

We never fully realized the great beauty of trees until we saw them the other day in full relief with our country court house for a back ground. Before these trees were trimmed the court house was practically invisible but now the contrast is appalling. The trees are beautiful.

Everyone is pleased with the new road east leading to Crooked Creek. It has been fixed and fixed right and anyone can now get into town without going around Robinhood's barn. All the newly painted buggies and highly polished autos can now come and go as often as they please.

All loyal Democrats should make an effort to attend the banquet and preparation meeting at Columbus on the 27. All the big wheel horses will be there and a permanent organization will be made. All parties and isms are disappointed with the showing the Republicans are making and the opportunity is here to help in righting things. The great obstacle to overcome is indifference but surely there is enough this year to rouse the most sleepy. The people are with us but little can be done without concerted action. Remember the date and attend.

Governor Shallenberger in his address at Central City the other day showed that he possesses the qualifications necessary for holding high official position. This address was in reality his platform declaration and it contains much that meets with our approval. Among other things he said: "It is only necessary that we stand firmly for the essentials of good government and do not allow ourselves to be swayed from the basis principles upon which our party rests." But more than all I want to see an amendment submitted giving the right of initiative and referendum, or direct legislation, to the people of Nebraska. I am in favor of this great principle of free government because it gives additional power and protection to the people and democracy always trusts the judgement of the majority. I am in favor of it because it is democratic in principle and carries with it the solution of questions upon which the democratic party is divided. I am opposed to capital removal, county option, prohibition or woman's suffrage going into the democratic platform because all of these questions ought to be finally settled by a majority of all the voters of the state and this will only be possible when the initiative and referendum shall give to the people the right to pass judgment upon them at the ballot box.

This position will, we believe, appeal to thinking men everywhere as sound and opportune. The same principle is involved in dealing with the liquor question for the state as for the city and we have always contended that this question should be settled by itself and not in relation to other interests. With the initiative and referendum the people of this state can take up the liquor question and settle it without jeopardizing other important issues. Like city elections it will transfer the fight from the candidates to the question itself and can be settled on its own merits. The majority should rule and this will give the people an opportunity of registering their judgment unbiased by any other consideration.

Continuing the Governor said: "As democrats we should stand today where our party has always stood and where it will always stand for equal rights to all and special privileges to none; for law and order and good government; for economy retrenchment and reform; no oppressive laws; for the home and for the school; for civil and religious liberties; for the sanctity of the ballot box; for a fair wage for an honest day's work; for the man above the dollar; for safer and better banking laws; the elimination of partisanship from our courts and from our schools; for a graduated income tax; for an equitable system of taxation so distributed that the rich as well as the poor shall pay their share of the burdens of government; for a fair and just revision of the tariff downward; for the election of senators by the direct vote of the people; for the right of the people to reserve to themselves thru the initiative and referendum the power to determine the final solution of all matters of moment essential to the public welfare."

Widow's Pension.
 The recent act of April 19th, 1908 gives to all soldiers' widows a pension of \$12 per month. Fred Maurer, the attorney, has all necessary blanks.

To All Nebraska Democrats:
 By order of the democratic state committee, and under its auspices, a statewide meeting of the Nebraska democracy has been called for Columbus, on June 27th, at 6:30 p. m., at which hour a banquet will be served. A dozen democratic orators will be heard at the banquet.

The purpose of that meeting is to organize a Nebraska Democratic club. On that club, perhaps more than any other agent, the party will have to depend for victory in this fall's election. The club is expected to be made a state organization, reaching into every county, town and precinct.

The Nebraska Democratic club is to be no temporary campaign expedient, but a permanent Nebraska organization. Its importance, however, in this year's campaign is obvious. Less than five months will intervene between this date and election. Within those five months our local and state conventions must be held, our platforms agreed on, and adopted, our candidates nominated, and the campaign organized and perfected. Every day will count. Every Democrat's help will be needed, and the club will furnish the thousands of handles of which democratic hands may take hold. That is why we are organizing it.

I want to urge every democrat who can possibly do so to attend this meeting at Columbus. It will be the most important meeting of the year, excepting only the state convention. It will perfect and launch a state democratic club, decide on its plans and policies, choose its officers, and start it to work. If this duty is wisely attended to; if the meeting is sufficiently representative in character, we will begin there a work that is indispensable, and that spells victory in November. If, on the other hand, the meeting is slighted and neglected, it means the delaying of our state campaign for at least another month; when days are precious.

The democratic party management has nowhere to go but to the people for the brains, the energy, the bone and muscle, the money and the devotion which are all necessary to carry on a successful campaign. We therefore come to you now. We ask you to come to Columbus on June 27th, and help us start this fight. J. C. BYRNES, Chairman.

Dated at Columbus, Nebraska, June 13th, 1910.

P. S.—Governor Shallenberger, Mayor Dahlman, W. B. Price, Richard L. Metcalfe, W. H. Thompson, R. D. Sutherland, Judge Dean, W. J. Taylor (of Custer), Willis E. Reed, Dr. P. L. Hall and many other well loved democrats have promised to be present and assist in the organization of the club.

E. B. Knight Heard From.
 WILLOWBROOK, CAL., June 14, 1910.
 DEAR CHIEF:—Southern California is booming. More people came from the east and north to settle in Los Angeles and vicinity this year than ever in one year before. New buildings are going up everywhere. Crops are fine and fruit is plenty.

Memorial day was celebrated in the city and surrounding towns here loyally. Long Beach especially has beautiful service for that day. Delegations from the Relief Corps and the G. A. R. carrying baskets of flowers march out to the end of the long pier where a boat is waiting which takes them out on the ocean a half mile or more, where they strew the flowers in memory of the "Sailor dead," then they come back to land and automobiles are ready to whirl them away to the different cemeteries where sleep the "Soldier dead" and their graves are covered with flowers.

I was glad to find in the columns of the "Chief" an account of Red Cloud's old soldiers being favored with automobile rides to the cemetery. They have taken that long march many years and I hope in future years that kindness will be continued to them. The old soldiers are honored here and there are a great many of them in this country. They live longer in this mild climate.

My daughter, Mrs. Turkington of Alma, Nebr., came out here in April, accompanied by her youngest daughter. They fell in love with the country as soon as they got through the mountains and saw the roses and lilies in bloom.

We took them to Long Beach as soon as possible after they arrived for they were anxious to see the ocean and they were as much impressed with its grandeur as people generally are at the first sight. Next they went to the city to visit some of the parks. Los Angeles is famous for its beautiful parks, containing many tropical trees and plants which cannot be grown in more northern countries.

One day last week we went to Redondo Beach to attend a picnic of the "Nebraska Society of Southern California." I met there a Mr. Clay of Pasadena, formerly a Sheriff of Lancaster County, Nebraska. In comparing notes about Nebraska we found we had "mutual friends" in Red Cloud. George Warren is one of them to whom he sends his "kindest regards." He said he liked Nebraska when he lived there and still has warm friends there but on account of climate does not want to go back there to live.

Of course at those gatherings we all talk Nebraska, what good times we have had there and what good friends we have there now, but all say the same thing, "I do not want to go back there to live."

I was surprised also to find a sister of Mr. Fort of Red Cloud, a Mrs. Hunter who lives in Los Angeles. We enjoyed a visit together.

Apricots are just now ripening fast, and there is a rush to prepare them for market, so people rich and poor, old and young, are going out to the orchards in the surrounding country to help in the business of cutting and pitting them for drying and canning. The work is remunerative for a few weeks as it has to be done swiftly; therefore many who go, do not stay long.

We are having beautiful weather now, but Miss June brings such weather most every where but we have had the same kind ever since the first of April. E. B. KNIGHT

Day Current Assured.

The city council by unanimous vote has decided to install a day electric current and give us continuous service. For some time it has been evident that such a service would pay but owing to the lack of funds deflinate action was deferred until yesterday. The city finances are now in good condition and the necessary funds are available to give us this much needed service. Instead of being an expense the day current will undoubtedly net a neat sum as there are many establishments which are ready to put in motors and do away with the troubles of gas engines. Red Cloud is rapidly taking on the conveniences of modern invention. Slowly but surely this city is growing and the development has been very pronounced the last four years. The new service will be installed the first of the month. Another evidence of the growth of Red Cloud.

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