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The capital city has suffered from disastrous fires to a serious extent this year. Apparently when a big building begins to burn in that city it is soon totally destroyed. This may be due to faulty water supply or to an inefficient fire fighting force. In any event the burden is upon the property owners, whose duty it is to demand that a proper remedy be applied.

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Let us look at his record on the pass question. Since the birth of the populist party in Nebraska its platforms have denounced the pass-rebelling practices, and they openly denounced the pass as a bribe. During his first term as governor Mr. Holcomb was very slow about playing with railroad passes, but during his second term he brazenly repudiated demo-pop doctrine that we as reformers have been struggling as any Nebraska republican can boast. In his own circle of populists the platform utterances as to passes are laughed at, the pass apologists stating that the platforms denounce the pass habit simply to catch the country vote.

This fact is illustrated by the action of the populist convention in Holcomb's home county two weeks ago. And, by the way, that convention in Custer county nominated a full set of populist county candidates, never even asking the democrats to join in the nominating, all of which would imply that Holcomb and his friends have no earthly use for the democrats in populist counties, while demanding a share of all offices in democratic counties.

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