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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. *

OF COURSE TEDDY WILL RUN.

Theodore Roosevelt, bowing submissively to the will of "the people," announces that he will accept the nomination for president from the republican national convention.

Of course he will. He has been plotting and planning for just that thing ever since he picked Taft as his successor. That's why he picked Taft. From the moment that Taft took the oath of office, Roosevelt has been scheming and planning and figuring, using all the arts and wiles familiar to the most conscientious and shrewdest political manipulator this country has seen since the days of Mattie VanBuren. The Roosevelt "claque," drilled to a nicety and always on duty, has performed its work well—but will it deceive the thinking people of this republic? It will not!

But, unfortunately, the thinking people are not the majority of the American people, although their numbers are increasing at a splendid rate. A majority is still swayed by appeals to the grandstand. And as a "grandstander" Theodore Roosevelt is the prizewinner of generations. From the day when he was police commissioner of New York and advocated the use of spiked clubs by the policemen; down through the days when he "grandstanded" at Kettle Hill at the head of "rough riders" who would have been annihilated had it not been for the negro regular troops; past the day he shot the fleeing Spaniard in the back, and on and on until he insolently swept aside the law of the land and for a political consideration betrayed the people into the hands of the steel trust—all along the line Theodore Roosevelt has been playing to the galleries. All along he has been scheming and contriving and conniving for the sole purpose of having himself called back to the white house to "save the people."

Of course Roosevelt will run! The man who doubted it merely advertised his own lack of knowledge of human nature. The whole thing has been so cleverly managed, so shrewdly manipulated, that one must admire the man capable of it all.

But what about the result?
No man can foretell, although all will guess. We are told that Roosevelt is wonderfully popular and the greatest vote getter in the country. But is he? Let us analyze the figures for a moment.

In 1904 Roosevelt was elected president by the greatest plurality ever given a nominee for the presidency. But Roosevelt in 1904 received 53,000 fewer votes than Taft received in 1908. Roosevelt's tremendous plurality in 1904 was not due to his wonderful

popularity, but due almost wholly to the unpopularity of his opponent.

Back from Cuba in 1898, the best advertised figure of the Spanish-American war with the exceptions of Dewey and Schley, he was candidate for governor of New York. Military heroes have ever been accorded wonderful acclaim in this country. But even when pitted against an unpopular democratic candidate for governor, and backed by all the glitter and glamor of a successful war campaign, Roosevelt was elected governor of New York by a plurality smaller than that of any republican candidate elected in that state in thirty years.

There are those who will wonder that Roosevelt has come out in opposition to his friend, William H. Taft. When did Roosevelt ever allow personal friendships to stand in the way of his own advancement? Inviting Harriman to come to the White House by the back door, and covertly asking corporation contributions to the campaign, Roosevelt cried "liar" at the man who charged him with the fact. After events proved that the man making the charge was not the liar. But when did Roosevelt ever allow the truth to militate against his own aggrandizement?

Showing his incisors and molars at the trusts, he played into the hands of the biggest trust of all, the steel trust, and allowed them to violate the law by gobbling up their chief competitor—all for the ostensible purpose of stopping a panic started for the very purpose of bringing about that result. But when did Roosevelt ever allow such a little thing as law to stand in the way of his own personal interest?

Of course Roosevelt will accept! From the date he sailed on the splendidly advertised African shooting trip, down to the present moment, his every move has been with a view to that very thing.

Eight years ago what Mr. Bryan said about Parker before the nomination was flaunted in his face after he took the stump for Parker. It will be found on the other side this year. What Roosevelt said about Taft four years ago will be flaunted in the Roosevelt face before the primaries and the election.

While the democratic bosses are fighting as to who shall have the presidential nomination at their hands, a lot of rank-and-file democrats may take a notion to do the nominating without consulting the bosses.

We suggest to the Woodrow Wilson boomers in Nebraska that they appeal to the agreement of nations and have Col. Maher's typewriter ruled out on the ground that it is a barbarous implement of warfare.

Mike Harrington dismisses Chris Greunther's retort as merely incidental. But Michael wouldn't dismiss it that way had it been a criminal indictment drawn up by himself.

Nebraska is forty-five years old today, and a pretty lively youngster, eh?

The seed corn specials are not only making history, but are making sure a bumper corn crop.

John O. Yeiser expresses himself as being satisfied with the way things have been planned. However, this does not mean that Yeiser is contented.

Referring briefly to Dr. Winnett's repeated public utterances of late, we are inclined to believe that he doth protest too much.

Due deliberation impels us to define a "progressive" as a man whose political convictions square with our own.

Nebraska needs producers a blamed sight more than she needs political reformers and political sacrifices right now.

Now they're after the cash register trust. Doesn't that sound paradoxical—cash, trust?

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who is elected president of the United States. We'll still have to depend upon rain and sunshine and hustle to make a living for ourselves and families. Let us not rend our nether garments in playing the other fellow's game, but keep sweet, keep cool and keep hustling.

We're here to assert that Nebraska has produced more wealth in the forty-five years of her history as a state than any other state produced during its first forty-five years. And she is producing more agricultural wealth every year now than any other state, regardless of age.

Forty-five years old today! That's Nebraska. And in five years from now we'll be ready to open up a bit the biggest and best semi-centennial exposition any state ever pulled off. We've got the results to show for forty-five years of effort.

The average democrat, when viewing the scrap among the leaders, would be justified in singing, "Ev'ry time I come t' town I find 'em kickin' my party aroun.' Ain't no diff'rence if it's out and down, they gotta quit kickin' my party aroun'."

If Nebraska had one-half as much developed water power today as she has developed lung power, she would be far better off.

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES.

We hear some wonderful stories relative to Mr. Roosevelt's ability as a "vote getter," but there's more than mere phrasing in the cold figures. Here are some interesting ones.

In 1904 Roosevelt's plurality over Parker in Nebraska was 86,682. But at that he received only 7,487 more votes than Bryan received in 1908, and less than 12,000 more than Taft received in 1908. In 1904 Roosevelt received a total of 7,623,486. In 1908 Taft received a total of 7,678,908, or 53,442 more than Roosevelt. Roosevelt's huge plurality in Nebraska in 1904 was not due to his immense popu-

larity, but to the extreme unpopularity of his opponent, Parker, who received but 51,000 votes, or considerably less than half the vote polled by Bryan four years later.

SOME INTERESTING CHANGES.

Some interesting changes in the banking situation are soon to be made in Lincoln. A new bank is organizing, and will be located in the Ganter block in the room now occupied by a shoe company. The City National will spread out by occupying the room now occupied by the Whitebreast Coal Co. and a building and loan association.

A branch postoffice will be opened at the corner of Sixteenth and O on March 1, and will be presided over by C. L. Olds, proprietor of the "Sugar Bowl."

The Royal hotel, which has been closed for repairs for several months, will open about the middle of March, and will be so changed and improved as to be scarcely recognizable. The whole interior arrangement has been changed, new plumbing installed and every convenience installed that goes to make a modern and up-to-date hotel.

AN OLD TIMER'S WAILINGS.

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pense they have in their farm operations. I can ship a carload of wheat from Lincoln to Chicago cheaper than I can haul that same wheat in wagons over seven miles of Nebraska wagon roads.

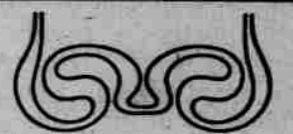
"Harking back to Rockefeller. Every time I want to hear a back-papping session I mention Rockefeller's name in a crowd. Immediately the hammers begin going. Yet Rockefeller furnishes employment to more people and pays more wages, than any man who have ever lived in the history of the world.

"The fact of the matter is, we are devoting so much of our time to raising hell and complaining about the high cost of living, that we are overlooking the necessity of producing

things. We are making drones instead of producers. We are educating our children so they can make easy livings, instead of educating them to produce things that are worth while.

"Dad burn it all!" exclaimed the Old Timer, "the more I see of men the better I like dogs. Five thousand young men and women in our universities right here in Lincoln, and 4,700 of them trying to learn how to make a living without producing, how to live off the work of a few hundred men who get right down on the soil and make things grow. What this country needs is more producers and fewer reformers to point the way to the political millenium."

And expectorating savagely into a snowdrift the Old Timer hailed a passing car and started for lunch.



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