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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. *

STARTING OFF WELL.

A good start is always half the game—and Nebraska has started off well for a bumper crop in 1912. We've had a lot of snow this winter, and Monday night's fall, together with the rain in some sections, was what some people would call a "crackerjack." The fact of the matter is that Nebraska has been suffering from a "cumulative drouth" for two or three years. That is, with a bit of shyness in the annual precipitation, the moisture stored deep in past years has been pretty well exhausted. But this winter has seen a lot of it going back into the ground and stored up for the future. This means a lot under the new system of cultivation. Winter wheat thus far has come through the winter, and conditions right now are unusually good. At no time during the past ten or fifteen years have conditions at this time of the year been better than right now. So let's cheer up and smile and talk as if we really believed things were going to come out right. Of course they will! And when then do we'll enjoy them all the more if we've put ourselves in the proper frame of mind.

OF COURSE, AND TO BE SURE...

Naturally a lot of farmers would resent the imputation that they know little or nothing about selecting seed corn. But so far as we know no one is charging them with ignorance. This seed corn agitation is not based upon the presumed ignorance of farmers. It is based on a desire to call attention to the fact that it is unusually necessary this particular year to exercise extreme care in selecting seed corn. That's all there is to it. Any experienced farmer can select good seed corn. But the average farmer is just about as careless as the average businessman, and there is always danger that both will overlook something that might be of advantage to them. Hence the interest a lot of us who are not farmers are taking in this seed corn campaign. Doubtless a lot of us who are campaigning for good seed corn selection don't know any more about farming than a farmer knows about running a linotype, but just the same we are vitally interested in the corn crop. No corn crop, no prosperity for any of us. Why shouldn't we fellows who work in revolving chairs by the side of steam radiators be exercised over this matter? And despite some of the unkind things said by farmers about us "city fellows," we are going to keep right on shouting for good seed corn selection until the corn is in the ground. And no one shall say us "nay."

PURE AND SIMPLE ROT.

Frederick Weyerhaeuser, the lumber baron, has just given out an interview in which he tells young men how to get rich. Boiled down, the Weyerhaeuser plan is to "put your mind to work, work hard, save money and be optimistic." Trite enough, and all right as far as it goes. But that wasn't all of the Weyerhaeuser plan—not by a long shot. He should have added a few more directions, taking them from his own logbook. "Gouge everybody you can, grab a special privilege and make 'em all come across, kill off opposition any old way you can just so you kill it off, and don't fool any time away in regarding friendships or common business honesty or the rights of others." That's the real recipe for gaining wealth as Weyerhaeuser and others of his ilk have gathered it. As a matter of fact, most of these so-called directions for money making, issued by men who have amassed millions, are pure and simple rot. And about the rottenest we've seen is the recipe promulgated by Weyerhaeuser, lumber baron by grace of robber tariffs and special privileges.

Confessing ignorance about the conditions leading to the "strike" of high school students at Columbus, we venture the opinion that about all that is needed to restore peace and amity is the application of a sound, well seasoned watermelon club to the posterior anatomy of each student.

It has taken seven years to get the beef packers cornered by the government, and even now they are more than likely to slip out. It will be interesting to note how much more rapidly the government will get the suspected dynamiters into court and tried and convicted.

Ever notice how easy it is for a rich man to smile and remark that his gold isn't to be compared to his friends, or his wife, or his health? Of course it's true, but we do wish some rich man would give us an original spell on that subject.

Arizona is now a state, and the first thing she should do is to put the judicial recall back in the constitution. Then the next thing she should do is to wriggle her fingers at the president.

After mature consideration and some investigation of judicial procedure, we have come to understand why so many judges oppose the recall system. They wouldn't last a minute if subject thereto.

We may admire Governor Harmon for his bravery in opposing the initiative and referendum, but we'll be blest if we can commend his judgment.

Friends of the initiative and referendum in Nebraska should be on their guard lest professed friends with knives up their sleeves be allowed to get too close.

Of course it was all right for the Roosevelt supporters in Nebraska to dissemble their love, but why did they kick John O. Yeiser down stairs?

The trouble about "peace and harmony" in democratic ranks is that it wouldn't be natural for democrats to dwell together in peace and harmony.

Champ Clark and Joe Folk have reclined together, but if you look closely you'll see your Uncle Champ on the outside.

If that Tammany crowd goes to Baltimore by boat they'll be nearer to water than they usually are on such trips.

That Chinese "republic" dope has created considerably more excitement in this country than it has in China.

But "straw votes" are not the kind of straws that show which way the political wind is blowing.

It seems that Judge Hook got the recall prematurely.

A number of eminent gentlemen

February Clean-up Sale of Men's Suits and Overcoats

a true message of economy to every man who wears fine clothes. We bought liberally for this fall and winter but the late coming of cold weather left thousands of the finest suits and overcoats on our tables January 1st. We did our best during January and were assisted greatly by having to get rid of the tremendous surplus but today we find ourselves with more suits and overcoats on our hands than we ever had at this season of the year, hence—this FEBRUARY CLEAN-UP SALE with all of its money saving opportunities. Men, you may come here today and buy the highest grade clothing for less money than it cost to manufacture.

Here is the line-up so far as Men's Suits and Overcoats goes:

Grand Division 1 at	Grand Division 2 at	Grand Division 3 at	Grand Division 4 at
\$18.40	\$13.40	\$9.40	\$6.40
—gives choice of all \$35.00, \$30.00, \$27.50 and \$25.00 Suits and Overcoats in our store.	—here is a chance to pick from Suits and Overcoats that formerly sold at \$22.50 & \$20.	—the price is mighty cheap for Suits and Overcoats—so good they formerly sold at \$18.00 and \$15.00.	—it should be remembered that \$10.00 is the lowest priced Suit or Overcoat that this store handles. Have your choice of a \$12.50 and \$10.00 at \$6.40.

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who refrain from coughing up a dollar for a year of Will Maupin's Weekly, somehow or other manage always to read it, grab off its statistics, and use them as original matter. We're satisfied at that, because we are willing to stand for almost any old thing that will result in making known the facts about this great state.

The Sioux City Journal has an editorial writer who deals almost wholly with Nebraska topics. The chief trouble with this editorial writer, however, is that he knows so much that isn't so.

J. Pierp Morgan has spent \$100,000,000 on his art collection. And within a stone's throw of his gallery thousands of people go hungry to bed—if they have any beds to which they may go.

The various candidates are having a hard time trying to stir up enthusiasm. The average voter is doing his own thinking these days, and that sort of thing keeps the candidates guessing.

Every time you write to an eastern friend remind him of the fact that in 1911 Nebraska produced more agricultural wealth per capita than any other state.

Smooth man, Mr. Roosevelt. By remaining silent for a space of time he can decline to run if the signs don't look right. If they look right he can "yield to pressure."

The Legislative League banquet was all right. But wouldn't it have been bully if the ex-members had told all they know about how the game is worked!

THREE EXPLANATIONS.

We are offered three reasons for the great strike of millworkers at Lawrence, Mass. One is by the chief executive of the state. Another is by a government expert employed in the bureau of commerce and labor. The

third is by William D. Haywood, who was mixed up in the Western Federation of Miners' troubles with the mine owners. The three views are here given:

"Back of what ever causes there may be for this strike, the fundamental cause is the high cost of living, from which the working people of all parts of the country suffer, due in large part to the present excessive tariff. The purchasing power of the dollar continues to diminish."—Governor Foss, of Massachusetts.

"The strike was part of the socialist propaganda to make for a national strike as part of a world-wide movement for social revolution. It was an essential part of the socialist revolutionary movement which is spreading more rapidly than most people are aware of among workers whom the leaders of the movement find easiest to inflame. The Lawrence strikers are prosperous and average \$9.50 a week, which is increased, where families work, to \$18."—F. G. R. Gordon, U.S. immigration inspector, who says he investigated the strike for the department of labor.

"Gordon's average takes skilled and unskilled labor, foremen and other high paid persons into consideration. The real average is less than \$6 weekly. This strike is due to the desire of the workers to earn a living wage. Do you think parents would let their children go among strangers to be cared for if they had any other recourse? Greed for the dollar by the big mill owners, beneficiaries of the governmental policy, caused this strike."—William D. Haywood, strike leader.

While we have no admiration for Haywood or his methods, we think he is the only one of the three who knows what he is talking about, or who offers even a reasonable explanation. Governor Foss is only partly right, but he does not get down to fundamentals. As usual the government employe juggles the figures for the purpose of helping the administration that employs him. Haywood tells the plain and unvarnished truth when he says that "greed for the dollar by the big

mill owners" is the prime cause of the strike. The textile industry, the highest protected industry in this country, not even excepting the steel industry, pays the lowest wages of any industry employing skilled or semi-skilled workers. The greedy mill owners, pleading for a tariff to protect the American workers, have filled their big mills with ignorant workers imported from Europe in flagrant violation of the emigration laws. They pay even less than starvation wages, forcing the workers to live more like animals than like humans—all the while pleading for the protection of American workers and fleching vast sums from both ends of the line, from the consuming public at the one end and from the helpless and hopeless workers at the other.

William D. Haywood, blunt, unlettered and unskilled in diplomacy or the use of velvety language, has bluntly told the facts, and not all the cunning sophistry of the spokesmen for "big interests" can successfully dispute him.



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