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CURRENT COMMENT

I. D. Evans, representative from Adams county and member of the employer's liability commission, is a candidate for the office of auditor of public accounts, subject to the republican primaries. Mr. Evans was the republican floor leader during the last legislative session and proved himself to be an able, progressive and thoughtful citizen. Doubtless the republican party has other men equally capable and progressive, but none more so, and none better fitted for the responsible position of auditor than Mr. Evans. We are fondly in hopes that both parties will nominate such good men that every voter may vote for a personal instead of a political choice, or go fishing on election day, as inclination may warrant. The nomination of Mr. Evans would gratify the men who are thinking vastly more of the public good than of party success.

Governor Aldrich is probably losing no sleep over the filing of some southeastern republican for the gubernatorial nomination. The governor will be re-nominated, as he should be, and without any opposition worthy of mention. Barring a slight tendency to go off half-cocked now and then, Governor Aldrich has made good, and he will enter upon his campaign for re-election with a good record behind him—barring future mistakes. His reelection will be assured unless the democrats put up their very strongest man, then get behind him regardless of the foolish old "whisky fight." Those democrats who figure that Aldrich will be an easy man to beat would better be revising their figures.

If the Lincoln Paint & Color Co. is swallowed up by that Detroit concern and removed from Lincoln, this city will lose a big concern. Also about the only one of a long list of "subsidized" industries that survived the boom days. The outcome of the injunction proceedings aimed to prevent the proposed consolidation with the Detroit concern will be watched with great interest by the people of Lincoln.

We can foresee all kinds of trouble in the educational department of the city of Kearney. The board of education of the Midway City has issued an order that the Ten Commandments be posted in a conspicuous place in each school room, and that each teacher shall start the school day with a scripture reading. We admire the intent but we deprecate the judgment of the members of the board who issued the order. We expect that before this issue of Will Maupin's Weekly is off the press some Kearney man will seek an injunction restraining the teachers from reading from the Book of Books. Were we a Jew in Kearney and having children in the public schools, or a Catholic, we certainly would seek to restrain the board of education from enforcing that order.

C. O. Whedon is mentioned in connection with the national committee of the g. o. p., replacing Victor Rosewater. Were we a republican looking for a man well fitted for the place Nebraska member on the national

committee, we would surely pass Mr. Whedon by. Not because Mr. Whedon is mentally limited, for he is one of the biggest-brained men in Nebraska; not because of his lack of party fidelity, for he is a thick-and-thin republican; not because he lacks assertiveness, for he is one of the most assertive men in the west. But Mr. Whedon is neither oily, smooth, conciliatory nor subtle. The only method of arbitration with which he is familiar is a club. He conciliates only with the bludgeon. He doesn't know what compromise means, and he seems constitutionally unable to believe that those who differ from him have arrived at their conclusions by honest methods. If all republicans were like him he would be the ideal man for the place. As it is, he would raise more kinds of hell in twenty minutes than the diplomats of the party could quell in twenty months. Without such

men as he no party would ever be progressive, with such as he in party control, things would be in a turmoil. This is our candid estimate of Charles O. Whedon, than whom we respect no man more, and whom we consider one of the really big men of the west.

Prominently displayed on the first page of this issue is a paragraph from an address delivered by a "country editor of Alabama. We commend it to the "country newspaper men" of Nebraska. If that Alabama editor has great things in his state to sing about, haven't we a right to expect an almost heavenly chorus from Nebraska editors, every one of whom has the best state in the Union as a subject for his song? Come on, boys, and let us sing songs of praise about our state, our counties and our towns and cities!

The democratic national convention will meet at Baltimore on June 25. Just fifty-two years ago Baltimore was the scene of a democratic national convention that didn't wind

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MEN AND MATTERS

Chris Gruenther has declined to stand for either the governorship or the senatorship on the democratic primary ticket. This is a sample of the astuteness and the party devotion of Gruenther. He doubtless realizes that at this time he would not be the strongest candidate for either place, although no one who knows Chris Gruenther will hesitate a moment in declaring that he is fitted in every way for any office within the gift of Nebraskans. But often opportunity is a deciding factor in matters political. However, knowing Gruenther pretty well, we believe he would rather be a potent factor in making other men than in making himself. A fine, up-standing gentleman is the quiet, unobtrusive, yet forceful, Mr. Gruenther of Platte.

We are fondly in hopes that the republicans of Nebraska will be wise

enough to nominate such a man as S. C. Bassett of Gibbon for the important office of secretary of state. Whenever it so happens that a man of Mr. Bassett's ability and character offers to serve the people in an official capacity, the people ought to jump at the chance to secure his services. Mr. Bassett's qualifications for the office are so numerous, as are the reasons why such as he should be chosen, that we greatly fear the people will fail to grasp the opportunity. We are moved to this pessimistic observation by recalling what the people have so often done in the past.

Time was when we fondly hoped that the "other political party" would nominate weak and poor candidates for office, because it made the show of electing our party candidates all the better. We are rather proud of the fact that we have outgrown that narrow feeling. Today we are always hopeful that the "other party" will nominate its best men, thus forcing "our party" to do the same. Then, whatever the result, the people win. Nor do we longer hold that the nominees of "our party" are always the best. Being a native of Missouri we have to be shown. And happily for the country this disposition on the part of the average voter is growing rapidly.

According to Secretary of State Waite, Governor Aldrich cannot be a candidate for delegate to the republican national convention. According to the same gentleman's decision Mr. Bryan must be a candidate for the presidential nomination, whether he so desires or not, and therefore can not be a candidate for delegate, which position he seeks. We greatly fear that Secretary of State Waite has got his wires crossed. Before he drives his team further into this blind alley he ought to back up and turn around.

Of course Mr. Underwood had a perfect right as an individual to refuse to sit at table with Mr. Bryan. But Mr. Underwood had no right as a democrat to inject his personal squabble with Mr. Bryan into the democratic love feast. We foresee, right now, that whatever chance democracy may have to win a national election is going to be frittered away in the usual bickerings, jealousies and dampcoolishness of leaders who ought to know better. The best campaign arguments the g. o. p. can advance is the actions of democratic leaders.

Governor Stubbs of Kansas, a "progressive," says he favors the nomination of Roosevelt for president, saying: "The imperative need of the country for the next four years is a president who believes in his heart in the policies advocated by Lincoln, and has the courage of his convictions." Would Governor Stubbs have us believe that Lincoln would have countenanced the "deal" between the steel trust and Tennessee Coal & Iron? Would he have us believe that Lincoln would advocate a big navy in order to compel peace by threats of superior power? Would he have us believe that the patient and long-suf-

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GET IT INTO YOUR HEART AND LIFE

At the mid-winter meeting of the Alabama Press Association, C. W. Ware, editor of the Tuskegee News, delivered an address on "The Country Press in Politics." From that address Will Maupin's Weekly takes the liberty of quoting the following paragraph, earnestly and prayerfully commending it to the thoughtful consideration of some five hundred "country newspapers" in Nebraska:

"The most important thing as I see it today is that every country editor should get into his heart and life a correct picture of what his state is and has, and what it offers to intelligent and industrious people, and from that picture get a vision of what she is destined to be as all of her citizens more fully labor together for her development. Then, with that picture and that vision inspiring him, let him tell every week of what progressive men and women are doing right in his own section and county. Thus forever singing of the virtues of his county and his state he will stimulate a like hopeful and patriotic feeling in his readers."

Will Maupin's Weekly here give a table showing what Nebraska produced upon her farms in 1911. The addition of her manufactured products would increase the grand total by upwards of \$240,000,000. What each county has contributed to this great sum may be estimated from the statistics compiled by the Nebraska Bureau of Labor and Industrial Statistics, and issued as "Bulletin No. 23-A." This bulletin will be sent free upon application to Louis V. Guye, Chief Deputy Commissioner of Labor, Lincoln.

Come on, and let us all work together for the upbuilding of Nebraska!

| | Quantities. | Values |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Wheat | 4,609,885 bush. | \$40,084,503.10 |
| Corn | 133,400,303 bush. | 67,038,172.71 |
| Oats | 32,035,858 bush. | 12,173,026.04 |
| Rye | 930,180 bush. | 792,158.13 |
| Barley | 918,180 bush. | 477,453.06 |
| Millet and Hungarian | 154,291 tons | 1,080,037.00 |
| Hay | 5,154,518 tons | 48,968,918.00 |
| Butter | 47,983,128 lbs. | 12,615,528.92 |
| Sugar beets | 142,268 tons | 711,340.00 |
| Potatoes | 4,747,719 bush. | 4,700,000.00 |
| Flax | 41,431 bush. | 128,718.90 |
| Spelts | 426,770 bush. | 196,314.20 |
| Broom corn | 981,850 lbs. | 48,480.00 |
| Sorghum | 227,793 tons | 5,467,032.00 |
| Cheese | 133,145 lbs. | 15,987.40 |
| Milk sold other than butter and cheese | | 1,670,000.00 |
| Honey and beeswax | | 26,971.00 |
| Horticultural and Garden Products | | 6,515,091.00 |
| Poultry and Eggs | | 42,884,274.00 |
| Animals for slaughter | | 89,194,163.00 |
| Total Value of Farm Products | | \$334,788,668.46 |
| Horses | Number 918,240 | \$102,842,880.00 |
| Mules | 91,137 | 11,938,947.00 |
| Cattle (including dairy) | 2,229,976 | 66,899,280.00 |
| Sheep | 383,602 | 1,534,408.00 |
| Swine | 1,979,784 | 19,797,840.00 |
| Total Value of Live Stock | | \$203,013,355.00 |
| Total Value of Farm Products | | \$334,788,668.46 |
| Grand Total Live Stock and Farm Products | | \$537,802,023.46 |