

consider tariff laws. As we have six congressmen and two senators to attend to that matter for us, we'll be almighty glad to have our 133 legislators attend strictly to their own business.

It was John M. Thurston who, when he was elected senator, pledged himself to support whatever a majority of Nebraskans demanded. Two years later the legislature was not republican, and it reminded Thurston of his pledge. All that Thurston did was to tell a majority of Nebraska voters to go to the devil.

The report that a lot of men with jugs who boarded the train in Omaha on Wednesday of last week were members of the legislature, is clearly false on the face of it. We don't know a single member of the legislature who would carry a jug and run the risk of being compelled, either by force or politeness, to divide up with thirsty fellow travelers. If the report had said "pocket flasks" we might have given it credence. One can keep a flask concealed on one's hip.

New berth rates have been put into effect by the Pullman company. Hereafter the upper berths will be lower, but the lower berths will be as high as ever. Hereafter one can get an upper lower instead of getting an upper as high as the lower. With the upper lower the upper is not as high as the lower, although the lower is higher than the upper. What we mean to say is—O, thunder! We'll just keep right on riding in the smoker.

J. M. Gaffney writes to Will Maupin's Weekly in reference to some recent remarks concerning our merchant marine—or rather our lack of a merchant marine. Mr. Gaffney gives further reasons for the disappearance of our flag from the seas. It is clearly evident to the careful observer that every effort is being bent towards keeping the people ignorant of the real reasons for the decay of our merchant marine, the object being to secure a ship subsidy law, thus building up another gigantic trust at the expense of the people.

A Lincoln coal dealer was charged 50 cents for a shave the other day. When he strenuously objected to the bill the barber replied: "I lost money at that rate on you. Your face is six times as long as the face of the average man." And the coal dealer admitted that such must be the fact, everything considered.

## A Transparent Scheme

There is nothing unfair in the proposition that the people of Nebraska should have the right to say where the state capital shall be located. But the studied scheme proposed to shut Lincoln out of the contest will never appeal to the people. The removal bill introduced first appeals to every town west of Lincoln which would like to have the capital, and then when it comes to deciding which town is to have it, Lincoln is barred. It is plainly a Kearney-Grand Island scheme, and if the measure should pass the legislature, one of the two towns would be sure to win.—Albion News.

## The Best Comment

"Why do sensible voters send roughnecks to the legislature to make laws for the people?" queries a paragrapher in a local paper. The answer is that sensible voters do not. The first comment that comes to mind is that some people have a peculiar idea of humor.

# RECIPROCITY WOULD PELP NEBRASKA

## Benefits Accruing to the State of Nebraska by Proposed Reciprocity Agreement.

### (a) Lumber and timber products:

The reciprocal agreement places timber, ordinary sawed lumber, wooden staves, paving posts, railroad ties, telephone, electric light, and trolley poles, and pickets and palings on the free list. The United States further agrees to cut the present duty on laths of 20 cents per thousand pieces in half, and reduce the duty on shingles from 50 cents to 30 cents per thousand. On all lumber planed or finished the present duties are reduced by \$1.25 per thousand feet. The state of Nebraska produces no lumber of commercial importance, hence these sweeping reductions in duty on all grades of lumber and timber should prove of the greatest value to the state. The United States found it to its advantage to import lumber from Canada in the fiscal year 1910 to the value of nearly \$24,000,000 with the present duties in force. If the heavy reductions in duty become effective, this amount could be increased almost indefinitely, as Canada is probably the richest country in the world in its resources of timber and area of forest. The Dominion statistician has estimated the area of standing timber to be more than a million and a quarter square miles. As Nebraska is now compelled to purchase all the lumber necessary for her industries and building construction outside of the state, the proposed reductions in duty can but redound to the advantage of all interests within the state, with no industry adversely affected.

### (b) Fish:

The proposed reciprocal agreement places fish of all kinds, fresh or prepared in any

manner, on the free list. This provision should be of material importance to the state of Nebraska, inasmuch as only a negligible quantity of fish is obtained from the waters within the state. The nutritive value of fish as an article of food has been long recognized, and their consumption in the United States is rapidly increasing. It is estimated that fish to the value of nearly \$50,000,000 are annually consumed in the United States. The imports of fish and fish products have practically doubled during the year 1910. This clearly indicates that American fishermen are no longer able to supply the home demand for fish. In the same year, our imports of fish from Canada were valued at \$4, 829,000 or nearly 35 per cent of our total imports. Canada possesses not only the most extensive, but also the most abundantly stocked commercial fishing waters in the world and is fully equipped to materially increase her exports to the United States and doubtless will do so with the better market resulting from free fish.

### (c) Wire fencing:

Barbed fencing wire and galvanized iron or steel wire of Nos. 9, 12 and 13 gauge are to be admitted into the United States from Canada free of duty in lieu of the present rate of three-quarters of a cent a pound on the former and five-tenths cent per pound on the latter. This concession should prove of great value to the farming and stock raising interests of the state, as Canada is already a considerable producer of wire fencing, and with the removal of the present high duties it is believed that Canada will be a sufficiently strong competitor in United States' markets to reduce the price of this farm necessity.

## WHAT THE OFFICE BOY SAYS

It's me guess dat a lot o' Christun parents t'ink dat if dey makes deir kids go t' Sunday school an hour a week dey are doin' deir religious duty by 'em.

Ever notus dat de guys w'ot make de biggest holler 'bout folks havin' a little fun on Sunday ain't never doin' a t'ing t' help de woikin' people git a Saturday half-holiday wit' pay?

I'd t'ink more o' dis heaven business if I didn't know so much about a lot o' guys w'ot's figgerin' on goin' dere.

I run across de woid 'introspection' de other day an' I looked it up in the book-shunary. I t'ink dat's what de dames need w'ot is allus a complainin' 'cause dey can't keep no hoid goils.

Dere's more credit in bein' a has-been dan in bein' a never-wuzzer.

Dere's too many fellers startin' off hot-foot in business an' den congealin' below de ankles at de foist sign o' trouble.

Dey say dat figgers won't lie, but dey can tell dat t' some kid w'ot ain't got no sister dat t'inks she's in sassiety.

Every time I hear some guy braggin' dat he's a self-made man I'm shure dat he spent most uv his woikin' time on his conceit.

Maybe it wouldn't be so hard f'r de profeshnul reformers t' save de kids if dey

would fix it so's de fathers an' mothers wouldn't have t' woik so many hours a day t' make a livin' dat dey gotter neglect de childrun.

Ma says dat if a man is a real for-shure Christian he don't have t' tell his neighbors about it. An' ma knows.

Guess a man's gotter right t' git soused if he wan't to, but if he's fool enough t' want t' he ought to be put in de foolish house f'r keeps.

De Good Book says dat I'm me brudder's keeper, but I don't t'ink it means dat I gotter neglect me own woik an' business all de toime a keepin' him.

## Referred to Bixby

I ain't much wise t' dis business game, but it strikes me dat de man w'ot has t' have one o' dem 'Do it Now' cards over his desk ain't much in de habit o' discountin' his bills.

The strange little girl in the neighborhood was making the usual advances towards friendship with the little girl who had been born right there.

"My papa is a professional man," lisped the little stranger.

"So's my papa," said the other little girl.

"Huh! What is your papa," queried the stranger.

"He's a doctor; what's your papa?"

"My papa's a poet," said the stranger proudly.

"That ain't a profession; that's a disease," exclaimed the resident little girl.