

## THE MAC COLL BOOM

Said a leading Sixth district republican to The Courier yesterday: "Yes, some of are coming down to Lincoln to vote for 'Jack' for governor. But we are not enthusiastic, not anything like as enthusiastic as we were fifteen years ago, when 'Jack's' boom was young and new. In those days the county was sparsely settled, and we did not see each other often, and to have a candidate for something—we didn't care much what—was about all we wanted and afforded us amusement and recreation. Any ordinary fellow who could shake hands with the boys, set 'em up occasionally, and tell a good yarn could have a following for anything he wanted. But we are older now, and the things that used to attract us attract us no longer. Nevertheless, we will be in Lincoln July 1, and we will have the old, dilapidated boom with us. We will not look as cheerful as we would like to, but we will be as hopeful as we can be under the circumstances. In the early days we would curl up in the smoking car, ride all night on the way to the state convention and enjoy it. We would listen to 'Jack's' yarns, sing old war songs, and as we passed through the little towns along the way some of the boys would let loose a few cow-boy yells in honor of our 'Jack' candidate. We always regarded the thing as a sort of joke; but the boys used to say, 'You never can tell what may happen.' When Kem went to congress and Marsh Elder was elected speaker it revived us some, and some of the boys still insist that you never can tell what may happen.

"But time is getting in its work on us. The years, the sun, the wind and the droughts have sobered our spirits and now this damp weather stiffens our joints. The old timers may not recognize us with our lack of enthusiasm, but we hope they will remember the boom. Its whiskers are long and white now, and they are beginning to trail the ground; but we will brace it up at the headquarters like a dead

Irishman at a wake, and will try to have as good a time over it as we can.

"Some of us have tried to get 'Jack' to freshen his boom up a little by giving it a few years' rest, or by adding something substantial to it, something besides the old yarns, or at least a change of yarns, but 'Jack' says it suits him just to a dot, and maybe we can have more fun with it and maybe it will look more natural just as it is. Therefore, we will bring the old boom with us to the convention on July 1. We will look tired when we get here, for we will be tired before we start, but 'Jack' will set 'em up to us, and we will present the old boom in as good shape as we can. Not as a thing modern or new; not as a novelty or new discovery. We will not claim that it is fresh or vigorous, or that it should appeal to the more advanced ideas of republicans, touching ability and progress, but we will present it in due and ancient form, just as it was years ago, and as it is yet, a relic of the early times; and the convention will be asked to give it such consideration and sympathy as age is entitled to.

"If we fall this time we will be back again in two years more. Our boom and our 'Jack' must be respected. We are not fastidious, but we are faithful, and in this latter characteristic we resemble the old dog, of whom its master said:

"This old coat and its empty pockets, He'll follow while he has eyes in his sockets."

"It is a law in this western country that no man can jump a claim so long as the original squatter is on the land. When 'Jack' returned from Canada, after the war, he pre-empted this gubernatorial boom and it's his. If he would relinquish his claim any time during the present century or any time in the early years of the next, before we all die with old age, then some of the rest of us may take a whirl at politics. With a new man and a fresh boom the big Sixth might change its luck. Who knows?"

two and there are now symptoms of pelvic inflammation which may go hard with him.

Rev. C. R. Dudley, of Centenary church in Beatrice, who is well known in this city, has received a trial call for two months from the members of Rev. Robert McIntyre's old charge in Denver. Rev. Dudley is one of the bright young men who have lately taken their place in the front rank of Methodism in Nebraska and his friends will rejoice in his good fortune.

The Hotel Reporter, published at Omaha, contains an extended notice of Ira P. Higby, clerk of the Lincoln hotel in this city. The article declares that Mr. Higby is probably the oldest hotel clerk in the state, although he is still a young man. His first experience was in 1864 in Omaha when as a lad he performed the work of bell boy, waiter and porter. At that time Omaha was an outfitting point for cattlemen and miners and Mr. Higby carried many a sack of gold dust belonging to miners. The precious stuff was usually locked in his mother's trunk for safe keeping.

Charles A. Crate, bookkeeper and cashier of the Lincoln, is also given an extended notice and the prediction is made that he will make his mark in the hotel world.

C. L. Griffin, Sixteenth and Washington streets, goes to Tekamah next week to assume editorial control of the Tekamah Burtonian. Ever since the Burtonian was founded, in 1872, its editorial columns have expounded republican doctrine, but now the leading "pops" of Burt county think they must have an organ to bolster up their waning cause and so have purchased the Burtonian. Six years ago when the wave of political discontent struck Nebraska the populists carried Burt county by a very small majority. Last election the republicans had a handsome majority, notwithstanding the fact that the "pops" and democrats formed a combination on county officers. Mr. Griffin was connected with the Wealthmaker of this city for several years.

The resignation of Rev. E. H. Chapin from the pastorate of the Universalist church, announced in The Sunday Journal, was formally presented to the congregation Tuesday night and with sorrow accepted. The pastoral relations will be severed the first of July. Mr. Chapin has not decided where he will go, several offers having been made. As has been before stated, the only reason for the resignation is that the church is so small and the depression of real estate values so affected its financial backing that without the aid of the church extension society, now withdrawn, the congregation cannot afford to pay a sufficient salary.

Mr. Chapin has been one of the most active of Lincoln pastors in all good works and never lacks the courage to express and back up his convictions on moral questions. He has been very prominent in the prohibition party and in more strictly temperance work. He has been one of the chief members of the rescue society which has quietly

been doing much to elevate depraved women and prevent children from falling into vicious habits. Recently he has been active in the movement to rid Lincoln of open gambling houses and he has done many things which most pastors shirk doing for fear of public comment. In musical circles, also, Mr. Chapin has done much, and the concerts at his church during the past year are a notable example of what is possible to do in providing the general public with the highest class music.

Mr. Chapin and his estimable family will certainly be missed in Lincoln, and that by persons who were entirely outside of his church and of very different religious faith.

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Amidst a splendor of red, white and blue hung in the Epworth league rooms at the Trinity M. E. church the class of '96 of the C. L. S. C. brought to an end a four years' course of night. The union colors predominated because of the year being what is called American year, it being the one of four devoted especially to the study of American history. These are also the color of the Columbian circle from which the class, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. States, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Trigg, Mrs. W. A. Lindley, Mrs. A. E. Fowler, W. F. Matthews and O. J. Wilcox, graduated. A beautiful cluster of clematis, hollyhocks and scarlet geraniums was one bright bit of the floral decorations. The lamp, being the class' emblem, was also used in decorating and a large shaded parlor occupied a central position. An old-fashioned spinning wheel stood near. The pretty gray class banner was hung at one side of the room.

The rooms were well filled by friends of the circle. The graduates occupied seats near the organ in the corner of one room. Mrs. States, president of the circle, presided.

A pleasant program opened with the circles' mottoes given in unison by all members. Dr. D. W. C. Huntington led in prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson sang pleasingly "On Mossy Banks."

Mrs. States spoke briefly of the benefits and pleasures of the past study. Miss Margaret Douglass submitted a careful report for the year, in which she enumerated some of the books that had been read.

Mrs. C. C. Jerome sang a taking solo, entitled "Good Old-Fashioned Days."

An accurate history of the class was read by Mr. States.

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ence of a ten-pound boy at his home.

Harry Boyer, who was thrown to the ground Wednesday in a collision between a wagon and a street car, has more serious injuries than was at first supposed. His hip bone is cracked in

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