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ONE DOLLAR THE YEAR

PROSPERITY.

Missouri in 1909 had dairy products amounting to nearly \$15,000,000 in addition to what the state consumed at home. The value of surplus cattle for the same year was \$60,000,000, the surplus of all live stock, including the famous Missouri mule, was nearly \$140,000,000. Missouri is the poultry queen of the Union. She has an enormous annual production of tobacco, hay, clover, grapes, honey, etc. The surplus products of this character in her 114 counties amounted, for 1909, to over \$340,000,000.—Colliers.

Bully for old Missouri! What a wonderful old state she is, to be sure! And how we rejoice that so influential a periodical as Collier's is giving her justly deserved recognition.

Missouri was admitted to the Union in 1808, and is therefore 103 years old. Nebraska was admitted to the Union just sixty years later.

Missouri's population is approximately 3,000,000. Nebraska's population is approximately 1,300,000.

In 1909 Nebraska shipped surplus dairy products to the amount of \$18,000,000. In the same year she shipped surplus live stock amounting to \$107,000,000. In 1909 Nebraska's alfalfa crop would have bought Missouri's 1909 tobacco crop sixty times over. In 1909 Nebraska's surplus products of every description, not including manufactured articles, amounted to more than \$370,000,000, based on returns made by the railroads and express companies to the Bureau of Industrial Statistics.

In 1909 there was produced on the farms of Nebraska \$450,000,000 worth of grain, grasses, live stock, poultry and eggs, butter, etc., and in her manufacturing establishments \$250,000,000 worth of manufactured goods.

If Nebraska's 1909 crop of alfalfa, not including any other kind of hay, had been loaded into standard freight cars all at once, there are not enough locomotives in any one state in the Union today to pull them as one train.

The man who walked entirely around Missouri would cover a distance of about 1,000 miles. The eggs laid by Nebraska hens in 1909 would make thirty-six rings around the good old state of Missouri.

There is one creamery company in Nebraska that sold more butter to Missourians in 1909 than any single creamery in Missouri made.

The last available corn statistics for the two states are for the year 1908. In that year Nebraska produced 205,000,000 bushels, which was 2,000,000 more than Missouri produced. In the same year Nebraska produced 44,000,000 bushels of wheat, or just twice as many bushels as Missouri produced in the same year.

Yes, sir! Missouri is a grand old state—sixty years older than Nebraska. We are mighty proud of old Missouri, for it is the state of our nativity. But if Collier's wants to get crop figures and live stock figures and dairy figures and butter figures—figures as are figures—then Collier's will have to come to Nebraska. We'll admit that Missouri beats us on mules, but when it comes to corn and wheat and cattle and hogs we've got Missouri skinned a mile, and then some. And just wait till Nebraska is as old as Missouri!

INDUSTRIAL NUMBER.

On December 15 Will Maupin's Weekly will devote itself largely to portraying Nebraska's industries, their growth and their importance. It will not be a collation of musty statistics, but a live, virile review of Nebraska's manufacturing institutions. Statistics make dry reading, but the

facts told in brief, with comparisons and incidents will prove interesting. Nebraskans who read this particular number are going to be surprised—that is, if they have not been keeping themselves informed as to the wonderful progress of manufacturing in Nebraska.

Of course Nebraska's chief industry is agricultural—that and its allied industries. But Nebraska is much more than an agricultural state. It is rapidly forging to the front along manufacturing lines. The total value of her manufactured product in 1910 will be not less than half the value of her agricultural production. Less than one-half the population of Nebraska is engaged upon the farm. She has more wage earners than active farmers. And her manufacturing industries are growing more rapidly than her farming industry.

But you will be able to read all about it in the forthcoming "Nebraska Industries" number of Will Maupin's Weekly.

Noting that it is rumored President Taft will confine his message to the one subject of the tariff, an esteemed contemporary remarks that it will be the first time a presidential message at the opening of congress was confined to one subject. Let's see; didn't President Cleveland devote one message to the tariff issue?

It all depends upon your viewpoint. If you think the McNamaras are guilty you will believe that an attempt was made by the defense to bribe a prospective juror. If you believe the McNamaras are innocent you believe that it is a "plant" put up by the Merchants & Manufacturers association.

It is unanimously conceded that Col. John Maher's trenchant typewriter is going to keep Judson Harmon's name prominently before Nebraskans from now until the April primary.

If the winter evenings appear long to you, put them in studying up on Nebraska.

Theodore Roosevelt will have to do something more than "pooh-pooh" Wharton Barker's charges. Mr. Barker's standing as a citizen and business man is quite as good as that of Theodore Roosevelt. Besides, history pretty well confirms Wharton Barker's charges.

No, we didn't have turkey for our Thanksgiving dinner, but glory be, we had chicken in plenty, a good appetite and splendid health. They can run turkeys up to seven dollars a pound for all we care.

"Billy" Thompson doubtless recalls the old adage learned in his boyhood, to the effect that "the early bird catches the worm." And a United States senatorship is quite a juicy tidbit.

Jim Hill says he doubts if there is an agricultural college professor who could handle a plow. And we doubt if Jim could level up a low joint or make out a conductor's train sheet.

It would be characteristic of the sanctimonious Mr. Rockefeller to first squeeze old man Merritt and then make Merritt sign a paper exonerating him.

In the meanwhile wait for the "Nebraska Industries" number of Will Maupin's Weekly. It will appear December 15, providence permitting.

And to think that such a useless and insignificant a little thing as an appendix verminiformis put Ad Wolgast down for the count!

A copy of "Kiddies Six," a little volume of verse by Will M. Maupin, will make an acceptable Christmas present. Price \$1.

And we'd hate to ride behind the engine if Jim Hill presided at the Johnson bar and throttle.

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MEN AND MATTERS

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the Giant" because of the splendid campaign he made. But to the surprise of everybody, and most of all to Kem, the Alliance candidate was elected by an overwhelming plurality, while Dorsey and Thompson ran neck-and-neck.

Kem served two terms in congress with about as much effect as pulling a cambric needle out of a millpond. When his term expired he came back to Nebraska, remained a few months and then went further west. It is said that he lived on his wife's salary as his secretary during his four years in congress, and that when he retired he had the whole four years' salary as congressman in cold cash.

Senator John H. Morehead of Richardson was in Lincoln the first of the week, circulating around a bit and breathing the political atmosphere. While Senator Morehead has not yet made definite announcement to that effect, it is well known that he will be an active candidate for the democratic nomination for governor. The chances are that he will file for the nomination shortly. Senator Morehead is a successful business man whose standing among his neighbors is an index of his character. He served in the last legislature and was elected president of the senate. He is now acting lieutenant-governor of the state, succeeding to that office at the death of Judge Hopewell.

Willis D. Reed of Madison will doubtless file for the democratic senatorial nomination before the first of the new year. Mr. Reed was a candidate last year and made a creditable showing. He is a lawyer of splendid ability, a democrat who has been active in promoting the principles of the party, and enjoys a wide acquaintance all over the state.

Edgar Howard says he is for Folk for president. We are of the opinion that Howard waited until he discovered that nobody else in Nebraska was for Folk, and then came out for the



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Missourian just to be on the contrary side.

Criticism of Clark Perkins because he serves four days a week as secretary of the state railway commission and then puts in two days editing his Aurora newspaper, makes Will Maupin's Weekly tired. Perkins tried to quit his job at the state house, but the commission insisted upon his remaining, for a time at least, and gladly gave him the two days off. Perkins is earning his money by doing splendid work. And he is going to make the Aurora Republican a power in the republican newspaper field because he has the stuff in him. When he was editing the St. Paul Republican five or six years ago he made that paper one of the most influential newspapers in the state, and in the fight against

corporation domination of the g. o. p. no one performed better service than Perkins. The state railway commission is going to look a long time for a secretary who will be the equal of Clark Perkins.

Incidentally the December 15th issue of Will Maupin's Weekly is going to be its "Nebraska Industries" number, and it will be crammed full of interesting facts about Nebraska manufactures. It is going to have a lot of facts that will be surprising even to Nebraskans. This humble little newspaper has made a record of which it is proud for its handsome and interesting special numbers, but the editor and publisher unite in declaring that the "Nebraska Industries" number is going to be the "king pin" of the whole series.