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It has come to our notice recently that James C. Dahlman of Omaha seems to be the leading candidate and choice of the people of that city for mayor of Omaha at the coming city election. Who is there that wouldn't like to see Mr. Dahlman, mayor of Omaha? Regardless of politics, the people who know him will be his loyal supporters and Jim needs no further recommendation than this fact.

### Norris Brown.

(Fremont Herald.)

On many occasions the Herald has been pleased to commend the efforts of Attorney General Brown in his legal fight against the tax-shirking railroads, and we have sometimes spoken about the strange conduct of this same Norris Brown in other directions. We have often called his attention to the shameful discrimination practiced by the railroads in the matter of freight rates on coal, and have pleaded with him to swing the club of the law against the heads of the discriminators. But it must be that Brown's hands are tied by railroad strings, otherwise he had long ago put a stop to the discrimination. Norris Brown lives in Kearney, and has lived there for many years. In that city he has always been regarded as a railroad apologist, although he has a good name as an anti-monopolist in other parts of the state. Why do the people of Kearney regard Brown as a railroad attorney? Why do they look upon him with suspicion whenever he poses as an anti-monopolist? For answer to these questions let us quote from the Kearney Democrat the following problem in coal rates:

Rates on coal per ton  
Rock Springs 613 miles—Kearney \$4.50  
Rock Springs 800 miles—Omaha \$2.25

We beg a careful study of the above problem. It proves beyond doubt that the people of Kearney have been shamefully discriminated against by the railroad companies. Norris Brown has been aware of the fact. Many times his attention has been called to the outrage. Many times the people of Kearney and other Nebraska towns have appealed to him to go into the courts and use his official position to make the railroads quit robbing the people. He has never raised a hand to correct the evil. Why has Brown failed to perform such an act of simple justice? It is a big question. The Herald cannot answer it. Perhaps the Lincoln Journal is authorized to make answer for Norris. Or, in case the Lincoln Journal should be too busy to give the matter attention, perhaps the Fremont Tribune would tell us why Norris winks at the robber coal rates.

### Bryan's Rising Star.

(Chicago Journal, Ind. Rep.)

We observe among our democratic contemporaries in all parts of the country a disposition to turn once more toward William Jennings Bryan as the yarty leader and as its nominee for president in 1908.

Undoubtedly Mr. Bryan must be reckoned with. He is a man of ability and he is growing all the

time. He ceased to interest the country for awhile because the country thought it had found his limitations. And when you have come up with a man's limitations, as Emerson says, it is all over with him. "Infinitely alluring and attractive as he was to you yesterday, a great hope, a sea to swim in; now you have found his shores, found it a pond and you care not if you never see it again." That was the country's attitude toward Bryan after his second defeat for the presidency.

But his conduct and actions since then show this was injustice. He has outgrown the limitations that used to be apparent. He has refused to be lead astray by the crazy socialists and anarchists who cry with a loud voice today that they are the only Simo-pure democrats. He has kept his balance and, if he is not a very wise man, he is certainly a much better man for president than some others who are after the democratic nomination.

Republicans must understand that next time they will face a real battle and will have a hard fight to win. Mr. Bryan is no colorless Parker, supported half-heartedly; no self-advertising millionaire, depending upon his money, but a foeman worthy of the best steel in the republican army.

### "Tots Win a Liquor Suit,"

(New Voice.)

Under this heading the Chicago Record-Herald of a recent date published in detail a remarkable verdict rendered in Judge Tutthill's court against several saloon-keepers charged with having made a drunkard. The facts, briefly stated, are these: The children of John Hedlund came under the purview of the Juvenile court about three years ago because of a drunken father and mother unable to support children too young to help themselves. A Christian attorney-at-law, M. Carl H. Ross, decided to invoke on behalf of the children a statute enacted in 1874. The act provides that any person whose means of support is injured in consequence of the intoxication of any person shall have action for damages against the one selling or giving the liquors.

When the case in question was brought before the court, the jury, consisting of wage earners, more than half of whom were apparently of foreign descent, promptly returned a verdict of "guilty" the damages being fixed at \$17,500. We heartily congratulate judge and jury upon this righteous verdict. Besides calling attention to the nefarious work of the saloon in transforming wage earners into drunkards and robbing families of their natural protectors. This decision touches the drunkard-maker at what is apparently his one vulnerable point—the pocket-book. We hope with the Record-Herald that the verdict established a precedent which will result in the institution of many similar cases.

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## Possibilities and Probabilities of Farm Life in Cherry County.

Farmers Who Make the Most of Their Opportunities Will be Successful.

BY E. M. PETTYCREW.

We publish the following article written by E. M. Pettycrew, son of J. E. Pettycrew of North Table, regarding the possibilities and probabilities of farm life in Cherry county if farmers and their sons became students of their profession and seek to make the most of their opportunities in farming. Read the article and imbibe new thoughts of the value of Cherry county soil when handled in an advantageous manner.

Out on the rolling prairies of Cherry county, built on a gentle southern slope, is a home whose size makes apparent the economy with which it had to be built, but whose attractive appearance that holds the attention of the passerby tells of the trained aesthetic loving eye that planned it. In front is a wide, spacious lawn, bordered on each side in a circular manner by ornamental shrubs, at whose feet are many kinds of beautiful flowers and foliage plants. To the north is an orchard covering two acres of ground, whose tidy and thrifty appearance speak for the intelligence with which it is looked after. To the south is a small garden patch. In the background, partially shaded from view by a group of box-elder trees, are the out-buildings. In these barns and pens are to be found the hogs, the sheep, the cattle and the horses which the farm supports. Each in their own way appearing to be conscious that their names and pedigree are to be found in the great herd books. Fartherest back are the poultry houses and yards, a few of them taking in the orchard, whose tidy well kept condition shows how well the owner realizes the value of his feathered friends.

The ear catches the sound of quick, sharp explosions that signify the presence of a gasoline engine which is placed in a shed adjoining the corner and granary where its power is so curbed and utilized that it runs the tools of a small blacksmith shop, a bone smasher which breaks up the bones which the farmer feeds his chickens, the corn sheller, the grinder, the grain elevator, the fanning mill, the dynamo which furnishes electric lights for the house, and lastly, it runs the pump that fills the big tank north of the orchard with water, from which it is carried by a system of water works to the house, barns and poultry yards; also from which it is let into a system of underground tiling, which irrigates the orchard, the lawn and the small garden patch.

Is this a dream impossible to the soil and climate of Cherry county? A scene so frequently met with in other parts of the country. Is it an air castle, which it would be a shame to instill into the minds of our young farmers and ranchmen? For after years of hard struggle it would have to be given up, a failure? I think not.

To create in the minds of our youths a high ideal of what the home on the farm should be, and instruct them in the knowledge of how it can be accomplished, is one of the objects of our State Agricultural school.

Plainly are they shown that such a home is not the growth of a moment, but a thing to be enjoyed after years of hard toil. But not the humdrum, monotonous labor that is allotted to the man whose only hopeful sign of reward are results of his past attempts, which he repeats with careful exactness, never daring to deviate from the way for fear of failure, when a very slight change in his manner of doing things might add much to his returns.

Into the youths, at the school of

agriculture is instilled, by instruction and practical experiments, scientific foresight, which will enable them to round off many a corner and cut across many a bend on his way to success, of the path which his mechanical brother will have to follow.

Furthermore, such foresight creates in the youth vim and eager delight to keep up a steady march on the road to success. This alone is worth many times the cost of the schooling.

One of the great problems that each of us should try to solve, is how to make every dollar we add to our financial worth add something to our joys instead of our cares of life.

You fathers and mothers who have ambitious sons and daughters that are leaving the ninth grade of our country schools, will find that no act of your past will add so much to your pride and self esteem in your old age, and to the love your children bear you, than the fact that you put your sons through the school of agriculture, and your daughters through the school of domestic science of our state university which will soon be made a part of the school of agriculture.

It will soon be spring. Why not so arrange your work this coming summer that your boys and girls who have reached the age of 18 years and have completed the ninth grade, unless they wish to go through high school first, may go to Lincoln this coming fall and take up these courses of study that will add so much to their future happiness and welfare, and make them content to spend their lives on the farm, where the environment which surround them are so much more pure and wholesome than those of city life.

King Christian of Denmark died suddenly Monday afternoon in his palace at Copenhagen. Prince Frederick, the oldest son, succeeds to the throne of Denmark at the age of 63 years. Five thrones are represented in this family. The late king's eldest daughter is Queen Alexandra of England; Prince William, the second son, was elected king of Greece under the title of George I, in 1863. Another daughter is the dowager empress of Russia, and a grandson was recently elected king of Norway, while still another daughter is wife of a claimant of the lost throne of Hanover.

The people have been put off from time to time with promises of reform, while bluster is made by our representatives in congress or the state legislature which result in more laws for corporations, a few more appropriations and little or nothing accomplished for the people. The republican party has been in absolute control of our government for ten years. The effect seems to be a lot of rascals in office, growing bold and drunk with successful manipulation, robbery, double dealing and treachery, they have disgusted the better element of their own party and brought disgrace that could not longer be countenanced. Recent investigations have revealed rascality, the like of which is unheard in any previous time. Life insurance frauds, railroad discriminations in freight rates and exorbitant charges are only a part of the wrongs to the people.

"I wish this court had the power to commit such men as you to a liquor cure institute."

So said Judge Frater this morning from the bench to David Barry, just after allowing Barry's wife, Sadie Barry, a decree of divorce.

"Yes, sir," continued the judge, "I would like to commit you to an institute, but I cannot; all I can do is to advise your friends to send you there. There isn't any excuse on earth for any man going home drunk once a week, or once a month, or ever. There isn't any excuse for any man drinking until he is drunk. The evidence is that

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"His off to take the Keeley cure." Frater, "does not want it understood that the woman in this case is to be lightly excused, either. Her husband's drunkenness is no

excuse for her behavior. Either party in this case would be entitled to a decree, but the court will allow it to the woman. It is deplorable that drunkenness should be so common among both women and men in Seattle. Drink, in the opinion of this court, is at the root of most of the divorces granted in Seattle.—The Seattle Star.

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