

## WILL MAUPIN'S WEEKLY

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### AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

After this issue Will Maupin's Weekly will be under the sole business and editorial control of Mr. Maupin, and will not be connected in any way whatsoever with any printing or publishing business. Its editor and publisher proposes from this time forth to devote his entire time and attention to making Will Maupin's Weekly a periodical that people will want because of its merits as a commentator on current topics and as an evangel of Nebraska.

If Will Maupin's Weekly in the past has been "boosting for Nebraska," just watch it in the future! From this time forth it proposes doing more than ever before—and more than any other publication has ever undertaken—to make Nebraska's resources and possibilities known to the world. And while doing this it proposes radiating sunshine and good cheer wherever it goes. When it fails to find something good to say of a man it will keep silent, unless it so happens that speaking the truth will be of benefit to the public. Its chief mission in life is to boost the men who are doing real things for humanity. Politically it will be as independent as a porker in a refrigerating room, but neutrality is something it knows nothing about. It purposes pointing out good men, regardless of their party affiliations, and attempting to secure their election to office. It is going to fight for the establishment of a Bureau of Publicity and Promotion as a necessary part of the state's business. In short, it is going to be just the kind of a periodical you will like if you like a booster and a cheerpathist.

You can have Will Maupin's Weekly a whole year for a dollar. And just to help push things along, if you'll send the dollar now we will send Will Maupin's Weekly to you, and to any address outside of Nebraska that you may desire. In that way you'll be made acquainted with the wonderful resources of Nebraska and at the same time help to educate some outsider. And now is the time to subscribe.

### THE WATER POWER PROBLEM.

Nebraska has been waiting and hoping for many years for the development of her magnificent water powers. The one man who has been working in season and out of season to bring about the realization of this project is Mr. Babcock of Omaha. Now that he sees success in sight complications arise.

Will Maupin's Weekly believes and advocates the state's retaining absolute control of the waterways and powers of the state. But it does not believe it possible for the state to develop the power and engage in its sale. It will require millions of dollars to make the project a fact. Before the state can raise the money, even if the taxpayers so desired, the constitution will have to be amended, which is a long and tedious process. The state can neither vote bonds nor engage in any commercial enterprise under the present constitution.

Nor does Will Maupin's Weekly believe that the voters of the state will ever vote \$3,000,000 worth of bonds to finance such a project. The voters of western Nebraska would not consent to burden themselves in order to develop a water power they could never use. They might be induced to do so provided the east end of the state would vote an equal amount to build irrigation ditches in the west end.

Mr. Babcock and the men he has interested in his stupendous project should be permitted to go ahead with it, with the understanding that the state's interests will be properly safeguarded. Nothing will be done in any event before the next session of the legislature, at which time the law

may be properly amended or a new one framed.

Under the present law giving the railway commission power to fix rates, together with a reservation that the power company shall pay a certain percentage of its receipts into the state treasury, a private company will do more than the state can do, do it better, and yet be prevented from unduly exploiting the people. Of course it must be understood that the state may, after a certain designated time, have the right to take over the power plant or plants if it so desires.

Will Maupin's Weekly is in favor of public ownership, but the demand for the development of water power is already overwhelming. We have waited and hoped for years. Now there is a possibility that something will be done. Immediately men who have never considered the matter at all, never helped to promote it, never a hand to assist those who have planned and worked—immediately a number of such men jump in and set back the work another decade. It is not right; neither is it just or based on economic good sense.

The interests of the state and its people may easily be safeguarded without throwing any undue restrictions upon the men who are willing to put up millions to develop this water power. It is easy enough to talk about the state doing it, but really doing it is quite another matter. Why hasn't the state been doing it? Why haven't these men who so suddenly seek to protect the dear people been doing something tangible all these years?

Will Maupin's Weekly wants to see work begun upon a great power plant. It wants the state's interests safeguarded, but it is willing that the men who invest their millions shall have a fair return upon the money they actually invest, together with a fair reward for their work and something for the risk they run. To talk about the state undertaking this vast work at this time, or any time within the next decade, is rank foolishness. We need the developed water power. We need to secure something that will afford employment for thousands of laborers. Here is the olden opportunity. Let us not throw it away by vain bickerings or indulgence in dreams.

Victor Rosewater is acting chairman of the republican national committee, and that committee has had chairmen with far less ability, far less astuteness, far less acquaintance with political conditions and a whole lot less honesty.

On and after the date of this issue the office of Will Maupin's Weekly will be in room 436, Bankers Life building. Drop in and put your feet up on our mahogany desk. You furnish the pipe and we'll furnish the tobacco.

Come to think of it, most of us have lived under both republican and democratic presidents, and if memory serves us right most of us had to hustle for a living just the same under one as under the other.

Every time you buy goods manufactured in Nebraska you help to pay wages to Nebraska workers. The more workers we have in Nebraska the greater will be our need of prosperity.

If we get a bumper crop of wheat and corn in Nebraska this year we opine that it doesn't matter such a heluva lot who is nominated for president.

Chris Greunther is something of a ready letterwriter himself, but there seems to be a few of them connected with the anti-Harmon bureau in Ohio.

About the only thing in Nebraska that Col. Roosevelt has beaten to a frazzle is the Ross presidential boom.

There is danger that the advocates of municipal ownership will make the common mistake of biting off more than they can chew.

Talk about being prominent in the politics of the nation! Nebraska has got 'em all skinned. The vice chair-

man of the democratic national committee is a Nebraskan. The acting chairman of the republican national committee is a Nebraskan. The secretary of the republican national committee is a Nebraskan suffering temporary exile in New York. Every time the word politics is mentioned the intelligent voters of all states instinctively think of Nebraska.

Doubtless Robert Beecher Howell of Omaha is laboring under the suspicion that the fates are conspiring against him. Victor Rosewater acting as chairman of the republican national committee rather gives the editor the vantage.

Merely as a precaution we suggest that the managers of democratic dollar dinners between now and the primaries provide soft grub that may be eaten with a spoon. There is danger in having knives lying around so promiscuously.

About all the Champ Clark boomer in Nebraska has to do is to sit tight and watch the Clark boom grow.

If there's any snow left in Nebraska when "Bob" LaFollette arrives it will go off with a rush.

Four gentlemen aspire to fill Congressman Norris' shoes—four republicans. Their scrambling may mean that Roderick Dhu Sutherland's feet will be slipped into the Norris brogans.

Mr. Newton of Wymore is camping in Omaha, looking after his gubernatorial boom. We hope Col. Newton is well equipped with a microscope of immense magnifying power.

Sometimes we are puzzled to know whether it is Harmon of Ohio or Greunther of Platte who is running for the democratic nomination.

The things that are made in Nebraska are the things that loyal Nebraskans should buy.

We used to say things in a "Pickwickian sense." Now we say it in a "Rooseveltian sense."

There is every reason why I. D. Evans of Kenesaw, republican candidate for the nomination for auditor, should receive the vote of every republican wage earner. They never had a better friend, nor one who will serve them better.

The Ord Quiz says LaFollette will draw big crowds in Nebraska, but will not get the votes. That's what Roosevelt's managers said about North Dakota.

Robert Smith of Omaha has filed for the democratic nomination for United States senator. Now how many, if any, is Robert Smith of Omaha?

"Bob" LaFollette is coming to Nebraska to build a fire under certain presumptuous candidacies. And "Bob" is something of a bonfire artist.

Look out now! Don't let us repeat the mistake of submitting too all-fired many bond propositions to the voters of Lincoln at one time.

One good thing about Nebraska irrigation ditches is that they come in handy right now to carry off the surplus moisture.

According to Col. Roosevelt those North Dakota primaries were not such a much after all.

After all, isn't it fine to feel Nebraska mud on your shoes once more?

### A SORRY JOKE.

If the primary law is so framed that it is impossible to prevent a lot of men making Jerusalem donkeys of themselves by filing a plain ordinary damfool for a high office, then for heaven's sake let's amend the law. The men who signed the petition of that man Ross are suffering from a severe attack of perverted humor. Their idea of a joke is beyond our understanding. We have seen fellows who thought it huge fun to annoy and hector an imbecile; and other fellows who laughed with delight at the antics of a fly from which one of their number had pulled the wings; and other fellows who laughed themselves into

hysterics at the sight of a man falling on an icy walk and breaking his leg. This is, however, the first time we ever heard of a lot of men who thought it a huge joke to put upon a ticket with intelligent, thoughtful and earnest men an illiterate fellow—honest enough beyond question—who doesn't possess brains enough to see that he is being made a butt of ridicule. Those Lexington jokers, ought to take something for it.

### THE WESTERN TRADER, OMAHA.

Will Maupin's Weekly, Lincoln, Nebr.—Yesterday for the first time we saw a copy of your Nebraska Industries number. It impressed us as being of great value in advertising the various industries of this great state, and also in encouraging the many manufacturing concerns now here to greater efforts in marketing their products in trade territory farther distant from Nebraska. Keep up the good work. Nebraska manufactures are increasing but the many manufacturing institutions located within the borders of this state need more advertisement. You are doing your part in giving wide publicity to them and to their wares.

We are also glad to see the fine write-up articles of both Omaha and Lincoln in the same issue of your paper. Anything that will add to the commercial friendship of these two cities is to be commended, and we are glad that you and your Weekly are taking part in this good work that will redound to your everlasting credit and to the benefit of Omaha, Lincoln and the entire state.

Wishing your Weekly the greatest financial success and extending to you personally the compliments of the season, we remain, Yours very truly,  
THE WESTERN TRADER,  
ZANE THOMPSON.

## OUR SPRING OFFERINGS

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