

GENERAL THAYER'S POSITION.

The Bee's comments under the above caption are refreshing. It assumes that Governor Thayer is a usurper as against Boyd. Gen. Thayer rightly claims to be governor until the legislature declares who shall be his successor.

The Bee says, "Ours is a government by the people. No man has a moral right to force himself into a position to which he has not been elected."

The Bee says it "will not countenance usurpation of power." It has not only "countenanced usurpation of power," but it has countenanced, aided and abetted the vilest conspiracy ever made to foist an illegal power upon the people.

Gov. Thayer will not only "alienate his best friends" by the position he has taken, but he will win the respect of many who have quite lately been against him; providing he adheres to the position he has taken.

HERE'S "RICHNESS" FOR YOU.

Says the Bee: "The republican party, as an organization, has kept its skirts entirely out of the mud of the Lincoln fracas. It may suffer unjustly, however, for the foolish acts of some of its prominent members."

The republican party consists of its "prominent members." Every republican in this legislature with possibly one or two exceptions has been cheek by jowl with the democrats. They have caucused together, consulted together, and voted together straight.

OBEDIENCE TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The Bee, in its double-headed article of the 7th, says: "There is no option left to any officer sworn to obey the constitution." Isn't there? When a man swears to obey the constitution, does he intend to obey it as he understands it, or as some other man understands it?

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SPRIT OF THE STATE PRESS.

The following notice in the Crawford Alliance Boomerang shows how the Alliance people do business up in Daves county: "Spring Creek Alliance No. 1624 meets every last Friday in each month at 9 o'clock a. m. at Crail's house. Bring dinner and stay for open meeting after noon."

The papers of Northwest Nebraska pooled against the ready print combine and carried their point. Elsie Journal Jan. 2: The farmers in this vicinity will meet in Elsie today to organize an Alliance.

And the election didn't kill them off down in Thayer county either.

The Alexandria Herald says: "Meridian Alliance No. 1408 have purchased a large store room at Powell and are fitting it up for a place of meeting. This Alliance is one of the most progressive Sub-Alliances in this part of the country, being composed in great part of men who read and think for themselves. Although but recently organized they number about sixty active and energetic farmers."

Says the Clearwater Messenger: "Now that so many farmers have turned politicians, we would suggest that the proper way to even up things is for some of the politicians to turn farmers."

A Decatur correspondent to the Tekamah Herald says: "The Alliance flour store is doing big business in the flour trade. The consumer gets his flour 60 cents per hundred cheaper now than when bought of the merchants."

The Atkinson (Holt county) Enterprise in its issue of January 2 says: "With this issue the Enterprise changes front on the political question. It renounces republicanism and takes up the cudgel for the Alliance. The new year has been chosen as the most appropriate time for making the change. The Enterprise henceforth pledges its hearty support to the Alliance, being convinced that that organization best serves the interests of the masses. We have turned a new leaf."

Cedar Rapids Republican: "The resolutions passed by the recent State Alliance can be found in full in another column. They indicate the kind of legislation which our coming legislature will give us. Every citizen of Nebraska should study them. They look the situation square in the eyes. They are the earnest and honest sentiments of about three-fourths of the people in the state of Nebraska."

The Calliope, by P. A. Barrows, is a new advocate of the people's cause, and hails from Albion, Boone county.

The following from the Chambers Eagle would indicate that the alliance is not dying as rapidly as some of the bards told us it would: "The prospects are good for Chambers to have an Alliance in the near future. Thirteen names have been secured to a petition asking for a charter."

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Says the Funk Advocate: "The purchasing agent, Adolph Franzen, has received and disposed of three cars of coal among the members of the Divide Alliance."

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THE HEARTHSTONE.

A Department for Home and Fireside, Edited by Mrs. S. C. O. Upton.

"The corner stone of the republic is the hearthstone."

Judge Not.

Thou, under Satan's fierce control, Shall Heaven on thee its rest bestow? I know not, but I know a soul That might have fall'n as low.

I judge thee not what depths of ill So'er thy feet have found or trod: I know a spirit and a will As weak, but for the help of God.

Shalt thou with full day laborers stand, Who hardly canst have pruned one vine? I know not, but I know a hand With an infirmity like thine.

Shalt thou, who hadst with scowlers part, E'er wear the crown the christian wears? I know not, but I know a heart As flinty, but for tears and prayers.

Have mercy, O thou Crucified! For even while I name Thy name, I know a tongue that might have lied Like Peter's, and am filled with shame.—Selected.

The Indian Hostiles.

If we did not know that our legislators were so occupied in scheming for office that they have little time to study important and intricate questions, we would be in amazement at the fact that no systematic and effective plan for civilizing the Indians has, as yet, been adopted. Sometimes, it appears as if the ferocity of the old Anglo-Saxon blood was in our people and nothing short of the extermination of the Indian race would satisfy them.

Practical Christianity is their need, and the views of Captain Pratt, the Indian civilizer and founder of the Indian school at Carlisle, Pa., are worthy of thought at these times, when mismanagement has waked the savage spirit, when the injustices they have suffered recoil upon those who caused it, and our boys must give, perhaps, their own life's blood to compel an obedience that should have been won by just dealing.

Captain Pratt says: "There are about 260,000 Indians in the United States, and there are about 2,700 counties. I would divide them up in the proportion of about nine Indians to a county, and find them homes and work among our people. That would solve the knotty problem in three years' time, and there would be no more an 'Indian question.' It is folly to handle them as arm-length; we should absorb them into our national life for their own good and ours. It is wicked to stand them up as targets for sharpshooters."

The Indians are just like other men, only minus their environments. Take a new born baby from the arms of a cultivated white woman, and give it to the nurture of a Zulu woman in Africa; take the Zulu's baby away from her and give it to the cultivated white woman. Twenty-five years later you would have a white savage in Africa, and a black scholar, gentleman, and Christian in America. This sharply illustrates what I mean. We can, by planting the Indians among us, make educated, industrious citizens of them in the briefest time, and at the least expense. I would teach them trades and turn them loose.

These are the views of a man who had made the question a life's study, who had taught 1,300 Indian pupils, and who had also been among them as a soldier of the government. There were many women in these states who rebelled in spirit at the fact that men in Dakota were more willing to enfranchise the Indians than to give their own wives and mothers that boon.

Now these men are calling on the sons of these same mothers to make their breasts a wall of protection against the bullets of these uncivilized beings. It is a shame and disgrace that these things should be. Why, in the name of all that is good, cannot men see that we need more of motherliness in government, and how can that spirit be infused into government except by giving the mothers a voice in making the laws of the land. So long as the idea that "might makes right" prevails, wars will curse the world, and the voice of the (physically) weaker sex will be overruled.

How fast are the events of the time showing that the parties that deny to women her rights to suffrage and deny her plea for protection of her home from the liquor cause, will also override the rights of everyone who comes between them and their ambition. Greed is the nation's bane; it has robbed the Indian of his broad hunting grounds and failed to teach him those arts by which only men can live in civilized communities. Nothing short of an era of justice will settle this question and many others that agitate men's breasts today.

May that era speedily appear.

Municipal Suffrage.

We noticed in the Woman's Tribune that a Farmers' Alliance had passed resolutions asking the legislature to give municipal suffrage to women. The example is a noble one and we hope many Alliances will follow it.

The temptations of the village and the city ensnare the country boy as well as those who live in towns.

Let us give the mothers a voice in the city government and so make the streets safer for all boys. If any society desires to make its influence felt in favor of this measure, which is to come before the legislature, let them adopt the following form of petition and send to the editor of this department.

PETITION FOR MUNICIPAL SUFFRAGE FOR WOMEN.

To the Legislature of the State of Nebraska: The Farmers' Alliance at a vote taken at a meeting held the day of 1891 earnestly pray that a statute be enacted providing that in any election hereafter held in any city or village for the election of city or village

officers or for any other purpose under the laws governing cities or villages, the right of any citizen to vote shall not be abridged or denied on account of sex; and women may vote at such elections the same as men, under like restrictions and qualifications.

President. Secretary.

Notes on Men, Women, and Things.

The Nebraska W. S. A. asks that, as our State University is co-educational, women may be represented in the board of regents.

A Fremont quartet of singers delighted their audience intensely, at the meeting of the suffrage association, by their singing of a negro melody. Here is the first verse simply as a suggestion that adapting local hints in recitative measures to negro melodies is an excellent way of enlivening an evening of speech making:

Shall women be allowed to vote? Rosewater, he says so! Shall they have the same rights as man? Rosewater, he says no! But they shall, but they shall, In time to come they shall, God bless the women. Rosewater, he'll get left, etc.

General Francis E. Spinner, who has lately died, was the first to appoint women to clerkships in the government offices at Washington. It was a beneficent measure.

Mayor Grant, of New York City, emphasizes the need of women's vote in the cities. The police board were a tie upon the question of making an appropriation for police matrons and he gave the casting vote against it. He remembers that the matrons cannot vote and, also, that they organized against Tammany in a recent election.

Three thousand women in Greece ask for educational advantages such as are afforded to male subjects of the kingdom.

Gen. Booth, whose plan for the relief and salvation of the lowest classes of England's population, has attracted so much attention to his book, "In Darkest England," has now a farm of 1,000,000 acres and \$300,000 in trust for the carrying out of his good work.

Nebraska comes to the front with a war in the legislature, a war on the frontier, two governors (that is, at the present writing) and another in view. There is also, according to the press reports, quite a crop of czars and dictators—and still we are not satisfied.

The State University cadet corps volunteered to go to the "Indian war," if wanted. It seems to be a poor use to put college boys to, but the sense of duty to the state that is giving them education, that their action shows, should be commended.

CORRUPTION RAMPANT.

The air fairly reeks with rottenness and corruption. The most diverse elements are combined. Men who cordially hated each other a month ago are cheek by jowl. The treasury plunder has been divided. The state prison ring is swelling the bribery fund. Money and places galore are being promised men who are supposed to be available. The democrats are being led into a beautiful trap. With fingers already scorched pulling republican chestnuts, they are to help make up the final show and then to be kicked off the stage.

STATEMENT FROM SERGEANT AT-ARMES-MISHLER.

In view of the wild rumors set afloat by the papers as to the conduct of the house officers when McClay forced the doors Sergeant-at-arms Mishler makes the following statement:

"There was no necessity, whatever, for Sheriff McClay breaking through the door to serve the mandamus upon Speaker Elder. The main door had been closed by order of the presiding officer to keep out the surging crowd who could not have been restrained from bursting through the slender railing, and mingling with the members, and no member objected to this precaution. Had he presented himself at the door of the cloak room, shown his authority and demanded admittance, orders would have been at once given to admit him, and the whole unseemly wrangle would have been avoided. The sensational reports, set afloat by excited correspondents, to the effect that members of the house took part in the melee inside the railing, is entirely false. One member from Douglas did strike at one of my assailants, and an excited clerk did grab Gardner by the arm, but that was the extent of the collision. The story, that the Independents sprung from their seats and engaged in a hand to hand struggle with the sheriff's posse, which one reckless prevaricator telegraphed to his paper, does not contain one grain of truth. The Independents maintained their seats, and not a single one passed out of the inside railing. The turmoil at the door was caused not by any attempt to keep out the officers, but by our efforts to keep the crowd from pressing in after the sheriff. My men all acted very discreetly in the trying circumstances in which we were placed, and the people ought to know the facts. The Independents may be wrong, but they are not anarchists, and believe in maintaining law and order."

She—"How exorbitantly Mr. Gabley talks, Mr. Greeneyes. There appears to be no subject he is not informed on." He (madly jealous)—"Says he inherits the gift; his ancestors were barbers, you know."—The Jester.

Store Clerk—"Books of travel? Yes, sir. Here is something just out. 'How to See Europe on Fifty Cents a Day.' Customer—"Home! Have you any book on 'How to Stay at Home on Fifty Cents a Day?'"—Good News.

A certain city physician with sporting proclivities did the best shooting on the Eastern Shore recently and boasted of it to his companion. "No wonder," was the other's comment, "look at your practice."—Philadelphia Times.

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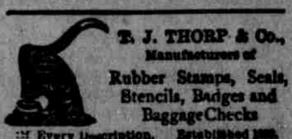
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