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Firm Believers In Democracy.

The following were taken from the Tuesday issue of World Herald and is evidence that brain and brawn, alike, favor the principles of democracy.

Fred Maurer, democratic worker at Red Cloud, became a democrat when the outlook was anything but rosy for the party. He let that stand in his way not one moment, however, for the party appealed to him because of its principles, and because its vision was more in keeping with the changes he thought the people were entitled to have in their government. The fact that the people received them under democratic rule has justified Fred's faith in democracy and made him a sterling warrior for the year.

Charley Dickenson paused at his forge, turned off the belows and wiped his big, strong right hand on his apron. "You just bet I'm glad Wilson is president, and glad democrats have been making good everywhere," he said, in a voice that carried conviction. "What the people want is consistent, helpful government, government that is for them and not for the privilege-seeking classes. Democracy has given us that kind. Let's reward democracy by keeping it where it is." And the Red Cloud blacksmith, delivering himself of this speech, which comports as much as some campaign orators have said in whole evenings, tongued a plowshare from the fire and began hammering it vigorously on his anvil.

Democrats Have Made Good

Where are the persons who, at the beginning of Woodrow Wilson's term as president, predicted panic, poor markets, and hard times in general for our citizens, if the government was placed in the hands of the democratic party.

With cattle quoted at \$10.65, hogs \$10.70 per hundred and wheat at \$1.36 per bushel, we fail to see the point of their argument. Has Mr. Farmer any cause to complain? Did he ever receive these prices for the products of the farm during the time Taft and Teddy were holding down the president's chair? In those days, he was very thankful if he received 6 cents a bushel for wheat and a little better than half the present price for cattle and hogs.

After passing through hard times under republican administration into prosperity under the present administration, we cannot see how Mr. Hughes and his followers have the nerve to ask the people for their vote.

The state board of assessment and equalization has about completed its work for the year 1916 so far as the state assessment and levy is concerned. Another cut in the levy was decided on after a thorough investigation of the necessary expenses needed for state purposes during the present year. A comparative statement of the last two administrations will be interesting to the voters and taxpayers of Nebraska. During 1913-14, while all the executive officers including the state board of equalization, except the governor, were republicans, the total state tax levied for those two years was 7.8 mills, raising for state purposes the sum of \$7,352,470.35. During the years 1915-16 the situation is reversed, and the state executive officers including the state board of equalization are democratic. In 1915 the state board cut the state levy from 7.8 mills to 6.8

mills. In 1916 this same board, which has just concluded its deliberations so far as the assessment and levy is concerned, again cut the levy to 6.1 mills. During the years 1915-16 the amount raised for state purposes will total \$6,344,325.05, or \$1,018,145.30 less than was required when our republican brethren had charge of the state government. Even with this saving to the taxpayers of the state the present democratic administration has paid off large deficiency indebtedness inherited from the former incumbents of the offices, and in addition have placed the state on a sound financial basis such as has not been recorded before in years.

It will be but a matter of a few days until our State Fair will be in progress at Lincoln. Will our county be represented there? Our citizens should do their part toward making this fair a success. If they cannot be in attendance during the entire session, they should at least see that our county is represented in the way of exhibits. Select your best grain, vegetables and stock and make arrangements to have them exhibited. A car will be on the tracks at Red Cloud, on Wednesday, August 30th. If you have any articles you wish to enter at the fair, have at the depot on that day.

On September 4th, our schools will reopen for the coming term. If any one living in the country has not as yet made arrangements for sending their children to school, it would be well for them to consider the matter at once, also not to overlook the fact that it will not be necessary to have them attend school outside of the county as we have right here at home a school system that is second to none in the state.

Resolutions of the Webster County Institute.

RESOLVED—That we, the teachers of Webster County Institute, session 1916 will during the coming year, show our appreciation of the help and inspiration received during this institute by endeavoring to carry out the following resolutions:

RESOLVED—That we will be loyal to our County Superintendent, Gertrude L. Coon, because of the splendid service she has rendered the schools and communities of Webster county, and that we, as teachers, as far as lies in our power, will endeavor to place before our schools the high ideals and standards she has set before us.

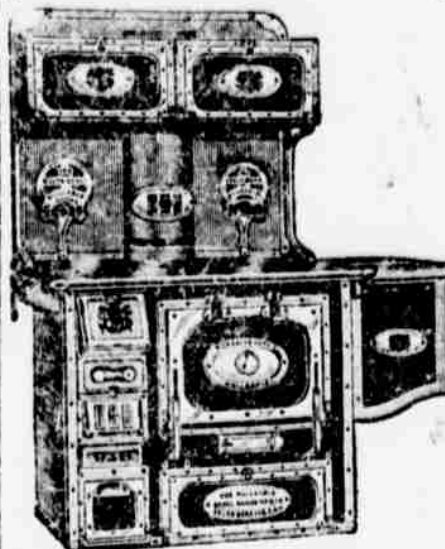
And be it also resolved that we express our sincere gratitude to Miss Flower, Miss Scherzinger, Dr. Winship, Mr. Stipple and Mr. Whitehead for the help they have given us.

Let us further resolve that we extend a vote of thanks to the following who have helped to make our institute a success: Board of County Commissioners, for the use of the court house; M. E. Church, for reception and exercises; Congregational Church, for lecture; Messrs. Cotting and Mitchell, for use of Victrola; Dr. Creighton, for bandages; Mr. Platt, for play-ground material; Marion Bloom, for use of

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cloak rack, Mrs. Cather, for her able assistance; Mr. Kaley, for janitor service; Claude Pierce, for his talk on "Postal Service"; Grace Scherzinger, Grace Sherer and Raymond Turnure, for their solos; Florence Johnston, Elizabeth Overman, Ethel Wisecarver, Nettie Springer, Fern Hall, Golda Robinson, Beatrix McKeighian, Iven Robinson, Joe Springer and Homer Ferry, for their readings and to the Contest Dramatization Reception and Game Committees, for their services.

Lastly, be it resolved, that we adopt these resolutions and send a copy to each paper in this county for publication.

HOMER S. FOUTZ
LILLIAN PORTNIEU
LILIANA FAWCETT

Vote for the Sewer Bonds.

Does Prohibition Prohibit?

Many Nebraskans have the mistaken idea that state Prohibition makes a state "dry" in the actual sense of that word.

A Confession of Failure:

(From the Topeka State Journal, of Jan. 14, 1916.)
"Are the prohibition forces of Topeka cheerfully smiling under a feeling of false security in ignorance of the situation which they have to combat? * * * Legally Topeka is 'dry'! But—"

The Record:

In the same article the Topeka Journal states that the INCOMPLETE record of shipments for 1915 shows that citizens of Topeka ordered and received during that year a total of 160,169 quarts of various kind of liquors.

The reader's attention is called to the significant fact that these are the present conditions in Topeka after 35 years of constant effort under state Prohibition to compel the people to discontinue the use of liquors.

The Actual Condition:

Prohibition fails to remove the opportunity and the desire on the part of the people to purchase and to use alcoholic beverages. Denied the opportunity to purchase from manufacturers and dealers operating under license within the state, resort is had to express shipments to bootleggers and to "alley joints."

The Chaplain's Testimony:

* * * "About 37 per cent of the prison population are floaters from other states. Most of them came by the 'dope' and liquor routes. It must be confessed that a large percentage of Kansas citizens incarcerated here came by the same route. * * *

So long as the desire to purchase and to use exists, better results are achieved by REGULATING the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages than are secured by enacting a state Prohibition law.

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