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It might not be amiss to remind some of our subscribers that this fall will be the proper time to square up all arrears.

After the big crop is harvested this year South Dakota land values are expected to have a little aviation meet of their own.

A man who has the courage of his political convictions can prove it nicely by sending a dollar to his favorite campaign manager.

Twenty-six counties have reserved space for the county exhibit at the state fair. This indicates that the competition will be keen.

Governor Wilson, it seems, wants less organization and more work. And yet it is sometimes said that he is not a practical politician.

The battleship Nebraska was badly disabled two weeks ago as a result of running into a uncharted shoal four miles south of Point Judith light.

Numerous property owners about the city have been doing things this summer with reference to improving the looks of things about their homes.

Oklahoma claims that it will be fifth in cotton this year with a production of 1,500,000 bales. The southwest proposes to hold its place as a boom region.

James Coffey, chairman of the democratic state central committee, has appointed L. J. Welch, of Mitchell, treasurer of the state central committee, and W. Roy Veitch, of Groton, secretary.

This is an unseemly season of the year to discuss the coal question, but a big shortage of anthracite is predicted and it would not be a bad idea to lay in your supply before the cool days roll around.

Governor Wilson has received 20,000 letters since he was named at Baltimore. This is the kind of thing that causes many American citizens to pause before accepting a presidential nomination.

Even though the railroad companies have made a strenuous effort to get a good supply of grain cars on hand at all stations, there is predicted a shortage which will be felt about the first of October.

Traveling horse traders have been quite numerous the past few days. At least three different outfits have passed through the city during the week, and all have been well supplied with horses of all grades.

Canada is naturally interested in the high price of American beef, and is trying to figure out how its stock raisers may profit by it. It would be much easier to do this if the reciprocity agreement had carried.

The Black Hills promises a good crop from the earth this year, and this added to the harvest of the balance of the state should again put South Dakota at the head of the states in wealth per capita.

President Taft's first official act Monday was to sign the \$160,000,000 pension appropriation bill. The pension office was notified immediately and telegraphic orders were sent to the eighteen outlying agencies to start payment at once of the money so long held up by the delay in congress.

Broom corn is going up also, away up. There is said to be soil capacity enough in the broom corn belt of Illinois alone to furnish brooms for all the world, but soil capacity has no longer anything to do with a matter of this kind. Everything depends upon how sweetly the town and city are calling.

The populist party also has a division in its ranks which is causing trouble for the leaders. Some of the pops wish to endorse the bull moose candidates, while others are desirous of supporting Wilson for president. The only man who seems to have no political troubles these days is the man who has nothing to do with politics.

Senator Crawford writes that he has not joined and will not join the new party but that he will oppose Taft and support Roosevelt for president. Which leaves him in the position where we expected he might be found located—here, there and nowhere.—Dakota Republican.

### AYRES' CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

Thos. Ayres delivered a good address at the auditorium on Thursday evening of last week. He is a candidate for the senate against R. F. Pettigrew, the primary nominee of the democratic party. Of course the probabilities are against either of them landing, but there are possibilities. Ayres opened his campaign in this city, taking an advanced stand on matters politically, declaring that if sent to the senate he would work for the primary for all nominations, direct election of president and senators, the recall of all officials, regardless of the places they may hold. He will also advocate government ownership and management of public utilities, and includes in this the coal mines and power sites of the country. He says he does not care what brand they attempt to put upon his platform, as it is principles and not names which are the issues of today. He denounced both Taft and Roosevelt and declares that the Roosevelt party for the first time in the history of the country, is offered to the people "organized like a piratical corporation, subsidized before its birth and born with a trust nursing bottle in its mouth." He denounces the Taft tariff program as a fake, and declares the whole tariff system to be merely graft. Outside of his matters of national policy, he declares that the state should cut out the constitutional prohibition against internal improvements, and then should take up the development of its lignite coal beds, its natural gas fields, its natural power sights and open the way to state aid for good road building.

### OPINION COMING SOON

Appeal to the supreme court in matters political is being promised by both the Republicans and the democrats these days, and the only point of delay appears to be that neither is quite ready to take the necessary steps along that line.

The republicans at their meeting at Huron, or that part of the party which is not in harmony with existing conditions, at its meeting, appointed a committee to carry the matter of getting Roosevelt elected off the Republican ticket by some legal steps.

The Democrats failed to make out a complete ticket to submit to the electors at the June primary, and it is reported that they will come before the court in an attempt to secure a ruling which will allow their central committee to "fill vacancies" and their ticket, where no vacancy has occurred. With past rulings of the court on such matters the indications are that neither of these propositions will get very far, and in fact, when pinned down, the promoters of neither of these moves really expect that they will have much of a showing. But each party is at a point where they feel that they must do something, and that something appears to them to be an appeal to the court regardless of past holdings, and by this manner establish a legal standing of their rights.

### VESSEY GRANTS A PARDON

Governor Vessey has granted a pardon to Charles Runkle, sent from Hughes county on a charge of horse rustling. Runkle is one of the boys from Casstown, O., who attempted to start careers as bad men here by stealing two horses and looting farm buildings north of the city. Runkle appeared to have been led into the venture, and has been pardoned after serving several months of his sentence.

### THE WHEAT CROP

Springfield Republican: The north-west is a little indignant over the efforts of the speculators to exaggerate the wheat outlook for the sake of bearing the market, but is not disposed to deny that it will be a good crop; a very good crop indeed. The factors counted upon to stiffen the price are a slight falling off in Europe, where a crop only 96 per cent that of last year is looked for, a failure in Canada to increase last year's record, and a not specially favorable prospect for the southern hemisphere. In the United States the corn crop may be above the average; but in Europe oats and barley are below the standard. So the farmers are looking for a fair price, even if the wheat crop of the United States should reach the total of over 70,000,000 which the speculators have been predicting, and which has been reached only three times in the history of the country, in 1891, 1906 and 1910.

### TRIBUTE TO HIS MOTHER

Gov. Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana: I think back through the years, the lean and the fat, the good and the bad ones, to my earliest recollection. I see a woman with an eye that flashes swift as an archangel's wing and a mouth that breaks with laughter and hardens at sight of wrong, singing lullabies; a woman who, with hand grasping the unseen hand, walks the brier bordered paths of the life unashamed, unafraid, unharmed. She is clad in garments of beauty for me and age does not soil them, nor years make them cheap and tawdry. Her tongue is without guile, having never been the messenger of a lie. It is seventeen years since her soul went home to God and her fingers became for me the fingers of an angel, but I have not forgotten all she said. She told me there was a Santa Claus, and I believe her. He brings me no longer drums and flutes. But he still brings to me the vision of my mother and the music of that angelic chorus which sang at creation's dawn and at the hour of man's redemption.

### TAKING HIS TIME

Huron Huronite: Senator Pettigrew interviewed at Spokane, said that he had not yet definitely decided whether or not he would enter the race in South Dakota for the senatorial place. He said also that he was undecided what part he would take, if any, in the national contest. It was this belief that the time had arrived for the formation of a new party. Evidently he does not feel that Roosevelt is the ideal man to lead the movement. Mr. Pettigrew was on his way from his irrigation project near Spokane to South Dakota, and he will probably be heard from at home ere long.

### ONE WILL SWALLOW THE OTHER

Baltimore Sun: The history of third parties does not encourage the belief that both the republican organization and the Roosevelt organization can long survive the November election. One of them will be swallowed up by the other. Which will do the swallowing will depend mainly upon the result in November.

### FIRST THEFT OF AN AEROPLANE

The first case of stealing an aeroplane occurred not long ago at the Puchem aerodrome at Munich. When the pilot, Belat, arrived in the morning he found that some one had broken into his hangar and that the monoplane was missing. On inquiry he found that several persons in the neighborhood had heard the noise of a motor about 2 o'clock in the morning. Apparently some enterprising pilot had flown away with the machine. In the suburbs of Munich policemen were kept busy scanning the horizon in search of the flyer. Up to the present writing the machine had not been recovered.

### FLOOD OF PROSPERITY

The tremendous flood of prosperity which has struck South Dakota with the harvesting of the great crop of 1912 has begun to show up in the increased sales of automobiles. During the month of July 571 autos were registered here and for the first five days in August 101 were registered. Figured at \$1200 each, the auto sales in the state for July and the first five days in August would amount to \$286,000. There are now 12,977 autos registered in South Dakota. The sales during this month will no doubt break all records for auto sales in this state.

### ELECTING SENATORS

Secretary of State Knox has forwarded to the governors of all the states certified copies of the congressional resolution providing the states with an opportunity to vote on the proposed amendment to the constitution authorizing direct election of senators. The governors of the states are requested to bring the matter to the attention of the state legislatures for action. When the state department receives notice of ratification by three-fourths of the total number of states the amendment will be promulgated by the secretary of state, and will from thenceforward be a part of the constitution of the United States. There is no time limit within which an amendment must be ratified. The United States constitution provides that when the constitutions of three-fourths of the several states ratify any amendment proposed by congress it shall become a part of the constitution of the United States.

### THE HAPPY FARMER

Lincoln Journal: The overalled farmer put on brakes and invited the wayfarer to ride. Four miles afoot meant an hour. By gasoline it meant—well, there are no policemen to enforce the twenty-mile limit on country roads. So the invitation was accepted.

Wheat? Yes, he was lucky enough to have seventy acres on his quarter section. Thrashed? Yes, out of the shock. Went twenty-six bushels to the acre. Eighteen hundred bushels of wheat will buy a pile of gasoline.

Corn? Corn will be good if it rains. Doesn't need to rain if it doesn't want to. Can get along on that seventy acres of wheat. Besides, there has been two alfalfa crops. There will be another, too, for it always rains after awhile in this country. Queer how slow we are to catch on to wheat. He had lived, twenty-five years ago, in Hamilton county. Some Russians who settled there between planting wheat. The neighbors were alarmed and angry. Wheat would do nothing but breed chinch bugs to take corn after the wheat was cut. The Russians planted wheat because they were too lazy to plow corn. Wheat was a lazy man's crop. No said the skeptics, who tried to grow wheat and found it couldn't be done.

The press drill and turkey red changed all that, giving us a crop made in our wet season, and which has fallen short only once in a decade or more. Now Nebraska agriculture sails with air tight compartments. If we strike an iceberg we just shut the gate to that compartment and sail on floated by the rest.

"See that barn?" pointing to a big barn braced by a huge silo. "I could have bought that quarter for \$85 an acre when I bought mine for \$37. It would sell at \$150 or more now. The farmer who owns this land has been the luckiest by these discoveries in nonsinkable farm liners."

"He hasn't been alone, though," as a big auto loaded to the decks dashed past. "That man is a renter. He pays cash rent and thrives by being a better farmer than the general level of renters whose kind of farming sets the level of farm rents."

### DARROW IS NOT GUILTY

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 17.—Clarence S. Darrow, the Chicago lawyer, who was found not guilty today by a jury of the charge of having bribed a prospective juror in the McNamara case, must stand trial on a second indictment, according to a statement made by District Attorney Fredericks following the acquittal.

### PER CAPITA WEALTH

Sixty years ago the per capita wealth in the United States was \$307; today it is near \$1,800, an increase of about 300 per cent. While the per capita wealth has greatly increased, the distribution of it has been most unequal. Sixty years ago we had few millionaires and few paupers; today we have too many of both, and both are still largely on the increase.

### NEW PLAN PROPOSED

Wisconsin's investigation of a plan for the solution of the land problem in the state is attracting wide attention. The idea is for the state to acquire lands and resell them to colonists at the lowest market value, the profit to be turned into a fund for the benefit of the actual colonists. There is often a speculative element in land prices which is an obstacle to actual settlement. This the state hopes to cut out. Then, too, individuals find difficulty in getting capital to develop land. This the plan hopes to obviate through communal effort at first. Such common necessities as teams, stock, wagons and farming machinery will be lent by the state. It is expected also to increase the efficiency of individual savings of the colonists by using them co-operatively. How this is to be accomplished is not revealed in the digest of the plan, but apparently the state board of control is in some way to become the banker of the colonists and lend their funds back and forth as most needed.

The country will be interested in this plan. It is in the Wisconsin line of doing something for the people. If it succeeds in placing on the farms of the state men who will stay there and make a success of their work, there is a good chance of the bettering of the state. Something is to be done for this purpose, an attempt to place on the farms of the state men who will stay there and make a success of their work.