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DOING OUR LEVEL BEST.

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For a journal of cheerfulness and eternal boosting for Nebraska, Will Maupin's Weekly, published at Lincoln, is some "pumpkins." While Maupin is one of these 'ere city dudes, he knows something of the greatness of the products of this state and never tires of singing its praises. Every citizen ought to be a Maupin-kind-of-a-booster.

THE MAN FOR THE PLACE.

This newspaper has little patience with those who talk about "geographical location" in connection with location of regents of the university. The university is in Lincoln, and there is just as much reason why the regents should live here as there is why the other state officers should live here.

The matter of looking after such a tremendous institution as the University of Nebraska demands business ability of a high order—not political finesse. A man who can build up and successfully manage a business running into the hundreds of thousands of dollars every year is just the kind of a man needed upon the board of regents, regardless of his geographical location or his political affiliations. The regents are responsible for the rightful expenditure of more than half a million a year. It therefore behooves the taxpayers to elect men who are known to be men of successful affairs, and men whose interest in the welfare of the institution and the young men and women of the state is sufficient to induce them to sacrifice their own time to look after it and them. If this newspaper enterprise could secure the services of a man like John E. Miller as business manager for the paltry sum of \$300 or \$400 a year it would jump at the chance. And Nebraska has just such a chance—the chance to secure the services of this successful business man as one of the business managers of the great state university. It is almost unbelievable that the voters of Nebraska will neglect such a rare opportunity. Mr. Miller is willing to give the state the benefit of his business acumen and his experience. The state will exhibit almighty poor judgment if it neglects the opportunity.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Dr. George E. Condra says there is plenty of water, and good water, in and about Lincoln. That satisfies us as to the ability to secure an adequate water supply, for Dr. Condra knows what he is talking about. He is a "water sharp," as well as various other scientific things.

We've had altogether too much unfavorable publicity concerning our water supply. This newspaper has always been confident that the supply was adequate; it is the management that is at fault. Last summer it was borne upon us that the facilities were inadequate—and here we are, three or four months later, and not even one test well completed. If any important branch of a private corporation's business were to be handled for a couple of months as Lincoln's water department has been handled for the past three or four years, the manager of that department would be yanked up on the carpet.

Dr. Condra says there is plenty of good water to be had. The city plant is making big money. Then in heaven's name why not do business in a business way and get the water?

Incalculable injury has been done to Lincoln by reason of the publicity

given to our water troubles, for the wrong construction has been put thereon.

Lincoln's water plant in municipally owned. It will always be so owned. If there be those who think otherwise, let them have their heads bored for the simples. But let not those in charge of that department imagine for a minute that the people will forever stand the utter inability shown for grasping the situation and meeting it in a businesslike way.

The water is at hand, ready to be brought to the mains. Dr. Condra says so, and he knows. Now let us proceed to get it.

We are a funny people. A man invests in real estate and makes 2,000 per cent in ten or twelve years, and we say he is a man of discernment and business judgment. Another man invests in public service corporation securities and just about doubles his money in ten or twelve years. And then we call him a thief and a robber.

There are 18,000,000 acres of fertile and untilled Nebraska land waiting for homeseekers. Nebraska ought to be telling the homeseekers about it.

Here we are well into November, with nary a freeze and hardly a killing frost. You can't beat Nebraska climate for sunshine and balm and health.

The American Tobacco Co. will be compelled to split up into three trusts, all owned by the same people determined to continue the same old robber game. Our supreme court is making every dog-goned one of the trusts do just as they jolly well please—as the trusts please, we mean.

Of all the interurban railroads built in the United States in the last decade, Nebraska contributes three miles. And those three miles were built by a bankrupt company with certificates issued by a receiver appointed by the federal court.

With a properly equipped bureau of publicity and immigration Nebraska could halt thousands of homeseekers who now rush across her fertile domain to settle in less favored sections west of the mountains.

After next Tuesday you may walk the streets with the consciousness that that man who meets you with a smile and outstretched hand is really a friend, not an office-seeker.

We greatly fear that Clarence E. Harman is neglecting a golden opportunity by not stirring Michael Harrington up to writing some more open letters.

Only eight weeks to Christmas, and the green not yet gone from Nebraska trees. We'll be raising bananas in Nebraska the first thing you know.

If it is a legitimate Nebraska enterprise Will Maupin's Weekly will be mighty glad to boost it. Anything Nebraskan is good enough for us.

Despite the news from Omaha we refuse to believe that Tom Dennison is the most active and influential man in that city.

Those who think the members of our state supreme court are slow ought to see them on salary warrant day.

CURRENT TOPICS

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government bond. All of us admit the necessity of better service, extensions of lines, opening of new territory and better cars. Will some expert now kindly step forward and explain how capital is to be induced to come to the rescue in the face of the fact that it is not assured of adequate returns, in the face of agitation for a further reduction of fares in a city that already enjoys the lowest fare of any city of its size in America, and in the face of the fact that there is an almost total lack of united civic spirit for the upbuilding of Lincoln?

Senator Epperson's proposal to penalize non-voters is getting down to

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basic principles. We penalize voters now by making them pay poll tax and by searching the voting lists to secure names to put in the jury box. The man who is entitled to vote and does not should be made to pay poll tax, while evidence of having voted should release a man therefrom. And juries should be drawn from the non-voters as far as possible. In addition to thus penalizing non-voters, failure to vote at two or three successive general elections should operate to disfranchise a man for a term of years.

Next Tuesday's election, whether the voters so desire or not, is going to give some line on next year. Insurgency is rampant in all parties, but particularly in the republican party. Insurgency in democratic ranks played its large part several years ago, beginning with the famous "free silver conference" in Omaha more than sixteen years ago. It was then that the plans were laid that resulted in sweeping the old corporation-assistant-republican crowd out of democratic party management, not only in Nebraska, but in the nation. The republican party is now undergoing the same process. It remains to be seen whether the republican insurgents have got the nerve to stick to it like the democratic insurgents did. Tuesday's election will give us an indication.

The crop expert of Will Maupin's Weekly has been "pesticating" around quite a bit of late. He is "bugs" on knowing all he can learn about crop outlook in this good state, and he backs up into a corner every out of town friend he meets and insists on knowing. And right here he insists on stopping the press to report that the winter wheat crop never stood better at this time of year than it does right now; that there never was such a large acreage, and that the soil conditions were never better. If the winter conditions are equal to the conditions last winter, Nebraska is going to have the biggest wheat crop in her history during the summer of 1912. And the winter conditions are going

to be all right, thank you. Paste these predictions in your hat.

The re-election of Judge A. J. Cornish should be practically unanimous. No district judge in Nebraska ever made a better record for ability and fairness, or for distinguished service upon the bench. If there is such a thing as a "labor vote" it should go solidly to Judge Cornish, for in him the wage earners have a staunch friend. He is a student of affairs as well as of law, and he knows men as he knows his legal text books. Kindly, affable, approachable, and always tempering justice with mercy, Judge Cornish is an ideal man for the bench, and his distinguished services and ability entitle him to a re-election so unanimous as to be at once a compliment to him and honor to the voters wise enough to give it to him.

The death of Joseph Pulitzer leaves only one newspaper man of the old order in active service—Henry Watter-son. Yet Joseph Pulitzer was of the old school, yet not of it. He was of it because he made his personality felt in the great journals he conducted, and his distinguished services and ability entitle him to a re-election so unanimous as to be at once a compliment to him and honor to the voters wise enough to give it to him.

and it made the World famous in a day. But the biggest thing accomplished by the World, and it accomplished many big things, was to force the Cleveland administration to back down from its bond conspiracy with Wall street and give the people the benefit of buying in small lots, thus saving them millions and adding millions to the public treasury at the same time.

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