

The Norfolk News makes reply to THE CONSERVATIVE and adheres to its former high valuation of landscapes as a means of entertaining the traveling public. This is its article:

"In reply to the suggestion of The News, that patrons of the railroads might not like to have their view obstructed by a continuous grove of trees along a railroad's right-of-way THE CONSERVATIVE says: 'Passengers can live in health and prosperity without viewing landscapes. But all animal existence on this globe will perish when all forests have been destroyed. As between human life and landscapes from car windows, THE CONSERVATIVE prefers life.' This is quite a radical view of the question. If human life depended upon the foresting of railroad rights-of-way, this paper would be the last to raise an objection. There is an abundance of land obtainable for forest purposes, especially in Nebraska, without depriving travelers of their pleasures, and again there are landscapes which should be hidden from the eyes of the ordinary railroad passenger and a screen of trees would prove welcome and beneficial. The News is a warm friend of arboriculture and would be pleased to see the railway companies and other corporations that use a large amount of wood material, become prime-movers toward forest extension and preservation and when it comes to a matter of life and death, will favor the use of every foot of railroad ground for the growing of trees, but until that time arrives this paper will stand up for the rights of the scenery-loving traveler. The forestry question is important to health, to climate, to building schemes and for many other purposes, but there are millions of acres which should be employed in growing trees that are now of little or no value and until this is used there will be small excuse for continuous rows of trees along railway tracks. The railroads could acquire title to large tracts of land and grow the timbers they require economically and beneficially, and The News hopes they will do so."

THE CONSERVATIVE insists, nevertheless, that there are thousands of acres of railroad right-of-way in Nebraska which ought to be planted in catalpas at once. These acres are profitless, useless, now, but when planted, will, in twenty years, pay a big dividend in utility and cash. This globe must be re-afforested in another century or become uninhabitable.

#### WORDLESS EULOGY.

At the corner of Tenth street and First avenue in Nebraska City may be seen, on the south and the east sides of the Fulton residence some beautiful elms. They were set out in 1856 by the Hon. Hiram P. Bennett. Later on he sold the property to Major Dennison, agent of the Otoe and Pawnee In-

dians, located at Nebraska City, and the title ran from him, as THE CONSERVATIVE remembers it, to Mr. William Fulton, the present owner.

Hiram Bennett was a man of acknowledged ability and high character for integrity. Leaving Nebraska City, in 1859 or 1860, he became a resident of Auraria, on Cherry creek in the territory then called Jefferson. He has not changed his geographical position, but its nomenclature has been changed, and he lives in Denver, state of Colorado, without having moved since his original settlement on Cherry creek, in the territory of Jefferson. Judge Bennett was soon recognized among the hardy miners and pioneers of the Rocky Mountains as an able and trustworthy man. Consequently he was made their delegate in congress, and subsequently elected a judge. His career has been useful, varied and eminent, but he never performed any act which perpetuates his name and gives wordless eulogium upon his character so forcefully, eloquently and faithfully, as the planting of the trees around his first home in Nebraska. There are no other planted-out shade trees in the state of the same variety to compare with those which the hands and care of Judge Bennett made to grow on the northwest corner of Tenth street and First avenue in Nebraska City. They are symmetrical and their overspreading arms are a shelter and consolation to every pedestrian who walks beneath them. They are also teachers of the esthetic and utile in combination. They instruct all thoughtful persons to follow the example of Judge Bennett and plant out trees, in order that they may be remembered by those who follow them in this short journey of humanity from the cradle to the coffin. A tree well planted, well pruned, well shaped and disciplined in its early life, grows into a living and perpetual laudator of the person who planted it; and in the hot, scorching sunshine of summer it extends its shade over the wayfarer while its foliage whispers wordless eulogy of its planter, more touching, more tenderly eloquent than those vocalized by human beings.

#### BIXBY.

In a delightful letter to the Lincoln Daily Journal, dated at Chicago, July 8th, Doctor Bixby says:

"Yesterday I was discussing the timber question with a resident of Dixon and remarked that our great need in Nebraska was more shade and fruit trees. 'Yes,' said he, 'you should have a day set apart each year for that purpose, the same as we do, and urge all the farmers and those who own town property to plant trees.' When I informed him that the Arbor Day notion was of Nebraska origin, and that J. Sterling Morton was its author, his astonishment was amazing."

Evidently the resident of Dixon "treed" the wrong man.

Some days of CONSTANT HEAT. June weather, even in Nebraska, will be remembered as illustrative of the fact that during the summer of nineteen-hundred and one there was a lack of poikilothermic forces in the atmosphere.

#### OHIO.

There seem to be a few conservatives among the alleged democrats of the state of Ohio, if recent accounts of their convention at Columbus can be accepted as truthful. Is it possible that the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 has been omitted from a declaration of policies at an Ohio allegedly democratic convention?

#### SEEING THE WORLD.

Stars have been looking down upon so many generations of millions of men and women and seeing their after-sun-down pranks and follies, that it is no wonder that stars have formed the habit of blinking and winking. Seeing the world only in the daytime has given the habit of blinking at violated laws even to clergymen and judges; and winking at the mere suggestion of wicked things is a common habit among the worldly-wise, everywhere.

#### TREES.

Sometimes the wonder is, whether trees are capable of thoughts and memories. And if they are sentient, do they remember and love the hands that planted, pruned, trained and directed them in early life? In any event, trees inspire love and shed sweet memories in their shade and shelter for those who did plant, shape, and grow them. Trees tell without words of the conspicuous altruism of those who set them out, and pruned and fed and watered them in the beginning of their beautiful usefulness.

It is very painful to observe that "THEY SHALL NOT COME BACK."

certain Bryanarchists in and about Cleveland, Ohio, are reported to have bolted the recent proceedings of the allegedly democratic convention of that state, and to have gone out from the midst of that sanhedrin "to serve their country, their party and their God under some other flag." It is time for John R. McLean, Judge Harmon and other members of the regular Columbus crowd and convention to quote the famous speech made at Richmond, Va., in which Col. Bryan so mercilessly denounced all those democrats who refused to vote the regular Chicago and Kansas City platforms and nominations, concluding his excommunication by stating: "They shall not come back!"