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NEBRASKA.

What Those Eastern Land Agents Think of Her.

PERSONAL INSPECTION PLEASURES

Them All and Convinces Them of Nebraska's Fertility.

[Pontiac, Illinois, Sentinel.]

We, the undersigned citizens, of the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, having made an extended trip over the lines of the Burlington Route in the state of Nebraska, arriving at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on the morning of August 13, 1895, and running as far west as McCook, Red Willow County, on the main line, then back to Orleans, Harlan County, and southwest over the Beaver Valley line to Wilsonville, from Wilsonville to Oberlin, Kansas, from Oberlin, Kansas, to Broken Bow, Nebraska, via Republican City, Red Cloud, Hastings and Aurora—leaving Broken Bow at sunrise on the morning of August 15th, for Arcadia, Nebraska, via Grand Island, Aurora and Palmer. From Arcadia we started for the gateway of the state—Omaha—via Aurora, York, Seward and Lincoln—the main object of this trip being to make a close personal investigation of Nebraska and its products.

We find its extensive prairies and beautiful and fertile valleys laden with bountiful crops, wheat, oats, rye and barley having been harvested; wheat showing a yield of from twenty to thirty-five bushels per acre, oats forty to eighty bushels per acre, rye twenty to forty bushels per acre, and barley twenty-five to forty-five bushels per acre, the quality of all being extra good. Corn, which is king, is making glad all the Nebraska farmers, and with few exceptions, promising a magnificent yield, estimated at from thirty to sixty-five bushels per acre. The crop of potatoes, perhaps, is not surpassed by any state in the Union, the yield being from two hundred to five hundred bushels per acre. A bountiful hay and grass crop over the entire state, showing much greater yields than our respective states.

Among the important industries of the state, we notice the great sugar beet industry, although in its infancy, attracting world-wide attention. Nebraska sugar beets and sugar received the highest award at the World's Fair, and Germany having heard of the quality of the beets raised in Nebraska, sent their greatest scientist there to investigate Nebraska soil, to ascertain the per cent of saccharine matter in Nebraska beets as compared with the sugar beets grown in Germany. After thorough investigation of the soil, and careful analysis of the beets, said that three-fourths of Nebraska's soil was finely adapted to the production of sugar beets, and every way superior to Germany's soil, and that Nebraska beets contained two per cent more sugar than beets grown in Germany. Sugar manufacturing in Nebraska is a new industry, but is no longer an experiment. Notwithstanding the unprecedented drought of last year, the beets were of finest quality. Wet or dry they flourish, and more sugar was made last year than ever before. In Nebraska this year the acreage is nearly double that of any previous year, and the day is not far distant when this great state will be all wrapped up in this important industry that made Germany one of the richest countries on the face of the globe.

The United States imports one hundred million dollars worth of sugar annually. Nebraska can produce enough sugar to supply all her home consumption, thereby keeping this vast sum of money at home. There are within the boundaries of the state two large sugar factories, one at Grand Island and one at Norfolk; there is also another under the process of construction at Chadron, where beets of superior quality were raised last year. Fremont and many other Nebraska towns contemplate building factories next year.

The culture of sugar beets in Nebraska will create the densest rural population likely to exist in any state in the Union, as one family can live in luxury on a beet sugar farm of fifteen acres, if properly cultivated; and where they have one farmer now on 160 acre farm they will have ten prosperous farmers when beet sugar culture has reached its highest development.

Next to importance to the sugar beet industry, in fact considered by many to equal if not excel it, is the cultivation of alfalfa, the success of which is assured beyond a doubt. We are informed that the first alfalfa raised in Nebraska was grown from seed sown by J. O. Clark, Stamford, Harlan county, about the year 1880; from the little start of a few acres

which was tried simply as an experiment, great results have been obtained, until now every farmer who has lands in the Republican River Valley, and in the valleys of all the streams tributary to the Republican river in Southern Nebraska and Northern Kansas, are rapidly seeding their land to wealth producing alfalfa. So successful has Mr. Clark been in the growth of this great forage plant that he has increased his acreage to 300 acres at the present time, from which he cut in 1892, '93, '94 and '95 two good crops of hay and one for seed, the seed crop yielding fifteen bushels per acre, for which he secured \$5.00 per bushel.

The plant seems to thrive best on what is called second bottom land, although it is successfully raised on the low land also in some cases on the divide lands. The plant when once set is usually, after the first year, good for from three to five cuttings per season, yielding from a ton and a half to three tons per acre at each cutting. The feeding qualities of the plant are unsurpassed, many farmers preparing their hogs and cattle for market on alfalfa alone, not feeding a kernel of corn. The successful culture and qualities of alfalfa may be verified by the following named farmers, who have been what might be termed the pioneers in growing this plant in their respective localities:

- J. E. Meyers, Alma, Neb.
- A. H. Gould, Alma, Neb.
- J. E. McFarland, Red Cloud, Neb.
- Adams Bros., Superior, Neb.
- Ashton Bros., Danbury, Neb.
- W. J. McMillen, Hayes county, Neb.
- Kerndt Bros., Bird City, Kas.
- B. F. Campbell, St. Francis, Kas.
- Grant Bros., Imperial, Neb.
- C. D. Morse, Benkelman, Neb.
- John Hatfield, McCook, Neb.
- Wm. Coleman, McCook, Neb.

We could not but help notice and comment favorably, on the thrifty condition of live stock of all kinds, and no wonder, for the pastures were in excellent condition, a heavy growth of the most nutritious grasses with abundance of pure water. Cattle everywhere were in the pink of condition, horses sleek and frisky. Hogs, which do well and enrich the farmer, were to be seen on every hand, healthy and fat, grunting. The interest taken in dairying is also very conspicuous. Everywhere along the route traveled were to be seen creameries. This industry is promoted and fostered under the auspices of a state dairy association, which is very watchful of the farmers' interests. What was quite a surprise to all, was the healthy condition of the orchards and the great success in growing fruits of all kinds that grow in the temperate zone.

The towns throughout the territory of the route taken, show a goodly degree of thrift and prosperity. The citizens in the towns, also in rural districts, are prosperous and contented, and manifest great faith in the future development and progress of their commonwealth.

In all our travels, east, west, north and south we have not found a more prosperous, industrious or hospitable people.

In conclusion we can cheerfully say without any hesitancy, that Nebraska is a healthy, safe and profitable place for any industrious farmer to go, particularly would we recommend the eastern tenant farmer who will work, to go to Nebraska and buy and work his own farm; also the young man who is starting out for himself will do well to begin here.

- Armfield, J. A., Goodland, Ind.
- Bailey, M. H., Fairbury, Ill.
- Bell, J. E., Corning, Ia.
- Brewster, B. D., Peru, Ill.
- Best, D. M., Elkhart, Ind.
- Briggs, E. D., Lamoni, Ia.
- Brown, E. A., Armstrong, Ill.
- Carnes, G. W., Creston, Ia.
- Chambers, J. A., Monroe, Wis.
- Chatfield, W. S., Kankakee, Ill.
- Christie, C. H., Malvern, Ia.
- Cox, J. M., Wyoming, Ill.
- Dana, H. W., Lincoln, Ill.
- Evans, A. F., Decatur, Ill.
- Elliott, A. C., Rochester, Ind.
- Esgar, M. D., Gardner, Ill.
- Folsom, C. H., Lima, Ohio.
- Foskett, H. J., Shenandoah, Ia.
- Gallagher, C. C., Paxton, Ill.
- Gibson, O. J., Red Oak, Ia.
- Gibson, T. J., Knoxville, Ia.
- Harper, John, Fairfield, Ia.
- Harper, L. S., Osceola, Ia.
- Hoke, W. E., Odell, Ill.
- Houghton, R., Bloomington, Ill.
- James & Thompson, Amboy, Ill.
- Johnson, J. H., Rankin, Ill.
- Judd, O. H., Rockford, Ill.
- King, J. R., Macomb, Ill.
- Knorr, A. C., Freeport, Ill.
- Knox, S. M., Princeton, Ill.
- Kohl, Fred, Danforth, Ill.
- Larash, W. I., Rushville, Ill.
- McCullough, J. V., Lexington, Ill.
- McElvain, G. H., Bushnell, Ill.
- Maynard, A. A., Crown Point, Ind.
- Miller, W. B., Aurora, Ill.
- Myers, J. R., Ottumwa, Ia.
- Nickerson, Jno., Colfax, Ill.

- Parker, C. W., Colchester, Ill.
- Peterson, Chas., Cathage, Ill.
- Peniwell, T., Decatur, Ill.
- Record, J. F., Glenwood, Ia.
- Reed, F. W., Elmwood, Ill.
- Ripberger, F., Oregon, Ill.
- Roberts, Payton, Monmouth, Ill.
- Rockeneller, Theo., Streator, Ill.
- Sauborn, C. D., Chenoa, Ill.
- Schirmyr, T. M., Decatur, Ind.
- Scott, J. A. & A. R., Champaign, Ill.
- Scott, W. W., Lamoni, Ia.
- Searle, A. M., Geneseo, Ill.
- Sells, Faber & Co., Walnut, Ill.
- Sheffler, Geo., Des Moines, Ia.
- Smith & Co., R. D., Huntington, Ind.
- Stice, A. G. F., Lewanee, Ill.
- Stoops, J. F., Humeston, Ia.
- Todd, J. G., Newman, Ill.
- Tyler & Jenkins, El Paso, Ill.
- Vail, J. E., Garden Grove, Ia.
- Webster, A. M., Washington, Ill.
- West, Layman, Galesburg, Ill.
- Wisegarver, A. S., Galesburg, Ill.
- Young, W. S., Farmer City, Ill.

Special Notice.

Our store will be closed on Thursday, September 19th, and on Saturday, September 28th, on account of holidays.

THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

Fine Box Paper at McMillen's.

School supplies at McMillen's.

Consult Holmes Bros., the carpenters.

Wednesday was pay day and some of our subscriptions are still delinquent.

McMillen has a very fine assortment of Writing Tablets.

Frank Everist went into Omaha, Wednesday, with a shipment of cattle and sheep.

Black Machine Oil, 25 cents a gallon—five gallons for \$1.00—at McCONNELL'S.

A new line of tablets—cheaper than ever—at McCONNELL'S.

THE TRIBUNE wants to warmly second the movement to build earthen-work driveways across canyons instead of bridges. Dam the bridges more and you will have less occasion to damn the country. We have advocated this course for a number of years, and still regard it as wise. It will be economical in the end.

THE CHURCHES.

[Under this head we invite the ministry of the city to contribute freely of any and all church news of interest to their various organizations.]

BAPTIST—The Baptist Bible school will hold its usual session in McConnell's hall at 10 a. m. There will be no preaching service.

The Baptist ladies will give a Ten Cent social in McConnell's hall, on next Tuesday evening, September 17th. You are all invited.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10 a. m. The Holy Communion at 11. Epworth League at 7 p. m. Evening service at 8—subject, "The Supremacy of Love."

CONGREGATIONAL—Preaching services morning and evening. Sunday school at 10 o'clock; Endeavor society at 7 o'clock, leader, W. F. Lawson.

HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

Rev. G. P. Fuson left for his home in Crawfordsville, Ind., Tuesday morning, much improved in health from his short stay here. The Baptist people feel assured that they will be able to retain his services for the church at McCook and if the arrangements can be made he will commence the work about Nov. 15th.

At the State Fair.

An exhibit of the agricultural products of Red Willow county will be made at the state fair in Omaha, next week. It will consist of some of the display made at the county fair, this week, besides quite a tasteful private display provided by different individuals in this part of the county. One feature of the display will be a ship, "The City of McCook," which will carry on its deck all kinds of small grains, corn, vegetables etc., while the sails will be decorated with grasses, wheat, oats, rye, alfalfa etc., in the straw. This plan was very successfully carried out a few years since, and attracted no small attention and comment, and it was thought advisable to repeat the project this year.

The ship is unique and handsome and besides displays to good advantage our products, which are altogether of a grade of which the county may be proud and well satisfied.

Red Willow county may not have one of the largest displays, at the state fair this year, but it will be one of the most original and meritorious.

Here's luck and a safe voyage to "The City of McCook".

Elmer Rowell will be in charge of the exhibit, and goes down well charged with proper descriptive matter concerning this county.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

MR. AND MRS. J. T. BULLARD of Palestine, were city visitors, Monday.

MRS. F. M. KIMMELL and Master Schell are visiting Iowa relatives for a few days.

MRS. ED. FLITCRAFT is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Simpson, who formerly resided here.

CLARA LEHEW, returned home, early in the week, from visiting her sister Mrs. W. C. Krauter, in Illinois.

G. B. BERRY arrived from Chicago, Tuesday night on a visit to his McCook relatives and many friends.

MRS. J. F. GANSCHOW arrived home, Monday, from her visit of a few weeks to friends on the Pacific coast.

MRS. H. W. COLE and the children arrived home the first of the week, from a prolonged visit in Geneseo, Illinois.

F. G. STILGEBOUR, J. H. Stevens and A. G. Keys, were up from Bartley, Tuesday evening, on a political pilgrimage.

REV. J. W. HICKEY of St. Patrick's church arrived home last Friday night, from his visit of a few weeks at the old Boston home.

MR. BENNETT, a brother, accompanied Mrs. Imogene Rowell upon her recent return from Iowa. He may decide to remain here.

MRS. C. A. McCONNELL, mother of L. W. McConnell, arrived in the city on Wednesday night, from Virginia, Ill., on a visit to relatives.

MRS. J. H. LUDWICK arrived home on Monday morning, from visiting her sister, Mrs. C. A. Clark, in Oregon, and at other Pacific coast points.

MRS. L. DAY left on Monday for Minneapolis, Minn., to be absent a week or two. She may include some more Eastern points in her visit and a longer stay.

J. C. MOORE was up from Tyrone, yesterday morning, to see how much, if any, the situation had clarified in the matter of the nomination for county superintendent.

MESSRS. HOCKNELL and Moran have been in Lincoln part of the week on a suit in which the First National bank and the McCook Loan and Trust Co. are interested.

ELMER ROWELL left on 4. last evening, for the state fair at Omaha, where he will be in charge of the Red Willow county exhibit, which went into Omaha on No. 80, yesterday.

J. W. HUFF has been over in Lebanon part of the week, getting the boys in line for a glorious white wing victory in the coming election. It will be a sight which will thrill the battlements celestial.

O. FROST of Bartley was among the visitors to our city, yesterday, presumably on politics, as East Valley is pushing a favorite son quite vigorously, and hopes to win in tomorrow's convention.

MR. AND MRS. ERB of the Commercial hotel departed on Sunday morning for Virginia on a visit of a few weeks. Washington, D. C., is one of his objective points, where he will go on business connected with his patent windmill and pump.

REV. G. P. FUSON, after a brief visit here for his health, left on 2 Tuesday morning, for his home in Crawfordsville, Indiana. He has some thoughts of locating in this western country, in the hope of building up his impaired health. He is now pastor of the First Baptist church of Crawfordsville.

W. T. HENTON and J. W. Leisure were up from the Beaver, early in the week, consulting with the politicians. Mr. Leisure is regarded by the knowing ones as quite a promising dark horse for a certain county office. And with Bill Henton as coacher, he will be a swift one. Keep one eye on Leisure.

Leaves Seven Little Children.

A very sad death occurred in northern Box Elder precinct at an early hour on Wednesday morning. Mrs. E. T. Carter was the victim. She leaves a husband and seven small children. They are in rather poor circumstances. The nature of the disease required a speedy burial, and the remains were laid away in the cemetery at Box Elder on the afternoon of the same day. Peace to the departed and a deep sympathy for those left behind to carry on the unequal and unpromising battle of life.

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Notice McKenna's Fair quotations in this issue.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

Awarded Gold Medal Midwinter Fair, San Francisco.

The Result of the Primaries.

The primaries held in Willow Grove precinct, last Saturday afternoon, as between C. B. Gray and C. M. Noble, the candidates for clerk of the district court, was a decisive and overwhelming victory for the former in every voting precinct in the city. W. M. Anderson, candidate for treasurer, claims that he has a goodly number of friends on the delegation; but J. M. Henderson, candidate for county commissioner, does not feel sanguine over his strength on the delegation.

It was a decisive victory for the Mayor Kelley wing of Council 100.

Missed It's Beautiful Aim.

Full many a candidate's boom Filled the air with its thunderous bang, But it missed its beautiful aim— And now it's a boomerang!

Oh politics, your gruesome tricks Make men go wild as loons; They try to reach the sun with poles, Climb trees to gather moons; There is no dazzling eminence To which they don't aspire; And in the end, when all is done, Their fat is in the fire.

Civil service "cuts no ice" in McCook.

In local politics, the ratio of book paper to news paper is 4 to 1.

All roads traveled by the politicians and office seekers lead to McCook.

No wonder the tribe of Annanias is so flourishing in McCook—with two campaigns every year A. D.

McCook this year clearly wins the title of being the Convention City of southwestern Nebraska.

The policeman's ear is the proper receptacle for your troubles. All the rest of us have enough of our own.

By a singular coincidence, Saturday's cold wave escaped the vigilance and foresight of the weather bureau.

The array of candidates for all offices is simply bewildering—and they are all winners until tomorrow. And then oh, my eye!

There were 240 votes cast on Saturday afternoon last, of which I told you before, book paper captured 194 and news paper 44.

There are at least a few people in McCook who do not require a large occasion as a basis for a big drunk. A little one will do just as well—or none at all in a pinch.

President Kelley of Council 100 has as much business as a cranberry merchant. And up to date he has no spoiled fruit on his hands. And tomorrow is the great pumpkin day of all the round season.

The Republican precinct nominees for Perry precinct are: Assessor, B. F. Olcott; Road overseers, Ed Flitcraft and George Poh; Justices, Jacob Ryer and L. A. Colter; Constables, B. F. Olcott and J. A. Brinton.

These are they whose names were inscribed in letters of living light on the book paper aforesaid: Ward 1, precinct 1—George Hocknell, H. H. Troth, E. E. Lowman, J. E. Kelley, H. P. Sutton, E. C. McKay, V. Franklin, C. L. DeGroof, F. W. Washburn, Jas. Woodworth, E. H. Doan, C. W. Bronner. Ward 1, precinct 2—M. E. Horner, G. W. Starr, E. L. Laycock, C. Arnold, A. N. Allen, Gus. Budick, M. J. Clark, John Shepherd. Ward 2, precinct 1—Frank Harris, John Whittaker, C. E. Eldred, J. J. Garrard, C. W. Barnes, M. H. Holmes, R. B. Archibald, C. W. Knights. Ward 2, precinct 2—C. G. Cogizer, Gottlieb Orman, C. A. Leach, Thos. Catt, J. C. Predmore, Anthony Probst, Emil Kroening, George Bowman.

A Painful Accident.

Last Saturday evening, while taking the cow out to lariat the animal on the prairie, J. H. Ludwick's young daughter Virgie tripped or became entangled in the rope, falling on her right arm, fracturing that member between the wrist and elbow, and causing a dislocation at the wrist. While the injury is quite severe and painful, no serious effects are anticipated, but a rapid and complete recovery.

Soldiers' Reunion.

Will our good people please remember the great Reunion of Soldiers at Republican City, Nebraska. They are the people who rendered us such valuable assistance four years ago. Are we for Reciprocity? Let us prepare to attend what will no doubt be the largest gathering of the season. They are the friends who entertain as such people only can. From September 23-25. Saturday 25th, will be the DAY OF DAYS.

Dwelling for Sale.

A 4-room dwelling, lot and a half, nicely located, for sale cheap. Small cash payment, rest on easy payment. Call at this office.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

World's Fair Highest Award.

The Populist Judicial Convention.

The Populists of the Fourteenth judicial district met in McCook, last Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for district judge. At 2:15 Chairman I. A. Sheridan of Indianola called the delegates to order in the city hall, read the call and started the ball a-rolling. B. Conway of Culbertson was made temporary chairman, C. W. Phelps of Benkelman, temporary secretary and L. M. Graham of Stockville, assistant. In the selection of secretary the call of counties was had, which gave Phelps 27 and Graham 26.

Following committees were appointed: Credentials—J. R. Mercer of Furnas, Ed. Aldrich of Gosper, G. W. Benjamin of Hitchcock. Resolutions—W. H. Allen of Frontier, L. W. Young of Furnas, I. A. Sheridan of Red Willow, A. L. Burk of Gosper, A. B. Starkey of Dundy. Permanent organization—J. M. Crews of Hitchcock, William Black of Hayes, and Robert Thomas of Red Willow.

At this juncture the convention adjourned to more commodious quarters in the opera house. Short speeches were made by "Long Bob" Adams of Hitchcock and Delegate Somers of Chase.

The committee on credentials reported every county represented. No contests. And delegates present to cast the full vote of their respective counties. The permanent organization committee recommended that the temporary be made the permanent organization. The committee on resolutions not being ready to report yet, the interim was filled in with short speeches by Mercer of Furnas, Lincoln of Frontier, Meserve of Red Willow, McGuire of Furnas, Black of Red Willow.

The following gentlemen were named to constitute the judicial central committee:

- Chase—Norton Inman, Imperial.
- Dundy—J. W. Karr, Benkelman.
- Hayes—William Black, Hayes Center.
- Hitchcock—J. M. Crews, Culbertson.
- Frontier—Chase Dechant, Indianola.
- Furnas—J. E. Axtell, Cambridge.
- Gosper—S. D. Voeman, Elwood.
- Red Willow—L. A. Sheridan, Indianola.

[The committee organized after the convention and elected I. A. Sheridan of Indianola, chairman, and J. M. Crews of Culbertson, secretary.]

The Independent Peoples' party of the Fourteenth judicial district, by its delegates in convention assembled, reaffirm the principles heretofore enunciated in the Omaha convention of 1892. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in the furtherance of justice we endorse the fair and impartial, wise and just action of the Hon. J. T. Welby in the discharge of the duties of his high office as judge of this judicial district. And owing to the great financial depression and failure of crops we require a continuation of such action in order that our homes be preserved for ourselves, wives and children. And be it further

RESOLVED, That we demand the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the legal rate of 16 to 1, and we further demand the issue of all money directly by the general government without the intervention of national banks. We demand honest money, and an increase of its volume equal to the demands of the business interests of the country. We believe that money that was honest enough for the boys in blue in 1863 is honest enough for Belmont, Cleveland & Co. And be it further

RESOLVED, That we endorse the honest, wise and courageous administration of Governor Silas A. Holcomb.

The convention then proceeded to the nomination of a candidate for district judge by an informal ballot, which gave Welby of Furnas 29 1/2 votes, Smith of Red Willow 8, Miller of Gosper 8 1/2, Dodge of Red Willow 8.

The customary speeches were demanded of the candidates after the informal ballot was announced, to which Messrs. Smith, Welby and Dodge responded, Miller not being in the house. Each reaffirmed his allegiance and declared his faith in Populism.

The formal ballot renominated Welby by 37 votes out of 51. Smith received 5, Miller 6, Dodge 3.

Judge Welby then acknowledged the honor conferred upon in quite an extensive speech, in which he principally touched upon the money question, and his staying the arm of equity in behalf of the actual resident in the matter of foreclosure cases. After which the convention adjourned.

IRRELEVANT AND IMMATERIAL.

The Populists seem to realize that they have a hard fight on their hands—that the approaching campaign will be a "critical one for the party", as Lincoln of Frontier stated it.

Miller of Elwood was McClure's legate, but the court held the will invalid by a large and impressive majority.

The impression that McClure was the Burlington's candidate ruined any and all chances that admittedly strong man might have had to secure the nomination.

Everybody enjoyed seeing John Black's "shape".