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THINK IT OVER.

Do you know the most valuable single crop grown in the United States?

No, it is not cotton. It is not corn. It is not wheat.

It is hay—just hay.

It is not the most valuable crop in every state, but it is the most valuable in enough states to make it the highest crop in all the states. It is worth pretty close to \$50,000,000 a year in Nebraska—and that's quite a sizeable bit of money. It is growing bigger and more valuable every year, too.

And do you Nebraskans know that the biggest hay shipping point in the world is right here in Nebraska? That's a fact. It isn't a big city, either; just a little country village—Newport, Rock county, on the line of the Northwestern. And Bassett, in the same county, runs Newport a mighty close second.

And do you know, Mr. Nebraskan, that your state is the third largest corn producing state in the Union? And do you know that Nebraska produces nearly 8 per cent of all the corn raised in the United States?

And do you know that Nebraska is the fourth largest wheat producing state, raising nearly 7 per cent of all the wheat raised in the United States?

Mighty good state, Nebraska. None better for agricultural purposes. And if we had the enterprise to advertise it and put industrious people upon her millions of acres of fertile but untilled corn and wheat lands she'd soon be the largest corn and wheat producer in the Union. But we seem to lack the enterprise. In fact, we seem content to sit around and complain about "tight times," and "tight-wads," all the while witnessing the spectacle of less favored but more progressive states skimming the cream of the industrial population—including our own.

Every time a man looking for a farm home passes through Nebraska to invest further west or in Canada, we are chargeable with an offense against the state for allowing him to pursue his way in ignorance of what Nebraska has to offer.

If everybody knew the fertility of Nebraska soil, the healthfulness of her climate and the magnitude of the opportunities she offers to the home-seeker looking for land to till, there soon wouldn't be an acre of idle land worth tilling—and we've got 20,000,000 idle acres of land that will produce more corn and wheat and oats and alfalfa than any other 20,000,000

acres in any or all other states you can name.

But the world doesn't know it because we haven't told about it. Isn't it about time we woke up and begin letting Nebraska's light shine?

SPEAKING OF SUGAR.

Everybody uses sugar. It is one of the biggest items of household expense. For each pound of sugar produced in the United States we import five pounds—and the tariff duty is 5 cents a pound, for the protection of the American "sugar industry."

Is the American sugar industry worth all that we are taxed to "protect" it?

In 1910, the last year for which statistics are available, the total production of sugar in the United States, cane and beet, was 1,625,895 tons, worth at retail prices \$65,000,000. Pretty big sum, to be sure, but we'd rather have the price of Nebraska's corn crop in any one year than the price of the United States sugar crop for the same year. In 1910 we consumed 3,910,686 tons of sugar, cane and beet, worth at retail price \$47,496,040. If the tariff on sugar were taken off we could buy it at 33 1-3 per cent cheaper—or \$149,165,347 less than we pay for it now. In other words we are fined \$149,165,347 a year to protect an industry that produces only \$65,000,000 worth of product. Or to put it another way, the sugar consumers of the United States are taxed an amount equal to the value of Nebraska's annual corn and wheat crops to protect an industry whose product isn't worth as much as Nebraska's corn crop.

It would be a measure of economy to pay American sugar producers \$65,000,000 a year not to produce a pound of sugar and then put sugar on the free list. But we venture the opinion that putting sugar on the free list wouldn't reduce the production a single ton in the United States, nor cause a dollar of loss to the cane and beet growers. The sugar trust alone profits from the tariff on sugar.

What's this? The organ of the retail liquor dealers' association in Omaha charging that there is "bootlegging" galore in Omaha, and that if the "bootleggers" and clubs and chop suey joints patronize the right breweries they can sell booze any old hour of the day or night? We can imagine what that same paper would say were Governor Aldrich to come out in an interview and make the same charge.

With all due respect to the good women of Kansas City who are trying to reform the demi monde by pointing them to a "refuge," we insist that the best way to abolish the social evil is to restrict the activities of the male prostitutes.

Just as soon as we are convinced that some other state offers better opportunities than Nebraska we are going to hike for that state. Just now it looks to us as if we are destined to live out our days in this bully young state.

Maybe you think the tobacco crop of the nation is something immense. Well, it is. But the wheat and oats crops of Nebraska in 1911 would sell for enough money to pay for all the raw tobacco raised in the United States in the same year.

Cheer up! The wheat outlook is almighty good, and gets better every day. We are more interested in wheat conditions than we are in any old presidential boomlet just now.

It will profit Nebraska farmers more to test their seed corn than it will to throw fits about the success of this or that candidate for public office.

Every time you are threatened with an attack of the "blues," just think what a wonderfully productive state Nebraska is, and then go to boosting.

Every time a man saves his money and builds himself a home, we fine him for it. If he buys real estate and holds it for speculative purposes

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CLEARING SALE

Now for the Sacrifice! Now for the Unloading! Now for the Big Saving!

All lines of Winter Goods—all Broken Lots—all Remnants—Everything must be closed out. Hundreds of Odd Lots too small to advertise, will be displayed on cases and counters and will go at astonishingly low figures. This is surely

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE MONEY

On Dress Goods, Silks, Linings, Domestic, Table Linens, Knit Blankets, Comforters, Laces, Gloves, Mittens, Ribbons, Underwear, Shoes, Men's Furnishings, and Ladies' Ready-to-wear Garments.

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Men's Sheepskin lined Duck coats with corduroy collar, regular price \$4.25. Sale price.....\$3.29

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Men's and Boys' Shirts
Men's and Boys' Sweaters
Men's and Boys' Gloves and Mittens
Men's and Boys' Pants
Men's Underwear
Men's Wool Hosiery
Trunks and Suit Cases

AT 1-5 OFF

On Dress Goods, Silks, Velvets, Velveteens, Corsets, Veilings, Handkerchiefs, Table Linens, Napkins, Bed Spreads, Children's Caps and Stocking Caps, Gloves, Mittens, Hair Goods, Mufflers, Scarfs, all Fancy Work and Jewelry, Laces, Embroideries, Ribbons, Belts, Bags, Wool and Outing Flannels, Knit Goods, Dresser Scarfs and Squares, Rugs, Underwear, Wool and Fleeced Hosiery

25 PER CENT Off on all

Warm lined footwear, including Women's and Men's shoes, slippers, felt slippers, etc.

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SPECIAL Discount

On Calicos, Shirtings, Percales, Feathers, Tickings, Muslin, Turkey Red Ginghams, Etc.

we pay him a premium for his lack of enterprise. We've got our system of taxation on crooked.

It's all right to advise us to boil the water, but they'll fine us if we litter up the streets by throwing the residue of salt therein.

CURRENT COMMENT.

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waste any time worrying over its future. The chances are that about three-fourths of the Chinese have never heard of the revolution, do not know there is such a thing as a republic in contemplation, and wouldn't care a rap if they knew. The whole blooming imperial outfit at Peking or wherever the capital of China is—might die of the cholera, and nine-tenths of the Chinks would never hear of it. We are not anxious to see the "awakening of China." If ever the Chinese wake up and become civilized according to our western standard, they will be able by sheer force of numbers to dominate the world. And we are not anxious to see this world dominated by a lot of "Yellow Belies," no matter how highly civilized they may be. And we are much more concerned about the welfare of a few million American workmen and women than we are in the physical wellbeing of the Chinese.

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The Kearney Hub favors a return to the custom of reading the Bible in the public schools. Will Maupin's Weekly is opposed to it. At that, we believe the Bible to be the greatest book ever given to man. But there are a great many parents who ought to be teaching their children the Bible, but who save their conscience by sending the children to Sunday school an hour a week. A "back to the Bible" movement would be a good thing, but it should be a move to bring the Bible back to the home, back to the fathers and mothers, as

well as to the children. There is entirely too much shirking on the part of parents. To teach the Bible in the public schools would merely give parents another excuse for not studying it enough to be able to teach it to their children.

The men who purpose filing Mr. Bryan's name as a candidate for the presidency are not Mr. Bryan's friends. No one knows this better than Mr. Bryan, or the public at large. Mr. Bryan is not a candidate for the presidential nomination.

Secretary of State Waite's ruling that he can not refuse to file any petition to place a man upon the primary ballot, providing it is the first one offered, and that a man's name may not appear twice upon the primary ballot, would be laughable were it not sure to be a source of great injustice. Certainly a man should be allowed to designate the office he wants to run for. To rule that Roosevelt can not have his name withdrawn from the primary ticket in Nebraska, or that if some one files Mr. Bryan's name for the presidency he can neither decline nor be a candidate for a delegateship, is not calculated to impress people with the idea that Secretary of State Waite is of the proper judicial turn of mind to be entrusted with the duty of sitting judgment.