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A FALSE CONCEPTION.

Now that the late campaign, with all questions appertaining thereto, has been put to sleep, the gubernatorial controversy arises once more as the question of the hour. While we have no doubt the railroad influence in Nebraska has a great bearing on results, yet we are not among those who are inclined to believe that the railroads are supreme in this state. But whoever that may be, no sooner does a man come before the public eye, than the world goes that he is a Burlington tool, or the U. P. owns him, or the Northwestern has him by the body and soul. Such hogwash does no credit to the voters of Nebraska, and is so utterly nonsensical and misleading that such reports should be frowned down and out. Up in northwest Nebraska is one of the best and purest men ever in official position in the state, and we do not believe any man, set of men or corporations own, control or attempt to dictate to him. That man is Charley Weston, ex-state auditor. No sooner is his name mentioned as a probable candidate for governor, than it is complained he is a Northwestern railroad man and he is discredited to that extent. Coming nearer home, we have another candidate for governor, our former townsman, Wall, of the state of Aradia. Perhaps no man spoken of in regard to the highest office in the state, has been so demeaned in this particular as has our friend Wall, and yet we defy anyone to point to any act, word or deed that puts him to the Burlington as a subservient tool, or under the control and dictation of the U. P. or any other road. Because Mr. Wall has held an important position in the state legislature for several years, has served the state faithfully, been a good mixer, is liked by the railroad forces, and stands in the foremost ranks of those who may be looked upon as successful politicians, the world has gone out that he is a Burlington tool, to such an extent that perhaps a large per cent of the voters who have no real knowledge of Mr. Wall quietly acquiesce as to truth of the report, and that without one iota of evidence. Newspapers, too, that should be careful in molding public opinion, are most to blame in this regard. Just as soon as a man comes before the public, there is a class of newspapers who, with only the thought in view of giving their readers something readable of a political nature, editorially assert this idea of railroad control, without having one scintilla of evidence to bear out their assertions. This is not fair. We are no more a supporter of John Wall for governor than for Charley Weston or M. L. Fries, or Peter Mortensen, or any one of perhaps a dozen so far spoken of for the executive chair, but the spirit of fairness and a desire to see this talk about the railroads owning all the politicians and all the state, county and municipal officers summarily done away with, prompts us to call a halt in this thing. When Mickey was made the republican candidate for governor, opposition papers all over the state called him a tool of John N. Baldwin and the railroads were credited with owning him body and soul. Subsequent events have given the lie to these slanders, and John H. Mickey stands today vindicated before the people, owned by

no railroad nor controlled by railroad influence. If John Wall should prove the lucky man, or should Charley Weston, Senator Fries, Peter Mortensen or any one of the others named receive the highest gird in the voice of the people of this great state, don't, for God's sake, for the honor of the state of Nebraska, and the intelligence of Nebraska voters, dishonor yourself by admitting that the voters are simply a lot of cattle driven by railroad domination like hives to the slaughter, and that their franchise is simply a worthless something to them.

Would you like a government position these strenuous Roosevelt days?

Notwithstanding the reports regarding investigation of D. E. Thompson, as ambassador to Brazil, he seems to have held the big end of the matter, and has now been assigned as minister to Mexico. Either Mr. Thompson was as innocent as a dove or his finesse was too much for the eagle eye of Theodore.

It seems the trouble over the Valentine land office is like Banquo's ghost; it won't down. A few days since, J. C. Pettijohn, the deposed register, was arrested for complicity in the widow deal that has been going up in that country for some years, and it is rumored that some of the legal lights at Valentine and other points in that section may be called to account for shady actions in the same deal. While we were up in the sandhills a few years since, it was a common thing at Valentine, Gordon, Ainsworth and other towns, to see the trains disgorge numbers of soldiers' widows, who had been brought into that country from Illinois, Iowa and other states to take up government land on which they would file their right and dispose of their claim later to interested cattlemen for a consideration. We understand it is along that line the government takes action.

Free Gold in Turkey's Crop.

Does gold exist in paying quantities in Valley county? Joseph Burns of this city is of the opinion that it does and the prospect is to be investigated.

Sunday morning Mr. Burns received from Chief Clerk John Wall, of the house of representatives, a Christmas turkey. The bird was an exceedingly large one, weighing 20 pounds when ready for the oven. It was raised on Mr. Wall's ranch on the middle fork of the Loup river near Arcadia, Neb.

In preparing the bird for the Christmas feast, Mr. Burns discovered in the crop a nugget of free gold, one-sixteenth of an inch in diameter. The metal has been tested and Mr. Burns declares it is the real article. The nugget will be returned to Mr. Wall at once and he will be urged to investigate and "prospect" the river bank along which the turkeys ranged.

"For many years some of the citizens of Valley county have declared that the Loup rivers are gold bearing streams," said State Treasurer Mortensen, when informed of the Burns find. "However, the river never has been prospected to any extent and no extensive investigations have been made. Perhaps Mr. Wall kindly inserted the little nugget in the turkey's crop to excite Mr. Burns, but it has often been declared that gold is to be found in this county."

Mr. Burns exhibited the nugget at the state capitol this morning to a group of admiring friends. Those members of the state administration who own land in northwestern Nebraska and along the Loup rivers are expectantly awaiting the result of the investigation and in the meantime are reading up on mineralogy. Several recalled this morning that the discovery of the rich California fields was brought about by the finding of a quantity of free gold in the crop of a goose.

Lincoln Star.

Don't fail to read Cooper's adv. this week.

COUNTY LETTERS

Ashton News.

C. F. Benschhausen came down from Loup City last Thursday.

S. S. Polski is working for the Sherman County Telephone Co.

O. E. Nehler is building a barn on his lots in the west part of town.

Old Santa brought Mr. and Mrs. A. Sperling a bouncing baby girl Xmas eve.

Julius Benschhausen is building a new frame house on his ranch west of town.

The Ashton Lumber Co. will soon have their new office building finished.

Harry Smelser left for Lincoln to finish his course in the Agricultural school.

O. O. Howard and wife went to York this week to attend the marriage of his brother.

Miss Josie Polski and Helen Jatrog went to Loup City on a visit to friends last Thursday.

Ashton will have three hardware stores in the spring. Competition may help the farmers.

Joe Grudzinski and his intended son-in-law went to St. Paul Tuesday to get a marriage license.

Theo. Wrehe was compelled to buy a new cradle on account of the arrival of a pair of twin boys Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith, and sister, Miss Nora, of South Omaha, came home to spend the holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Smith, of Davis Creek.

Frank Chlewicki of Oak Creek was in town last Saturday buying groceries and presents and about 12 o'clock at night some one took them out of his buggy.

Our livery man, Adam Kosmicki, hitched up a team Christmas day and left town. A report has been circulated that Adam went in search of Eve, we hope he succeeds in finding her.

A painter from Hastings was finishing up the M. W. A. hall last week and on Friday decided to leave, going north and hardly reached the old Wilson farm when John and St. Goe overtook him to collect a \$35 saloon bill, but as the man was broke, they satisfied him by showing him a picture of a woman.

American Girls.

The Kansas City Star aptly quotes the following tremendous sentiment from Francois Coppee, the celebrated French poet:

The American girls are beauties. They are poems incarnate. They are a caress to the eye. They hug the imagination. They inspire the intellect. If they have temperment equal to their beauty, they are perfect.

So it is. Far be it from us to dispute it. They own the earth. They defy the police. They kill the clerks. They monopolize the theaters. They caress the poodle dogs. They hug each other. They swat the pocketbook. They paralyze the savings account. They inspire distraction. They drive us to drink. If they have virtues equal to the homage they receive, they are angels.

We pause to hear from the French poet on the second count.

Congressman Kinkaid has introduced in the House of Representatives a bill for the special relief of Hiram B. Thomas, of Ravenna, a veteran of the civil war. The bill provides for the increase of Mr. Thomas' pension from \$12 to \$30 per month. It is hoped that the bill may be passed at the present session of congress.—Ravenna News

A Boston firm recently offered a prize of \$250 for the best written answer to the question, "What Constitutes Success," and a Kansas woman won the prize with the following: "He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction." Measured by the yardstick, is your life a success?

The report of the death of Evangelist Sunday at Burlington, Ia., a few days since, seems a good deal like the reported death of Mark Twain, a few years ago. When Twain heard it, he immediately wired a friend to the effect that the report of his death was greatly exaggerated. Evangelist Sunday is now in line to do the same thing. He is still alive and fighting the devil, or words to that effect.

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Public Sale.

~~Franklin never once singly, is an old saying. Last week, lanky Bob Fitzsimmons got walloped in a prize fight and now his actress wife is said to have taken up her residence in South Dakota in order to get a divorce from him.~~

Only One Chance to Do Good.

The following sentiment has been variously attributed to Stephen Grelet, Sir Rowland Hill and to Edward Courtesay and the earl of Devon, and is said to have been inscribed upon the tombstone of the latter: "I expect to pass through this world but once. If, therefore, by any kindness I can show or any good thing I can do any fellow being, let me do it now. Let me not defer it nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

Emperor Confers Orders.

The interest that has been taken by Emperor William in the development of the Harvard Germanic Museum has just been shown anew by the conferring upon Prof. Kuno Francke, curator of the museum, of the Imperial Order of the Red Eagle. This honor recalls the visit of Prince Henry to this country, when a similar honor was conferred upon several men, among them being Prof. Munsterberg of Harvard.

This Inaccurate World.

For the purpose of illustrating the difficulties of evidence, Prof. Von List of Berlin arranged with two of his pupils to pretend a quarrel, consisting of hot words, a walking stick, and a pistol loaded with blank cartridges. The quarrel came off in the presence of twenty other young men, all "highly educated," who were not in the secret. No two of the twenty agreed exactly as to the cause of the quarrel. Eight different answers were given to the question: Who began the quarrel? And yet people read history!—Everybody's Magazine.

I will offer at Public Auction on my farm, two and one-half miles southeast of Loup City, on Thursday, Jan. 11, 1906, commencing at 10 a. m. sharp, the following property to wit: 14 head of horses; 44 head of cattle; 30 to 35 thoroughbred red hogs; farming implements, household goods and other articles too numerous to mention, all of which are in good shape. Free lunch at noon.
Terms of Sale: On all sums of \$10 and under cash. Over \$10 a credit of 9 months will be given by purchaser giving bankable security drawing 10 per cent interest from date of sale.
R. L. CHRISTENSEN, Owner.
J. T. HALL, W. F. MASON, Auctioneer, Clerk.

Notice to Land Owners.

(Lay Road)

To all to whom it may concern: The commissioner appointed to view and report upon a road commencing at the north edge of the Union Pacific R. R. right-of-way, at Section line between Sections eight and nine, and running thence in a southeasterly direction along the railroad right-of-way and terminating at the Section line between sections nine and sixteen, all in Township thirteen, Range thirteen, in Sherman county, Nebraska, road to be 50 ft wide; has reported in favor thereof, and all objections thereto or claims for damage must be filed in the office of the County Clerk of said Sherman county, on or before the 5th day of March, 1906, or said road will be established without reference thereto.
Dated this 30th day of December, 1905.
Geo. H. GIBSON, County Clerk.
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