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that Mr. Corbett be repudiated by the coming republican state convention.

The republicans of the First congressional district are not proud. They do not set themselves above the republicans of Lancaster county. They take what we give them. The republicans of the First district are democratic in their tastes. No hide bound prejudice animates them. They are not finicky. They take things as they come. The republicans of Lancaster selected one particularly lustrous citizen and agreed on him for delegate to the national republican convention. They rallied around this man of their choice, and on Monday carried him down to Tecumseh where, in convention, the republicans of the district ratified the choice of Lancaster county. The Honorable Linger Longer Lindsey triumphed in Tecumseh as Pompey triumphed in Rome. The gentry of seven counties scattered flowers in his pathway, and sent up hosannas to the smiling skies. In the grand procession was the culmination of democratic aspiration. No foolish idea of caste or pride or prejudice deterred republicans from contributing to the triumph of the Honorable Linger Longer. The nobility of aristocratic Lancaster jostled the peasantry of Cass. The great statesman trudged along by the side of the tin horn gambler. Men of all sorts and conditions were amalgamated into one homogeneous enthusiastic mass, and the Honorable Linger Longer rode above the whole in a blaze of glory. It was a great day. Matter sailed into mind and knocked it into smithereens and materialism raised its victorious head. It was a great day for matter.

As a matter of fact it would have been in very bad taste for the rest of the district to have turned away from Lancaster's choice, or to have refused to join in the triumphal procession. Lancaster county is the seat of culture and learning and morals for all that part of the country lying west of the Atlantic ocean, and when we in this county deliberately and advisedly pass over ten thousand available republicans and fix our highest favor on the Honorable Linger Longer Lindsey, we expect the outlying counties to fall in with our favorite and assist us in putting jewels in his crown. If we in this community where schools are more numerous than saloons, where the curfew nightly sounds its moral note, where education is the ruling passion, make up our minds to a certain thing we do not want the people of the provinces to shake their heads in doubt, or answer nay when we call upon them to do our bidding Gadzooks! What is the use of being a modern Athens if we cannot dominate the sentiment and action of our neighboring barbarians?

The Honorable Linger Longer Lindsey was our favorite son, the materialistic mammonistic majesty who planted his spreading feet on our pedestal of culture, and we rejoice at our great man's effulgent exaltation. Hurrah for Linger Longer! Hurrah for culture! Hurrah for democratic ideas! Hurrah for the republican party! Hurrah for us!

Mr. Strode was renominated for congress by acclamation. The congress man is a plain man, in somewhat marked contrast to the shimmering gentleman who preceded him. He has no armor of

shining brass to reflect the light of the glaring sun and make him a dazzling spectacle. He is a plain man. In his mouth is no tongue of fire. From his throat there comes no tones of silver to beguile the sentimental populace, or make music to seduce the populists. Mr. Strode has not blazed his way from one end of the country to the other, heralded by banner and band, and he has not punctured the tympanums of four hundred congressmen. But he has gone along in the even tenor of his way, putting in a full day's time every day attending to the wants of his constituents, and looking after the business of his high office. Mr. Strode has not neglected his congressional duties. He has remained in congress, and he has voted on the right side of public questions. His service has been satisfactory and it was altogether proper that he should have been renominated by acclamation.

Mr. Talbot and Mr. Burket and Mr. Clark and Mr. Waite are energetic.

able men, and the people of Lincoln should see to it that they have something to do in the next legislature, something that will be of real value to the city of Lincoln. The most important work these men can perform is to get through the legislature a new city charter, and citizens should formulate a proper measure in time and pledge these candidates to an earnest endeavor to secure its passage. Lincoln needs a good many things; but there is no need more pressing than a charter that will rescue the city government from the clutches of the small politicians and place it upon a reasonable, business basis. What the people want is fewer and better officers, say four commissioners instead of fourteen councilmen, and a mayor who shall receive a salary large enough to justify him in giving his whole time to the city's business. If the public will take any interest in this matter there will be no difficulty in securing charter revision. But nothing will be accomplished as long as each citizen is a troglodite, and all are sleeping the sleep of sloth.

At last it can truthfully be said that crop conditions are favorable. The angry heavens have been propitiated, and, after many months, have yielded an abundant measure of rain. Nature smiles and man is happy. The Nebraska farmer is smoothing the wrinkles in his face, and taking a new hold on hope. He has put away discouragement and placed the harness on confidence. The

husbandman is moving to the music of singing birds and rippling streams. The earth and the heavens give prophecy of prosperity, Nebraska is, or soon will be, herself again.

Not long ago it seemed to the casual observer that Dave Mercer's star was dragging along pretty near to earth. In Omaha there were mutterings of discontent, and the young and handsome congressman was threatened with a withdrawal of official favor. But, very recently, the mutterings have given way to words of praise, and the star again floats in the high heavens, serene and scintillating. Omaha people are impressionable. And Dave has just the right kind of a touch to bring recalcitrant constituents into line. The urbane and ruddy hued representative bided his time. When opportunity was ripe he plucked it. And the people are clapping their hands. Dave is more than likely to be kissing the babies again this fall.

Mr. Mercer extended the glad hand to Speaker Reed, and Mr. Reed kindly allowed the congressman from the Second district to wield the presiding officer's gavel on several occasions recently, to the gratification of susceptible Omahans. Then Dave worked up a little glory for himself by his measure to make the Fourth of July a national holiday. Then he took hold of the Trans-Mississippi exposition project and stood up for Nebraska and the west. Then

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