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LINCOLN, NEB., JUNE 29, 1895.

**CRITICISMS OF THE LEAGUE CONVENTION** The national convention of the league of republican clubs, held at Cleveland last week, was, for two or three days, the center of national interest; and since the adjournment there has been much discussion of what it did, or as some put it, what it failed to do. The *World-Herald* thinks "the convention of republican clubs at Cleveland, O., will be known in history as 'man-afraid-of-his-horse'." After two days spent in wrangling over the silver question they suddenly discovered that the convention had no right to express itself on any public questions. "Where," asks the *World-Herald*, "are the republicans of the Abraham Lincoln type? Where are the young republicans who are willing to rise up against financial bondage? Will the party wait in vain? Is party harmony so far preferred to principle?" The *Kansas City Star*, too, complains. "The action of the league was undoubtedly what a Yankee would call 'a smart thing to do,' even if the silver men do feel that they have been quietly buried." Other papers have expressed themselves similarly. The newspapers that have criticised the convention of the league of republicans for not taking action on the silver question have dropped their Hammersmith ticket at Bradbury gate. They have reasoned without a premise. They are wrong, altogether wrong. It is no more within the power of the republican league to commit the party, or formulate principles, than it is to determine whether there be inhabitants on the planet Mars, or whether the Second Advent be at hand. Any action such as the silver men desired is expressly prohibited in the rules that govern the league. Anything in the way of platform making is foreign to the purposes for which the league was organized and for which it is maintained. The league is for organization—it is not an executive body. It may be the fashion among democrats and populists and prohibitionists and other ists to allow party principles to be formulated by any chance gathering of zealots or political rooters. But such is not the case with the republican party. The principles of the republican party come

from no league or clap-trap gathering such as, for instance the Springfield free silver "convention", but come from the rank and file of the party through the regularly called national convention held once in four years for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the presidency. This is the only official source. A hundred so-called "conventions" might be held before the convention of 1896, but there can be no formulation of republican principles until that time. The league convention was not afraid. It simply refused to be led by the frantic free silver shouters into doing something it clearly had no right to do. "Where are the republicans of the Abraham Lincoln type?" Just where they always are, fighting reasonably and rationally the battles of republicanism. The republicans of the Abraham Lincoln type, roused to effort and activity by democratic misgovernment and the democratic drift toward such chimeras as the income tax and free silver, are preparing to administer such a rebuke to the democratic party and its accessories in the next national contest as will re-establish the government and business of this country on a sound republican foundation that will endure. It is not necessary, we may inform the *World-Herald* and *Star*, for the republican party to hold a convention at every change of the moon and issue a new declaration of principles. The party is ever and always for honest, legitimate protection to American institutions, whether of government or of business. Its policy with reference to American labor and American money does not change at the demand of foreign capitalists or native mine owners. It is permanently patriotic, and the Abraham Lincoln republicans stand ever ready to uphold these American, republican, patriotic principles.

**THE UNWISDOM OF EXPLOITING FILTH** The *News*, in its zeal, insists that the social evil is a good thing to talk about, and is disposed to find fault with those who are willing to admit they are tired of this everlasting and unclean subject. THE COURIER is among those who so feel. This paper is on record, so far as the social evil is concerned, and ex-Mayor Weir would doubtless give THE COURIER its due in bringing about the attempt to stamp out the evil that was made during the last two years of his administration. We believe now, as we did two years ago, that every effort ought to be made to wipe out this growing iniquity, and any influence that we may have will be cheerfully lent to any practical endeavor to improve existing conditions. THE COURIER did not support Judge Broady in the last municipal campaign because his candidacy was recognized as a partisan political dodge. Neither did we ask the people of Lincoln to vote for Frank Graham, and we have no special regard for that gentlemen. We would gladly join any proper attempt to make him live up to the promises he made before election. But we did say, and do maintain, that it is unnecessary and unwise to go into the details of the social evil in the discussions in newspapers and at public meetings. The wholesale exploitation of the particulars of this evil can result in no good and is calculated to do injury. Let us decide what we are to do with reference to this evil and then proceed

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to do it, without printing in the papers a mass of disgusting details.

**LINCOLN MISGOVERNED CITY.** The sermon delivered by the Rev. E. H. Chapin Sunday was, in many respects, a remarkable expression. Mr. Chapin was honest and straightforward and he did not hesitate to state what he believed to be the truth. Many may take exception to some of his statements; but all must concede his honesty of purpose and firmness of conviction. THE COURIER has always maintained that the evils that exist in connection with the municipal government are chargeable directly to the dormant public conscience. The people themselves, the respectable, reputable citizens, are, apparently, content to let the city drift into the moorings of fatuous immorality without so much as the raising of a hand. They will not, when opportunity offers, unite in a reasonable effort to save the city from the evils that threaten it. They pursue a *laissez faire* policy, and if Lincoln is misgoverned the responsibility is necessarily with the people. It is clearly within their power to rectify every evil that may exist. It is a fact that the public conscience has been put to sleep by a few powerful influences, of which the most important is, perhaps, the daily newspaper press, and Mr. Chapin's arraignment of the daily newspapers, or more particularly the *Nebraska State Journal* as the protagonist of all the corrupting vices in our municipal life, is amply sustained by the facts. When in all the years has the *Journal* raised its voice in behalf of any measure or plan of reform or purity that would in any way disturb the politicians? Has it not always been the apologist of crimes and criminals, the supporter of corporate schemes, the upholder of municipal corruption in its various forms? The *Journal's* unmorality does indeed extend to the uttermost limits of immorality, and its influence has contributed very largely to whatever of corruption and misgovernment exist in this city.



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