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It is expected that the county option bill introduced in the state senate will come to a vote today; at least that is the plan that has been outlined.

Dun's review of trade published Saturday said: Improved outlook of iron and steel; greater interest in dry goods; larger dealings in hides and leather; generally excellent crop advices, an expanding market for bonds, facilitated by the continuing ease in money; the indications of an increasing credit balance abroad, due in part to the better conditions in foreign commerce and the action of the Union Pacific system in voting to spend \$75,000,000 in the next few years in double tracking the road—these are signs of a forward movement which serves to inspire confidence among business men in all branches of trade and inquiry, in spite of the fact that the volume of transactions is still below the point of normal output.

In western Nebraska a traction engine pulling a gang of from sixteen to twenty plows is a fairly common sight. The owners of these outfits are able to make a good showing of profit, whether they use them for their own work or do a general business of plowing or breaking prairie at so much an acre. In eastern Nebraska, owing to the smaller fields and the well stocked condition of the farms, the large machines do not find a ready market. No doubt the farmers of this part of the state are waiting for the auto-plow, which is now undergoing a test in southern Kansas. The present plan is to raise a fund of \$10,000 or more and to employ one or two able attorneys who will have full charge of the case with money enough to push it to a finish.

Will the Farmers Stampede? Senator Brown's determination to support the Canadian reciprocity agreement is significant. It means that the agricultural west in congress is not rushing to the opposition. And it is on the farmers of the country that the success of the measure depends.

To take his stand involves some personal risk, for unless the farmers are able to see a little further than the tip of their nose they may be stampeded against the measure. The old fact is that the proposed reciprocity deprives the Nebraska farmer of whatever protection he has had from the tariff while returning him nothing but some possible savings in the cost of lumber and fish. It has long been the habit of interests or industries to fly into a panic at the suggestion of losing so much as a comma from their tariff schedule. They seldom look, the farmers least of all, to see whether their sacrifice of a penny may not save them a pound. They grab at the penny and let the pound go. Thus do tariff iniquities arise.

The manufacturing interests, which have sad seats at the tariff table, while the farmers picked a few crumbs from the floor, are watching us with a cynical sneer. Last year we wanted revision downward on their schedules. This year we get it on our own. "Watch them stand pat," they say. Incidentally, as they know, we will in that case continue to trade them bread for our crumbs.

It is to be hoped that the farmers will see the point and stay with Senator Brown, and that the Nebraska legislature will decisively defeat its anti-reciprocity resolution. Once get the farmer free from his petty direct interest in the tariff, and the serious tariff abuses under which he suffers and which have maintained themselves by playing upon his foolish fears will crumble like a scarecrow in a cyclone. The simple fact is that the western farmer has not received and is not now receiving appreciable benefit from the tariffs on his products. The president points out that the day his reciprocity message went to congress the price of wheat at Winnipeg and at Minneapolis was only one cent apart. A tariff of 25 cents a bushel on Canadian wheat no more profits our farmers in such case than a tariff on the green cheese in the moon. It doesn't take courage to consent to removal of such a tariff. It takes only sense. The farmer will gain dollars where he loses doughnuts by giving up his own small and mostly imaginary tariff interests, thus setting himself free, morally and politically, to batter at the unjust tariffs favoring their interests at his expense.—State Journal.

Farmers to Fight the U. P.

Organization of every farmer owning property along the main line of the Union Pacific in Nebraska is planned to fight in the courts what the farmers term the "million dollar grab" of that railroad.

The Union Pacific has laid claim to 100 feet on each side of the present 200-foot right of way under an old grant made to George Francis Train by which the railway claims it was given 400 feet clear across the state for a right of way.

The farmers combat this assertion by claiming a later grant cut the width of the right of way to 200 feet and that the railroad is now operating under the later grant.

Some time ago the Union Pacific brought suit in the federal court at Grand Island to compel farmers in Hall county to surrender the 100-foot strip across their farms which many of them have been using for a quarter of a century.

During the last few months nearly every land owner along the Union Pacific right of way has received offers from the railroad to lease the disputed strip to them. Attorneys for the farmers assert the leases are written so as to give the impression that the railroad is not at all sure of its title to the land in question.

Just at present the railroad is giving its especial attention to Platte and Merrick counties, and a delegation of farmers from those counties were in Lincoln Monday to consult the state railway commission and the governor in regard to the "grab." Joseph Morse of Woodriver was spokesman for the delegation.

The Platte county farmers have raised a fund of nearly \$2,000 to pay the expenses of a legal fight and are ready to increase that sum whenever necessary. They plan to call a state wide mass meeting at some point along the Union Pacific main line when arrangements to settle the ownership of the 200-foot strip will be made.

It is proposed to begin suit against the railroad, preferably in the state courts, to quiet title to the land, and if necessary the controversy will be carried to the supreme court of the United States.

The present plan is to raise a fund of \$10,000 or more and to employ one or two able attorneys who will have full charge of the case with money enough to push it to a finish.

The visit of the Platte county men to Lincoln Monday was for the purpose of seeing if the state railway commission could take action in the matter.

The governor was called upon more with the idea that he might offer some suggestions in an advisory capacity than that he could take any action in the matter.

To lose a strip of a 100 feet across a quarter section of land will mean the loss of about twelve acres, and across a section a loss of about fifty acres. With land valued at \$50 to \$150 an acre, it is easily seen that the farmers are in danger of losing considerable valuable land.

Among the counties which will be affected by the railroad's claim are Dodge, Colfax, Platte, Merrick, Polk, Hall, Buffalo, Dawson, Lincoln and Keith.—Lincoln Star.

Just as Scores of North Platte People Have.

Waiting doesn't pay. If you neglect the aching back, Urinary troubles, diabetes, surely follows.

Doan's Kidney Pills relieve backache, Cure every kidney ill. North Platte citizens endorse them. Mrs. A. G. Wessberg, 708 W. 4th St., North Platte, Nebr., says: "I hold, if anything, a higher regard for Doan's Kidney Pills than when I recommended them Aug. 7, 1907. Another member of my family has since been troubled with kidney complaint and received a world of benefit through the use of Doan's Kidney Pills. I told in a previous statement how I had obtained relief from a dragging pain in my back and trouble with my kidneys. A doctor diagnosed my complaint as a floating kidney. Many a day I was unable to stand up on account of the pain through my kidneys and the secretions from these organs were unnatural. An operation was advised but luckily I learned of Doan's Kidney Pills and procured a supply from McDonnell & Graves' Drug Store and began their use. A few days' use banished the pains, and restored my kidneys to their proper working order and before long I was completely cured."

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Notice to Bidders.

Sealed bids will be received by the trustees of the First Baptist church of North Platte, Neb., till noon February 27th, for the sale of the parsonage just west of the postoffice.

The trustees reserve the right to reject any or all bids. All bids to be received by the undersigned.

H. R. McMICAL, Sec. of Trustees.

THE TWO DETECTIVES

By WARREN GRANT FOX

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I was sitting in a railway station waiting for a train. A man sat near me, but I didn't look at him. All I remembered afterward was that he was a man. Presently I turned and saw on the seat where he had been a rectangular package. I looked about for its owner, but could see no one who appeared to have missed it. I took it up, not doubting for a moment that the person who had left it would come back for it. But although I remained there some time no one came. Then I opened the package, which proved to be a box containing jewels. It was plain to me that they were of considerable value.

While I was looking at them two men came up to me. Seeing them approach, I closed the box, but they told me to open it, and as soon as they saw its contents congratulated each other on finding, as they expressed it, the "Huntington Jewels." They believed the story I told them of how I had come into their possession. "For," they said, "the man who has stolen them would not be examining them in a public place." They had received orders to watch this station for the thief, and he, doubtless suspecting that he would not be permitted to leave it without being caught, in order to avoid being caught with the plunder on him had left it on the seat.

"Let us act like friends met by chance," said one of them, "for the fellow is doubtless watching us, his intention being to shadow you and trick you out of them."

So I put the box in my pocket, and the two men went away. I remained a few minutes longer, then left the station and went home. I was quite sure I was followed not only by the thief, but by the two detectives, but whether the former knew anything about the latter I did not know. I had not been at home ten minutes when there was a ring at my doorbell and the detectives entered.

"Well," said the spokesman, "I think we may at once turn in the jewels. The thief doubtless has marked your house and will try, either by diplomacy or stealth, to get possession of them. You'd better be prepared for him tonight; he may break in to your house and try to get them by force."

"I'm always prepared for such things," I replied, and pulling out a drawer from a cabinet, I took up a six shooter. "Good for you," said one of the men. "I don't think any one breaking into your house will get much. Let me have the jewels. I'll take them to the police station, and if you'll call tomorrow I dare say you'll be paid a handsome reward by the owner."

"All right," I replied, "but you must give me some evidence that you're authorized to receive them."

"Authorized!" exclaimed the spokesman. "We have found you in possession of the property, and it's our duty to run you in with the jewels. But you've told so straight a story that we don't wish to inconvenience you. If you don't give up the stolen goods we'll have to take you along."

"I'll go with you willingly," I said. For the first time a suspicion came to me that possibly these detectives might put me in a hole. When I said that I would go willingly they gave each other a look. It seemed to me that they didn't wish me to go with them; they preferred to take the gems themselves. They went into another room for consultation. This proved to me conclusively that they were not detectives, but very likely had themselves stolen the jewels, that they had feared arrest and had taken this method of getting their plunder out of the station. When they returned I had slipped the revolver up my sleeve. One of them stepped to the telephone and called for a carriage.

Now, if he had called for a police patrol wagon I should have known that he was a bona fide officer. As it was, I knew he wasn't; that they were going to pretend to take me in a carriage to a station, but really to secure the jewels on the way.

When the carriage arrived I had backed into a corner. They told me to come with them, but instead of doing so I shouted "Hands up!" and pointed my weapon toward them. Fortunately they were very near together and I could cover both at one time. One of them put his hands up at once, but the other made a move of his hand to his hip. I shivered the hand with a bullet, and the bloody hand went up immediately. Then, backing to the telephone, I held both men in position while I called up the police.

My two detectives were in a box. I could kill them if they moved, and if they didn't make a move to get away they would go to the penitentiary. But it was with them a choice between death and prison, and they chose prison. In a few minutes a patrol wagon dashed up to the house and several policemen, carrying cocked revolvers, came in.

"Hello, Tom Dugan!" said the sergeant in command. "Caught again! And you, Pete Miller! I thought you were working the west." I had captured the Huntington Jewels. But this wasn't all. The property was worth a hundred thousand dollars, and there was a reward offered of ten thousand. This reward, with a bonus, was paid me, for I had risked my life in retaining them.

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J. F. SCHMALZRIED.

NOTICE. To Francis Love, Non-Resident Defendant: You are hereby notified that on the 5th day of July, 1910, Vonahy Love filed her petition against you in the district court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a divorce from you on the grounds that you are a habitual drunkard and have refused and neglected to provide maintenance for the plaintiff and her minor child and that you have been guilty of extreme cruelty to this plaintiff. Plaintiff prays that she may be divorced from you, and that she may be given the custody of her minor child, Gordon Oliver Love. You are required to answer said petition by the 6th day of March, 1911. J. F. SCHMALZRIED, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Notice. The Board of County Commissioners makes the following estimate of expenses for Lincoln county, Nebraska, for the year 1911. General fund \$400,000.00. General road fund \$20,000.00. General bridge fund \$12,000.00. Soldiers relief fund \$1,000.00.

- DISTRICT BONDS. North Platte bridge bond and interest \$1,350.00. Eureka bridge bond and interest 2,600.00. Hershey bridge bond and interest 600.00. Bostwick bridge bond and interest 250.00. District No. 1, bond and interest (old) 3,000.00. District No 1, bond and interest (new) 2,000.00. District No. 2, bond and interest 150.00. District No. 118, bond and interest 190.00. District No. 122, bond and interest 115.00. District No. 105, bond and interest 165.00. District No. 7, bond and interest 520.00. District No. 36, bond and interest 30.00. District No. 55, bond and interest 125.00. District No. 86, bond and interest 130.00. District No. 92, bond and interest 115.00. District No. 98, bond and interest 115.00. District No. 87, bond and interest 65.00. District No. 47, bond and interest 130.00. District No. 37, bond and interest 250.00. District No. 19, bond 71.00. State of Nebraska, County of Lincoln, ss. I, F. R. ELLIOTT, county clerk of Lincoln county, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the estimate for expenses made by the county commissioners for Lincoln county, Nebraska, for the year 1911. Dated North Platte, Neb., Jan. 27, 1911. F. R. ELLIOTT, County Clerk.

GEO. D. DENT, Physician and Surgeon, Office over McDonald Bank, Phone } Office 130 Residence } 115

Road No. 342. To all whom it may concern: The commissioner appointed to locate a road commencing at the corner to sections 14, 15, 22 and 23, T. 12, N., R. 28 W., running thence north on section line 1/2 mile to the 1/2 section corner between sections 14 and 15, thence west on section line 1/2 mile to the center line of section 15, thence north on center line of section 15 to the 1/2 section corner between sections 10 and 15, thence west on section line between sections 10, 15 and 16, to a point 8, 50 chs. west of the corner to sections 9, 10, 15 and 16, T. 12, N. R. 28 W. to connect with present traveled road, and to vacate that part of Road No. 45, running diagonally across section 15 and across that part of section 16, said township and range, lying easterly of the west terminal point of the newly located road; has reported in favor of the establishment of the new road, and all objections thereto, or claims for damages, must be filed in the county clerk's office on or before noon of the 12th day of March, 1911, or such road will be established and vacated without reference thereto. Dated North Platte, Neb., January 30, 1911. F. R. ELLIOTT, County Clerk.

Vacation Part Road No. 143. The commissioner appointed for the purpose of vacating that part of Road No. 143: Running through S. E. 1/4 of Section 10, Town 9, Range 30, and divert travel over the new cemetery road No. 225, the distance into town being the same, has reported in favor of the vacation, and all objections thereto must be filed in the office of the county clerk on or before noon on the 6th day of March, 1911. Dated North Platte, Nebr., Dec. 31, 1910. F. R. ELLIOTT, County Clerk.

Change in Road 319 1/2. To all whom it may concern: The commissioner appointed for the purpose of viewing Road No. 319 1/2 as to a proposed change as follows: Commencing at station No. 45 on road No. 319 1/2 on southwest quarter of southeast quarter of section 1, town 9, range 27, and running thence across the canyon to the west side of the canyon, thence in a southeasterly direction down East Deer Creek Canyon, across sections 12-9-27, sw. qr. 7-9-26, and 18-9-26 to station 67 on east side of said canyon on said road No. 319 1/2 said road to follow the west side of the canyon taking one rod from the canyon bottom and three rods from the points. Except said road is to pass through the cut south of J. E. Smith's house and thence back into the main Deer Creek canyon on the west side. And to vacate that portion of road No. 319 1/2 lying between stations 45 and 67 has reported in favor of the change and vacation in the office of the county clerk on or before noon on the 25th day of March, 1911, or such road will be changed without reference thereto. Dated North Platte, Neb., Jan. 21, 1911. J. F. SCHMALZRIED, County Clerk.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Serial No. 62523. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb., Nov. 14th, 1910. Notice is hereby given that Frank B. Livingston, of North Platte, Neb., who, on Dec. 23rd, 1905, made H. E. No. 2159, Section 20, Township 15, N., Range 29, W. of the 6th Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver at North Platte, Nebraska, on the 15th day of Jan. 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Perry Campbell, Adolph Rudolph, Charles Brostera and W. H. Combs all of North Platte, Neb. J. E. EVANS, Register.

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Notice for Publication. Serial No. 61984. Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb., Jan. 12th, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Andrew K. McIntire of Hershey, Neb., who on June 25, 1904, made Homestead Entry No. 20069, Serial No. 61984, for SW 1/4 NE 1/4 section 20, Township 12, N., Range 32, W. of the sixth Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver at North Platte, Nebraska, on the 9th day of March, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Charles Meyer and William Facka both of Dickens, Neb.; Joseph Evorlanich and George Garman, both of Hershey Neb. J. E. EVANS, Register.

Notice for Publication. Serial No. 64859. Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb., Jan. 12th, 1911. Notice is hereby given that as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27th, 1906, (34 Stat., 517), we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 9th day of March 1911, at this office, the following described land: Lot 1 and NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 12, N., Range 31, W. of 6th Principal Meridian. Any persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims or objections on or before the time designated for sale. J. E. EVANS, Register.

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