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Webster County Condensed.

Webster Co., Neb., lies in the Valley of the Republican, is 150 miles west of the Missouri River and touches the State line on the South. Winters are mild and dry; very little rain or snow falls in that season so little in fact that cattle live all winter with no hay or grain. Plenty of rain falls in the spring and summer. The summers are not disagreeably warm, as there is always a cool breeze especially in the evenings. The county first began to settle in 1870. In 1871 the county was organized with a population of 48. Its population is now between 2500 and 3000 and is rapidly increasing. There are at present 38 organized school districts within its boundries and school facilities are therefore ample—better than those in some Eastern States. The apportionable school fund furnishes nearly enough money to pay teachers' wages. Farmers can buy R. R. land from $1.50 to $6 per acre—with ten years time. There is yet a considerable amount of government lands for homesteads and preemptions. As a stock raising country it is hard to excel. Cattle do well, and for sheep it cannot be beaten. It is just suited to that. Fortunes can be easily made by raising sheep as the expense of feeding is very small. That corn, oats, barley, potatoes, buck wheat, and all kinds of roots and vegetables, are grown here with little labor. 35 bushels of sod corn to the acre is nothing new. Wheat averages about 25 bushels to the acre. Fruit does extremely well. Every farmer has his orchard growing. Forest trees grow rapidly. Cottonwood, boxelder, whitewood, soft maple, and many other kinds of trees grow into timber large enough for fuel in about three years. Osag orange plants do nicely, and in a few years your live fences can be made. Mechanics find employment and fair wages. The very best and purest water is obtained by going from 5 to 100 feet. The cost is very small when the well is bored.—These wells never go dry. The streams of this county are the Republican and its tributaries, which are as follows: on the south side of the river, Walnut, Dry, Buffalo, State Penny, Cedar, Hicks, Ash, and Guide Rock creeks. On the north side are Willow, Elm, Cottonwood, Crooked, Indian, and Farmers creeks. In the north part of the county is the Blue river and its tributaries.

The soil of Webster county is a dark, rich vegetable loam. The wild grasses are nutritious and abundant, and make most excellent hay. Timothy, clover, Hungarian and millet will undoubtedly prove a profitable production. Those who have tried them so decide at least.

Our railroad prospects are good, and we will have a road as soon as we really need one. But the farmers for years will find ready sale for surplus productions in the newer counties west and to new settlers. By the time these markets are closed roads for cheaper transportation east will be opened.

Our climate is healthful, the air pure and bracing, and sickness of any kind is almost a stranger to the people here.

The county seat, RED CLOUD on the Republican river, near the center east and west and a little south of the center north and south. In it are chances for business men of every branch of trade. The country around is such as to warrant a good business in every kind of merchandise. Red Cloud and Guide Rock are the only two laid out towns. Further information can be obtained from any land agent who advertises in this paper, or at this office.

The citizens of the adjoining counties of Kansas are having exciting times about railroads. They have been meeting in mass meetings and talking railroad until the whole people are of one mind. Their scheme is to induce the Junction City and Kearney company to leave the Republican and follow the divide between the Republican and the Solomon to Denver. And it is possible that they may succeed. A slight consideration of our own interest will cause us to view this movement with the greatest interest. The road above mentioned approaches to within sixty miles of this place. It will be our sole chance for a road in that direction for some time. On the other hand if the road is constructed along the entire length of the valley, it will be long before another one will be built south of it. It is our policy to have this road running through our county as soon as possible, and this place will naturally be the market for Smith and Jewell counties for years to come. If the road is diverted now, it will be many years ere we obtain one. It is to be hoped that the men of this village and county will act promptly in this matter. If this scheme be carried through successfully it will tell seriously upon our prosperity. It can only succeed by our apathy and inattention.

HORSE THIEVES.

We understand that a party recently engaged a horse at the livery stable in Kearney to go some dozen miles. By some means, the horse ran away with him, or he forgot to return it. A man sent in pursuit traced the horse and thief up the Republican and Sappy rivers to Decatur Co., Kansas.

He there found a band of some fifteen or twenty horse thieves, having from seventy-five to a hundred stolen horses, in underground stables, fortified and guarded by men, armed to the teeth, who politely advised him, if he valued his life, to make his way out of that region as fast as possible—that they would not be taken alive, &c. He also learned that some of the settlers thereabouts were leagued with the thieves, aiding and abetting them.

He returned through Orleans on Saturday night last, with the intention of securing a posse, to break up the band. If it is undertaken, there may be warm work there. But such a nest of thieves ought to be broken up at all hazards.

FROM RIVERTON.

Moved and seconed, that the Valley of the Republican (in the State of Nebraska) shall vote bonds, to the full extent allowed by law, for the purpose of constructing or to aid in the construction of a Railroad from some point east of us, through to Denver City, Col., the same to be given to the first company that agrees to have its road completed and in full running order within two years from date of contract.

RIVERTON, Franklin Co., Neb.
November 1st, 1875

ED. CHIEF:—Sir, In order that the people of the valley may have free discussion on this all important subject, I have so far intruded on your space as to submit the above to them, in the form of a motion. The question of a railroad, is the question of the hour with us. Give us a railroad, the main artery through which flows the commercial blood of the present age, and every nerve and sinew of our Republican body corporate will feel and derive a benefit therefrom. For, unless we as a people, do make an effort to infuse some life into the present normal conditions of our joint system, our progress in prosperity will be but slow while we are suffering financially for want of a market that would absorb our surplus farm products. The voting of bonds for such a purpose, will be bitterly and strongly opposed by those who have not carefully studied the benefit that they themselves would derive from such an institution. Besides the enhancement in the value of property, the stimulus it would give to immigration, the encouragement it would give to capital, the rise in the price of our commodities, the saving of freight, time and labor, the convenience to public travel, it would show that we are not an inactive indifferent class of people, but one that thinks, acts, and is alive to their own necessities.

Those who have fought the fight, struggled and suffered during the last five years; and have brought the present out of chaos, should place part of the burden on the future. Those who are to come after us, and who will enjoy the result of our labor and improvements, without suffering any of the hardships we have suffered, in bringing the valley of the Republican to its present advanced condition, can not grumble if they are called on to pay their quota for the comforts we leave them.—Consequently why not borrow money to carry on those improvements, and make the future do its portion in paying off the indebtedness. This is only just and fair. The only objection I see to it is the tendency it might have in centralizing capital too much, by putting the country in the hands of a few bond holders But even taking it in that light, the present age is to far advanced in the science of progress for us to recede, while other parts around us are endeavoring to keep in advance of the current of surrounding circumstances.

Therefore let us put our shoulders to the wheel, and give progress an other turn. Having advanced so far, it will not do for us to lay back on our oars. Let the word be passed along the line and every paper in the valley take up the question, let the people *pro and con* talk the subject amongst them, for in all great questions much talking has to be done before it comes to an issue, and let the motion at the head of this letter stand until the matter is decided one way or another.

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Chas. Teachworth, " " 2d "
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J. C. Holcomb, Mammoth, "
Wm. Maxwell, Hubbard, 1st prem.
A. M. Talbot, " 2d "

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E. E Tulleys, lamp mat, dip.
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