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Work for new settlers and new industries.

Have you got a ticket in the agricultural society.

The best sugar convention meets in Lincoln today and means great things for the state.

The hobbies of THE JOURNAL are becoming so popular that every one wants to get on and ride.

A war of small proportions appears to be raging in Wyoming between the cattlemen and rustlers. A number have been killed according to reports. If the work continues the result may be that society in our neighboring state will be somewhat purified.

The reports from Washington state that Congressman Bryan will secure some patronage while Messrs. McKelgan and Kern will be left entirely in the cold. They will be constrained to cry: "Water, water every where but not a drop to drink".

The Thayer-Boyal case has been argued and submitted in the United States supreme court and it is expected that a decision will be handed down sometime in January. The prevailing opinion seems to be that Gov. Thayer will still continue to hold down the executive chair.

Senator Paddock is at the head of the Senate committee of agriculture and forestry and those branches will be well looked after by him. He also holds a position on the committee on pensions, public lands and Indian depositions, all of which are of importance to the people of his state.

Representative Townsend, of Colorado, will introduce a bill in the house to turn arid lands over to the states. This is the first move in the great scheme of the irrigation companies and should be set down on hard. If the states can handle such matters the United States can do so still better.

The reports indicate that the prospects for Hon. G. M. Lambertson, of Lincoln, securing the appointment as member of the interstate railroad commission to succeed Judge Cooley are very good. Mr. Lambertson is well fitted for the place and the interests of Nebraska would be carefully looked after should he be selected.

The *Marshall Tribune* passed quietly out of existence with the issue of last week. It is becoming a well-established fact that a newspaper is a business institution and must be run on business principles in order to make it a success, and every little town in a new country with only a few business men will not support a paper.

The message of President Harrison to congress was a document in which wisdom, strength and progress were prominent features. Prominent men all over the nation have expressed very favorable opinions of the reports therein contained and also of the measures recommended and if the policy outlined by the chief executive is followed the nation will be the gainer.

The county attorney of Dawes county, H. N. Harbaugh, is getting after the gamblers of that county and the saloon keepers of Chadron have been jerked up and those of Crawford are expected to be served likewise. It is always the case that in the new counties gambling runs openly for a time and then the authorities take a hand and enforce the law, but it seems that Dawes county has had enough court costs to pay as the outgrowth of the gambling institutions so that some move ought to be made.

"When iron goes up look out for good times" is an axiom which has never failed to prove true in the United States. The reports are that the steel rail mills will be kept busy during the next year. The amount of orders placed are three times as great as they were a year ago. With such indications it is safe to look forward to a year of prosperity, such as has not been witnessed for some time. The feeling of security which is permeating all sections of the country will stimulate capital to seek new fields for investment and when that occurs the west is always the gainer. It will help to swell the tide of western emigration. New settlers will soon be flocking to the far west.

Why Not?

While the people of this locality are looking for establishments that will work up the products of the soil and give good returns to the farmers and at the same time furnish employment to laborers it would be well to take into consideration a factory for making starch from potatoes. There is no soil better adapted to growing potatoes, both as to yield and quality. A reputation is already established abroad, as potatoes were shipped from this locality last fall to Lincoln and when they were bringing out 30 cents a bushel here those shipped to Lincoln brought \$1 a bushel besides the transportation.

A starch factory would offer an opportunity for the farmer to diversify their crops which is one of the best things for the agriculturists and assists them in the work of making a success of their vocation, and anything of that kind adds to the general prosperity of the entire community.

Let some of our enterprising people take hold of the matter and see if we cannot secure a starch factory, and if not, why not.

The B. & M. railroad company has been going down after artesian water at Edgemont, S. D., and at a depth of 900 feet obtained a 50 foot flow of fine water. For a long time the question of artesian water in the Hat creek basin has been discussed and the action of the B. & M. has solved the problem. There is no question but that artesian wells can be obtained any where in that country and that too at a depth of less than 1,000 feet and that is not an unreasonable distance.

Senator Manderson is chairman of the Senate committee on printing. In this position he ought to be able to relieve the printing fraternity of the unwarranted competition of the government in the matter of printing envelopes. No other business has to meet the government in competition and many thousands of dollars are annually taken from the legitimate channels of trade thereby. The press of Nebraska should urge Senator Manderson to use every effort to have such competition done away with.

The organization of a county agricultural society has been accomplished. This is but the foundation. To make the society a success it is necessary that a great deal of work be done. It is an agricultural society and the success of it depends, to a very great extent, on the farmers. A few men cannot make it a success. It is governed by the state laws and one member has no more to say in the matter than another, and it is the duty of all to take hold of the work with a will and carry it to a success. Do not neglect the matter.

The Nebraska senators are demonstrating that they are alive to their duties. Sen. Manderson has introduced a bill to create postal savings banks; and to create a branch mint at Omaha; one to divide Nebraska into three judicial districts and one to provide for the publishing of notice of sale of real estate on decree of the United States court, in the state and county in which the land is located. This bill was favorably reported on at the last session, but failed to reach a final hearing. It is one of a great deal of importance and will quite likely be passed by the present congress. Senator Paddock has also introduced a number of bills, the most important of which is his pure food bill and this he hopes to push rapidly through and get it upon the statute books at an early date. The indications are that the present session of congress will be a lively one.

The Experienced Editor.

The general reader can easily distinguish by reading a newspaper whether the editor is of the green and callow class, or whether he has been through the mill, so to speak. If he is one of the former, his paper will bristle with attacks on this shortcoming or that neglect; on the idiosyncrasy of this one or the eccentricity of that one, and the word "gore" seems to be water-marked on every page. With the experienced editor it is different. He has rid himself of the idea that the reformation of the world is his special work, and sufficient unto the day are the scars he now bears. He has learned that no man is without faults, and he believes that one line of praise is worth more than a column of blame in securing needed reforms. He vents no personal spites, nor engages in petty quarrels, and if he does strike at an abuse it is because it is flagrant and its correction demanded by the best interests of the public. There is yet another kind of editor—the one who realizes his inability to interest his readers by legitimate news, and so strives to create sensation by attacking prominent men in their weak points, but this sort of tactics never succeeds outside of the largest cities. In the smaller places, this editor is soon short on cadavers and character, and is forced to shut up shop. —Colorado Springs News.

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