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THE ONLY DEMOCRATIC PAPER IN WEBSTER COUNTY

The so called revolution in Mexico proved to be more noise than anything else. Perhaps they did not want to stir those Texas cowboys too much.

Over in Franklin county the Bloomingtonites want a new court house and the question was submitted the other day at the general election. The Franklinites bot up all the hammers in the county and went after the proposition. The county records will continue to mould and rot. The same condition of affairs exists in Webster county.—Guide Rock Signal.

Because the Democratic party has gained control of the government it is receiving all kinds of advice, some good some bad. There is, however, one thing to be remembered and that is corruption like measles is catching. The same interests which have so fully controlled legislation by controlling Joe Cannon and others are not now going to march in a body to the pest-house there to be cured and fumugated before again mixing with their fellow men. On the contrary they will continue to exert, what the Tamora Lyre calls their measly influence and they will not hesitate to tempt democrats as insidiously as they have the republicans. Our Democratic friends must be on their guard and not enter into any entangling alliances with the money powers. An excellent opportunity is given and by remaining faithful to the trust our party will gain a glorious victory two years from now.

Now that the government has captured a set of "get-rich-quick" men and has demonstrated that the same set succeeded in separating the good people of this country from $100,000.00 of their hard earned money, it might be well for us all to resolve not to bite again. We venture to say that no newspaper man was caught because that fraternity has given up long ago all dreams of acquiring unlimited wealth by the investment route. A year's subscription might be spared occasionally but real money never. It seems inconceivable that this government would allow the mails to be used for so long a time before action was taken but the mills of the gods grind slowly. Every once in a while we receive thru the mail glowing accounts of rubber plantations, gold mines, etc. and always the offer is extended to let the dear people in on the ground floor for a trifling sum and the statementis alluringly made that this small sum will make the investor independent for life. If it is a seven day's wonder that the government would permit of such outlawry it is equally surprising that such a concern could find suckers enough to make their schemes successful. Those who know say that if one has a little money which ought to be at work the only safe way is to look before you leap. Make a thoro investigation before you set and trust the small income which is safe.

The moving picture business has a great responsibility. While it seeks to entertain the public it must not forget that it yields an influence of no mean proportions. These performances are visited by a large number of children and pictures have a fascinat ,ng way of appealing to children. If the pictures are vicious the effect on the children will be harmful. A short time ago there was a wild protest all over the country against picturing a certain prize fight on the ground that it was demoralizing but pictures of stabbing, killing, murdering and lewdness are permitted to be shown without a word of protest In the cities some of these shows openly ask for patronage on the grounds that their pictures are only a little beyond the reach of the law. On the other hand there are plenty of pictures which instill patriotism, teach honor and self-respect, instruct, delight and entertain. The good ones are to be commended, the bad ones ought to be abolished. Wnether the influence of the moving picture show is good or bad depends upon the picture.

Now that the state legislatures are about to convene it would be well for the reformers to look into the many gambling devices that are being used to cultivate the gambling spirit in the young. It is useless to denounce gambling at cards, at the wheel of fortune, and thru the lottery so long as slot machines and other games of chance are allowed to run openly. Gambling is one of the most fascinating of the vices and one of the most demoralizing. It is harder to reform a confirmed gambler than a confirmed drunkard, for while drink diseases the whole body, gambling robs the moral fibre of the man. It is not a matter of degree; the principle itself is wrong. It is destructive of morals to try to get something for nothing. Not only is the principle vicious, but it cultivates extravagance in the successful and crime in the unsuccessful. That which is won by chance is soon spent while embezzlement often follows gambling losses. Laws should be passed in every state prohibiting all games of chance and all schemes by which sales, compensation or words shall depend on chance, whether it be by throwing dice, the turn of a wheel or any other device. Save the young from the snares of the gambler.—Commoner.

We received a neatly printed pamphlet this week from "The Nebraska Capital Removal Association" and after a careful reading of this booklet we are convinced that the authors at least take themselves seriously. It takes all kinds of people to make up the citizens of the world and judging from the multiplicity of ideas advanced each member of this universe is at present engaged in developing a pet scheme or hobby. The authors of this booklet make a great deal of capital out of the showing which they make in regard as to how the capital happened to be located at Lincoln and further that the state at that time was practically undeveloped. All this is undoubtedly true. In delving into history they neglected to go back to Nosh's time. They should have informed us what the Missouri river was doing at the time of the flood. They should have also informed us what attitude Ceasar took relative to the exact spot which generations yet unborn were destined to select as the one best place to transact their state business

The authors of the booklet seem to imagine that because the capital is located at Lincoln that city is being built up at the expense of the remainder of the state and they want to pass the good thing around. Possibly in a few more years every hamlet in the state would be a thriving metropolis provided the capital was moved fast enough. They seem to think that the University would travel around with the capital and that in the near future we would have great houses of learning scattered all over this good state of ours and that traveling in Nebraska would be one great sight seeing excursion where one could study architecture at the meeting of every cross road. As a pipe dream this traveling people's college ought to appeal to the most vivid imagination.

The authors of the booklet advocate the plan of selecting some central spot where all the people of Nebraska would have the same distance to travel whenever they had business at the capital. As a matter of fact how many of our citizens have business to transact at the capital of this state? How many times a year are the farmers, the doctors, the business men compelled to go to the capital? How many times in your life, gentle reader, have you had occasion to leave your quiet home and travel to the great capital on state business? Most of the men who visit that place have their way paid by the state and the exact location of the state capital is of little concern. If they happen to be officials the longer the run the more milage, if they happen to be boarders they would go to the boarding house anyway. But the geographical center is somewhere near MARVIN and the authors should state frankly that they are working to have the capital located at Marvin where there is plenty of room to erect a new modern state building. Why leave the reader in doubt?

The reason we object to having the capital located at Marvin is that it is a little inaccessable. Unfortunately the railroads run east and west and very few of them run north and south so that if we were compelled to journey to Marvin on state business we would be compelled to hitch up the old grey mare and drive the greater part of the distance and by the time we returned we would possibly be unable to get out our Christmas edition on time.

The reason why Lincoln is well located for the capital is because the trains run toward that city and they can carry the mail there without delay or danger. If we must change the location of our capital by all means let it be fixed at Marvin.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

The population of the state of Nebraska is 1,192,214, according to statistics of the thirteenth census, taken this year. This is an increase of 125,914, or 11.8 per cent, over 1,066,300 in 1900.

The population of Webster County is 12,008.

The foot ball game between Franklin Academy and the Red Cloud High School team played here on Thanksgiving day resulted in a score of 6 to 0 in favor of Franklin. Our boys put up a fine game and had they not been outclassed in weight the result would easily have been in their favor. A large crowd came down from Franklin to root for their team.

Aikens & Barber of University Place have purchased the furniture and undertaking establishment of Albright Bros. and have taken possession. Albright Bros. have been engaged in this business for a number of years in this city and had built up a very substantial trade. The new firm thoroly understands the business and are competent and obliging. We extend to them the hand of welcome and trust that their association with us will be all that they can desire.

Notice

RED CLOUD, NEB., Nov. 29th, 1910.

A vacancy having occured in the office of the County Commissioner of the 4th District, by the resignation of James G. Overman Commissioner and the appointing officers: the County Judge, Treasurer and Clerk having met this day, the matter of appointing a successor to fill the vacancy was continued until December 9th 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m.

(Seal) E. W. ROSS, County Clerk.

The Chief $1.50