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Coming Conventions.

Democratic state convention, Bryan wing, Omaha, August 22. Peoples independent, Lincoln, Aug. 20. Democratic state convention, administration wing, Lincoln, Sept. 5. Peoples independent judicial convention, 15th district, O'Neill, August 26.

Hon. El. L. Heath, editor of the Rushville Standard, had the misfortune to lose his two-year-old daughter by death on last Thursday. Bro. Heath and his family have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

The soldiers in the regular army in the department of California received but half pay for June because of the shortage in the appropriation made by congress. That is tough on the soldiers for they cannot quit their job or go out on a strike.

W. S. Raker, editor of the Gretna Reporter had the misfortune to have his wife taken from him by death on July 23d. When her husband was arrested on the charge of libel by an over-sensitive individual and his trial was conducted in a way which so savored of persecution that the attention of the state was called to it, Mrs. Raker was so exercised that she was prostrated and the result was her death on the above date. It is hoped that the men, who by their apparent malicious persecution of her husband were indirectly culpable in causing her death will have to answer for it, perhaps not in this world, but they should answer just the same. In his bereavement Mr. Raker has the sincere sympathy of all.

The time of year has come when our exchanges occasionally speak of some man calling who feels that the public owe him some office. Of all the contemptible men to deal with the fellow who gets a notion that the public owes him an office is about the worst. Any man has a right to aspire to any office but when a person claims that the public owes him something simply because he has been a good citizen, and sometimes those who make such claims cannot show a very good record as a citizen, it indicates that that individual is too much of a child to be trusted with the affairs of the public. The man who must be rewarded for doing right is not above watching, for he would just as soon do wrong if rewarded for it.

The resignation fever has struck the road overseers of Sioux county. Some have resigned and others contemplate doing so, while others do not know what to do. The fact is that it is a physical, as well as a financial impossibility for a road overseer in a county like Sioux to carry out the provisions of the law. It is evident that Senator Stewart forgot how sparsely the district which he was supposed to represent was settled when that bill was considered. At present there is nearly a million acres of land in Sioux county the title to which is still in the government, and consequently entirely beyond the control of the state authorities, and how can a law of the state reach that? What land is decided has no market value and much of it is owned by non-residents who will do nothing to comply with the law. In order to comply with the law the road overseer would have to employ help to destroy the thistles. As the land has no value he cannot get people to work unless they have a prospect of getting something for it. The notice must be published but the printer has enough to do to contend with delinquent subscribers and live, without doing a lot of advertising and expect to go without pay until it is collected by distress against the land. The law may be a good one for the populous counties, but it will most likely be a dead letter in the thinly settled counties of the state unless some way can be devised to get Uncle Sam to destroy them on the millions of acres of land which he still has within their borders. It would seem that if a road overseer used due diligence to carry out the law he would be relieved of any responsibility, for the law does not expect officials to do impossible things.

As some of the ladies desire to know more of the bloomer costume which is becoming so popular among the ladies of the east for all outing and athletic costumes, and as some do not get away from home to see much of the world we republish the following from an exchange:

The bloomer dress is a pair of trousers very baggy at the knees, abnormally full at the pistol pocket, considerably loose where you strike a match; the garment is cut decollete at the south end, and the bottoms are tied around the ankles or knees to keep the mice out. You must pull it over your head as you do your stockings, but sit on your stockings, one in each compartment. You can usually tell which is the right side to wear by the button on the neck.

Nasby on Silver.

We reprint, by request, the following letter of Petroleum V. Nasby on the silver question. It appeared in the weekly Blade in January, 1878. Taken in connection with the recent democratic state convention in Kentucky, it shows that public opinion down there has been greatly enlightened, when compared with the "Confedrit X Roads" view as expressed by Mr. Nasby:

CONFEDRIT X ROADS, (Which is in the state of Kentucky, Jan. 22, 1878.)

I ain't so certin that I want the silver bill to pass ez I wuz. The fact is, the thing don't work ez I sposed it woud, and I ain't clear onto it. There is suttel principles in these financhel questions wick requires a great deal of thought, and there is under lying principles wick a man has got to understand afore he is competent to set hisself up ez authority.

One thing I am certin of, Bascom ain't no finanseer, nor never will be, and I told him so. "What is a finanseer?" he asked. "A finanseer," said I, "is a man wick can pay his debts with nothin—a man wick kin git suttin with nothin."

"The Corners, then, is full of finanseers," he remarkt, bitterly, castin a casual glance at his slate wick wuz just full enough to turn over and begin on tother side.

But he bezn't any uv the science uv it. I wuz argooing with him the other day in favor of my noshun uv a leather currency, though I told him silver wuz much the same thing, and, for example, I woud assom that silver wuz to be the currency of the fatcher.

"Now, don't you see, Bascom, that ef I hed twice ez much money, I could drink twice as much whiskey, and pay for it?"

"How much is twice nothin?" was the unfeelin answer of the tyrant who holds the destinies uv the Corners in his hands. "That's wat your capital baz bin ever since I knowd you."

"Parson," said he, "I don't see what earthy difference its goin to make whether silver is currency or anything else. How are you agoin to git silver ef its made legal tender? Ef silver wuz uz plenty ez bricks, wat hev you got to git any uv it wick?"

"Trus, G. W." wuz my answer, but can't you see that to hev silver woud releve the dettor class? Even now, afore its legal tender, its only wath 92 cents on the dollar, and when the country is flooded with it, it will go still lower. Then we—or rather sich uv us ez hev property to raise money on—kin pay off—

"Eggsactly so," retorts Bascom, "you kin pay me for the good, honest licker uv mine, wick you hev consumed, in coin, which is less than the dollar you promised. All rite. But look here—come in here all uv you, I want you silver men to know eggsactly wat you are rushin into."

And this friend led us into the back room—that back room which contains the long row of Bascom's stock. There was the subsistence uv the Corners. There, in barrels, piled one on top uv another, wuz the delishus whiskey uv Louisville, uv different ages, rangin from that uv too weeks old to that wick had just left the still and was scarcely cold vit. There it lay, and uz my eye ranged effectskranly over it, I felt ef I could hev the drinkin uv all that likker I woud be content to lay down and die when the last drop was gone.

Bascom pited to an immense tank wick he hed erectid within a few days, with a pipe runnin in from the roof. "I shan't raise the price uv likker in consequence uv being paid for it in a depreciated currency," said he.

I fell on Bascom's neck in an eggstacy uv delight, while the others shoutid, "Rah for Bascom!"

"G. W." I remarkt, while tears suffused my eyes, "I never placed you much below the angels, but this generous act has listed you a hundred per cent in my estimashun. Bless you, G. W., bless you."

"But I'll tell you wat I shell do. Do you see that tank?" sed he.

"May I ask what that is for?" I sed.

"That tank I will fill with ranewater," sed he. "The moment you got to payin me in silver I shell take out of each uv them barrils just eggsactly three and one-fifth gallons uv likker and FILL IT WITH WATER."

"Merciful hevings!" we exclaimed, "and your likker so weak now?"

"And when silver gets down to seventy-five cents on the dollar I shall take out twenty-five per cent uv whiskey and fill her up with twenty-five per cent of water. And so on down. If silver goes up I shell add whiskey eggsactly in proportion. In short, my whiskey is just agoin to follo currency, and nothin shorter. You fellers wick work fur wags may swet, but I won't."

"But poof! increase the size nv your glasses!" sed I.

"Not any. But you may drink twice ez many times to the dollar I shall amount uv drunk ez before, by payin fur each drink."

And Bascom stalked hawtly back and took his position behind the bar. Ther was consternashun in the Corners sich ez I hev never seen. Ther wuz a hurrid consultashun at the deekin's house, and I sected that we emancipate ourselves from the dominyun uv this tyrant by startin a grocery uv our own

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