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**They're Watching Him.**  
There are several pseudo statesmen about the third district who are keeping pretty close watch upon Congressman Dorsey— noting his respirations, perspiration and the state of his eyes. They are wondering to themselves and sometimes slyly making guesses on the side, if he will be a candidate for re-election. When the time comes that he says he will not be re-elected, they will see a great crowd of lustrous eyes hop into the ring and strip the fray. Meikeljohn, Darnell, Geo. Brooks, Judge Kinkaid, McCaffrey, Judge Barnes, Connor, Wall, and a few more of the boys packed into a political grab bag would see more fun than a box of monkeys.

**The New Banking Law.**  
Attorney General Loese has been called upon to decide several important questions that have arisen under the new state banking law. One of these is, to what extent can a state bank borrow and loan money? It is the opinion of the attorney general that such a bank is prohibited from loaning to one person, or corporation a sum to exceed twenty per cent of its capital, and that a banking corporation, firm or individual, whether doing a banking business or not, is prohibited from incurring liability to any one bank in an amount exceeding twenty per cent of that bank's capital. This prohibition it would seem, acts both against the bank and the borrower—holding each in check. The attorney general also holds that the new law prohibits branch banks. This would either close them up or cause them to become independent institutions.

**Dakota's Grain Crop.**  
George Dorrington, traveling passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific, has returned from an extended trip through the Dakotas. Speaking of the grain crop outlook in that territory, he said: "In the southwestern portion of both states the crop is an absolute failure. The grain is about eight inches in height, beaded out, and has no berry to speak of. In the Red River valley, the principal grain belt, the yield will not aggregate 50 per cent of a full crop. North of Aberdeen the crops are better, and the yield there will be about 75 per cent. In the northwest portion the farmers will not harvest the crop, which is fairly burned up, so rain having fallen in that section for months. Yes, the people up there are in bad shape and will require aid in order to survive. The entire crops of Dakota, including the sections not visited by drought, will not be over a yield of 25 per cent. In Nebraska the crops appeared more encouraging and in the southern portion of the state the yield will be heavier than it has been for years."

**County Exhibits at the State Fair.**  
The management of the Nebraska state board of agriculture desires to call attention to the liberal premiums offered for county collective exhibits at the coming state fair to be held at Lincoln, September 6th to 13th next. We pledge every effort to make an exhibit of this character of benefit to all concerned. I trust you will see the importance of this medium of presenting to the public the products of your locality. Present indications are that the coming fair will be better attended than any heretofore. Nebraska state fairs have become renowned as expositions of the products of the New West. Come to the front with a collective exhibit that will aid your county. Please signify to me as early as possible your determination in the matter and the approximate space you wish, that provision may be made. In this we must be advised at least two week before the fair opens, in order to provide satisfactory accommodations. The county agricultural society exhibiting in the name of the society the best display of agricultural products of any and all kinds. - \$300.  
Second premium - - - - 250.  
Third premium - - - - 200.  
Fourth premium - - - - 150.  
Fifth premium - - - - 100.  
All exhibits to be owned in the state of Nebraska and raised in the county exhibiting. Individuals contributing to make up a county exhibit can use their contributions in any other class or lot where they are appropriately placed, in competition for minor premiums. Where there are no organized county agricultural associations, one or more individuals may exhibit and compete in the name of the county, in which they may be residents, under the same rules and regulations governing regularly organized associations. While all character of exhibits are desirable in these county collections, the board decides, in justice to new counties, fruit shall not count as a factor in making awards.  
R. W. FURNAS,  
Spec. Sec. of Agriculture.

**"FOR GOD AND HOME AND NATIVE LAND."**  
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LORD, SAVE THE DRUNKARD.  
Great God, whose hand outpours the rills, and springs that burst from all the hills, At whose command the rock was riven, Who send'st on all Thy rain from Heaven, We bless Thee for the crystal draught, By sinless man in Eden quaffed; Type of that fount whose streams above Flood endless worlds with light and love. If there the drunkards may not dwell, But scowls crowd thick, his path to hell, Oh, wake and help us, Lord, to save! Their souls from thirst beyond the grave. Help them to heed Thy word divine, And look not on the crimson wine; To fear and flee the accursed thing, As serpent's bite, or adder's sting. Stay, Thou, O Lord, the tide of death! Relents the demon's blasting breath! And speed, oh speed, on every shore, The day when strong drink stays no more.

**A YOUNG MAN'S HISTORY.**  
I first saw him in a social party; he took but one glass of wine, and that at the earnest solicitation of a young lady to whom he had been introduced. I next saw him when he supposed he was unseen, taking a glass to satisfy a slight desire. He mocked at the thought of danger. I next saw him late in the evening in the street, unable to walk home. I assisted him thither, and we parted. I next saw him reeling out of a low groggery; a confused stare was on his countenance and words of blasphemy were on his tongue, and shame was gone. I saw him once more; he was cold and motionless and was carried by his friends to his last resting place. In the small procession that followed, every head was cast down. His father's gray hairs were going to the grave in sorrow. His mother wept, that she had given birth to such a child. I returned home musing. I opened the bible and read: "Be not deceived; drunkards shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Rev. Wm. N. Page, D. D., of Leavenworth, gives strong testimony in support of the assertion that prohibition is a success in Kansas. He does not deny that liquor can be procured in kindred places by the initiated, but, he adds, "The open grog-shop, the gilded saloon, the noisy, drunken crowd, are all things of the past, thank God! No greater victory, physical or moral, has been gained in this country."

"Alcohol is king of alkas— and all other lies."

**Sensational Journalism.**

Atchison Globe.  
An old gentleman living in Atchison spent the first years of his life as an editor and publisher, and it is his opinion that there are many mistaken notions concerning the business. During the first five years of his control of a newspaper, he was of the opinion that a paper should cut and slash in order to maintain a circulation; accordingly he printed all sorts of rumors and was constantly in trouble. He "pitched into" a great many people, and was so generally feared that he finally became ashamed of himself, being a man of good instincts. He promptly reformed, expecting to lose some business for decency's sake, but much to his surprise, the business improved. He made an effort to be fair and considerate in all respects, and the people seemed to appreciate this as much as they had ever appreciated sensationalism; indeed, they appreciated it more, for his circulation steadily increased, and his paper increased in influence. Within two years after changing his policy, the editor's circulation had doubled; in four years it had trebled. The old editor believes that his disposition to be fair and considerate in all things, instead of sensational and quarrelsome, trebled the patronage of his paper. He therefore advises young men starting out in the business of printing a newspaper to adopt the right course and stick to it; it will pay better than any other. The old editor believes also that the people care less for scandal than is generally imagined. There is a low class of readers who can appreciate nothing else, but in securing these, you lose a more respectable and numerous class. There never was a man who took an interest in scandal, in the opinion of the old editor, who was not a cheap man. The bulk of the people care very little for the scandal of the street; they are more interested in a decent thing, and the patronage of a decent thing is always more liberal and lasting than the patronage of an indecent thing. The old editor says he never knew a man to become honorably prominent who had the cheap habits of a gossip, therefore he concluded that it did not pay to cultivate the disreputable few, and offend the respectable many. Most young men doing newspaper work have the same mistaken notion of sensationalism; the old editor says he never had a young man on his paper who did not need to have his "copy" revised. As a rule it is the older people (and the older ones are always the wiser ones) who realize that the better element prevails in every community.

Old Van Wyck, having sucked all the public office out of Nebraska that he possibly could in building for himself a mansion in Washington and will shortly be himself thither. Our sister on the south can well spare the old fraud—Orleans (Dak.) statesman.

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