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Speaker Poole of the Nebraska democratic legislature wants to be a candidate for Secretary of State. Well "wanting" to be and "getting" to be are too propositions which do not always run together, and Mr. Poole may find the road to the Secretary of State office much harder to trail than that to the speakership. Some of the elements which elected him speaker may prove mud holes in the road to Secretary of State which he can neither pass through nor get around.

The Wahoo Wasp got its stinger in working order some time ago and now the editor, Mr. Pickett has been sued for criminal libel. This is evidence that Brother Pickett prints a newspaper which prints the news. An editor is up against a very peculiar proposition many times, and this is one of them. But everything comes in a life time. The editor of the Daily News has been honored in the past with but five suits for libel, but as neither of them stuck, we are still out of the penitentiary and on top of the earth.

We fail to see how some of our editorial brethren who print from two to three columns of editorial every issue and never take a stand on anything for fear of hurting someone's political feelings, can do so. Generally in order to express an opinion, one should have an opinion, but when a man discusses a subject and does so in fear and trembling because he might tread on somebody's toes, we cannot see very much satisfaction in writing the article. We believe that the newspaper man who takes a firm stand one way or the other, will be a much more valuable asset to his community than the one who climbs the fence and will not try to get off either side for fear of falling. Many papers which desire to remain neutral, do not attempt the editorial stunt. In this they are showing good judgement, but one cannot successfully run a newspaper with an editorial column which never takes either side of the question.

The banquet given by the Nehawka Commercial Club last Saturday evening was one of the most successful gatherings of its kind we ever attended. We like the way these Nehawka people go at the problem of boosting their town. They put up the money necessary to carry on the work of getting the roads in shape to get the people to come to the town and then ask the farmers along the line of roads to assist by doing the work. The get-together spirit which was manifested at that banquet, which was shown before the banquet and which has been prevalent since, means success to the movement. The business men furnish the money, the farmers around the town do the work, and the women, bless them all, pitch in and get up the feed that puts the feeling into a man that if he don't work he is a mighty undesirable citizen. Such methods will win every time and it would be a mighty good hunch for some other towns to pattern after the Nehawka Commercial Club. The farmers of the county surrounding Nehawka are showing the right kind of spirit, and with their hearty co-operation, the project will be a success.

The stand taken by Mr. Bryan for county option will probably be a great deal of disappointment to many of his loyal supporters in the democratic party, and while it has been expected that sooner or later it would be his "paramount issue," it comes just as hard to those who for years have been the sworn and faithful followers of the thrice-nominated man. If Mr. Bryan had taken this stand one year ago when the legislature was in session, there would have been little doubt but what a county option law would have been placed upon the statutes. However, like he has done in many other cases he was not quite sure that the county option issue would ever be a paramount issue and so he dodged it and kept quiet. His influence one year ago would have brought about what he now claims to want, and it is a question if he had used his influence along that line whether an eight o'clock law would have ever been passed and probably would not have been for there would have been little use for it.

While we may possibly be taking the unpopular side of the Peru argument, and while Principal Crabtree is a Cass county citizen, and as such we might be criticized for not upholding him in the matter, still we feel that the board could do no different than they did. Mr. Crabtree was under the jurisdiction of the state normal board. It was his duty to follow their instructions. If he felt that he could not do so and believed that he was right in the matter, and also could not persuade them that he was right, we believe that the only proper thing for him to do was to resign his position. He could not expect that his administration of affairs at the Peru school would be successful if it was against the wishes of the board. If his leaving the school would have worked a damage to the interests of education, it would have been the fault of the board and not Mr. Crabtree. No institution or other business can succeed successfully, when there is insubordination on the part of any employee. When he accepts a position under that board he is expected to carry out the rules laid down by the board for the management of the school. If he feels that he cannot do successful work with those rules, if he cannot convince the board of their error, there is only one thing to do and that is to resign. However we believe that Prof. Crabtree is a victim to some extent of circumstances which have drawn him into the trouble. His advisors have not been the right kind, evidently, or he would not have been in the position he is. Right or wrong, his true course would have been to have stepped down or carried out the wishes of the board.

There is but one conclusion to be drawn from the democratic banquet held at Lincoln last Monday night, and that is that the democratic party will declare for the eight o'clock closing law and dodge the county option issue. Shellenberger is for the eight o'clock closing law and Richard L. Metcalf praised it and the governor who signed it. This practically means that Governor Shellenberger will make the campaign on the early closing platform. The republicans will without doubt make the issue that of county option. Mr.

Bryan has declared himself for county option and it would certainly be a queer condition in Nebraska politics if Mr. Bryan should be found this fall supporting a republican platform. It might be that he sees his only chance to land in the presidential chair is to get the republican nomination, and this may be his method of forcing himself into the ranks of a party which has a record of electing its presidential candidates. Who knows.

Mayor Dahlman says that he and Governor Shellenberger are both sleeping in the same bed. Jim should lay in front so that he will not disturb Ashton when he wants to get up and quench his thirst early in the morning, for it is a long time between drinks after eight in the evening till seven the next morning.

The Ashland Gazette rises in its chair and nominates Hon. George D. Meiklejohn for the republican nomination for governor. The editor of this paper has supported Mr. Meiklejohn several times for different offices and we would not feel very badly to have the opportunity of doing so once more. George D. Meiklejohn is a grand man and would make an ideal governor.

COURIER CLATTER.

The editor of the Louisville Courier Mr. Mayfield, takes exception to a little notice we gave him in which we said that we did not know whether he was joking or not, but whether or no, he made some true statements. He gets back at us as follows:

"For rine the News editor goes the limit, 'whether he means it or not.' The editor of the Courier has never made a practice of including a joker in his editorial utterances, but for the benefit of Editor Barrows, who has undertaken the difficult task of injecting life into Congressman Pollard's dead horse, we will say that we were very much in earnest when we advocated the plan of holding the county convention. It is just as humiliating to be serious and then have some darnphule laugh at you as it is to tell a joke and have it taken seriously."

We do not know what the Courier man means by "rine"; but we have heard of people getting the "rino" for doing things, which is probably what the editor is trying to get at, and we will say that our "rino" is always at the limit. It is so hard to tell whether the Courier editor is really joking or not. He was going to carry Louisville precinct for the county ticket last fall, but the result was so far from the expectations it looks as if there must have been considerable of a joke mixed up in that deal somewhere, although of course there was no "rino" in connection with that joke. As to our "difficult task of injecting new life into this paper" we will say that we are doing very well my dear Brother, very well. But we hope our Brother has not joined the Journal in knocking on a Cass county citizen of whom he as well as every other man in the county ought to say a good word for instead of knocking. The establishment of this paper by Mr. Pollard, whether he did so for the purpose of his political advancement or not, was done for the purpose of giving the republican party of Cass county a paper which would be of assistance to the party as well as to the business interests of the county, and Mr. Pollard and a few more good loyal republicans are behind the enterprise. It should be the duty of the Courier to boost for any enterprise which would help Cass county, whether it was run by a "darnphule" or who it was run by. The Daily News would rejoice at any prosperity which might come to the editor of the Courier and his paper, for with that prosperity, would come added assets to Louisville and Cass county. If the Courier was trying to inject life into a dead horse, then he would be entitled to all the more credit.

We might take the remarks of the editor of the Courier as a joke, but he has not been so serious in the assertion that he never jokes through his editorial columns, notwithstanding we have heard some unfeeling persons remark that the editorial columns of the Courier were considerable of a joke.



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Now comes word from Topeka that this activity and earnestness to make Kansas a real dry state has made the liquor interests more bitter against Governor Stubbs than any other governor since the prohibitory amendment was adopted. They are now sending throughout the state to ex-join keepers, bootleggers and others whom they believe might be against Governor Stubbs for any reason, a circular calling upon them to organize branches of the "Union League of To-

peka". The object of the league is to assist in electing to office not only a governor, but district judges as well, who will be friendly to the liquor interests and to assist in "putting down despotism."—Lincoln News.

When one looks back over the work of the last legislature and sees what a punk bunch of statesmen composed that great body of accidental accidents and when he sees the governor claiming great credit for the passage of the eight o'clock closing law when the facts in the case are that the bill was first introduced by a republican and when finally amended and passed was opposed by a majority of the democrats in both branches of the legislature, in fact only seven democrats in the senate voting for it, he is led to believe that the old democratic party has not laid aside its traditions quite as much as it would seem. The eight o'clock closing law would never have become a law if the republican members of the legislature had not voted for it to a large extent. We fail to see where the democratic party can claim any credit for the passage of a measure that was opposed bitterly by a majority of the democratic membership in both branches of the legislature. It is about the only law which did pass which has stood the test of the courts, and the facts in the case show that a majority of the democratic members opposed it.

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