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RETROSPECTIVE

On the first day of January, 1904, eleven years and three months ago today, the retiring editor of the Northwestern came to Loup City and purchased this plant. At that time the office consisted of two presses, a lot of ante-dated material, a circulation of perhaps 200 papers, less than 50 inches of advertising, and dying of mental decay. Today the plant is supplied with all new and up-to-date type, added model machinery, such as job presses, perforator, stapler, proof press, and labor-saving materials of all kinds in profusion, with a circulation close to 1500, and with advertising averaging the past year between 400 and 500 inches weekly, has arisen from an insignificant beginning to a place among the best of the county seat papers in the state, during which period the writer has worked early and late for the betterment and upbuild of both city and county and now retires from the editorial chair, satisfied with what has been accomplished, and with his share in it all, even though with health somewhat impaired by reason of physical exhaustion and the strenuous mental activities of the past years of control of the destinies and upbuild of the paper. He has made mistakes. Who hasn't? He has made enemies. Who hasn't? He has at times fallen from the high ideals he had set out to achieve. Who is perfect? With all, he says "Good-bye" to Northwestern readers, with sincere regret, but happy in the belief that the new pilots at the helm of the craft will guide it onward from its modest present into renewed fields and greater activities and possibilities.

When he came here, Loup City numbered some 600 people. It now has a population estimated as exceeding 1500. Its sidewalks were entirely of the loose board variety, necessitating the constant use of hammer and nails to keep them from being a menace to pedestrians. Now the city has miles of the finest cement walks with additions each succeeding year. Then there were but three brick business buildings and very few substantial homes. Now the city has perhaps a score or more of good brick stores, besides two fine brick bank structures, \$20,000 up-to-date hotel, splendid \$20,000 brick opera house, big cement block creamery, cement block postoffice, cement block disc sharpener manufactory, a number of cement block store buildings, and hundreds of modern, up-to-date residences. The city has a splendid system of waterworks, with miles of mains with additions each year. It has a modern, 24-hour electric light system recently installed; a home-owned and capitalized Bell telephone system second to none in efficiency and service; a flouring mill running night and day, with extensive shipments of its products to distances; big creamery, the finest amusement park in the state, outside the larger cities; a prosperous and aggressive commercial club; well regulated and governed city and school systems, splendid churches and the very best people on earth, with but few exceptions—and a court house.

And now a few last words. The writer has disposed of the Northwestern office, subscription books and good will to Messrs. V. L. Chipman and F. B. Hartman, both from Lincoln, and both first-

class printers and newspaper men of years' experience in all branches of the business in city and country as well, and come to you with highest recommendations from those who know them best. That they will be accorded most substantial welcome, the writer knows from his past experience, and has every reason to believe Messrs. Chipman and Hartman will be well worthy the support of the people and give them much better service and a much better paper than we have been able to do. And now, as editor of the Northwestern, and as one who has tried to serve you well in that capacity, we say good-bye. We lay down the duties with a sigh of regret, yet with a feeling of relief over shifting the responsibilities to the sturdy shoulders of younger, more active, ambitious and undoubtedly abler men. We have only the kindest feelings and best wishes for all, friend and foe. If at times we have been bitter, cruel or vindictive, we regret it, as a failing of humanity. We have no enemies to punish nor grievances to remember, but only memories of kindnesses to cherish. Good luck, good fortune and success to you all, and good-bye. J. W. BURLEIGH.

We come to Loup City with the handicap of being total strangers. We hope this disadvantage will be speedily overcome. We realize that keeping the publication up to the standard established by Mr. Burleigh will be no light undertaking, but we will at all times strive for the best interests of Loup City and Sherman county. We want all patrons of The Northwestern to call on us and get acquainted. The policy of the paper will remain practically unchanged. Improvements in the plant will be made as speedily as business conditions will warrant. We will appreciate the patronage of all and will try to justify a continuation and increase of the same by meritorious work and fair treatment. Thanking you in advance for your patronage, we are, Yours for service,

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HAPPY DESPITE THEIR POVERTY.

Residents of Sunny Naples Seem Never to Repine.

It is estimated that a quarter of a million people in Naples are from hand to mouth, and there are hundreds of children who subsist out of the garbage boxes, and who sleep in churches and on doorsteps.

The taxes in Italy to provide warships and to keep the nation on a war footing with the other powers are really stupendous. There is a tax on everything, says the Delaney—rain in the field, fruit on the vine, old bottles. Fuel and foodstuffs are very dear—only labor is cheap. For the very poor, meat is a luxury unheard of and even macaroni is too dear to be indulged in often. There are any number of perambulating street kitchens, where various kinds of soup, cakes and fruits are sold in portions costing one cent. And yet these people seem very happy. Bands of musicians are always playing in the streets; the guitar and the mandolin are to be heard everywhere—on the boats, in the hotels—and the stranger is lulled to sleep by a soft serenade under his balcony.

The story teller thrives in Naples, as there are so many idlers there. He collects a little crowd around him and proceeds in the most dramatic way, gesticulating wildly and working his face into the most excruciating expressions, to relate stories of adventure or other events, much to the edification of his hearers, who, to show their appreciation, are often brought into giving a sou which might have been better spent for bread or polenta.

The public letter writer is another street dinary of importance, and in great demand, especially with timid and buxom maids of all work, who have themselves neglected to learn the art of writing. Of such the public letter writer holds all the secrets of their loves and is often their adviser as well as amanuensis.

How Fast Wind Travels. Most people at some time or other have used the expression "went like the wind," wishing to convey the idea of extraordinary velocity.

Coming down to actual figures, however, the wind is not such a speedy traveler after all, says the Boston Transcript. The month of March more than any other in the year has a windy record, so the figures supplied by the local weather bureau station for the month will do to illustrate the fallacy of the expression.

From the first to the thirty-first the wind movement as registered at the top of the federal building was 8,336 miles, or an average of 278 miles a day for 30 days. Here is an average of only 11 1/2 miles an hour, a speed which even a slow moving freight steamer approaches.

Attraction of Chess Problems. The mere player who has never experienced the magnetic attraction of problems cannot fully realize the feeling of joy and satisfaction from solving some masterpiece, the work of a famous composer. There can be no doubt that solving problems, especially from diagrams, is an intellectual amusement, and that the study of problems tends to accuracy of analysis, quickens the perception, and strengthens the chess faculties generally, and may occasionally impart some of those sparkling ideas which are so sadly needed in ordinary play. —The Strand Magazine.

Look Under Foot. The lesson which life repeats and constantly enforces is "look under foot." You are always nearer the divine and the true sources of power than you think. The lure of the distant and the difficult is deceptive. The great opportunity is where you are. Do not despise your own place and hour. Every place is under the stars, every place is the center of the world.—John Burroughs in the Atlantic.

Authoress Who Hated Water. Mme. d'Arblay, better known as Miss Fanny Burney, who took such an important place in the literature of the eighteenth century, had an extraordinary and most undesirable peculiarity—she had the greatest aversion to washing and water. Sir Henry Holland was the physician who attended the gifted authoress during the last year of her life and she confided to him that she had not washed for 15 years.

Pew and Pulpit

PRESBYTERIAN

The Communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed in the morning at 10:30. There will be a public reception of new members at this service. The session will be convened at 10:00 o'clock in the Sunday School room to receive any who may care to become members. Parents wishing to dedicate their children to the Lord in Baptism will be given an opportunity at this service.

In the evening at 7:30 the pastor will preach an Easter sermon. There will be special and appropriate music at both of these services. Let us make this a great day unto the Lord. Come and bring your friends.

The Annual Congregational Meeting and Fellowship Supper will be on Thursday evening April 8th. We hope every member of the church and congregation will be present. An interesting program will be given.

METHODIST

10:30 a. m., an Easter sermon. At this service the Sacrament of Baptism will be administered to all who wish, both children and adults. At 5 o'clock a Vesper Service will be held to which all are very cordially invited. The evening preaching hour will be changed from 7:30 to 8 o'clock, the subject will be "Temperance."

GERMAN

Services at the German St. Paul's Church, Friday April 2, at 10:30, subject "Calvary." Choir practice Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated Easter Sunday, services to commence at the usual time.

Order of Hearing on Petition for Appointment of Administratrix in the County Court of Sherman County, Nebraska. State of Nebraska,) SS. Sherman County,)

In the matter of the estate of Herman Spertling, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Mary M. Spertling, praying that Administration of said Estate may be granted to Mary M. Spertling as administratrix. Ordered, That April 20th, A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock a. m., is assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a County Court to be held in and for said County, and show cause why the prayer of petitioner should not be granted; and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this Order in the Loup City Northwestern, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, 3 successive weeks prior to said day of hearing. Dated March 30th 1915.

E. A. SMITH, County Judge Last pub. April 15

Application for Liquor License In the Matter of the Application of John J. Goe for Liquor License: Notice is hereby given that John J. Goe did, on the 29th day of March, 1915, file his petition with the village clerk of Ashton, Nebraska, addressed to the trustees of said village, asking for a license to sell at retail, malt, spirituous and vinous liquors, in the building situated on lot four(4), block six (6), of the original town of Ashton, Nebraska, for the municipal year beginning on the 1st day of May, A. D. 1915, and continuing for one year from and after its date, in the manner provided by law.

Any objection or remonstrance to the issuance of said license must be filed in writing with the village clerk of said Village of Ashton, Nebraska, on or before the 30th day of April, 1915. John J. Goe, Applicant. H. W. Ojendyk, Village Clerk.

Attest: H. W. Ojendyk, Village Clerk.

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