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TO NEBRASKA DEMOCRATS.

Eighty-six out of the 90 Nebraska counties have reported the result of the late election on county officers. The figures will well repay the careful study of the democrats of Nebraska. They are not only freighted with encouragement but they teach a lesson; a lesson that cannot be learned any too quickly or any too thoroughly.

The democrats and populists failed, this year, to nominate a ticket and make a fight for the county offices in 23 counties. At least 20 of these failures must have occurred in the 86 counties reporting. In the remaining counties, therefore, 66 in number, there was a square-footed fight between the democrats and populists on the one hand and the republicans on the other.

How did the democrats fair in these fights?

Take the important offices of sheriff, treasurer, county clerk, county judge and assessor to determine.

Out of 66 candidates for sheriff the fusionists elected 36.

Out of 66 candidates for treasurer they elected 36.

Out of 66 candidates for county clerk they elected 38.

Out of 66 candidates for county judge they elected 38.

Out of 66 candidates for assessor the elected 33.

In other words the democrats and populists, in these counties where they organized and made an honest effort, elected more than half of their candidates for each of these five important offices, except assessor, and they elected exactly half of their candidates for assessor.

These candidates who were elected were men who went out to win; who went out and made a live campaign; who organized their communities and set their friends to working. That's why they won.

The same result is seen in the judicial districts of the state. In every district where democrats and populists made a hearty, aggressive campaign they won. The result was they elected more than half the judges outside of Lincoln and Omaha. They elevated to the bench, by fighting for them, such splendid men as H. D. Travis of Plattsmouth, Harry Dugan of Hastings, Judge Good of Wahoo and George Cordoran of York; Judge Graves of Pender, Judge Hollenbeck of Fremont and Judge Thomas of Schuyler, Judge Westover of Rushville and Judge Harrington of O'Neill. These victories were won in the teeth of the bitterest opposition. In the Westover and Harrington district, for instance, republican campaigners were rushed from all over the state and the Northwestern railroad was lavish with its assistance to elect republican candidates.

Yet the fusionists won.

At the same time this gratifying showing was made on district judges and county officials the fusionists lost the state by more than 20,000 majority on supreme judge and regents of the university. Yet their candidates for these offices were excellent men, popular and of good standing.

If the democrats of Nebraska are to win in the state they must equip themselves with an efficient state organization and with fighting, aggressive, competent leadership. And the time to begin the work of building up an organization is now—not next September, when the state committee reorganizes, and the presidential campaign is half over.—World-Herald.

CHERRY CO. SCHOOL NOTES

The annual meeting of the Cherry county teachers' association will be held in Valentine commencing Friday evening, Nov. 29, at the court house, with a lecture by Prof. W. H. Delzel of Peru on "The Good Bad Boy," and will hold a morning and afternoon session on Saturday in the high school building.

A district desiring state aid should file their application not later than Dec. 2. Blanks may be had at this office.

READING CIRCLE QUESTIONS.

Kern's Among County Schools. (Chaps. 1 to 7.) What are the advantages of the new means of communication on the farm?

2. Contrast settling a country and settling down in a country.

3. Is it desirable that people continue to drift to the great centers of population?

4. What is the new educational ideal in the country schools?

5. What are the most efficient means to increase the usefulness of the country schools?

6. Quote "A Teacher's Creed" by E. O. Grover.

7. Illustrate its teachings in the country schools.

8. Why have educational meetings considered almost exclusively the problems of city school management?

9. Name the three great forward movements in the evolution of the country school.

10. Explain each.

11. Shall we DIG or SING on Arbor Day?

12. Have trees an educational value?

13. What publications would aid you in teaching the beauty in country life?

14. What information about tree planting is found in Farmers' Bulletin No. 134 Bureau of Forestry U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. (Free for a

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15. What is the distinction between the man who skins the land and the man who develops the country?

16. What are the Youth's Companion publications or tree planting?

17. What is Dean Bailey's plan for the arrangement of shrubs and trees?

18. What is the purpose of a school garden?

19. What would you teach in five lessons on the school garden?

20. What is the value and what are the means of securing indoor beauty in school rooms?

21. Should you teach in a dirty school room? Why?

22. Should the stove be polished?

23. Describe a stove jacket.

24. Where may pictures be obtained for art study?

25. What is the educative value of Millet's Art?

26. Name ten pictures suitable for the school room.

27. What is the library tax? How is it expended?

28. Describe traveling libraries. How obtained?

29. What can be done to enliven the teaching of History?

30. What are the various states doing to aid library work in the country schools?

LULU KORTZ, Co. Supt.

Thomas McClary, Lecturer.

Mr. McClary will lecture in Church's opera house Nov. 26. The following are a few comments of Mr. McClary:

I heartily recommend the lecture to those who desire to be both entertained and instructed.—W. J. Bryan.

A better pleased audience has rarely applauded a lecturer in Kansas City. The lecture was characterized by bright humor, homely, sane philosophy, and optimistic sentiment.—Kansas City Times.

Mr. McClary's success as a public entertainer is heightened by his power of impersonation and his facial expressions. In choice of language and aptness of illustration, he is one of the best lecturers who has been heard here.—Gazette, Colorado Springs.

The Deep Are Dumb.
The greatest golfers seldom talk about their golf any more than the greatest cricketers talk about their cricket. It is the enthusiastic duffer who enjoys conversing about "his game."—London Truth.

How He Grew Young.

One satisfied man returned from a two weeks' holiday. He spent it on a farm owned by an old aunt, and the royal way in which she fed him, to use his own description, formed the chief delight of his holiday.

"You see," he remarked confidentially, "my wife is a graduate of a diet and cooking school of the most up to date sort. She sees that we never have a meal which isn't perfectly balanced as to food values. The things we eat are chosen with reference to that and not with regard to whether we like them especially. Well, I can tell you, old Aunt Laura, with her table just groaning with forbidden, indigestible articles, was a mighty welcome change to me. She never heard of carbohydrates or phosphates or cellulose, and she wouldn't know a proteid if she met one in a bean porridge, where, by the way, I believe they largely congregate. But I tell you her fried chicken and fresh pork and biscuits were the finest things I've had for years. My wife actually turned pale when she saw me eat, and I know she was worried, because we were six miles from a doctor. I was never ill for a minute, though, and those two weeks of old fashioned, unscientific cooking have made me feel like a new man—or, rather, like a boy again."—London M. A. P.

Her Conversion.

When preparing his parishioners for the solemn ordinance of confirmation an old clergyman found among them one old woman so excessively ignorant and stupid that for some weeks prior to the time he was obliged to have her come to his house every day in order to instruct and catechise her. At length he began to hope that his time, patience and zeal had not been entirely bestowed in vain, a few bright flashes of understanding having burst from the old dame's clouded intellect. "Now, my good friend," said the worthy pastor just previous to the commencement of the ceremony, "as this is the last moment in which I shall have an opportunity of conversing with you, let me ask, do you thoroughly understand and believe all the articles of your Christian faith?"

"Aye, yes, sir, thank'ee," replied his venerable pupil, with a simper and drooping one of her best courtesies. "I does indeed now, and, thank God, I heartily renounces them all."

The Clock Struck 1.

It was just two minutes to 1 when John Ludlam entered the house and, unwrapping a paper parcel, said to his wife that he had brought her a present of a clock. It was her birthday, and she had expected a brooch or a ring at least, and so she said tartly, "You liked the look of that clock."

"His face flushed. 'A nice way to speak about a present!' said he hotly. 'Well, it's the truth. I wouldn't have given a couple of shillings for it,' said she in an exasperating tone.

John Ludlam was a quick tempered man. The veins in his temples swelled, and—

Just then the clock struck 1. What did it signify—that the clock was running all right?

It did not. The ambulance surgeon said a few minutes later that if the clock had struck one inch nearer her temple John Ludlam would have been a widower.—Pearson's Weekly.

Cheap Jag.

"He was intoxicated with her beauty."

"That must have just suited him."

"Yes; it didn't cost any money."—Pittsburg Press.

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Toothblacks.

"As we have toothblacks so they've got toothblacks in the Sunda Islands," said a traveling man.

"What is a toothblack?"

"Don't you know? A toothblack is an old woman with a pot of black paint, a gold leaf book and a set of vegetable brushes. From hut to hut she passes, and for a small fee—a yam, a bunch of bananas, three coconuts—she paints the Sunda Islander's teeth a glistening black—all but the two front teeth. These she gilds. And the Sunda Islander thereafter goes about with a self-conscious smile revealing a truly knock-me-down dental display, a black and gold symphony. It is a common trick among the semicivilized to color the teeth. In Macassar dark brown is the popular hue, and in Japan among the unenlightened classes the teeth of wives are always painted black. In such countries the toothblack is an institution. She goes from house to house as full of gossip as a barber."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

How a Flea Jumps.

It is said that a flea leaps 200 times its height, and, while it usually does land on its feet, it often falls, especially when it falls on a perfectly smooth surface where the claws can get only a slight hold. A flea has six legs, whose great length and bulk make them so heavy that they must be a great help in keeping their own right side up when it makes one of these gigantic jumps, and when it lands upside down or in some other way its ability to kick is so great that it more than one wriggle is needed to set things right. A flea's wings are mere scales and of no use; but, small and worthless as they are, they tell the entomologist something about the proper classification of the insect. To the flea itself they have no value.

One Thousand Men, \$1,000.

If 1,000 men were to come in here and each one contribute a dollar's worth, I would have just \$1,000," said the manager of one of those restaurants where each person helps himself. "On the other hand, if I should feed 1,000 women and allow them to pick out their own checks I might possibly have \$500, but I doubt it. Every woman is a natural born cheat. It seems to be a sixth sense in her makeup to try to get ahead of the person who provides her meals."

The woman to whom these horrifying revelations had been made walked away trying to evolve some plan for emancipating her sex from the web of dishonest propensities in which they had become enmeshed. Outside the restaurant she met a man friend.

"I've just been down there for luncheon," he said. "Glorious place; cheap too. If a fellow knows his business it is dead easy to get a fifty cent meal for a quarter. They never watch the men, but I tell you they keep a close eye on you women."

The woman with an ambition to reform her sex looked back into the restaurant.

"One thousand men, \$1,000," she said, and smiled wickedly.—New York Times

Illegal.

Ethel—That sixteen-year-old boy asked me to marry him. Edith—And you threw him over? Ethel—Yes; told him it was against the law to catch lobsters so young.—Judge's Library.

Not Depressed.

"He says his whole life is a fizzle." "Is he so pessimistic?" "Not a bit of it. He's merely the clerk that attends to the soda water drinks."—Baltimore American.

It is for want of application rather than means that men fall of success.—La Rochefoucauld.