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THE ONLY DEMOCRATIC PAPER IN WEBSTER COUNTY

We are compelled to back away from our position on the water question in regard to a deep well, but we do so gracefully and unblushingly. We advocated a deep well because we have seen many localities where a sufficient water supply had been secured by sinking a deep well and knew of no reason why the same method would not do for Red Cloud. However when a man comes along who knows his business and shows us why our theory is wrong we bow to his superior knowledge and acknowledge that while it was a matter of guesses we were as competent as any but when it came to a question of science we were utterly helpless as were the balance of the guessers.

We notice by the record that in the final settlement of the estate, Dan Garber has bought out the interests of the balance of the heirs and now is sole owner of the Old Joseph Garber homestead, just north of town. This is without exception one of the finest farms in Webster County, or perhaps in the Republican Valley. The location is exceptionally desirable, the soil is deep and fertile and the timber and water make it a very excellent grain and stock farm. Dan has been solicited to plat the s. e. 20 in five acre out lots and has about concluded to do so. Just a half mile from the city limits, this is a very convenient and desirable location for residence property. Having all the privileges of our high school and in due course of time would probably have the convenience of electric lights.

## Dr. Condra Speaks on the Water Question

In response to the invitation of our citizens Dr. Condra visited our city last Thursday. In company with J. S. Gilham, Mayor Potter, Councilman Bailey and Water Commissioner Burgess, he visited our pumping station and examined our water supply from the wells to the Maurer springs. After his examination of the ground he met many of our people in the Commercial club rooms. He prepared a few drawings illustrating the geological formation of the Republican valley and more especially at this place. His address was in reality a lecture in which he invited questions and discussion.

He began by stating that he would show that there are three classes of wells in this section of the country and would show why there are these three classes. In order to understand the condition of the water supply it was necessary to know something of the geological formation of the Republican valley.

The rock which holds the water commonly called shale is known as Niobria chalk, this material was worn away when the Republican River was formed and the bottom land along the

valley is made ground or Alluvium. Wells in this ground are shallow and not of good quality. Further up on the bluffs are found poor or dry wells not because there is a small supply of water but because the water will not move fast enough thru rock to be of much use and also the water is poor in quality because being mixed with the oil and other matter found in the rocks.

Back upon the table land on top of this Niobria chalk is upland sand and gravel, next Alluvium and on top of this Loess. All the water in this section is derived from the rain fall. In the table land this rain water percolates thru the Loess into the sand and gravel and rests upon the chalk rock thru which it cannot go. A well put down in this land produces an inexhaustible supply of water of the very best quality. The Maurer springs are simply an out let for this table land water.

Since the water at the pump house is the same water as the water at the springs and since the water shed along the way was comparatively clean, Dr. Condra recommended a system of filtration as best adapted for our purposes all things considered. He stated emphatically that there was little danger to be feared from dead hogs or cattle but to beware of the dangers lurking in water into which there was the possibility of contamination from any excrement from the human body. Any well in the vicinity of a privy vault or cess pool is exceedingly dangerous.

He informed his hearers that he had an abundance of pure water right at our back door as it were and said we were to be congratulated upon our good fortune. He promised to send a working detail for the guidance of the council so that they could make no mistake in following out his recommendations.

Some one asked him about the possibility of a deep well and he replied that such an idea was entirely out of the question. It would be possible to strike an artesian flow about 700 feet down but the water would be of a very poor quality and useless for drinking purposes. He then explained the formation of the earth for a mile or so deep and showed that below the 700 foot level where the Dakota sand stone bed lay, there was no water of any description worthy of the name. That disposed of that phase of the matter.

The real effect of the Doctor's visit was to clarify the atmosphere surrounding this water problem. Had he been summoned here many years ago it would have saved the city many dollars in money and many hours of anxious worry.

The people were universally satisfied with him and to a man acknowledged him to be fully competent to pass judgement upon our conditions here or any other locality in Nebraska.

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Thursday, May 5th, 1910

### PROGRAM

APRIL 15th, 1910.

Open meeting for the benefit of the High School Athletic Association.

1. SELECTION - Orchestra.
2. PAPER - Lois Simmons, Guy Harwood, Margaret Beal, Will Boren and Chester Dickey.
3. VOCAL DUET - Pearl Smith and Lois Simmons.
4. READING - Maude Barlow.
5. VOCAL SOLO - Grace Sherer.
6. INSTRUMENTAL DUET - Mildred Fulton and Phoebe Geer.
7. DIALOGUE - Emma Peterson, Florence Gilmore, Iva Rutledge, Elenor Gilham, Will Brunner, Will Storey, Ray Saundens and Will Gilham.
8. ORATION - Neta Argabright.
9. GUITAR SOLO - Grace Leonard.
10. INSTRUMENTAL SOLO - Mable Smith.
11. SONG - Athletic Club.
12. DEBATE  
Resolved that free trade is inimical to the best interests of our country.  
AFFIRMATIVE - Miss Davis, Vincent Johnston and Margaret Beal.  
NEGATIVE - Mrs. Castor, Harold Green and Ruth Dew.
13. SONG - Base-ball Club.
14. ORCHESTRA - Gertrude Blackledge, Ruth Dow, Howard Fox and Roy Robinson.

Washington School, Friday Evening, April 15th. At 8 o'clock. ADMISSION 15 CENTS.

### Real Estate Transfers

for the week ending Mar. 30, as furnished by the Fort Abstract Company, Red Cloud, Nebr.

Jacob Goll to Katie Siebrass wd lots 1, 2 and 3 blk 7 Rohrer's add to Blue Hill.....	325
E L McLaughlin to Lydia E McLaughlin wd pt nw sw 8-4-11..	500
Almon W Cox to Elmer L Garner wd lot 9 blk 1 Cox's add to Bladen.....	160
George H. Wesp to J F Duckworth wd pt ne 11-1-11.....	3000
Henry Arends to Chris F Rose wd lot 9 blk 8 Rosemont.....	75
State of Nebraska to Wm Irons deed e4 nw 36-2-12.....	560
State of Nebraska to Wm Irons deed sw and nw se and pt ne 36-2-12.....	2513
Joseph Geneux to Frank A Waufler wd se 16-4-12.....	7000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14133</b>
Mortgages filed \$13354	
Mortgages released \$1409	

### LINCOLN LETTER

LINCOLN, NEBR., April 12.—(Special Correspondence.)—Ten years ago at this time the political pot would have been boiling, and the machines would have been working over-time. Now here it is the first of April and politics are making scarcely a ripple on the surface. Ten years ago there would have been a dozen avowed candidates in every party for each state office. Today the candidacies are practically limited to the gubernatorial candidates are in the field. Governor Shallenberger is a candidate for re election, and in addition to a record surpassed by no other governor has the unwritten law of a second term for a faithful and efficient official behind him. Mayor Dahlman of Omaha has announced his candidacy. This closes the field in the democratic ranks so far as any one knows.

The republicans are all at sea. Sheldon is talked of in some quarters. Aldrich is talked of in other quarters. Miles has a following but he shows symptoms of shyness.

Cowles, land commissioner, Bishop, superintendent, and Barton, auditor, will naturally be re-nominated by the republicans, but there is a dearth of men willing to take the once cock-sure nominations for treasurer, attorney general, and secretary of state.

Charley Pool, speaker of the last legislature, is an avowed candidate for the democratic nomination for secretary of state. But this seems to be about the limit of present knowledge on matters candidatorial.

Considerable interest is manifested in Mr. Bryan's return from South America. He is expected about May 1st, and there are those who are anxious to have him say something that will clear up the senatorial situation. Until he does a lot of democratic and independent voters will be "all at sea."

That Peru Normal trouble is not yet settled. It is reported that Secretary Ludden blames Prof. Crabtree for the introduction of the bill creating the board afterwards declared unconstitutional, and that the ministerial politician is getting revenge. The fact of the matter is that Crabtree had nothing to do with the drafting of the bill, nor was he consulted. The bill was drafted by three prominent educators of the state, two of them republicans and one of them a democrat. They were more interested in the cause of education than they were of party. In this they seem to differ very much from the ministerial-politician, whose acts are such as to show him up to be vastly more interested in g. o. p. success than he is in the cause of education.

The Bureau of Labor and Industrial Statistics has been pursuing some original investigation as to the "cost of living." One of the interesting features brought out is that rents cost the average wage earner in the cities just one-fifth of his total income. Another is that increases in wages have fallen far behind the increase in the cost of living. The full percentages have not yet been worked out, but the difference is startling.

April 1st, marked the opening of the fishing season, except for bass. This limits the fishermen to "bull-heads" until June 1, except they may catch trout not less than eight inches long. The early spring has made the "bullhead" fishing good, and reports reach Game Commissioner Geilus of some good catches of croppie in the bayous along the Missouri river.

Senator Burkett's machine is working night and day, its managers being somewhat fearful of one George W. Norris, to say nothing of the fears entertained of one Charles O. Whedon. The Burkett machine gives every evidence of being about one of the most perfect pieces of mechanism ever devised in Nebraska. It skilled one little cog, however, when Postmaster Sizor attempted to use the postmaster delegates to the "Laymen's Missionary Meeting" as an adjunct thereto. When it comes to wily manipulation of political wheels Edward R. Sizor is there with the goods.



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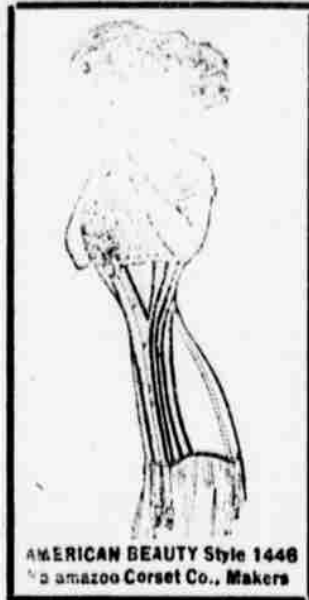
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