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TALKS ABOUT TOWN.

I am one that was glad when the Plattsmouth & Southwestern failed to materialize, said a well known citizen of the other day. I believe that a road southwest from here would cut into our very best territory and leave the city dependent upon its own resources, which position we are not prepared to be placed in at present. Plattsmouth, he continued, would, but for the hail cyclone, have enjoyed the most prosperous time in its history this year, and the business men have but to weather this disadvantage and reap success in the future.

We are going to sweep everything clean in county politics this fall, said a democratic member of the legislature on our hearing the other day. The republicans haven't a candidate but that has some opposition in their ranks, and we are going to have everything harmonious with us and elect our ticket. As we ambled away, we thought if he could hear some of the western delegates to the democratic convention talk he would decide that if they really had to have harmony that it would come very high.

A prominent republican, while resting his feet on our office stove the other day, stated that he occasionally heard a republican remark that the nominee for district clerk had a hard fight to pull through. I don't understand, he continued, why an industrious, capable, honest young man as our nominee is, should be predicted as one in danger of defeat.

I have noticed Democrats never speak but for their whole ticket. I believe Republicans should take especial pride in electing their ticket entire, and I'm one ready to do special work for any man that's liable to fall behind—such men as that are always welcome at these headquarters.

Speaking of politics, a Democrat was attempting to make capital the other day, by stating that M. B. Reese, the candidate for supreme judge, was once City Clerk of Plattsmouth. It isn't every man that has the energy and ability from a small beginning to rise in the world to a position commanding the respect and endorsement of the public which brings to him the honor of the nomination for one of the most desirable offices in the State. A man not possessing ability and public confidence would be seeking a re-nomination for City Clerk.

I believe said one of the trio who recently visited and interviewed the holder of the Plattsmouth City High School Bonds, in New York City, that we shall be able to secure an unlimited extension of time, at a very low rate of interest, and avoid an oppressive levy to pay the indebtedness. We are very confident that all can be arranged satisfactorily continued our informant, and especially so to the city.

I think the council ought to secure new and more commodious quarters, remarked the Police Judge to the Mayor, the other day, and if they will do so I will heat and light it free of expense while I remain in office, said the Judge, as he left the Mayor studying over the problem.

COLORADO CORRESPONDENCE.

DENVER, October 3, 1883.

The autumnal season has come once more and the summer tourists are departing from this State; and those belonging here who have been sojourning abroad during the summer are returning. This in other States is the time of political activity, and the gubernatorial elections are absorbing the minds of the people and disturbing the ordinary current of business. But here, thanks to the system of biennial elections, there is little to amuse the politician save the little matter of county elections.

The Exposition closed on Sunday last, the last days being well attended. Saturday was the Commissioners' day, following the county days, when each county exhibiting had especial programmes for the excursionists from their localities.

Commissioner's day was a notable one. There had been promises offered for displays in flowers, vegetables,

fruits, and dairy products, during the season, and for Saturday there was a competition in pumpkin pies. The entries were numerous and the commissioners concluded it was best to make a feast of the specimens, and also the fruit exhibit, and with the addition of other viands a very elaborate spread was made to which all visitors were made welcome. It was a jolly, good natured time, and at the close of the "jaw exercise," there were exercises of a more intellectual nature at the speaker's stand. President Irwin Mahan, of the Board of Commissioners, presided, and there were addresses from nearly every one of the commissioners in reply to toasts to the exhibiting states, territories and counties. Mr. Douglas Gray, who has represented Arizona, made a speech, which to say the least, was in very bad taste. Early in the season he had attempted to remove the Arizona display from the building, in violation of the contract entered into by the exposition management and the territory of Arizona, which contract specified that exhibits should remain on exhibition until the close of the Exposition. The management were obliged to use legal means to prevent the commissioner from removing the display, and in consequence, the most amicable state of feeling possible did not exist between the management and Commissioner Gray. The Board of Commissioners, while it did not endorse the action of Mr. Gray, had nothing to do with the action of the management, and extended the proper courtesy of inviting him to speak in reply to the toast to Arizona on "their day." Mr. Gray replied to the toast and took occasion to air his personal opinion of the management and the judge who had issued the restraint upon him when he had attempted to take away his ores, and in so doing, in my humble opinion, made a very uncalled for and discourteous display of spleen, for the occasion was a celebration by his brother commissioners, and not of the management, and his was the only incongruous portion of the day's programme.

Assistant Secretary Frank H. Wilson, one of the hardest worked and most energetic members of the Board of management, was made the recipient of an elegant gold watch, chain and Masonic emblem by the employes of the exposition office, Sunday morning. The present was a deserved tribute of esteem to a worthy official.

The displays of cereals, fruit and vegetables from Colorado farming districts during the last few weeks of the show was a splendid feature. Among the great varieties, perhaps Fremont and Delta counties made the most striking displays. The show of mammoth vegetables from the last named county made a striking advertisement for the prolific qualities of the district and the value of irrigation.

Well, the show is over, and all in all, it was a success. The displays were large and varied and the management, while it has probably made no money, has carried out its plans and fulfilled its agreements, despite much abuse and quite a lack of proper encouragement at its home. The show has already shown rich returns. Many mines have been sold, and much done in the way of starting negotiations which will amply repay those interested, for what little expense they were under in making the exhibits. One of the most striking illustrations of the value of the exposition as an advertising medium, is the experience of the exhibitors in Pueblo county. Last year Pueblo made no show. This year she made a splendid one. Among her exhibitors was Mr. Randall the inventor and proprietor of Randall's Rock Drill. He had been to much expense and trouble in introducing and advertising his invention previously, and he had seen very meagre returns. He brought it to the exposition and put it in active operation, and now goes home with 2,500 orders for the drill.

The Colorado coal and iron company and the south Pueblo machinery company have each as many orders as they can fill for many months and coming from Maine to San Francisco, all the result of making full and elaborate displays at the exposition. And so on. The show has not been closed a half-week and the good results are showing themselves. It was a grand success. The managers meant it for a permanent institution. They are men of brains, energy and capital, and they will carry out their design.

The day for the opening of the exposition of 1884, is already appointed, and the work of preparation already begun. It is to be hoped that each year it will become more national in its character; that in addition to the display of the wealth and resources of the west, may be added liberal contributions from the manufacturers of the north and east, and the plantations of the south. A movement is already on foot to purchase stock to the end of having the exhibitors represented in the management. Should this idea become a cou-

summation, it would have many advantages over the present method of conducting the exhibition; one of which would be the effective silencing of the captious critics who now say that the enterprise is a private speculation. D. W. M.

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