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With this issue, the REPUBLICAN starts out on its twentieth year. It enjoys the distinction of being the oldest paper in Custer county, and the first established in Broken Bow. It has witnessed the birth and death of no less than a dozen would-be rivals. The days of the REPUBLICAN have not always been prosperous. It has had its days of rejoicing and days of adversity. For ten years it was the advocate of the principles of the republican party, when the county had a large majority against it. Both individual and public patronage was withdrawn largely from it, with the view of crushing us to the wall. We were crippled but not killed. For the past four years, the tide has been changing. Public sentiment is drifting toward protection, toward home production and home industries. Prosperity has driven back the wail of calamity, and the principles of the republican party are above par. As a result, business is coming our way, our advertising patronage has largely increased, our job department enjoys a liberal share of public patronage, our subscription list has grown until today, the REPUBLICAN enjoys the distinction of having the largest circulation of any newspaper published in the county, and for its patrons the best lot of citizens the county affords. We wish here to express our sincere thanks to those who have been loyal to the REPUBLICAN through all these hard years, both in word and deed. And in the future as in the past we shall strive to merit the patronage and good will of all by fearlessly and conscientiously advocating that which is just and right, for another twenty years.

The members of the Cuban Constitutional convention at Havana, have adopted their constitution, incorporating the Platte amendment. By this act it will enable the United States to evacuate the Island in the near future, or just as soon as the Cubans have established a stable government.

As the Sargent New Era, Leader, and Index of Comstock, have practically the same news matter it is difficult for exchanges to know which paper to credit for any clipping. But as Editor Wisely is the owner of each probably it would not be a wrong credit to say—Wisely.

In the face of universal prosperity and national progress Bryan continues his former attempts to make people discontented and suspicious. He never says a good word for his country and its institutions, but goes over the land fault-finding and grumbling. While he is making a ridiculous show of the anger of a defeated politician, his former prominence gives him a chance to do some harm. What the people want of him is that he give them a long rest.—Davenport (Ia.) "Republican."

John Alexander Dowie on Sunday manifested a weakness in himself. He publicly announced that he was afraid that his enemies were laying plans to kidnap him and lock him up and mistreat him until he becomes insane. He plead with his followers to protect him from his enemies and called a special meeting, after services, of the men of his congregation to have them plan with him for self protection. From this it would appear that Elijah the third has not the courage that was exhibited by either the first or second Elijah. The most liberal construction to place on Rev. Dowie's declarations of late is to give him credit with being insane.

It was proven to the satisfaction of our landlord last Thursday that it is not good policy to always judge a man by his clothes. A man went

into the hotel with a very cheap looking grip in hand and asked for a room. The man's clothes he had on did not indicate that he was of much importance and the hotel man did not get around as lively as usual but he finally consented to accommodate him. When he returned to the office one of the G. A. R. boys asked him if Senator Currie was there and he replied "No, there is no senator here; there is a man up stairs, but he's no senator, more like a tramp." You ought to have seen the length of the landlord's face when informed that his tramp was Senator Currie.—Taylor Clarion.

The Remedy.
America has set the pace for the world, and Americans are advancing at such a rapid pace that their only competitors are alarmed, and not without cause. But there is a remedy and only one, and that is the adoption of American ideas by the people of other nations. England cannot stick to its old foggy ways. Englishmen cannot laugh idly at American progress and meet American competition. We on this side throw off the old when it is worn out and put on the new. You must do the same. We abandon dead issues, and take up with the best of the new. That is Americanism and it means victory in trade every time.—Springfield (Mass.) "Union".

Comparison of Agricultural Prices.
The government has been investigating the present price of agricultural supplies, as compared with the price which prevailed during the middle of the last century. It has been found that the farmer has benefitted enormously by the ingenuity of the American inventor and the constantly increasing cheapness of the products of mill and factory.

The manufacture of agricultural implements and machinery has grown to enormous proportions in the United States, and this country supplies nearly the whole world with this line of goods. The farmer at home has benefitted by this large production, as it has lowered the domestic price list to a remarkable degree. There are over a thousand establishments manufacturing machinery for the farmer, in which are invested \$200,000,000 in capital. The product of these factories is valued at about 100,000,000.

In the cultivation of corn the contrast between 1855 and the present day is shown by the fact that in the first named year it took four hours and thirty-four minutes of human labor to produce one bushel, and the cost of this labor was about 36 cents. At the present day this same bushel of corn is produced with forty-one minutes of human labor at a cost of 10 cents. The amount of human labor now required to produce a bushel of wheat from beginning to end is on an average of about ten minutes, whereas in 1830 it took three hours and three minutes. During this time the cost of the labor to produce this bushel of wheat declined from 17 cents to three cents.

A ton of hay in 1860 took one man thirty-six hours to make; to-day it is made in eleven hours, at a cost of \$1.29, as compared with \$3.06. In the seven principal crops the saving in the cost of labor to make the same harvest has been during the last twenty-five years about 700,000,000 in one year. This is due entirely to labor saving machinery, and methods which were unknown twenty-five years ago.

The farmer is now buying his carriages, buggies, cultivators, drills, harrows, harvesters of all kinds, mowers, rakes, in fact, everything which is needed to make a harvest, from 50 to 200 per cent cheaper than he could buy them ten years ago. In some articles there has been a slight rise or they have held their own during the last two or three years owing to the general increase in the price of building material.

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THREE RICH VALLEYS

Ortello, Victoria and Middle Loup, Fertile and Productive.

GARDEN SPOTS OF GOOD OLD CUSTER.

Only a Trio of the Many in the County of Custer.—Great Fields of Wheat and Corn Give Prospect of Abundant Harvest.—Very Little Wheat Damaged by the Chinch Bugs.

BURNS ON THE WING.

Ortello valley lies in about equal parts in Kilfoil and Cliff townships. The soil is rich and loamy, the surface slightly undulating, and leads gradually on all sides to the table-lands. An unlimited supply of excellent water is obtained from gravel wells. The wheat and corn crops are promising and the farmers are generally jubilant. Grazing is fine, and stock was never in better condition. Ortello postoffice is located near the center of the valley. J. M. Fodge is postmaster and has a fine farm. Mr. Fodge is a public spirited citizen, a good practical farmer and one of the first settlers in Ortello valley.

Millard Hill is a successful young farmer, of over fifteen years' residence in Custer county. He has one of the finest fields of wheat in the valley.

C. G. Ashbough runs his mother's farm, of a half section. Mrs. Ashbough bought the Weimer farm of J. D. Strong, last spring, and moved to the place from Howell county, Missouri, in May. The farm is one of the best grazing and cultivated in the county.

Phillip Johnson and S. H. Redman are among the thrifty and progressive tillers of the soil in this section, and both settled here in the early days.

Samuel Waddington homesteaded an excellent farm and has since added many acres to his possessions. His valley lands are under cultivation, and well improved. He has a large frame residence and good barns. Mr. Waddington is largely interested in cattle.

Silas Bailes came from Iowa fourteen years ago. He has a splendid table farm with good grazing. Mr. Bailes is a veteran of the civil war and experienced many hardships. He is a jovial gentleman to meet with.

A. D. Hunt recently came from Montana. He is a rustler and has the best of prospects for a good crop of corn, wheat and rye. Mr. Hunt is one of the men we meet who believes the future of Ortello valley holds out success for the hustling farmer.

Although we did not meet all those who are mentioned, information and appearances lead us to say what we have.

C. H. Cass is another modern farmer of Ortello, and, like the rest of them, is successful.

experienced in the days when Loup City was the nearest trading point; when the Indians, wearing the insignia of the warpath, trod the boundless prairies, when the fierce prairie fires spread devastation in their wake. And he never tires in telling of the rapid improvement and the possibilities of the valley. Judge Matthews owns a fine farm with some of the best groves of various kinds of trees in the states. The judge is a Virginian.

Following Judge Matthews came George Carr, and O. A. Smith from Pennsylvania. They homesteaded land near by. Mr. Carr has a good half section well improved in the way of frame buildings, fences, etc. The farm is being run by W. A. Dillavou, a young farmer of ability. His crops consist of corn, wheat and rye, and they are all very promising. On the Carr farm are fine groves and a fair orchard. Victoria creek winds its way through the land, and a fine spring furnishes an abundance of water by hydraulic ram power for the stock and other purposes on the place.

O. A. Smith conducts the store at New Helena, and Mrs. Smith is postmistress. Mr. Smith owns a farm here that is a money maker, and he handles considerable stock.

Clarence Doman is another of the thrifty valley farmers and besides having in a hundred acre crop of corn and wheat, has cattle on the grazing land and hogs in the pen. Geo. Chandler lives at the eastern edge of the valley, a mile east of New Helena. He homesteaded a quarter section sixteen years ago on this table and has lived there since, with the exception of two years which he spent in Texas, raising cotton. Custer county was good enough for him and he returned. His crop prospects are good and he has quite a number of cattle that are doing well. Mr. Chandler is an Englishman by birth and has been an extensive traveler and tells some interesting tales of the lands he has visited.

D. Christen is one of the early settlers along Victoria creek. He and Mrs. Christen own 950 acres of valley and table land. A year or so ago they built a fine frame dwelling house and made other substantial improvements. Here again the hydraulic ram forces the water from an ever-living spring to the house and feed lots. Mr. Christen has eighty acres of alfalfa that is hard to beat. He was one of the first to try the culture of alfalfa. Forty-five acres of broom grass, a most excellent winter feed, is found on this farm, besides 150 acres of corn and considerable wheat. Mr. Christen is a large cattle feeder and shipper.

Further down the valley are I. N. Sims and his son, G. W. They have 800 acres of land, with 350 acres under cultivation. They also have alfalfa, to the extent of fifty acres. They have over 200 head of cattle on the range to the northwest. The Sims family came to the valley in 1854 from Kansas and have been with the progressive since.

Chas. Brown bought a quarter section two years ago, a mile and a half south of New Helena. His wheat field is among those damaged by the chinch bugs, and last week he listed forty acres of it into corn. His corn is a good stand and promises well. Mr. Brown, as most of the other farmers in that section, has considerable stock around him.

Skipping a portion of the country, soon to be visited, we come to the broad and productive Middle Loup valley. Almost every crop, known to the science of farming, is grown on either side of the swift running Middle Loup river. Vast corn fields, broad acres of wheat, dotted here and there with groves and farm houses greet the eye of the beholder as he leaves the table lands on the border. The major

part of the farmers here have large herds of cattle grazing in the luxuriantly carpeted canyons leading to the valley. In this section the chinch bug has failed to put in an appearance. In fact, no wheat, so far as could be learned, has been damaged and prospects were probably never better.

Among the many well-to-do farmers met, were Geo. Garrison, whose farm lies along the north side of the Loup river. He has eighty acres of fine corn, together with a splendid show for a big wheat crop. Mr. Garrison's place is well improved and he has a pretty frame cottage, substantial barns, etc. Every indication is that he has prospered.

James Dare is a pioneer, who has nearly a section of valley and table lands on the south side of the river. As a stock raiser, he has been quite successful. Mr. Dare is interested in the subject of irrigation, and he, associated with others, is furthering a project which they finally expect to make a success.

On the north side of the river again is J. A. Kaighin, an Illinoisian, who has a farm of rich valley land, with table grazing land. Mr. Kaighin has a neat frame house, barns and granaries, and his place is otherwise well improved. He is a believer in "bred-up" stock, and has quite a number of hogs and cattle of that class. Mr. Kaighin considers his crops in fair condition.

Judge H. J. Shinn, on the table, four and a half miles northwest of West Union, owns a large farm of nearly a section. He has a fine large frame dwelling house and other improvements in keeping with the times. The judge says its a farming country up there and he is well favored in regard to crops if anyone else is. He is extensively engaged in the cattle business.

J. R. Orvis, well known throughout the county, came to Custer county twenty-two years ago, from Iowa. He has engaged in farming most of the time since. For some time he was in the mercantile business in Broken Bow. At present Mr. Orvis has a fine valley farm one and a fourth miles from West Union, with 200 acres under cultivation. His place is well improved, having frame dwelling house, barns and other buildings. Mr. Orvis says the outlook for crops is good.

The people of Ortello, Victoria and Middle Loup valleys are of that class synonymous to hospitality, geniality and open-heartedness. Public spiritedness is predominant. Nothing of interest to their local welfare, or to that of Custer county, and the state of Nebraska is overlooked.

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