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THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1912

In the last presidential election the great effort of the trusts and other favored interests was to defeat the democratic candidate. Progressive democrats—and we believe the rank and file of the democratic party may be properly designated as progressive—ought to see to it that their candidate for president is not nominated by the same interests that have so long controlled the republican machine.

By request of United States Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock the first assistant postmaster general has compiled a list of the fifty Nebraska towns that did the largest post office business in the past fiscal year. Omaha heads the list, of course, with receipts amounting to more than a million dollars. Hebron is at the foot of the list with receipts of less than \$700. Alliance comes 16th, with receipts amounting to \$14,670.17, coming just under North Platte, which has a lead over Alliance of less than \$600. Scottsbluff is 30th in the list, Chadron 35rd, Crawford 39th, and Sidney 43rd.

A Washington correspondent, writing from the standpoint viewpoint, says of the investigation of the election of Senator Dupont of Delaware which Senator James A. Reed of Missouri has demanded, "There is nothing in the world that the membership of this great body is more tired of than this class of investigations." The standpat correspondent is no doubt right, and there is a reason. So many of the machine made United States senators secured their seats in the upper house of congress by "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain" that the less light there is thrown upon their elections the better it suits them.

Hon. S. C. Bassett of Gibbon is a candidate for the republican nomination for commissioner of public lands and buildings. He is at present a member of the state legislature from Buffalo county. During the session of the legislature last year he raised a "tempest in a teapot" down in Buffalo, Hall and Adams counties by refusing to be inveigled into the capital removal proposition, which after all was only a political trick that most people outside those three counties could easily see through. Mr. Bassett homesteaded in Buffalo county in 1871 and still resides on the homestead. He has a record of usefulness to his home community and county as well as the state. He is entitled to the republican nomination for the office to which he aspires, and also to election to the office unless the democrats nominate a better man.

It is a pleasure to again call attention to the remarkable growth and business development of Nebraska's metropolis. There are some things about Omaha politically that we do not like and cannot stand for, but from a commercial viewpoint it is a good city to tie to. The leading business men of that city

are enterprising, generous and honorable. It is a pleasure to transact business with them, as well as to note the progress they are making in building up a great western city as a commercial and industrial center. The year 1911 was a record breaking year for the city in factory output, wholesale business, bank clearings, etc. We hope to see 1912 turn out to be another record breaker for the "Market Town" on the Big Muddy.

As the campaign preceding the republican and democratic national conventions progresses, a few things become evident to the thoughtful and unprejudiced observer of current events. Whether the candidacy of ex-President Roosevelt was intended primarily to flim-flam the candidacy of Senator La Follette, that is what is has already done. There was a rapidly rising tide of sentiment in the ranks of the republican party in favor of the nomination of the Wisconsin senator, with some prospect that he might secure it, when the Roosevelt boom was projected, with the result that La Follette is now practically out of the race. Another thing that is evident is that, with La Follette safely shelved, the special interests are not showing the anxiety about the republican nomination that they are in regard to the democratic nomination. It is also evident that their bitterest fight is directed against Woodrow Wilson. Whether this is because they dislike him more than they do any other progressive democratic candidate, or because they believe there is more danger of his nomination, we are unable to say at this time.

We do not think it makes much difference just who is nominated by the democrats for president, but it is very important that the democratic nominee shall be a true blue progressive, and not a man who can be controlled by the favor seeking trusts.

The city election held in Seattle on Tuesday, March 5, shows an awakening on the part of voters in that great city. Whether their decisions were best or not, they show that the people are thinking for themselves on public questions, which is a hopeful sign. Hiram C. Gill, former mayor who had been recalled and was a candidate for re-election and in favor of an "open town", was defeated by about 1,500 majority. The single tax proposition was voted upon and defeated by a large majority. The socialist candidate for corporation council polled 24,000 votes and was barely beaten for the place.

We are always pleased to add to The Herald any feature that will be of interest to a considerable number of our readers. The First National Bank of Alliance has undertaken at considerable expense to compile data concerning business, trade and crop conditions throughout the country, and will furnish the same to us twice a month for publication in The Herald. These semi-monthly reports differ from any such articles published by the newspapers of this country in that the contents are not haphazard guesses but carefully compiled information which has been gathered from reliable sources and may be depended upon to set forth the exact conditions of what it purports to represent. These reports will be of particular interest to business men and stockmen. They will be published in the first and third issues of The Herald each month during the coming spring and summer. The first of this series of articles appears in this issue.

THAT STRAW VOTE

The straw vote taken by The Herald and reported last week was so one sided in favor of Champ Clark that it seems to have discouraged others from voting. There was not enough of a contest about it to keep up the interest. It is not necessary to publish the vote this week as it would be practically the same as last week.

THE EDITORIAL "WE"

No doubt many readers of this paper have wondered, as many others have done, why an editor in referring to himself uses the plural personal pronoun "we" instead of the pronoun in its singular form, "I". We (that is, the editor, who is one person) have often thought of giving our readers an explanation, and take occasion now to do so.

According to the usage of recognized authorities on the English language, the use of the editorial "we" is proper, although but one person is acting as editor; but the use of the word "we" by a public speaker in referring to himself is not considered good form. In rhetoric "we" used editorially is termed a "trope", that is, the use of a word or expression in a different sense from that which properly belongs to it. Thus "we" used editorially is a trope in which it is assumed that the sentiments or opinions of the readers of the publication coincide with those of the writer, hence, in a modified sense, when an editor says "we" he means the readers of the paper and himself, it being assumed that a majority of the readers hold the same views that the writer does.

It is not proper for a correspondent of a periodical to use the editorial "we". If he has occasion to refer to himself in his writing he should say "I". The same rule applies to public speakers, unless the discourse is such that it is clear that he includes his hearers with himself.

It is not proper for an editor to use the plural pronoun in referring to matters that concern himself personally, such as references to "our family," "our wife," etc. Ordinarily it is very poor taste for an editor to refer to his personal affairs thru the periodical which he edits.

NEWSPAPER AT NORTHPORT

The village of Northport has a newspaper, The Northport Herald, the first number of which was issued Friday, March 1, with C. D. Casper, ex-county clerk of Morrill county, in charge as editor and manager. Mr. Casper is a veteran newspaper man of the progressive democratic stamp. Many years ago the Butler County Press gained a state wide reputation while he was editor of it. Although becoming somewhat advanced in years, Mr. Casper has lost none of his old time vigor as a progressive political writer and we dare say The Northport Herald will soon take front rank editorially among the newspapers of western Nebraska.

There has been a strong demand for a long time for another newspaper in Morrill county, this demand coming principally from Bridgeport and Northport, located on opposite sides of the North Platte river. Heretofore Northport has had no newspaper. For the last few years Bridgeport has had but one paper, and that edited by one of the rank and file standpatters of the newspaper fraternity in this part of the west. Persons who have differed in opinion with the editor of the Bridgeport paper, and especially those who believe in and have the temerity to advocate the principles for which eminent statesmen of unquestionable sincerity, such as William J. Bryan and Robert M. La Follette have stood, have been subjected to insulting innuendoes by the Bridgeport editor. Of course, persons of progressive sentiments, both democrats and republicans, have become tired of such treatment and have desired a county paper that would do them justice. Even those who have not been the direct objects of the reactionary editor's slurs have been disgusted with them and wished some relief from the same.

Taking into consideration the principles represented by the two editors of Northport and Bridgeport, we consider it fortunate for the progressive sentiment of Morrill county, republicans as well as democrats, that C. D. Casper's trenchant pen now has opportunity to do editorial work in behalf of the people of that county, who have grown tired of editorial endorsement of things grossly unjust and reactionary, and the condemnation of progressive principles and those who stand for them. Mr. Casper may be depended upon to sincerely advocate the rights of the common people, as opposed to the special interests which have so long dominated in machine politics in this country.

GRADE DAMAGE SUIT

Jury Allows Sarpy County Man Eight Hundred Dollars Damages.

Several important cases were disposed in district court just closed at Papillion, one of which among the civil actions that attracted special attention was the case of Winkler against Sarpy county for \$800 damage to his residence property by reason of the grading of the county road in front of his property. Winkler had built his residence in a low place, twelve feet from the county road, about two feet below the grade already made by the county. When the county raised this grade four feet additional it made his property appear much lower and the grade shut out his view. The jury allowed Winkler \$200 damages.

The county has done a great deal of grading lately from the inheritance tax received and the question the people are asking now is, will the county now be liable to property owners along such graded roads for damages for the cuts and fills adjacent to their farms?

La Follette Will Tour Nebraska. Senator La Follette of Wisconsin announced that he would campaign Nebraska, Oregon and Washington in April, previous to the presidential preference primaries in those states.

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