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## What Shall We Do to Be Saved?

To EDITOR OF NORTHWESTERN:

Most of our citizens are aware of the fact that Sherman county is in debt; few are aware of the amount, and less yet, we imagine, ever realize that we pour into the rat hole, annually, interest to the amount of \$5,200, or, averaged up, about \$4 for every voter in the county, and are paying off our debt at less than half that amount each year. Our taxes are not nearly as high now as they were years ago, for the reason that there is more taxable property in our county, nearly every quarter section of land being proved up on, and at a less than one-fifth basis our entire valuation for 1903 was \$978,000. In 1904, under the new revenue law, the prospects are that our assessed valuation will reach a million and a quarter.

Now let us look the matter squarely in the face. Fifty-two hundred dollars a year for interest for ten years means, at the same rate, \$52,000. Can we afford it? Now, let us do a little figuring for ourselves, and not for the man with the money. In 1906, the last of the \$38,000 railroad bonds comes due. There are still \$11,000 of them outstanding and for which we must pay six per cent to the last minute, because our "forefathers", forgot to make them 5-20s or 10-20s, but just left them common old 20s.

In 1908, \$20,000 refunding bonds falls due, bearing 5 per cent, so you see in four years we will either be called upon to pay \$31,000, or to issue new bonds for redemption of the old. Which is best to do? With a million and a quarter valuation, (that means one-fifth its actual value), would it not be decidedly better to make an 8-mill levy for four years and meet them when they are due?

This \$31,000 is now costing us \$1,660 per year interest, while with a little extra effort we can pay them when due and stop that drain, and surely good business tactics demand that we do so.

Several good men have suggested that we do not make any extra levy, but let our debt run until posterity can take a hand in the matter. Others again suggest more radical measures than are here advocated.

Our views are contained in the above statements and we would like to hear, through the columns of THE NORTHWESTERN, the views of our citizens. If we are wrong, we are willing to "go way back and sit down," but when we look ahead ten years and realize that after we contribute to Shylock nearly half the full amount of our debt, and he still says start again old man, we say, let us tear ourselves from his clutches; let us sacrifice a little and be free from this blight. What say you, brothers? GEO. H. GIBSON.

An Eldora (Iowa) man claims to have a goose weighing 144 pounds, has made rubbers for it to wear and will exhibit the bird at the St. Louis exposition. That's nothing. There is a Loup City woman who has a goose in her family that weighs perhaps 175 pounds, wears pants, chews and smokes and talks good English, yet she sees nothing wonderful in all that.

Governor Cummins of Iowa is reported critically ill with pneumonia.

John L. Sullivan, the ex-pugilist, is threatened with total blindness. He is said to be ill at his sister's home in Boston, penniless and his constitution completely wrecked.

The Lincoln News says evidence is accumulating day by day that agents of the Japanese government are seeking to recruit their military forces from the ranks of the Nebraska national guard.

The fight in the democratic ranks for the presidential nomination is narrowing down until it seems to be balancing between Hearst and his millions on the one side as against Judge Parker on the other.

The U. S. senatorial question is solved, so far as nomination by the Republican state convention is concerned. Already 327 of the 529 votes needed have been pledged and less than one-fourth of the county conventions have so far been held. Seems to be about the most popular movement ever inaugurated in the state.

Ex-Congressman W. E. Andrews, who is at present Auditor of the Treasury, would like to be U. S. senator from Nebraska, and unblushingly announces that fact. We admire Will's candor and nerve as we used to admire his intellect and bright oratorical ability way back in our old college days, but rather incline to think he is hardly enough of a Nebraskan any more to entitle him to represent the state in that most exalted station.

With the climatic conditions in Nebraska, and especially in Sherman county, most excellent and so nearly resembling spring, what do our people think when they read of the immense blizzards over Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana and all the northwest, with great snow blockades thrown in for good measure? And as if this were not enough grief of the kind, Illinois, Indiana and other states east have had winds and rains galore, flooding towns and country, causing endless financial losses, with many deaths. The moral attached to this is, come to Nebraska, where you can be safe, prosperous and happy.

The State Fair board of managers met in Lincoln last Friday and closed the contract for the appearance of the noted pacer, Dan Patch, for a trial mile on the race track on Tuesday of Fair week. The management also took up the question of securing a better class of shows for the grounds during Fair. The question of the distribution of free tickets was given liberal discussion, and ends sought where less abuse of that department of privileges may result. Also, the service to and from the fair grounds and city will be bettered and made more rapid and efficient. President Mellor will do his best to make the coming fair by far the best yet given, and is ejecting his well known, hustling business methods into the heart and arteries of the association, and his board of managers are enthusiastically aiding him to the fullest extent within their power.

## COUNTY LETTERS

### Ashton News.

(Too late for last week.)

J. F. Beushausen started up his 200 egg incubator the other day.

Ashton is entitled to seven delegates in the Republican county convention.

The "Call for Primary" notices are out. All Republicans please turn out.

Ignatz Matieski is re-seeding all of his corn stalk wheat, about 120 acres, the same having been winter killed.

Mr DeFord, who has been visiting in Virginia for the past six weeks is again at his post in the B. & M. depot.

Theo. Ojendyk attended the congressional convention at Alliance as a delegate. Theo. says he would and could not live in the sand hills up around Alliance.

The rural route inspector was here inspecting the route that is to be opened in the near future. He says this is the best route he has opened for a long time, there being 122 families along the twenty-two miles of road.

The west bound freight set considerable fire Monday. It set the prairie on fire four times about a mile east of town, and west of town on the old George Wilson place it again set fire, burning up considerable hay for Jamrog & Polska.

### Dry Creek Clippings.

Michael Knice is reported very sick.

The new school library for district No. 4 arrived last week.

Mrs. Kramer, who has been on the sick list, is reported better.

Mrs. Kazel and family have moved on the John O'Neill farm.

Dan Davison has purchased a fine stallion of Frank Ins of St. Paul.

J. D. Calaway shelled corn Saturday, Holmes Brothers doing the work.

Joe Myre is sporting with a span of mules. Joe makes a splendid mule driver.

R. Boice and family of Shelton are visiting Mr. Boice's father-in-law, Mr. John Myre.

Misses Lizzie and Carrie spent Sunday afternoon visiting their friend, Miss Virgie Salyards.

District No. 48 will give an entertainment, Friday evening, April 1st. All are cordially invited to attend.

A number of young folks from this vicinity attended the literary on Wiggle creek, Friday evening. All report a good time.

George Wagner purchased a new water tank in Ravenna Friday. George has set up housekeeping all by himself on the farm he purchased from Michael Smyth.

And now W. H. Harrison has followed in the footsteps of Mr. Dinsmore and Judge Robertson and has withdrawn from the gubernatorial field, thus leaving Gov. Mickey a clear field for re-nomination. Just why these gentlemen entered the race in the first place would puzzle anyone but an inscrutable Providence.

Treasurer Mortensen is the only candidate for state office who seems to have no opposition. Peter will undoubtedly be allowed to succeed himself without having any fun at all, at all.

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