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Last week the executive committee of the state editorial association met in Lincoln and resolved with a mighty resolve that hereafter the editors of Nebraska would not accept passes to the state fair and to charge regular advertising prices for all stuff sent in by the fair people for publication. To this pronouncement, Secretary Mellor replies at length, and significantly places the responsibility for above upon the shoulders of parties who have been knifing the state fair management, have hypnotized the executive committee and trying to use the state editorial association as a club to beat the fair management over the head. So far as the writer of this is concerned, he is not very pliable material for a few self-constituted leaders to mould and fashion into a putty-man to "knock" on a state institution or its officers on such a specious plea as a few dollars in advertising to cover a knife thrust at the vitals of such a helpful institution to the agricultural, horticultural and stock interests of the state. An executive committee may properly recommend action on various matters, but it is hardly within its province to commit the parent body to such action. And the executive committee of the state editorial association is no more powerful, holy nor omnipotent than that of any other association of the kind.

There seems to be a disposition on the part of republicans of all shades of opinion to get together, be sensible, stop all damphoolishness, and quit playing into the hands of their common political enemy, old muleocracy. Two years ago the twin boobies—Tafticus and Roosevelticus—chose sides to play the game "Democrat You Win," and now are paying the penalty. Muleocracy won only through republican folly, and can only win through division in republican ranks in the future. Have republicans sufficiently punished themselves?

Did you know there is not another county in the state of Nebraska with so inferior and incommodious a court house as disgraces Sherman county? Even the little sandhills counties above us, such as Grant, Thomas, Hooker, Blaine and others, have each better buildings, while our sister counties, Custer, Valley, Greeley, Howard, Merrick and others have now or are erecting good, substantial fireproof buildings. And we have faith to believe that Sherman county will have the pride and enterprise to vote for and secure a building in keeping with its urgent needs. There is every reason it should.

So far as we have been able to learn from our readers over the county, there seems to be unit of sentiment in favor of a new court house. No one has denied its urgent need, but on the contrary we find a surprising sentiment favoring it among those whom we could have wagered would have been in opposition while those in favor are showing an equally surprising enthusiasm in behalf of that most needed enterprise. This is as it should be. Let their be a whirlwind campaign till victory is assured.

What's the matter with the patriotic citizens of Sherman county who are willing to serve the people in official capacity the coming two years? From our exchanges we see that candidates are bobbing up elsewhere for the various offices, while Sherman county has not so far heard from one who publicly expresses a willingness to serve the dear people.

Allow us to suggest to a number of our constitutionally tired brothers of the quill who are always looking for "fillers" to save writing, and scissoring so much Atchison Globe Sights, that they are not so good by a darn sight as the Kearney Democrat Thoughtful Think writes. And we don't add adv. to the above either.

Edgar Howard of the Columbus Telegram, the demigod of democratic newspaperdom in Nebraska, and about the most egotistical editorial ass in the state, is out against equal suffrage. That should be a most potent argument in its favor.

There is seldom regret expressed over the erection of a much needed court house after it is assured, even by its opposers. That is a matter of history.

Now, altogether; all boost for a new court house, and you'll never regret it.

Brick Couldn't Feaze Him.
A negro stopped a brick at Washington the other day, after it had fallen ten stories and was travelling with the velocity of a cannon ball. When the brick hit William Moore, the negro, on the top of the head, the brick broke into bits. Moore sat down suddenly and apparently was a subject for the coroner. Workmen sent hurriedly for a physician, but before he arrived Moore sat up. "What d'ye want to do that for?" he demanded angrily of a workman. Examination of Moore revealed that all he suffered was a headache.

Art and Common Sense.
It is of no use to spend money by the handful on the arts unless it is done with common sense and a love of those arts. The arts are stronger than ourselves. We must serve them faithfully. If we talk in an impudent manner about "elevating" an art we are only giving ourselves away and showing our ignorance. No one can "elevate" the dramatic art unless he can and will write a play higher than "Hamlet" or "Faust" and surpassing the Greek dramatists.—A. E. F. Horniman.

Nye's Humorous Compliment.
Bill Nye was once introduced to Wagner, the composer. In "Then and Now" Dean Hole relates: "Nye, the American humorist, brilliant as the best, whose comedy never fails to charm, and whose tragic death I shall never cease to mourn, told me that when he met Wagner he said to him, 'Your music is beyond my comprehension, but I always feel sure when I hear it that it is really much better than it sounds.'"

Putting the Matter Plainly.
He was an old-fashioned father, which explains why he said to the young man: "Are you sure you're able to give my daughter the comforts and luxuries to which she is accustomed at home?" To which the young man promptly replied: "As your daughter's salary has paid the rent and bought most of the clothes and food for your family, I think we can worry along."

Origin of the Name "Manhattan."
It is gravely given as an historical fact that Peter Minuit and his company bought all of Manhattan island for the sum of \$24 after having reduced the owners to a state of intoxication. It is also stated as true that the Indians after that bit of costly debauchery, gave to the island the name of Manhattan, which it is said was Indian for "the island of blissful intoxication."

Keep Up the Fight and Win.
Most failures are due to lack of will-power. Lost the grip upon yourself, and you are either a fanatic or a coward. It takes a level head to keep sensibly cool, and stay on the job in the face of obstacles. Here is where will-power comes in. It sees no defeat. It knows no master.—Exchange.

Sounds Real, nable.
"As I understand it," said a gentleman, "oleon is made of beef fat." "You are undoubtedly right," said his companion. "I should think that the manufacturers would make it of goat fat." "Why?" "Because the goat is a natural butter."—Detroit Free Press.

At Performance of "Hamlet."
"My, did you ever hear so many famous quotations in any one play before? It must have taken a long time to piece them all together so nicely." "Almost long enough to have written an original play!" said the other.—Christian Science Monitor.

Solitude.
Little do men perceive what solitude is and how far it extendeth; for a crowd is not company, and faces are but a gallery of pictures, and talk but a tinkling cymbal where there is no love.—Bacon.

Mean Innuention.
Woman writer holds you can train eye, voice and manner to deceive, but that the hand tells the truth. Um! And they always wear gloves.—New York Evening Telegram.

Corporal Punishment.
"Casey, do you know what corporal punishment is?" "Sure I do," said Private Casey. "It's having a black-guard over ve who thinks he's as good as his colonel."

Not All the Requirements.
Discussing a rather Bohemian set in Chicago, George Ade said at the Chicago Athletic club: "These poor girls needn't think themselves literary just because they use a pencil to darken their eyebrows with."

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