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Omaha gets the democratic state convention on March 5. Will the democrats secure their delegations by primary methods? It will not be necessary for them to have a primary to express preference for president, as they are all Bryan worshippers.

If we can't have Roosevelt for the presidency, then the man nearest Roosevelt and nearest his policies and most sure to carry them out, is Taft. We believe, so far as those mentioned is concerned, Taft would best fit into Roosevelt's shoes. Don't you, dear reader?

All the opposition to Bryan as the coming democratic candidate for the presidency has about died out, even Sullivan of Illinois and Bryan kissing and making up. It is doubtful if any other name will be presented to the national democratic convention at Denver. Bryan is "Heap Big Injun" to democracy.

Wouldn't that puzzle an expert? Frank Harrison in an article to the State Journal of a few days since, would lead the readers to infer that the LaFollete boom is being worked in Nebraska without funds and he is a philanthropic individual that is handling the boomlet without recompense! Did anybody ever know Frank to work for glory, with no cash accompaniment?

The Burlington during the past couple of weeks have been making great reductions in their force of help along their line, and especially at division points. The town of Alliance seems to be coming in for more than its share. Last week over one hundred workmen were laid off at that division, fifty-seven being let out at one time. It is reported that nearly all of these men have families and it is leaving them in bad shape, especially so coming at this time of the year. It is reported that the Burlington has laid off 17,000 men along their line and that most of them were receiving \$2 per day. This will certainly result in much hardship to these thousands of families.

The York Republican comes to our desk booming E. C. Bishop, of that county, at present deputy state superintendent of schools, for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Prof. Bishop is indeed one of the leading educators of the state and we believe would ably fill that important office. While acknowledging that fact, yet the Northwestern does not at this time take a stand for Mr. Bishop or any other aspirant for that place till it has the field to look over later. There are many able men along educational lines in good old Nebraska, and we are not at this time in position to champion the cause of any certain one. Trot 'em all out and let us see the field.

There is one business firm that understands most fully that advertising pays, much to their discomfort. Some time since the Keystone Lumber Co. advertised a lot of coal at \$2 per ton, which was all taken within a day or two after the paper was out, by our farmer readers, at least seventeen teams being at the lumber yard the following Saturday to get their share. That was good and all right, but the measly editor did not take the adv. out the next week as ordered, and the Keystone was kept busy telling its customers that all had been sold the week before, to which they demurred, saying the advertisement was still in the Northwestern. So it was, but the fault lay alone with the forgetful editor. All of which, however, proved that advertising pays.

"Stuck" on That Country

In remitting for the Northwestern's visits to his home in the Grand Junction, Colo., country, our friend, Louis J. Bechtold, takes occasion to speak in glowing terms of his new home. He says: "I raised a fine crop last year and got fine prices for all of the fruit. Pears netted \$2.75 a box and apples \$2.25 a box. These are bushel boxes. Pears average from five to ten boxes to the tree; 160 trees to the acre. Apples average about 25 boxes to the tree; 96 trees to the acre. Peaches froze some but we will have enough for our own use. Talk about high-priced land; we've got it. Raw land sells at \$500 per acre. Orchard land, with trees, sells from \$500 to \$2,000 per acre. That seems fishy, but you can come and look up the records for yourself. I like good old Sherman county, all right, and I will come and see her some time, but will have to work my gold mine (orchard) for a time yet. It never gets cold here in the valley, but up in the mountains she does some good hard freezing, like in Sherman county, 40 below. Here is our market: Coal, \$2.50; alfalfa, \$10; wheat, \$1.50 per cwt; oats, \$1.00 per cwt; corn, \$1.80 per cwt; eggs, 30c; butter, 30c; potatoes, \$1.25 per cwt; hogs, dressed, \$7.50."

Clear Creek.

W. Duck of Litchfield is on the sick list.
 The Brethren are holding revival meetings in Dist. No. 25.
 Dave Eaton and mother are visiting friends in this vicinity.
 Mr. VanWormer is moving on the James Gray tree claim. He comes from York county.

School Notes.

A report of the first four months of school is: Enrollment at beginning of term, 280; average daily attendance, 120; average number of pupils neither absent nor tardy, 128.
 Miss Naumann's pupils have the rage now. They had a party on the ice Saturday afternoon and are now planning another for next Saturday.
 A fine program is promised and expected for the next Literary, Friday afternoon.
 Writing has been put in the place of spelling in the High School for the next semester's work. A few who can write "a decent hand" will be allowed to take spelling.
 The examinations have come and gone, satisfactory for some, the opposite for others.

Fear Jack London is Lost.

The editors of Woman's Home Companion, for whom Jack London is sailing around the world in his little boat Snark, state that he is now over a month due at Tahiti of the Society Islands, for which place he sailed from Hilo, Hawaii, on October 27th. The gas engine with which the Snark is equipped was not working well when Mr. London left Hawaii, and it is supposed by his publishers that he has experienced some more trouble with it, or that he has encountered the doldrums of the Pacific by which the little forty-five foot boat might be buffeted about for days or weeks, to be dropped at length into a dead sea calm. For such are the equatorial doldrums.

London sailed from San Francisco on May 4th and reached Hawaii about a month later. He is accompanied on his voyage around the world by his wife, a captain, an engineer, one sailor and two Japanese servants. London expects to spend seven years on his voyage and to sail completely around the world, stopping at interesting places wherever he goes.
 Later reports give the arrival of Mr. London and party, who had been delayed by an accident to the machinery of their boat.

It looks at present as though it was the field against Taft for the republican candidacy for the presidency. That being the case, and from all we can learn of those already mentioned, the Northwestern has no hesitancy in naming its choice to be the biggest and brainiest man of all—Taft. If there is anyone better, he has so far been unmentioned.

A Hoggish Discussion

The "Price of Hogs" discussion going on through the medium of the newspapers and farm journals has reached the acute stage where anything written on the question becomes of absorbing interest to the growers and sellers of that product. The fact that the packing industries have "tumbled to the racket" since and advanced prices a few cents, does not make the following "roast" of the packers, by our own Hon. E. H. Kittell, former populist representative in the legislature from this county, any the less juicy and interesting. We give it in full:

Editor Nebraska Farmer: I have read your two editorials of recent date in regard to the hog market, the last one containing my letter to the Omaha Daily News which you kindly reprint. I would say no more about the matter just now, and would hope for better times for the hog growers in the near future, only for the reason that I have never learned to stand still and keep my mouth shut while having my pockets picked. In your first editorial you say the packers have been obliged to pay an increased rate of interest on borrowed money and therefore must get even by paying less for hogs. You offer this excuse for the packers on the theory, no doubt, that a poor excuse is better than none. You must know very well, as everyone else must know, that the additional interest that the packers have to pay is but a small sum compared to what they are beating the farmers out of on their hogs. The grain buyers, probably, have to borrow as much money as the packers, but I have heard of no great drop in the price of grain on account of any extra interest they have to pay. You say further that the packers want cheap hogs and the farmers are willing, apparently, to furnish them, or words to that effect. It's true that the farmers are furnishing the packers cheap hogs, but they are not doing it willingly. They are selling their hogs because they have no assurance that after they have fed all of their corn to them they will be worth any more than they are now. The packers have the advantage and will pay what they please. There was not enough corn raised in this county this year to properly fatten the hogs we have now—there are many counties in the state in the same condition—and if we hold our hogs and feed all of our corn to them, where is the corn to feed the pigs coming on in the spring? What makes the matter particularly aggravating to the hog growers just now is the fact that drought cut our corn crop in two in the middle, and the packers have cut the price of hogs so that they (the hog growers) will get only about one-third as much for this year's crop of corn as they did for last year's. If ever there was a time when farmers needed a good price for hogs, it is right now. You may be assured that the farmers who depend on hogs mainly for their income are not organizing any smile clubs at present.

The packers shrewdly guessed that the people generally, including most of the editors of farm papers, would think that the fall in live stock prices was due to the panic. When the farmer finds out that he has to pay the same old price for everything he has to buy, he wonders why the panic just knocked the stuffing out of the prices of his live stock, especially his hogs, and hardly grazed anything else. Funny little panic. Of course, a fall in the price of live stock is to be expected in panic times for people eat less meat then, but the great fall in the price of hogs was without warrant and the responsibility rests with the packers.

Someone has said, "If a man cheats me once he is to blame, but if the same man cheats me a second time I am to blame." The farmers, whom the average city man thinks don't know enough to come in when it rains, have been thinking a little, and they don't intend to be caught by the packers again with a lot of hogs on hand and no corn to feed them. They are going to raise fewer hogs. This action may cause some people to go hungry for pork, but if an object lesson is needed to show the people of the United States that so large a class as the farmers can't be robbed without it seriously affecting the whole country, let us have the object lesson. The farmers won't continue long to feed high priced corn to low priced hogs just for the exercise they get out of it. The breeding season for hogs is now here and I am going to cause a part of the proposed shortage of hogs on my own farm, and will use my influence to get others to do likewise. It's the only remedy in sight.

The present action of the packers is clearly a case of benefits forgot. For years they have been fattening off the products of our labor under what was supposed to be a mutual benefit plan, but now at the first opportunity when they have a chance to get us in a corner by reason of a short corn crop, they proceed to jump on us and rob us to a finish. It's a shame that a few men, acting in no official capacity, have the power to set the prices on the products of millions of farmers.
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