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Official County Paper.

MEN are commended in the old book to "love one another," but from the demonstrations reported as occurring in the populist convention at Wabash Saturday last, we are inclined to believe they have forgotten the injunction.

THE democrats must be accredited with great forethought in placing Balm of Gilead on the free list.—Nebraska City Press (rep.).

That would be very witty if it were not old. Balm of Gilead was on the free list under the McKinley act—see section 498. Try again, neighbor.

GRANTING that the democratic congress didn't do all it ought for tariff reform, it is entitled to great credit for having abolished the McKinley monstrosity. What did the republican congress do? They delayed action in the senate for three months, and finally prevented the passage of a free sugar bill. That's their record.

FARMERS should plant more trees on their places. Those who have groves or rows of trees on the south side of their fields will have a good many more bushels of corn this year because of that fact. The trees formed a break to the hot winds, and sent the heated waves high up over the tops of many rows of corn. Plant more trees on your farm.

THE Union Pacific has recently issued an order for its employees to keep out of politics, and threatens with dismissal any one who runs for office. That doesn't seem to include John M. Thurston, however, who is out stumping the state, while enjoying his \$12,000 a year salary, running for the U. S. senate on the republican platform. Probably the order was only meant to apply to the men who work.

ALREADY the hum of industries long idle under a McKinley tariff has begun to be heard in many factories in the east under the inspiration of newly awakened demands for goods under the new tariff bill. Business, too, is picking up everywhere, caused by lower prices on all manner of dress goods, clothing and wares, secured through a reduction of the rates of duty. Better times are coming as a result of the Wilson bill enactment.

MR. MORTON AND THE IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

The Lincoln News, it occurs to us, goes out of its way to abuse Secretary of Agriculture Morton, and denounces one of his recent letters to the irrigation convention at Denver as "official insolence." The secretary had been solicited to send a representative of his department to the convention, and he declined to do this because there was nothing within the scope of the law which was embraced in the probable action of the convention, as such conventions usually did nothing to aid practical irrigation, but were devoted to petitioning congress for grants of land for the states and for the privilege of using and controlling water courses which might belong to the government. This statement is denounced as "official insolence" by the News. If telling the plain truth in a plain, but not discourteous manner, can be so classed it is something new to us. We believe in giving the devil his due. Mr. Morton is very wrong in his attitude on the money question, and may be called a crank in his advocacy of the single gold standard, but he is entitled to be treated justly, nevertheless. He is eminently right as to his letter to the irrigation convention. Two years ago Nebraska and all the states in the trans-Mississippi country were asked to send delegates to what was called a "Trans-Mississippi Congress" at Denver. In common with many others from this state the writer went out there as a representative of the city of Plattsmouth and Nebraska. It was a big affair, and was reckoned a success. But among its doings was the passage of a series of resolutions asking congress for the granting of large bodies of arid land to the several states under similar conditions under which swamp lands had been granted western states in former years, giving to the states the power to irrigate and to dispose of to private parties for irrigating purposes, any also asking the government to give up its control of the water courses, so that the states might farm out or sell privileges of that nature. It was openly charged in the convention that syndicates had already been formed in Colorado and some of the other mountain states for taking advantage on a large scale of the privileges set forth in the resolutions—but they passed, and were afterwards duly presented to congress. While the debate was in progress no man ventured to throw any light whatever on the subject of practical irrigation, and as applied to that convention—and we believe to every other one that was ever held—Mr. Morton's criticism was eminently just, and it would have been manifestly improper for the department of agriculture to send a representative there—to give at least inferential endorsement of plans for asking favors of congress. If the Lincoln News would revise its history of "Irrigation Congresses" it would see that Secretary Morton was eminently right in his estimate of his duties toward such an aggregation.

It may be set down as a fact that most of this "middle of the road" talk on the part of populists in Nebraska emanates from H. E. Taubeneck, who was unfortunately placed at the head of the national committee of that party. He used to be a republican and is still a tariffite. It will be noticed that his adherents do not go far enough to advise the populists in the south against fusion with the republicans to beat the democrats, and they did fuse in Alabama and Arkansas and North Carolina for that purpose; but in Nebraska, where there is a good chance to defeat the republicans by fusion, they prefer to take to the "middle of the road."

LINCOLN ON CAPITAL AND LABOR.
[From President Abraham Lincoln's message to the second session of the Thirty-seventh congress to be found in the appendix to the Congressional Globe, of the Thirty-seventh congress, second session, page 4.]
Monarchy itself is sometimes hinted at as a possible refuge from the power of the people. In my present position I could scarcely be justified were I to omit raising a warning voice against this approach of returning despotism. It is not needed nor fitting here that a general argument should be made in favor of popular institutions, but there is one point with its connections not so hackneyed as most others to which I ask a brief attention. It is the effort to place capital on an equal footing with, if not above, labor in the structure of government. It is assumed that labor is available only in connection with capital, that nobody labors unless somebody else, owning capital somehow by the use of it induces him to labor. * * * Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital

is only the fruit of labor and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital and deserves much the higher consideration. * * * No men living are more worthy to be trusted than those who toil up from poverty; none less inclined to take or touch aught which they have not honestly earned. Let them beware of surrendering a political power which they already possess and which, if surrendered, will surely be used to close the door of advancement against such as they, and to fix new disabilities and burdens upon them till all of liberty shall be lost.
THE Lincoln Democrat is the name of a new candidate for favor just launched on the newspaper sea. It has J. C. Morgan, late of the Kearney Democrat for its editor, which is indicative of success, as Mr. M. is an experienced newspaper manager. The paper looks well typographically, and its initial number is edited with ability, force and discretion. The paper favors free coinage of silver and the election of Mr. Bryan to the senate. Shake 667—Mr. Democrat.
THE republican state convention did not have the courage to nominate anybody for U. S. senator, but their state committee has given its assent to the stumping tour of John M. Thurston, who is looked up to as their party candidate, and is making speeches for the party on a \$12,000 salary from the Union Pacific railway. What a fine thing it is! Shades of Abraham Lincoln, how the party has fallen!
Does the democratic party belong to the railways? is the question that will be decided by the majority as represented in the state convention. The railway managers are as completely in control of the republican party as if they owned the party, bag and baggage, but they haven't yet captured the democratic organization, and it is the part of honest democrats to see that no such fate should befall it.
THE republican press is publishing a list of articles on which the duties were increased by the Wilson bill. The list is a brief one, but they ought to be very proud of it, as it gives the foreigner such a good chance to pay the duties. Dollars to doughnuts, however, that they don't print a list of the articles on which the duties have been reduced or that have been put on the free list.
CONGRESSMAN SORG, elected in the third Ohio district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Houk, has declined to run again. He experienced the same disappointment about getting his district recognized by the president as did Champ Clark, and he will retire.
It is proposed to put the state fair on wheels. That being the case why should not Plattsmouth put in a bid for it? We have the room and the track, and could accommodate the crowd as well as some other towns that want

selfs democrats and some of them are said to be very anxious to have themselves appointed or elected as delegates to the democratic county and state conventions. In a personal sense these gentlemen are pleasant fellows, and are in every way worthy of such an ambitious distinction. But we submit that they are not consistent or deserving in a political sense. They know they are a very small minority of the party, and under ordinary political rules ought to be shut out. They can bask in the favor of a gold-bug president and his cabinet, and we submit that that ought to satisfy them. The democrats of the county, who largely favor free coinage at 16 to 1, are not likely to forget how that these same men tried every effort in their power to get on the state delegation last year, and how that one of their kind of men, who was placed there by either a misapprehension or false pretenses, betrayed the sentiment of the county on that state delegation, and helped to adopt a gold-bug platform and to defeat a free coinage plank. No man should be put on the delegation unless his position is thoroughly understood.

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