

# The McCook Tribune.

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The devil get the political schemers, or wire pullers, as they are commonly called.

An amendment to the state constitution will be voted on this fall providing for the election of three railroad commissioners by direct vote of the people.

The contest for chairmanship of the Minneapolis convention is likely to be between J. Slout Fassett, of New York, and John J. Ingalls, of Kansas, so says the Lincoln Call.

JERRY SIMPSON has written a letter to his constituents declaring that he cannot afford to be their congressman another term as he can make more money lecturing than he can as a statesman.

The Republican national convention is going to nominate the strongest and best candidate, after careful review and consideration of all the conditions up to the period of its assembling. It will be perfectly free to do that, thanks to the wisdom of the masses of the party who have chosen the delegates.

THE STRATTON HERALD figures that there are 400 alliance farmers in Hitchcock county, which is sparsely settled. Estimating the same number for each county in the state, the campaign fund which the independent central committee proposes to raise by donations of the proceeds of one acre by each farmer would amount to \$356,000 if all contributed. There is food for several large-sized thoughts in circulation.—State Journal.

THE Edison-Thompson-Houston electric trust, which had an elegant job up on lighting the World's fair grounds and buildings, has been knocked out of the ring by the Westinghouse company, which will get the contract at \$81,000 less than the trust bid. The Westinghouse bid is \$399,000, and incredulous as it may seem, these figures are \$1,350,000 less than the trust wanted for the work when it thought that the exposition was in its power.

THE sixteen delegates from Nebraska to the national republican convention will find their entertainment in Minneapolis pretty expressive, says the Lincoln Call. For a headquarters room and ten sleeping apartments secured at the Nicolett house, somebody will put up \$75 per day and \$4 a day per head for each person in the party. It would seem to be rather an expensive luxury to be a delegate, but these things occur but once in four years.

THE BEATRICE board of trade has appointed a committee to canvass the subject among farmers and arrange for a county convention to devise ways and means to secure the much needed reform. Red Willow county should not be behind in this matter. It is a patent fact that a large annual road tax is frittered away, giving us no substantial improvement in the condition of our roads. Farmers, more than any other class, are interested in having good roads, for they use them most. Let the movement be started here and much benefit may be secured.

THE Union Pacific railroad is out of politics. But John M. Thurston, who is drawing \$1,000 a month out of the Union Pacific treasury, spends two-thirds of his time in political junketing tours and star-chamber conferences with the combine of political malcontents who are trying by fair means or foul to defeat Harrison for re-nomination. Yes, the Union Pacific is out of politics, but we will wager a nickel against a brass button that Thurston would not be campaigning against Harrison at the expense of the Union Pacific at Gould's permission.

THE TRIBUNE has urged the necessity of filling up all the uncultivated lands of Red Willow county with prosperous farmers. Every acre of Red Willow county's land should be in cultivation. Its product would be immense and would pay the producer largely, taking one year with another. It is peculiarly gratifying to note that renewed activity in farm lands is to be seen every day. Scores of new farmers have settled throughout the county during the past ninety days. They came from the full and overflowing portions of the east, and are charmed with the advantages offered. There is no fairer land under the sun than here in Red Willow county. Situated in the heart of fertility, it is destined to be the commercial queen of this section of the state, whose crown and sceptre are held by the sturdy yeomanry who have reclaimed it from the virgin soil, and dotted it with peaceful homes. To the men who are looking for homes Red Willow county presents greater and more varied attractions than can be found elsewhere in the state.

Rich soil, plenty of water, railroad facilities, schools, churches, good citizens, and a delightful climate are environments which are greatly to be desired by all, and which stand out as enduring monuments to point the home seeker to this eldorado of southwestern Nebraska.

Columns might be written describing the composition of the soil, the salubrity of the climate and the healthfulness of the people, yet the written words pale into insignificance when one "views this landscape o'er," and drinks in the richness and beauties of the surroundings.

This activity should extend until every section, or fraction thereof, is brought under the influence of the husbandman, and then the wealth and influence of the county will be in their proper sphere, and adequate justice reached.

THE manufacturers of the different cities of Nebraska have united in getting up an exposition to be held in Omaha, June 11th to 22. They will place on exhibit the raw material in the various stages of manufacture and the finished products. Where practicable, they will also carry on the operations of manufacturing in the presence of visitors. There will be in operation a complete shoe factory, soap factory, overall factory, shirt factory, barb wire factory, broom factory, tin can factory, etc. The machinery used in these various branches of manufacture will be placed in position and several hundred factory hands will be employed in operating them. It will be the first exposition of the kind ever attempted to be held in the state and the finest industrial display ever held in the west. Coming at the same time as the Interstate Competitive Drill, which is expected to bring 25,000 strangers into the city, from all parts of the country, such a display is calculated to advertise Nebraska far and wide, and attract the attention of manufacturers who are seeking for a new location.

THE report of the general Methodist Episcopal conference committee on temperance will give forth no uncertain sound in regard to the saloon question. It will array the united sentiment of the church against the rum power, and will take the position that the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors cannot be leagled without sin. The Methodist church has always been the uncompromising foe of whisky. It has never manifested any spirit of toleration whatever for that evil. It has kept up an untiring and vigorous warfare against the saloon, and has given comfort and aid to all measures looking toward the restriction and the suppression of the liquor traffic. The hostile attitude of the most powerful protestant church in America toward the rum power and the firm stand in favor of sobriety which has been taken by the Catholic priesthood are highly encouraging to the friends and advocates of temperance reform.—Kansas City Star.

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