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### THE THINGS MADE IN NEBRASKA.

Yes, Will Maupin's Weekly has a hobby, and that hobby is "patronize home industries." It has no mission to reform the world. It has no time to waste in advocating great revolutions in governmental methods. It has so many little things to attend to that it is kept pretty busy, so must leave the matter of leading world-wide reforms to men like Bryan and LaFollette, and Roosevelt, and Lloyd George, and such like men.

But Will Maupin's Weekly is going to keep hammering away on this home patronage idea just as long as it can keep hammering.

It is possible that we could temporarily save a few cents by purchasing shoes for the editor's family from mail order houses in Chicago, but in the long run it would lose, for the simple reason that the dollars sent to Chicago would never get back near enough for the editor to again get a chance to grab them. If you buy goods made in Nebraska you help to keep employed the men and women who will buy the things you produce, and you make it possible to employ more men and women, thus enlarging your market.

If all the shoes worn by Nebraskans were made in Nebraska, there would be a score of shoemakers employed in Nebraska where there is now one employed. If all the flour consumed in Nebraska were made in Nebraska there would be three times as many men employed in Nebraska mills. If all the insurance, fire and life, purchased by Nebraskans should be bought of Nebraska companies, we'd keep twelve million dollars a year at home doing business for us instead of sending it to the Atlantic seaboard to do business for other people. If all the candy consumed in Nebraska were made in Nebraska, we'd keep millions at home, employ hundreds more men and women, enlarge the market for our own wares and products and build up the state. The same thing is true of every line of business.

And we are a lot of mighty foolish people that we don't see it and act accordingly. We should be developing our own manufacturing concerns. We ought to be building up a home market for our raw materials. We ought to be employing more men and women right here at home. We ought to quit sending money elsewhere and keep it here to enlarge our business institutions, develop our state and increase the opportunities of our people.

What Nebraska needs is the organization of a "Home Consumers' League," and map out a program that will educate Nebraskans to the wisdom of doing as much of Nebraska's business with Nebraskans as it is possible to do. And the possibilities along those lines are boundless.

If it is made in Nebraska it ought to have first call with Nebraskans! Keep that in mind.

### ANOTHER CAMPAIGN ISSUE.

There is a question of grave moment to thousands of pioneers in the central west that should receive the attention of the political platform makers. We refer to the treatment accorded to the homesteaders under the government irrigation projects by the government itself.

Those homesteaders are compelled to meet all the requirements of the homestead act. In addition, they must meet some heavy financial obligations imposed by the government in order to secure water from the government ditch. Because of peculiarities of the soil in those sections it is practically impossible to raise crops the first two or three years, hence these homesteaders have been up against a more serious proposition than the homesteaders in other sections where something could be produced from the soil from the first year. The government asked a stiff price for water rights from the start, and realizing that they had to have the water these homesteaders

signed up at the price asked. They were unable to meet the payments because of failure to make the land productive from the start. They asked for an extension and got it, but under a new form of contract that raised the price of the water rights ten or fifteen dollars an acre. Hoping against hope they agreed to the new imposition, and again they were unable to pay. Now they ask for an extension and are told they can have it if they will agree to another stiff raise—from \$30 an acre originally to \$55 an acre now—which is in effect a mortgage on their land.

Just why the government should find it necessary to practically double the cost of water rights is not known. These homesteaders are trying to develop a new territory and add it to the wealth producing acreage of the nation. They are enduring hardships equal to those endured by the first homesteaders.

The political parties of the west should not make a party issue of this matter. They should join in a demand for fair treatment for these pioneers. Pressure should be brought to bear to secure for them an extension of time in which to make payments, and that, too, without the imposition of an added price that is in effect the worst kind of usury.

### A UNIQUE DISTINCTION.

T. Olway Cherry of University Place has a rather unique political record. A few weeks ago the democrats of University Place got together and nominated a city ticket for the first time. Mr. Cherry was nominated as councilman from the First ward and elected by a goodly plurality over a republican and a prohibition candidate.

### FUNNY, ISN'T IT?

Our good friend, Ross L. Hammond is collector for the district of Nebraska, by grace of appointment at the hands of President Taft, the affairs job being worth \$5,000 a year. Mr. Hammond is also editor of the Fremont Daily and Tri-Weekly Tribune. LaFollette recently appeared in Fremont, but the Tribune refused to publish any notice of his meeting. Yet, despite this, Mr. Hammond is a successful newspaper man, and one of the best in the west. But we all have our little crochets, we presume.

Doubtless the Gas Co. can stand the delay quite as well as the consumers of gas, especially as the consumers have to pay the costs of the delay and the mistakes.

As long as Lincoln pays men \$25 a month to attend to its immense business it may expect \$25 a month men and \$25 a month results.

There is not a state in the Union that has made such strides as a wheat producer as Nebraska has made during the last ten years.

The Nebraska primary is, at any rate, a boon to the paper makers, the printers and the manufacturers of lead pencils.

Only a week until primary day, and we really ought to have a week in which to mark that ballot.

Having shown us what it can do the Platte river now expects us to quit poking fun at it.

Nearly every survivor of the wreck of the Titanic is either a woman or a

child. And that's a glorious commentary on the manhood of the British and American men aboard the ill-fated vessel.

The Titanic cost \$10,000,000 and was wrecked on her first trip by an iceberg that wasn't worth a penny.

More cultivated acres and more acres better cultivated is the platform of this newspaper.

If you can not buy it at home it probably isn't worth buying.

The merchant who fails to advertise has no kick coming against the mail order houses of Chicago.

In the meantime a vote for Andrew M. Morrissey for attorney general on the democratic primary ballot is a vote for a splendid man and an able lawyer.

There can be no real tax reform until we abolish forever the fool system of putting a tax on enterprise and thrift and pay a premium for a lack thereof.

Don't become so interested in politics that you forget to stand up for Nebraska.

Forty-seven years ago last Tuesday Lee surrendered at Appomattox. We certainly have gone a long ways since then.

A lot of us town fellows are making a whole lot less garden now than we made in our minds last January.

Cattle raisers in Nebraska should not overlook the fact that every time they ship to the South Omaha market they help to build up a Nebraska enterprise,

keep the money at home and increase the amount of cash circulating in Nebraska.

There will be no new political party worth a name, but the evidences multiply to the effect that one or the other of the old parties is going to get a horrible shaking up.

Nebraska needs boosters far more than she needs politicians.

If it is made in Nebraska from Nebraska raw material the chances are 100 to 1 that it is the best of its kind.

Every additional Nebraska acre seeded to alfalfa is worth more than the average politician.

Vote for all five of the proposed constitutional amendments—then make up your mind that what Nebraska most needs is not an amended constitution, but an entirely new one.

Take your time with that primary ballot next Friday, and do it willingly. You'll have to, whether you want to or not.

Take that roll of paper the election judges will hand you for a ballot, stagger off to the booth under the load, do the best you can with it, and don't swear.

The man who gets the republican nomination for congress in the First district is going to have a man's work ahead of him to defeat the quiet, but hard-working John A. Maguire.

Somehow or other all this row in the democratic camp reminds us of Jim Laird's cat story.

YOU don't pick your friends merely by the way they look; you want something more than "front" in the fellow you "tie" to. Better pick your clothes the same way.

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