

## WILL MAUPIN'S WEEKLY

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ONE DOLLAR THE YEAR



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\* A GREAT BIG BOOST FOR \*  
\* GRAND YOUNG NEBRASKA. \*  
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\* Will Maupin's Weekly, the \*  
\* best single-handed booster Ne- \*  
\* braska has or ever had, came \*  
\* out in a blaze of glory last \*  
\* week with its "Nebraska In- \*  
\* dustries Number." Twenty- \*  
\* four pages carried an immense \*  
\* amount of highly interesting \*  
\* matter regarding the resources, \*  
\* attractions and opportunities of \*  
\* Nebraska, and also numerous ad- \*  
\* vertisements of manufacturing \*  
\* concerns who make good goods \*  
\* in Nebraska and are not afraid \*  
\* to let people know it.  
\* Will Maupin ought to be put \*  
\* on the state's payroll for life as \*  
\* official booster.—Omaha Trade \*  
\* Exhibit.  
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### PICKING THE FLAWS.

Opponents of the commission form of government, failing to offer us something better, are now engaged in the always easy task of picking flaws in the law empowering a city to adopt that form. That the law is faulty no one will undertake to deny. But it is much easier to pick flaws in the results of the present form than to pick flaws in the proposed form. Any new system must of necessity lack perfection, because men themselves are far from perfect. But we learn from experience, and as the faults of the new system make themselves manifest we can correct them. As time passes we may add here or take off there, until in the end we achieve something approximating the ideals we all have in mind.

This newspaper would be heartily in favor of letting one man take over the entire control of municipal affairs, under just one condition—that we could be assured of finding a perfect man for the job. Only one such ever existed, and He was crucified by the mob.

Will Maupin's Weekly is heartily in favor of the commission system, not because it deems that system perfect, but because it deems it far better, far more responsive to the people than the present system; because it believes it to be more business-like, more speedily productive of needed results. It advocates it because it permits the people to discharge a faithless or inefficient servant, because it fixes responsibility, and because it gives the people a chance to locate the blame when things go wrong. It is a simple system when compared to the present bunglesome system.

It is far easier for the people to select and elect five capable commissioners than it is for them to select and elect eleven or twelve capable and efficient men out of twenty or thirty. It makes for the short ballot, an end greatly to be desired. But the greatest advantage offered under the commission form is the fixing of responsibility. We'll have less "rag chewing" and "hot air" discussions with five men who know their every official action is being watched, than we now have under a system that prevents the fixing of responsibility and enables public officials to shift and evade and palter.

### A GRAVE CHARGE.

W. H. Green of Creighton, Nebraska, who is building a pretty hot fire under the harvester trust, appeared before the house committee in Wash-

ton the other day and made this charge:

"We charge that 95 per cent of the farm papers, 90 per cent of the trade papers and a considerable portion of the religious and daily papers are subsidized by extensive advertising contracts and boiler plate editorials, so that no unfavorable reference is ever made to the harvester trust."

That is a mighty grave charge. Of course the only proof Mr. Green can offer is that 95 per cent of the farm papers, 90 per cent of the trade papers and a considerable portion of the religious and daily papers do carry fat ads for the harvester trust and do not make unfavorable comment upon that capitalistic combination. It may be a mere coincidence, of course. The farm and trade papers ought, of all papers, to be exposing the iniquities of the harvester trust, which has iniquities in plenty. The fact that none of them are doing so, and most of them carrying the aforesaid ads, inclines us to the belief that Will Green knows what he is talking about. This belief is further strengthened by a long acquaintance with Mr. Green.

The textile industry is the most highly protected industry in the United States. It pays the lowest wages of any industry, and now 30,000 mill operatives are striking against a reduction of their already pitifully inadequate wage. This thing of "protecting the American worker" by tariff laws is the greatest farce ever presented, but its perpetrators seem to be putting it across with a regularity pleasing and profitable to themselves.

Speaking about tax reform—suppose we study up a scheme that will put a premium on thrift and a penalty on the lack of it; make men pay taxes in proportion to the benefits they draw from society. All other schemes are makeshifts and unfair.

Of course every man who seeks public office in Nebraska ought to know something about his state. And the best school for learning about Nebraska is the one presided over by Will Maupin's Weekly. One dollar per term of fifty-two lessons.

We now understand the protracted silence of Mr. Charles O. Whedon. He has been visiting the grandchildren back in New York. A middleaged man who has grandchildren of his very own hasn't got time to attend to much else.

There is one admitted fact in connection with Mr. Metcalfe's candidacy—the people will not be left in doubt about where he stands on any question of public import. "Met" is constitutionally unable to dodge or evade.

Yes, Lincoln has been getting some undesirable advertising, but it will be worth the cost if it relieves Lincoln of a lot of "rag chewing" councilmen and brings about a business administration of city affairs.

Uncle Sam now threatens to again intervene in Cuba. Just aching for a chance to get away from that beautiful promise and resume the imperial job of grabbing off more territory for the trusts to exploit.

Mayor Speer of Denver has purchased the Daily Times of that city. The Times reader who believes what he sees in that paper deserves all that will be handed to him as a result.

If our good friends, S. H. Burnham and Henry W. Yates will consent to jointly debate the Aldrich currency plan, we'll agree to help swell the audience.

That young lady who has been masquerading in men's clothes clearly never tried to catch anything in her lap, else she would have been detected ere this.

After you have tested your seed corn there will be plenty of time to try out candidates for public office.

The day of miracles is not past. Teddy is refusing to be interviewed!

Brer Bowby of the Crete Democrat

# Men of Nebraska

Two things are absolutely necessary to life—food and clothes. You must have good food to be physically healthy, good clothes to be financially prosperous. In these days of high cost of living it is well worth every man's while to stop and consider what this

## January Sale

offers him in low cost of dress. No matter what your calling, be your income meagre or munificent, it is your duty to save every dollar you can. Every man in Nebraska can find Suits, Overcoats and Trousers here to his exact liking. Whatever you may select during this sale will be the best that is possible to sell at our regular prices.

See below how Men's Suits and Overcoats are being sold.

Lot 1 At	Lot 2 At	Lot 3 At	Lot 4 At	Lot 5 At
\$7.85	11.85	14.85	18.85	22.85
This lot embraces Men's Suits and Overcoats that formerly sold at \$10.00, \$12.50 & \$13.50.	This lot embraces all Men's Suits & Overcoats that formerly sold at \$15.00, \$16.50 & \$18.00.	This lot embraces all Men's Suits & Overcoats that formerly sold at \$20.00 and \$22.50	This lot embraces all Men's Suits & Overcoats that formerly sold at \$25.00 and \$27.50	This lot embraces all Men's Suits & Overcoats that formerly sold at \$30.00, \$35.00 & \$40.00

## Armstrong Clothing Co.

GOOD CLOTHES MERCHANTS

is opposed to advertising Nebraska and attracting people here to develop her resources. By the same process of reasoning he must be opposed to advertising Crete, or her business institutions, or her college, for fear that those already there may become crowded.

Men who fight for the right as they see it only when they think they stand a mighty good show of winning, seldom get anywhere in the work of reform. It isn't so much what Bryan has accomplished as what he has fought for that we love him.

The law says we must register our stallions for fear that the future crop of colts may not be up to standard. Meanwhile the future crop of children goes right on depending on whom and chance. We're a funny lot of people.

A 200,000,000 bushel corn crop in 1912 is of more importance to Nebraska than the political fortunes of any man or set of men. Test your seed—then test your candidates.

Let's see, wouldn't it be quite right and proper to repeal the name of Oyster Bay and substitute Clam Bay?

Governor Wilson is learning. He has asked Harper's Weekly not to support him.

Goods made in Nebraska are the goods Nebraskans should buy.

The beef barons seem to have some mighty expert bookkeepers.

The prettiest ear of corn is not always the best ear of corn.

More acres cultivated and more production per acre.

### KEEPING HISTORY STRAIGHT.

Along about 1907 the law firm of Harmon & Judson of Cincinnati was retained by the federal government to take charge of a case wherein the

Santa Fe railroad was charged with violating the anti-rebate law. Judson & Harmon accepted the commission and proceeded. In due time it made certain recommendations to the attorney general of the United States relative to the proper method of procedure. The attorney general declined to accept the recommendations and instructed Judson & Harmon to proceed along other lines. Judson & Harmon promptly declined to be further connected with the case, owing to the fact that the line of procedure marked out by the attorney general would so tie the hands of the prosecution that the charge against the road could not be maintained.

What was the principal recommendation of Judson & Harmon? Just this: "to sue to the best of their ability, that action be commenced against Paul Morton, he being—as Morton afterwards admitted—guilty of authorizing the illegal practice of rebating. Judson & Harmon would not prostitute themselves or their profession by making a "grandstand play," but preferred to withdraw from the case rather than be tied hand and foot.

Morton was afterwards made secretary of the navy in Roosevelt's cabinet. Judson A. Harmon is today a prominent candidate for the democratic presidential nomination.

### REV. MR. BATTEN AGAIN.

The wage earners of Lincoln have many reasons for remembering Rev. Samuel Zane Batten with gratitude, and they were not at all surprised when they learned of his activity in behalf of the striking buttonmakers of Muscatine. Rev. Mr. Batten can no more help taking sides with the "under dog" than the average man can help talking, and his religion is of that militant kind that demands something more than orthodox windmills to fight. While many another minister is content with making pastoral calls and discussing with profound wisdom the continuity of sunbeams and the effect of the modern renaissance upon our domestic animals, and that sort of rot, Rev. Mr. Batten is out trying to

be of real service to his fellows. We haven't always agreed with him in his views, but we've always admired him for his indomitable courage and loved him for his bigness of heart. He thoroughly deserves all the good words the Lincoln Central Labor Union says of him, and more. If the wage earners of Iowa are not taking advantage of the services of this big-hearted, courageous minister of the gospel they are very unwise.

### DID IT EVER HAVE ONE?

The Lincoln Central Labor Union serves notice on the public that as it now has no official organ it recommends the Nebraska State Federation of Labor Year Book. So far as known the central body of Lincoln's organized workers never did have an "official organ," and it will be a sad day for it when it does recognize any particular paper as such. It has, if we remember rightly, been "officially" represented in municipal office—much to its regret.

### GAS WELLS AT STELLA.

It is said that natural gas in marketable quantities has been struck at Stella, Neb., and the manager of a company is trying to sell the surplus gas at surrounding towns. Humboldt people have been approached, and if necessary arrangements can be made a pipe line between the two towns will be laid. The manager proposes to sell gas at seventy-five cents per thousand feet.—Pawnee Chief.

### A BAD "STATE OF MIND."

Will Maupin's Weekly says very truly that "there is a great deal of poppycock about this campaign year dullness." Fortunately campaign years were accepted beforehand as dull years, but that is largely a "state of mind," and the people of this country are cultivating mental attitude which defies the old-time tradition. The way to have a bad year is for everyone to begin in concert, with doleful recitations, and it will be bad enough to suit the worst pessimist in the community.—Kearny Daily Hub.