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ORCHARDING IN NEBRASKA.

Frank Odell, who has acquired the habit of looking at things with an observing eye, has confirmed what Will Maupin's Weekly has so often said—that as an apple producing country Nebraska has got them all beaten to a pulp. Mr. Odell has been making some inquiries of late in order to load up with ammunition to fire at the apple land promoters of the northwest country, which gentlemen declared that Odell violated the truth when he said Nebraska is the better apple country. Five counties in Nebraska in 1911 produced more apples than the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Colorado. One Nebraska county produced more apples in 1911 than any one of the states mentioned. Land that will produce the finest apples in the world may be bought in Nebraska at a price less than it will cost to clear the boasted apple lands of Oregon and Washington. The land for an orchard may be bought in Southeastern Nebraska, the trees planted and brought to bearing, at a price less than will have to be paid for the raw land in the boasted apple country of the northwest. The Nebraskan who owns a farm in eastern Nebraska and sell it for the purpose of going to Oregon or Washington or Colorado to engage in the fruit business, ought to have his head bored for the simples. He is selling the best apple lands in the world for less than he will have to pay for scrub-covered raw land in the northwest.

It has been only during the last six or eight years that the farmers of Nebraska have paid any attention to orcharding. They planted orchards and then left them to shift for themselves. As a result the orchards were not profitable and were sadly neglected. But a new generation has come upon the stage of action; a new force is at work. Young men who have made a study of horticulture are going out into these old and abandoned orchards and making them produce bountifully. Farmers have awakened to a realization of the fact that a fruit tree will respond to kind and intelligent treatment quite as readily as a man or an animal. Today we see great orchards yielding bountifully in Nebraska.

Now that the apple raisers have learned the value of pruning and spraying and cultivating, they should begin studying marketing. That is where the apple raiser of the northwest puts it over his Nebraska competitor. The northwestern apple raiser handpicks and carefully sorts his fruit. He packs it in boxes artistically, and he ships to a particular market. The old barrel method of selling fine apples is gone forever.

Within the lifetime of men who have already passed the half-century mark the hilly slopes of the Missouri river bluffs are going to be the greatest apple and small fruit region of this nation. The native timber will be removed, the land will be cultivated and set out into orchards and vineyards, and millions will be added to the annual production of wealth. Some mighty fine opportunities offered by Nebraska are being overlooked by men who are going further west to engage in orcharding. They'll have to go a long way and expend a wad of money before they will find Nebraska's equal.

MICHAEL FLIPFLOP HARRINGTON.

Mike Harrington has enlisted under the Bull Moose banner. Time was when we would have sincerely mourned the desertion of Michael from the ranks of the progressives, but not now. We have become accustomed to the political gyrations and animadversion of Michael, therefore we are no longer surprised by anything he may do or say. We have often wondered why Michael was not named Reuben. Was not Rube the first born of David, the strength of his loins? And wasn't Reuben the prize shifter of all the bunch. "Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel," said David to Reuben. But if Rube had anything on Michael for lack of stability we haven't noticed it.

Michael is trying to explain his desertion of Wilson, the man he helped to nominate, but his explanation reminds us of the maiden speech of the new congressman:

"Mr. Speaker," shouted the new congressman upon his first recognition, "the generality of mankind in general is prone to be unkind to the generality of mankind in general!"

"The gentleman from Podunk is crawling back into the whole from whence he just emerged," said the speaker, gently and softly.

And it doesn't take much of hole for Michael to emerge from or return to. Agile, lithe and sinuous, Michael can get into or out of some almighty small political orifices. His reasons for deserting Wilson and supporting Roosevelt may suit Michael all pious of graft in connection therewith. He built the big Pennsylvania, and that is all that is necessary. All we can say is that the man who is easily convinced by such a line of argument is certainly very amenable to that kind of argument. We regret to see Michael leaving us, but our regret is tempered by the satisfaction that comes from the knowledge that he will raise particular hell among the Bull Moose advocates.

But Michael will come back to us. In due time he will show up at a democratic convention and insist upon having the spotlight turned upon himself. When Michael is not in the political spotlight in Nebraska you can gamble on the proposition that the spotlight manipulator is loafing on the job.

But we'll have a season of relief from the Harrington oratory when next the democrats of Nebraska meet. We'll miss his posing and his gyrating, his protestations of superior virtue and democratic integrity. Not soon again will we hang breathless upon his words. He has deserted us in the hour of our extremity, and proffered his services as chief scoopman for the Bull Moose candidate. May peace go with him—but it will not. We have wished him upon the Bull Moose contingent.

A paved street to the state fair grounds, and a street car line to the grounds over the viaduct—when we get 'em we'll be happier. Omaha hasn't had a rain for months. We'd say something about this being a punishment for wickedness if it were not so gosh awful dry in Lincoln.

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to be a democrat, is being quoted quite freely in the republican press. This being a new sensation the editor of the aforesaid weekly paper is laying 'awake nights trying to think up something to say against the democratic candidate for governor, merely for the novel sensation of seeing himself quoted some more.

We note with considerable interest the deep concern our republican friends have for us since our preferred candidate for president went down to defeat at Baltimore. And the sympathy they have for Champ Clark is really wonderful to behold.

Will Maupin's Weekly has received assurance that it will not be among the papers designated to print one or more of the proposed constitutional amendments. In this particular case the disappointment is not too great to be borne.

Mr. Roosevelt denounces as a fake the rumor that he and Taft are to be sidetracked for a compromise candidate. You can bet that no third party will be endorsed by Roosevelt that doesn't contemplate Roosevelt as its candidate.

Governor Aldrich is forever complaining that he is misquoted. The governor ought to be almighty thankful that the newspaper men do not print all that he says, just the way he says it.

Beg pardon for being late this week, and for being a bit below the average. But we just had to take a little trip to get the proof that Nebraska is the best of them all. And we got it.

Governor Aldrich is looking up irrigation matters in northwestern Nebraska. He can find plenty of irritation matter to keep him busy without leaving the state house.

No, Geniveve; we can not tell you who Governor Aldrich is going to support for president tomorrow. We haven't heard from the governor since this morning.

Anyhow, they can't beat us out of a mighty good wheat crop. And we are still banking on a 200,000,000 bushel crop of corn.

If the vote on the Lorimer case is postponed much longer "Blonde Billy" will retire from old age.

Nebraska democrats should bear in mind that Mr. Bryan is not an issue in this state.

Be a good booster and buy a few tickets to the booster day game next Tuesday.

IT ALL DEPENDS.

A Chicago judge has decided that to cry "O, you beautiful doll," at a passing woman is a compliment, not an insult. Some one ought to slap that judge where his brains are not, and kick him where they are. It is an insult to any woman. It might be a compliment to a "lady," but no "lady" would think of asking for the arrest of the man who said it to her. "Ladies" thrive on that sort of thing, but women resent it.

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