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"Will Moses try to organize a club in Broken Bow"—Beacon. Moses has a pretty good club organized in Broken Bow of several years standing that will be able to meet all requirements when needed.

"Oh, yes, my republican friends you will meet us in November because you can not help yourselves"—Beacon. The republican party has heard that same war whoop since 1860 and from the same crowd before election. How different after election!

The Beacon states that "an inspector of the war department reported that the food in the soldiers homes was no more in quantity than that supplied to prisoners in the federal penitentiaries."

We would not be surprised, if the statement is true in Nebraska as both of our soldiers homes in the state are under democratic administration. Still we don't believe it.

"The Payne-Aldrich Smoot tariff revision was upward. It has ALREADY resulted in increased prices all along the line!"—Beacon. Is that not just what every individual producer, whether man or woman wants? Where is the mechanic that wants less wages. Where is the farmer that wants less for his hogs, cattle, corn, wheat, hay, potatoes, beans or what not? Where is the publisher, preacher or teacher merchant or tailor, manufacturer or artist, lawyer or doctor that want less for their occupation or profession? It is when every body in every occupation and profession receive their ideal prices for their labor or their products that prosperity and happiness are visible on every hand. Such are the times we are enjoying under the present republican administration.

The Payne tariff bill against which Champ Clark and the "me to" democrat news papers have so much to say is as much greater than the Gorman-Wilson tariff bill of the last democratic administration as day is greater than night. The Gorman-Wilson bill was based on the tariff for revenue only." It was not only a failure in providing sufficient revenue to run the government, but failed in maintaining remunerative prices for shop and farms products. Darkness and distress prevailed the land. The reverse is true of the Payne tariff law. It is not only a revenue producer for the government. It is the incentive to the best prices of real-estate, labor, shop, farm and ranch products this country has ever enjoyed.

The Beacon's Offer Accepted.

"The Beacon now renews its offer to give anybody a ten dollar bill who will give one valid reason why a man living in Custer county should be for a protective tariff."—Beacon.

One very good reason is that the people of Custer county have no desire to experience another time such as was experienced under the free trade regime of Grover Cleveland.

Another reason which appeals very forcibly to the men in Custer county is that they never want

to see the day when the mortgage takes their farms from them for a song and the Beacon's columns filled with foreclosure notices at their expense.

Another reason is that the men of Custer county never want to see the day when eastern capital can again control the capital of the west.

Another reason is that the men of Custer county do not want to see prices for their farm products reduced as they were under the last free trade administration.

In our compassion for the Beacon editor we will not further multiply the reasons that might be advanced at this time. If one good reason is worth \$10 to the Beacon we estimate that four is worth four times the amount. When the REPUBLICAN receives the money from the Beacon for this sought information we will cheerfully furnish more such, from time to time as the Beacon may require as our supply is unlimited.

Senator E. J. Burkett's Address at Lincoln on Decoration Day.

The Auditorium at Lincoln Monday afternoon was packed to suffocation to witness the Decoration day program and address by United States Senator E. J. Burkett.

The writer had occasion to visit the capital on that date and had the pleasure of being present to hear the address of which the following is a brief epitomization.

He showed both in his manner and by his speech his delight at being back in Nebraska "among genuine friends" as he said. The old soldiers have always been staunch friends of the senator, and they showed their friendship for him on this occasion.

He paid a high tribute to their sacrifices and heroism in the hour of the nation's peril and also to their patriotism and good citizenship during the succeeding years of peace, and stated that he favored a dollar-a-day pension.

He said that while Decoration day was more especially to do honor to the veterans of the Civil War, nevertheless, the people would "remember on this occasion every soldier of every war who had fought valiantly under the "Stars and Stripes," and referred to the Spanish war soldiers as "heroic sons of heroic sires."

Addressing the old veterans he said, "You men have given America a glorious history. We men and those who come after us must sustain your achievement, for civic righteousness is never a perfected art but a continuing responsibility."

He said that Lincoln was a man of God, called for that hour, just as zealous but less fanatical than some others, and who proclaimed a simple but a wholesome doctrine of "The Union Forever." He called attention to the fact, however that among those against slavery, there were those who called Lincoln a coward and a fool and a knave, but that in spite of all their criticism it was his calm, deliberate judgment and courage of action and determination of purpose that saved the Union. Not only that but it is his interpretation of government authority that has attended the growth and glory of the American Republic from that day to this.

He spoke of what had been accomplished in the fifty years in America since the Civil War in industry and in commerce, and ideals and morals, and declared that it was the greatest fifty years in the world's history, and it was from this that the senator took the text for his speech. For, after reciting all this development, he said that with this material progress there had come new problems, and for them there must be new solutions.

He said progressive legislation was legislation that progressed with the ideals of the people; that while some people in the fear of it try to prejudice it as

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a passing fantasy of the hour, and some others try to capitalize it for political purposes, nevertheless, progressive legislation was the same kind of legislation that has always made America great by keeping up with the aspirations and inspirations of the people and conforming twentieth century laws to twentieth century ideals, achievements and responsibilities.

Continuing he declared that "law was of no consequence if it did not keep step with the march of social and industrial development, and that no government could endure very long that does not respond to the ideals and responsibilities of the people. Referring to those who hesitate at such legislation because they believe it is beyond the functions of government, he said that "too many men in public life and out of it carry around with them an old ante-bellum edition of governmental functions and are lost and distracted in the underbrush of present-day duties."

Speaking of the railroads and why legislation must be progressive, he said, "The railroad magnate complains of too much legislation, overlooking the fact that in these fifty years his mileage has grown from thirty thousand to more than two hundred and twenty thousand. Twenty years ago the railroads were carrying four hundred million tons of freight; last year they carried fourteen hundred million tons. Then they required seventeen thousand passenger cars; today they require thirty thousand passenger cars; then eight hundred thousand freight cars; today more than a million seven hundred and fifty thousand freight cars. Fifty years ago it took a mighty big railroad to reach across a state, and none ventured across a state line. The law that keeps pace with that evolution is not socialistic in creed nor anarchistic in practice, but is progressive legislation. It is not because all railroad rates are exorbitant that we have rate laws, nor because all combinations of capital are indecent and monopolistic that we have anti-trust laws, but," declared the senator, "unlawful rebates and discriminations and overcharges have been practiced and the great transportation paying public were entitled to be defended against them, and that is why congress passed the railroad rate bill. Unrighteous combinations of competing lines have been made; the public has been plundered in unjust stock and bond issues, and that is why we spent four months in the recent session of congress trying to prohibit by law the consolidation of competing lines of railroad and to prevent the highhanded manipulation of stocks and bonds."

Continuing, he said that in his opinion, a man had outlived his usefulness, either in public life

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or out of it, who did not recognize the change of conditions and the growth of governmental function and governmental duty, and said that there was no more sense in undertaking to run America within the limitations of last generation's interpretations of governmental duty than in confining commerce and transportation to the teachings of economies of the primitive condition of last century.

He said that there had always been difficulty between extremes. Some men would stumble and fall and fuss and fume for fear the government would do something that it ought not to do; the strict constructionists and some politicians would always be in the way, but he said they were illustrated by the men who stayed at home fifty years ago, hired substitutes for the draft and then found fault with the way the war was conducted.

"There are those who want the government to do everything and those who want the government to do nothing. But, between the two," said the Senator, "just as they did in 1860, there stands today the great mass of honest and courageous and progressive American citizenship. It is directed as then by that high sense of public duty that fears no foe and shrinks from no responsibility."

June Everybody's

With the June number, Everybody's Magazine celebrates its eleventh birthday, and the end of the seventh year under the present ownership. It marks the event with a significant cover utterance and an interesting expression from the publishers elsewhere, in addition to putting forth one of the best numbers of the magazine yet issued. "Southwestward Ho!" is an illustrated article by Herbert Kaufman calculated to do justice to the stirring movement into that part of the country. "The Cost of Women's Cloths," by Emily Post, will help to clarify at least one of the financial problems of the day. "Will your Widow Get Her Money?" is an article of widest interest calling attention to the value of the spirit and plan the fraternal life insurance orders, and showing the weakness in them that must be reformed if they are to continue in safe and prosperous service to the people.

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