

**IMPRISONMENT BY RESOLUTION.**

TO THE CONSERVATIVE:

The re-incarceration of Mr. Bartley, recently accomplished by order of the governor at the command of a party convention, is possibly good politics; it is certainly bad Christianity. "Go and sin no more" seems indeed divine when contrasted with the fiendish heartlessness of this convention's edict of "go and suffer some more."

Will some wiseacre, who does or does not want votes, be pleased to point out a single advantage to be gained, either by an individual or by the community, from the further punishment of this man. Is cruelty the aim and object of our civilization? Is it Christian, or even human, to inflict punishment for punishment's sake? Is it manly to attack where none may defend? Why not then place the man in the stocks? Apply the lash to his bare back? Tie him up to hang by the thumbs? Stretch him on the rack? Or burn him at the stake? Are these inflictions cruel? So is imprisonment. Are they unnecessary? So is imprisonment. Are they cowardly and abhorrent to the teachings of Christianity? So is imprisonment. But, it might win or lose the votes of devils without pity, and fiends who kill for pastime.

No man can point to a single inducement to the further punishment of this poor man. It does not bring the money back into the treasury, but prevents it. It does not supply a needed example to others, for that has been done already. It simply adds another name to our list of convicts, and crushes the heart and hopes of another wife. A splendid consummation! Achieved by Resolution!

Mr. Bartley is a man—made in God's image, and with an immortal destiny. Why postpone the millenium by barring for ten long, weary, dismal and fruitless years, the door to his return to integrity and usefulness.

"Do unto others as you would that others should do unto you" is the command of heaven. "Go back and suffer your life through, in a dungeon" is the demand of hell and a convention.

BALLOU.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 10, 1901.

**A WISE SUGGESTION.**

A very wise suggestion has been offered by J. Sterling Morton, in his CONSERVATIVE, whereby he recommends the narrowing down of public roads or highways from 66 feet to 33 feet in width. Of course the Sage of Arbor Lodge does not forget to suggest further that the 16½ feet on either side be set out to trees, and that these be cultivated and cared for by each road district. Every sensible citizen we believe, should fall in with the idea, and we believe it is a stroke toward progress and improvement to advocate the suggest-

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ion. Let us keep in the straight and narrow path by keeping our public roads in good and attractive condition, and we all know it is much easier to keep a 33 foot road in good order than a 66 foot one. It's like giving a calf more rope, and in time it will break it's own neck. Our roadways are too wide for all necessary purposes, and the wider the more labor and expense required to keep them in order, besides the public can care for and improve the narrow roadway more advantageously. — Nebraska Dairyman.

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