



## The Editor's Table

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## One World

The voters kept Wendell Willkie out of the White House in 1940 and the isolationists and die-hards in the republican party may keep his name off the national ticket in 1944. But neither the democrats nor the die-hards can keep Wendell Willkie from world leadership nor world influence. A man must have an original, inventive mind, abreast of world issues, who can devise the Willkie world trip; get the necessary consent of his successful rival for the presidency; secure the equipment for his trip; find the open doors of access to the great leaders of world action and discuss with them the great decisions which the world is making.

People of keen impartial judgment put Wendell Willkie in their list of the world's big men. It took several years for a lot of Lincoln people to put W. J. Bryan in the list of big men. So fierce and hard is prejudice.

Willkie is the modern Marco Polo. In fifty-nine days he saw the world which took Marco Polo sixteen years to see. He wrote his book "One World" within six months. It marks an era in discussion of world problems.

Already the book has sold more than a million copies. It is being translated into the leading languages of the world. On World Topic No. 1 Mr. Willkie has thus far produced Book No. 1.

## A Collection of Rare Early Nebraska Newspapers

A letter and a box from Harry C. Stewart, 3261 Madison Street, Denver, Colorado, transmitted to us for our Historical newspaper collection several hundred copies of early Nebraska newspapers in broken files. These files begin in 1868 and come down to 1878. They include partial files of the *Plum Creek Pioneer*, *North Platte Western Nebraskian*, *North Platte Republican*, *North Platte Enterprise*, *Omaha Daily Bee*, *Omaha Daily Repub-*

lican, *Omaha Daily Herald*, *Lincoln Daily Globe*, and scattering numbers of other newspapers.

While the files are not complete they belong to a period where complete files are almost unobtainable. They constitute an important contribution to our collection of over 20,000 bound files of the Nebraska press.

The spirit of early Nebraska settlement rises from the past as one goes over the columns of these early issues. Every editor of that period was on the fighting line. The battles between the Union Pacific and the Burlington raged in their columns. The conflicts between the cattle ranchers and the oncoming homesteaders are set forth. Familiar names like those of Judge Gaslin, John Bratt, Amos Gantt, W. F. Cody, A. H. Church, Edward Rosewater and many others familiar to the early settlers appear in vigorous paragraphs. The Indians were on the Nebraska borders. The Black Hills were being explored.

Mr. Stewart sends a number of souvenirs of J. Sterling Morton for our museum.

In his letter presenting these important historical souvenirs Mr. Stewart says: "My grandfather Peter Meyer came to Nebraska and helped build the Union Pacific railroad as far as Cheyenne, when he went into business with a Mr. Wetzel. Grandfather Meyer then did some freighting, returned in the seventies to his early job with the Union Pacific, and finally returned to the ranching field between 1880 and 1885. He knew many prominent western characters very well, and all of the early characters in North Platte, Sidney, Kimball, Cheyenne, et cetera. My mother could tell very much concerning the same.

"My mother was supposedly the first white child born in Alkali, Nebraska. I was likewise born in Paxton, Nebraska, on my grandfather's ranch that was on the county line between Sutherland and Paxton on the north side of the South Platte River."

### **C. A. Beach, Veteran of Railway Mail Service**

Across the street from our home has lived for thirty years our neighbor C. A. Beach and his family. Charley Beach was

for nearly forty years a railway mail clerk, promoted for long and efficient service to be chief clerk of the Lincoln district. He had an extraordinary memory. His record for throwing mail was phenomenal. All the trans-Missouri region was like his own back yard where the roses he knew by name bloomed every year. He knew the little way stations and sandhills ranch postoffices and the shortest way to get there. So he was a western history compendium with a mind full of reminiscence and story. Beach grew up on a Cass County farm. He had T. S. Allen as one of his boyhood companions and the friendship between them was as firm as their mutual support of W. J. Bryan for president.

Wednesday, June 2, our neighbor Beach left us on his last long run. The State Historical Society will miss him at its meetings and we shall miss him from across the street. Somewhere out in the Spiritland where the departed look for messages from their friends who still dwell on this planet there will be a place for that first-class mail clerk Beach. He knows all the addresses and all the answers.