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The Lincoln bankers are at sea to know what action Governor Shallenberger will take in reference to the bank guaranty law. Boastful Burnham will find out ere many moons that the people of Nebraska have some rights which even pig-headed bankers like himself are bound to respect. Whatever action Governor Shallenberger takes in reference to the matter, that action will be in the direct interests of the people of Nebraska.

Mayor L. J. Jackson of Nebraska City has adopted a new scheme for timing the opening and closing the saloons in that city each day. In the morning seven taps are struck on the fire bell, and in the evening eight taps are struck for closing. This is a good idea and should be followed by all well regulated cities and towns. There will be no mistake then.

The second letter threatening the Governor does not help matters any for the side from which such epistles are said to originate. Of course we do not believe these threats come from where they are generally supposed to come, but innocent parties are liable to get the blame from the prohibition element just the same.

Here is a caustic comment on the present tariff situation, including a sharp thrust at President Taft: "It is a strange situation, surely, when a fight to retain the Dingley schedules can be heralded as a fight for free trade and foreign domination. It is a strange situation when the president, after himself making the demand for a reduction from the Dingley pooled to steal a railroad or loot a bank, without raising a crease to be voted by as bloodless a combination as ever pooled to steal a railroad or loot a bank, without raising a schedules, will sit back and allow the senate committee infinger to sustain the men who are standing by his personal pledges and by the pledges made by him for the administration." It might be supposed that the foregoing is taken from a rampant Democratic paper, but it is not. It is an editorial from the leading Republican paper in Iowa, the Des Moines Register and Leader.

The demand for a safe and sane observance of the Fourth of July comes as usual this year after all the damage has been done. The record for killed and wounded this year is somewhat greater than ever. In Nebraska the next celebration of the natal day will be more sane because the law restricts the sale of explosives to the small crackers and the toy pistol and loaded cane is a thing of the past in this state. The loaded cane is the biggest nuisance that was ever invented, and has been the means of injuring more people than any other one explosive. Fifteen persons were killed outright in St. Louis alone this 4th, and over one hundred injured. The dead throughout the United States this year will reach up into the hundreds, while the injured will be numbered by the thousands. It seems the people, and especially the boys, are getting more reckless each year.

BOASTFUL BURNHAM.

S. H. Burnham is president of the First National bank of Lincoln and one of the influential bosses of the republican state organization. We mention this by way of identification, since it throws a light on a circular letter Mr. Burnham has addressed to the banks of the state jubilating over the Vandeventer injunction of the Nebraska guaranty law. In the concluding paragraph of his letter Mr. Burnham says:

"So far as I am concerned I have no further fear regarding the outcome of the entire proposition. We have knocked them out in the first round, and we will give them a body blow in the second that will put the proposition to sleep forever."

By "them" Mr. Burnham doubtless means the majority of the people of Nebraska who demanded, and elected a legislature to enact, a law for the safeguarding of bank deposits.

That Mr. Burnham and his associates did succeed in "knocking them out in the first round" may be admitted. This is not due to any virtue or strength in the position of those bankers and politicians who, for selfish reasons, oppose the guaranty law. It is due simply to an extraordinary and vicious power assumed by the federal courts, under which they assert the right to suspend the operation of a state law for an indefinite period, while they and the supreme court are making up their minds whether it is constitutional or not. It amounts only to judicial despotism. It is a denial of the principles of representative government, and the establishment, instead, of the irresponsible rule of an oligarch.

But Mr. Burnham's boast that he will soon "give them a body blow that will put the proposition to sleep forever" may well be taken with a grain of allowance.

It is a pretty difficult thing, even for the great and mighty bankers of the state of Nebraska, to put the people, and any proposition to which they are committed, "to sleep forever." They will find it hard to accomplish even with the assistance of the supreme court.

The slave power was as stiff-necked and defiant in its day as Mr. Burnham is now. For the most part it had possession of the machinery of government. It dominated the supreme court, even, and when it got the infamous Dred Scot decision it thought, just as this arrogant Lincoln banker thinks now, that it had "put them to sleep forever." But the American people proved themselves greater than the slave power, and taught the world, in the end, that it is possible for an enlightened public sentiment to be better law and better morals even than a decision of the supreme court.

Let Mr. Burnham and his political and banking associates have their little day of triumph. Let them swell and exult and strut around in the peacock plumage that Judge Vandeventer has furnished them. The idea of a guaranty of bank deposits is sound and just, conditions demand its application, and the people are for it. That means it is going to prevail. Mr. Burnham is neither going to "put it to sleep forever," nor "give a body blow" to the people. He only thinks he is. And the time may come when he will find that the people, as well as he and his bank, can engage in this little game of "body blows," and if it ever does come he will be sure to find how hard a blow an aroused and indignant people can strike.—World-Herald.

A Minneapolis judge has sent a millionaire auto-speeder to jail for five days. The world is growing better.

President Taft, in his Fourth of July speech, declared that every man should be allowed to worship in his own way. Wonder if he had the tariff in his mind during these remarks?

Wind Jammer Burkett will certainly possess the gall of a government mule if he asks the people of Nebraska to return him to the United States Senate. The republicans have plenty of abler men who will stand by them.

It may be that Governor Shallenberger will call a special session of the legislature, but if he concludes to do so, it will be done in the interests of the people, and because their rights have been trampled upon. And they will bear him out in his actions.

We have been telling the rank and file of our Republican friends that the dominating influences in that party were hopelessly tinged with plutocracy. This, these same friends have always denied. We are wondering now what they think about the Republican majority in congress since Mr. Aldrich has taken up the tariff business.

While the matter of cutting weeds is on, we would like to remark that you can take any section but that right in the very heart of the city, and you will find cleaner alleys and neater door yards than right where it is needed the worst. The business section needs more attention in this direction than the residence sections of the city.

There is evidently more money in baseball than there is in politics. After Don C. Desplain was fired from office, he went into the moving picture business, and now he and Lowell B. Soner have purchased the baseball franchise of Guy W. Green at Lincoln, and the transfer was made yesterday. Don always was a sorter of a baseball crank from early boyhood.

The Lincoln Journal persistently mentions the name of William Hayward in their column of political gossip as a possible candidate for governor. While his friends here would be glad to have him get anything he wants in a political way, they nevertheless are looking at the job now held by one Elmer J. Burkett as a more feasible position for a man of Mr. Hayward's attainments.—Nebraska City Press.

The people of Nebraska last fall decided they wanted a bank guaranty law, and the Democratic Legislature, last winter, gratified their wishes. After lobbying all winter against the measure, and failing to defeat it, Banker Burnham and his little coterie of assistants are now attempting to defeat the will of the people in the federal courts. Will the people rule in Nebraska, or will Burnham and his followers? That's the question.

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Under the Lash.

For nearly a half century the Des Moines Register has been noted as a rock-ribbed and stalwart Republican newspaper. Its fealty to the party cause will not now be questioned, and when it reads a lecture to the present leadership of the Republican party, the many thousands of adherents to that party in the state of Iowa, are likely to listen and to follow in the voicing of the Register's plea for a radical change in the present policy of Senator Aldrich and his colleagues. The Register says:

"The Republican party cannot remain in power under the Aldrich leadership. Perhaps it is much more to the point to say that the Republican party ought not to remain in power under such leadership. There must be somewhere a progressive and aggressive republicanism of another sort. The delegation from Iowa has assumed that leadership and its only alternative is to surrender or fight. We believe we voice the sentiment of the state when we say that in this contingency Iowa is not for surrender.

"For itself the Register and Leader has become thoroughly out of patience with the notion of political conformity where the independent and fearless and honest leadership of the party is expected to always knuckle down to a combination of interests that holds the reasonable expectation of the people and the party pledges equally in contempt. We went through all that here in Iowa in the old days. We have escaped because there were men who read their party duty along broader lines.

"The Iowa delegation may find it wise to vote for the tariff bill. They may find it wise to vote against the tariff bill. The vote one way or the other is incidental. The main thing is having thrown the gauntlet to the Aldriches of Republican leadership—that every vote be with reference to strengthening their position. For there are to be sessions of congress and this one and there are to be tariff fights after this one. And the Republican party is to have leadership such as Iowa has offered in this contest or the president who succeeds President Taft will not bear the same party designation."

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Congressman Norris will probably oppose Burkett for United States Senator. Mr. Norris has a pretty clear record on the tariff question, while Burkett was with his Nebraska constituents one day and the next day voting with the Rhode Island boss.

Over a million and a half acres of land in Washington, Idaho and Montana are to be disposed of by Government land drawing, to take place at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, beginning on the morning of August 9. The properties include 1,200,000 acres in the Flathead reservation, 310,000 in the Coeur d'Alene and 153,000 in the Spokane reservation. The size of the tracts vary from 40 to 160 acres. The methods used at the drawing in Bonesteel, South Dakota, will be adopted. A huge tent will be erected, and in it will be deposited tons of certificates, each in a sealed envelope. Children will then be turned loose at the mighty heap, and will dig the certificates out of the mass. Registration for the drawing will continue until August 5. As would naturally be supposed, this distribution has awakened intense interest in every part of the Union. Our people are land hungry. Vast as the tracts to be disposed of are, they are small compared with the quantity which has been lost to the public by fraud, speculation and greed.

Danger Signs.

The question arises, What will the Republicans of Iowa do in regard to the new tariff law? Thousands of Iowa Republicans are free traders. Thousands more are in favor of a tariff for revenue only. A few are in favor of protection. But the majority rules in the Republican party in this state and what will the platform be next year? Can the platform point with pride to the work of the Dingley law. As we understand it, there is little pride left for the Dingley law, even those who have been made rich by it are in favor of making changes in it by which they hope to make more money. What will the people do who want to buy their family supplies cheaper? Nothing has been done to cheapen farm products, and farm products are the source of our general distress. In connection with all these schemes, what will the harvest be? Will it happen that the Republican who promises to continue the tariff fight will be the man nominated? What will happen in Iowa if one or two of our senators and several of our representatives vote against the tariff bill which shall be agreed upon by the conference committee.—Iowa State Capital (Rep).

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