

**Maupin's Way of Thinking...**

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**ALLIANCE.**  
I ain't a goin' t' say a word ag'in th' towns I've saw From Kankakee to Kewanee an' up t' Saginaw; From Memphis up t' Cripple Creek an' back t' ol' Saint Joe, Topeka, Denver, Helena, an' down t' Kokomo; From Kennebunk way down in Maine, t' Frisco on th' bay I've walked a-foot an' earned my grub a workin' by th' day. But I would like t' settle down till ol' Gabe's final toot In busy young Alliance in OI' Box Butte.

She's enterprisin' business men, an' they are up t' snuff; She lacks that class o' citizens that slangy folks call tuff. Her citizens are wideawake, their latch-strings always out, An' always pull together without a sulk or pout. An' so I'd like t' settle there th' balance o' my life. Quite sure there'd be a plenty for th' chil'ren an' th' wife. They've got the schools an' churches that I'm mighty sure would suit

In busy young Alliance in OI'

Box

Butte.

I'd want t' be an instrument t' work th' public good,

As that is what I've tried t' be at any time I could.

I wouldn't try t' be a boss—I'd work right in th' ranks—

But kick on standin' by th' side of critics an' of cranks.

I'd want t' be a doin' what would help th' town ahead,

An' just keep on a doin' till I reached my dyin' bed.

You bet she is a carker, an' we know her by her fruit—

Here's success to young Alliance in OI'

Box

Butte.

"What is the position of the beef trust?" asks a republican exchange.

The attitude of the beef trust towards the Know injunction is, briefly, just this. It stands on one foot, its left hand close in front of its face, the thumb touching the nose, the four fingers spread out, and the thumb of the right hand touching the little finger of the left hand, with the four fingers of the right hand also spread out. The eight fingers wiggle promiscuously.

The umpire of the army and navy maneuvers will probably decide that in dancing the german the navy excels, whereas in the matter of dancing the lancers the army has the navy beat to a frazzle.

If there is any reason why Dave Mercer should be re-elected to congress it has not yet been made public. The talk about what he has done for Omaha is all bosh. John A. McShane, a democrat, secured the first and chief appropriation for the Omaha federal building. Senator Allen, a populist snatched the Trans-Mississippi exposition appropriation from the jaws of defeat and then turned in and secured the appropriation for the Indian congress. Mercer has done nothing but rush to the fore with spectacular speed after others had done the hard work and claim the credit. He is not a resident of Omaha save in name, does not even pretend to live there, and for ten years has been promising every campaign to build a handsome residence. He really holds his in Minneapolis and uses the Second Nebraska district to keep himself in a soft job. Dave is a "good fellow" but it's time to stop the "good fellow" business and elect men of brains and ability to congress.

Uncle Mose Kinkaid carefully conceals his age, but everybody knows that he is old enough to have a lot of worn-out exterior fixin's that he would like to swap off.

This recalls the story William E. Curtis sent to the Record-Herald when he toured Nebraska. Curtis allowed himself to be filled with a lot of silly falsehoods by Nebraska republicans, and he religiously retailed them to the Record-Herald. One was that under republican rule the dome of the state house was covered with gold leaf, but as soon as the fusionist secured control they covered the gold leaf with silver leaf. The dome was never gilded, either with silver or gold. The dome was sheathed with copper which for a long time remained bright. It corroded, however, and in a time had to be painted. That time came while the fusionists were in control and they

painted it with a stuff called aluminum paint in order to make the color harmonize with the grey tone of the building. But Curtis' story was reprinted in every republican paper in the land and pointed to as a sample of "pop statesmanship."

The Lincoln Journal, speaking of a plank in the platform the writer has formulated and stands on his own candidacy for the state senate, says: "That's a peach of a plank. Read it backwards or forwards, or any way you please, and it means anything or nothing." The writer submits that if the Journal really believes that statement, the Journal should support the author of the plank. Platforms that mean anything or nothing, one thing in the east and another in the west, protection in the mill sections and reciprocity in the agricultural sections, are peculiarly republican, and of course the Lincoln Journal would not bolt a republican platform.

The republican organs point with pride to the two years of republican administration in Nebraska. But are they honest when they do it? If they are why did the republicans turn down the two highest officials in the administration?

We hear a great deal about the fact that Uncle Mose Kinkaid is a bachelor, and the better we know Uncle Mose the more respect we have for the good judgment of womankind.

So Mr. Roosevelt wants a constitutional amendment in order that he may bust the trusts? Beautiful scheme. Here it is in a nutshell:

Roosevelt pretends to be fiercely opposed to trusts.

Demands a constitutional amendment so he can go after them.

Congress will have to meet and submit the amendment.

Then two-thirds of the legislatures of the state must ratify it before it becomes operative.

The shortest possible time in which this can be done will be longer than two years.

Two years will carry Roosevelt over another presidential election, and the trust plank is good to make a campaign on.

See?

And all the time the remedy is in reach. What is it?

Let Theodore Roosevelt prove that he means to subdue the trusts by enforcing the criminal clause of the Sherman anti-trust law.

A half-dozen trust magnates dressed in stripes and locked behind steel bars will settle the trust question much more quickly than a constitutional amendment.

Thompson's new paper is started for the purpose of knocking out the "Journal crowd," and the Journal will work tooth and toe nail to knock out the Thompson crowd. And here's hoping that both succeed beyond their wildest expectations.

If you want to make a Nebraska City republican hot under the neckband make some reference to the silent and deserted cereal mills in that village. When you do you can hear 'em sizzle.

During four years in the office of treasurer of Adams county, Dr. Lyman covered into the county treasury as interest on county funds more money than all the republican state treasurers of Nebraska ever turned into the state treasury as interest on public funds. Dr. Lyman is the fusion candidate for state treasurer and should be elected by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. Mickey is a temperate man, which is to his credit. He is a prohibitionist, which is his right. He is an opponent to the saloon, which becomes him as a professed Christian. But he is moral coward, which fact ought to be his political condemnation. Mickey has been a prominent official of the Nebraska Anti-Saloon League for several years, and this fact has been blazoned on the stationery of the League. It is not so now. As soon as Mickey was nominated for governor he had that bunch of stationery retired, and his name does not appear on the new work got out. Because Mickey is no longer an official? Yes. Why is he no longer an official? Because he feared the fact would work to his political disadvantage. A physical coward is ten times better than a moral coward, and both are to be despised.

If you want to read a really artistic roost of Roosevelt's alleged opposition

to trusts get last week's issue of Harper's Weekly, a "journal of civilization" and a republican organ. Harper's Weekly deftly and artistically punctures the blatant and demagogic pretenses of Theodore Roosevelt. Had a democratic organ said the same thing it would have been denounced as an "anarchist rag." But there it is in Harper's Weekly, a republican paper.

If the good people of the Sixth district awaken some fine morning and discover that the heavens are darkened by the forms of pig flying through the air they may know that Uncle Mose Kinkaid has scraped the mold off his liver and accepted Pat Barry's challenge to a joint debate.

J. J. McCarthy, the republican candidate for congress in the Fifth district, says the Fowler bill and the ship subsidy bill won't cut any ice in his district. Perhaps not, but if the voters of the Fifth district are wise those two bills will cut McCarthy's vote down to such small dimensions he'll have to look for it with a microscope.

The amount of misinformation that Walter Wellman can crowd into one special dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald is something wonderful. Wellman went through Lincoln one afternoon a few weeks ago and without stopping secured two columns of misinformation about Mr. Bryan's intentions. A more deliberate and uncalled for mess of falsehoods could not have been written.

Democratic Representative Convention.

The Democratic electors of the counties comprising the Fifty-third representative district of Nebraska are requested to send delegates to a convention to be held in Alliance, Nebraska, on the 27th day of September, 1902, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for representative for said district.

The various counties comprising the district are entitled to representation as follows:

Box Butte.....5 Sheridan.....6 Dawes.....6 Sioux.....3 S. M. Smyser, Chairman.

Half Rates to Hastings.

G. A. R. Reunion, Sept. 8 to 13, 1902.

The Burlington route announces one fare for the round trip from all points in Nebraska to Hastings on account of the annual reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held on above dates. Ask the Burlington route agent about rates, routes, train service.

Just received some more new pictures and frames.—GEO. DARLING.

**REPORT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.****A Summary of the Reports From Box Butte County Schools Showing the Present Conditions, Financially and Otherwise.**

The following is a summary of the reports of the directors of the schools of Box Butte county, Nebraska, for the year ending July 14, 1902:

**RECEIPTS**

Cash on hand July 8, 1901.....	\$ 9,897 51
Received from County Treasurer.....	16,122 05
Received from State Apportionment.....	3,050 12
Received from Tuition from Non-Resident Pupils.....	296 00
Received from Local Fines and Licenses.....	1,325 50
All Other Sources.....	22 84
Total.....	\$30,714 02

**EXPENDITURES**

Paid Male Teachers.....	\$ 4,527 02
Paid Female Teachers.....	12,879 95
Paid for Buildings and Sites.....	1,587 08
Paid for Repairs.....	670 60
Paid for Fuel.....	992 48
Paid for Reference Books, Maps, Charts, etc.....	532 04
Paid for Text-Books and Pupils' Supplies.....	677 22
Paid for Furniture.....	547 67
Paid for All Other Purposes.....	2,299 00
Cash on Hand July 14, 1902.....	6,000 95
Total.....	\$30,714 02

**INDEBTEDNESS**

Total Bonded Indebtedness.....	\$17,500 00
All Other Indebtedness.....	5,338 44
Total.....	\$21,838 44

**VALUATION**

Value of School Houses.....	\$30,550 00
Value of School House Sites Owned by Districts.....	1,361 00
Value of Text-Books.....	3,792 45
Value of Charts, Maps and Apparatus.....	2,514 00
Value of All Other District Property.....	4,901 00
Total.....	\$43,118 45

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Number of districts in the county, 62; number of school houses in the county—frame, 22; brick, 2; log, 2; sod, 28; total, 54, four of which were built during the year.

Number of Districts Having Nine Months of School.....

Number of Districts Having Six Months or More.....

Number of Districts Having Three Months or More.....

Total Number of Districts Having School.....

Average length of terms, 5.5 months; average number of days of school, 108.6.

Number of Children Between the Ages of 5 and 21.....

Number of Children Between the Ages of 7 and 14.....

Number Between the Ages of 5 and 21 enrolled.....

Number Under 5 Years Enrolled.....

Number Over 21 Years Enrolled.....

Total Enrollment.....

Aggregate number of days all pupils attended—males, 75,492 34; females, 88,201, total, 163,693 34. Average daily attendance—males, 693; females, 812; total, 1,507.

Number of teachers employed—males, 11; females, 36; total, 67. Total salary earned by teachers—males, \$3,885.50; females, \$12,170.70. Average salary paid teachers in rural schools per month—males, \$28.85; females, \$29.00. Average salary paid teachers in graded schools per month—males, \$78.30; females, \$45.60.

Number of visits of County Superintendent to schools, 74.

Graded Schools: City of Alliance—school census, 835; enrollment, 809; number of teachers, 16; Secretary of Board, S. M. Smyser; Superintendent, W. H. Bartz. Hemingford—school census, 91; enrollment, 96; number of teachers, 2; Secretary of Board, W. F. Walker; Principal, H. H. Funk.

Respectfully,  
J. W. BAUMGARDNER, County Superintendent.

**RANGES STOVES**

The largest line of Steel and Cast Ranges ever shown in Western Nebraska. Ranges from \$25.00 to \$62.50.

**Newberry's.**  
Largest Stock of Glass in Alliance.

**Two of Our Churches.****First Baptist Church**

One Block West and Two Blocks North of

**TIMES BUILDING.**

GEORGE COLLINS JEFFERS, PASTOR.

**Sunday Services.**

Sunday School.....10.00 A.M.

Preaching.....11.00 A.M.

Junior Meeting.....3.00 P.M.

C. E. Meeting.....7.15 P.M.

Preaching.....8.00 P.M.