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The production of gold for 1913 was 178 tons. Its value was $107,503,000. The value of corn and alfalfa grown in Nebraska in 1914 was $109,195,350. Why should people leave Nebraska in search of gold.

Monday was George Washington's birthday and his farewell address has been more widely read the past month perhaphs, than any other time in the last fifty years His plea that this new government forever keep free from the entanglements of the European governments is especially worth considering at this time. The first president was a man of experience and good sound judgment and it will behoove this nation as a nation to weigh carefully his admonitions. We venerate George Washington for what he was and for what be did. Let us follow his advise.

Don't get scared, ladies. The McGinnis bill in the legislature to prohibit ladies over 45 from using false hair, ear rings, perfume or adorning herself with drug store complexions, has not yet become a law of this great and glorious state. It is said that some of the female lobbyists around Topeka are jingling and rattling around with more ear bobs and diamond rings than a cane rack, and not all of them are under forty-five, either Trust them to take good care of Mr. McGinnis of Greeley county and put his little anti-beauty bill to sleep in due time.—Smith County Pioneer.

Which simply illustrates what is liable to happen when we are foolish enough to send Bixby "sapheads" to make our laws. Sometimes we are mighty well pleased that we are not a part of Kansas.

House Roll Number 236 if enacted into law would abolish the office of the clerk of the District Court in this county, which illustrates the fact that anything is liable to happen whenever a legislature gets to work. There is enough for the members of the Nebraska legislature to do if they will confine themselves to the real needs of the people and we see no reason why a county with fifteen thousand population needs a clerk of the district court and a county with fourteen thousand population should not. If this office was abolished in this county it would cost those who have need of the office from three to ten times as much as it does at the present time. We trust that our representatives will give this their attention and defeat the measure.

A GOOD SUGGESTION

In the last issue of the Argus we notice a suggestion which strikes us as being a good one. We refer to the idea of conducting our own lecture course in the winter time with our own people. Surely it is time for us to realize that it will profit us much more to use and develop what ability we have, than always to depend upon imports.

This reminds us that a similiar suggestion was made last summer in regard to the chautauqua. There is no reason why we could not run a splendid chautauqua practically free just as the Farmer's Institute is conducted. We have as good a band as the average that we import, and it is a great deal better than some that cost a large sum of money. We could use our own people and the professors of our own University at Lincoln and in this way we could have just what we would want and we would not need to charge any admission at the gate It has been estimated that an affair of this character could be conducted for not more than five hundred dollars.

We would like very much to see this idea tried. It would mean a step out The reason why so many lecture courses are a failure is because of the professional clap-trap talker, who has nothing to say and the people are tired of hearing the same old jokes and the same old speeches worked off on them year after year.

The Swine Industry

As a swine producing state in comparison with others, Nebraska shows up pretty well, thank you.

The United States Department of Agriculture estimates the number of swine on January 7th, 1915 in the leading agricultural states as follows:

State	Rural Population	Total No Swine	Per capi
Iowa	1,544,717	8,723,000	5.6
Nebraska	881,381	3,809,000	4.3
South Dakota	507,215	1,405,000	2.8
Indiana	1,557,041	4,067,000	2.6
Missouri	1,894,518	4,250,000	2.2
Kansas	1,197,159	2,656,000	2.2
Illinois	2,161,092	4,358,000	2.0
Ohio	2,101,978	3,640,000	1.7
Wisconsin	1,329,549	2,275,000	1.6
Texas	2,968,428	2,880,000	.9

By this computation it is conclusively shown that, per capita of rural population, Nebraska is second of all the states of the Union in production of swine. Fellow Nebraskans, do you realize the splendid opportunities offered to our citizenship?

The 1915 Corn Club Rules

1. Members must have been at least 10, and not more than 18 years of age January 1, 1915. Enrollment closes June 1, 1915.

2. Any older person may be an associate member and will be entitled to all privileges of regular membership except that of competing for prizes or awards.

3. Each member shall make a special study of corn production. Helpful outlines, interesting information, and timely suggestions will be sent each month from the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of Nebraska.

4. Each member shall raise at least one acre of corn. This acre may stand alone or it may be part of a larger field of corn on which the club member is doing all the work. The club acre, as measured at husking time, must be rectangular in shape.

5. Each member must do all the work on his club plat (except when permission to have help is given by local, county, or state club leader) and shall keep such records and make such reports as may be requested during the season.

6. Thruout the year each member shall keep an accurate record of all labor and expense connected with raising his acre of corn. At the end of the season he shall make out a complete account showing the cost, value, and profit on his crop, and shall write a story of his season's work, entitled "How I Made My Crop of Corn".

7. In estimating the cost of raising the corn one-third of the yield shall be charged as rent of land. The work of the club member shall be charged at 10c an hour, and the use of a team at 10c an hour. Commercial fertilizer shall be charged at actual cost, barn yard manure at 50c per load. (Manure is worth $2.00 per load but only about one-fourth its value is returned in a single crop). Husking shall be charged at 4c per bushel for labor and team.

8 At the time of husking, two responsible persons who are not relatives of the club member, shall measure off exactly an acre of corn, witness the husking thereof, and measure the yield according to instructions which will be given by the Agricultural Extension Service. These witnesses may help to husk the corn, and shall sign two copies of a certificate showing the measurement of both land and corn.

9. For estimating the proceeds and profits from the club acre a uniform price per bushel will be established October 15. This price will depend upon the average market price of corn in Nebraska.

10. The crop report will include observations, account, story and certificate of yield. Two copies of the complete report shall be signed by local club leader, teacher, or county superintendent. One copy shall be sent to the county superintendent and the other to the State Agricultural Extension Service.

11. Each member shall furnish ten ears of corn for exhibit in the county contest, and ten ears for exhibit in the state contest. No member may exhibit in the state contest who has failed to exhibit in the county contest to which he is eligible.

12. County and state rewards for achievement in the Corn Club shall be awarded on the following basis:

(1) Crop report and story	20
(2) Profit on investment	30
(3) Quality of 10 ear exhibit	20
(4) Yield per acre	30
Total Score	100

As in previous years, valuable prizes will be awarded in both county and state contests. These prizes will be won by members who have been faithful until the season's work is finished. For further information and membership applications, write to

Agricultural Extension Service,
University Farm,
Lincoln, Nebr.

As a Commercial Enterprise is Our High School a Revenue Producer?

The worth of every enterprise in a community is measured by its value in revenue production. No community will promote and support a commercial enterprise such as a power plant, cement factory, creamery, ice plant, etc., unless it promises to be a revenue producer and therefore profitable to the community at large. Is our school an enterprise of this kind or is it as some would have us believe a parasite that lives on our hard earned cash, and gives little or nothing in return? An enterprise, whether private or public, must give value received for every dollar expended and in addition must show a profit in order to prepetuate its existence. Is our High School an exception to this rule? It is the purpose of this article to show that every dollar expended in the maintainance of our High School returns to the community dollar for dollar with the education of our children thrown into the net profit account.

Total amount spent for maintainance of schools in the city of Red Cloud, all grades including High School		$16,453 93
Amount spent for Grammar Grades in Lincoln Building		7887 10
Amount spent for High School		$ 8,566 83
Receipts from non-resident tuition	$2,020 00	
Receipts from State Normal Fund	350 00	
Receipts from State Agriculture Fund about	500 00	
Receipts from High School Apportionment	182 00	
Total cash received	$3,052 00	$ 3,025 00
Total amount of taxes paid for High School purposes		$ 5,514 83
Deduct from the above amount taxes paid by people who have moved to town to educate their children—14 families have moved to Red Cloud to school their children and bought property. 5 families have moved to Red Cloud to school their children and rent property.		
19 families paid taxes last year amounting to		$ 441 65
Net amount of taxes raised by our own people for the support of our High School		$ 5,073 18

Indirect Financial Returns to the Community From Our High School

19 familes have moved to Red Cloud to educate their children. These families will spend annually $700	$13,300 00
26 families whose children attend our school live outside of our trade territory. They make weekly trips to Red Cloud to get their children spending on an average of $5 per week with our merchants	4,680 00
43 students board in town spending annually	3,550 00
8 High School teachers, janitor and extra labor was paid $5635 00, 80 per cent of which was spent here	4,508 00
Total amount spent with our merchants and citizens	$26,038 00

Assuming that business is done on a margin of 20 per cent profit, $5,207 60 has again returned to the pockets of our taxpayers.

Please note this fact as taken from the records that for the support of our High School you have paid $5,073 18

The High School thru its non-resident patrons has returned to you $5,207 60.

IS THE HIGH SCHOOL A REVENUE PRODUCER FOR RED CLOUD?

Conservatively figured, it has paid into the pockets of our citizens a profit of $134 42 and educated your own children gratuitously.

R. D. MORITZ, Superintendent.

Lecture Course

OPERA HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

LONG UPHOLDS IDEALS OF LYCEUM

SYLVESTER A. LONG.

FEW lecturers on the American platform surpass in popular appeal Sylvester A. Long of Dayton, O., whose lecture on the local Lyceum Course is announced as an early event. For ten years Long has been an established success. Finely equipped by training and experience, he has won his way to a foremost position among the lecturers whose work is maintaining the high ideals of Beecher, Couch and other platform giants of bygone years.

His lectures bring real gifts to the community, uplifting and stimulating to high endeavor all that is best in his hearers. Every home is richer when the audience goes home from hearing him. His first lectures won fame as "entertainment lectures," but his later work has been marked by a serious effort to interpret the new movements in American life, and, while still entertaining, they have marked him as a thinker along advanced lines, whose soul is on fire with a message of hope, and who translates into understandable terms the meaning of the social heart beat of his country. "The Challenge of the Hour" is his newest and most popular message.