

gradually increased the production per acre, and have made larger the tillable area. They have developed the dairying industry until today the dairy cow and the modest hen are two of Nebraska's greatest wealth producers. The Agricultural College is returning dollars to the state for every penny given for its maintenance. It is of more practical benefit to the state than all the universities and colleges within the state's borders.

The daily newspapers of July 4 saw fit to chronicle the fact that there is a famine of silver coin in the north Pacific states. Had we know that a dearth of silver coin was an item of news we could have put the papers wise to it a long time ago.

No need to worry for fear the city council will consent to allowing the public service corporations to occupy the streets with private mains. Doubtless the public service corporations are suffering from inadequate service from the municipal plant, but at that they are no worse off than hundreds of private consumers. As a matter of fact, if a privately owned public service corporation were guilty of giving the people the kind of service they are getting from the municipal water plant right now, there would be an insurrection. The management of the water department has been playing for a record. Instead of bending every energy to giving good service the managers have been trying to show up big in the profit column. The city should not seek to make a penny of profit from the water plant. It should seek to give the best possible service at the least possible cost. Mayor Armstrong is stirring things up in the water department, and as the stirring proceeds the water consumers will be wise to a lot of facts that have been concealed from them.

Everybody will regret to hear that Secretary C. E. Mayne of the Y. M. C. A. is to sever his connection with the local organization to become connected with the organization at Gary, Indiana. For eleven years Mr. Mayne has been giving loyal and efficient service in a cause that means much to the young men and boys of this city. He has proved his efficiency by getting hold of boys in a manner that few men are capable of accomplishing. He has the knack of knitting them to him, and exerting upon them a powerful influence for good, never making the morals so obtrusive as to make boys with red blood in their veins shy away from him. Such men are all too rare. Vigorous, full of initiative and always "on the job," Mr. Mayne is making a record in the Y. M. C. A. work. His departure from Lincoln will be regretted by thousands, especially by the young men and boys who have felt his influence for good upon their lives. Garry is to be congratulated upon having secured this splendid worker in a splendid cause.

Lincoln Ad Clubmen who have never been the guests of Samson in the Den of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben at Omaha have a treat coming. To be the guest of Samson is to get a touch of high life, be filled full of Nebraska enthusiasm and sent forth to boost. Next Monday night Samson and his loyal knights are going to entertain Omaha and Lincoln Ad Clubmen, together with members of the Commercial Clubs throughout the state. Some special stunts will be pulled off. President Westfall and Secretary Murray of the Lincoln Ad Club are desirous of having the local organization represented to the limit. If seventy-five or more members will signify a desire to attend a special train will be provided, and the clubmen can go and come when they please. If you want to be counted in on the splurge, just telephone Secretary K. L. Murray. It will be a trip to cling to the memory for many years to come. We've been through the mysterious realm of Ak-Sar-Ben a few times, and we know what we are talking about, thank you. We're going up next Monday and take it all in again.

The office of the Columbus Telegram was gutted by fire a few days ago, but that won't prevent the Telegram from coming out as regularly and as full of ginger as usual. About the only possible difference that fire could have made would have been to make Judge Howard forget that drawl for a minute and talk real fast. And even a costly fire would scarcely be too high a price to pay for the privilege of listening to such.

Colonel Charley Pool, who edits the Tecumseh Journal-Tribune brilliantly when he is not politicking, and always entertainingly no matter what else he may be doing, says it is up to the boys whether he shall be the Democratic nominee for governor next year. There is no disputing that Charles would make a strong candidate, and were it not for the fact that we have already picked out the democratic gubernatorial candidate we'd be for Pool with enthusiasm. Just as soon as Senator John Morehead winds up two term of two years each we will attend to the matter of putting Charley Pool in the executive chamber of the convict built stone pile that sets across Fifteenth street.

#### COLONEL SAM MELICK.

Col. Sam Melick, than whom there is not a better known man in Lancaster county, has an ambition to serve the county as sheriff, and with that end in view is a candidate for the Republican nomination. Colonel Melick is no novice in the work appertaining to and touching upon the duties of sheriff. He has lived in Lancaster county long enough to know about everybody and to be well and favorably known by everybody. His experience as chief of police of Lincoln, and as an officer of the law in various capacities peculiarly fit him for the position.

He is making an active canvass for the nomination, and the smile he is wearing is indicative of the fact that he is well satisfied with the results to date. His record as a citizen and as an official is an open book for all men to read, and he is perfectly willing to have his candidacy judged by that record. If he is successful the people will have the satisfaction of knowing that they have selected a capable official, and one who will do his whole duty without fear or favor.

#### THE SENSIBLE PLAN.

This week is the anniversary of the agreement formulated between the central labor bodies of this city and the organization of employers. During that period the rules of the agreement have been strictly adhered to by both parties. Labor disputes have been settled by both parties. Labor disputes have been settled by means of arbitration while the men continued at work. With the exception of one contract in which jurisdictional controversies arose between the men employed, there has been no strike upon the work controlled by members of the two organizations. Before the agreement became effective one year ago there was not a week passed but what the business agents and the secretary of the employers' association were not engaged in endeavoring to settle some trouble and return the men to work. The contrast between the situation in this city and other municipalities throughout the state is so great as to cause astonishment to employers and employees in these places. Conservative but energetic Cedar Rapids has as much cause to express pride in the manner in which labor and capital dwell in peace and harmony as she has in her other great achievements in the industrial field.—Cedar Rapids, Ia., Tribune.

#### WHY THE "PERHAPS."

The Red Cloud Chief, referring to the dry spell and sounding a note of cheer, says: "Perhaps no state in the union can show such marvelous recuperative powers as Nebraska." Why the "perhaps?" It is redundant, tautological and irrelevant. The plain, simple and truthful statement would be this: "No other state in the Union can show such marvelous recuperative powers as Nebraska." Nebraska can stand more rainfall and get along with less, than any other state. It can store more moisture in its soil, and draw upon it longer, than any other state. Its people get along in comfort when the thermometer is registering 104 in the shade, while people in New York and Massachusetts and Ohio and Illinois are dying of the heat when the thermometer registers but 90 in the shade. Nebraska corn grows so fast you can hear it under conditions that would shrivel the corn crop of Iowa or Illinois or Indiana. By and large, up and down, around and across, Nebraska is the most productive, most enterprising and most resourceful state in the Union. And there is no "perhaps" about it.