

with the most magnificent opportunities along agricultural lines to locate in less favored but more widely advertised states. The writer personally knows of Nebraskans who have gone to the northwest country and paid \$250 an acre for land that will not produce any better crops than Nebraska land that may be purchased today for from \$50 to \$75 an acre. The trouble is that even Nebraskans do not know what a magnificent state we have here.

The esteemed State Journal comes forward with another fool idea sprung in the name of an "ideal Lincoln." It is that we do away with the police force as at present constituted, using only a few plain clothes men for detective duty and the "rough-and-tumble arrests," and then employ a lot of students as a sort of "Columbian Guard" detail for the work of directing traffic, etc. If you want to enjoy a real hearty laugh some evening, just sit down and think the Journal's suggestion over for a few moments, calmly and deliberately. The laugh will follow in due time.

Once in a while even Homer nods. The esteemed State Capital says that Illinois voted three to one in favor of the initiative and referendum and a statewide civil service. The fact is that neither one carried at the recent Illinois election. The votes in favor of the two propositions outnumbered the votes against, but so many failed to vote either way that both propositions failed ignominiously.

Nebraska has a "corrupt practice" act, the same providing that candidates for office shall file their campaign expenses, and limiting candidates to a certain percentage of the salary of the office to which they aspire. The law is a huge joke. One candidate at the recent election—defeated, by the way—has sworn to an expense account of less than \$600. He spent more than twice that for postage alone. For weeks he kept a force of four to seven people working every day writing letters, mailing literature and buttonholing voters. If he spent less than \$7,000 or \$8,000 in the campaign he is a shrewd business manager. Yet he swears to an expense account of \$600. Another candidate—successful—swears to an expense account of about \$600. His election cost him thousands. Mr. Dahman's expense account as filed wouldn't pay his actual expenses for one week during his now memorable campaign.

The "corrupt practice" act has but one effect—it makes a lot of men lie like horse thieves.

It is now proposed to make it a misdemeanor to smoke a cigarette. All right—we have no objections. There are a lot of reformers who are insistent that everybody live as the aforesaid reformers prefer to live—childless, grouchy, suspicious, narrow and bigoted.

If the "liquor interests" of Nebraska are wise—and they never were—they will let Lincoln severely alone. There is every reason why Lincoln should be a dry city, but no matter whether this assertion be true or not, the fact remains that every effort to bring the saloon back to Lincoln intensifies the fight that the anti-saloon people are making. The fact that Lincoln, in sentiment and in fact, ramifies through every section of Nebraska makes it foolish on the part of the liquor men to try and capture Lincoln again. The people who are sending thousands of students to Lincoln are not saloon advocates as a rule—quite the contrary. If the liquor men precipitate another fight in Lincoln it simply means that they will arouse opposition to even greater heights. If they will let Lincoln alone the chances are that the opposition will gradually lessen. But what's the use of expecting the liquor interests to see any further than the possible sale of a few gallons of booze today or tomorrow?

We take especial pride in reproducing the following editorial from the World-Herald of last Sunday:

"The World-Herald publishes today a notable letter from Will M. Maupin, deputy state labor commissioner, on the resources and possibilities of Nebraska.

"Every Nebraska reader should first thoroughly acquaint himself with this article and then see that it gets into the hands of some friend or acquaintance who is not so fortunate as to live in Nebraska. Mr. Maupin states two very important facts. They are these:

"1—In soil, in climate, in productivity, in all that goes to make a country for homes, Nebraska excels them all.

"2—The need of the hour is to make these facts known to the millions of land hungry people throughout the world.

"It is this second named fact that it is important to emphasize. We've got the goods. We can sell them if we advertise them. We can double the population of Nebraska in the next decade, and add hundreds of millions to its wealth and its annual productivity if we

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