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thing stronger than water found its way to the ball room. Social revellers were wont to make early retirement. But now ice water waits on the punch bowl and the mild and melting sherbet is abashed in the presence of delectable and more frolicsome concoctions. Very few people make any objection to the liquid refreshment offered at large social gatherings. It has been observed that the punch has a habit of waxing stronger as the hour waxes later. And people seem to be so much thirstier than they used to be. It must be that the two-step makes one thirstier than the old time waltz. And people dance longer than they used to—and the parties commence later. Lincoln is progressing. In Kansas the progression is such that at card and dancing parties, water, sherbet, punch, and all their fanciful fellows have been discarded for beer and whisky, which are taken undisguisedly and with certain unmistakable indications of keen appreciation and enjoyment.

Lincoln showed something like its old time hospitality this week in its welcome to the members of the state press association. It pays to treat editors well, a fact which, it must be admitted, some people sometimes overlook.

It would be a good thing if we could work the curfew racket on the foot pads.

There is a limited basis for the belief that the Omaha World-Herald does not think its neighbor, the Bee, is exactly what it ought to be. Just the other day the World-Herald referred to Mr. Rosewater's very handsome paper as a "bilious, dilapidated, disheartened dyspeptic, pessimistic, woe-begone and altogether calamity-paralyzed concern." Now this is hardly right. There ought to be more of the fraternal spirit hovering about the editorial sanctums in Omaha. Omaha journalists might with profit observe the sweet peace and loving-kindness and all round charitableness that mark the relations of the newspapers and newspaper men in this city. The glad hand is a great thing, in the newspaper business as well as at a church sociable.

Somebody says it is doubtful if Governor Holcomb will be a candidate for renomination. Would a duck swim? Would a populist turn his back on anything that offered a chance of success? Prophecy is ready to assert itself with reference to the political conditions that will obtain in this state this autumn, and it is ready to go on record as saying that the next governor of Nebraska will not be a man of pie bald politics. There is not very much to encourage the aspirations of pops and demo-pops. About the only thing that can occur to cause any embarrassment to the republican party is a serious rupture over Rosewater and the A. P. A. But populists are used to taking chances. Governor Holcomb, it may be said, is not wholly a populist. It is contended that he is really a democrat. A man cannot be partially a populist. He is either a populist or he is not a populist, and Governor Holcomb certainly i

a populist. But as populist or democrat there is no hope for him. This will not prevent him from being a candidate.

There is a movement on foot to make what is known as a "clean sweep," in the state house; that is defeat for renomination all of the republican officers who are serving a first term. This is an extremity that is seldom resorted to in Nebraska, and it is possible only under certain unusual circumstances.

It is reported that the trip to Washington made by Attorney General Churchill some weeks ago had another purpose other than the filing of a brief in the supreme court of the United States. Mr. Churchill, possibly before he filed the brief, sought Congressman Mercer. It is said that had a stenographer taken notes of what was said at that meeting it would appear that

Mr. Churchill with that bland insouciance so markedly characteristic of that gentleman, who is something of an ingenue himself, asked Mr. Mercer if he would not kindly withdraw as a candidate for renomination for congress and leave the field to him, Churchill. Now Mr. Mercer is not an ingenue. And if he has any bland insouciance he did not exploit it on this occasion. He shot a reply to [the child-like Mr. Churchill and it hit him on the piece where, according to tradition, Kitty wore her beads. Mr. Mercer, it is reported, said: "Not by a d--n sight." Mr. Churchill understood him and, after filing his brief, came back to Lincoln on a slow train. It will be remembered that it was after his return from Washington that Mr. Churchill announced through the columns of the Journal, N. P. (Nebraska's Pride) that he had never intended to be a candidate for congress; that all he would ask of the republicans of Nebraska would be a repetition of the favor bestowed in the last state convention. This little story has no other purpose than the preservation of historic unity.

Mr. Bryan having offered to trade protection for free silver the question is, How long will it be before he will be trying to barter free silver for a slice of the moon? Who that witnessed Mr. Bryan going around with his hands and

pockets full of pen knives and butche knives and scraps of cloth and any old thing, calling for free trade in the softest and most dulcet of silver tones, would have thought that three or four years later he would be emptying his truck down a well and trying to sell out to the cause of protection? The man who said "consistency, thou art a jewel," had special reference to politics.

Some men would rather be married than president.

Senator Sherman killed off one presidential candidate when he wrote his book. Alger's '96 boom was so soon done for that he himself must wonder what it was begun for.

A couple of weeks ago I asked Mayor Graham in these columns, if the gamblers made up a purse of \$600 or \$700 a month for "protection," and if so what becomes of the money. The mayor has not replied. Of course the public will construe his silence to mean that there is no corruption fund.

McKinley sentiment is sweeping over the state. There is no doubt that the delegates from Nebraska in the national republican convention will cast the vote of this state for McKinley. The na

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