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If we must eat crow we insist on having the feathers plucked and the varmint parboiled at least.



As the returns were coming in we sent our kodak send out to catch John Robertson, should the figures indicate his election, and the above is what he brought us. Note the smiling visage, the noble brow, the intelligent glitter of his eye and then doubt if you may that we will not have a creditable representative.



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Some people imagine that we feel this way, but we don't. Of course Robertson, Kem and the possibility of Crawford is nauseating, but at the same time their small majorities are refreshing.



This is the hand that will write on the wall the pop's defeat in this county next fall.



The state seems to have gone to the place indicated above.



We will tell you how it was done next week, when we will publish the official returns.



But after all we are one people under one flag, there is a God in Israel and bal'n in Gilead.

WE WILL IRRIGATE

The Big Ditch Almost an Assured Thing.

NOTHING IN THE WAY

Except Securing a Sufficient Number of Water Rights.

After working up a plan for irrigation that many called visionary, and working against great odds for months, the indomitable courage and perseverance of the officers of the Niobrara River Irrigation and Power company are about to realize the fruits of their labor. They have placed the matter where the people may say whether or not they really want to irrigate. If they want to irrigate all they have to do is to sign a contract for water, at the lowest rate—both for the right and the water—existing in any irrigated portion of the United States.

We do not believe that any farmer will refuse to take out a water right. The past few seasons have conclusively proven that the land is worthless without water. The water, as we understand it, will cost something like \$60 per year for forty acres, for the first ten years, and after that \$40. If irrigated land cannot afford to pay this amount per forty acres it cannot afford to pay anything.

Following is a circular now being sent out by the irrigation company: "After the unceasing labor of almost a year, the Niobrara River and Power company has succeeded in closing a contract with men of means and responsibility which insures to the people of Northern Nebraska the building of the much talked of "big ditch," through the counties of Sheridan, Cherry, Brown, Rock and Holt.

"The enterprise is one of mammoth proportions and when completed will not only revolutionize the agricultural and industrial interests of Northern Nebraska, but will be the largest of its kind in the United States.

"This company has already spent a great deal of time and much money in promoting the enterprise and in securing and holding its rights to the water of the Niobrara river and other streams, and it will be obliged to spend much more time and money in pushing the undertaking to completion.

"We have guaranteed to the men with whom we have contracted that the people of the different counties whose lands are available to be watered from the main canal or its laterals, will sign contracts to take permanent water rights. The terms of such contracts are \$8 per acre payable 10 years after the enterprise is so far completed that they can properly receive the water upon their lands, and an annual rental of \$1 per acre for the use of the water.

"To illustrate this we take the case of a person wishing to take a water right for 40 acres of land:

"He is required to sign a contract now, agreeing that when the ditch is completed and the water running in it so that he can properly receive the water from it on his land, he will give his note for \$320, which note will be due and payable 10 years after the date it is given, and will be secured on the land watered. This note will bear interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, which interest shall be payable semi-annually, or in this case \$11.20 every six months. This is the same as any regular real estate loan except that the interest is lower than in many cases. Besides this, he is required to pay \$1 per acre for the use of the water. This would amount, in this case, to \$40 per year. This is all there is to it.

"As stated above, we have guaranteed that the people will take the permanent water rights on these terms, believing that it is within the reach of and will be considered reasonable by every farmer in the country. If we have been mistaken, and the people will not give us the required contracts to take water rights, the enterprise must fail.

"We respectfully ask that the people living in the different sections of the country to be watered, organize among themselves for the purpose of assisting the company in getting the required water contracts, as it will be impossible for the members of the company to visit every section of the country for the reason that they have not the time or money necessary to enable them to do so.

"Any communication or inquiry addressed to the secretary of the company at O'Neill will be cheerfully and promptly answered.

"The printed water contracts, in blank form, will be ready in a few days, and will be sent upon application to the secretary, to any one who will get them signed in his community."

A Gem.
Among all of the rubbish dedicated to politicians in this campaign, we find the following gem, from the pen of Walt Mason. It matters not who wins or loses, the verses are good anyway:
In a poorhouse t'other day
Sat a farmer, old and gray,
Broken by a life of toil
On the unproductive soil.
Dim and vacant were his eyes,
Sad and touching were his sighs
As he moaned this dismal song,
While the old world jogged along:

"One full-blooded Berkshire sow,
One old sway-backed sorrel cow,
Two red heifers, weight unknown,
And a colt, a sort of roan,
These were mine, both great and small—
Silas Holcomb got them all."

Then I raised his hoary head:
"Come, cheer up, old man," I said:
"Try to cultivate a smile—
Things will brighten in a while."
But he only sang away,
Paled, stricken, old and gray:

"One old sorrel sway-backed cow,
One ten-dollar breaking plow,
One farm wagon, nearly new,
One check-rower, painted blue;
One old mare, whose name was Nell,
And a deep artesian well;
Nise new paper on the wall—
Silas Holcomb got them all."

"Friend," said I, "I know it's tough,
But I think you've groaned enough;
Let the dismal past be dead,
Let it rot—and look ahead.
Brighter days are coming soon,
Winds of May and flowers of June,
Starry nights and sunny days,
Blue skies and smoother ways."
But he sang his dismal lay,
Paled, stricken, old and gray:

"One old bee hive, filled with bees,
One old press for making cheese,
Double harness, husking pegs,
Kitchen table, minus legs,
Hens and turkeys, ducks and geese,
Monkey-wrench and axle grease,
Busted grindstone, not much good,
Fifteen cords of red elm wood;
All these things were mine last fall—
Silas Holcomb got them all."

It was vain to try to cheer
One so gloomy, mad and sore;
So I left, and as I went,
Filled with pain and discontent,
I could hear him sadly call:
"Silas Holcomb got them all."

P. J. McManus has removed his store to the building formerly occupied by the Chicago Clothing house. Call and examine his stock in his new quarters.

The explosion of a lamp in Jim Connelly's saloon Tuesday morning caused a little excitement with no damage.

LOST—A plain gold ring. Supposed to have been lost near bulletin board. Finder will please leave at this office.

In West Virginia Congressman Wilson father of the Wilson bill, was defeated for congress by the republican candidate by a good safe majority.

Died.
On Friday, November 2, of infantile paralysis, Edward Clarence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ingersoll, aged 3 years. The funeral occurred Saturday, at 11 o'clock, from the Presbyterian church, the remains being interred in the Protestant cemetery.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to extend our sincere thanks to those who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our boy.
MR. AND MRS. CHAS. INGERSOLL.

Notice to Farmers.
As we have discontinued our arrangements with the O'Neill Butter and Egg company, we will not honor their tickets but will pay the highest market price for No. 1 butter and eggs, and sell you groceries at bed rock cash basis in exchange. So bring along your good butter and fresh eggs.
17-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.
Only \$2.95.

We are closing out our lines of ladies' welt and cloth top turn shoes, worth \$3.50, \$4 and \$4.50, at the uniform price of \$2.95. This is a great opportunity to buy good shoes cheap. Don't fail to see them before it is too late.
17-3 J. P. MANN.

Dr. Price's cream baking powder—a pure grape cream of tartar powder.

Letter List.
Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at O'Neill, Neb., unclaimed, for the week ending October 18, 1894:
Joseph Myers Mrs. Mary M Smith
Zuen Wedardards
In calling for the above please say "advertised." If not called for in two weeks they will be sent to the dead letter office.
J. H. Riggs P. M.

Dr. Price's cream baking powder—the most perfect made.

THE ELECTION RETURNS

The Whole Country Except Nebraska Goes Republican.

SILAS HOLCOMB IN NEBRASKA

The Democrat-Populist Combine Was Too Much for Nebraska Republicans.

The independent party has succeeded in its ambition and has elected Silas A. Holcomb governor of Nebraska by from 3,000 to 5,000. The indications are that the rest of the republican state ticket is elected by small majorities. The republicans elect five of the six congressmen, a gain of two. Congressman Kem is probably re-elected from this district by a reduced majority. The exact figures are not obtainable yet owing to the returns coming in slowly from the country precincts.

In this county the independents carry the county for Holcomb by about 350; Kem gets about 300 and Crawford about 125 majority. Smith is elected representative by about 150 and Robertson wins by about 58 majority.

The following is the unofficial vote of the county with the exception of Francis, Inman, McClure and Swan townships: Holcomb 1219; Majors 909; Kem 1100; Dougherty 851; Crawford 1100; Sample 982; Robertson 885; Smith 911; Griffith 716; Trommershauser 856.

The indications are that Crawford is elected senator by about 50 majority. This is a republican gain of about 250 as compared with the vote of Mullen and Hunter in 1892.

In this county the head of the independent ticket gains about 31 on the vote for Holcomb for supreme judge last year, and the republicans on the head of the ticket gained about 100 on the vote for Harrison for supreme judge last year.

Mr. Eisele, republican, was elected supervisor in Conley, to succeed W. Calkins, republican.

Luther Maben, democrat, was elected supervisor from Deloit to succeed F. Schindler, independent.

An independent was elected from Francis to succeed S. Gillison, republican.

The voters of Iowa township selected R. Murray, democrat to succeed E. M. Waring, independent.

The independents elected their candidate in McClure to succeed J. H. Wilson, republican.

E. J. Mack, republican, was elected in the city of O'Neill to succeed J. Murphy democrat.

The independent candidate was elected in Scott to succeed P. Kelly, independent.

Hugh O'Neill, non-partisan, was elected in Saratoga to succeed Perry Miller, independent.

In Stuart township J. W. Wertz, republican, will serve instead of L. A. Jillison, independent.

J. E. White, independent, was re-elected in Wyoming.

Mohr, independent, was elected in Willowdale to succeed D. Trullinger, republican.

The independents will have a majority over both the democrats and republicans on the county board.

The following specials are taken from the Chicago Tribune, date of November 7, and are as accurate as any returns of that date:

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 6.—Reports indicate the republicans will elect their state and legislative tickets by large pluralities. Many democrats voted the republican ticket for the purpose of crushing out the populists.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 6.—Republicans carried the state. The indications at 9 p. m. are that the full republican state ticket and a majority of the republican legislative ticket are elected, insuring the election of two republican senators.

ST PAUL, Minn., Nov. 6.—The polls closed at 7 o'clock and figures are slow coming in, only a few scattered reports

having been received up to 9 o'clock. There has been a great falling off in the democratic vote and a gain by both the republicans and populists, the latter gaining the most. However, the republicans would still win, even if they only held their own, so long as the other parties did not entirely join together. It therefore seems likely that Gov. Nelson, R., is re-elected by an increase over his plurality of 14,000 of two years ago. The labor vote has chiefly gone to the populist and that party has held most if not all of its former strength throughout the state.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 6.—At 10 o'clock there have been absolutely no returns received of the Kansas election. Not a single precinct so far as heard from has completed its count. Encouraging reports of a general character have been received at both populist and republican headquarters and both hold to their ante-election claims.

WICHITA, Kan., Nov. 6.—The Eagle, R., claims Long, R., for congress, will be elected by 1,000 plurality over Jerry Simpson and gives the state to Morrill by 10,000 plurality.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 6.—Across the state line, in Kansas City, Kan., women have made a determined fight to carry the constitutional amendment granting them the privilege of voting in all elections. They are splendidly organized, and have active workers at all booths.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 6.—[Special] At 10:30 o'clock tonight returns had been received from 74 precincts out of 3,663 in Indiana, showing a net republican gain of 1,636. Returns are coming in slowly. The average republican gain to the precinct is 30 votes, the same average being indicated by the returns from both republican and democratic counties. At this rate Indiana will go republican by a plurality of not less than 53,000, the most unprecedented landslide ever happening in Hoosierdom. The congressional returns are fewer to-night than those on secretary of state, the head of the ticket, but at the present rate republicans will not be surprised to see every one of the thirteen districts go republican.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 6.—Democrats have carried the state, but by a reduced plurality. Seth W. Cobb, D., Twelfth district, is elected to congress. Richard M. Barthold, R., Tenth district, is elected. In the Ninth congressional district Champ Clark, D., is elected.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Nov. 6.—From the returns received up to 11 o'clock the indications are that Massachusetts has given Greenhalge, R., a majority of 45,000, a gain of 10,000 over last year. Probabilities are that eleven out of the thirteen congressmen will be elected and that the lower house will easily have a republican majority. Massachusetts is likely to have a solid republican delegation in congress.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 6.—Wisconsin in the procession with the largest republican plurality which has been given since war times. The returns thus far received indicate that the plurality will be in the neighborhood of 50,000 for Maj. Upham for governor, and the entire republican state ticket. The returns show that nine republican congressmen are elected and that the republicans have an overwhelming majority in the assembly and have control of the state senate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 6.—Estee, R., for governor, and all the republican candidates for state officers have been elected. An unusually large vote has been polled. No serious disturbances are reported. D. M. Burns, secretary of the state republican committee, at 7 p. m. made the following statement: "We claim the state by at least 20,000 majority. Estee is elected beyond all doubt, as well as the rest of the state ticket. The legislature will be republican by a comfortable majority."

Colorado, Michigan, Ohio, Iowa, Illinois and Washington also went republican by large majorities.