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FOR REPRESENTATIVE

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for representative from the 46th district of Nebraska, subject to the will of the Democratic and Peoples Independent voters at the primaries to be held April 19, 1912. GEORGE W. LINDSEY.

Here's the truth in a nutshell. In 1911 Nebraska produced agricultural products to the amount of $406,209,111, and live stock to the value of $203,013,355—a grand total of $609,222,466. And we challenge any other state to equal the record.

The Argus last week put out an excellent edition giving a full account of the successful farmer's institute held at Cowles. Very few people outside of the newspaper fraternity realize how much time and money is required to publish special editions of this character yet we venture to say that the reading public is pleased with the effort.

The friends of Hon. C. R. Besse are urging him to again make the race for the state senate. They feel that he made a creditable record and that the interests of Democracy would be safe in his hands. So far Mr. Besse has not stated his intention but he has a large following which would be pleased to have him be the standard bearer from this district.

The new one hundred and twenty-five horse power Westinghouse engine is installed in the power house and we now have two engines and two boilers and are fully equipped to furnish electricity to all comers. The new engine is a beauty and is declared to be mechanically correct in every detail. It certainly has the appearance of being able to carry any load and moves as easy as a watch. It requires but very little floor space yet it is so arranged that it develops the greatest efficiency with the least amount of parts.

We are pleased that our pupils in the high school made as good a showing as they did in spelling those sixty words given by the Professor. A few years ago we heard a good deal from educators about spelling and we are pleased to know that they have not relinquished their vigilence. These words selected are common ones but such is the peculiarity of our language they are most difficult to remember. If that egotistical Noah Webster had had his way years ago we might all be able to spell with ease but relief will not come in all probability until Gabriel blows his mighty trumpet.

In all our statistical reports of Nebraska we have confined ourselves to the principal crops. When we get down into the smaller crops we find ourselves in a maze of figures, for Nebraska produces so many things that it would keep a man busy to enumerate them. And when we mention the big things it fairly exhausts the magazine of the linotype to furnish the figures Take eggs alone. In 1911 Nebraska hens laid 268,531,014 dozen. That is three billion, two hundred twenty-two million, three hundred seventy-two thousand, one hundred sixty-eight eggs. That is 537,062,028 feet of eggs, laid end to end. That would mean a string of eggs more than one hundred thousand miles long! That would make an egg sidewalk twenty-five eggs wide reaching from Omaha to the Wyoming state line. Is it any wonder that a man is afraid to tell the whole truth about Nebraska?—Will Maupin's weekly.

In reading over our exchanges we notice that many editors are poking fun at the action of the Omaha Commercial Club for its efforts to get the farmers to test their seed corn. These editors seem to think that it is a rich joke because men wearing boiled shirts and reclining on easy chairs should let their imagination dwell upon things earthly. They also seem to think that it is all done to advertise Omaha and consequently should receive a slap. So far as we are concerned we are willing to admit for the sake of argument that the Omaha Commercial club is carrying on the movement with an idea of getting more trade for Omaha but if they can at the same time increase the profits of the farmer where is the harm? They are spending their time and money to simplify the findings of agricultural experts and are simply spreading the information. Omaha is a large wholesale center and naturally attracts trade from the state and if these wholesalers can show how to avoid failure they are doing the state a service and if their business is larger by reason of this free information who cares? There are a few simple minded people to be found in the state who will not believe anything that emanates from Omaha. Stand up for Nebraska.

One of our ministers stated from the pulpit Sunday morning that there were in the neighborhood of two thousand people in and around Red Cloud that never attended church and he asked the question why? We presume that no one could give all the reasons why such a condition should exist but may not some of the fault lie with the churches themselves? Efficiency is demanded today from every person and institution and the question naturally arises Has the church been efficient? Do the members of the various churches so live that they attract men and women in all walks of life? Do the ministers preach Christ or do they expound a worn out theology? Has the church thought more of its creed than it has of its Bible? These are pertenint questions and if the church can answer them satisfactorily the blame must rest with the non-church goers. It would not be fair in an article of this kind to refrain from asking another question. Have the non-church goers ever investigated the church. Have they intimated that they would enjoy any kind of religious service? Have they given the question any attention whatever? No one has a right to denounce any institution or people until he has made a thoro examination of the merits or demerits of that institution or that people. To say that anything is a humbug without being able to give satisfactory reason for such expression is to confess ignorance and smallness. Who will give their reasons in answer to the clergyman's question.

The cry "Test your Corn" is considered by many to be a hoax and cry about nothing. As something sent out by the newspapers to fill up space and draw attention to themselves but a careful examination of existing conditions show that the situation is really critical. One farmer informed us that his corn was absolutely useless for planting purposes. The germ life is dead and he says that it would be folly to use it for seed. He intends to use his last year's crop for seed the coming season. In view of this condition the action taken by our county superintendent, Gertrude L. Coon, asking that the teachers of the county organize their schools and get them to test all corn intended for seed is a most worthy one. It is the easiest and the most practical way to reach every farmer in the county and we trust that every teacher will feel that the public welfare demands their efforts in this direction. It needs no argument to convince anyone that good seed is the first requirement necessary for a good crop. Definate instructions are sent out so that anyone can find out whether or not his corn is fit for planting For some reason the season just past either killed the germ or else was not favorable for its development so that the greater portion of it is absolutely useless for seed. Let no one take it for granted that his corn is the exception but let every ear be subjected to a thoro examination. A little time spent now will pay big dividends at harvests time. Test your corn.

Real Estate Transfers.

Transfers for the week ending Wednesday February 13, 1912

Compiled by M. W. Carter & Son Bonded Abstractors.

Gilbert G. Denny and wife to Robert E. Greenhalgh, wd, e½ e½ sw¼ 33 3 9	2200
Henry Siebrass and wife to Fred Stumpenhorst, wd, lots 4, 5, Blk. 3, Blue Hill	90
E. Boyd Smith, et al, to Emma E. Jones, wd, part nw¼ 35-2-11	1
William Stricker et. al to Louis Wolfe, wd, se¼ 15-4 12	11000
William E. Wallace to C. V. Morey, wd, ½ interest in part ne¼ ne¼ 18-4 11	200
William Popp and wife to Gustav Mentel, wd, w½ sw¼ 6-3-10	5500
William A. Watkins and wife to John Mulder, qcd, sw¼ se¼ 18-4-9	1
Emma Poyer to Geo. G. Holt, qcd, lot 2, Blk. 9, Cowles	1
Charles F. Wallin and wife to Bertha J. and I. H. Holmes, wd, lots 10, 11, 12, Blk. 3, Red Cloud	3200
	$22193

Mortgages filed, $8275.
Mortgages released, $1750.

Other States Have Lots of Bad Seed Corn

OMAHA, NEB., Feb. 5th. Nebraska is not the only state in the middle west which has poor seed corn, according to reports which have come to the Publicity Bureau of the Commercial Club. Authorities of the South Dakota Experiment Station write that seed corn in that state is even worse than Nebraska's.

A. E. Samuel of St. Joseph, Mo., writes that he has tested corn in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas and after a thorough investigation, he states that the condition is general in the corn belt.

The seed corn specials, which are the outcome of the campaign started by the Publicity Bureau of the Commercial Club, are in good shape. Four will leave on the morning of February 26 over three different railroads and will visit 250 stations during the tour. Prof. C. W. Pugsley of the Extension Department of the State Farm has secured forty speakers to accompany the trains.

Spelling Contest

Prof. Beal of the State Agricultural College submitted the following list of 60 words to 112 high school and college students in the state of Kansas.

This same list of words was given by Prof. Moritz to our own high school students including the 8th grade, with the following results. Have some one pronounce this list to you and test yourself on spelling. Can you do better than our boys and girls in school? If so report the fact to this office.

The list—villain, beginning, stitches, cemetery, immediately, shining, excel, opportunity, source, attacked, safety, knowledge, disappoint, planning, really, lose, breathe, handkerchief, privilege, possession, messenger, disappear, coming, summit, ninety, scissors, linen, boundary, receive, temperance, lightning, business, proceed, cruelly, occasion, attache, vegetable, ceiling, persuade, imagination, together, finally, grateful, fulfiel, salary, separate, forty, especially, definition, professor, pleasant, solemn, disease, library, whether, sensible, keenly, preparation, manufacture, describe.

Tot'l No. of words sp'l'd	2020	1760	1660	1480	1320	8240	6720
Words misspelled	805	400	454	394	262	2315	1951
Percent made	60	76	73	74	80	73	71

The word misspelled the greatest number of times both here and in Kansas was "villain" we missed it 79 times and Kansas 93 times.

Use of Cocoanut.

Purchase the raw nut rather than the desiccated cocoanut. It is easily put through the food cutter, and, if the finest knife is used, it gives a more easily digested article for cakes or candies than the dried product. If more is ground than can be used, mix sugar with it and dry; it will keep indefinitely.—Good Housekeeping.