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You can't keep a good man down. If L. G. Stewart can't go to congress he will be second assistant secretary of the senate...

Considerable excitement has been caused over the report that the Pacific Short Line was preparing to build west from O'Neill the coming spring. That the survey across the southern part of Sioux county and if built on that the assessed valuation of the county would be increased, but it is not near enough to a certainty to build any hopes on.

At the term of the district court in Sheridan county El Catron, the man known as the king of the rustlers, was convicted of appropriating cattle whose hides were adorned by the spole brand, and Judge Kinkaid sentenced him to a term of seven years in the penitentiary. For a long time Catron eluded the law but it got him at last during seven years ensuing he will have ample opportunity to decide whether or not rustling is the proper way to get beef.

The grief growing out of the failure of the Illinois National Bank at Chicago is deep and wide-spread. Two of the officials have committed suicide, one has been given up to die by his physicians and a fourth is nearing the same stage. These, added to the anxiety, suffering, perhaps, death among those who had funds in the bank make an appalling array.

In one of his syndicate lectures, for each of which he receives \$1,000.00, Hon. W. J. Bryan said: "The aim of advocates of different money systems is to secure that one which is the best for the greatest number of citizens. Men differ as to which system will accomplish that, but all agree that the system which will give a unit of value of the least possible fluctuation is the best." Had Mr. Bryan expressed such sentiments as those prior to and at the Chicago convention he never would have been the nominee of that convention, and his admitting such things now is the best possible proof that he was the ardent demagogue during the campaign that he was said to be. Had he appealed to the reason of those to whom he spoke with such expressions as that quoted above, instead of appealing to the prejudice of the populace with plausible platitudes previously picked up, he would not have come so near snuffing some of those who supported him, perhaps, but he would have come in great deal nearer to establishing a reputation as being a statesman rather than a rainbow-chasing political adventurer.

The legislature convened on Tuesday and is now engaged in making history. In the senate Frank T. Ransom was the various nominee of the fusion members for president pro tem of that branch and consequently was elected. W. F. Schwind captured the position of secretary of the senate. In the house J. N. Galpin was selected for speaker, and Frank D. Eager was chosen for chief clerk. Minor officers were also selected for both houses by the fusion caucuses, the republicans being in the minority in both ends of the capitol building they have nothing to say. The presiding officer of each house lives very near the east line of the state, while the secretary of the senate and chief clerk of the house are both residents of Lancaster county. The only crumb of comfort that fell from the pie counter as a reward to northwest Nebraska for having given such a vote for the fusion candidates was that H. G. Stewart was made second assistant secretary of the senate. Today the newly elected state officials will be formally inducted into their respective offices and then the work of house-cleaning will begin, and it is expected that every department will be thoroughly ransacked and if the republicans have been doing crooked work let it be known. The work at the state capitol will be completed with interest.

Northwest Nebraska extends sympathy to the blizzard stricken portion of the state east of the sandhills.

The Virtue of Self-Reliance.

Something can be done by good laws; more can be done by honest administration of the laws; but most of all can be done by frowning resolutely upon the preachers of vague discontent; and by upholding the true doctrine of self-reliance, self-help, and self-mastery. This doctrine sets forth many things. Among them is the fact that though a man can occasionally be helped when he stumbles, yet that it is useless to try to carry him when he will not or cannot walk; and worse than useless to try to bring down the work and reward of the thrifty and intelligent to the level of the capacity of the weak, the shiftless, and the idle. It further shows that the manly philanthropist and the manly sentimentalist are almost as noxious as the demagogue, and that it is even more necessary to temper mercy with justice than justice with mercy.

The worst lesson that can be taught a man is to rely upon others and to whine over his sufferings. If an American is to amount to anything he must rely upon himself, and not upon the state; he must take pride in his own work, instead of sitting idle to envy the luck of others; he must face life with resolute courage, win victory if he can, and accept defeat if he must, without seeking to place on his fellow-men a responsibility which is not theirs.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Table with columns for various funds: STATE FUND, SCHOOL LAND FUND, STATE SCHOOL FUND, TAX SALE REDEMPTION FUND, ORDNANCE'S DEPOSIT FUND, COUNTY GENERAL FUND, SOLDIERS' RELIEF FUND, COUNTY ROAD FUND, COUNTY BRIDGE FUND, COUNTY SPECIAL DEBT FUND, HOWES PRECINCT ROAD FUND, ROAD DISTRICT FUNDS, SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT FUNDS, ADVERTISING FUND, FUNDS OF VILLAGE OF HARRISON, SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS, SCHOOL BOND FUND, WARRANTS REGISTERED, and WARRANTS OUTSTANDING.

It is quite likely that an effort will be made to have a law passed by the legislature providing for the publication of the laws passed in a newspaper in each county in the state. The matter has been frequently discussed and its advantages are apparent to all and there is no reason why a law of the kind cannot be passed if handled properly. It is hardly right to expect people comply with laws of which they know nothing. Suppose a law should be passed providing that a man bridging dressed beef to market shall also bring the hide of the animal and be subject to arrest and prosecution in case of failure to do so. After the law goes into effect some man kills a beef and brings it to town, but does not bring the hide and some one has him arrested and he is put to the trouble and expense of defending himself against a law of which he knew nothing. Ignorance of the law excuses no one, and the need of giving the public an opportunity to know what is required is apparent.

Something for Nothing.

In addition to giving two papers each week the Semi-Weekly State Journal now gives to each person sending \$1.00 a free premium. You can have your choice of the Toledo Blade, or New York Tribune. Or you can have any two of these papers free: Poultry News, Swine Breeder, Farm News and Womenkind. Hundreds of other free premiums, such as a splendid Atlas, State Journal Almanac, United States History, etc. Send postal card request for premium list. You should read the Journal during the legislature, no matter what other papers you read at other times. You must send your money direct to the State Journal, Lincoln, Nebraska, to get any of these free premiums.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE COMMERCIAL BANK,

Table showing financial condition of The Commercial Bank, including assets like Loans and discounts, Real estate, and liabilities like Capital stock paid in, Deposits, and Loans.

Advertisement for Demorest's Magazine featuring 'AN UNPARALLELED OFFER' and 'GASOLINE ENGINES'. Includes text about the magazine's content and a list of engine specifications.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Table listing state and county officers including Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Attorney General, and various judges and commissioners.

Table listing church and society members, including names and addresses for various congregations.

Advertisement for Meat Market featuring 'Meat Market' and 'GASOLINE ENGINES'. Includes text about fresh meats and engine specifications.

Interests You.

Offer of cheap reading matter you can't afford to miss. During the great campaign people want newspapers and want them while they are fresh and newsy. The Semi-Weekly State Journal, Lincoln, Neb., supplies the demand, as it will be mailed twice a week from now until January 1, 1897, for 25 cents, or from now until January 1, 1898, for one dollar.

Advertisement for SUGAR BEET FIELDS and LIVERY, Feed and Sale Stable. Includes text about beet fields and stable services.

Advertisement for WEEKLY INTER OCEAN featuring 'The Greatest Republican Paper of the West' and 'Interest Paid on Time Deposits'.

GRANT GUTHRIE, Attorney-at-Law.

Prompt attention given to all legal matters in Justice, County and District Courts, and before the United States Land Office. Fire Insurance written in reliable companies.

Advertisement for Fashionable Barber & Hair Dresser, including text about services and location.

Advertisement for North-Western LINE, including text about train routes and schedules.

Advertisement for LIVERY, Feed and Sale Stable, featuring an illustration of a horse and carriage.

Advertisement for COMMERCIAL BANK, featuring 'ESTABLISHED 1868.' and 'HARRISON, NEBRASKA.' Includes text about capital and services.