

THE COURIER

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OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNOR HOLCOMB may have thought it was a fine joke to appoint Edgar Howard, of Papillion, a member of his staff; but he should remember that the executive office is not the place for comic opera buffoonery. Howard was on record as opposing the state militia, and appointing him to a colonelcy wasn't either sensible or smart. The Howard incident furnishes, may be, a key to the eccentricity of the hybrid governor. Perhaps he appointed E. C. Rewick steward of the asylum as a joke; and Mart Howe's appointment may also have been a joke. This wouldn't have been so bad if Rewick and Howe hadn't taken the appointments seriously and accepted. Joking with appointments is a dangerous thing.

Mr. Howard, in declining to serve on the governor's staff, gives expression to sentiments that entitle him to distinction as a prize anarchist, an honor to the coterie of reckless-tongued clamorers that somehow flourish in Nebraska. This recipient of executive favor says: "I am opposed to the state militia, root and branch. I regard it a constant menace rather than an aid to the public peace. The state soldiery throughout the union has been organized always at the behest, and often at the dictation, of corporate capital, which asks that the state shall plunge its bayonets into the breasts of organized labor in order to force compliance with organized capital's demands."

Mr. Howard shuts history entirely out of his consideration. Such remarks are prompted only by ignorance and prejudice. Surely Governor Holcomb in giving such a man a chance to exploit his fandango is deserving of censure.

Surely there is no one in Lincoln who would not like to see our Billy president of the United States, I can even imagine that Albert Watkins and Andrew Jackson Sawyer, for the sake of having a real, live president "in our midst," would sink all prejudice, and exult in gobs of joy. It would be a fine thing on many accounts to have our wandering boy orator in the White House. There would then be a chance for Tommy Allen, whose genius for broad statesmanship is woefully repressed or suppressed in the back room of Mr. Harley's post-office. There is a future before Tommy, and Tommy and the future ought to be brought nearer together. Then we are all looking out for what would be an advertisement for Lincoln, and what better advertisement could we have than a genuine 16 to 1 president! Lincoln would become a household word in the mouths of the people of this great country. It would be almost as well known as Mellin's food or St. Jacob's oil. That other town, Lincoln, Ill., wouldn't be in it at all. It would also be a good thing for those sterling and rip-rapped republicans, the Westermann boys. As president Big

Billie would be able to make some tangible recognition of the cordial support he has all along received from the *News*. Herr Westermann would be a good man for minister to Germany; Hans Theodore would find scope for his well known business ability in the office of postmaster general. Fritz has not been exactly in line with the family in its support of Billy, but he would doubtless be taken up for the sake of Herr and the rest of the boys. Maybe he would be sent to Hawaii. Oh, yes; it would

and his little note book were the terror of all aspiring democrats who had suffered themselves to get out of alignment with the administration, and it wasn't so very long ago, either. But there has been a change. The great man has fallen into an obscurity that cannot be penetrated; or, mayhap he went up to Omaha in an unguarded hour and got penned up in the city where there are no outgoing trains. Tobe was a good man in his way, and there ought to be a relief party sent out

himself in bread and butter—and jam.

Some recent exploits of "Gentleman Jim" Corbett prompts Eugene Field in the *Chicago Record* to say:

"When James J. Corbett suddenly leaped into notoriety as the champion pugilist of America it was alleged by his friends that he was a gentleman, par excellence. At that time we ventured to question the truth of this allegation; we could not understand how a professional pugilist could be a gentleman; moreover we did not believe his admirers were amply qualified to pass upon the subject of gentility. Corbett's career for the past two years has simply realized the prediction we made when he beat Sullivan. We said that presently he would become as arrant a loafer as ever swaggered under the protection of fists and under the auspices of the rag-tag and bob-tail of society. It would be hard to find a more arrogant or a louder mouthed black-guard than he. He is not a drunkard and so he cannot offer liquor as an excuse for his noisy indiscretion. He is offensive simply because it is his nature to be so; his instincts are brutal, and his business and his associates, you may find jewels growing in a dunghill, but you will never find a gentleman in the prize ring."



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be a great thing for Herr and the boys. Billy is a proper man for president, and even if it takes the unanimous support of everybody in Lincoln to put him into the White House, the job should be done. Stand up for Lincoln! Hurrah for the silver tongue!!

Speaking of great men, what the dickens has become of that towering patriot, Tobe Castor? Time was when Tobe was high mucky muck in the clans of the faithful in this state; when Tobe

to find him.

Mr. Broatch and Mr. Gale and Mr. Gaffin didn't have much difficulty in arriving at a conclusion as to the award to be made to Mr. Dorgan for the forfeiture of his prison contract. The figures published in connection with the report of the appraisers to the board of public lands and buildings suggest a good many things. One of them is that the hard times have not prevented Mr. Dorgan from keeping

It may be all right for the board of education to elect a new superintendent every year or two, but care should be taken that things are not turned topsyturvy every time a new man goes in. Mr. Strong may have spent a large part of his time with his feet on the table, as charged, but the business of the schools was going along evenly enough, and it would be too bad for a new superintendent to come along and change everything, adjust new methods, and stir up the teachers again. The teachers have been stirred up enough as it is. If the board is to change superintendents every two years it might be well for it, the board, to adopt some method of instruction for permanent use, and not let the superintendent overturn things to suit him. The teachers of this school district have had a good deal to contend with and it is greatly to their credit that they do not get excited and break things.

The *News* seizes the significant point in the clamor being raised by the Omaha newspapers for better railway facilities for the Missouri river town. "While the fight is all being made in the name of the newspapers, it is a fact," remarks the *News*, "that the condition applies to nearly all of the merchandise that Omaha jobbers have to ship. It must all come to Lincoln first in order to get to customers out in the state. This is a recourse for Omaha jobbers. They can all move to Lincoln, the natural distributing point in Nebraska, and save themselves a great deal of annoyance and inconvenience. There is but one way in which they can enjoy as good shipping facilities as those afforded Lincoln shippers, and that is to move to Lincoln. If all Omaha will just pack up and move to Lincoln all ground will be removed and it appears that this is about the only way in which the annoyances