

immense amount of fun had he been privileged to meet the republican and democratic candidates in joint debate.

The attack on Gilbert M. Hitchcock has not, to all appearances, hurt his candidacy a bit. On the contrary it seems rather to have helped him. The writer of these lines was in the employ of Mr. Hitchcock during most of the years embraced in his alleged dealings with Mr. Bartley, and knows something of the financial straits through which he passed. Very few men could have weathered the storm that raged about Mr. Hitchcock during those years. While newspaper competitors were able to draw on party war chests filled to bursting Mr. Hitchcock stood alone fighting the battles of a disorganized party that was without funds or financial influence. It would have been easy for Mr. Hitchcock to lay down and get on the right side of the "interests." He refused, preferring to fight to the last ditch for the people rather than betray them. All the stories about big contributions from the "bullionaire" silver mine owners to the World-Herald during the great free silver fight are the merest rot. If Mr. Hitchcock ever received any financial assistance from that source it was in the shape of endorsements that enabled him to equip his office with linotype machines, and which were afterwards paid for in full from the revenues of the World-Herald. It is easy for a newspaper with a full treasury and powerful financial backing to make a fight; it is different for a newspaper and an editor to keep right on fighting for principle when bankruptcy stares at them, and when affluence offers a reward for the betrayal of the people. Mr. Hitchcock chose the hard part and fought the fight like a man. Mr. Hitchcock was fortunate, however, in having surrounded himself with a staff that was loyal. Some of the boys went through the mill with him during those bitter two or three years because they admired the fight the "boss" was making, and because their hearts were wrapped up in the cause he was fighting for. A number of those who groped through the dark clouds that surrounded the World-Herald in those days are still on the World-Herald staff, and they are as loyal today as they were then. Mr. Hitchcock's personal and political enemies will never be able to convince that loyal bunch that Gilbert M. Hitchcock is a "crook." Nor will any member of that little bunch ever believe that the man who faced almost certain bankruptcy in order to fight for a principle would ever be guilty of betraying the interests of the people. "Fair weather friends" of the people are always in evidence; "stormy weather friends" are few and far between. Gilbert M. Hitchcock belonged to the latter class then; he belongs in that class now. And because we believe that the masses of the people realize this fact we believe that Gilbert M. Hitchcock will be the next United States senator from Nebraska.

The other day some one suggested to Charles B. Rudge that he would make a good candidate for governor on the democratic ticket two years hence.

"Not me!" exclaimed Mr. Rudge. "It has been so long since I posted up on the genealogy of the Rudge family that I'm a bit rusty, and I'm taking no chances. Besides, I'm too deeply immersed in business to play the political game. And again, there are some people who hold the opinion that I'm a pretty decent sort of a fellow, and I'm unwilling to do anything that might give them reason for changing their minds. You'll have to look elsewhere for a candidate."

In the early part of the Nineteenth century there was considerable of a religious upheaval in this country, and hundreds of reformers went about with New Testaments under their arms demanding that those who opposed them show a "thus saith the Lord" in support of their contentions. Charles O. Whedon has amended that practice somewhat, for instead of a New Testament he carries a Congressional Record under his arm, and he has a disconcerting habit of pulling the Record on those who have the temerity to dispute his assertions concerning recent political history. Mr. Whedon is not content with taking the mere statements of senatorial candidates as to how they voted or talked on the various items in the tariff law; he insists on being guided by the Record itself. Of course this is very annoying to senatorial candidates who are congenitally given to dodging and evading, but the fact that it is annoying has no influence on Mr. Whedon. However one may differ from Mr. Whedon politically or otherwise, one always takes a delight in reading his terse, clear-cut sentences. While writing Mr. Whedon wastes no more words than when he is speak-

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