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HOME INDUSTRY.
 "There is not another city in Nebraska the size of Columbus, or three times its size, that has as many fine, complete, up-to-date stores as Columbus has." This statement was made to the editor of the Journal last week by a man who travels in all parts of Nebraska.
 We are glad to repeat this statement to Journal readers. It is a statement which should fill with pride, not only Columbus merchants, but Columbus citizens in general.
 This situation naturally leads one to ask the question, "why?"
 There are several reasons outside of the personal progressiveness of Columbus merchants, for the excellent stores.
 First may be mentioned the geographical location of Columbus. There is no inland city in the state that draws from a better and richer territory than that which is made tributary to this city through the Albion, Spalding and Norfolk branches. Much of the trade from this territory stops in Columbus instead of going to Omaha and Lincoln, because Columbus merchants have prepared to offer as good qualities at as low prices as prevail in the larger cities.
 Another thing contributes to the welfare of Columbus stores.—Columbus merchants—the leading merchants—advertise their wares liberally in local newspapers. The people know what they have to sell. For this reason, the mail-order house has made comparatively little headway in Columbus territory and there is the right kind of feeling between merchant and farmer. The farmer spends his money at home, gets goods backed by the personal guarantee of the home dealer and at better prices. The merchant in turn uses his profits to increase the value of his business, and at the same time increase his contribution to the tax fund which goes to build roads and schools and other improvements which in turn enhance the value of farm property.
 Other things might be mentioned which are factors in making the stores of Columbus objects of envy to sister cities in Nebraska. We pause, however to mention a few things which Columbus business men might do, and ought to do, to improve conditions here.
 Some of the roads leading to Columbus are not all that they should be. Can they be improved? Only by concerted action.
 Our grain men complain that Columbus labors under disadvantages in the matter of freight rates, much grain which naturally would come here being diverted to other markets because of those disadvantages. Can those disadvantages be overcome? Only by concerted action.
 Columbus coal dealers complain they pay more for coal than Omaha dealers on coal that has to go through

Columbus to reach Omaha. And the citizens of Columbus pay that difference. Can this condition of things be remedied? Only by concerted action.
 We have tried to point out in a general way, wherein and why Columbus is strong and wherein business conditions can be improved by concerted effort.
 The commercial club is the medium through which these improvements should come. Will not the business men of Columbus rise to the necessity of organized effort to keep Columbus in the fore-front of Nebraska cities? Who will be the first to rise to call a meeting of the commercial club?

The saloon keepers in Columbus as a class are no more responsible for the disgraceful scenes at the polls yesterday than are the church people and that class of people who call themselves "moral." There are saloon keepers in Columbus who believe in law enforcement and they are opposed to the idea of candidates for office going into the bootlegging business within a stone's throw of the polling place. But this class of saloon keepers, together with church members and other law-respecting citizens are directly responsible for such fraudulent practices as everyone witnessed yesterday. When they get large enough and patriotic enough to rise in their indignation, break their party ties and vote down the candidate who dares drive his supporters to the polls, fill them with booze and vote them like cattle, then there will be an end to election bribery. Until the people who call themselves good, have the backbone to do this, they should remain silent and let the booze politician give the medicine.

The Journal does not profess to be entirely unselfish in urging the resuscitation of the Columbus Commercial club. Columbus cannot grow as a commercial center; the trade of the individual merchant cannot grow without plenty of advertising in the local newspapers. The newspaper is the co-partner of every merchant in helping to display his offers; and the co-partner of every buyer in directing him where to buy. One partner cannot succeed without sharing his success with his fellow partners. It is on this theory that the Journal has worked and is continuing to work to increase its circulation and its advertising. And it is on the same theory that we earnestly urge the business men to get together through the commercial club and do the work which should be done for the common good and which can be done only through co-operation.

The investigation of the big life insurance companies in New York has proved more than anything else, the soundness of old line life insurance. Where is another institution in the country that could have stood up under the fire? What would have happened for instance, to the great banks of New York had their officers and stockholders been subjected to such a rigid investigation as that which caused the death of John A. McCall, ex-president of the New York Life? But while proving the soundness of the theory of life insurance, the investigation showed that policy-holders have paid out millions in premiums which have been spent in extravagant salaries and in the corruption of legislatures. The result already has been to place life insurance under stricter supervision by the state for the purpose of safeguarding the interests of policy-holders.

With the controlling progressive elements of both parties standing on practically the same platform it would seem natural for the two majorities to unite into the "radical" party and the minorities to become the "conservatives", dropping the names "democrat" and "republican". If we were French we would do it. But Anglo-Saxons don't do things that way. We cling to the form when the substance is all gone. And the progressive element of the republican party will continue to defeat the progressive element of the democratic party, because the republicans do things while the democratic record is one of promises and failures.

The establishment of factories in the south is destined to modify the political economy of national democracy to as great extent as did the invention of the cotton-gin in the times of slavery.

The next democratic candidate for president will probably hail from the south and he will not be a free trader but a "protectionist," that mild type of "protectionist" called a "tariff revisionist." And if the manufacturing industry continues to grow in the south, ten years hence the democracy of the "solid south" is likely to come forward with a genuine "standpatter." By that time, who knows but that the western republicans will have become "free traders"? Political history affords examples of stranger changes.

It is about time that decent republicans and decent democrats should get together and cut out the booze business at elections. If they cannot or will not do that, they had better make it unanimous by enfranchising yellow dogs and converting their candidates into dog catchers.

The common bootlegger is as far above the candidate who peddles booze to buy his election, as are the fellows who drink the booze and then go like cattle to the polls to disgrace the privilege of American citizenship.

Columbus is not the only place when public opinion has forced the democrats over on the republican platform. They have abandoned free trade and are trying to beat Cummins and Roosevelt to tariff revision.

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 OTHER EDITORS.

Genoa Leader.—About the best that can be said for the Senate just now, is that it is putting up some splendid arguments in favor of the election of Senators by popular vote.
 Fremont Tribune.—If the legislature of Kansas or Nebraska should do what the legislature of Ohio has just done in the way of enacting railroad legislation it would be the signal for an alarm of danger. The whole country would be horror-stricken with the utter disregard of these states for the rights of corporate property. It would be the occasion for some warnings against capital entering them to seek investment. But here comes old Ohio the state that has stolen the pseudonym of "Mother of Presidents" from Virginia, with anti-monopoly legislation that would almost take the breath of the average Kansas or Nebraska statesman, and they are generally well supplied with that vital element, too. The Ohio house passed a bill providing for the creation of a railroad commission and for the regulation of freight rates. This bill was sent to the senate, where the corporations usually make their influence most effectually felt, and that body passed it by a unanimous vote. But before doing this it amended it by inserting a drastic anti-pass provision. This same legislature a short time ago enacted a measure reducing passenger rates to two cents a mile. What is the matter with Ohio? Are we to consider it "safe and sane?"

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