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**THE JUDICIARY AND HOW TO IMPROVE IT** The feeling that the judiciary should be separated from politics is growing in this community, and there is some reason to hope that the time may come when the divorce will be pronounced. THE COURIER has, on several occasions, discussed the benefits that would follow a separation of this kind, and it is apparent that there is a strong sentiment in favor of the ideas that have been advanced in these columns. This reform is especially popular among the lawyers. They are aware of the evils of the present system, and are often sufferers by it. They would welcome a change that would fix the judges firmly in their seats and remove them from the field of personal, partisan politics. Under existing conditions, if a man aspires to be a judge he must perforce make of himself a politician. This he should not be compelled to do. The touch of "practical politics" should never be suffered to defile the judicial ermine; and those who aspire to a seat on the bench should not be made to run the gauntlet of the heelers and strikers that line every approach to public office. Our judges ought to be appointed; they ought to receive larger salaries, and they ought to serve for a much longer term. The efficiency of the judiciary would be greatly enhanced by such a departure from the present policy in this state.

REV. BENTLEY C. E. Bentley, who is a candidate for president AND REV. BEALL in the prohibition party in much the same way that W. J. Bryan is a candidate for president among the advocates of free silver, takes Rev. Byron Beall to task for his reform sermon of last Sunday. Mr. Bentley makes the point that Rev. Beall is not consistent—that while he contends for a policy of prohibition with reference to certain social evils, he would not apply a prohibitive policy to the drink traffic, but believes instead in license or regulation. There is something in Mr. Bentley's point. The tendency in man to drink to excess—to intemperance, is justly comparable to the tendency in man to do those other things

against which Rev. Beall cries out; and as Mr. Bentley says, it is hardly consistent to license or regulate the one, and then attempt to prohibit or wipe out the other. This world would become as in the philosophy of Dr. Pangloss "the best of all possible worlds" if drink and the various social evils were effectually prohibited; but it has yet to be demonstrated that this can be done. However, this fact should not prevent attempts to lessen the evils.

**SILVER DISCUSSION ASSUMES LITERARY FORM** The free silver discussion is taking on a new interest these days, and it is possible that the issue may be kept alive a little longer by the new departure, which may be called a literary effulgence. In the first place, J. Sterling Morton, from whose mouth and pen words glide like the rippling of a brook, published a letter in which, along with the usual financial arguments which Mr. Morton makes use of, there was a spectacular massing of words. The *Standard* and the *Century* dictionaries are not in it with Mr. Cleveland's secretary of agriculture when he settles down to a serious attempt to exploit his vocabulary. And in this letter, published in the *World-Herald*, there was a riotous extravagance in the use of the English language. Sentences are rounded with a captivating ease, and phrases jingle with melody. Words dance with perfect rhythm, and the effect of the whole is delightful, something like standing on the shore of the sea in the soft radiance of moonlight and listening to the musical swish and roar of the waters. Mr. Morton's style at once attracted attention, and in a few days Mr. Bryan's paper makes a rejoinder in which there is an endeavor to keep up the literary pace set by the Sage. Mr. Bryan, or Mr. Bryan's paper is not quite so elegant as Mr. Morton; but there is a pretentious effort to make a proper showing. Our contemporary says in referring to an extract from Mr. Morton's letter—"These words are not referred to because they are rapid, vaporous, vindictive, violent, virtuperative or venomous, but because they are vastly volatile and voluminously vacuous, and because they betray a contempt for natural laws which is wonderfully wide and wildly weird." This is the proper gait. If we must submit to this everlasting discussion of the financial question, let us have it served up in an interesting fashion. Get away, oh, ye speakers and writers, from the poverty of conventionality and revel in the richness of originality and be interesting. Get out your *Thesaurus*, and your *Crabb's Synonyms*, and your *Webster* and your *Standard* and your *Century* and give us something for our money.

**CAST OFF AND ALONE ARE THEY** Sympathy is freely extended to that group of administrationists who would wrap the emblem of the party about them and say, "I am a democrat"—that group consisting in part of the brainy Dr. George L. Miller, the letter writer, Dan Cook; the handsome Andrew Jackson Sawyer, the classic Albert Watkins, the spirituelle Tobe Castor, the benevolent and kindly-eyed N. S. Harwood, the energetic Euclid Martin, and lastly that erudite farmer, J. Sterling Morton. The "regular" democratic party in this state has

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taken the emblem away from these gentlemen, and all but made it impossible for them to say "I am a democrat." Time was when these pillars of the administration controlled the machinery of the party and supplied the grease that enabled it to run. They are still holding the grease and are willing to use it; but the other fellows, the heretic free silverites, have carted the machinery into their own round house and hoisted the democratic flag and the group of orthodox and rock-ribbed believers, is left alone. Only one hope is left these unfortunate partisans, and that is that the conservative element will have control of the next national democratic convention and declare the bolting democrats the regulars and vice versa. Till 1896 that hope is all that the group will have to sustain it and the chilling blasts of the coming winter are likely to work sad havoc among these forsaken patriots.

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