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## The True Inwardness of the Kinkaid Homestead Law.

Valentine, June 25, 1906.

When Moses drew near to the end of his first term, it became a trying problem how he was to secure a second term, as he had done nothing to prove himself a capable representative. One morning as he lay stretching and yawning on his luxurious Washington bed, it all at once came to him as an inspiration, the only one of which he was capable, that he might use the sand hills and gravel beds in this district as a bait with which to catch Eastern suckers and placate his dissatisfied constituency through the influx of population having dollars to squander. So he thought out a mighty plan to provide for the giving away the worthless beds of sand and gravel in parcels of 640 acres and calling them homesteads. The plan succeeded, for, in spite of its knowledge of the material to be disposed of, the land department acquiesced in the scheme, after partially amending the crude and ill-worded bill. This is shown by a report which the department made on the subject. It cleared itself from the charge of conspiracy to defraud the public by the use of four words only, to designate these so-called lands. The words are "sandy," "gravelly," "rough" and "pasture," applied to all the counties of the "Big" Sixth. Not once was the word "agricultural" applied to these vacant areas. No man in his senses believes that the government would have consented to give 640 acres as a homestead, instead of 160 acres, if the land had been worth anything.

Moses knew all about sand and gravel. As early as 1882, from Valentine east, most of the good land had been entered at North Platte, and when the Valentine land office was opened, a swarm of settlers went west and took the fine lands about Gordon, the Bordeaux and Box Butte. What was left was fit only for the cattleman. And the Kinkaid homestead law is now recognized as a fraud—the scheme of a cold blooded politician, and of the hundreds who rushed into the district, fondly believing they had prizes, some looked and left, to return no more. Others have made a futile effort to realize their hopes and find that the more a man has of the stuff the poorer he is. Others are willing to relinquish with what improvements they have made for \$25 or \$50, or enough to enable them to get away, leaving curses loud and deep for the author of their disappointment and ruin.

Such is the true inwardness of the Kinkaid homestead bill. Moses is still working upon it—amending it. But he cannot transmute sand into soil nor secure the votes of his victims to send him back to Washington for another term.

In regard to the leasing of the public lands, Moses has shown the same imbecility. Unable to formulate any plan of his own for the settlement of this vexed question, he frantically appealed to parties in this district. While acknowledging that nothing would be done at this session of congress, he kept reiterating the prayer, "What shall I do? Oh! What shall I do?" Referring to this incapability of mastering a situation one of our metropolitan dailies says: "Congressman Kinkaid has wobbled like a balloon in response to every varying suggestion blown from the district. Naturally such a representative who neither knows what his constituents want nor what he wants, can get nothing and do nothing." This is absolute truth and amongst his fellows in congress he counts for nothing. He is a cipher. In my next I will reproduce an imaginary speech, by an imaginary representative.

### Presidential Favoritism.

President Roosevelt is making such violent efforts to enforce the law against Nebraska cattlemen and others who have incurred his ire that he probably overlooks some lawbreakers in his own immediate political family.

One of these lawbreakers is the same Secretary Hitchcock who inspires the prosecution of cattlemen, and the other is Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture.

Both of these members of the cabinet have just been detected in deliberate violations of law. The secretary of agriculture has taken the money appropriated by congress for the construction of a department of agriculture building in Washington and used it to construct detached wings. Now congress will be forced to appropriate another big amount to erect a main building to connect the wings. This violation of law was a usurpation of legislative power which should have cost him his office, but the president seems not disposed to act.

The case against secretary Hitchcock is of a similar character. He

took money derived from the sale of town lots and other government property in one of the territories and used it to build roads, bridges and other improvements. The law required him to pay it into the treasury. He had no authority to use it. He violated the law and usurped the powers of congress. But he is immune under the president's protection.

The American people will in time grow resentful against the autocratic policy which enforces law only against those who have incurred the president's displeasure and protects his favorites.—World-Herald.

### For Westover for Congress

Sand Beach Ranch, Ellsworth, Neb., June 20.—To the Editor of the World-Herald: Here's to the success of Judge Westover. I was born in Pennsylvania, raised in Ohio and lived many years in Iowa. I am a republican and I'm not personally acquainted with Judge Westover, but I would walk across the Big Sixth to vote for him or any other good honest democrat who is alive to the interests of his constituents, as against

the politic-dog-in-the-manger doing nothing policy of our present representative in congress.

WEBB HULTZ.

### Tired of Kinkaid in The Big Sixth.

And friends of Judge Westover Think He Would Make Strong Candidate for Congress.

Valentine, Nebr., June 14.—Judge W. H. Westover of Rushville, who has been here for several days holding court, adjourned court yesterday and returned home.

For some time the friends of the judge have been urging him to become a candidate for the democratic nomination for congress, and while he was here, his friends in Cherry county took occasion to sound him on the subject. He would not authorize the announcement that he would become a candidate, but he did go so far as to say that if the party workers felt that he was the man to make the race he would do so.

This is all the encouragement the democrats of Cherry county want and from now on it is quite likely his campaign will be vigorously pushed.

There is general dissatisfaction with the record Kinkaid has made in congress and scores of republicans may be found any day who openly criticize his indcision and his do-nothing policy. The feeling seems to be growing that a big young district like the Sixth should be represented by a man of positive convictions, who will stand for something and be able and willing to protect the interests of the district. Judge Kinkaid has permitted the administration to make war on the cattle interests of the district without ever raising his voice in protest. He has stood silent and watched the abandonment of Fort Niobrara, and for all practical purposes the district might as well be unrepresented.

Judge Westover has been upon the bench in this district for ten years and has made an enviable record. He is well known over the congressional district. He is good campaigner and capable of rallying all forces to the support of his standard. His friends believe he is just the man to make the race against Kinkaid.—In World-Herald, June 14.

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The following data, covering a period of 17 years, have been compiled from the Weather Bureau records at Valentine, Nebr. They are issued to show the conditions that have prevailed, during the month in question, for the above period of years, but must not be construed as a forecast of the weather conditions for the coming month.

#### July.

##### TEMPERATURE.

Mean or normal 73°  
The warmest month was that of 1901 with an average of 79°  
The coldest month was that of 1905 with an average of 69°  
The highest was 106° on 15, 1902  
The lowest was 41° on 9, 1895

##### PRECIPITATION.

Average for month 3.22 inches.  
Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more 10  
The greatest monthly precipitation was 7.97 inches in 1900.  
The least monthly precipitation was 0.54 inches in 1895.  
The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 2.77 inches on 4-5, 1900.  
The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any 24 consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1884-85 only) was 0 inches.

##### CLOUDS AND WEATHER

Average number of clear days, 13 partly cloudy, 13; cloudy, 5.

##### WIND.

The prevailing winds have been from the S.  
The average hourly velocity of the wind is 10 miles.  
The highest velocity of the wind was 52 miles from the W on 14, 1893  
JOHN J. McLEAN,  
Observer Weather Bureau,

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May 3, 1906.

	Per Cwt.	Per Ton.
Bran, sacked	85	\$16 00
Shorts, sacked	95	18 00
Screenings, sacked	60	11 00
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