

## WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS

Municipal politics in Omaha has been interfered with for a number of years by the feelings engendered by the society called the A. P. A. It has been a cause for congratulation among the citizens of Lincoln that they have been influenced to a lesser degree by the prejudices fostered by that society. For much injustice has been done through love of it or hate of it. Many men have come to this country because they love liberty, hate oppression and wish to bring up their families in the freest country on the face of the earth. In taking out their naturalization papers they become American citizens of an exalted fervor, and with all a new convert's devotion to the truth which converted him. Memories of their native land, where the theory of the divine right of kings is being worked out, increases his devotion to a regime where in every man is his own king is being tried. A republic was set up in North America by Englishmen fighting against Englishmen. The Union was threatened because Americans whose ancestors were neighbors of Geo. Washington, Andrew Jackson and Henry Clay—the oldest American blood in the country—thought the new blood "up nawth" was too sure of the indissoluble nature of the United States of America. Patriotism is not a question of where we are born or of ancestry. It is a question of sentiment and resultant actions. If a man have lived among us for twenty years it is an easy thing to pass his life in review and to decide whether he be an upholder of American institutions or hostile to them. It is frequently asserted that the foundation of American freedom is the public school. If the suspect be found guilty of wasting school money, of defecting the stream, made very shallow by three years of drought, to his own fields or of doing anything which might affect the continuance of the public school, call him a traitor and chop off his political head. The belief that the stranger is an enemy is a survival of tribal cohesiveness. To attack a man because he does not know our religion or was not born on what we call our soil is a Gothic, a Vandal act. Perhaps, after all, evolution does not develop and we will remain barbaric to the end, hating without cause and killing because the sight of blood makes us wildly happy and satisfies the instincts we inherit from Cain.

Professor Lawrence Fossler was educated in the public schools of this city and at the State University. Afterwards he spent a few years in Germany. But the impressionable years of his life have been spent here. Here he married, here his children were born. He is all the truer American because this country is his by choice. A man's son leaves his playmates and runs to meet and walk with his father, not because he is his father but because his free spirit makes freer choice of him as his companion. At that moment fatherhood means something more than blood and bone. So when the adopted sons of America choose her from the nations of the earth as their country, America will welcome and protect them though some other of the children may raise a mobish cry of partiality.

In Mrs. Burnett's story of Louisiana, there is a character, the heroine's father, an ignorant backwoodsman, who possesses a soul as large, as loving, as free from malice as Abraham Lincoln's. His daughter's lover appears to her to dispise her father. In reality the lover is great enough himself to appreciate the noble old man. But the girl's heart is in danger of breaking for love of father and lover. The father dies and his last words to his daughter are these. "Don't do no one an onjustice." These words are what remains of the story after many years. "Don't do no one an onjustice." They should be burnt into the hearts and minds of everybody, especially of the people connected with a newspaper. It is a difficult thing to refrain from printing a good story, even if the subject of it be a victim and not a culprit.

A few weeks ago a story was printed in the papers here and afterwards in nearly all the important newspapers of the country concerning a stranger who had come to abide with us for a while. It was a very funny story and easy to write about and interesting too. It

turns out that the man is a most gallant gentleman, straightforward and without any trace of snobbishness. The remarks attributed to him were twisted about by stranger tongues until they reached a sufficient degree of inanity to make a good newspaper joke. At this stage of grafting the newspapers began to publish them and other things in connection with them. The man whom they concerned went about his work just the same, neither denying nor acknowledging charges which must have been annoying. We are just beginning to appreciate his chivalry and desire, at this late day, to express our appreciation of it.

Last week under the head "People you Know" the Journal informed the public that George Woods had been obliged to submit himself to an operation for appendicitis. At the time of writing the notice the young man's life hung by a slender thread, vibrating between life and death. Well the Journal's gifted slave thought the opportunity for a delicate play of humor had arrived and he wrote it up as though it was a Pleasant Hour picnic. To be sure George Woods belongs to that club, and he has been a councilman and he has lately been operated on for appendicitis. There is a humorous connection between these three facts that the Keen-witted Journalist perceived. Perhaps the friend who wrote it wished to show camaraderie, perhaps he thought a show of jollity would help George to get well, or perhaps he did not know that an operation for appendicitis is always dangerous. At any rate the boisterous friend has no imagination or he would have seen the young man stretched on the operating table, surrounded by nurses and doctors with their knives. He would have smelt the sick sweet odor of chloroform. He would have seen the knives cut and the sudden gush of blood. In the next room he would have seen the relatives of the patient with new lines in their faces deep, and sharply cut by fear of death. And he would have known that there wit had no place.

The editors of this paper have decided to sign their articles. Not because they feel proud of their composition. But because each of them, at different times, has been blamed and praised for the other's work. Hereafter an expression of opinion on any subject of importance will be signed by him who expresses it. If Judge Dundy or President Cleveland desire to have one of the editors of The Courier indicted for "Impeding the course of justice" in the United States it will not be necessary to summon but one of them. The other one can harass justice and hinder her all by himself but with a chastened spirit made so by the awful shadow of Sioux Falls.

SARAH BUTLER HARRIS.

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