

ing, and as a conversationalist Mr. Whedon is not reckoned as among the leaders. He never uses language to conceal his thoughts. Quite the contrary.

Whes Charley Pool is elected secretary of state—as he will be if the voters of Nebraska are wise—that office will be filled by a country newspaper man who has been so busy boosting for Nebraska during the past twenty years that he has had very little time left in which to boost for himself. Charley Pool is deserving of preferment at the hands of Nebraskans! That's flat. And when he presides at the mahogany desk the newspaper boys will have a representative of their own class to go to when they want the facts.

There has been a great deal of dust thrown in the eyes of the people on account of this county option issue. A sample of this sort of thing is found in a letter written by William B Ely from Ainsworth, Neb., and published in the State Journal of November 1. In that letter Mr. Ely says:

"Under the law as it now stands the whole bill of costs for the prosecution of (such) crimes falls upon the taxpayers of the entire county."

Mr. Ely is either too ignorant to discuss the question or too unfair to be worthy of credence. The facts are exactly the opposite to those he has stated. Section 7165, Chapter 32, Cobbe's Annotated Statutes, 1907, says:

"The person so licensed shall pay all damages that the community or individuals may sustain in consequence of such traffic, he shall support all paupers, widows and orphans, and the expenses of all civil and criminal prosecutions growing out of, or justly attributed to, his traffic in intoxicating drinks; said damages and expenses to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction by any civil action on the bond named and required in section six (7155) of this act; a copy of which properly authenticated, shall be taken in evidence in any court of justice in this state; and it shall be the duty of the proper clerk to deliver, on demand, such copy to any person who may claim to be injured by such traffic."

If Mr. Ely knows of any case wherein the taxpayers of a county have been mulcted for costs in any prosecution, civil or criminal, growing out of the traffic in intoxicants, and has failed to invoke this section of the Slocumb law, he is guilty of failure to do his duty as a citizen.

If Nebraska had a law providing for the recall, with the present Slocumb law, and officials who failed to enforce that law discharged by an outraged public, Nebraska would be in better shape insofar as liquor legislation is concerned than any other state in the union.

At the meeting which organized the Lancaster County Option League Rev. H. H. Harmon was elected treasurer and at once began the task of raising money, going about it in regular "raising money for a church dedication style." When the contributions began letting up a bit O. W. Meier, democrat candidate for county attorney, arose and said he would give ten dollars.

"Now that compels me to give ten dollars!" exclaimed J. B. Strode, the republican candidate for the same office.

"Good!" exclaimed Rev. Mr. Harmon. "I wish we had all the opposing candidates in the room!"

Following is the proposed amendment to the state constitution that is to be voted on next Tuesday. It should be carefully read, and its adoption should be certain:

"Every male citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years, who shall have been a resident of this state for six months next preceding the election and of the county, precinct or ward, for the term provided by law shall be an elector; provided, that persons of foreign birth who shall have declared their intention to become citizens conformably to the laws of the United States and are voting at the taking effect of this amendment, may continue to exercise the right of suffrage until such time as they may have resided in the United States five years, after which they shall take out full citizenship papers to be entitled to vote at any succeeding election."

That is a wise and sane provision and should be adopted. Those who vote the straight republican ticket vote for the amendment, the republican state convention having endorsed

it as a party proviso. Those who vote the democratic ticket will have to vote specifically for the amendment or be counted as having cast a half-vote against it. There is no reason why any voter should record himself against the adoption hereof.

## HOW ORGANIZED LABOR IS MISREPRESENTED

Another sample of how organized labor is misrepresented by the daily press comes from Denver.

A few weeks ago the web pressmen of Denver went on strike to enforce the findings of a board of arbitration, which findings the employers refused to abide by after agreeing to leave the matter to arbitration.

Recently Albert B. Kreidler, third vice president of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union, who is in charge of the Denver situation for the striking pressmen, addressed the Denver Trades and Labor Assembly. The next morning the daily papers served by the Associated Press announced under glaring headlines that Kreidler had declared that the newspaper offices of Denver would be blown up, like the Los Angeles Times building, before the pressmen would give in.

Immediately the enemies of organized labor took the matter up and used the Associated Press report as a basis for further bitter attacks upon trades unions. No thoughtful member of the trades union believed that Kreidler had been guilty of any such anarchistic utterance. Organizations like the Printing Pressmen and Assistants are not given to putting in places of authority or responsibility men who would be so silly or so anarchistic as to give voice to such sentiments.

The truth has no welcome out, as usual the daily papers that printed the original lie under glaring headlines content themselves with giving the truth in a most inconspicuous way. The facts are these:

In a conversation between Kreidler and one of the struck employers the employer said:

"I would see the newspaper building blown up before I would settle with the Pressmen's Union."

In his address to the Denver Trades and Labor Assembly Kreidler quoted this utterance of the employer. That was all. But the Associated Press attributed the language of an incendiary employer to the representative of unionism.

In this manner are the enemies of unionism seeking to poison the minds of the public at large against the most beneficent force now at work for the social and economic uplift of the working masses.

The two Associated Press operators who testified that they smelled gas in overpowering volumes in the Los Angeles Times building the night before the explosion that wrecked the building, have been discharged. A "rat" linotype man in the employ of the Times testified that if gas sufficient to cause an explosion had leaked it would have put the machines out of commission. He still holds his job.

Mr. Bryan's scheme of renting his own halls and acting as his own chairman has many advantages to recommend it. It enables a man to say what he pleases regardless of party committees. And just now the people are more interested in getting the honest sentiments of men than they are in getting the usual nauseating doses of political "heifer dust" from party hacks.

Now that Mrs. Raymond Robins and Miss Margaret Haley have taken up the cudgels in behalf of the striking garment workers of Chicago, the employers might as well emulate the example of Crockett's coon and "come down."

Just as long as Nebraska can raise crops and live stock aggregating \$50,000,000 a month in value she need not fear any little old panic that Wall Street may see fit to precipitate.

It will be admitted that Senator Burkett's policy of "disdainful silence" is about the only one he really could play against the terrific jabs administered by Charles O. Whedon.