

the property under the two rates of assessment.

The proportion of the county taxes paid by residents of Lincoln is very large. The proportion spent in Lincoln is very small. The expenses of the county are small compared to the expenses of the city. Of late years the city council has made an effort towards economy. The county administration is and has been extravagant. Next week THE COURIER will print a list of county expenses beside the corresponding items of city outlay, as only in this way can the cost of the two forms of government be compared.

In buying a doll for a little girl strict attention must be paid to the age and stage of development of the child. The younger a girl is the larger should be the doll. Maidens of three or four or five years want a doll, baby size. Later they want small dolls for whom they can make a large wardrobe out of scraps. Later still the round doll is discarded altogether and paper dolls that only represent human beings by straining convention to its utmost, satisfy the growing imagination. The reason for this decrease in human likeness is the growth of imagination, which, as it grows, requires less and less to stimulate it. After having reached a state of development whose limit in a normal child is, perhaps, thirteen, the little girl discards symbols altogether, but no less does she talk and walk with playmates and personages of her imagination, though grown up people wrongly believe her to be concerned entirely with the material world. Afterwards, sometime afterwards, she is apt to forget the pleasures of the imagination deposited in a locked chest with the dolls of her childhood, which parties and beaux and concern over her own appearance do not leave her time to unlock. But after she has had the beautiful material things that every girl longs for, after she begins to be less attractive and to care less herself for glitter and color and sweet scents, I will not say sweet sounds, for they stand ever at the doors of imagination and swing them open to those who will enter, the pleasures of the spirit are enhanced and association, with the masters of literature and with children and the meek of the earth, are what she chooses when the material will let her. So in selecting a present for the little maid, be sure it is not something which her sense of form rejects as too babyish for her. You cannot give her this year what you gave her last, for she has developed in that time with a rapidity adults cannot remember.

There is nothing new under the sun, but so long as old things are new to children the *blase, passe*, grown up people may enjoy the pleasures of discovery vicariously.

#### THOMPSON IN THE COUNTRY.

We want the best man possible and money should cut no figure in the race.—Falls City Journal.

If Mr. Thompson of Lincoln is a really good republican he will give evidence of it by getting off the senatorial track immediately. This is no time to embarrass the party with his candidacy.—St. Louis Republic.

D. E. Thompson's literary bureau is working over-time these days, in an attempt to boost the boom of its owner as a sensational candidate. The bureau has a tremendous task assigned to it, and the man in charge works as if he was aware of the fact.—Seward Reporter.

There is a strong effort being made

at the present time to divert public opinion from Judge Hayward and to boom D. E. Thompson of Lincoln for the U. S. senate. This won't do gentlemen. Hayward is the man. If he should not chance to be the choice there are several other good men who have claims on the party that would not be a stench in the nostrils. Such men are Cady, Webster, Hainer, Lambertson, Field. Give it to a man who is not objectionable to the party.—Broken Bow Republic.

No self-respecting newspaper should endorse D. E. Thompson's candidacy for the United States senate, for many reasons. One is that he was very closely related to C. W. Mosher, the wrecker of the Capital National bank and has undoubtedly profited by that failure. Another is his unpopularity with the masses of his own city and county. Further we understand that he gave the republican state committee \$5,000 to gain the influence of the committee and the men who were elected in the doubtful districts where the money was placed. Thus hoping by the use of money to aid in his election to the United States senatorship. We might name several other reasons. It would be a sad blow to the republican party if D. E. Thompson is elected as a senator from Nebraska.—Sterling Eagle.

Corporations and other less honorable agencies have elected U. S. senators from Nebraska and now the almighty dollar is booming one Thompson to fill the large space to be left vacant by Windy Allen.

The election of D. E. Thompson as U. S. senator from Nebraska would be a serious mistake. Mr. Thompson may be a very successful money maker, but if he is a statesman the country is densely ignorant of the fact. Thompson was connected with Mosher and the Capital National and while he may have been able to slip out and wash his hands, the people of the state would view his election as United States Senator as a return to power of the men who are directly responsible for the defeat of the republican party in this state. Every member of the legislature who votes for him will be charged with having been bought and it will be hard to assign any other reason for his receiving a vote.—Indianola Reporter.

In opposing Mr. Thompson The Signal has no especially preferred candidate whose cause it wishes to champion at the expense of Mr. Thompson. It considers Judge Hayward the logical candidate but several other good men have been proposed. The objection to Mr. Thompson is that he is Mr. Thompson.

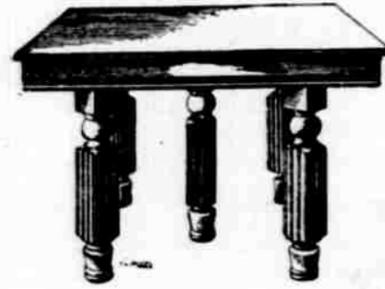
Nebraska republicans cannot afford to go into the business of setting up bosses, no matter what their ability may be. It is as a boss that Mr. Thompson is known. We did not even know that he was a republican, or that he claimed to be, until he decided to be a United States senator five or six weeks ago. It is Mr. Thompson's boast that he never votes. He sits in his office and gives orders and if both sides are composed of his kind of people it makes little difference to him or his interests what individuals are elected to office.

The election of Mr. Thompson would be an indorsement of certain unsatisfactory conditions at the state capital, at least in the minds of many people. Mr. Thompson became a division superintendent of the Burlington because of his ability as an organizer and his success in getting men to do what he wanted them to do. He amassed money rapidly and left the

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railroad service to look after personal business in Lincoln. He was a stockholder in the Capital National bank but when that institution crumbled into dust it was found that Mr. Thompson had sold out his stock a year or two before. Mr. Thompson turned up later with numerous shares of gas company and other stock that had once been the property of Mosher and Outcalt, the looters of the bank named.

As president of the Lincoln Gas company and big manipulator Mr. Thompson has made his name odious to the people of Lincoln. The balance of the state hasn't known anything about him since he went out of the railroad business. This is a good time to elect a senator who has never been interested in the management of corporations.

This is Mr. Thompson's first appearance before the public. Not one voter in a hundred in the state had any notion what his politics was prior to six weeks ago, if he had any outside his personal interests. The people of the state are not acquainted with him and most of those who do know him fear him. There are plenty of men in the state of good ability whose opinions on public questions are well known to the average voter of the state and in whom the people of the state have confidence. We have never known Mr. Thompson to go into the newspapers before, as he has generally avoided newspaper publicity, but he has now gone into them at length. The political platform he announces is satisfactory to republicans but Mr. Thompson is not the only pebble. Many good men stand on the same platform. The people of the state cannot even be sure that

Mr. Thompson has not climbed on this platform within the last few weeks and for the present emergency. It will be safer to elect a man people know.—Nebraska Signal.

The republican party of this state is not in a condition to stand any outrage upon the sentiments and conscience of the people. We are getting back into power. Last fall we gained a victory in securing a majority of the legislature. The future of the republican party for many years depends upon the action of that body. If it is conservative, honest, wise and prudent the party will soon gain full control of the state. If it makes mistakes, and does things the people do not want and will not endorse the party will be weakened and it is weak enough already. The greatest victory was securing the United States senator. Let us make the best use of it possible for the good of the state and the benefit of the party. Private and selfish interests must not be allowed to control in matters before the legislature. No sly or underhand methods should be tolerated. We cannot afford it. There is too much at stake. The republican members of the legislature fully realize that the people will watch them closely and we believe are determined to do their duty honestly and wisely. If they do the future of the party is secure.—York Times.

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