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A Too Liberal Offer.

The following circular has made its appearance in every country newspaper office in the state:

DEAR SIR: We can furnish you with half-sheet supplements containing Van Wyck's record. We will print names of your paper on each page for \$1 per 100 sheets. Orders by telegraph filled by first train after receipt of order. Give name of paper and number wanted. Yours truly,

STATE JOURNAL CO. This is a very liberal offer, but we are surprised that the B. & M. railroad has not paid for the distributing as well as for the printing. The railroad organ of that company at Lincoln has already flooded the state with its own anti-Van Wyck supplements free of charge. It begs "record," gotten up expressly for befogging the people with regard to Van Wyck and beating him out of the popular vote, was very creditable as a piece of railroad printing. But when newspapers all over the state are invited to circulate this precious pack of lies and impose upon the credulous by using their own names over it, it is a little too brazen, even if "orders by telegraph" are filled by the first train after receipt of order.

The Popular Preference. Mr. Clarke, who has professed to be a great anti-monopoly democrat, but who now wants to get a federal office through the packing-house bosses, has taken it upon himself to serve notice upon democratic committees that the printing of a preference for United States senator upon democratic tickets would be a violation of the law and subject voters to punishment.

Mr. Clarke had better go into partnership with Justice Billy Alstadt, of North Platte, who overruled the decision of the supreme court. In this connection we may as well state that one of the ablest men on the bench of this state has declared informally that the right of any voter to vote whatever name for United States senator he pleases, and the right to print any name for such senatorial preference on any ticket, cannot be questioned. The men who are trying to frighten people from voting or from printing tickets with Van Wyck's name on them, have only one motive and that is to defeat the constitutional provision and prevent the expression of the popular will for senator.

The Knevals Land Bills. For eight years past Charles H. Gere, through his venal sheet, the Lincoln Journal, has persistently assailed General Van Wyck and vilified his record. Six years ago, while a member of the state senate, Van Wyck exposed the steal of the state printing by which Gere was robbing the tax payers of the state, and the exposure cut down the profits of the Journal concern by several thousand dollars, while it frightened Gere's Omaha concubine into California until after the adjournment of the legislature. Since that date the editor of the Journal has had no use for Van Wyck. It has fought him malignantly and bitterly. In the present campaign, backed by the Burlington road, it is using every dirty lie and slander which its hirelings can invent to throw obstacles in the path of the senator's reelection.

Its latest production is a half-sheet supplement of Van Wyck's "record" filled with cunningly devised falsehoods and misrepresentations. To the falsity of most of the statements the entire state is a witness. The distortions which are not so readily exposed lie in the pretended true record of the general's service in congress and the senate, where every variation, every failure to respond to roll call when sickness or death in the family summoned him away from his seat, is twisted into a "dog" and measures enacted in his absence. If there is one infamy which surpasses another in this tissue of lies and misrepresentations, it is that which refers to the Denver and St. Joseph lands. The history of this robbery of the settlers by the railroads and the method by which the supreme court secured the plunder to the railroad assignees, is a thrice told tale, familiar to all Nebraska. During the 47th, 48th and 49th congresses, General Van Wyck secured in the senate a bill to pay every settler or purchaser \$3.50 per acre, which was the amount each had paid to Mr. Knevals, the assignee, after he had obtained judgment. The bill passed the senate, but failed of a passage in the house. That was certainly not the fault of General Van Wyck.

Last winter the so-called Van Wyck bill finally passed the house, but was amended as to fail in securing justice to three-fourths of the owners of the land in question. Mr. Hollman, of Indiana, was the chief obstacle in the way of its passage as originally drafted. The amendments which he tacked to the bill provided that a settler could only receive \$3.50 an acre for 160. In cases where more was held or the claimant held his land by purchase only \$1.25 was to be allowed under the Hollman amendments. Such a bill would not have compensated a fourth of the settlers. Many were working and improving the lands bought from original purchasers and would have been excluded from relief. All had been forced to pay Knevals \$3.50 an acre and most were now asked to be content with a reimbursement of half that sum. Still, General Van Wyck, who himself owned some of the lands, was unwilling to accept the Hollman amendment. But he was overwhelmed with protests from other counties urging on their account that the senate should decline to adopt the Hollman amendments, and should insist upon his own bill giving to each claimant \$3.50 an acre, which had been wrong from them by Knevals. Mr. Laird, who represents that district, joined hands with Senator Van Wyck in opposing the Hollman amendments and the bill was left where a conference committee of the two houses must act upon it. It is hoped that early in the next session it will be passed in the form which also accords justice to all parties.

These facts are fully known to the people of this state. Senator Van Wyck has been an earnest and devoted champion of the measure. He will himself be benefited by the passage of the bill. The very fact that he has some interest in it is proof that he will not leave a stone unturned to push the measure. It is unbecomingly to abuse the senator when he has used every effort to secure all the claimants have demanded. Senator Van Wyck's enemies will gain nothing by distorting his record on the Knevals bill. The people directly interested are not so short sighted as to desire to send to Washington in their interests a new and inexperienced man who could be of no possible assistance to them, while Van Wyck has done and will continue to do all in his power to serve them.

We Would Give No Assurance. The inquiry addressed to Senator Edmunds on behalf of several members of the Vermont general assembly, as to whether they could be assured of his support of the republican candidate for president in 1888, was certainly somewhat unusual, but in view of the course of Mr. Edmunds two years ago not unjustifiable. There was reason why these gentlemen who desired some assurance of what Senator Edmunds might be expected to do two years hence, in a national campaign, should make such an inquiry. The country remembers very well that in the last presidential campaign the voice of the Vermont senator was not heard in behalf of the party which had honored him, and to which he owed a great debt of obligation and allegiance, and republicans know very well that this fact was to a very serious extent damaging to their cause. It is quite impossible to compute the whole extent of this injury, but it cannot be doubted that had Mr. Edmunds and a few others who were disgraced with him applied themselves earnestly and zealously in behalf of the republican candidates, they would have been capable of controlling the few hundred republican votes by which the republican cause was put in New York, and thereby continued the administration of the government in the hands of the republican party. The members of the Vermont general assembly who addressed the inquiry to Senator Edmunds were doubtless moved thereto by the conviction that he is capable of repeating his sulking course of two years ago, if the republican candidates of two years hence should happen not to be to his personal liking, and they had an undoubted right before voting to reject Mr. Edmunds, to ask an assurance that he would be in all respects faithful to his obligations as a republican.

The reply of Senator Edmunds cannot be regarded as entirely frank and straightforward. It does not supply the assurance that was asked for. It is an evasion of the direct question implied in the inquiry. The claim he sets up, as a warrant of confidence, that he has been always devoted to the cause of the republican party, will not be unquestioned in view of his failure to say a word or perform an act in behalf of the party two years ago. The allegation of self-respect, as an excuse for withholding the assurance asked of him, is quite in the line of the Vermont senator, but it doesn't carry conviction that he will be any safer two years hence, in a certain contingency, than he was two years ago. In short, there is nothing in the reply of Mr. Edmunds to the proper inquiry of the members of the Vermont general assembly that commits him surely to the support of the republican presidential candidates in 1888, and as an uncertain factor in the next national contest he occupies an entirely distinct position among recognized republican leaders.

Where to Register. This is the last week of registration. We cannot urge too strongly upon those who have not already had their names placed on the list the necessity of attending to the matter before it is too late. The man who does not register will be politically voiceless on election day. Following are the places of registration. The registrars sit from 11 in the morning until 7 in the evening every day this week. Every voter should note carefully on what list his name should be and see to it that it is there: First ward, First district—518 South Tenth street. Second ward, Second district—1728 South Eleventh street. Third ward, Third district—1110 South Sixth street. Second ward, First district—Thirteenth and Jackson. Second ward, Second district—Twenty-third and Poppleton avenue. Third ward, Third district—Dodge street. Fourth ward, First district—F