

**HOT AND DUSTY.** The mercury has been at 104° in the shade and the Transmissouri country has suffered for the last ten days from heat and drouth. Dusty and dry are the fields and roads in Kansas, western Iowa, northwestern Missouri, and eastern Nebraska. Every nervous man and woman is irascible, excitable and petulant because of the inhalation of the dust of long-ago Indians whose pulverized remnants are floating in the air. They are full of embalmed warwhoops and diabolical dances which make people snappish and cross.

We have received numbers one and two of J. Sterling Morton's CONSERVATIVE. It shows clearly the ex-secretary's brand of democracy, which is the highest type of Jeffersonianism ever shown in the state. It is strong, clean and consistent from its standpoint. It will be a welcome addition to the able journalism of the state. Every subscriber can be sure that he will get sound doctrine and never be treated to anything commonplace. We've always gloried in J. Sterling. When the state was overwhelmingly republican he was ever ready to stand up as a candidate, for anything his party was pleased to put upon him; not because he expected to get anything out of it, but to be sacrificed for the integrity of the party of his choice, and to maintain its organization in the state. A man of that brand is an honor to any party, for he is the solid back bone of the organization.—Greeley Leader-Independent.

If we are told a man is religious, we still ask what are his morals; but if we hear he has honest morals, we seldom think of the other question, whether he be religious.

THE CONSERVATIVE, the new paper published by J. Sterling Morton, late secretary of agriculture, is upon our table. The name of the editor is a sufficient guarantee that in editorial ability the new paper will be away above the average. The prospectus announces the policy of the paper in line with its name, conservative in dealing with all topics of public interest, while the well-known reputation of its editor is a guarantee that its conservatism will not be of the non-progressive type. It starts out with a paid-up circulation of four thousand copies, a degree of success seldom marking the beginning of a new publication. There is plenty of room for just such a paper and it will do good.—Ashland Gazette.

A man with knowledge but without energy, is a house furnished but not inhabited; a man with energy but no knowledge, a house lived in but unfurnished.

The Democrat is in receipt of the first two numbers of THE CONSERVATIVE, J. Sterling Morton's new paper. THE CONSERVATIVE is a weekly publication

printed in magazine style and is remarkably strong in an editorial way. It voices Mr. Morton's sentiments upon all public questions with the full vigor of its editor, and it is unnecessary to say that it is mighty interesting reading.—Gage County Democrat.

If you pity rogues, you are no great friend to honest men.

If doctors cure, the sun sees it; if they kill, the earth hides it.

Idleness is the greatest extravagance that a human being can venture upon, no matter what may be the magnitude of his fortune.

## PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL CURRENCY CONVENTION.

To be held in Omaha, Nebraska, in the Auditorium Building on the Grounds of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, September 13 14 and 15, 1898.

(Subject to slight modifications.)

### FIRST DAY—GOLD DAY.

The convention will be called to order at 11 o'clock in the morning by J. Sterling Morton, of Nebraska, president of the National Sound Money League, who will preside and deliver the opening address.

Addresses will follow in the following order:

Horace White, editor of the New York Evening Post, on "The History of the Gold Standard."

Governor Leslie M. Shaw, of Iowa, on "The Farmer's Interest in Sound Money."

H. P. Robinson, of Chicago, editor of the Railway Age, on "The Gold Standard and Railroad Interests."

Louis R. Ehrich, of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Recess at 12:45 until 2:30 in the afternoon.

Addresses, mostly short, on the importance of maintaining the gold standard and in opposition to the free and unlimited coinage of silver will be made by the following speakers and others:

Edward Atkinson, of Boston, Mass.

Hon. J. M. Carey, of Wyoming, subject, "The Gold Standard from the Standpoint of the Western States."

Judge M. L. Crawford, of Dallas, Texas.

John P. Irish, of San Francisco, California.

In the evening there will be a general debate in speeches of not exceeding ten minutes each in length, on the arguments advanced during the day in advocacy of the gold standard.

### SECOND DAY—SILVER DAY.

The convention will be called to order at 11 o'clock and on invitation of the regular presiding officer, Mr. Morton, Hon. Chas. A. Towne, of Duluth, will occupy the chair.

Mr. Towne will deliver the opening address on "The Coinage and Use of Silver as Standard Money co-ordinately with Gold."

Mr. Towne will designate other

speakers to follow him on the silver side, among them will be

Senator James K. Jones, of Arkansas.

Hon. C. S. Hartman, M. C., of Montana.

H. F. Bartine, of Washington, D. C., editor of The National Bimetallist.

Hon. Horace Boies, of Iowa, will present his plan for maintaining a bimetallic system of money.

Hon. C. N. Fowler, M. C., of New Jersey, will speak in opposition to the bimetallic double standard theory.

The arguments of the silver speakers will be met also in speeches from the single gold standard point of view by able orators including the following:

Hon. Platt Rogers, of Denver, Col.

Hon. Edwin Burritt Smith, of Chicago.

W. C. Cornwell, Buffalo.

J. Adam Bede, of Duluth, Minnesota.

H. L. Framing, of Ohio.

The debate will be thrown open to all speakers who desire to talk for five or ten minutes each and will be prolonged into an evening session if the audience desires. Hon. C. A. Towne will close the discussions.

### THIRD DAY—PAPER MONEY DAY.

The convention will assemble at 11 o'clock. The opening address will be by Hon. A. J. Warner, of Ohio, who will advocate a paper currency composed exclusively of government notes.

Hon. J. H. Walker, of Massachusetts, Chairman of the House of Representatives committee on Banking and Currency, will reply.

After the noon recess addresses on "What is the Best Form of Paper Money" will be delivered by

Hon. C. N. Fowler, of New Jersey.

L. D. Reynolds, of Chicago.

William Dodsworth, editor of the New York Journal of Commerce.

Geo. H. Shibley, of the American Institute of Money and Prices, and by speakers invited by the Reform Press Association, of Chicago.

Hon. J. H. McCleary, of Minnesota, will explain the provisions of the currency bill, generally known as the McCleary Bill, reported to the House at the last session of congress by the committee on banking and currency.

Arguments in favor of government paper money will be met also by other able opponents of that system and upholders of the single gold standard. These will include

George Francis Peabody, of New York City.

M. E. Ingalls, of Cincinnati.

H. W. Peabody, of Boston.

A general debate will follow on government paper money *versus* bank money.

A man protesting against error is on the way towards uniting himself with all men who believe in truth.

If the devil ever laughs out loud it is at pretenders and hypocrites, for they are the most perfect dupes he creates,