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We hope to see the day when public disapprobation will fall as heavily upon a political trickster as it now does upon a man who is dishonest in ordinary business affairs.

There is absolutely no good reason why the people should not be permitted to express their preference in all important public matters. This is a "square deal" proposition. No honest man of average intelligence, unless blinded by prejudice, will object to it.

Let the people say what they want in governmental affairs, whether in nation, state or city, and then abide by the decision of the majority. This is the true principle for the government of republics. Those who are unwilling to abide by it are unworthy of citizenship in a republic.

The York Democrat is one of the Nebraska papers that began publishing the "boiler plate" rot for the so-called Merchants and Manufacturers Association of Omaha, but it appears that public sentiment down that way was too strongly against that kind of stuff, hence the Democrat has discontinued it indefinitely.

The initiative and referendum, that is direct legislation, will sooner or later be adopted, not only by the most progressive cities of Nebraska, but by the state as a whole; and then the political shysters who have opposed it will probably find it convenient to hunt their holes, unless they can crawl into an appointive office under a stand-pat national administration.

Here is a little prosperity item from a Cincinnati newspaper:

In the seven days that the soup houses in the Eighth ward (Cincinnati) have been in operation 7,729 meals have been served. Following are the number of people to whom meals have been given daily: Jan. 1, 1,014; Jan. 2, 1,475; Jan. 3, 1,221; Jan. 4, (one meal only,) 575; Jan. 5, 1,005; Jan. 6, 1,145; Jan. 7, 1,265.

Isn't there some mistake about this? We have always been told by republican newspapers and stump speakers that soup houses were an exclusive feature of democratic administrations.

A high tribute was paid to Representative Henry T. Rainey of Illinois by President Taft when he ordered the Cannon crowd to throw him out of the Ballinger investigating committee. Mr. Rainey had once criticized Brother Charley and this, of course, unfitted him from the Taft standpoint. Furthermore he is a man that cannot be "reached" or swerved from his purpose, which makes him wholly unacceptable as a member of the Ballinger whitewashing committee.

Deputy Labor Commissioner Maupin has sent The Herald a request to mention a correction that should be made of a clerical error that appeared in Bulletin No. 17, issued by the Bureau of Labor. Sheridan county is credited with the production of 71,964 bushels of potatoes last year, instead of 719,640. The correction of this error places Sheridan county, instead of Box Butte, in first place in the list of Nebraska potato raising counties. But in proportion to the area of the two

counties, Box Butte is still considerably ahead of Sheridan in the number of bushels grown.

The report of the postmaster general of Canada is interesting and illuminating in view of the efforts of President Taft and Postmaster General Hitchcock to blame the United States postal deficit upon newspaper and magazine publishers. Canada is a country of vast area and meagre population and it should naturally cost a great deal more proportionately to transport newspapers or any other class of mail in the Dominion than it does in the United States. But there is no postal deficit in Canada—on the contrary the surplus for the year was \$800,237.53. Furthermore the second class rate has been reduced from one-half a cent a pound to one-fourth of a cent a pound—just one-quarter of the rate periodicals in the United States are paying, and which rate the president decries as a "subsidy" to the publishers. And in addition to this, newspapers are carried in the Canadian mails free for a distance not exceeding 40 miles of publication. The Canadian postmaster general's report is an indictment of the graft and corruption rampant in the postal affairs of this country. If newspapers can be carried by the government profitably for a quarter of a cent a pound in sparsely settled Canada, why should it cost nine cents a pound to carry the same class of mail in the United States, as the president and his postmaster general maintain is the cost of service in this country?

Direct Legislation

The initiative and referendum means, in other words, direct legislation, the deciding of important public questions by vote of all the people, instead of delegating the power of decision to a few.

We cannot take the space in this issue of The Herald, to discuss this subject as we wish to do in the near future, but will call attention briefly to some persons who endorse and some who oppose it. The principle of direct legislation is most heartily endorsed by such men as William J. Bryan, Senator La Follette, and the large majority of intelligent American citizens. It is opposed by the Czar of Russia, the Sultan of Turkey, the trust magnates of America, who, in a land of unparalleled resources and in a time of unprecedented prosperity, have brought about a condition under which a large share of the laboring men of the country find it almost impossible to support their families decently; it is also most bitterly opposed by Czar Aldrich of the United States Senate, Czar Cannon of the House of Representatives, and the editor of the Alliance Times, who, by the grace of one, Moses P. Kinkaid, also holds an appointive office, from which a highly respected citizen was deposed to make room for the editor-politician.

Which side of the question are you on?

One Hundred Kinds of Good Candy
 at the **MODEL Candy Kitchen**

Our Motto:

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FARMER DRAGGED BY HORSE

Foot Catches in Stirrup and Skull is Fractured.

Wood River, Neb., Feb. 14.—L. M. Hodges, a prominent farmer living two miles south of here, was dragged by a vicious horse with the result that his skull was fractured and it is probable that he will die. He had started for a neighbor's on horseback and the animal ran under some trees, striking his head against an overhanging branch. He was knocked from the saddle, his foot catching in the stirrup. His skull is fractured in two places and doctors have no hope of his recovery.

FOLLMER LOSES HIS SUIT

District Court at Lincoln Turns Down Ancient Murfin Claim for Fees.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 12.—In the district court a decision was rendered against the claim of former Land Commissioner George W. Follmer for \$1,500 attorney's fees paid out of his own pocket to Captain E. J. Murfin of Lincoln in the Boyd county land cases. The legislature has turned the claim down for several sessions, but last winter gave Mr. Follmer permission to sue the state.

Furse Back on Job.

Lincoln, Feb. 14.—Colonel J. W. Furse, private secretary to Governor Shallenberger, has returned to Lincoln from Alma, where he sold at auction twenty-three head of horses. Colonel Furse reported that about 400 people attended the sale and that several horse buyers who were present informed him that the prices paid were higher than the market price. The sale netted something over \$3,400. The large prices paid, Mr. Furse said, he believed was due to scarcity of horses for use on farms.

Anselv Court House Fund.

Anselv, Neb., Feb. 14.—The people of Anselv and farmers in the near vicinity, in order to show their good faith in agreeing to build a court house in the event county division carries, are now raising a fund of \$25,000 for that purpose. It is thought that towns in other parts of the proposed new counties to be formed out of Custer will form like amounts.

Special Election in April.

Lincoln, Feb. 15.—Unless something happens to prevent, City Clerk Ozman will call the election for voting on the saloon question for April 5. This date seems to suit the parties interested in getting up the petition and no objections have been made to it. The second petition was filed.

Club May Act on Rates.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 12.—Deputy Attorney General Grant Martin, in an opinion filed with the state railway commission, has held that it is legal for an unincorporated commercial club or association under the Aldrich law to file a complaint alleging the unreasonableness of freight rates.

Keene Admits Part in Pool.

New York, Feb. 15.—James R. Keene, testifying before United States Commissioner Alexander in the J. M. Fiske & Co., bankruptcy proceedings, admitted he was the manager of two of the pools in Columbus & Hoeking Coal & Iron company stock.

Killed in Fight Over Woman.

Pittsburg, Kan., Feb. 15.—During a quarrel over a woman at the Wear Coal company camp near here Thomas Oliver was murdered. J. H. Wynr was arrested charged with the crime.

OMAHA CLUB TESTING CORN

Effort Will Be Made to Induce All Farmers to Test Seed.

Omaha, Feb. 14.—Omaha, through the Commercial club, is taking the lead in a state-wide campaign to interest farmers in testing seed corn in order to prevent a loss, estimated at \$13,000,000 to Nebraska and also to increase the yield of corn per acre. Every newspaper, bank, implement dealer and grain buyer is asked to help. The feeling is that seed should always be tested but there is more reason than ever to test corn this year as some was damaged by early frosts and snows last fall.

More than that, the Commercial club is testing seed corn and expects to show that at least two ears in every twelve will not grow at all, while from four to six ears of corn in a dozen are not capable of producing good root systems and will grow only inferior nubbins if the seed actually produces anything more than a stalk.

In the club rooms some model seed corn testers have been started, samples of corn having been obtained from many different parts of the state. The corn has been secured by direct application to farmers and through grain dealers who selected the ears from among those held by farmers for seed.

The results of these tests are expected to astonish farmers and business men. They will be made known within a few days. Enough is known of some of the samples to show that two ears in every twelve fail to grow.

EXTENSION AVOIDS POLITICS

University of Nebraska Authorities Come to Decision.

Lincoln, Feb. 14.—Chancellor Avery has issued a statement in which he says: "After many consultations and a very careful study of the situation, the director of the extension work, the chancellor, and all the members of the Board of Regents who could be reached for con-

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sultation, are unanimous in their opinion that it is for the best interests of the university that in the future no one shall be scheduled to lecture under the department of university extension whose presence might be reasonably interpreted as representing a desire on the part of the local committee or on the part of anyone else, to influence in a partisan way votes at any coming election."

Baby Chokes on Grain of Corn.

Hampton, Neb., Feb. 14.—The 13-month-old baby, an only child of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Madsen, northwest of town, swallowed a kernel of corn, which caused its death while on the way to Aurora, where the parents were taking it for medical assistance after every thing possible had been tried in the home by the local physician to extract the kernel. After death an internal examination was made and the corn found in the windpipe.

Church at David City Burns.

David City, Neb., Feb. 15.—St. Luke's Methodist church of this city burned to the ground. A defective fuse is supposed to have been the cause. The church was insured for \$7,500 and the pipe organ for \$1,000. Both are totally destroyed.

M'VANN BOOSTS FOR BOATS

Wants Omaha to Exert Effort for River Navigation.

Omaha, Feb. 12.—E. J. McVann of the traffic bureau of the Commercial club has returned from Washington, where he went in connection with some rate cases and who heard the arguments advanced by the Kansas City boosters for an appropriation for the Missouri river improvements. The rivers and harbors committee of the house has recommended an expenditure of \$1,000,000 a year for ten years on the Missouri from Kansas City to St. Louis.

The impression gained by Mr. McVann is that Kansas City expects to have a boat line in operation this summer, and when boats once get to navigating the stream it will be up to the government to keep the channel clear so the boats may get through.

Kansas City has raised \$650,000 for a boat line and will raise more money to buy more boats. Omaha business men are urged to take stock in the Kansas City project in the hope that the boat lines may be extended to Omaha, and in this way an interest shown by Omaha in having the river improved from Kansas City to Omaha, as well as on to St. Louis.

Additional Local.

It is reported that a fire at, or in the neighborhood of the Richardson ranch in Garden county, did considerable damage one day this week.

Geo Gadsby had a little experience with the police in Lincoln the other day that would have been exciting to a man of a more nervous temperament. Through the mistake of a would-be detective who did not have gumption enough to distinguish on honest man from a bank robber, George was arrested and held in limbo for a short while, but quickly released when the mistake was discovered.

The Newberry Hardware Co. has ordered for the West Laws Dairy a new made-to-order wagon which will be put into commission about March 17th.

Recovering from Operation

We are much pleased to note that Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Coursey's little daughter, Novella, is recovering nicely from her recent severe sickness. About five weeks since she became afflicted with infected glands in the neck, complicated with measles. An operation became necessary, which afforded temporary relief. On Tuesday, the 8th inst., a second operation was performed. This had the desired effect, and she is now well on the road to recovery.

Removed—The Bennett Piano company has moved their stock of pianos to the building formerly occupied by the Brennan drug company, where they will be pleased to show prospective buyers their line of high grade pianos. Mr. English has ordered a cartload of pianos, which will arrive in a few days, and expects to do a larger business this year than ever before. Mrs. Wiker will be in charge as heretofore, with a full and complete line of new and up-to-date sheet music. 110 West Wyoming ave.

Oliver Typewriter For Sale

A second-hand Oliver typewriter, in first-class condition, for sale. Inquire at The Herald office.

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LOCAL PARAGRAPHS

Judge G. T. H. Babcock of Chadron transacted business in Alliance Monday.

Ora E. Phillips and D. W. Butler were passengers to Hemingford on 43 today.

Attend the W. C. T. U. medal contest at the Baptist church Friday evening.

Furnished room; modern; suitable for one or two gentlemen. Enquire at Herald office.

Miss Dorothy Hoag has accepted a position as stenographer in Gen. Supt. Young's office.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter are rejoicing over the birth of a son, weight 10 pounds, born Wednesday.

L. D. Blair and wife of Reno, formerly of Alliance, are the happy parents of twins, a boy and girl.

Judge W. W. Wood, register of the U. S. land office, favors The Herald with a check on advance subscription.

Geo. J. Sutton and Michael Bayer are two more to favor The Herald with subscription money during the past week.

Miss Gladys Boon, saleslady at the Bee Hive store, is one of the new additions to The Herald's list of subscribers.

Louis Barta of Canton was in Alliance on business yesterday, having come down from Hemingford on the train Tuesday.

M. Shimek, one of The Herald's many north side subscribers, came down from Marsland Monday, returning Tuesday.

M. G. Hatch, Angora, called at The Herald office while in Alliance today and ordered his name placed on our subscription list.

Rev. J. M. Huston is engaged in revival services this week at this week at the Carpenter Baptist church, twelve miles southwest of Alliance.

Attend the debate at the high school auditorium Saturday evening. The visiting club is from Broken Bow and the question is that of Labor Unions.

Mrs. G. E. Rooker of Reno is in the city for the purpose of making final proof. She is accompanied by J. C. Berry and W. G. Wilson as witnesses.

Miss Hanthorne is again filling her position in the Central schools after a few days' absence in Omaha she took treatment for adenoids and catarrhal trouble.

Although still paid ahead on subscription to The Herald, H. I. Dainton deposits another dollar and a half with us, making his subscription account read "June 18, 1911."

Watkins & Feagins, the live stock and real estate men, now have a cosy office at 215 1/2 Box Butte avenue, a location which will be very convenient for them and their customers.

Relinquishment for Sale—640 acres unusually good land, plenty hay land; 12 miles from railroad station; mail route by place; cheap if taken soon. Call on James Potmesil, Long Lake, Neb. 10 ft

E. R. Thomas, until recently county commissioner of Gosper county, has become interested in northwestern Nebraska. Hereafter The Herald will keep him posted on this part of the state.

J. S. George, who came to this country a few weeks ago from Atchison, Kansas, and purchased land near Long Lake, is stopping at the home of his friend, T. J. Lawrence, in the Fairview neighborhood.

Norman McCorkle entertained a large party of friends at his home last evening. Games, music and luncheon, suited to the disposition and appetites of the "younger set," were generously provided by the young host.

The Woman's Club

The Woman's Club will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. W. R. Birney.

Dorothy Dodd
DAINTY SHOES
SPRING & SUMMER

JUST received—The new Spring models. Shoes of style and character for particular women. Selected Spring and Summer fashions, in the smartest new shapes and designs. Clever patterns in all sorts of leathers for either indoor or outdoor wear, morning, afternoon or evening.

The Horace Bogue Store