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**ASYLUMS AND POLITICS.**

The rupture at the Norfolk state hospital for the insane emphasizes anew the necessity for a change from the present vicious method of appointment and discharge of heads of state institutions at the arbitrary discretion of one man without providing any means of justification or appeal for those who may consider themselves wronged. It is a system that is also demoralizing to state institutions and detrimental to the interests of the public.

The scandals and political rows in the state of Nebraska during the past twenty years have made our state notorious and they must be charged to the system rather than to the mismanagement or infamy of officials, for it is unbelievable that men selected to such high positions should all be culpable. Not only do the heads of institutions change with the election of a governor or different political party but the rule has been that different governors of the same political faith make a change all around.

The exigencies of politics or the bias or whim of a governor may at any time cause another shaking up and frequently charges are trumped up and scandals invented and even newspapers give space to rumors intended to discredit the officials. In nearly all states at present the state institutions are managed by a board of trustees elected at the polls as are our university regents. This does away with one-man power and takes out of party politics unless one party should be in control of the state for a number of years.

In the present instance the public can only guess at the real trouble. There are charges of friction among the officials, that Mrs. Jones wouldn't talk to Mrs. Brown, that an employee got drunk and also dark and mysterious rumors of dark deeds and horrible practices committed within the walls of the hospital. These vague rumors find credence among the morbid and superstitious who find themselves, owing to the advance of civilization, deprived of their cherished ghost stories and their sympathy is aroused for the insane. In truth there is a vast amount of misrepresentation abroad about the insane. The facts are that two-thirds are hopelessly and permanently insane, a majority are filthy, many are vicious and exaggerated human passions run riot all of the time. Consequently fights will take place among the patients and patients must be restrained and sometimes an attendant loses his temper, but that any systematic neglect or cruelty exists in asylums is unworthy of credence.

The superintendent of the Norfolk hospital is a man of mature years and wide experience, both as a physician and a business man. He enjoys the esteem of the people of his own community and they have elected him to fill important offices. He is known as a person of kindly disposition and broad judgment. As an applicant for his present position, he received the endorsement of various committees and office holders in his own party. He was at that time serving as a member of the state senate. He received the unqualified endorsement of the Nebraska State Medical society—credentials more important to the public than any political pull could bestow and so far as the management of the hospital under his charge is concerned, there has been no complaint even from those who seek to remove him. The removal and impeachment of Dr. Alden, therefore, under these circumstances, must stand as a strong argument in favor of a new system of appointing institution heads in Nebraska.

**RURAL ROUTE M'CARTHY.**

J. J. McCarthy will have by next March spent four years in the United States congress from the Third district of Nebraska, during which time he shall have received—far be it from us to claim that he has earned it—some \$20,000 in cold cash for his services. He now comes before the people of this district to ask that they send him back for the third term, making his residence in Washington six instead of four years and putting into his bank account another \$10,000. This residence in Washington must be given to someone from the Third district, to be sure, in compliance with the laws of the country. And the \$10,000 must be paid to someone, likewise to comply with the law, but the people of the Third district have a right to demand that in return for the honor that they bestow in this position, and in return for the \$5,000 per year which they pay their congressmen, they shall receive something more than a resident in Washington. They want a real congressman.

And so, in considering the matter of

sending Mr. McCarthy back to Washington, we people of the Third district naturally begin to ask, "What has he done during his four years?" And it is but fair that we accept Mr. McCarthy's own statement for this, as it has been presented by him through his official organ at Fremont. In presenting the story of his usefulness during the past four years, Mr. McCarthy, after devoting a few hundred words to generalities in which he declares that he has been good, useful, efficient, effective and powerful, he comes to the two things that he can lay claim to having accomplished. He declares that he has created rural free delivery in his district, having increased the number of rural routes from forty to 220, and that he has further put in his time doing much great work looking after pensions.

Great! Great!

How proud we people of the plains of the Third district should feel of a man who has risen from our midst and who has brought to our vicinity an improvement in civilization that no never could have had but for his efforts! How we should cheer him and throw up our hats for him who has created a mail service for our farmers that they never could have known of but for the ingenious McCarthy from Ponca! It is almost too much to believe, but the records show that when McCarthy entered congress, there were a vast majority of our farmers who knew nothing of the rural free delivery service, while now—now, at the end of his four years of wonderful work—there are 220 rural routes in the district, and farmers on these routes are receiving mail every day all because of McCarthy!

What rare judgment we republicans of the Third district who fought for him (at our own expense) displayed in choosing this one man out of all the multitude to represent us down east where the diplomats of the nation assemble and make history for the world! And how much the progress of this country would have been retarded if he had never located McCarthy and sent him hurrying to Washington! But for him, the farmers of this country might still be getting only one mail a week, and that when they drove to town for it.

What a place in history will be given to this Rural Route McCarthy of ours! "Immodesty?" you say, in thinking over the things that have made up the record of effort put forth by our statesman from the Third in all of these four years' service at Washington? Hush! You fail to appreciate this genius.

"Nervy?" you exclaim, in noting the fact that any one man out here in this part of the prairie should claim credit for the idea and the execution of that idea which has launched the rural free delivery service in all America, and which has spread it through every county and into every hamlet of all these United States? Be gone, you are prejudiced against this power from Ponca. Surely, if you would give it a fair investigation, you would find that it must have been McCarthy who first introduced the rural route idea into the postoffice department. It must have been our own Rural Route McCarthy who invented that modern improvement, for in his Fremont organ he modestly admits that it has been through him that the Third district of Nebraska—"his" district, by the way—has come to enjoy this service, and we are all fair enough to realize that there is just one man in the nation entitled to credit for rural routes—and he is the man who first conceived the idea and put into practical working order through the postoffice department, which later spread the new service out over this nation, without the aid or consent of any insignificant congressman on earth.

Perhaps we owe to Mr. McCarthy a debt of deepest gratitude for the fact that we people of the Third district have been allowed to get letters at all, and for the fact that the trains have continued to run. He could have stopped the old-established postal service in this territory just as easily as he could have checked the spread of rural route service in the Third district of Nebraska.

But it was a wonderful bit of statesmanship which prompted Rural Route McCarthy to keep out of the way of rural delivery extension, and not to try to prevent its getting into the Third district.

And besides this as his four years' accomplishment, he says that he has looked after pensions. Verily, we believe he has eaten three meals a day as well. He is such an all round man and such a worker! And it was a new idea for him to look after pensions! We wonder what would have happened if he hadn't looked after the few pensions that remain to help along the ever thinning ranks of the deserving veterans who gave their blood for this nation? And yet he claims that as one of his great achievements! Surely, Pension McCarthy is an Edison with his new conceptions of benefiting humanity!

But the greatest pension that McCarthy has looked after, so far as we can figure, has been the pension for

one J. J. McCarthy of Ponca, of \$5,000 per year, which he has kept going for four years and which he now asks to be made perpetual.

Alongside of McCarthy in congress has been Kinkaid of O'Neill, who has done things to help along the country and to settle up Nebraska. There is Pollard who has tried and at last succeeded in getting things done for the sake of the nation's apple crop and other fruits. There is Norris who has at least got his name in the records of congress by trying to increase his own term from two to four years. There is Kennedy who has got married.

And then there is our own loyal, faithful, "man among men," our very own R. F. D. McCarthy—who has done absolutely nothing at all but draw his pay and come back to run for another term!

**NOT GUILTY.**

Since John R. Hays has received the reappointment as postmaster at Norfolk, one can't help wondering whether The Norfolk News wouldn't have considered Congressman McCarthy worthy of a third term had the latter endorsed the Norfolk News editor for the reversion of John R.'s position.—Tilden Citizen.

The above insinuation, which is said to have been maliciously started from Norfolk by persons who knew better, might help Mr. McCarthy's fight for a third term in Washington at the hands of the people of the Third district, were it not for the fact that The News editor has never in his life been a candidate for the office of postmaster or any other office. The people of Norfolk know this. Mr. McCarthy knows that he never had an opportunity to endorse The News editor for an office, and he also knows that he could not have prevented the reappointment of John R. Hays if he had tried. It is apparent that the Tilden paper has been made the victim of a falsehood which was started in Norfolk a few days ago in a back handed way, with the evident intent of spreading it by means of newspapers which did not know the truth.

The absurdity and the unfairness of the insinuation, (if was, of course, started in Norfolk for the very purpose of being unfair) is only too clearly shown by the fact that one of the first endorsers of John R. Hays for reappointment was W. N. Huse.

**TYPICAL M'CARTHY ARGUMENT.**

The statement that Congressman McCarthy has not treated the newspapers fairly is untrue. There are grafters in the newspaper profession who expect pay for every line they publish about a candidate and they would support the devil for office if he had the price. It is that class of editors who are fighting McCarthy. The editorial columns of this paper are not for sale. When we say a good word for a candidate it is because we think he is deserving of it and not because we are being paid for doing so, and on the other hand, when we consider a man unfit for office he will be lambasted freely without money and without price. It is only in this way that a newspaper can be of any service to the public. The fact that McCarthy is not buying newspaper support is a good reason why he should be re-elected to congress.—Pender Republic.

The vicious libel contained in the above article is an illustration of the argument which is essential to a McCarthy campaign, and it is a sample of the kind of mud which has always formed the meat of all that republican editors could find to say in behalf of our Rural Route representative from Ponca.

Perhaps Mr. Hubbard (who, incidentally, is editor of the Pender Republic and who printed the malicious squib referred to) does not know that libel cases formed a pretty good sized portion of the wake of the last campaign that was conducted by the newspapers of this district in behalf of the Ponca power. And it cost the editor of this paper a pretty sum to settle out of court for a few things that were printed in these columns just to boom the congressional candidate.

The News has taken the lead in fighting McCarthy, and therefore it is unquestionably The News editor to whom Mr. Hubbard refers when he speaks of "that class of editors who are fighting McCarthy." By this, the Pender man means "grafters in the newspaper profession who expect pay for every line they publish about a candidate and who would support the devil for office if he had the price."

That is a pretty serious charge for a newspaper that has merely its prejudice as a backing, to make. It may be the only type of argument that can be found in favor of McCarthy. It indicates inexperience in the man who prints it. For the statements which Mr. Hubbard has printed are libel. He could be sued for libel on the strength of what he has printed, just as other editors have been sued before for things that they aimed at enemies of McCarthy, in order to boost the Ponca statesman. We haven't time to sue Hubbard for libel, nor the inclination. But in the highest court that we care to appeal to—the people of the Third district of Nebraska—Mr. Hubbard's own statements have

branded him.

When he says that the class of editors who are fighting McCarthy's third term are "grafters who would support the devil if he had the price, and who expect pay for every line they publish about a candidate," he gives utterance to one of the most unscrupulous and unfounded falsehoods that has been printed, within our knowledge, in the history of Nebraska politics. And he knows it. Mr. McCarthy also knows that his Pender friend libels the newspaper men of Nebraska who now demand that a congressman be sent to Washington from this district who can earn his \$5,000 per year, and who can do something for his district.

So far as the bitterness of the Pender editor's words is concerned, it merely reflects upon his own character and his own lack of judgment and experience. Such libelous stories may be needed to create sentiment for McCarthy, but they are untrue and the people know it.

Has it come to that stage of civilization where an unknown editor of an unidentified newspaper can declare that all persons who disagree with him as to the merits of our public men, are to be defamed and declared "grafters who would support a devil for price?"

We plead not guilty to the allegation of ever having supported a devil for office. Perhaps the nearest approach to that being that ever dragged this paper into his campaign was our friend from Ponca. And we did the paying that time—not the candidate.

All of the argument that the Pender paper can find as to why McCarthy ought to go back to Washington and be given another \$10,000 of this district's money, is "that he is not buying newspaper support." This is labelled as "a good reason why he should be re-elected to congress." And so we have at length, one reason why Rural Route McCarthy should be returned, and why his salary should be transformed into a pension. In truth, that is more reason than the rest of the district is able to find.

But the Pender paper has much to learn in McCarthy's way of politics. It has, for one thing, to learn that printing libel will in the end come back as a boomerang, and be expensive. (Our libel suit taught us that maxim.) It has to learn that whenever McCarthy tells it to malign somebody (true, Mac, doesn't offer a pleasant smile for doing it) the statements of our statesman want to be verified.

For already Brother Hubbard has gotten into the falsifying class. He has libeled the newspapers of the Third district who want a real congressman. He has aimed his libel at The News, as the first to attack McCarthy. In reply, we defy Mr. Hubbard to prove that this paper has ever in its existence asked or received one penny for supporting any political candidate. And we demand that he either come up with his proof, or swallow the lie.

**CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN.**

**Lively Contest.**

Nebraska Politician: With Congressman McCarthy out for renomination, Senator Young of Stanton county and Judge J. F. Boyd of Neligh announced as active candidates against him and the democrats preparing to get into the game of politics will be decidedly active in the Third district this summer.

**What Has He Done?**

Coleridge Blade: Hon. J. J. McCarthy reported, so his friendly papers say, when he returned to congress, that he anticipated no particular opposition against his third term nomination. It's nice to have a sure thing and be able to tell about it. However, judging from the impression which Judge Boyd is reported to be making wherever he goes this "sure thing," like most other sure things may prove a poor tip to guess on. The hoodoo still follows McCarthy: What has he done?

**McCarthy's Poor Record.**

Utica Sun: Congressman McCarthy of the Third district is trying to get a nomination in that district for a third term, but he will undoubtedly have a hard time getting it without the aid of the newspapers. The way he treated W. N. Huse of The Norfolk News he deserves to be defeated and that if not defeated in the convention every republican paper in the district should turn against him and defeat him at the polls. His record as a congressman has not been very much anyhow for the district, and certainly other men can be found who are as able as he is.

**Another Vapor Stunt.**

Coleridge Blade: The Wausau Gazette has swung from the McCarthy camp and is out in favor of Judge Boyd for congress. Since Editor Huse "made good" and proved that Mac did say of the elucidations of republican editors "the d— fool vapors"—and a good share of them are a little "nutty" for that matter—a lot of the boys who haven't mottoes are doing another "vapor" stunt over what Mac hasn't done besides drawing his salary. It's hard indeed on the newspaper boys to sit up all night with their heads swathed in cold cloths studying up bouquets and then to

have their rose smell as well as "d— fool vapors."

**Weakest Plea Ever.**

Tekamah Herald: The Fremont Tribune, in an attempt last week to boost McCarthy for a third term in congress, gives that gentleman all the credit for the rural mail routes in the Third congressional district. That is too thin to wash. The Tribune banks too much on the ignorance of the reading public. The average farmer knows as much about how he gets his daily mail as the editor of the Tribune. That it was obtained by a national law creating a rural mail route department in connection with the postal service. If Mr. McCarthy did all this, why did we have a superintendent of the rural mail routes located at Omaha, why had we special agents go over the routes and recommend the service. These routes are established all over the state wherever the population is dense enough to support them. If Mr. McCarthy helped any in getting any of these routes, located or assisted any pensioner in obtaining what was due him he only did what he is paid for. Would the Tribune expect Mr. McCarthy to draw his \$5,000 per annum without doing anything? When it comes to giving him credit for all the rural mail routes established in this district in the last three years it makes the weakest plea that we ever saw advanced in behalf of a candidate.

**Articles On Free List.**

Nebraska Liberal: McCarthy is doubtless still in favor of putting lumber on the free list and of having the duty removed on many other articles. Congress is a large body, composed of many men of many minds and it takes time and experience to accomplish these things. It stands to reason that an able man like McCarthy, who has had experience in congress and who stands with the president can accomplish more than a green hand. During the time he has served he has assisted in the establishment of nearly 200 rural mail routes in his district, he has looked after pensions for old soldiers and taken important parts in debates. The reason why Iowa is so strong in congress is because that state elects good men and keeps them there.—Emerson Enterprise.

Yes, Mr. McCarthy has always been in favor of putting lumber and other things on the free list—in the Third congressional district—but outside if he has ever done anything to further this program it must have been under a lushed measure. Fancy those tariff protected brigands turning over the fat which has been fried out of their hide to a candidate whom they questioned where he stood.

The Enterprise says the congressman from this district has had two hundred rural routes established. Aside from all perquisites of extras, etc., Mr. McCarthy has received twenty thousand dollars. This would figure up one hundred dollars for each route, pretty good salary.

**W. N. Huse's Republicanism.**

Genoa Times: If the Lindsay Opinion imagines that it is strengthening the candidacy of John J. McCarthy by handing out a dirty bunch of sneaking insinuations against W. N. Huse of The Norfolk News, it is mistaken. The standing of Mr. Huse among the newspaper men of the Third congressional district is on too solid a foundation to be undermined by the Opinion or any other slobbering organ of a candidate for congressional honors. When the Opinion questions the republicanism of Mr. Huse, it probably does so ignorantly. Mr. Huse has assisted in fighting the battles of the republican party in Nebraska for nearly thirty years—long before the editor of the Opinion was ever heard of in the field of journalism. Four years ago, like several other "dam fool newspaper men," the Norfolk editor went to the extreme in his zeal to assist in the election of McCarthy, and his efforts in that direction were instrumental in bringing on a libel suit for \$6,000. In 1894-5, when many republican papers throughout the state were quoting from "Coin's Financial School" and demanding the free coinage of silver, W. N. Huse was opposing the 16 to 1 idea. In all the years he has been connected with the press of Nebraska, the editor of The News has supported the nominees of his party without demanding an office in payment for his loyalty. A few years ago nearly every republican editor in the north Platte country had enough confidence in the integrity and ability of Mr. Huse as a man and his standing in the party, to suggest his name for consideration to the state convention as a candidate for auditor, but he declined to enter the contest for the reason that he had no desire to go into politics to the extent of becoming a candidate for office. When the Opinion man shall have gained wisdom from experience, as a publisher, he will be less radical in his desire to club out of the party every man who objects to the particular candidate he desires to have nominated.

**HOSPITAL MATTER.**

**Unjustly Treated.**

Pierce Call: The many friends of Dr. J. M. Alden learned with regret yesterday that Gov. Mickey has asked for his resignation as superintendent of the insane asylum at Norfolk. It seems that trouble has been brewing at that institution for a number of months. It appears that no complaint exists as to the treatment of patients and the governor believes that they have been given good care, but the social relations existing between the superintendent and his assistant have become strained so that they are bare-

ly upon speaking terms, which necessarily does not result in the good of the institution. When simmered down the whole trouble lies in the fact that the superintendent, while held responsible for everything, is only superintendent in name, the subordinates being appointees of the governor or holding the same by some political pull and hence feeling their importance and conducting themselves in an independent and oftentimes arrogant manner. No business or institution can be successfully conducted or maintained with this state of affairs. The Call will always believe that Dr. Alden has been unfairly and unjustly dealt with.

**Lincoln Insane Asylum.**

West Point Democrat: Gov. Mickey discharged Superintendent J. L. Alden and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Nicholson of the Norfolk asylum on Wednesday and appointed Dr. John T. Hayes and Dr. Young, both assistants at the Lincoln asylum, to take their places. The reason given for the removal was cruel treatment of inmates. But it is reported that the treatment at Norfolk is far better than at Lincoln, and therefore the promotion of the Lincoln men was one of Gov. Mickey's political duties.

**EDITORIAL COMMENTS.**

**No Political Fish.**

Spencer Advocate: The Norfolk News mentions the fact that nobody is howling "tainted money" since John D. Rockefeller sent \$100,000 to relieve the suffering in San Francisco. Perhaps, Mr. Huse, it is because there are no political fish to fry in this deal.

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**ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.**

We like to hear a father say of his son: "He is a good boy."

The average man's idea of doing nothing is to study astronomy.

Answer to Inquirer: No, palmistry is not the only "skin" game.

You might also be grateful that your nerves are not as delicate as a seismograph.

Somehow people always smile when they see a young fellow with side whiskers.

When a man is real angry, it usually makes matters worse to try to cheer him up.

"I couldn't tell you a thing new, and stick to the truth," a Missourian said to a reporter today.

There is everything in the right person making a request; you wouldn't give your empty tin cans to some people.

One way for a woman to lose the respect of the men is to be on the street at noon, when she has a home to take care of.

At this season of the year a boy never feels that he is properly dressed unless he has a baseball mitt strapped to his belt.

A woman can never understand how a man who lacks the patience to thread a needle, can sit on the river bank all day waiting for a bite.

When you compliment a girl in her mother's presence, the mother is apt to say: "Yes, she is a good girl, I have tried to teach her all I know."

When the children wait for the second table, don't dilly-dally, after you have eaten; the children are hungry and are not interested in your conversation.

When a man has a room known as "the study," he doesn't do much studying in it. A man does his studying, as a rule, in bed, just before going to sleep, or just after awakening in the morning.

A play may be so natural that running water is used in river scenes; the details of costume may be carried out to perfection; every situation may be true to life, but there is one place in which the most realistic playwright fails: He makes the men's proposals of marriage too plain. Every married man knows he never came right out and asked his wife to marry him. He hinted at his feelings, and the first thing he knew he was accepted. But a stage hero comes right out and says: "I love you. Will you marry me?" And experienced people in the audience know very that's not true to nature.

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