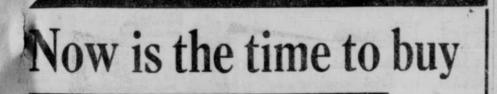
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THE NEBRASKA SCENE

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claims; pamphlets issued by state and intangible property in 1920 Hamilton, Harlan, Holt, Loup, property tax."

lands (Nebraska's greatest asset)

has been diminishing.

of \$20,000,000 is shown for 1936 cities are situated.

down again in 1937.

creased, but the records show that flected in the inceased valuations and 1934. The year 1894 was the

Total number of cattle inches falling for the entire year. Other diseases showed little vari-1936. is placed at 2,547,928 as against The farm experts who shy clear ation. 2,488,476 last year. Valuation is of political entanglements say the The resettlement administration

\$67,326,678 or \$8,000,000 over last reason that valuations have been which has regained some of its year. The average value per head on the down grade in Nebraska is fading glory since the drouth hit increased \$3 to the 1936 figure of because the soil is losing its fer- the country, spent slightly more tility with use, while drainage and than \$4,500,000 in Nebraska in its \$26.42.

The number of hogs jumped from the wornout condition of much of first year of operation. Standard 883,009 to 978,491, and the total the land makes for elss retention loans account for \$4,096,914 of this valuation increased from \$7,553,- of moisture. During the extreme drouth year \$58,820. Only \$3,417 had been ex-969 to \$10,932,050. One of the large contributing of 1894 the state produced 46,410,- pended in drouth grants up to

factors in the increased valuation 000 bushels of corn, whereas in August 1. this year was the increase in numb- 1934 the crop made only 6,145,770

er of automobiles registered. They bushels. What we need, accordjumped from 329,577 to 381,623, ing to the experts, is a sensible islature in co-operation with the and valuations skyrocketed from plan of conservation, and both the \$27,324,829 to \$41,509,357. The republican and democratic platnew law relative to taxing of motor forms in the present campaign call Vogeler in charge. District offices vehicles deserves much credit for for such a system, altho the Roose- are being opened in Lincoln, Omavelt administration is credited with ha and Norfolk, with branch offices the gain.

On top of lowering valuations taking the lead in such action. since 1920, the population of the state has also declined. The big The first barrage from the heavy gain for the state came from 1860 artillery in state politics broke when there were 28,841 inhabit- out this month, following the an-

ants to 1890 when it reached 1,- nouncement that the 1936 state driver," is the advice of Nebraska's tax levy would be drastically re-058,910. Since 1890 the population gained duced.

slowly and not keeping pace with Many republican newspapers and Nebraska's birth birthrate until 1,- leaders, chief among them Dwight 377,963 was reached in 1930 A Griswold, republican gubernatorial census taken in 1935 shows that we nominee, made haste to point out have lost 100,000 inhabitants in the that the reduced levy means very five years' period, and are now little.

back to approximately our 1920! Mr. Griswold states that "the exfigure.

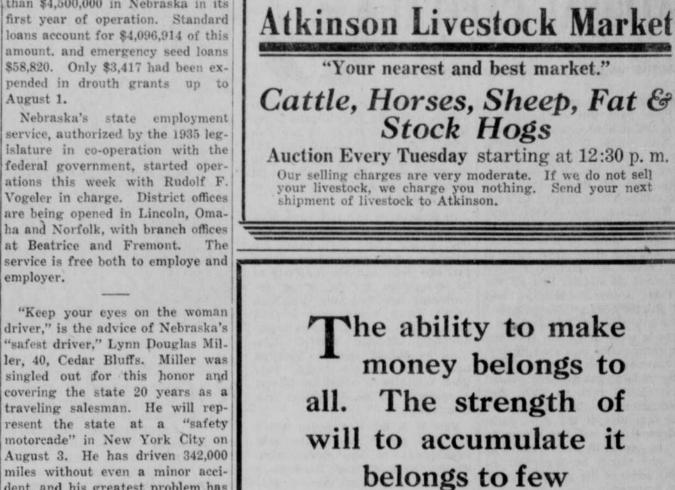
The losses have come in such state of Nebraska are this year counties as Arthur, Banner, Boyd, the highest in the history of the The total assessment of real Brown, Cass, Cherry, Clay, Fill- state." He says that "the money Amidst political claims and counter estate, personal property, railroads more, Franklin, Garfield, Gosper, simply is not being raised by a

boards and bureaus and by chamb- reached an all-time high of \$3,811,- Nuckolls and Thomas. Most of Figures uphold Mr. Griswold, but ers of commerce, extolling the ad- 424,545. Since that time the total the other counties have just about the democrats explain it nicely. The vantages and superior qualities of valuation has been downward gen- held their own or increased some bureaus that were created by the the Cornhusker state, the fact re- erally until 1935 when it was ap- since 1920. Biggest gains have last legislature are for the main mains that Nebraska as a whole proximately 2,030,000,000. A gain been in counties where the larger self-supporting, they say. For example, the real estate and aviation

From 1876 to 1936 the average bureaus are supported by real esannual rainfall has been 23 inches. tate men and aviators. The liquor The tremenduous recovery of The bad years were 1890, 1893, commission which makes a sizeable and recreational advantages in- farm prices over last year is re- 1894, 1895, 1899, 1910, 1916, 1931 dent in the government pocketbook gets its money from liquor taxes. for the past 15 years the state's placed on Nebraska's livestock in record breaker with only 13.30 The latter have gone a long way

towards financing the social program, which accounts for the largest increase in government spending ...

The political prognosticators finally have decided that the various third parties that have attempted to organize in Nebraska will cut very little ice in the coming elect-GAMBLE STORES ion. Both the socialists and the Nebraska Farmer Labor parties have tried unsuccessfully to get on the ticket by the convention system and this failure has discouraged



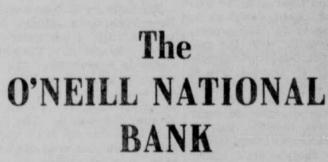
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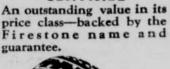
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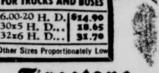
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everal other groups. A large percentage of the persons backing the farm-labor group here

are individuals who have been associated with various radical movements in the state in the past, the political observes point out, and some have run afoul of the law in attempts to halt farm mortgage foreclosure sales.

The socialist party of Nebraska evidently has the same opinion of the farm-labor group, as the farmer's executive committee declined the offer of the latter party to cooprate in the coming election. The socialists say the farm labor group is not a movement of bona fide labor and farm organizations, but "primarily one of individuals without farmers or laborers."

The mediocre showing of Townsend-plan candidates in the recent Kansas primary election also is convincing Nebraska politicians that the old-age pension plan is not going to be as potent a force in the general elction as some of them believed previously.

It has been rather definitely decided that Senator Vandenburg, of Michigan, who announced sometime ago that he would speak in Nebraska in support of the Landon-Knox ticket, and Robert G. Simmons, republican candidate for U. S. senator, will appear at Scottsbluff and Omaha.

The democratic state organization has decided to establish state headquarters at two sites-Omaha and Lincoln.

The State House Week in Brief: Gasoline tax receipts received during July hit a new high all-time record of \$1,175,985 . . Liquor revenue for July slumped \$53,033 below the same month a year ago last month's total being \$135,878. The inference is that fewer Nebraskans are trying to mix gasoline with liquor.

The state treasury balance has taken another jump, topping the \$7,874.925 cash balance of June 30 by nearly \$400,000. The cash balance July 31 was \$8,247,508. The state treasury now shows an overall balance of \$21,891,543, including \$13,644,037 of permanent school fund investments.

Measles are down but scarlet fever is up in Nebraska, state health department figures show. For the first seven months of this year, 1,127 Nebraskans contracted measles compared with 8,426 for the same period in 1935. Scarlet Phone 100 fever cases, however, numbered 3,751 this year and 1,243 last year.

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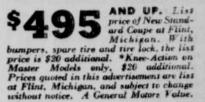
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