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Nebraskans who leave this state in the hope of finding a better one, are framing up bitter disappointment for themselves.

People from other states looking for new locations and passing by Nebraska in the search, are missing the golden opportunity of their lives.

Today Nebraska offers to the homeseeker, to the investor and to the manufacturer the greatest opportunities ever offered. Its untilled acres of the most fertile soil in the world will support a million more families without crowding. It is already producing enough raw material to supply hundreds of mammoth factories engaged in the manufacture of those things which men and women eat and wear. It has an undeveloped water power sufficient to turn the wheels of every industry. It has the finest school system in the United States, the most intelligent and hospitable people in the world, unexcelled church facilities, a climate equal to that of Italy, and a future grand beyond comparison.

Nebraska produces more corn to the acre than any other state; more wheat to the acre than any other state; more oats to the acre than any other state. It is the fourth largest corn producing state of the Union, and the youngest of the four; it is the fourth largest wheat producing state, and the youngest of the four. It has the fourth largest state university, and it is the youngest of the four. It has the third largest permanent school fund of any state, and is the youngest of the three.

Nebraska's corn crop in 1910 was worth more than the total gold production of the United States, including Alaska.

Not a state in the Union, or even Alaska, produced gold enough in 1910 to equal the value of Nebraska's egg crop for the same year.

The total tobacco crop of the nation in 1910 was worth \$10,000,000 less than Nebraska corn crop in the same year.

The value of the butter made in Nebraska in 1910 was almost equal to the nation's production of sugar in the same year.

Keep these stupendous figures in mind, and then consider the

fact that there are sixteen million acres of fertile Nebraska land as yet untouched by the plow of the husbandman.

LESS THAN ONE-HALF OF THE TILLABLE LANDS OF NEBRASKA IS NOW UNDER CULTIVATION, and upon the 16,000,000 acres of untilled land another million of people may live and prosper.

The total of Nebraska's addition to the world's wealth in 1910—agricultural, live stock, dairying and manufactures—was upwards of \$650,000,000. This is approximately \$600 per capita. NO OTHER STATE IN THIS UNION CAN SHOW SUCH A WONDERFUL RECORD. And yet Nebraska is yet upon the threshold of her development. Nebraska's metropolis, Omaha, is the third largest packing center in the world, and the largest butter market in the world; Nebraska's capital city is the largest butter-making city in the world. Yet the live stock and dairy interests of Nebraska are but a tithe of what they may be at the end of the next ten years. Nebraska wheat fields will produce enough bread to feed the nation, and her creameries will produce the butter to spread upon the bread. Her hogs and her hens will provide the nation's breakfast of ham and eggs. Her orchards and vineyards will supply the nation's dessert. Her wool will supply the nation's clothes, and her splendid schools and happy homes will supply the nation with teachers and statesmen and homebuilders.

To be a Nebraskan, however humble, is better than to be a courtier at any court, no matter how grand. To have the privilege of singing the praises of such a state is far better than the privilege of sitting at the feet of kings or being cup-bearer in the halls of the mighty.

Of all good things Nebraska has the most; of bad things Nebraska has the least. Her marvellous development during the past quarter of a century is but an evidence of what her development is to be during the next quarter of a century. To sound Nebraska's praises should be the pleasure of every Nebraskan; to make her glories known to the world should be every Nebraskan's duty.

AND HERE IS ANOTHER BIG ASSET FOR NEBRASKA

The Eastman bill providing for the establishment of a state agricultural school in southwestern Nebraska was gasping for breath and showing signs of early demise. Then Will Maupin's Weekly, being more interested in the development of Nebraska's resources than in anything else, took upon itself the task of reminding the democratic majority of the legislature that it was bound by the solemn pledge of the democratic platform to provide for the establishment of that school. It also called attention to the

fact that in addition to being a platform pledge it was something that would benefit the state as a whole. Then this newspaper, so interested in boosting Nebraska, insisted that the legislature "make good."

Immediately the Eastman bill showed signs of returning animation. Will Maupin's Weekly was laid upon the desks of the legislators on Monday morning. Inside of the week the bill was dug up, new life pumped into it, and it was sent through with flying colors and laid upon the desk of Governor

Aldrich. Then Governor Aldrich affixed his signature and the southwestern school of agriculture is an established fact. Will Maupin's Weekly congratulates the legislators upon their wisdom, the democratic majority upon its fulfillment of a platform pledge, and the people of western and southwestern Nebraska upon this just recognition of their claims. And if Will Maupin's Weekly contributed in any measure to the passage it is amply repaid by the knowledge that it has helped to develop a vast agricultural territory.