers as to choose the ablest public man in the state for the senate, and such, beyond controversy, Mr. Thurston really is. When Chicago was leveled to ashes he was a drayman, or dray boy, more properly speaking. This is indeed a splendid country, where rail splitters, canal drivers and draymen can come to the highest honors. Mr. Thurston did not get his seat by purchase. He is not a man of wealth. Brains and ideas won the senatorial prize.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

DEFENDING THE DEMOCRATS. When Eli Perkins was asked last evening about the prospects of the republican party in New York he said: "I'm a democrat, you know, and I only keep track of our prosperous democratic party. The democratic party is doing well."

"In what respect?" asked the reporter. "Why, we have made a deficit of \$900,000,000 since Grover got in and borrowed the money to pay it. We are enjoying ourselves, and we are going to let the republicans do the walking later on. The republicans paid \$3,000,000,000 on the national debt, and I guess they can pay this state three hundred million dollars."

"But what has become of the \$189,000,000 in gold which you borrowed?" "Well, we put it with the \$84,000,000 which we had in the treasury, making

\$266,000,000 in gold, and we have spent it all but \$91,000,000 to pay running expenses. Instead of taking in enough money at the custom houses to pay for running the government we hired gold from the English at four per cent. Oh, we democrats are smart, we are!

"We democrats don't pay greenbacks and silver to American farmers for wool," continued Eli, "but we send \$84,000,000 in gold a year to Thibet and Australia."

"What are you democrats doing with the great industries?" asked the reporter. "Why, we are knocking them out. We've killed the Yankee lace factory at Wilkesbarre, and are buying ship loads of window curtains in Nottingham. We have shut up a third of the woolen factories in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the British steamers come loaded with woolen cloth from Bradford. Why, last year we shipped \$5 per cent. more woolen goods from England than we did under McKinley in 1892. We democrats are keeping the woolen mills in Leeds and Manchester going day and night. And see what we are doing for our sheep at home. The slaughter houses of Kansas City and Omaha are killing millions of sheep from New Mexico and Wyoming daily. And wool! Did not our grasping farmers use to get thirty-five cents for it under McKinley, and now we are sending gold to Australia and buying Swan River and Van Dieman's Land wool for 10 and 15 cents? I tell you we democrats are running things wild. We have to, for we know you republicans are coming with the Keely cure in '96."—Cleveland Leader.

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