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WE APPRECIATE THIS

House of Representatives U. S., Washington, D. C., Aug. 7, 1912.—Mr. Will Maupin, Lincoln, Nebr. My Dear Will: I have just read your article on Collier's boost of Colorado. It is the cleverest and best thing I have read in a long time. I have just been reading your paper for a month now as they failed to forward it to me from Fremont until recently. I have planned to write you whenever I read one of the issues of the Weekly to tell you of my appreciation of the effective manner in which you are constantly boosting good, old Nebraska.

I was also delighted with the plank in the democratic platform pledging our members in the legislature to support a publicity appropriation. I think that is one of the best planks in the platform, and I hope that the next legislature will appropriate a liberal sum for advertising the resources of Nebraska, and that the next governor, whoever he may be, will have the good sense to put the biggest and best booster in charge of this fund.

The work of Congress is about over now and we are going to start home within the next ten days, at least we are hoping to. With best wishes to you, I am,

Your friend,
DAN V. STEPHENS.

OUR SPECIAL EDITION.

We are proud of the commendations received of the Harvest Special edition of last week. And prouder of the few men who backed up their compliments with the cash. If one in ten of the men who tell us that we are doing a great work in advertising Nebraska would accompany the expression with a dollar bill, we'd be in shape to do even more. Good words are always acceptable, but, unfortunately, they fail to pay the printing bill.

It took some work and money to get out that special edition. It weighed over 2,000 pounds, and was in four sections and two colors. It required a lot of time to get the statistics together. It took some midnight electric current, a lot of perspiration and a lot of worry. But the results justified it all. We have fewer than 250 copies of the edition left, and you may have one sent to a friend by sending in a dime.

We take this occasion to remark that the edition was printed by the Western Newspaper Union—as all editions of Will Maupin's Weekly are—and it came out on time, handsomely printed and showing the evidences of skilled workmanship in every department. Few people have any idea of the organization and equipment required in getting out such a huge paper in the ordinary course of business. But the Western Newspaper Union has always been equal to every demand. We want to express our appreciation to the "boys" in that shop for their hustling, their uniform kindness and their efforts to make the edition the success we are sure it was.

GALEN J. RICHMOND.

In the death of Galen J. Richmond, late editor of the Minden Courier, Nebraska newspaperdom loses a prominent member and the state loses an exemplary citizen. Rugged, honest, plain spoken, "Gale" Richmond's words always carry weight. He didn't know what it was to "trim" or evade. He was a friend to every good man and every good cause—an enemy to every bad man and bad cause. As a soldier he served his country faithfully, but not more faithfully than he served it as a private citizen. We knew "Gale" Richmond for more than a quarter of a century. He was a friend, to be proud of, for he was honest and true. He stood for the best in civic affairs, always worked for the development of his community and his state, and above all, he was a kindly neighbor, a loving husband and a good father. He will be held in kindly reverence by thousands of Nebraskans who knew him and his works.

A CHANGE IN PROSPECT.

A change in the style of this newspaper is in prospect. We are not satisfied with it, either in appearance or performance. If we can work out successfully the plans we have in mind, this will be a periodical of parts—and capable of doing a better work in the advertising of Nebraska resources and possibilities. Much depends upon what others do whether these plans mature. By that we do not mean that they must "support" us. We are not asking for "support." But we do want better co-operation in our efforts to make this paper of service to this great commonwealth.

A POPULAR EXHIBIT.

The Beatrice Creamery company's exhibit at the state fair, novel in the extreme, was a popular attraction. The democratic donkey, the g. o. p. elephant and the progressive moose, with the three candidates, all modeled in Meadow Gold butter, attracted attention from all sides. The exhibit was artistic in the extreme. Then there was the further attraction of ice cold buttermilk on draugh, free for the asking. The company exhibited its usual enterprise in making the exhibit.

HELP ADVERTISE NEBRASKA.

We have on hand something like 250 copies of the edition of Will Maupin's Weekly for last week—the Harvest Edition. They contain a vast amount of valuable information about Nebraska. You ought to help circulate them. Send ten cents, stamps or silver, and we'll mail, postpaid, a copy to any address.

If the Union Pacific will only get a decent depot and locate it somewhere in Lincoln where it will be convenient, then give us a train service between Grand Island and Kansas City direct, we'll agree to a postponement of the plan to put Lincoln on the main line between Omaha and Salt Lake.

Ten thousand people sat for hours, sweltering and crowded, in order to hear Bryan at the state fair. Don't it beat all, how the people love to discommode themselves in order to hear this "dead one"?

If you buy from a Nebraska manufacturer you get a superior article, you keep your money at home, and you employ Nebraska labor. Is that not enough argument in favor of patronizing home industries?

A Salt Lake man says he is haunted by the ghost of a pawnbroker he murdered several years ago. We never killed a pawnbroker, but we have been haunted by them for many years.

600,000 bushels of wheat this year. The prediction has been fulfilled. Now we assert that Nebraska's 1912 corn crop will exceed 160,000,000 bushels. Paste that prediction in your hat.

After seeing all those autos in town this week we can understand the whyfore of the shortage in the gasoline supply.

That "Bull Moocher" convention served to make the weather more comfortable by lowering the temperature.

Now we know why the railroads did not make rates to the state fair. They hauled all they could anyhow.

Now, if we could only devise some method of utilizing political hot air in the propulsion of automobiles!

We knew that just as soon as that "weather kiosk" was erected at Tenth and O we'd have fine weather.

Last March we predicted that Nebraska would harvest 50-

They didn't have state fairs like that when we were a boy.

The weather man is entitled to thanks and homage.

CURRENT COMMENT.

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places a feeling of good fellowship and an intention to co-operate in the great work of building Nebraska.

It is beginning to be what it should have been all these years. There is not, and cannot be, any rivalry between Omaha and Lincoln. The most that can be made of the situation is a friendly contest for supremacy along certain lines. Omaha easily beats us out on some things; Lincoln distances Omaha in others. But both are dependent upon the same sources, and both are equally interested in the development of Nebraska. So here's to a perpetual continuance of this new-awakened spirit of friendship and co-operation.

You'll have to hand it to the business men of Omaha who have made Ak-Sar-Ben known wherever men of intelligence are found. We doubt if even Omaha men realize what Ak-Sar-Ben is doing to advertise that city and Nebraska. We doubt if they realize what a wonderful institution they have built. It is a monument to loyalty to Omaha and an evidence of enterprise and industry. Ak-Sar-Ben gives the best and greatest fall parades known to mankind. Scenically it has the boasted Mardi Gras skinned a mile. Mardi Gras excels in those things that most American cities have barred—open licentiousness, flaunting vice and a reckless disregard of every appearance of public decency for a few hours. Omaha conducts her great fall festivals on a higher plane.

The 1912 State Fair was not only the biggest in point of display, but will doubtless prove to be the biggest ever in point of total attendance. But whether it sets a new record or not, it has cinched the fact that it is high time for this great state to begin providing, and quickly, grounds and buildings in keeping with the wealth, the progress and the education of its people. Every old frame shack on the grounds should be torn down—and that includes most of the buildings. The display halls should be grouped around a central plaza, and these buildings should be permanent as well as commodious. A start has been made on permanent buildings, but securing them is slow and tedious work. Will Maupin's Weekly is still boosting for that Nebraska semi-centennial exposition. That would give a great impetus to permanent buildings on the state fair grounds.

We deprecate all this claiming that Nebraska will harvest a "bumper corn crop" this fall. She will not; not if we understand what is meant by "bumper crop." But she is going to harvest a lot of corn. This year's crop, barring future accidents, will be equal to the ten-year average. Even that, all things considered, is something over which we may well rejoice.

Now let the farmers observe "seed corn selection week," and let us have both seed and soil ready next spring for sun and rain. Then we'll proceed to make Nebraska's 1913 corn crop something to cause the world to pause and view with astonishment.

Of course Lincoln's transportation facilities were inadequate to meet all the demands made upon it this week. And the reason is so simple that one can only wonder why there are those so quick to condemn the street railway company for not being able to handle all the people easily and without delay. Frankly, we are pleased that the great crowds were handled so well and so quickly. Lincoln has a transportation service well equal to the task of caring for ordinary conditions—which includes occasional conventions, assemblies, etc. But when you suddenly treble the city's population, and everybody wants to go somewhere at the same time, trouble begins. And only the ignorant or the prejudiced would expect a street railway company to keep on hand an equipment costing up into the

hundreds of thousands merely to care for crowds during one short week.

During the week the local street railway company carried hundreds of thousands of passengers. Of course every car was crowded and schedules were knocked out. But isn't it a fact that the people were handled rapidly and with no more discomfort than they brought upon themselves? And have you noticed that despite the terrific jams in the streets and the overloaded condition of the cars, that not a single accident worthy of note occurred? We wish our local transportation service were better; we are mighty thankful it is as good as it is.

On Wednesday there were not less than 3,000 automobiles in Lincoln. Some auto dealers estimate the number as high as 5,000. But whatever the number, it is an index of the wonderful prosperity of Nebraska. Farmers drove in from as far away as 150 miles, bring their families to the fair in their own buzz buggies. We'd hate to have to review a parade of all those autos. If there were 5,000 of them, and each given 20 feet in the line, the parade would be more than 20 miles long.

And a mighty prosperous looking lot of people it was, too. They were dressed well, spent money freely, had a good time, saw a fair that must have impressed them with the wonderful productivity of Nebraska, and return home happy. We are mighty proud of the manner in which those immense crowds of Nebraskans con-

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W. C. HOWEY
Secy. and Genl. Mgr.

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Demand this label on your printing

Our state is rich in natural resources not yet developed, a condition due to the lack of public knowledge of such wealth. We therefore, favor a liberal appropriation by the legislature for the purpose of giving publicity to the state's resources.—From the Nebraska Democratic Platform.

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