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THE CONSERVATIVE.

In its fourth year the Conservative is with certainty, celerity and safety assuming a prominent place in the journalism of the country.

It is non-partisan, independent and without fear. Financially it has a standing very desirable. It numbers among its patrons the owners of some of the representative industries of the republic and the officers and directors of some of the largest and best banking and other incorporations of the republic.

Advertising in the Conservative comes high—one thousand dollars a page for one year—but it pays, because the Conservative circulates among people who are able to purchase, and pay for anything they may read about and wish for.

The friends of forestry find it among the most faithful advocates of arboriculture.

The adherents of the gold standard recognize the Conservative as one of the fearless advocates of honest finances and wholesome economics.

The friends of honestly and economically administered government know that the Conservative preaches the gospel of frugality in the affairs of state and is always a vehement crusader against extravagance and the over-taxation to which it leads.

The Conservative is complimented by numerous letters of denunciation from partisan ignorance, received every day and gratified and inspired by the constant commendations of intelligent and patriotic citizenship. The patronage of the Conservative is of the highest character and the style of its support most generous, encouraging and satisfactory.

The Conservative, **IMPERTINENCE.** as everybody who reads it understands, is not a believer in nor an advocate of prohibition. On the other hand it has no faith in the power of enactments which would make one honest by removing from his reach all stealable things, or temperate by putting him where there is nothing else than water to drink. But the stupendous impertinence and stupid assumption of the Nebraska Retail Liquor Dealers' Association as displayed and illuminated in their electioneering circular during the recent campaign indicates mental degeneracy or inebriety on the part of those in control of their literary bureau.

Men of judgment, having a sense of propriety, could never issue in behalf of Judge Hollenbeck such twaddle as this:—"He is a broad-minded German, and a man whom the liquor dealers of our state can depend upon to treat them fairly," and expect it to do else than harm to his chances of election.

And the following against Judge Sedgwick evidently increased his majority in the state:—"He has strong prohibition tendencies, comes from a prohibition county, and has been frequently arrayed against our craft. His brother prints a prohibition paper, and it is believed that Candidate Sedgwick is part owner of the same."

The saloon keepers will find, in time, that mixed drinks are not more certain to produce drunkenness than their foolish mixed prescriptions for the voters of Nebraska are certain to produce contempt and violent activity against liquor dealers and their business. The judiciary is not to be selected by committees of retail liquor dealers.

FEEBLE MINDED.

Idiocy seems to be increasing in the world. Institutions for the idiotic and feeble-minded progeny of the United States are multiplying rapidly. Nebraska, as soon as admitted to the Union, began bidding for the propagation of fools. The asylum, for silly children, at Beatrice was liberally endowed. The State, instead of instituting laws to prevent marriages which might produce degenerates, really offered a bounty for imbecility. It encouraged the infant industry of raising fools in Nebraska by preparing and tendering a free home for them and

saying, in effect: "MARRIED marriages, give the commonwealth idiots and it will gladly care for them; it yearns for mental and moral imbeciles, for physical and intellectual degenerates!"

The result, as demonstrated by the Beatrice institution, is very encouraging to fool-raisers. The law of nature is the survival of the fittest, and of the state the survival of the unfittest.

When war threatens the Republic, all agree to give the best, brainiest and bravest men to die for its defence. But when a philanthropist, like Professor Powers of Cornell University, proposes painless death for idiots, to protect posterity against the corruption of its blood and the degeneracy of its moral and mental nature, a maudlin ignorance protests and weeps. The best way to get at a righteous solution of the problem Professor Powers presents is to study and discuss it without prejudice.

CHANGE.

It is only a few months since a candidate for the great office of the presidency of the United States rode up and down Broadway, New York City, with one Richard Croker, who had been on trial for murder and escaped conviction by Tammany methods some years before. That parade of the peerless Platte orator with Croker wound up with the perfectly original remark on the part of the presidential aspirant pre-mentioned "Great is Tammany and Croker is its prophet!"

Profit?

But times change. Men change. And a Tammanyless Croker is not even small change in the political currency of this day.

OIL.

The Standard Oil Company has won out in the cause instituted against it by the great, good, eloquent and irreproachable Smith who, as attorney general, called himself Smythe.

That the legal learning of Oldham-Smythe & Co. should thus be disregarded by the supreme court of Nebraska and that the Standard Oil Company should be permitted to continue to furnish pure, good oil at fair prices to down-trodden Nebraskans is a plutocratic outrage of most intense diabolism.