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SOME MORE FACTS ABOUT NEBRASKA.

Law Office of Isidor Ziegler, Omaha, June 26, 1912.

Editor Will Maupin's Weekly: It has given me great pleasure to read your well-written editorials that have been published from time to time in your paper, and I want to congratulate you, both upon the form and substance of what you have written with reference to advertising the possibilities and advantages of this state.

In reading an editorial published by you in your weekly paper of June the 13th, under the heading, "Making Nebraska's Resources Known," I was greatly surprised at the information contained in the two following paragraphs, namely:

"With less than one-third of her total acreage under cultivation, Nebraska is leading the states in the production of agricultural wealth."

"Nebraska has upward of ten million acres of the most fertile land in the world, waiting for the plow of the farmer."

After reading the same, I had occasion to talk over these statements you made with a prominent member of the Omaha Commercial club and he stated to me that your statements were misleading, and were not based upon facts. That the tillable soil of any value has been entirely pre-empted and is in the hands of private individuals, and, second, that every available acre of farm lands in this state with the exception of possibly a thousand acres, was being utilized for agricultural purposes, and, third, that it is not true that only two-thirds of our total acreage suitable for cultivation was being used.

Have you any or can you give me any statistics to verify your figures? The reason I am asking this of you is that I heartily agree with you, assuming the facts stated by you are true, that we should advertise, as you suggest, the advantages and opportunities that our state has to offer to home-builders and to encourage immigration to this state.

The person to whom I talked, with reference to your editorial, stated that the purpose of the Commercial club and the policy of other Commercial clubs in the state was not to encourage immigration, but to use their efforts so as to educate the farmers to get a greater yield from the land that is now under cultivation and that it was impossible to hold out any inducements to people coming to this state to locate, as our farm lands were already under cultivation and all that it required was a knowledge of more scientific farming.

Thanking you in advance for the information and assuring you that I personally believe you are doing as much, if not more towards advertising our state by your well-written editorials than any other newspaper published in Nebraska, I am, yours very truly,
ISIDOR ZIEGLER.

Lincoln, Nebr., June 27, 1912.—Isidor Ziegler, Esq.: I have your favor of June 26 relative to the accuracy of some of the acreage statements made in my newspaper. It is difficult to consider with patience the comments of such men as the Commercial club member you quote. I refuse to believe that he voices the sentiments of any considerable number of business men when he asserts that it is not the policy of Commercial clubs to encourage immigration. True, we are striving to encourage scientific, or intensive, farming, but we are also trying to induce more tillers of the soil to locate among us, to take upon themselves the task of tilling land now lying idle, and to get better results than are now being secured by the farmers who are trying to cover too much territory.

The accuracy of my statements concerning cultivated and uncultivated land is easily verified. In round numbers Nebraska has an acreage of 49,000,000. The assessors' reports for 1912 will show less than 18,000,000 acres under cultivation, this including all cultivated crops and hay lands. This leaves approximately 30,000,000 acres unaccounted for. Allowing liberally for area taken up by rivers, lakes, incorporations, etc., we still have upwards of 28,000,000 to locate. We know no one who knows Nebraska will contend that the "sand hills" and "bad lands" take up the half of that. But call it half. We still have 14,000,000 acres unaccounted for.

I have never said, nor do I believe, that this idle land is to be had free. It is all privately owned, to be sure. It is owned by speculators who are holding it out of the market. It has never been cultivated. It produces nothing save a little wild hay, yet under our vicious system of taxation this idle land is producing more increase for its owners than most of the cultivated land is producing in the shape of agricultural wealth. This is because the increase in land values has been so great that these speculators make more by sloth than they would by enterprise. The Nebraska Commercial club man who asserts that "every available acre of farm lands in this state, with the exception of possibly a thousand acres, is being utilized for farm purposes," ought to take a few days off and make a personal visit to different sections of the state. He would unlearn a lot about Nebraska, which would be the first step in learning the truth about the state. There are upwards of 10,000,000 acres of fertile farm land in Nebraska that has never been touched by a plow. It is producing nothing in the way of agricultural wealth. In addition to wanting farmers who will till more scientifically and intensively, we want farmers equally up-to-date to come to Nebraska and get hold of these untilled lands and bring them into productivity. We want more small farms well cultivated, and fewer big farms whereon men are merely "mining the soil."

Men by the thousands are passing by Nebraska and buying lands in the Canadian northwest, or paying enormous prices for fruit lands in Oregon and Washington. They can buy more productive land than any in the Canadian northwest right here in Nebraska, and get it at from \$50 to \$75 an acre, on easy terms. They can buy better apple orchards in Nebraska than any in Oregon and Washington, get it cheaper, bring it into productivity easier and be nearer to market.

I am prepared to demonstrate to any man whose mind is open to conviction that we have here in Nebraska every inducement for the home seeker; that we have millions of acres of fertile soil that are lying idle, waiting for the hand of the tiller; that vast areas of Nebraska land may be had, not cheap, but at a price remarkably fair considering its productivity, and that we need to encourage immigration.

Let me cite you to the case of "Bill" O'Brien of Atkinson. He has just located thirty families on land heretofore uncultivated. He is making a once idle tract fruitful and profitable to himself, to a score and more of families and to his community. Practically every county in Nebraska has within its borders just such opportunities

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as O'Brien had in Holt county. The trouble is we haven't enough "Bill" O'Briens.

I thank you heartily for your complimentary references to my newspaper. If a lot of those who hand me the complimentary remark would accompany the aforesaid remark with the price of a subscription, I could do a much better work for Nebraska.

Very truly yours,

WILL M. MAUPIN.

STILL POSTPONING THE DECISION.

On June 21 the editor of Will Maupin's Weekly wrote the State Board of Irrigation and Drainage, asking for a speedy decision as to the priority rights for water along the Loup river. On June 24 an answer was received, saying that the board expected to make an early disposition of the same. It is now July 5, and still no action has been taken. The report of the engineer was filed on May 17—more than six weeks ago. Men with millions to invest in developing the Loup river water power are waiting for the board to act. The board has had the report of the engineer for almost two months, and under the law the report of the engineer is the evidence upon which a decision is to be based.

Why this interminable delay? Why this constant putting off of a matter that is of vital interest to the general public? What excuse has the board to offer for not following out the plain mandate of the law? Is there a colored gentleman in the woodpile? Is anybody playing politics at the expense of the development of the greatest natural resource Nebraska has?

Millions of dollars are waiting for a fair chance to come into Nebraska and develop our water powers. The dilly-dallying, the shilly-shallying of the State Board of Irrigation and Drainage is responsible for the fact that the men with this money are not already at work. Will Maupin's Weekly is not concerned about which group of capitalists secures control; it is interested only in giving somebody an opportunity to get busy with development work.

On behalf of people who want things done, Will Maupin's Weekly insists that the State Board of Irrigation and Drainage get busy.

To "Anxious Inquirer:" No, Rinaldo, we do not know who Governor Aldrich will be for president tomorrow. We can tell you who he was for yesterday, and who he is for today. But not being gifted with the tongue of prophecy we are unable to tell you about tomorrow.

We'll know more about where some Nebraska newspapers stand on questions political just as soon as Governor Aldrich makes up his mind where to place those constitutional amendments.

A Joke: The idea that men who believe in federal incorporation and a high protective tariff can amalgamate the men who oppose federal incorporation and favor free trade.

If we could pipe the Lincoln city council "gas" we wouldn't worry a bit about the settlement of the present gas problem.

Third parties are not organized. They are born, like Jove, full grown.

The genial "Doc" Bixby says that Will Maupin is trying

mighty hard to prove that John Morehead is a progressive. "Doc" Bixby is wrong, as usual. Will Maupin is merely trying to prevail upon hidebound partisans like the genial Bixby to have some little regard for the truth. The task may appear hopeless, but we still believe we are able to accomplish results.

What tickles us is the spectacle of a corporation insisting that it be allowed to manage its own business without the dictates of a union, then turning over the business to a "business' men's league."

Nebraska is frittering away ten million dollars a year by pursuing a policy that builds up eastern insurance corporations and batters down local insurance corporations.

Public service corporations should be regulated, but the time has come when we should quit cursing corporations simply because they are corporations.

Keep cool! No matter who is nominated or elected to the presidency, we'll have to hustle for a living, just the same.

Building a state is of more consequence than building a political party. Stand up for Nebraska!

It's a mighty shrewd man who can keep his politics on straight these days.

The trouble is that people do not always vote the way they applaud.

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