

## SOME VERY FINE SAMPLES OF HUMOR

The Lincoln Daily Star, which is making the very best possible presentation of a cause that it is impossible to present with logic and reason, asks Lincoln voters to remember a few things when they go to the polls next Tuesday. Addressing the individual voter the esteemed Star says:

*"He ought to remember the tremendous task imposed upon this city's friends to twice defeat the passage of a capital removal bill that would have seriously disturbed property values here."*

"Capital removal" was thought to be a sandbag by representatives of the liquor interests. It was about as dangerous as a stocking of mush. There never was a minute when the threat of capital removal frightened a sensible citizen of Lincoln, and if defeating the scheme was a "task" the task consisted in the efforts of the liquor interests to make it appear that there was something doing.

Referring to the University of Nebraska the esteemed Star says:

*"He ought to remember that a spirit hostile to Lincoln resulted in the paring down or the university appropriations some \$300,000 below the figure needed to maintain the institution adequately."*

That assertion is utterly without a basis of fact to stand upon. The University of Nebraska has never secured from the legislature of Nebraska all that it really needed. The legislature of 1911 appropriated more money to the University of Nebraska than any other legislature in the state's history. So much for that "argument" in favor of a return to license.

*"He ought to remember that there was a spirit of hostility toward Lincoln which resulted in the enactment of a law for the establishment of an agricultural college in the southwestern part of the state."*

Some of the warmest advocates of the southwestern agricultural schools are citizens of Lincoln; others are the devoted friends of Lincoln and anxious for her progress and development. The southwestern agricultural school was established because it is needed, and its fiercest opponents were men who attack Lincoln bitterly at every opportunity. Will Maupin's Weekly, which can not by any stretch of the imagination be declared "hostile to Lincoln," advocated the establishment of that school.

*"He must remember that a spirit of hostility to Lincoln, which was absolutely new and unique in legislative affairs, developed in that session of the legislature which resulted in the rigid limitation of every appropriation for a state institution located in Lincoln."*

Does the esteemed Star mean to say that it represents an element that is willing to deprive the unfortunate wards of

the state of the comfort and care to which they are in all decency and humanity entitled, simply because Lincoln refuses to accept that element's ideas upon questions of excise. If the Star is willing to admit that it is fighting the battles of such an element, Will Maupin's Weekly will not for a moment undertake to deprive it of that glory. "License saloons in your city or we'll starve and freeze and neglect the unfortunate wards of the state now in the state's institutions in and about Lincoln!" Is that the ultimatum? If the Star is proud to represent that sort of people it certainly may have the field all to itself so far as this humble little newspaper is concerned.

*"He should remember that the delegation sent from this county, with one single exception, was wholly unable to cope with the alarming situation presented and that, on the contrary, every effort of the Lancaster county members in behalf of Lincoln interests simply increased the hostility."*

Without seeking to deprive Representative Eager of a single iota of credit due him, we seize this occasion to ask the esteemed Star to specifically point out some one thing—just one—that Mr. Eager accomplished for Lincoln that was at all out of the ordinary. If we remember rightly Mr. Eager's greatest desire was to secure some certain changes in the charter. With his own vote he stood with a "wet" majority, yet he absolutely failed to get a single change that he wanted.

*"Every voter should well consider whether or not it is his desire to continue and intensify hostility. If it is, he should vote to sustain this political conterie referred to. If it is not, he should vote to oust it and the policy it has pursued to make Lincoln known to the world in derision as 'The Holy City.'"*

Honestly, now, esteemed Star, where is the "hostility to Lincoln" most manifest? What lines of business are the men engaged in who are making the loudest "holler" about Lincoln's excise policy? Will Maupin's Weekly knows that the loudest "knockers" on Lincoln are the men who profit directly or indirectly from the liquor traffic; the men who have been driven out of the liquor business in Lincoln; the men who have been denied the right to indulge their appetites to the full; the beneficiaries of the "side lines" dependent upon the license system.

It was Josh Billings, we believe, who said: "It is better not tu kno so mutch than tu kno so mutch that ain't so." The esteemed Star is asking the Lincoln voter to hold in memory altogether too many things that are not true.

### CHEER UP!

Come now, cheer up! The election of Mr. Armstrong is not going to injure Lincoln's business; nor is it going to

make Lincoln's prosperity unbounded. Mr. Armstrong is a capable, successful, enterprising and energetic man of business. Being wise in this day and generation, and not a fool, he would not, if elected mayor, sacrifice all he has built up in Lincoln merely to play into the hands of some faction or special interests. The city will have a good chief executive if Mr. Armstrong is elected mayor. It will not go to the demnition bow-wows if he is defeated.

Cheer up! If Robert Malone is elected mayor the city will go right ahead just the same. He is a capable, honest, energetic and successful business man. He will strive to do the right thing by the city for the reason that he is honest and the possessor of good horse sense. But if Mr. Malone is defeated the city will not go to the demnition bow-wows. Will Maupin's Weekly, while having a preference as between the two mayoralty candidates, is not rendering any of its nether garments. If we believed that the future of Lincoln depended upon the election of either one of these estimable and capable gentlemen, we would be looking around for a new location. Frankly, and without in the least deprecating the abilities of the two gentlemen, we are of the opinion that there are at least 500 men in Lincoln quite as well fitted as either of them for the position as chief executive. We would feel humiliated in spirit if we thought otherwise.

So, Mr. Voter, make your choice between the two—or take Mr. Oyler, the socialist, if you prefer—confident in the knowledge that no matter which mayoralty candidate is successful, Lincoln is going to keep right on growing and prospering. Lincoln's affairs will be safe in the hands of either, because the people are, after all, supreme.

### "KNOCKER" VS. "KICKER."

Will Maupin's Weekly boasts that it is never a knocker. Carried to its logical conclusions this means that Will is satisfied with everything that occurs or exists, and is willing it should remain so. This is an absurdity. He may to a certain extent refrain from putting his dislikes into his Weekly, but he has them just the same. Lauding good is in a sense knocking evil. It is just as essential to point out evil as it is to suggest and advise good. We venture the statement that Christ used ten words condemning the sinner where he used one to justify the righteous. The fault of knocking lies altogether in the manner of knocking. To knock on a grouchy, pessimistic spirit is repugnant; to knock in a suggestive optimistic spirit is admissable and advisable. —Minden Courier.

We opine that Bred Richmond fails to differentiate between the "knocker" and the "kicker." Will Maupin's Weekly, proudly boasts that it never "knocks," but as a "kicker" it has well developed muscles. The "knocker" sits around and whines and criticises. The "kickers,"