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A SPECIAL from Denver, says that Ami B. Todd, who was already under a bond of $2,000, has been compelled to give an additional bond of $5,000. There are a few other fellows teat the gabernment should be looning after just as well. Ami is not the only one.

THERE is another epidemic of oldest inhabitants. A man died at Fairmont recently who was 91 years of age, and who says that he saw the first railroad operated in the United States. He neglected to say whether the state officials and judges rode on passes or not.

THE removal of Baxter from the position of United States district attorney, has pleased some of the republican leaders, while others seem to think he should have remained. A factional fight is brewing. Let it come. The sooner the better it will be for the people of Nebraska.

SANTA CLAUS will have a tremendous lot of presents to distribute tomorrow night, and the way ought to be made as easy as possible for him. It will be hard pulling for Donner and Blitzen and the other brave steeds if the sleigh runners have to drag over dry, dusty ground.

IF by any chance Odell's fight against Federal interference in New York politics should result in the overthrow of bossism and machine methods in that State, a miracle will have been wrought the like of which has not been seen in American politics since American independence was won.

SOME firms complain that they are not getting trade that they should. Possibly this is true. Possibly many send away for goods that they should buy at home. But remember the Lord helps those who help themselves, and in everyday parlance, that means that the merchant who does not reach out after business through advertising, shows no disposition to help himself.

CHRISTMAS comes but once a year—and that is too bad. The Christmas spirit ought to rule all the year round. That is the time when earth is lifted nearest heaven. If we could but fix the motives which control men then, and give them perennial force, if we could diffuse throughout the whole year the large-heartedness, the ingenuousness and sentiment of mankind at Christmas-time, the world would be better for it.

IF our merchants will get together on special sale business and all arrange for a special sale on the same day, then advertise far and wide their offerings they could fill the city two or three days in a week with bargain hunters. The merchant who will let jealousy or any other little thing stand in the way of a good business policy is standing in his own light. Other towns are having these special sales days with profit to everybody. Let's get together upon this matter, and see that the customary dull period does not follow the holiday buying.

An Excellent Appointment.

When the resignation of Fred W. Ebinger was presented and accepted Tuesday night by the council, William Hassler was appointed to fill the vacancy in the First ward. Mr. Ebinger, who retires on account of his removal from the city, has made one of the best members that ever occupied a seat in the city council, and while the Journal regrets to see him "step down and out," we are positive that Billy Hassler is just the man to step into Mr. Ebinger's shoes. Mr. Hassler is a gentleman in every sense of the term, and a citizen who can be depended upon to discharge the duties of the office to the entire satisfaction of the First ward constituency. Mr. Hassler is one of Plattsmouth's best citizens, he will be found laboring for the best interests of the city at all times and under all circumstances.

Dare They Do It?

The following is from the Lincoln News, and has the right ring to it. But coming from a republican source, as it does, we are very doubtful as to the seriousness of the writer. We prefer to await the action of the next republican state convention, and see if it dare act in accordance with the News' article:

"It seems to the News that the time has come in Nebraska for the people of this state to give the railroads some of their own medicine. In defiance of decency and right action, the Burlington and Union Pacific railways have taken the question of justness of their assessment into the federal courts, where it will hang for a dozen years, if they have their way. There was another course open to the railways, if they felt themselves aggrieved—i. e., the state courts—but their object is not speedy justice, but a delay through which they may force a compromise.

One way by which the people can effectively strike at the railroads was outlined in last evening's News. It is to change the law so that the railroads must run the gauntlet of the local assessors, just as every other tax payer must do. The unit theory now in vogue was invented as a tax dodging device. It placed in the hands of state officers, who have in most instances in past years been selected at conventions dominated by the corporation agents, the right to fix the value of every bit of railroad property in the state, while every other property owner had to rely upon the sense of justice possessed by his local assessor. An Omaha or Lincoln capatilist might own a farm in every one of two dozen counties in the state and yet there was no state board that fixed his assessment. He had to depend upon what the local man thought of the value of his farms.

Make the railroads equal with citizens before the law. Make them pay their just proportion of taxes. In the city of Lincoln they pay about a tenth in municipal taxes of what they should pay, and the same is true of every city in the state where they have any considerable property.

The railroads have debauched politics, courts and legislatures long enough. They have found their control slipping away from them, and they flee to the federal court. Let the people of Nebraska bring them to time by using some of the weapons ready to hand. The fight is on. Let us do a little fighting ourselves.

What Will Nebraska Do?

Up and down goes the Big Stick, with sickening and monotonous regularity.

Every time it rises a Nebraska republican official trembles in his boots, and whenever it falls it's a ten to one shot that a Nebraska republican head has been cracked.

The bad eggs are being broken and the stench overpowers the state.

What's the matter with Nebraska, anyhow?

Is the whole state rotten? Is the entire republican organization rotten?

Or is it merely that the state is controlled by the republican organization and the organization is controlled by rotten men, who are on top?

If we were to dig down under this scum of republican rottenness perhaps we would find the state clean and wholesome at heart. In fact, we who live in Nebraka, and who love Nebraska, know it is so.

But what must they think who know Nebraska only by reputation and by the character of men she puts forth to represent her?

Nebraska is shamed before the eyes of the sisterhood of states, not one of which has brought upon the federal service a deeper stain than has she.

Look at what the republican party has done for Nebraska!

Dietrich, Savage and Mickey for governors; Deitrich to the senate, Thompson to Brazil, Prout for attorney general, Baker, Cruzen, Pettijohn, Tucker, Mathews, Baxter!

The state debt piling up higher and higher, taxes doubled, appropriations doubled, an incompetent and faithless legislature ruled by an unscrupulous and shameless lobby—from every point Nebraska misgoverned, misrepresented, disgraced!

What is Nebraska going to do about it?

What would the ordinary citizen do if he had been so cheated and shamed by a confidential and trusted servant as Nebraska has been by the republican party?

Would he kick the faithless servant out of the house, or would he merely tell him to go take a bath, change his clothes and come back and take charge of his affairs again?

What, we repeat, is Nebraska going to do about it?

In other states they spank the party that betrays and plunders—note Ohio and Pennsylvania and Missouri.

What will they do in Nebraski?—World-Herald.

Our Sentiments Exactly.

Democrats, says Edgar Howard of the Columbus Telegram, differ as to the best course to pursue in order to secure the election of a democratic United States Senator from Nebraska next fall. Some contend that the state convention should not make a nomination, but that the aspirants should be left free to make a fight for themselves in the various sections of the state. For instance, it is argued that if the state convention should leave a free field to all democrats Congressman Hitchcock might be able to land an entire delegation in Omaha, solely on his personality; that Judge Oldham could certainly break the republican barriers in Buffalo and adjoining western counties; that W. H. Thompson could carry the legislative ticket in the strong republican county of Hall, and in a dozen other counties where his personality always runs ahead of his party vote; that Shellenberger could win several republican seats in the southwest country. We recognize the force of this argument, and yet we are ready to go on record in favor of a senatorial nomination by the state convention. It is time for the democracy of the state to get into closer touch with the people. This is a republican state, under normal conditions, but present conditions are not normal. Vast numbers of republican voters have been hoping against hope that their party would break away from the railroad strings by which the party now is bound. These independent republican voters are now passing from the stage of hope to the stage of activity. They are going to do things to their faithless leaders next year. They are going to try to force their leaders to nominate republican candidates who are free from corporation control. That effort will be a failure and then independent republicans will be mad enough to make effective their protest against corporation control of the republican party. They will make that protest effective by voting the democratic legislative nominees. In order that republicans may be the more readily induced to support democratic nominees for the legislature, the state convention should name a candidate for United States senator, and pledge every democratic legislator to vote for him. The nominee should be a man whose record would give everybody confidence in his loyalty to the people's view of the railroad question. With such a nominee—giving everybody to understand that the election of a democratic legislature will mean the placing of that man in Senator Millard's seat—we believe the interests of the democracy of the state would fare better than if the state convention should fail to make a nomination.

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HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF IT

Talk of Dispensing With County Assessor Feature of New Revenue Law.

The Lincoln News is authority for the statement that some state officials who have watched the operation of the county assessor law are urging that the work done by those officials ought to be left to the county clerks and the precinct assessors. Men who have been out in the state report that they have discovered evidences of sentiment in favor of repealing the law at the next session of the legislature. By many advocates of the new revenue law, the county assessor feature has been regarded as an essential to the enforcement. It is urged that the county assessor, exercising jurisdiction over the precinct assessors was bound to insure a uniformity of assessment as between the various districts of the county. The fact, that he is endowed with plenary powers and supervises the work, has been regarded as an important argument.

It is now charged that the county assessors have not done what the framers of the act had intended them to accomplish. It is alleged that in many of the counties they have done but little work, which might readily have been left to the county clerks. One of the objects to be attained by making the change would be to save the salaries paid to the officials, which range from $250 in the smallest counties to $800 in Gage county, $1,800 in Lancaster and $2,400 in Douglas.

At the last session of the state legislature, an effort was made to secure the repeal of the county assessor provision and a return to the elective precinct assessors, but it was defeated by the friends of the revenue enactment who claimed that the election of the assessors locally would bring about a return to the old haphazard method of assessment. The plan broached now indicates that an effort may be made to retain the appointive feature and clothe the county clerk with the county assessors' functions.

A Card of Thanks.

After partaking of the bountiful repast, served at the beautifully decorated table, which the management so generously provided for us, We, the ladies of the Nebraska Masonic Home, wish to expess our thanks to all who so kindlycontributed to our happiness, for the many presents and Christmas greetings to each and all of us. Their names are too many to enumerate in this short space, but special mention should be made of Hon. George W. Linninger, president of the association, who presented to each of us a beautiful dress and many articles dear to the feminine heart. Also to the boys of the Methodist Episcopal church, who contributed the floral decorations for our Christmas feast.

THE LADIES OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

Merry Christmas.

Is the song of the season which yearly is sung
Adown through the centuries regularly is rung
Since the birth of our Savior we welcome the day
With love and good wishes both merry and gay
And we bid it good bye with a smile and a tear
For it heralds the birth of the glad New Year
And may it be happy for one and for all
Unmixed with a sorrow and may no tear fall
May the Allwise Father continue to bless
And remove from each heart every thought of distress
And may God bless the Masons, its officers grand
Who provided this Home in this beautiful land.
Every one of the order, wherever they roam
Will echo through—God Bless Our Home.

MRS. J. E. VANDERCOOK.

Mrs. Miller Dangerously Ill.

W. D. Jones and wife were called to Lincoln Sunday owing to the serious illness of Mrs. David Miller. Mrs. Miller lived in Plattsmouth a few years ago and has a host of friends here who will regret to learn that she is in a very critical condition, from the results of a surgical operation performed a few weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have returned home.

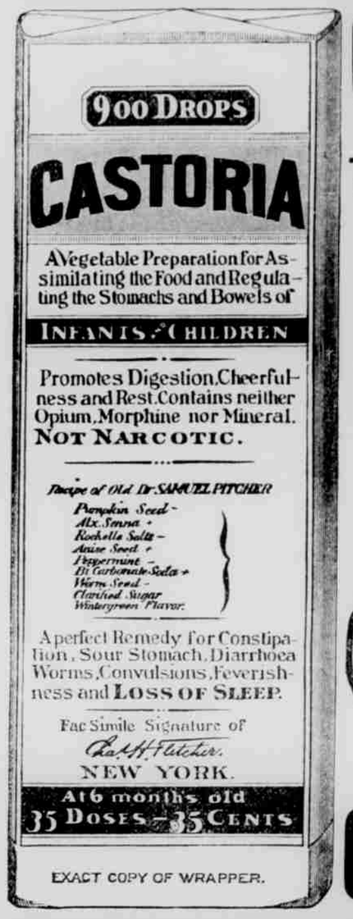
Masonic Festival.

A Masonic festival will be held at the lodge rooms of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., on Wednesday evening, December 57, 1905, at 7:30 p. m. All Master Masons, their wives and daughters are invited to be present. By order of the W. M.

M. ARCHER, Secretary.

G. A. R. Renders Fine Program.

McConihie Post No. 45, held an open meeting Saturday night. The Woman's Relief Corps was present as the guests of the Post and the program included a very patrotic talk by Commander Glenn; a rescitation, "Sheridan's Ride" by Miss Barnart; a talk by Comrade R. W. Hyers on prison life interspersed with music; a drill of the awkward squad; a general good time was enjoyed. There was a large attendance and this meeting of the Post closes the duties of the officers for the year ending January 1, 1906.



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