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SENATORS. THE CONSERVATIVE hopes that

the election of the senators by the next legislature may be speedily and satisfactorily accomplished. There should be no stubborn chicane, corrupt, bargains or personal pique postponing results, as in the legislature two years ago—when the lamented Hayward was elected. The state needs and demands the selection of two practical, reputable and able men to represent its commercial interests and the dignity and character of its public life.

A BOARD OF TRUSTEES. The charitable and educational institutions of

Nebraska must cease to be the playthings, the rewards and compensations of practical politics. The laws should be revised and so amended that each establishment may be governed by a board of trustees, who shall be named to the senate and confirmed by that body. The trustees should be non-partisan. They should be selected because of character and adaptation to the duties of the place. They should have free power to employ and to discharge all employees. With such a system, scandals, extravagance and inefficiency would soon disappear.

A CONVENTION. Nebraska needs a new organic law. It is big enough to have a constitution which shall provide for a well-paid judiciary. There is nothing so expensive and dangerous as an inferior lot of lawyers upon the bench. As a rule lawyers

who can earn more than twenty-five hundred dollars a year in the practice are not elected judges in Nebraska.

THE CONSERVATIVE does not believe in an elective judiciary. Judges nominated by the governor and confirmed by the senate average much better, as to brains, character, acquirement and reputation than those nominated by political conventions and elected by partisan votes. When an elected judge turns out badly—proves inefficient, ignorant or corrupt, the responsibility for his being a judge can never be fixed upon one person, or a few persons. All declare him not to have been their choice, all repudiate him and denounce him. But if a judge nominated to the state senate and by that body confirmed goes wrong the responsibility is fixed quickly upon the executive and the confirming power. Where would the republic be today if the federal courts had been made elective? Who wishes to change United States district, circuit and supreme court judgeships into elective positions?

CALL CAPITAL INTO NEBRASKA. The general incorporation law of Nebraska ought to

be repealed. It should be replaced by a broad and liberal statute calculated to lure capital into enterprises within this commonwealth. The utmost liberty and freedom—within the limits of the public good—should be assured to all incorporations doing business or proposing to do business in the state of Nebraska.

The existing laws are, as a rule, inimical to combined capital. The poison of class legislation has infused itself throughout all laws relative to capital in corporate form until Nebraska is a constant repellent of enterprises of magnitude, which are really needed for the proper and profitable development of the vast resources of the state. Nebraska would rejoice at the incoming of all the Standard Oil, Sugar, Steel and Wire, Starch and Salt capital of the world. Nebraska calls aloud, by its latest vote, for capital to nestle within its borders.

A LEGISLATOR. Hon. Francis Martin of Falls City, is probably one of the best equipped and most conscientious men elected to the state legislature. He is a good lawyer and a citizen of irreproachable personal character, whose home-life and associations are of the highest type of Americanism.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The coming session of the legislature should give Nebraska a law similar to that of the state of Iowa, which limits the number of days for which the commissioners may legally demand pay during the year.

ASSESSORS.

Each county needs, and should have, only one assessor of taxes. The new revenue law, which the republican party is pledged to give this state this session, will provide for equitable valuations of all property. Taxes will be made as nearly just and equal as practical and a statute of limitations, of some sort, provided as to alleged delinquent taxes of former decades.

FUSION IN NEBRASKA.

"I have personally considered for a couple of years that fusion has been a failure," says Chairman Howell of the Nebraska Democratic Committee. "This campaign has strengthened this opinion, and has convinced a majority of the members of the committee of the same thing. I have two main reasons for my belief. In the first place, I regard that the populists and free silver republicans get representation on fusion tickets out of all proportion to their voting strength. Second, I consider that we are alienating more democrats by fusion than we secure from the populists and free silver republicans."

SAD.

THE CONSERVATIVE contemplates the wrecked hopes of Mr. Oldham—who sought to be the successor, in trust-smashing, of the honorable Constantine J. Smyth—with irrepressible commiseration. The stiffness of the optimistic views which were held by the distinguished orator when he made that nominating speech at the Kansas City convention of political miscegenationists and that sustained his pluck when he made that one hundred dollar bet in Burt county seems to have been entirely wilted and withered. A dish of corn starch might prove a restorative. It is made in large quantities at the Argo starch factory in Nebraska City, and is for sale at a less price per package than quoted ten years ago. THE CONSERVATIVE congratulates Mr. Oldham upon the votes he received as a crusher of industries.