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and slacken speed for country horses, look out for the crossings and make change, requires more than four extremities and a brain unnaturally active. I heard such a concentrated officer, the other day, ask a lady to excuse him for running a few feet beyond the crossing. That was too much. If these men must add politeness to their duties it is certainly worth twenty-five cents a day more.

The state university is one of the institutions that one can turn to with cheerfulness and certainly of not being disappointed. It has just completed a prosperous year. It graduates seventy-two from the academic classes and a large number of law students. The exercises of commencement week have been full of interest even to those who had no relatives in the school.

The class play on Tuesday morning was a travesty on the new woman. The house was crowded and enthusiastic. Enough of the audience were familiar with university traditions to appreciate the jokes and hits. The play was written by members of the class. It contained several funny situations, but lacked action and dialogue. It was made up of declamations that might have been broken into dialogues and pantomime.

Misses Ena Ricketts, Helen Harwood and May Whiting were the leading ladies and they took their parts with real dramatic fervor. In the rush of parties, theses, examinations, affairs and dressmaking that precedes commencement the class play is apt to get but scanty attention. "Delilah" showed study, energy and ability, and the class of '96 has reason to be proud of itself.

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Political Points

L. H. Jewett of Broken Bow, candidate for treasurer, and Clark McNish of Wisner, the central figure in Joe's combination of Macks and Jacks, were in the city this week. Mr. Jewett has developed a great deal of strength in the past two or three weeks and has become a leading candidate. The people in the Broken Bow district are enthusiastic for Jewett and they will stay with him. Mr. Jewett is a young man, comparatively, but he has taken an important part in republican politics for the past ten years. He was a member of the state senate of 1889 and he came out of that body with an excellent record.

McNish's backing is against him. It has developed that his candidacy means the perpetuation of the Bartley regime, and it is known that he is being pushed forward by every influence that Joe can command, including all the state bank examiners, and a considerable number of other employes of the state. There is strong desire on the part of the people to take the office of state treasurer out of the control of the political ring, and the indications are that McNish will be turned down along with the grinning Jack.

If W. J. Bryan does not become the nominee for president in Chicago he will be nominated for congress. This is the program that has been agreed upon. Governor Holcomb is to be re-nominated for governor.

A prominent republican from the interior of the state said to The Courier yesterday: "I have been much interested in the course of the state press in demanding a departure in the nomination of candidates for state offices by the republican party this year, and I have been gratified to note that the people all over the state are aroused on this question. They are demanding and will demand of the state convention that the standard bearers this year be men of irreproachable character, men free from any taint of corruption or scandal, men who are something more than mere puppets or stalking horses, handshaking, smiling, bibulous 'good fellows.' I am very certain that the candidate for governor will be a man who will be a credit to the party, a man able to properly uphold the dignity of the state. But have you ever stopped to think that it is, if anything, more important to have a high toned judiciary than it is to have a big man for the big office of governor? The judges of the supreme bench of this state should be the very best men, in point of ability and in-

tegrity, that can be procured. We want on our supreme bench men who are known the state over as able lawyers, conscientious, high-minded citizens, and where could there be found a stronger candidate to head the judicial ticket than Judge M. L. Hayward? With such men as Hayward and Ryan the nominees there would be a strong additional incentive to carry the constitutional amendment. I would like to see a sentiment that would demand the nomination of Hayward for the bench."

MacColl's boom has nearly flickered out. The men who were talking "Jack" three weeks ago are now talking some other candidate.

J. H. McClay, Lancaster county's candidate for auditor, is making a quiet, dignified canvass for the nomination. He is not in any combination or deal, and proposes to seek the nomination solely on his merits. Those who know Mr. McClay believe his nomination would strengthen the ticket.

Particularly significant was the fact that the republican county convention in Buffalo county failed to instruct for the laughing Jack candidate. Buffalo county has been the headquarters for the MacColl boom for years. Four years ago William E. Smythe, then editor of the Kearney Enterprise, was the chief fogleman of the MacColl boom, and the MacColl movement was managed from Kearney. Two years ago Buffalo county instructed for MacColl. This year the man who is trying to be nominated for governor on a platform of whiskers and affability appears to have lost his hold. The Buffaloes haven't a word to say in his behalf. It is a fact that the MacColl movement is rapidly tapering off. The men who were throwing their hats in the air for MacColl four weeks ago are now keeping their hats on and when the Jack candidate is mentioned they smile a cold, regretful smile. Some of these men are talking Hayward; others are talking Meiklejohn. The word has been passed along that Jack cannot be nominated, and the politicians, who of all men, like to be on the winning side, are making haste to desert him. It is not denied that the whiskers candidate the decorative member of Joe's combination of Macks and Jacks will receive a considerable number of votes in the state convention, but the real battle will be between Hayward and

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