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It is now unlawful to manufacture whiskey in the state of Tennessee.

When the McCook Commercial club earnestly and intelligently takes a reasonable business proposition before the people it makes good.

It is quite within possibilities that the next fight for a Nebraska senatorial toga will be between two Fifth district men—Congressman G. W. Norris of McCook, and Governor A. C. Shallenberger of Alma.

Democracy will hardly claim the late election to be a vote of confidence in the Democratic party. It was, however, a vote of protest against recent acts of the Republican party which the party may well heed.

Physical valuation is doubtless the key to the railroad problem, taking the proposition to mean, as The Tribune does, the wringing out of their capitalization the vast volume of watered stock. No man whose opinion or view is worth consideration desires to cripple the railroads or to do them an injustice. On the other hand they do and properly, too, object to paying dividends on watered stock.

STAND UP FOR NEBRASKA

"Don't put all your eggs in one basket" has been considered advice of worth along general lines.

Nature in this regard has furnished us a good example. Even a superficial glance about you will disclose the evident and wise fact that nature has not placed all of her eggs in one basket—indeed quite the contrary is true: In nature there is the widest diversity in climate, soil, humidity etc., even as in man there is talent and capacity in multitudinous exhibit and variety.

This introduces us to a fact more local and personal—a fact you cannot evade or avoid, but one which many people seem to overlook or fail to give proper consideration when misfortune or failure in whole or in part comes to them, be it in business or on the farm or in the shop.

Then, the quite usual conclusion is that better conditions always exist elsewhere. No matter how meager the information about the proposed "new home," no matter from what source obtained, many jump at the conclusion that it is a "land flowing with milk and honey."

Then often follow the sale—quite often the sacrifice—the moving into the "sure and certain country," the beginning over again under new and unknown conditions. Then the drawbacks which were overlooked by the promoters and agents become known. Then again is the truth borne in that all countries have their attractions, their merits and their adverse conditions. How often then the ill we had seen good to us.

Among the western states, Nebraska has been, perhaps, the most conservatively advertised and promoted, and less favored states with more courage and enthusiasm have attract-

ed our people and capital to our loss and to the detriment of our people. Nevertheless, here are hundreds of thousands of fertile acres untilled; here are openings for manufacture and for business men who are looking for safe and conservative investments in lands or mercantile pursuits.

Southwestern Nebraska and among other counties Red Willow county offers much farming and grazing land within reach of men of moderate means. Despite circumstances not always favorable—but with much of rich soil and splendid climate—many farmers and stock raisers have become comfortably well off and independent here and the process can be successfully used by thousands more.

While agricultural results, past few seasons have not been what was hoped or desired, experience has taught beyond doubt this country's ability "to come back." Better stand by the guns and be on the ground to reap the bumper harvest coming.

One of the favorable signs of the times in this vicinity is the increased acreage of alfalfa planted—that marvelous hay and feed—and the promise that over a thousand acres of the richest and best land in this vicinity will be planted to sugar beets next season. This section is especially adapted to the successful production of high grade sugar beets and The Tribune is more than gratified to make known this important news, for sugar beet culture is not only a practicable crop here, but one of profit, and if fully developed will add annually hundreds of thousands of dollars to the products of the farms of this part of the county alone.

Stand up for Red Willow county!

Earl B. Gaddis of Holdrege has fallen heir to the deputy oil inspectorship recently vacated by State Oil Inspector Colfer of our city.

Gullible Americans have lost \$100,000,000 in last five years, during most of which period good bonds have gone begging. The average American evidently enjoys being gold bricked.

Charles Seeley is the choice of Congressman Norris for the new postmaster in Trenton. Mr. Seeley has the virtue of not having been very offensively active in politics and hence was in the line of least resistance. "But, some days must be dark and dreary," gentlemen of the unsuccessful tailor's dozen.

Says Richard Henry Edwards, in his booklet, "Business Morals," "Upon the moral soundness of business relations largely depends the stability of credit and trade, the material welfare of the people, and in the final result their general moral standards. As are the morals of business, so are the morals of the nation; for the morality which reveals itself at the point of exchange is the working morality of the people. Wide-spread business immorality means not merely the undermining of prosperity; it means the triumph of injustice, the degradation of national ideals, and the destruction of some of the highest standards in the people's life." Says Alfred L. Baker, a prominent Chicago business man, "An anti-toxin to corruption is entering the veins of the business world."

The Omaha Bee wants to know if the United States supreme court has not advanced the Nebraska bank guaranty law in order to make it feasible for Attorney General Mullen to appear in the case before he retires from office. Most probably, to put said law to sleep.

It is a truism that fines have no terrors and act a weak retardant to that class of criminals who have the money to pay the fines imposed. If the courts will adopt the rule of giving such offenders a prison sentence, this breaking of some of our laws with impunity by the rich will suddenly cease.

The Gullible Public.
Two boulevardiers of Paris tell how they proved the gullibility of the public. They bet a friend 1,000 francs that by inserting three advertisements of three lines each in papers in the course of a week they would receive 500 francs without giving any explanation or making any promise to the senders.

On a Saturday the following advertisement appeared:

"Intelligent persons will send 5 francs to such an address."

On the Wednesday the insertion ran:

"Last possible day is Sunday. Send your 5 francs then, or refusal."

The third on the following Saturday was:

"All 5 francs posted after tomorrow will be inexorably refused."

By the Sunday morning seventy-seven postal orders for 4 shillings each had come in, and the next morning eighty-two more arrived. The gullible public had sent in not 500 francs, but 795 francs in a week. Having proved their point and won their bet, the two boulevardiers naturally returned the postal orders to the ingenious senders.

English of Long Ago.
The King's English has changed as kings have come and gone, says the St. James' Gazette. Here is a passage from the record of a crowning of long ago: "The Cardinal, as Archbishop of Canterbury, showing the king to the people at the High parties of the said pulpit, shall say in this wise, 'Sirs, I here present Henry (true and rightful, and undoubted inheritor by the lawes of God and man to the crowne and roiall dignite of England, with all things thereto annexed and apperteyning, electe, chosen and required by all three estates of the same land to tak ypon him the said crowne and roiall dignite, whereupon ye shall understand that the daie is prefixed and appointed by all the piers of this land for the consecration, enveccion and coronacion of the said most excellent Prince Henry; will ye, sirs, at this tyme geve your willes and essentes to the same consecration, enveccion and coronacion? Whereupon the peple shall saie, with a greate voice, 'Ye, Ye. So be hit. King Henry! King Henry!'"

Weighing the Mayor.
A mayor, particularly an English mayor, is traditionally a man of weight and substance, but there is only one municipality that insists that his honor get on the public scales and prove it. Of the thousands of quaint and curious customs surviving in "the old country" this is perhaps one of the most odd. The mayor of High Wycombe has to be weighed on Nov. 9 of each year, inauguration day, and this custom has been observed for about six centuries. The mayor elect walks at the head of a procession consisting of the councilors, the beadle and the mace bearer. He is clad in cocked hat, silk stockings, blue coat and knee breeches. Upon reaching the town hall the mayor is placed upon the scales by the head constable, and a record of his avoirdupois is solemnly made in a book kept for this purpose.—Harper's Weekly.

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