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Thursday, February 18, 1904.

Treasurer Mortensen has made his word good, having succeeded in cutting down the state debt just \$200,000 so far this month. In all probability \$50,000 more will be hewed off before the month ends.

Tom Wright, editor of the Ansley Chronicle-Citizen is a candidate for delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago, from the Sixth Congressional District. Mr. Wright is one of the bright young men of the Sixth District, whom his brethren of the Press would delight to honor. His success in capturing the coveted prize would be only a just recognition of his service.

M. A. Brown of the Kearney Hub, declines with thanks the nomination for secretary of state by the New Era Standard. He wisely states that:

"There is nothing in the office of secretary of state or any other office from governor down, that will warrant a man with a business or a legitimate occupation in leaving it. There is no adequate pay and rarely any compensation in holding offices in Nebraska, and unless a man has made his stake and has independent means on which he can live outside of the official salary, so that he can accept public office wholly in the spirit that it is a public trust, and with the unselfish purpose of performing a public service, he had better stay out."

Why First Voters Should be Protectionists

is the title of the first document of the campaign of 1904, issued by the American Protective Tariff League. One copy free to any applicant. Send postal card request. Ask for Document No. 45. Address W. F. Wake-man, General Secretary, 339 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Congressman Shafroth Resigns.

An unusual sensation occurred in congress Monday by Congressman Shafroth tendering his resignation as Congressman from the first district of Colorado. His seat was being contested on the charge that he had been elected by fraud. The investigation had proceeded far enough to convince Mr. Shafroth that the charge was true. Not being a party to the fraud he was exonerated by the investigating committee and by his contestant, R. W. Bonyage. His resignation was accepted and his contestant seated.

Candidates for Governor.

From present prospects there will be no lack of candidates for governor on the republican ticket. Governor Mickey is a candidate for renomination and as is the usual custom he has a right to expect an endorsement. But already quite a sentiment has grown that he will not be endorsed for a second term and several others are aspiring for the place. Among them are Senator W. H. Harrison of Grand Island. Mr. Harrison has represented his district twice in the legislature and at the last session was president of the senate. He was post master during President McKinley's ad-

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ministration but being strongly opposed to D. E. Thompson's candidacy for the U. S. Senate he was not reappointed. Then there is J. B. Dinsmore and Judge Robertson, who were candidates two years ago that are avowed candidates.

C. F. Idings of North Platte, is also mentioned. These men will doubtless have a considerable following and when united, if they can be, may be able to nominate. While Governor Mickey has developed fine moral qualifications it is charged that he has been a disappointment in other particulars. The fight is likely to wax warm, and the outcome at present is doubtful.

Senator Hanna Dead.

Senator Hanna died on the evening of the 15th at 6:40 with typhoid fever. A great man has passed away. He had been known to the general public but a few years. Until he was about 60 years of age his ambition and intellect was directed along business lines of which he made a great success. As chairman of the Republican National Committee in McKinley's campaign for president, he came before the public. His great executive ability was proven and afterwards his election to the U. S. Senate his statesmanship was developed. Few examples of man attaining renown at his age are recorded in this country.

It was his great faith in William McKinley that impelled him to launch into politics and it was that event that developed his great ability. While his work in the past eight years had been great for the nation his work was not finished. He had planned to bring about the harmony between labor and capital. He remarked that he would "rather accomplish this end than be president." Although maligned and abused by his political opponents, he was able to live to prove their falsity and all are now compelled to acknowledge his superior ability and the honesty of his methods.

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Program of Farmers Institute.

The following is the program of the Farmers Institute to be held Tuesday, February 23, 1904:

- MORNING SESSION—9:00 O'CLOCK:
 C. M. Lewelling, Beaver Crossing, "Alfalfa Culture."
 H. Lomax, Broken Bow, "Broom Grass: Its Value and How to Grow It."
 I. D. Shuman, Ryno, "The Value of Alfalfa for the Custer County Farmer as compared with other crops."
 Perry Foster, Broken Bow, "The Cream Industry."
 E. O. Rallsback, Billings, Montana, "The Sheep Industry."
 AFTERNOON SESSION—1:00 O'CLOCK:
 D. P. Ashburn, Gibbon, "Breeding and Selection of Seed Corn."
 Jerome Taylor, Broken Bow, "Feed for the Dairy Herd."
 Willis Cadwell, Broken Bow, "The Possibilities of the 160-Acre Farm in Custer County."
 P. F. Campbell, Georgetown, "How to Market the Products of the Dairy."
 C. M. Lewelling, Beaver Crossing, "Economic Pork Production."
 John Reinhart, McKinley, "Some Points in the Management of the Dairy Herd."
 At 4 p. m., one hour will be given to the Custer County Horticultural Society. Statement by President J. D. Ream, election of officers and any other business.
 EVENING SESSION—7:00 O'CLOCK:
 D. P. Ashburn, Gibbon, "Farm Dairying."
 F. M. Currie, Sargent, "The Horse Industry."
 A. C. Towle, Merna, "Home Adornment."
 C. M. Lewelling, Beaver Crossing, "Care and Management of Poultry."
 8:30 P. M.—"Adornment of the City."—Ten minute talks by L. H. Jewett, J. J. Wilson, A. R. Humphrey, H. Lomax and J. A. Armour.

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Do You Know Uneeda Biscuit?

The Underground Railroad.

(By Dr. C. Pickett.)

CHAPTER XIII.

The funniest thing that I ever heard of connected with the doings of the Underground Railroad happened this way.

In an early day in Ohio and Indiana the woods contained a great many opossums, an animal that when you wool him about so much he lays over on his side and feigns death, hence there was a saying when a fellow got rather sullen and would not be sociable, that he was playing possum. On a certain occasion a fellow was out hunting in the woods in day time, he had his gun and two small dogs such as we used to take with us when we would go squirrel hunting. These dogs were not large neither were they fierce, but they would bark furiously at anything but a squirrel. When they would see a squirrel they would start after it and soon the squirrel would climb a tree and get on the other side of the trunk of the tree from where the dog was, then the dog would go slowly around the tree while the hunter remained quiet, soon the squirrel would crawl around on the other side, always watching the dog, till he came around far enough that the hunter could draw a bead on him and when his trusty rifle cracked the squirrel fell. Well this fellow was walking along through the woods looking for game when his dogs began barking into the end of a hollow log that lay near. He approached the place and looked into the log but the other end being closed up it was dark in there and he could see nothing, but as he came closer to the open end of the log the dogs barked more fiercely than ever as if the presence of their master gave them more courage. After taking in the situation the fellow concluded that there must be an opossum in the log though he heard no growling, but thought he heard something breathing in the log. (He was not mistaken.) So he barked the dogs on but they were afraid to encounter the animal in the log, whatever it was. When we used to tree an opossum in a log or hollow tree, if we did not

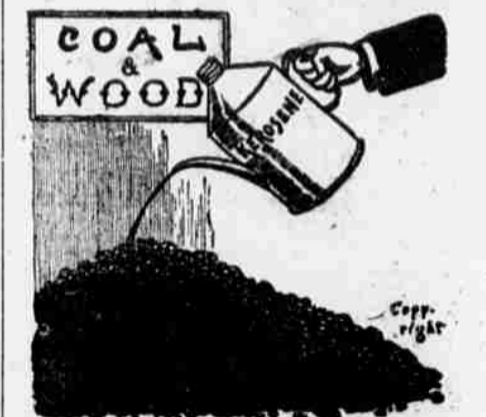
would take a stout forked stick with the handle, say three or four feet long and the prongs 2 or 3 inches long, then we would thrust the forked end against the animal and begin to twist the stick over and over, and the nature of the long hair or coarse fur on the opossum would be wound around the stick until we could carefully pull him out of his rendezvous. This our friend proceeded to attempt, not wishing to reach in the log with his hand, for the bite of an opossum is an ugly wound. The hunter did not think it prudent to shoot into the log and it was well he did not as the sequel will show.

When he thrust his forked stick into the log he encountered something that did not feel just

like the hide of an opossum. He first met with resistance but afterward gained admission (for his stick.) When he thought he had adjusted the stick about right he began to twist and then to pull but no opossum appearing he tried it again and this time with more vigor, which brought fourth a peculiar sound that we would spell:

"Ouch, quit dat," or words to that effect which were soon followed by the appearance of not an opossum, but a "coon," who showed the fellow his head where the forked stick had pulled the wool out and begging to not be given to old master. Our friend with the forked stick was a royal good fellow, who when he had heard the slaves story of traveling by night and laying by during the day and how he had happened to find that hollow log, took him to his house, took care of him and placed him in the care of the Underground whose Officers and crews landed him safely in Canada where he need not to crawl in a hollow log but where he might stand up and be counted a man. He said that in Carolina he often hunted opossums but this was his first experience in playing possum himself.

Since writing the above foolishness the sad intelligence was brought to me that the first school teacher I went to is dead.



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