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Kinley as the coming presidential candidate of the republican party, and notwithstanding Mr. Annin, there seems to be a well-defined and distinctly enthusiastic McKinley feeling among republicans everywhere.

There is only one thing that can prevent McKinley from being the next republican candidate for president, and that is death.

And the wail of the distressed that echoes all over this country—an awful rebuke to a democratic policy of demotion that has scattered misery in this fair land from Maine to California—admonishes us that the foiled workingmen, the laborers, yeelp the people, will rally around McKinley as a saviour, and that he will be an overwhelming victor.

The champagne brain of Mr. Annin needs renovation. Enough of the debris ought to be cleared away to enable him to see things as they are, and make it possible for him to attach himself to the triumphant McKinley car before all the places are taken.

LATEST advices from Washington seem to indicate that President Cleveland has made an important discovery, to-wit, that congress has some rights which the president is bound to respect; and he has, apparently, reorganized his ideas regarding Hawaii. The man of the iron nerve in the White House has, we are led to believe, been forced to separate himself from the idea of rehabilitating royalty in Honolulu, and Lily, it now appears probable, will have to walk alone in her efforts to clamber into the throne from which she was ejected by the revolutionists.

GAINS BY COMPARISON.
Governor Waite, of Colorado, played another engagement as an egregious ass this week. Colorado has produced many wonderful works; but she has brought forth nothing that is compared to the buzzing nincompoop that at present occupies the executive office of the centennial state. As we have before remarked, the more we observe the ungovernable idiocy of Waite and Penoyer and Llewelling, the more we are forced to respect the executive officer of our own state.

Governor Crouse has not always conducted himself in such a manner as to win the cordial approval of the people of Nebraska, but he has, with at least one notable exception, when he joined Buffalo Bill in making a circus of Nebraska day at the world's fair, been a dignified official, and he has seldom done anything that tended to bring ridicule upon the state, barring the world's fair business, which from beginning to end, was an inexcusable blunder. Our governor, we are glad to say, is not of the Waite, Penoyer, Llewelling stripe, and we are saved the disagreeable sensation of constant dread that he is going to make a ridiculous exhibition of himself and the state before the country.

The editor of the News devotes more space to the editor of the Call than he does to the tariff, the financial question and religion; hence we are to suppose that in his judgment News readers are more concerned in his discussions of Sam D. Cox than in the great questions of public interest to which so many newspapers give the major portion of their editorial space. And the editor of the Call pays the same compliment to the editor of the News, giving him far more attention than he gives to any four or five other subjects. Only the other day one of these valiant warriors called the other an idiot, using a great deal of valuable space for this purpose. The latter retaliated by likening his adversary to an ass, at the expense of a considerable amount of editorial space. Doubtless this is all very interesting for the editors themselves; but we have some misgivings as to whether the people who pay 10 cents per week for their respective papers care very much to know what Mr. Dobbins thinks of Mr. Cox, or what Mr. Cox thinks of Mr. Dobbins. We are of the opinion that there are many questions of greater weight and far more interest to the afternoon newspaper reader than the vitriolic rhodomontade and labored sarcasm which our two friends keep firing at each other.

THE unique variety of grammar that sports itself in the office of the News, to which we were forced to call attention by some very flagrant exhibitions, has been made the subject of comment by other contemporaries; but we are unable to record any improvement on the part of the News. That paper continues to be almost as amusing as those portions of the Journal that are the work of Mr. Jones' nursery school of journalism.

THE World Herald is just now engaged in an attempt to purge the democratic party of a number of objectionable leaders. The World-Herald is not a recognized democratic newspaper, and its shafts of venom aimed at Castor and his ilk fall very flat. Our contemporary should confine itself to the affairs of the populist party, where, with the Call and News of this city, it rightfully belongs.

GOVERNOR WAITE'S address at the opening of the special session of the Colorado legislature, suggests the thought that that freak of officialism, must be a reader of the Omaha Bee. A great many of the epithets which the governor, discharged on Wednesday are

strikingly like the pet words of Mr. Roosevelt in one of his oft-recurring spells of volcanic insanity.

THE year 1894 will witness a larger development of the wholesale and manufacturing departments of commercial activity in this city than any three or four years preceding.

THE readers of the daily newspapers in this city are now being vaccinated to prevent further spread of the portfolio mania.

NOTES BY A CONTRIBUTOR.

The world must be advancing. Last Sunday the Salvation Army held a characteristic meeting in one of the evangelical churches. It is doubtful if this could have happened a few years ago. Orthodox prejudices are obstinate, and orthodox people are slow to give up set plans of work. In announcing this meeting, the pastor of the First Congregational church said he was glad to let these people hold such a meeting. He recognized that the army was doing a great work, a work that the churches could not do. Poor and unfortunate who would never think of going into one of our fine churches have been reached by the army people. They have been helped and elevated. The army is certainly now doing a work that is really more important than that done by the churches. The church people also recognize this to be true. Is it not time the church people asked themselves how this happened? While this meeting was in progress, several prominent church men were talking of the meeting, and wondering how they happened to meet where they did. They were informed that the pastor gave the church freely, and that the trustees supported him as freely. This raised the suspicion that they might not have been so well received had they gone elsewhere. It does not seem possible that any church would in any way discredit the army.

At the same time the city is struggling along with two Y. W. C. associations. They have been making some very commendable efforts the past two weeks to unite into one society. Committees have been going back and forth, and sometimes they seem to be almost together. It is high time something of this kind were accomplished. The people should not be obliged to look at the tag to discover which society was meant. About the only serious obstacle in the way of a union is, what do you suppose? The Evangelical test. Here is a society organized for the purpose of befriending and aiding young women who work for a living, salesladies, stenographers, clerks and the like. They can find in this society a place to spend the noon hour, a place where they may get a lunch at cost, where those out of employment may have assistance, a place where there is religious instruction; yet this society says to every woman, you cannot become an active voting member of this society unless you are a member of an Evangelical church. The Christian spirit should predominate, but can any society with the aims of these societies afford to really bar out any one. The Y. M. C. A. stands on the same ground. Wonder if they are right also? W.

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HE TRUCKLES, TOO.

We are aware that it is expecting too much to look for consistency in the average politician; but the object of our present remarks, the Honorable William Jennings Bryan, whom the New York Sun delights to call "the boy orator of the Platte," has made so many extraordinary professions, and has clamped himself down so securely on the platform of holy rectitude, that we can hardly consider him in the light of an ordinary politician, of the Boyd or Castor order, who makes no pretensions of superlative sanctity.

We are, therefore, somewhat surprised to observe in the conduct of our handsome and much talked about congressman, an example of trimming and inconsistency that would do credit to the most accomplished "practical" politician, who has 365 distinct policies for every 365 days.

Observers of Mr. Bryan's public utterances, even those whose observation has been most cursory, will remember that the congressman, has in the last few months, taken frequent occasion to berate the administration for its efforts to secure the passage of the repeal bill by holding aloft the club of patronage. Mr. Bryan's remarks along this line seemed to indicate a particularly lofty conception of the ethics of politics on his part; but sad to relate, the "boy orator of the Platte" has lately given us reason to suspect that all those high-flown expressions that have come from him in such plenitude, are, like the emanations from other and less conspicuously pious politicians, mere puff.

For Mr. Bryan has, during the past few weeks, been guilty of the same heinous offense which, when committed by the president, called forth such formidable upbraiding. If Mr. Cleveland sought to secure the passage of the repeal bill by threatening to withhold patronage from congressmen, Mr. Bryan has just as strenuously sought to secure the appointment of Major Calhoun to the postmastership in this city, by threatening to fight the bond issue and other schemes of the administration unless he is given the desired "recognition."

It looks very much to us as though Mr. Bryan has come down off his lofty perch, and in his frantic desire to escape a snub has done quite as much in the way of dust biting and political bartering as any of his brother politicians.

All of which goes to show that the air in the house of representatives in Washington is bad, and that ever so good and lofty a man who enters congress will, in a brief space of time, like a canteloupe in a cucumber patch, be hybridized into a common, every-day sort of truckling politician.

NATIONAL committeemen are not popular in Nebraska. The opposition to Mr. Roosevelt, the member of the national republican committee for this state, is paralleled by the decidedly vigorous crusade that has been inaugurated against Tobias Castor, Nebraska's representative in the national democratic committee. There is no probability, however, that either will resign. Nearly everything that is said about these two politicians is true, and we do state in all (and that neither of them is a proper representative of his party; but Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Castor, along with their detestable qualities have great staying powers, and those persons who are active in opposition to the two committeemen may rest assured that neither will resign until, in the language of the fool governor of Colorado, the upper crust of hades becomes congealed, and the latest reports from this region do not indicate a speedy freezing over of the devil's domain.

ANNIN AND MCKINLEY.

Mr. Annin, the State Journal's Washington correspondent, is an enterprising young man who has written several thousand miles of guff about the Honorable William Jennings Bryan and Mr. Tobias Castor.

He sometimes discusses republican politics by way of relaxation, and he displays, on occasion, an arrogant damfoolishness that would be disgusting if it were not so amusing.

His remarks concerning Governor McKinley were the most absurd ebullitions of spiteful ignorance, and we are pleased to observe that ex-Governor John M. Thayer, whose ideas in politics are so often and so conspicuously sound, gave the self-impressed young man a mild dressing down.

General Thayer is eminently correct when he says that nine out of every ten republicans in this state look upon Mc-

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