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Do not fail to read the article from our Lincoln correspondent. It is a daisy.

The appointment of W. H. Munger, of Froment, as federal judge for the district of Nebraska, has been confirmed by the senate.

CONGRESSMAN LINNEY, of N. C., says the number of first voters who join the democratic party is becoming fewer each year in that state.

NEVADA unquestionably needs all the advertising it can get out of that prize fight. Its governor made that plain by his toadying to Jim Corbett.

There are people who insist that there is a connection between the recent Bryan majority in Nebraska and the unusually large crop of jack rabbits in the state.

COL. INGERSOLL says the desire to acquire great wealth is insanity. If he is right, there are lots of insane men at large, and Col. Ingersoll is one of them.

By the time the Senate, at the next session of Congress, corrects the errors in the abritration treaty Secretary Onley will not be so proud of his part in negotiating the treaty.

One of the best little country papers in the state is the Pierce County Call, and the business men of Pierce should give it better support in the matter of advertising. It is "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

The present legislature had better pass the appropriation bill and go home before they make jackasses of the entire lot. More fool bills are introduced this session than ever before, and the entire lot will be charged up to the party.—Schuyler Quill, (pop.)

FRANK THOMPSON, the new president of the Pennsylvania railroad, deserves all the good things the newspapers are saying of him, but he will probably tire of reading them long before the applications for "passes", which will follow the marked copies, stop pouring in on him.

The attention of our readers is called to the article on irrigation on the first page. A large portion of the residents of the district do not understand the subject, and we hope that the article will be the means of giving them some enlightenment upon it. It is a subject that is of vital importance to the residents of the district, and we hope that the matter will be thoroughly investigated by them.

The voters have already endorsed the republican assertion that this is a billion dollar country. It is therefore a waste of time for the democrats to be jawing because the appropriations of the present Congress will go beyond that amount. No needless appropriations have been made and none of the money will be paid out except for value received; that's all the people wish to be certain of.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL HARMON seems to be equally adept at writing an excuse to the House for the failure of this administration to attempt to enforce the anti-trust law, and in preparing a brief for the Supreme Court arguing that the crew of the alleged filibuster steamer, Three Friends, have been guilty of piracy; and neither role is calculated to increase his popularity with the people.

AFTER President Cleveland leaves the white house, he will write a book. If Bryan had only held off until he left the white house before giving his "First Battle" to the world, there would be one book less on the market; as he will never reach the goal of his ambition.

It would be a good thing if some otherwise sensible people would only understand that nothing makes more unrest than the continual preaching of unreason. There are few natures which cannot be made dissatisfied, because there are few, very few, people who believe they have all they deserve to have.

THOMAS WATSON, the populist candidate for vice president, received twenty-seven votes in the electoral college. Four years ago the populist nominee received twenty-two votes in a three cornered fight. The Schuyler Quill is of the opinion that the populist party was used to further the ambitions of the democrats.

The announcement published in the daily papers the past ten days that Eugene Moore, who for four years served the people of Nebraska as auditor of public accounts, was about \$20,000 short, has fallen like a bomb shell in the midst of a picnic party. The shortage is insurance fees, which he collected and failed to turn over to the treasurer. He claims that he owns a mine in Colorado and that he will pay the state \$500 a month until the amount is paid. We think the best policy to pursue would be for Mr. Moore to dispose of his interest in the mine and straighten up the matter. If he owns a one-third interest in a mine that pays \$1,500 a month in dividends, he ought to be able to dispose of it and settle the shortage at once. He owes it to himself to clear his name from the stigma attached to it by reason of the published announcements of his shortage, and he owes it to the party that elected him to the position and honored him with the largest vote of any man on the ticket. We sincerely trust that the matter will be satisfactorily adjusted.

**DISCRIMINATING DUTIES.**  
The American Economist has taken occasion to discuss quite fully the subject of discriminating duties in favor of goods brought here in American bottoms or, per contra, against goods brought here in foreign bottoms. This proposition was drafted into a bill and offered in the United States Senate by Mr. Elkins of West Virginia, and known as Senate bill No. 3232. The measure has for its object the encouraging of American Merchant Marine, and proposes that goods brought to this country in foreign bottoms shall pay 10 per cent duties advalorem more than if brought in American bottoms.

It is the principle in this law which we wish to advocate rather than the rate of additional duties proposed. It will be admitted that the same proposition (when a law) was very successful in the establishment of the American Merchant Marine in the early history of the government. In fact, it is conceded by all historians that a law similar to the bill introduced by Mr. Elkins was the direct cause of the great growth of American shipping.

The protectionist stands for protection to employees of Americans transportation companies on land; he also stands for the protection of American seamen. It is a well-known fact, and enforced by our shipping law, that American seamen receive higher wages than any seamen in the world. We are creditably informed that the cost of operating American ships, based simply on the question of wages, is nearly double that of other nations. It is manifest then that American shipping can be fostered in only two ways—viz., by bounties and subsidies or by discriminating duties. The American people are not in any temper to take up an elaborate system of subsidies, but they have declared themselves in favor of protection upon land and sea.

The discriminating duty plan simple means that goods brought here in American bottoms shall pay

the rates of duty laid down by law and that goods brought here in foreign bottoms shall pay an additional duty. The difficulty to American shipping is not in securing a cargo going abroad, but rather in securing a cargo returning to this country. A homeward cargo aided by a discriminating duty would unquestionably make a great demand for American ships, and it is believed that every shipyard from Maine to the gulf, and on the Pacific from San Francisco to Puget Sound would be busy with orders. This is not simply an opinion, for the same policy when in effect during the first decade of this century accomplished the same result.

We regret to know that there is opposition to this wise measure of protection, and especially coming from Philadelphia, as expressed in the resolutions or memorial adopted by the Maritime Exchange of that city last week. This Maritime Exchange, like some other organizations of the kind, may be simply the agent of the North Atlantic shipping pool—a foreign trust which should be investigated. The foreign shipping interests have become so powerful in this country and so involved with the transportation interests that it is not difficult to secure opposition to a measure of this kind. It is also quite possible that the American line owned by the International Navigation company (now heavily subsidized) which has fully as many ships under a foreign flag as under the American, has taken an interest in defeating this patriotic proposition. This measure would create activity in ship building and restore the American flag in the Merchant Marine. Every one who favors adequate protection by import duties should favor the policy of discriminating duties, for it will accomplish for American shipping the same grand results to American interests in the ocean carrying trade that protection has given upon land.—American Economist.

**A GRAND-STAND PLAY.**  
The governor's action in sending special messages to the legislature, calling attention to the fact that ex-State Treasurer Bartley has not turned over to the state all the money shown by his books to be in his possession, is well understood to be a grand-stand play for political effect. Bartley stated long before he vacated his office that the conditions were just as the governor says, hence the executive message reveals nothing new. Bartley said first, as he says now, that the money could not all be immediately produced. It is in banks, necessarily for safe keeping, and it is difficult for them to produce it on call. To do so will, he says, break some of the banks and lose the money to the state, whereas to give them reasonable time will enable them to realize on their securities, preserve their continuity, protect their hundreds of depositors and soon pay the state in full.

It is conceded the treasurer ought to have been in such shape that he could turn over, spot cash, with the office to his successor every dollar due the state. This would be the ideal condition. Bartley has done some things as treasurer he ought not to have done, and the Tribune has criticised him for it, but we believe there is nothing in the present situation to justify the governor's burst of righteous indignation, except to furnish campaign thunder for the populists.

It must be borne in mind that conditions during the three years just past have been extraordinary conditions. Money has not been absolutely safe anywhere. Treasurer Bartley had to keep it in banks. If it requires six months for him to safely withdraw it and produce it for the use of the populists, it is not to be wondered at. The public will readily understand that the governor is simply yielding to an impulse to open the campaign at this early date.—Fremont Tribune.

M. A. HANNA will succeed Senator Sherman, as senator from Ohio, when the latter gentleman enters the cabinet. He will make an able senator.

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