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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 45. Its population is now between 2500 and 3000 and is rapidly increasing. There are at present 38 organised 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, boxalder, 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.

GENERAL SHERMAN has written a letter emphatically refusing to be a candidate for the Presidency. This letter narrows the contest to the remaining 9,999 candidates.

The latest novelty is a woman's walking match for a purse of $500,—distance, 300 miles, to be completed in six days. The contestants are Mrs. Marshall an American book agent, and Miss Von Hillern a German.

Thos. Kennard has written a letter on the ability of the people of Nebraska to construct a narrow gauge railway, advocating the project. He does not, however, find the people equally sanguine. For ourselves we prefer to see the enterprise carried on by foreign capital. We don't care to take any risks in an enterprise of which we know nothing.

BABCOCK is finally on trial for complicity in the whiskey ring. Next to the Beecher scandal the case will be the most interesting one that has been before the courts for some time. It is one of considerable political significance. The administration will be more or less stained by the result of the trial if Babcock is convicted, and an acquital will not perfectly clear the robes of the party. The whiskey prosecution has proved beyond a doubt that there has been an alarming amount of corruption among officials for the past three years. Whether a knowledge of this corruption can be brought home to the leaders of the Republican party remains to be proven. The prosecution makes a strong attack against Babcock, which it proves will shake the confidence of many sincere Republicans in the purity and vigilance of the administration. President Grant is to testify in the case, and the whole country is anxiously awaiting the issue.

Bristow and the Administration seem to be on the verge of a little unpleasantness. Bristow has been supposed to be figuring for the Democratic nomination. He has removed many Republican office holders and appointed democrats in their places. Grant has been watching his conduct with anything but favor. The matter reached an interesting stage when Bristow removed one of Conklings friends and supplanted him with a democrat. Conkling called on Bristow for an explanation, which Bristow haughtily declined. Some sharp words were indulged in on both sides. Conkling then went to the President, who revoked Bristow's action and reappointed the old officer. Is Bristow working for Bristow or is Grant working against Bristow?

A Coal vein four and a half feet thick has been discovered in Rock Bluffs Otoe Co. The vein is constantly increasing in thickness. It is now capable of being worked with profit. Nebraska will provide her own coal ere long.

Mr. Knight the President of the Agricultural Society of this Co. contemplates calling a meeting of the society, also farmers institute to discuss matters of interest to the farmers and the County. Such gatherings have been held in the surrounding counties and with marked interest and profit. It is desireable that the farmers of Webster County take measures to secure a representation at the next State Fair. Franklin Co. gained and will gain a large immigration by the representation made at the State Fair and in Chicago, and this county by like enterprise can do much to induce settlers and capital to come and abide with us. There are many other matters of great interest, the discussion of which can not fail to be of the greatest advantage.

The committee appointed to purchase lands it is hoped will be on hand and ready to report at that time.

Powen has pitched into Beecher again, and threatens divers exposures. But the people have lost all interest in the matter. The majority are already satisfied with his guilt, and don't want to hear any more about it.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF CO. COMMISSIONERS.

February 8th, 1876.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Full Board present.

The following accounts were allowed as per contract:

B. E. Swift, work on bridge across Blue $460 00
McKinley & Gust, covering Republican bridge 420 00
Room rented from H. S. Kaley, for use of County Judge for one year for $50 00 in County Warrants
Account of H. S. Kaley $8, allowed.

Rates of toll for Potter & Frisbie's mill fixed as follows: Corn, one-fifth; wheat and other small grain one seventh.

Adjourned till Monday, April 3rd, 1876, at 10 a. m.

J. A. TULLEYS, Clerk. G. W. BALL, Chairman.

DULL TIMES AND THE CAUSE.

RIVERTON, Franklin Co., Neb.) February 12th 1876.

ED CHIEF:—It requires but very little reflection to see into the cause of dull times. It is estimated that the population of our United States amounts to about forty millions of dollars, or an average of ten dollars per *capita*. On the strength of this then, we will take for example sake, one man having $100, there must be ten others without a cent; and when one man has a $1000, there must be ten thousand in the condition of paupers, &c., up to millions. So that if those who control a million of dollars of the circulating medium of the nation, kept it in his safe, without letting it loose amongst the people, (as many does) ten millions of our people, must inevitably starve for want of any mark or token to denote the value of their property or labor. And this is the condition we are placed in at present, as the result of contracting the currency of the country, in order to return to specie payment, from which there are poor prospects of better times until political dead heads are made to feel that the people are supreme rulers of the land. One hundred years ago, thirteen futile colonies were bravely to emancipating themselves from the tyrant rule of a perfiduous government, and yet, I doubt, if we are not as much under the rule of the same government to-day, as we were then. For there is scarcely an institution or a branch of industry in the country at present that England does not control with its capital. Our railroads, our cotton mills, our iron factories, our coal and iron mines, our gold and silver mines, our canals and water courses, all or nearly all, are become the property of Englishmen, who hate our flag and detest the name of Washington. This is not all, England controls probably two-thirds of our national debt, and will take pay in no other way but in gold. Her emissaries (paid by what is yearly voted by the British parlament, under the name of secret-service money,) are scattered through every town in the United States, of any distinction, for the purpose of moulding public opinion in favor of measures beneficial to that country, and detrimental to our own. The soiled paws of those disguised wolves are stuck in every dish of politics, served up to the people, and the people can't see it until too late. Then they cry hard times and look around in vain for a remedy. Paying the press, and bribing the legislator, lobbying the senator and hoodwinking the government, are the favorite and most efficient manœuvres of those paid leeches. A contraction of the greenback of this country, is a source of profit to England, its bondholders and emissaries, because through its scarcety English capitalists here can have cheap labor, the bondholders drain the country of its gold and silver, and the emissaries of England for their services will secure larger salaries. One step farther and we are no longer free men. Our predecessors have fought in vain to free themselves and us, from the slavery of foreign rule. Open the ports free to English manufactured goods, and American industry is swept from the market; our factories are closed, and our laborers, mechanics and artizans will be reduced to the level of British subjects,—which means abject slavery. This is what is meant by free trade. We hear it talked of every day. England is at the bottom of the scheme, through her emissaries who are educating the unthinking of those United States in the doctrine, through the press of New York and other large cities. The country papers takes it up, unconscious of the pison that is hid under the fangs of the glittering serpent whispering in the ear of the nation.

To sum up this, there is only one cause for bad times, and that cause lies in the contraction of the currency in order to reach specie payment. We are largely indebted to England and England will demand, and must have gold and silver. Her influence in country is such that through her underhand dealing with our public servants the medium of exchange (greenback) is made more scarce every year, and as a result, our factories are closed and trade and business stopped, and in order to revive them, (if we return to specie payment) we must borrow largely from England the gold which we are paying her now in interest, thus keeping us a tributary nation to her today as much as our fathers were before the revolution.

There is only one remedy, and that is the ballot box. Send to Congress men who will represent the people, understand their wants, make it known, and insist on measures beneficial to the country at large, and who cannot be corrupted by any outside influence.

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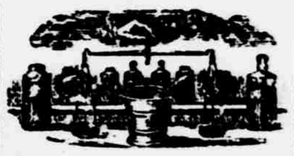

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