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Royal Baking Powder

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have given them a certain distinctive quality. Other shows have gone on seeking public favor with the same worn out specialties year after year. Mr. Bryan has changed his program frequently. When the public taste seemed to be susceptible to free trade blandishments he put forth the free trade wire walker and the free trade knife and sword swallower. When there was a demand for a change he pasted over his free trade announcements and sounded a new tune on the tom toms and haut boys of his spectacular aggregation, and called attention to the new silver lined circus with summersaults and straddles unparalleled in the history of circuses. And so, from time to time Mr. Bryan has worked in new schemes and proved himself to be a master of the showman's art. He has exemplified in all its glory and to the fullest extent Mr. Barnum's famous maxim, and although his tent has been several times blown down he has always remained in the field. There has always been a Bryan show.

The success of the Omaha circus is it seems to me, fully assured. Securing Mr. Bryan's services is a great deal. Omaha society is rich in resources as was strikingly evidenced in the Ak-Sar-Ben fete and accompanying Feast of Mondamin where the most select of the metropolis' select population to the number of 3000 or thereabouts provided themselves with \$10 and a dress suit and salaamed before Isadore Rush at the court ball. The thought suggests itself that Omaha society can make a circus of itself without half trying. Now that it is really going to make an effort, with the skillful and facile Mr. Bryan as conductor, the result is sure to be something highly entertaining.

The announcement that R. E. Moore, lieutenant governor, will not be a candidate for governor next year, may have surprised the general public. The general public is not acquainted with the workings of practical politics. Mr. Moore's intimate friends have known for some time that he would not be a candidate, and Mr. Moore, as he considers the cost of the lieutenant governorship, is not sorry that he has decided not to aspire to the higher office. It costs a neat sum to be nominated and elected governor of Nebraska, a sum altogether out of proportion to the salary that officer receives.

Mr. Morrill, of this city, just re-elected regent, has, for some months, been considering the advisability of becoming a candidate. He is still considering. The odds are that the consideration will terminate in a determination to run. Mr. Morrill lives in the Fifth ward. He is not the only aspiring statesman in that ward. There are others. For instance there's Mr. McClay. This gentleman has been credited with a desire to be nominated for state treasurer. It is now reported that he is thinking of trying for the auditorship. Mr. Morrill and Mr. McClay cannot both have the support of Lancaster county. The Fifth ward would have to choose between them—if they both decide to try to secure a place on the republican state ticket next year. There is another politician in the Fifth ward who has

allowed his thoughts to wander toward the state house. In the event of Mr. Morrill's deciding not to be a candidate, this other Fifth warder will in all probability ask for the support of the county in the state convention. It is one of the minor state offices that he has his eyes on. It should not be forgotten that Ed Sizer also lives in the Fifth ward. Since Anna Eva Fay, "The Fair Mahatma," declared while in a state of somnolency, that Sizer will be the next governor of Nebraska, that gentleman's boom has shown signs of decided sprightliness. Miss Fay's prediction is taken as indicating that Mr. Sizer's candidacy has the cordial approval of the spirits. And spirits sometimes exercise a potent influence in a political convention. J. W. Bowen, of this city, is also a candidate for auditor. P. O. Hedlund, deputy auditor, will be a candidate for the nomination for

auditor. Mr. Hedlund was one of the men who led the victorious fight on George Bowerman three years ago. He was a leading candidate for auditor, and by joining forces with Eugene Moore he made the latter's nomination possible. Hedlund came in from the western part of the state, and he will probably have the same support next year that he had before. Eugene Moore, like Mr. Morrill, is thinking about becoming a candidate for governor. W. J. Broatch, of Omaha, has for nearly ten years been looking toward the governorship, and his recent victory in Douglas county will make him a formidable candidate in the next contest. Mr. Rosewater is, to use a colloquialism, "on the run," and there are those who would like to accelerate Mr. Rosewater's movement by nominating Mr. Broatch.

THE PUBLIC CONSCIENCE

The following is from the News of Monday evening:

In another column we reproduce an editorial from our sprightly contemporary, the Courier, which by the way, is much the best written newspaper in the city and vastly more entertaining than when it belted society news the prime requisite of a Saturday newspaper. There is much food for thought contained in the first paragraph in

which reference is made to the fact that the public conscience seems to have become moribund. The fact that this city has been misgoverned, off and on, for years, is one so patent to every man that it needs no elucidation. Yet there have been very few instances where citizens have risen in strong protest against the acts of their public servants. The city council has brazenly given away franchises for nothing, has used dark lantern methods of awarding valuable contracts, and has betrayed, openly and without even the offering of an excuse for their acts, the public interests and piled taxes and our bonded indebtedness higher and higher each year. And there has been but little protest, and no organized action at all against the repetition of the outrages. When the civic federation was organized a faint ray of hope that the civic indifference was about to be dispelled fell across the horizon of our hopes, but the body was laid away in its grave months ago. In fact it never survived the hard and cruel shock of the April elections, but died before it was really ready, thus fulfilling the predictions of the politicians that it would never be heard of after the election. We have gone right ahead, year after year, with now and then a lucid interval, electing men whom we know will betray us to the corporations and the tax-eaters, and as a matter of fact we have largely deserved the fate that is now upon us in the shape of our present council and police administration.

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