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Yesterday the new Sultan of Turkey, "girdled the sword" whatever that means. To many it sounds ominously like he was preparing for the Armenians in the most approved Abdul Hamid style.

Henry Huckins in his Lincoln Herald takes some pretty pointed exceptions to certain democrats in this state. While we cannot admire Henry's particular brand of politics, it must be admitted he sometimes says pertinent things.

The passage of the new tariff bill with its increased duties ought to go far toward restoring confidence to those timid mortals who were afraid congress might cut off their profits. They were always safe.

Some of the papers out in the state are throwing fits over the election of Mayor Dahlman of Omaha. They seem to all take their cue from the Lincoln Journal and this suggests that in one particular instance at least, these editors are not so much democrat as republican.

The crusade on the mushroom or waste basket hat, continues apace. The Texas legislature debated the matter very seriously of abolishing this hat in the confines of the Lone Star State. It should have passed the bill as it has always set the pace for other states in real reform legislation.

It is now frankly conceded that all the noise and buncomb of the western senators on the tariff bill is to be of no effect. Just enough of them have spoken to keep the republicans of the west still plodding along in the party hoping against hope that congress will finally wake up and give the people relief from the excessive tariff taxation. But all the same it is to be noted, that Aldrich and the tariff barons have the votes and the bill will be passed. The tariff will indeed be revised, but it will be revised up instead of down and the beneficiaries will be the same old set of looters who have for years been robbing the American people. It is always questionable whether the republicans of the west will be misled by this spectacular clap-trap which their senators are now engaged in peddling out, or whether they will rise in their might and clean out the party so thoroughly that genuine revision will take place. The probabilities are that they will do the former for they have always been in the past a most gullible set.

The action of the city council in taking steps toward having the property of the Burlington protected from disastrous floods which have swept down on the shops in years past, cannot be too highly commended. The objection to doing the work that the council had no right to exceed the levy and order the work done does not remedy the objections to the work. It was imperative that these floods must be stopped and the members of the council who took the bull by the horns and bravely ordered this property protected should and will meet with public approval. The Burlington shops are the backbone and mainstay of the city. They spend every month in this city from \$25,000 to \$30,000 and this amount forms a mighty big item in local trade accounts. To stand back on technicalities and refuse to vote a paltry few hundred dollars to protect this property would be suicide and would be quite justly condemned by the people of the city. The conscience of some members may have caused them to refrain from voting for this work but it was misplaced nevertheless. The maintenance of these works is something which every citizen is interested in and the votes cast for the work deserve the highest commendation. Any person attacking this appropriation is an enemy to Plattsmouth and its interests. What is wanted is more Burlington shops if they can be gotten instead of less and the way to get them is to treat the company fair. Besides this the work was city work and should have been done on general principles. The city protected their merchants on Main street from flood and this would have been useless if the Burlington property had been left unprotected and the mainstay of the Plattsmouth merchants swept away. It is well to know the members of the council can rise to an emergency and take the proper steps for the city's advancement. Let the Burlington know that Plattsmouth appreciates it and wants more of its patronage. Do this by looking after its property the same as other property and if other means are needed to increase the business take them.

An Uncalled For Charge.

Heretofore a county judge had more political patronage to bestow than any other officer around the court house, especially so far as the newspapers were concerned. A new law is now in force. It provides that any attorney or person having litigation before the judge may select in what paper he will have his legal notices printed and the judge is bound to grant the request. All who have business with our county judge should take particular notice of the above information. —Plattsmouth Journal.

It is unfair and unjust for any newspaper to publish an article like the above, which is intended as a thrust at County Judge Allen J. Beeson. Judge Beeson is a man who is respected by all who know him, republicans and democrats alike, and the Courier does not believe he ever used his high office to throw business to any newspaper in Cass County. The Courier does not take issue with the law that permits litigants and their attorneys to select their own newspaper for publication of their legal matter, but it does take issue with any newspaper that indirectly charges Judge Beeson with influencing the placing of legal advertising. It would be just as fair to say that he is an unfair judge, which statement would be resented by people all over our county. Cass County has long been blessed with good, fair county judges, and it is not straining a point to say that Judge Beeson is the peer of any of them. —Louisville Courier.

It seems that the Courier makes serious objection to the above, when no wrong to Judge Beeson was intended. And while this matter is now up for discussion, we will say, however, that we know of notices that were placed in other papers under Judge Beeson's directions, where the attorneys and parties interested in estates wanted the same published in the Journal. We did not think of making this assertion public un-

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Compares Appropriations.

Speaker C. W. Pool, who is editor of the Tecumseh Tribune compares the appropriations by the republican legislature of two years ago with that of the democratic legislature of last winter as follows:

"Some republican papers still maintain their charge of extravagance against the last legislature, and by comparing totals make it appear that the republican legislature of 1907 was a model of economy as compared with the democratic legislature of 1909, but a careful investigation of the facts will reveal quite the contrary.

"It is true that the total amount appropriated in 1909 exceeded the amount appropriated in 1907. No one will care to deny the fact, nor is there any necessity for denying it, but the democratic legislature of 1909 and to appropriate \$160,000 to take care of deficiencies created by republican managers of state institutions, and the state institutions during the next two years will cost more to maintain than they cost during the two years under the Sheldon administration. For instance, the legislature of 1907 appropriated for the penitentiary on the basis of 325 convicts. There are now 427 convicts in the big prison. The same ratio of increase is found in all of the other state institutions.

"Two years ago Gov. Sheldon vetoed building appropriations amounting to about \$400,000, although he admitted that the new buildings were badly needed. His claim was, however, that the expenditures must be kept inside the revenue. And when he issued the vetoes helpless inmates of the Lincoln, Hastings and Norfolk asylums, were sleeping on cots in halls, sleeping in attics and basements, sleeping two in a bed; and the feeble minded children in the Beatrice institution were forced to sleep in unfinished attics and in damp basements. The 1909 legislature appropriated \$500,000 for new buildings in which to house those helpless and dependent wards of the state. Yet, with the same levy and the increased expenditures for new buildings and for educational purposes the present biennium will end with more money in the treasury than was left under the Sheldon administration.

"Adding the \$160,000 deficiency to the total of the 1907 legislature and subtract it from the total of the 1909 legislature, and the difference between the two totals is not large enough to excite comment. Take into account the growth of the state institutions and the difference is wiped out. And then give the 1909 legislature credit for \$500,000 of new buildings and \$700,000 more for educational purposes—all without adding a single iota to the tax rate. When you analyze the fact you will discover that the 1909 legislature was the most economical in the history of the state.

"Another charge circulated is that the Shallenberger administration exhibited an awful hunger for political pie. This charge is founded on the fact that the legislature gave into the hands of the governor some appointments heretofore in the hands of other state officers. But in doing this the legislature only went back to the system in vogue prior to the election of Wm. A. Poynter. The republican legislature in its greed, took a lot of appointments away from the demo-pop governor. The legislature of 1909 merely gave them back.

When Governor Deitrich succeeded Governor Poynter he made a clean sweep of the Poynter appointees. Governor Shallenberger has not done so."

Representative Murphy of Missouri seems to have some stamina and backbone in him, and his merited rebuke of Frank Hagerman, counsel for the allied roads who won in Judge McPherson's court, was well merited. Without a knowledge of the facts in the case, it is difficult to say as to the merits of his resolution to impeach Judges McPherson and Philips but the decision on the two-cent fare laws in that state looks mighty funny.

Demonstration Arouses Mirth.

In speaking of the jollifications of the prohibitionists in Lincoln the other day, in honor of the triumph of prohibition in that city, the Star says the "street parade was rather tame," and the "procession of temperance cohorts aroused mirth." And the Star further says:

"That the result of the city election, which decreed that there shall be no saloons in Lincoln after next Monday night, does not yet mean temperance, but vigilant work will have to be done to enforce the law, was the belief of the speakers who addressed the temperance workers at the auditorium Friday night. The parade which hundreds gathered along the streets to see, was a rather tame affair, but a little more enthusiasm was shown at the auditorium meeting.

"Less than fifty people took part in the parade. It formed at Fifteenth and M and marched to P street and from there to Eleventh, and doubled back on O to Thirteenth and then to the auditorium. The parade was led by half a dozen horsemen and a band of twenty pieces. Perhaps twenty people marched along behind the band.

"Among the speakers at the auditorium were C. M. Green, I. F. Roach, A. G. Wolfenbarger, A. L. Bixby, John M. Mockett, W. B. Price, R. C. Abbott and T. J. Merryman. Richard L. Metcalfe presided at the meeting, introducing the various speakers. There was a fair sized crowd listening to the addresses and cheered the speakers when in their opinion they scored a point.

All of the speakers expressed joy because of the victory of the temperance forces. But they likewise all believed that the work of the church people is just beginning. The victory was won easily, they believed, as compared with the ease with which the sale of liquor can be prevented."

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