

and the numerous county institutions, with their fairs and institutes and activities for the promotion of agriculture and allied pursuits, that now play a large and growing part not only in the agriculture but in the politics of the State.

These sprouts in paternalistic and socialistic legislation which sprang up in the decade under the constitution of 1846 we shall see grow and spread rapidly and vigorously in the decades following the civil war. We shall find likewise a great increase in the exercise of the State's police power in positive protective measures and in general regulations and definitions of spheres of trade and industrial activity.

THE NOBLE IOWA HORSE.—The noble horse! The day of his mutilation in Iowa is passed. No longer shall he be made to suffer a thousand deaths while his beauty is being sacrificed upon the altar of commercialism. Both house and senate of the State legislature have passed the bill making the docking of horses in this State a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of \$100. We congratulate Mrs. Irene Rood, the intelligent and tireless representative of the American Humane association. She has haunted committee rooms, labored with members and driven the sordid emissaries of the market-place from every position which they have assumed. The victory which she has won is but another addition to those achieved in the other states of the union. We congratulate the press of Iowa which responded nobly to the support of this measure. We recall but three papers in the State which undertook to belittle the bill. And, lastly, we congratulate the people of Iowa. Again have they demonstrated through their senators and representatives that while thrift, energy and prosperity may be their dominating characteristics, they are nevertheless ready to respond to every demand which shall be made upon them in behalf of the highest types of civilization. They glory in being in the forefront of every good work.—*Des Moines Daily Capital, March 26, 1904.*

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