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Thursday, February 11, 1904.

Senator Hanna is reported quite sick with typhoid fever, but his condition is not yet serious.

Deputy Attorney General Noris Brown is a candidate for attorney general with flattering prospect of securing the nomination without opposition.

The unanimous endorsement of Congressman Burkett by the republican state convention now appears very probable. Should this happen the state legislature will be relieved of a responsibility that in the past has resulted so unsatisfactory to many.

A hundred million dollar fire occurred in Baltimore the first of the week. The fire broke out a few minutes before 12 o'clock Sunday morning in the wholesale house of John E. Hurst & Co. The fire is said to be worse than the Chicago fire in 1871 which was the worst in the United States.

E. Royse, Secretary of the State Banking board has been frequently mentioned by the state papers as a desirable candidate for Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings. Should Mr. Royse desire to be a candidate he is assured that he would have the unanimous support of old Custer. But we are creditably informed he will not be a candidate.

It is generally understood that Mr. Schneider will not be a candidate for national republican committeeman from Nebraska this year, which makes it necessary for the party to look out for his successor. In this connection the REPUBLICAN would suggest the consideration of Chas. H. Morrill of Lincoln. Mr. Morrill has long been a faithful wheel horse in the party and we would be pleased to see him elected to fill this important position.

The renomination of Peter Mortensen of Ord for state treasurer, is already practically settled in the minds of the public. Mr. Mortensen has developed special ability in investing the state money so the state receives the interest for the accumulated money, instead of the brokers. Instead of leaving the money in state depositories when there is a good bond for sale he draws the money and buys it for the state, thus making a great saving for the state every year. Another saving he has instituted is in buying state warrants and thus has the interest accrue to the state instead of some banker or broker.

The REPUBLICAN acknowledges the receipt of a copy of Congressman Kinkaid's bill which seeks to amend the Homestead law so as to permit of filing on 640 acres as a homestead in the sand hill

counties of north western Nebraska. This bill conforms with the REPUBLICAN's theory of disposing of the sand hills. We believe it is the best method possible to so dispose of that land. It will not only make it possible for men of small means to engage in stock raising and thus utilize all that country but it will assure a settler for every section and some day all the sand hill country will be decided and become a source of revenue for the state in the way of taxes. The population of this barren country will not only increase the cattle and horses of the state but it will create a greater demand for the products of the farm in the farming communities. We hope it may speedily become a law.

Governor Mickey expresses himself as being strongly in favor of Congressman Kinkaid's bill to allow homesteaders to file upon 640 acres of land, instead of 160 acres, provided the land filed upon is wholly unfit for cultivation. Governor Mickey is strongly of the opinion that the amount now allowed to a homesteader is entirely inadequate for grazing purposes and that most of the frauds which have been practiced, and a great many of the quarrels between ranchers and government inspectors over the range fences, have been the outgrowth of the system of allowing an insufficient amount of land to a rancher. He could not fence his little quarter section and make a comfortable living off it, so if he fences at all, he is almost sure to enclose hundreds of acres of public domain, without legal warrant for so doing and with no excuse excepting that the fence harms neither the government nor any individual.

The Farmers' institute for the winter will be held February 22nd and 23rd. It is time that the people began preparations for making this meeting a great success. Interest and attendance will be amply repaid by the value to be gained. The people should make of the institute a large social gathering of agricultural people for the discussion of subjects that are of value to them, and for the promotion of all their interests. It should become a permanent feature of the educational aide of the community. The value of the meetings will depend on the interest of the people of this community. They can make of it what they will—a success or a failure. The state management may perform its part well, and the speakers may give valuable addresses, but unless the people attend the meetings, all the work will have been done in vain. The state is putting considerable money into this institute. The time of such men as come here to address the people is valuable. There must be a full house at every meeting if the community is to receive the value that it should from the meeting. The progressive farmers will attend the institute. No time need be spent in telling them to come out. But the farmers who do not usually leave the farm should be stirred up. The women and young people should be brought out. Every institute has something of value for them, as well as for the experienced farmer. The subjects that will be discussed are of practical interest to every farmer. The men who will speak are practical and successful farmers who are recognized as leaders in their lines of work. Everybody should make plans for attending every session of the institute.

A bill has been introduced in Congress by Hon. Walter P. Brownlow from Tennessee, appropriating \$24,000,000 as a national aid for building roads. This we believe is a move in the right direction. Last year the government appropriated over \$32,500,000 for river and harbor improvements. Year after year appropriations are made by the general government to help out commerce on the water ways and

cities adjacent thereto. The question of road building for the benefit of the rural district have gone unaided as far as the government is concerned. As a matter of justice and right as well as a benefit to the whole country the government should aid in the building of roads. Other nations are building their wagon roads and why should not ours. It is said that France has 23,603 miles of wagon roads which were built and are being maintained by the government. Italy has about 5,000 miles built and maintained the same way. This bill in congress creates a department at Washington with proper superintendents and employees to take charge of the building of these roads. Each state, county or town receiving Federal aid is required to add a like amount to the amount received from the government. This would mean \$48,000,000 for the betterment of our roads. As the distribution of this fund is based on the number of inhabitants of the state it makes the distribution equitable. No state can receive more than its share. It is not so with the River and Harbor appropriations as only certain localities can share in it.

Merest Bosh.

The World-Herald is creating quite a furor over the state in the matter of Chancellor Andrews effort to secure a donation from John D. Rockefeller to build a memorial building for the use of the State University by claiming that the building is intended as a monument for Rockefeller. On all such questions there are a lot of people, who pretend to be horror stricken at the suggestion that some rich corporation or individual to do a philanthropic act. Should those persons be the direct beneficiaries of some of these rich corporations or individuals they would never think of rejecting it.

Rockefeller's money has been accumulated by speculation and judicious management the same as Helen Gould's or Carnegie's.

If these people seek to make good use of their money, it is better than for them to continue to hoard it or make other evil uses of it. Instead of opposing the distribution of the millions for the public good they should be encouraged in the good work and Nebraska has as good a right to lay claim to it as any other state. This over zealous sentimentalism is uncalled for and the World-Herald in encouraging it knows it, but simply does it for the sake of an issue.

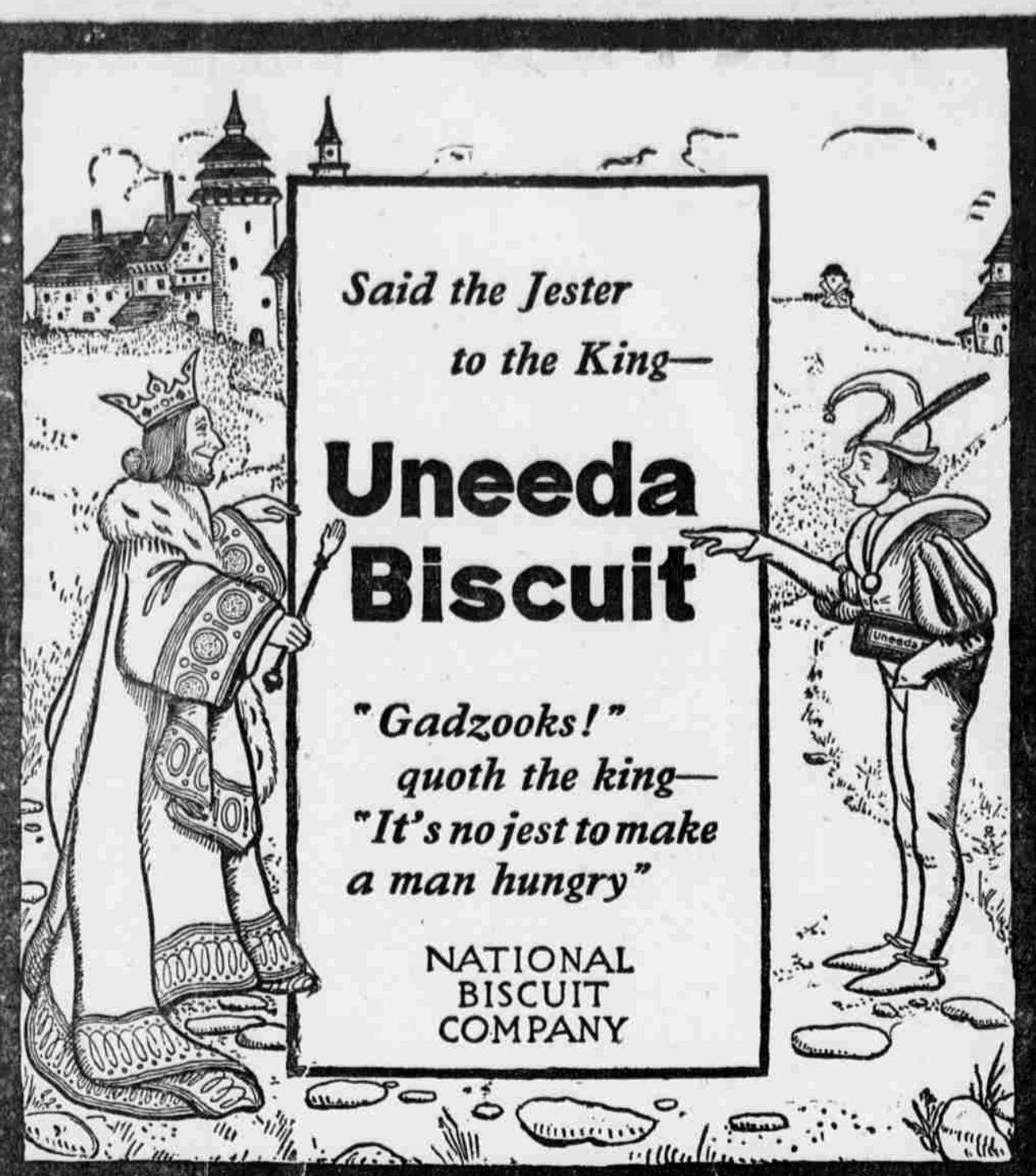
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*Cecelia Stowe*

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### The Underground Railroad.

(By Dr. C. Pickart.)

#### CHAPTER XII.

About the year 1803, Joseph Hoag is said to have had a vision which seemed to describe to his mind what was to follow as a result of slavery in this country. He being very modest would not consent to have his vision published until at the earnest solicitation of very close friends to whom he had confided the matter he allowed it to go into print in the year 1809. The writer of these lines saw it in 1855 or 1856 and the copy seen was in writing and not in print. I think it was not ever published so that it reached a great many people as the old "Friends" were very chary of making themselves conspicuous in print, especially in matters like this where there might be reflections cast upon the good name of their society through the possibility of mistakes occurring in things professed of or predicted before hand. It may be that if some of their descendants had always been like minded the world would have been better off, however if they had all been so modest, Custer County would have gone without the privilege of reading after one of their heirs on the subject of the Underground Railroad. I believe that several years ago the REPUBLICAN but perhaps few then knew much about the subject matter therein contained. This vision started out with an account of the planting of the colonies in this country and the advent of slavery, its cause and its consequences down to the time of the Civil War, all of which was well described, ending in the perdition that during a war the south lost her power and slavery was annihilated from the land. The vision went on to say that "Then a monarchical government arose and established a national re-

ligion and made all desecrating churches contribute to its maintenance." As to this last spoken of it is denied by those who seemed to know, as being a part of the original vision. I was quite well acquainted with a daughter of Hoags, who was a teacher of some note in our county and who declared that this in regard to a monarchical government was not a part of her fathers writing as she had seen the original document often when she was a girl and there was no such declaration in it, but was added by some other person she knew not who. This declaration of the daughter was made before the Civil War began three or four years. But of one thing we are sure that the other part of the prophecy was fulfilled almost to the letter and the question has often been asked was this an emanation from the old gentlemen's mind or was it as George Fox put such things,



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