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Spring must be here. The woodpeckers are hammering the courthouse again.

The weather man has joined the Annals club. He said the weather during the inauguration would be ideal.

The Rock Island system contemplates no extension in this direction in the near future. Well, we can whistle.

"By Education most have been misled."—Dryden.

He must have had in mind our system of public instruction. We believe that the time will soon be here when the state university and the state department will cease to furnish the course of study for our common schools. Their object is plain, they must have students. But we wish to say again that our schools should educate for usefulness and for service and we believe that this can be by giving practical studies a prominent place in the course of study. Most business men feel the lack of a thoro knowledge of commercial arithmetic, book-keeping, typewriting and the like and they have a right to demand that these branches be taught intensively in our public schools.

The optimist the doughnut sees, the pessimist the hole. We cannot understand why it is that some inhabitants continually look upon the dark side of everything which pertains to our city. Not a single civic enterprise but receives condemnation and disapproval and what is worse the cry of graft is injected into every undertaking. Bad motives are ascribed to every one except themselves. This city may be no better but it certainly is no worse than other cities of its class and yet the sole occupation of a few is to condemn and knock. Statements are made which have no foundation whatever and these damage the city in the estimation of outsiders. It is a safe rule to follow that if you cannot say anything good or do anything good, keep still. We want boosters not knockers.

On Tuesday evening the Commercial club treated themselves to a banquet and a general good time. Almost every member was present. The affair was a success in every particular as Frank Cowden and Dave Kaley were the committee on entertainment. The club starts out the new year with renewed energy and enthusiasm. This organization ought to receive the hearty support of the entire city for it is laboring unceasingly for the cities welfare and much of our progress and prosperity is due to the club's activity. Much can be accomplished thru organization and harmony. It is absolutely essential for the business interests that a perfect understanding should exist among the merchants and when all more in harmony and unity much can be accomplished. The Chief looks forward to the coming year with confidence so far as the Commercial club is concerned because it is alive to the best interests of the city and community.

One of the great problems confronting the new President is how to control the trusts. By trusts we mean what Mr. Bryan calls "bad" trusts. Perhaps the concern most menacing to the people of this locality is the harvester combine. One company owns all the makes and they name the selling price. By this means they are able to take for themselves the profit which rightfully belongs to the local dealer. We are informed that the local dealer gets next to nothing for handling the trusts goods but he is compelled to handle them for the people demand them. Another feature of the situation is that the machines are inferior to the makes when there was keen competition. The people can settle this question satisfactorily if they will. Just refuse to buy trust made articles for one year. If the customer will not buy the trusts are helpless. This was shown when the products of the Beef trust was left on the blocks. Again the tobacco trust has not kept up with the independent concerns in their proportion of business notwithstanding the fact that they sold cheaper and offered prizes and spent enormous amounts in advertising.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Red Cloud Creamery Association will be held at the Court House Saturday, March 29th, 1909, for the election of officers and to transact such other business as may be necessary. By order of James E. Buckles, President.

LINCOLN LETTER

Lincoln, Neb., March 9.—(Special Correspondence.)—The time limit for the introduction of bills is past, and the legislature is now deep in the work of passing, amending or killing proposed legislation. Naturally enough a majority of the bills in both branches are amendatory. It is necessary, because of changing conditions, to amend numerous statutes at every session. Every day sees a batch of bills going from the house to the senate, and vice versa.

The house has passed house rolls 214 and 215, thus taking a long step towards redeeming one of the platform pledges. These two bills provide for the election of precinct assessors. Neither had any opposition.

Of the thirty sessions of the legislature held prior to the present one, nine-tenths were republican. But it remained for a democratic legislature to so far show respect for the memory of Abraham Lincoln as to provide the money for the erection of a statue to the martyred president on the capital grounds of the city bearing his name. Last week the house joined in the amendment increasing the proposed appropriation from \$15,000 to \$20,000 and the bill will become a law.

A lot of misrepresentation is being made of the physical valuation bill because it does not include the stock yards and the street railways. There is no intention of allowing either of them to escape, but the work of making this valuation will be immense, and the cost will be enormous. Not all of it can be accomplished within the next two years. Just as soon as the steam railroads are valued, attention will be given to other corporations, and in due time every public service corporation of whatsoever nature will be included. But the men who are foremost in bringing about physical valuation are pretty generally agreed that it would be unwise to undertake too much at one time.

The woman's suffrage bill has passed the house. This was a house bill, but as a similar senate bill was killed by the gentlemen sitting in the west chamber, it is not thought at all likely that the house bill will be through.

The bank guarantee bill occupied the attention of the house for the greater part of two days last week. The republicans filibustered and proposed amendment after amendment in an effort to discredit the bill, but without avail. The democrats were pledged by their platform to give the depositors a guarantee, and they stood by their pledges. Thiessen, republican, voted for the committee bill, explaining his vote by saying that he had pledged himself to support a guarantee bill, and he supported this one because it was the only one that stood any show of passing. Thiessen's explanation was greeted with applause from the democratic members.

Democratic interest in education has been shown by the passage in the house of the bill appropriating \$50,000 for a new wing to the Kearney Normal school and \$35,000 for a new Normal school at Ainsworth.

A bill that will interest shippers was passed by the senate last week. It provides that wherever railroads cross at a grade; or wherever they approach within 500 feet in any city or town, they shall maintain track connection, and provide suitable passenger platforms.

Another bill looking towards purity in elections and providing for publicity has passed the senate. It provides that all chairmen or treasurers of political committees receiving monies for campaign purposes shall make a statement of the money received fifteen days before election, and state specifically how the money has been expended. Every contribution of \$50 or over must be reported.

The senate has also passed a bill providing that real property shall be assessed every two years, instead of every four years as now.

It was stated in last week's letter that Governor Shallenberger would attend the inaugural ceremonies at Washington on March 4. After the letter had been sent out the governor changed his plans, realizing that he could not at this time leave his duties as chief executive.

The Lincoln charter bill has passed the senate. This provides the commission system of municipal government for the Capital City. The Omaha charter bill is having difficult sledding in the house, although it passed the senate.

The indications are that the gathering of the democratic clans in Lincoln on March 19 will be the largest in the party's history. The occasion will be a celebration of Bryan's birthday and a democratic love feast having for its object the planning of the future. On the same date the Democratic Editorial Association will meet. In the evening a banquet will be served at the Auditorium, and distinguished speakers from home and abroad will address the banqueters. Among them will be Mr. Bryan, who will also address the editors in the afternoon.

Deputy Commissioner of Labor Maupin wants the farmers of Nebraska to know that if they are in need of farm help he is in a position to put them in communication with men who

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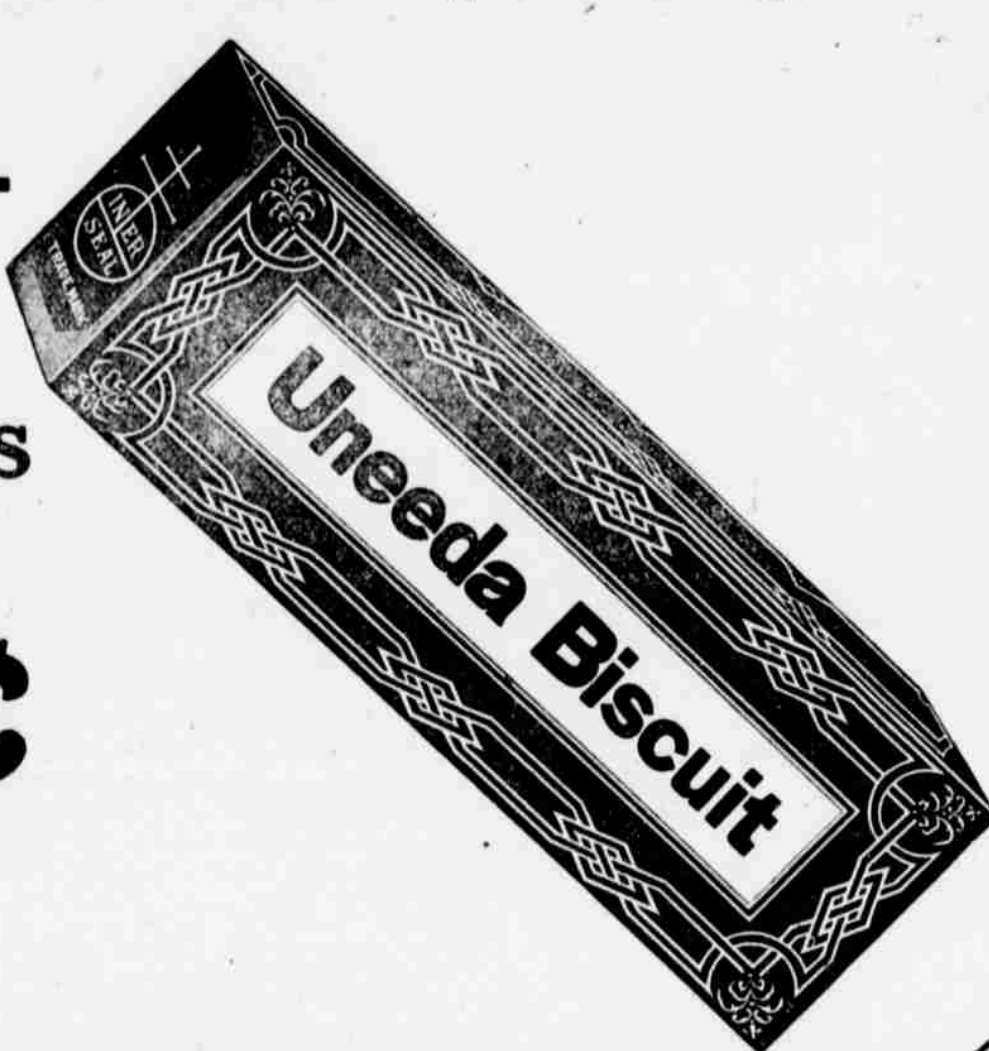
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are in need of the jobs. A letter enclosing a stamp for reply will bring to any inquiring farmer a list of names of men who are anxious to secure farm work.

The anti-treating bill was killed in the house last week. By some it is claimed that this is a prophecy of what will be done to the county option bills as fast as they come up.

The balmy weather of the last few days has had the effect of making the farmer members anxious to rush the work through so they can get home and begin the spring plowing. As a result the legislature is pushing things with rapidity.

The number of bills this year is practically the same as the number introduced two years ago. The present house beat the record of two years ago by about a dozen bills, but the senate fell behind the 1907 record about the same number.

SOD MILLET MAKES PROFIT

First Crop on 80 Acres Brings \$1,650 in Castro County Near Spring Lake.

O. B. Axtell of Spring Lake neighborhood, and whose farm is near the line in Castro county, was in Dimmitt Monday to market his millet which brought \$1.50 a bushel. Off of 80 acres he thrashed 1100 bushels that netted at market \$1650.

This was on sod land and the land cost \$15 per acre; breaking of land \$2 per acre, cutting \$1 per acre, and a whole cost of about \$1,528 on the 80 acres.

After paying for the land and all costs of planting, harvesting, thrashing, etc, he cleared \$122 and the straw, which is not figured with the above will bring \$8 a ton on the ground.

This is one of the many hundred of proofs that the first crop will pay for land and all expenses besides making a good profit on first sod crop.—F. O. Plattsman, Dimmitt, Castro county, Texas.

This land is ten miles north of where Geo. Hutchison and Dr. Thomas bought in the Panhandle of Sellers & Holmes, for \$15 per acre.

NEW SPRING MERCHANDISE AT- TRACTIVELY PRICED.

We are constantly increasing our new spring goods until now we have as pretty and well selected a stock of Goods, Silks, Embroideries, Laces and Notions in town. It will pay you to look our stock over before buying as we can surely save you money. Below we quote a few prices.

SILKS

From remarks made by patrons who have already seen our new Silks, we can candidly state that we have as pretty a line of new Silks as shown anywhere.

China Silk 57 inches wide at 50c
Plain and fancy Satin finished Messalines, 27 inches wide at \$1 and \$1.25
Plain and fancy Taffets, 27 inches wide at \$1
Black Taffets, 36 inches wide at \$1
Suesine Silks at 49½¢ a yard.

SANITARY HAIR ROLLS

For the new style hair dress have rolls in all shades and shapes at 35c and 50c

COMBS AND BARRETT'S

Back Combs at 25c, 50c, 60c, up to \$4
In Barretts have the small ones for 25c, 50c
And the extra large ones at 25c, 50c, 75c

Ready made Dresses for girls from 2 to 14 years at 25c, 50c, \$1, \$1.50.

Agents for Butterick Patterns.

At F. NEWHOUSE'S

INTERESTING ITEMS IN PER- CALES, GINGHAMS, NADRAS

Have just received a new shipment of handsome designs and colors in plain side bands at 10 and 12½¢

GINGHAMS

Have all the newest things in checks, plaids, stripes, and plain at 10c, 12½¢, 15, 18c, 25c



Infants Foot- Wear

Knit Booties at 13c, 25c, 35c
Kid Moccasons at 25c
Kid soft soled Shoes with the dainty colored tops at 30c