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### THE PURPOSE OF PRIMARIES.

We occasionally hear from one of the "old timers" in politics who means the days of the county or state convention, when the political bosses, big and little, selected the candidates whom they desired to run for office. When a bi-partisan machine controlled both conventions for the two leading political parties, the poor, deluded voter had no choice for either way he voted he played into the hands of the bosses.

Then came the days of the primary elections, the system now used in selecting candidates for the offices. The purpose of the primary is to give each and every voter the right to select the candidates he desires for his particular political party. In this way the unsuccessful candidate cannot state that he did not have a fair and square deal.

The candidate who comes before the voters at the primary pledges himself to abide by the results of the election. But if the candidate who unsuccessfully runs for the nomination of his party endeavors to defeat the purpose of the primary by either bolting his party or the placing of the names of new candidates on the ballot by petition, he is not giving the voter the square deal. We have no sympathy for the sore-head or the tricky politician who endears by hook or crook to get himself or his friends into office against the wishes of a majority of the voters as expressed by the ballot.

### AN EXCELLENT STATE RECORD

It is indeed encouraging to learn from over the state that sentiment is strongly in favor of the re-election of G. L. Shumway to the important office of Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings. The vicious attacks made on Mr. Shumway by the selfish interests and their tools who were foisted in their attempts to "grab" the state resources only centered the attention of the public to the work being done by Mr. Shumway and has shown the voters of the state that the office is occupied by a man who is not afraid to do his duty regardless of criticism.

Since Mr. Shumway has taken his office in January, 1917, the value of state school lands has increased more than one and one-half million dol-

lars. Annual rental receipts increased \$95,804, or \$17,591 more than the total in the ten previous years. This means an average of over \$1,000 to each county annually for support of common schools.

"Lost," "Unused," "Excheated" and "Exchanged" lands have been found, reclaimed, recovered, and solected, adding \$50,000 value to permanent school funds. Activities of the office have encouraged the test drilling for oil in sections of the states. The attempts to secure the potash resources of the state without adequate remuneration to the state has been foiled and the state will receive a just and fair share of its potash deposits.

In handling state educational funds the land commissioner and his associates on the board have supported and good returns, assisting government undertakings, federal farm schools, communities, and industry.

As a member of the board of irrigation, highways and drainage the commissioner has urged more mileage with materials at hand, rather than a few expensive miles in construction of roads.

Nebraska's land commissioner has proven himself efficient public servant and the voters of the state will recognize this fact by re-electing him by a substantial majority.

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## POTATO CROP BETTER THAN 5 YEAR AVERAGE

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### MINNESOTA LEADS ALL STATES

Northwestern Nebraska will Have Better Yield than Last Year: With Good Grades of Potatoes.

The potatoes crop for the United States for this year will exceed the average for the past five years although it does not equal that of 1917, which broke all records for the country, but it is about 20 per cent, according to the government estimate as of September it is 384,629,000 bushels, a decrease of about 58,000,000 bushels from 1917. The five year average prior to 1917 is 361,753,000 bushels.

Within the last two weeks or two there has been some spotted frost damage in isolated spots and the heavy rains this week in western Nebraska may injure the crop slightly.

By states, the potato crop is approximately as follows, the estimates made being compiled from government sources and from reports in The Packer. The state growing late potatoes are summarized in accordance with their prospective output as given by the government for September.

#### MINNESOTA.

According to the Bureau of Crop Estimates, Minnesota is the leading state in production this year. Last year New York was first. The September estimate gives Minnesota credit for 32,823,000 bushels compared with 33,600,000 bushels last year and 16,800,000 bushels in 1916. crop is 69 against a ten year average for September of 73. Some of the shippers in brief, are as follows: Aitkin, 25 cars; Askov, 150 Atkinson, 100 to 125; Barnesville 200 to 300; Big Lake 200; Cambridge, 50; Center City, 300; Charles DOLL 50; Center City, 300; Clarissa, 50 Cicquet 40; Comstock, 125 Eisworth, 60 to 70; 150; For; Ripley, 200 Long Prairie, 75; Luverne, 100; Mendota, 50; Moorehead, 300; Neilsville, 250; Nelson, 25; North Branch, 500; Owatonna, 100; Parkers Prairie, 200; Park Rapids, 125; Pine City, 225; Sabin, 250 Some of these points report a letter to the NU these report a better crop than last year but most of them a decrease but a fair yield.

#### NEW YORK.

New York, according to government figures, is only a fraction behind Minnesota in yield this year. This month's report gives the state 32,680,000 bushels compared with 38,000,000 bushels last year and 22,400,000 bushels in 1916. The condition percentage is given as 76 September 1 compared with 74 for the ten year average on the same date. The shipping crop at some of the important points in the state are given by growers and shippers as follows: Angelica, 30 cars; Atlanta, 2000 to 300; Avon, 35; Baldwinsville, 50; Batavia, 40 to 100; Beaver Dam, 100; Bridgehampton, 300; Burdette, 50; Caledonia, 30 to 40; Cambridge, 50 to 60; Cheocton, 200; Ionia, 85; Kanona, 50; Laurel, 90; Ninevah, 25 North Branch, 25; Nunda, 30; Riverhead, 900; Rush, 125; Salem, 200 South, Byron, 25; Spencerport, 150;

#### WISCONSIN.

The Wisconsin crop is placed by the government at 31,620,000 bushels compared with 34,998,000 bushels last year and 13,620,000 bushels in 1916. The condition percentage September 1 was 81 compared with 76 as the 10 year average on the same date. Growers and shippers' reports gives the following estimates for shipment this year: Alma, 60 cars, Almond section, 700; Antigo, 200; Augusta, 50; Birchwood, 25; Birchwood, 25; Bloomer, 75; Bruce 125 Cameron, 200; Centuria, 100; Earl, 50; Fairchild, 100 to 150; Fall Creek, 150; Mauston, 150 to 220; Medina, 40; Needah, 400; Nekeosa 70; New Antigo, 200; New London 75 to 80; Oconto, 60; Plover, 70; Shell Lake, 40; Stevens Point 500; 200; Wautoma, 500; Wonewoc 100.

#### Michigan

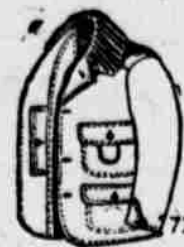
Michigan stands fourth in potato production this year, according to the September report of the department of Agriculture. The crop is placed at 28,856,000 bushels compared with 35,910,000 bushels last year and 15,360,000 bushels in 1916. The percent age condition September 1 is put at 69 against 73 as the ten year average on that date. According to reports from growers and shippers, considerable dry weather has prevailed this year but lately some rains have fallen. These crops are in brief as follows: Alba, 125 cars; Alpena, crop in county, 150; Cadillac, 100; Cheboygan, 30; Dighton, 100; Fire Lake, 85 to 100; Gaylord, 230 Grant, 20; Houghton, 50; Harvard City, 40; half of 1917; Imlay City, 15; Iron Mountain, 40; Kendalls, 100; Newaygo, 15.

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### SALES DURING PAST WEEK

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SE 1/4 of 28-28-47; NE 1/4 of 2-27-47; NW 1/4 of 25-27-47; NE 1/4 of 26-27-47; SE 1/4 of 23-27-47; SW 1/4 of 28-28-47; SW 1/4 of 14-27-47; SW 1/4 of 25-27-47; SE 1/4 of 26-27-47; NW 1/4 of 27-28-47; SW 1/4 of 26-27-47, all in Box Butte county, and the NW 1/4 of 31-27-46 in Sheridan county.

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