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The bill introduced by Senator Dietrich, for leasing the Sand Hill Country to cattle men in lots of twenty sections is meeting with considerable opposition by owners of large herds as well as by parties in the eastern part of the state, who have no interest in the sand hills except in a general way.

The action of the legislature in voting to make no appropriations for state or new buildings of the state until a revenue law is passed to provide for equal taxation, practically assures that a new revenue law will be passed at this session at an early date. That is a step in the right direction.

Those interested in building an Educational Center in Broken Bow should use their influence to see that the Fowler Normal School Bill now before the legislature is passed. Broken Bow may not get the school but the plan is a good one and the school is needed in the central west. The bill should become a law at this session.

We heard a man well long in years, and one who has had much experience, say the other day that he finds the greatest satisfaction in those things he accomplished by controlling his temper and keeping sober. He entered the army as a hot-headed young man. He came out of it with a most honorable discharge. His temper came near getting away with him just once. He was pretty well boozed at the time. He has never permitted it to occur again and has kept control of his temper ever since. After all it is one of the first things a man should learn to manage.—Grand Island Independent.

The land leasing bill which is good in some respects is calculated to retard rather than build up the population in the north western part of the state. Much of that country can only be utilized by grazing cattle, horses and sheep. While the bill provides a fee rental that will enable the government to realize something from it in a financial way there is a question if the government and especially the state, will not lose more by the bill becoming a law than should the land be held for future development by stockmen who in time will homestead all the valleys and land adjacent to streams and finally all the rest, on which they will pay taxes to the county and state in greater amount than the government will receive by leasing it. Besides could that territory be populated with a family to every section or two with small herds of stock it would provide a much better market for the grain produced in this county than it will should there be but one ranch to every 20 sections.

Custer County.
There is no other place where investments are more secure than in Custer County when carefully handled. Men who are the best acquainted with business in other parts of the country, have repeatedly expressed the opinion, that for the amount invested, the income is as great here as in any other place. Land is relatively

cheap here; we have no boom prices. The county is gradually and solidly improving all the time. The class of people is the best. And neat, comfortable dwellings are going up every where, in the place of sod houses.

Abundant crops, together with the attention given to stock are adding rapidly to the country's wealth. In fact Custer County shows more comfort and thrift than many counties in the eastern states.—Sargent Leader.

Protection's Best Argument

Sixty million dollars was added to the savings of depositors in the savings banks of New York City alone in 1902. A large part of this was the surplus earnings of so-called workingmen. Never before in our history have the laborers of the metropolis made so much money and never before have they been able to save so much. In spite of the increased cost some necessities constant employment at high wages has enabled them to live better and still have more money to lay aside for a rainy day than ever before. And happily for all this condition seems likely to continue indefinitely, or as long as our present excellent tariff is left alone. There is no better argument for protection than these figures, not only in New York, but all over the country.—American Economist.

A Record Breaking Year.

Bradstreet's annual review confirms all that has been said from time to time about the prosperity of the country. It has been a record breaking year in production and consumption. Exports alone show a decrease, and that falling off is due to the enormously increased demand at home for products formerly sold abroad. Imports have made a new high-water mark for the same reason. Business failures have been fewer and for a less aggregate amount than during years when the population of the country was much smaller. And now at the end of the year the end of this state of things is not in sight. Currency difficulties and other untoward circumstances that in ordinary times cause misgivings have been overridden during this year with hardly a tremor of apprehension. Public confidence is always a factor in business and it has such good reason at present that it is not shaken by trifles. Possibly next year will show no increase over this, but it is pretty sure to keep up at the same pace. Pittsburg Gazette.

DUTY ON HIDES.

It Will Stand Until Shoes Are Put On the Free List.

The American people will never allow hides to go on the free list without boots and shoes going on the free list as well. If the farmer is compelled to compete with the markets of the world in hides he will insist that the shoe manufacturer shall compete with the markets of the world as well; and the farmer will be right. No shoe manufacturer pledges that manufactured shoes will be any cheaper than at present in case he is given free hides. Hon. John F. Lacey wrote to a large shoe manufacturer inquiring as to the probable reduction in the price of shoes, and was told that there would be none provided the Tariff were taken off hides. Who then would get the benefit of the reduction in the price of hides? The answer is, the shoe manufacturer. The American people may think just as much of the beef trust as they do of the shoe trust.

The contest for free hides illustrates the selfishness of special interests when it comes to the Tariff question and demonstrates that the Tariff had better be left alone. When raw materials are made free, especially such raw materials as are produced abundantly in America, there will be an end to all the Tariff, because

free raw materials will be and should be followed by free manufactured goods.

The shoe industry is prospering while hides are on the protected list, and that interest is simply hoggyish in its present demands.—Des Moines Capital.

Will Vote on City Bonds

A public meeting was held in the court house Monday night to consider the advisability of calling an election to vote bonds for the purchase of the water works. The questions of the value of the works, the feasibility of buying them, and of annulling the franchise and building a new plant were freely discussed by a number participating. The situation seems to be that the water works are to be sold by the order of the U. S. Circuit Court on the 18 of February, and in case they are bought in the original franchise given by the city, which provides for paying seven mills on the assessed valuation of the city for hydrant rental will hold good to the new purchaser. The present assessed valuation is approximately \$142,000. On this valuation the seven mill levy pays a hydrant rental of nearly \$1000 annually. In case the property is assessed at a fair cash value it will bring the total up to \$400,000 or \$600,000. On this assessed valuation the hydrant rental will amount to \$3000 or \$4000 a year.

The plant in all probability, can be purchased at the sale for \$14,000. The question finally settled down to buying the present plant or building a new one—fire protection.

The question of putting in an electric light plant in connection was also discussed pro and con, but no definite conclusion was reached on that point.

The motion to authorize the city council to call a special election for the purpose of voting bonds to the full limit of the law was finally carried without a dissenting vote. As the meeting was largely attended, the vote indicates that the general opinion prevails that something should be done to put a stop to the perpetual drain on the tax payers.

CURRENT NEWSPAPER COMMENT

What the Editors of the Country Are Saying About the Leading Topics of the Day.

It means the taking from American custom receipts about \$80,000,000 a year, and putting that much into the pockets of the American sugar trust, that it may be better able to fight the beet sugar interests of the United States. No consumer will get sugar any cheaper. Cubans will raise and sell no more sugar. But the trust which makes a profit of over 40 per cent on its stock will make a larger profit. It is time there was a fight in Congress to stop this pretended philanthropy business through the American Tariff system.—Worcester Telegram.

Tariff or no Tariff, reciprocity or no reciprocity, both countries seem to be doing pretty well as things are. Canada sells millions' worth abroad, and with those millions buys American goods, because they are better and cheaper than she can make or get elsewhere. We buy a little of Canada, too, and the duty paid thereon goes to support the general government. Even should Canada become twice as prosperous she would still be our best customer.—Detroit Journal.

If the Democrats really expect to make the Tariff an issue in 1904 they should get into action. They are not doing much at issue making at present.—Cleveland Leader.

In 1894, under the Cleveland low Tariff administration, bank clearings had fallen to 45 billion dollars. In 1903 they had increased to 115 billion dollars. Bank clearings represent over 95 per cent of the business transactions of the country. And th

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tells its own tale.—Warren (Ohio) Chronicle.

It is becoming daily more apparent that the Democratic party lacks leaders as well as voters. It is now in search of a Presidential candidate for 1904 with no prospect of immediate success in securing one.—Wellsboro (Pa.) Agitator.

The Boston Free-Traders would like to have experiment with their theory begin with things they consume and do not produce such as meat and coal.—Sioux City Journal.

Developing Better Seed.

Every farmer knows, of course, that one of the worst mistakes he can make is to plant poor seed, but every farmer does not know the difference between the very best seed and that which is not so good. Poor seed is a bad investment, because if it makes a difference of only a few bushels to the acre it is a loss of many dollars. Some of the most interesting experiments of recent years has been the work of breeding better seed and improving it, just the same as livestock has been improved by intelligent breeding.

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Union Young Peoples Society Meeting

The Union Young Peoples Society will hold its next meeting February 1, in the U. B. church at 6 o'clock p. m. The topic for the evening, "Self Mastery or Slavery" will be led by Mr. A. Johnson. At the joint meeting of the several societies in the Christian church on Jan.

4, it was decided to Organize a Union and the following officers were elected: President, Ramah Ryerson; 1st Vice President, Essie Holcomb; 2nd Vice President, Sadie Whitehead; 3rd Vice President, tie; treasurer, S. K. Warrick; secretary, Chas. H. Windnagle; President lookout Committee, Florence Shetler; president social committee, Myrtle Lyell; president prayer meeting committee, Gertie Orr; president music committee, Mauris Ryerson. In a meeting of the executive committee it was decided to hold a convention every three months for the purpose of discussing plans for the advancement of Christian work among the young people. These meetings will be held in the afternoon, the first being on March 1, for which plans are already being laid.

CHAS. H. WINDNAGLE, Sec'y.



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