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THROTTLING ENTERPRISE.

We do not pretend to be a financial expert—rather we admit to being a rather grim failure along financial lines. But we do believe that in our efforts to curb the rapacity of the public service corporations we have swung a bit to extremes. There are men in eastern Nebraska today able and willing to finance interurban electric lines, but who will not undertake it under present conditions. And they can not be blamed. Men who invest their money in a public enterprise are entitled to a bit more for their investment than men who merely loan on farm mortgages. They are entitled to something for the risk that goes with every public enterprise. They are entitled to something for developing territory and business. They are entitled to something for the months and years that it takes to make a railroad profitable.

Until it is possible for capitalists to earn something more than the prevailing rate of interest on farm mortgages they are not going to invest millions in building interurban lines. And why should they not have more? Public control of public service corporations is an established fact. These corporations now admit the wisdom of that policy and would not return to the old system if they could. But when we make that control so drastic that it throttles enterprise and prevents the construction of needed improvements, the whole community is injured.

NEBRASKA'S SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

In less than five years Nebraska will be fifty years old. Will Maupin's Weekly has suggested that the anniversary be celebrated by the holding of a great exposition at which a showing be made of Nebraska's wonderful progress. Not a mere state fair of a week's duration, but a real exposition, open for three or four months and conducted on a plan like the great expositions of history. Nebraska can do it. Let us not forget that it was Nebraskans who held a great exposition thirteen years ago that broke many records. It is the only exposition of world-wide note that paid expenses, and in plan and execution it has been excelled by but two in the nation's history, the World's Fair at Chicago and the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis. It was bigger and better than the Centennial exposition at Philadelphia.

Nebraska could well afford to spend a half million dollars on such an enterprise, and practically every county could well afford to spend thousands in making exhibits. Such an exposition would attract people by the thousands to Nebraska, and we have but to bring them here and show them what we have done, are doing and can do, to interest them financially. It would bring millions to the state for investment, would settle up millions of acres of fertile land now lying idle, create new industrial enterprises. Five years is none too long in which to plan and prepare for the kind of expositions Nebraska must have if she has any at all. We hope to see the next legislature make a preliminary appropriation for this great enterprise. The amount need not be large, \$5,000 or \$6,000. That would enable two or three good commissioners to prepare definite plans and have them all ready for the legislature of 1915. Then we would have less than two years in which to prepare for the semi-centennial exposition of 1917.

The best way to "stand up for Nebraska" is to patronize her industries and quit sending money back east for goods that are made right here at home. We've been buying flour for a pretty big family for a score of years, and to date we have the first sack to "buy that is not Nebraska made. And the "sweet teeth" in a lively bunch of kiddies are solaced with Nebraska made candy. We are longing for the day to come when we can have them shod with Nebraska made shoes, too.

No, we didn't land that nomination—and we didn't expect to, having come into the race at the last minute and being so busy boosting for Nebraska that we couldn't take time to do much campaigning. But there will be other primaries! And we've learned a thing or two, old as we are.

The fine Italian hand of George Fred Williams is easily discernable in the returns from the democratic primary in Massachusetts. As before remarked in these columns, Uncle Si Barton is some political sprinter.

It was George Norris' vote in his own district that secured him that senatorial nomination. He seems to have dropped a real chunk of meat in order to grab for a mere reflection.

The candidates will please excuse us if we neglect them for a time. With a garden and a dandelion infested lawn we are rather busy these days.

The candidate who tries to inject the "wet or dry" issue into this state campaign should be searched for an ulterior motive.



THE NEBRASKA SANATORIUM, COLLEGE VIEW

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To Bar the Curious.

Halifax, N. S.—To prevent the crush of a morbidly curious crowd the militia department has acceded to a request that the cable ship Mackay-Bennett on its arrival here with its dead may dock at the gun wharf. This is the most carefully guarded military property in the city and no visitors are allowed within its precincts unless their business is made known to the sentries in charge. Only such as seek admission for the purpose of identifying the dead will be allowed within the limits of the property.

Washington.—Senator Brown called upon Secretary of War Stimson and urged the retention of Halsey E. Yates, Nebraska as commandant of the cadets. The senator was fortified with letters from prominent men in the state, and a strong letter from ex-Senator Burkett recommending Yates' retention. The secretary said he would give the matter his personal attention, and that if it were possible under the law to leave Captain Yates at his present post he would do so.

Worst Battle of Revolution.

Culliacan, Sinaloa, Mexico.—The fiercest battle of the revolution on the west coast took place at Tepic, where 2,000 rebels styling themselves Zapatistas engaged in a determined effort to take the town. There was a heavy loss of life when the big Tepic cathedral, crowded with refugees, was razed. The state house was torn down and the residences of a number of the wealthiest citizens were looted and torn down. The battle began at 10 o'clock Thursday morning and continued until 6 o'clock Friday morning. Some of the heaviest fighting occurred in Mexico street, near the Bola De Ora, where, in a short time, the pavement became slippery with blood.

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