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THE crop failure in this state will be double calamity if it results in the capture of the legislature by the populists. The populist party is about the only thing in the state that is benefitted by distress among the farmers.

A GREAT deal is heard of "profit sharing," but nothing of loss sharing. Employees who accept as a matter of course their portion of the profit realized by the employers are vigorously opposed to sharing in the slightest degree the loss the hard times may impose.

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL has for years been finding fault with heaven; and now he has made up his mind that the earth is not much better. He writes an article in defense of suicide which appears elsewhere in THE COURIER, and says: "Next to eternal happiness is to sleep in the soft clasp of the cool earth, disturbed by no dreams, by no thought, by no pain, by no fear, unconscious of all and forever."

THE COURIER has no desire to criticize Judge Strode. He simply followed precedent. But his successor on the district bench and any man who is elevated to the bench hereafter should be a man who will let politics alone. In this county there is little or none of that dignity that should surround a judge of a major court. Judges enter into ward fights and take part in political manipulation, the influence of which is demoralizing and prejudicial to the integrity of the court. When a man is made a judge he should clothe himself in the dignity of his high office and keep aloof from petty bickerings and all kinds of political manipulation. Judges should measure up to the stature of their office, and be jealous of their reputation, and inspire in the public respect for themselves and the positions they fill.

WE are apt to exaggerate this business of a total crop failure. As a matter of fact there isn't a crop failure by any means. A conservative estimate places this year's yield at 20 per cent of the average, and many persons insist that a much better showing than this will be made. But accepting the estimate of 20 per cent, the situation doesn't appear to be wholly discouraging. The average yield of corn in this state can safely be put at 160,000,000 bushels; 20 per cent of 160,000,000 is 32,000,000, and 32,000,000 bushels of corn at 50 cents a bushel, and a large portion of the crop will bring more than that, makes \$16,000,000 that will come into the state. Not an insignificant amount of money by any means. And the aggregate yield of wheat and oats and hay, while small in comparison with some years, will be considerable, and the price of any product raised in Ne-

braska is double that obtained in ordinary years. The situation in Nebraska might be a great deal worse than it is.

It is claimed and with some show of reason, that there is a great deal of Bryan enthusiasm in the state. Mr. Bryan has been at considerable pains to identify himself with the populist party, and has assumed another trade of defiance toward the regular democratic party and herein his weakness. Politicians long before Mr. Bryan's day have attempted to ride two horses at once, and often they have fallen. It is beginning to be apparent that the congressman has unmasked himself. He has gone so far that he cannot recede. He can count on the action and determined opposition of the conservative wing of the democratic party in this state, which so far as power is concerned, has the upper hand, and from the expressions that have come from prominent populists the leading men of the party it is evidence that the third party will not rise as one man and espouse the cause of Bryan as it was expected to do. In fact it may not rise at all. Mr. Bryan has not severed all connection with the democratic party and until he does this and becomes an out and out populist he will be regarded by prominent leaders as a democrat. Mr. Bryan's position at the present time is not enviable. He is not in favor with democrats and the pops won't own him. He is neither one thing or the other. He can hardly hope for success so long as he remains in this aronalous position, and any further move that he may make will weaken him in one of the two parties. The Taubeneck letter which has been widely circulated in this state touches a responsive chord in many a populist heart, and has beyond question had a considerable effect in drawing up the populists ranks and tightening the party lines. Many pops are resolved to vote hereafter only for men who are recognized populists and attempted fusion on legislative tickets with a view to the election of Bryan to the United State Senate will be bitterly contended. Then Mr. Bryan has up to the present time had the support of a large class of men who, this year for the first time, will refuse to vote for him on any condition, irrespective of any political combinations he may make. These men have come to see what the advocacy of the principles advocated by Mr. Bryan means, and his free trade and free silver views have scared the many Bryan shouters. The congressman is regarded among the business element as representing those ideas that are more inimical to the prosperity of the country and the welfare of the state, and the Bryan personality will no longer be effective in causing men to vote contrary to their convictions.

ONE of the most gratifying things that the republican state convention done this week was the turning down of the Honorable A. K. Goudy, who so touchingly appealed for a third nomination. Mr. Goudy has made the office of of the state superintendent of public instruction a family hospital, and the Goudy incumbus has filled the west end of the state house with a deep and forbidding gloom. The gentleman who will succeed the Goudy family may not be so accomplished in the matter of piling up salary and other claims; but he cannot fail to show more proficiency in the affairs of the office.

The Chinese pay their doctor only as long as he keeps them in health. They believe in preventing rather than causing disease. This is sound sense, and one of the strongest recommendations of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, a medicine which not only cures diseases but prevents them.

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For old fashioned cottage cheese, try the Central Milk Depot 134 south 11.

See Sisler the Ice Cream man in his new quarters when wanting anything in his line. He will serve you well. 133 south 12 street. Phone 630