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If in the dim, distant future, the opponents of a dry Lincoln should be successful in their scheme to move the capitol of the state to Grand Island, Kearney, Hastings to some other place which may be nearer the center of the state, we do not believe that the city would lose so very much, only the prestige which any city might receive as a capital city. It is possible that the removal might be in the nature of a "blessing in disguise" for with the capitol out of the way it could stand upon its own foundation as a university city without the natural opposition which always comes to a seat of government from would-be rivals, no matter whether it is the capital of a state or the capital of the country. Lincoln has already established itself as a good business city, a wholesale point and a railroad center, and we do not believe that losing the capitol, would in any way damage her future. We would like to see her retain the capitol, if from no other reason than that we love her for the enemies she has.

The National Wholesale Liquor Dealers Association has taken the trouble to send us a letter in which they very kindly inform us that as the editor of a paper is a very busy man they propose to make our editorials for us for nothing and will discuss the question of prohibition in such an unbiased, fair and impartial manner that the "wayfaring man though a fool may not err therein." They are kind, yes very kind. But who pays the freight? The man who is competent to get out editorials for this paper on the subject of prohibition from the standpoint of the manufacturer of wet goods and do it to the satisfaction of the editor will have to be a fast man and such a man ought to command a good salary. At present our ability to express our opinions on the matter of prohibition or anti-prohibition is sufficient so that it will not be necessary to accept any assistance from the greatest trust on earth.

Jeffrey L. Stone, a former newspaper man of this city, having been connected with the Herald something like twenty-five years ago died Wednesday. Mr. Stone was one of the most popular and influential members of Nebraska state press association and his death will come as a shock to the members who were in the habit of meeting him at the annual gatherings. His wife died last fall and two children some time before her demise. He will be buried beside them in the cemetery at Minden, where Mr. Stone at one time [was connected with the newspaper business.

Speaker Poole of the late lamented legislature has decided that he will try conclusions with Deputy Secretary of State Addison Waite, who at the present time seems to be the only candidate for the nomination on the republican ticket, for the office of secretary of state. Speaker Poole was the democratic gavel wielder of the last legislature and did not strike the general public with any very great idea that he was very much pumpkins. Many of his acts as speaker were decidedly of a questionable nature when sized up as between the corporations and the great common people. Personally Mr. Poole is a nice man, but

there are other qualifications needed in the office of secretary of state besides those of being a "nice fellow." Mr. Waite is not only that but he can deliver the goods when it comes to conducting a public office in the best interests of the state, and if it comes to the time when Mr. Poole and Mr. Waite get into the fight the former will probably decide when it is over that he was very "phoolish" to have done so and that he ought to have "waited" until some other time.

The two victories in the east, one in Massachusetts and the other in New York, in which democratic candidates for congress were elected to the lower branch of the legislative congress of the United States, is another illustration of peculiar conditions, neither case of which is parallel. It is true that the national conditions are some what responsible for the election of democratic congressmen in republican districts, yet local conditions in both cases had something to do with it. In Massachusetts the personality of the two candidates had a great deal to do with the outcome. The democrat was a former republican defeated office seeker, and the republican a former democrat, so that the "getting even" spirit entered a great deal into the fight. In New York the republican candidate was considered by the people, and in fact he himself had acknowledged, that he was mixed up in the bribery charges of that state, and this more than anything else is responsible for his defeat. It is true that the unsettled condition of the people is responsible for the changing of many votes, as there are always politicians who are willing to take advantage of the dissatisfaction of the people which occasionally exists and enlarge upon for their own political benefit. If there is any man, be he insurgent or democrat, who can explain how the country is going to be any better off controlled by the democratic party with its past history of failure and mismanagement of public affairs, we would like to hear the explanation. The insurgents say they are not working for the country to fall into the hands of the democratic party, but if their own argument is true regarding the late congressional elections in Massachusetts and New York, that is exactly what is happening. They may claim that they are not assisting the democratic party but the evidence in the case so far shows that they are and they stand convicted by the jury.

### STANDPATISM

There are two kinds of standpatters as the term is applied at the present time. One is that brand of republican who is willing to stand by the administration of President Taft believing that he will make good before his term of office is much older and who also believing in the ability of the republican party to bring to the country the reforms which the party has promised the people, are not believer in the scheme to tie up with the democrats when such action will bring defeat to the republican party and possibly a turning over of the government to a party which has failed time and again to bring prosperity, or continue the prosperity which they fell heir to when they gained control of the country. They are loyal to the administration of President Taft, but not friendly to the Cannon outfit. They believe that when a man has been so long in office that his retention means threatened defeat to the party, as a loyal republican he should recognize that the party is greater than he, and step to one side. The other brand of standpatters is that set down by the insurgents

who seek to make the public believe that any man who is loyal to President Taft is an enemy to good government and a staunch friend of Cannon and his methods. There are very few of the latter but hosts of the former, the enemies of the administration will discover before the campaign is over.

### POLLARD'S WITHDRAWAL

The announcement of the withdrawal of Hon. Earnest M. Pollard of Nehawka from the race for the republican nomination from this district will be read with a great deal of regret by his army of friends all over the state of Nebraska. Who his withdrawal will strengthen is a problem which it will take time to determine.

When he left the United States last winter to look after his business interests on the Island of Hayti, it was his intention when he returned to enter the race for the republican nomination and it was fully expected that he would do so by his large circle of friends. Defeated by the democratic wave which ran over the state two years ago for a third term, it had been the wish of his friends that he would again enter the race and secure the nomination, which if received would without doubt mean an election.

Upon his return, however the members of the company for whom he was acting urged upon him the importance of returning again to Hayti and continuing the management of the industry which needed a man of his experience. So unanimous were their demands that he concluded that it would be best to give up his political aspirations and accede to the wishes of his business associates, which he has done.

The first congressional district will lose a good man by this move on the part of Mr. Pollard. During his two terms in congress he repeatedly demonstrated that he had the ability so necessary to the success of a representative at Washington, and had he been returned two years ago the state of Nebraska would have been well represented and the first congressional district's interests ably looked after.

What effect his withdrawal will have upon the other candidates remains to be seen. Col. Wm. Hayward of Nebraska City and George E. Tobey of Lincoln now have the stage, but it may be that now that Mr. Pollard has withdrawn that others may decide to enter the fight. Lancaster county has several patriots who would like to make a try for the goal, but whether they will get into the race remains to be seen.

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FARMERS

The result of the special election held in the Rochester, N. Y. district to choose a successor to the late J. B. Perkins, representative in congress, shows a reversal in public opinion in a marked degree. Mr. Perkins was a republican who was serving his fifth term and who was chosen at the election of 1908 by a majority of 10,176 votes over his democratic opponent. At a special election on Tuesday of this week the democratic candidate was chosen by a majority over his republican opponent of 5,900 votes. A similar incident occurred a few weeks ago in a Massachusetts district, when Eugene Foss was elected on the democratic ticket in a republican district by a large majority. These indicate a decided opposition to the new tariff law and they unquestionably point strongly toward a

democratic house in the next congress. Judging from former experiences in tariff revision that this should prove true would not be singular, for that has been almost a uniform result of the work of revising tariff schedules. Late history proves it. There was a reaction against republicans when the McKinley bill was passed. The democrats then undertook revision and this was their undoing, the country swinging back to McKinley and making him president. Then the Dingley law was passed, but no democratic house was chosen following it, this being a conspicuous exception.

The election at Rochester this week was based on revision under the Payne-Aldrich bill. Rochester is a manufacturing center, but in spite of that fact the district went overwhelmingly democratic by republican votes. The issue was reciprocity with Canada, which means the United States markets for farm products are to be opened duty free, to Canadian farm products if Canada will open her markets to American manufactured products. The high cost of living was a prominent factor, as it was in the Massachusetts district. Manufacturing centers complain of the prices of farm products which compose nine-tenths of the necessities of life.

The incomprehensible feature of the situation is the one in which it appears that the same sentiment is dominant in the agricultural west, that has been recorded in the manufacturing centers where elections to congress have recently taken place.

Will the farmers be led into supporting democracy, in view of the disastrous record of that party as a "tariff reform" party? Can three interests be identical with those of Rochester, and Massachusetts, where free Canadian farm products are demanded. Is it not an anomaly to say so? Already the prices of farm products are showing signs of weakness. A democratic house will send them downward, though by no means to the extent an entire democratic administration would do. Are the farmers willing to vote to reduce their own prices with the hope of getting at corresponding prices the things they buy? We can only wait and see. Perhaps the Rochester election hinged more on the insurance scandal with which the republican candidate was alleged to be connected than upon the tariff issue, but it is evident there is a screw loose somewhere in the logic of the country.—Fremont Tribune.

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ling list; however, it is not thought the place or its occupants will be seriously missed by the Plattsmouth people.

Mrs. P. J. Reynolds and two children left this morning for McPaul from where they will proceed to Thurman to visit with J. P. Hume for a few days.

Frank McElroy, the handsome and urbane tailor, inspected the sights of Omaha yesterday.

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