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LARGEST CIRCULATION Of any Cass County Paper.

JESSE L. ROOT'S high standing as a lawyer and as a citizen is sufficient to give him a rousing majority next Tuesday.

THE Mink john meeting was the best Plattsmouth has had for years since a republican or patriotic student.

COLUMBUS was a real man in his day. He discovered America, but Columbus Williams is a bigger man for having discovered the McCleary Bill.

W. H. NEWELL is a man of affairs. He has been the county's soil for years, and is familiar with every interest. He is especially fitted to represent the county in the state senate.

The fact that Governor Holcomb approved the straw bond of Nebraska's defaulting state treasurer and made him the responsibility for the loss of state money, cannot be kept in the background.—Greenwood Record.

A VOTE for W. H. Newell for state senator is a vote for a practical man, honest and courageous, ready to back up the principles of the national administration, and willing to look after the interests of the farmer and merchant in our state legislature.

POPOCRATS may be excused, because of party affiliations, for supporting their ticket this fall, but so far as republicans are concerned the honorable Assistant Secretary of War happily described them as Spaniards and supporters of Sagasta.

The outlook for the success of the republican ticket could not be brighter than at the present time. Every candidate in this county has been a resident here for years, and they are known to be able, upright men, fully deserving the support of their neighbors.

E. M. POLLARD was born in Cass county; he is a graduate of our state university; is a practical farmer, and is better equipped all round for legislative work than any man that could have been named. A vote for Pollard is a vote for an honest man who will represent Cass county faithfully and ably.

J. J. YOUNG has followed the plow for a quarter of a century in South Bend precinct. He is a good scholar, sound on every question, and backed up by his record of two years ago, makes him an invaluable candidate. The good people of Cass county will see to it that he is returned by an increased majority.

THE Journal makes another error about Newell having a ticket to what at the time was called a glove contest. What it did not attend on, his opponent, J. M. Patterson, was those who advise the fight and his son, Sam, as time keeper. Now if the Journal can get any comfort out of all the facts it is certainly welcome.

MANAHAN makes laughing stock of himself by offering to discuss a section of the constitution of the United States with E. J. Burkett. The constitution is all right, Brother Manahan, and it is now over a hundred years too late for profitable discussion, but then the party to which Manahan belongs is usually about a century behind the times.

For county attorney, Jesse L. Root is the man. His excellent record as a successful lawyer, his sterling ability and excellent character is known the county over, and his election is an assured fact. With his election Cass county can claim one of the ablest, if not the ablest, county attorneys of any county in the state.—Elmwood Leader.

THE conservative becomes uneasy over the decision of the supreme court in the Joint Traffic association case, and demands the dissolution of all labor unions. Brother Morton loses sight of the fact that labor unions have in addition to keeping up the price of wages, given the public a higher grade of labor and thus in two ways have benefited the state.

TURNER ZINK is one of the best qualified men that has been a candidate for the office of county commissioner for years. His election means a great deal to the taxpayers of the county, and there is no question about the Third district giving him a good round majority. He is a man of force and energy and with the advantages of a fine education his presence on the

board will be felt.

"COIN" HARVEY, collector of campaign funds for the national democratic committee, has resigned, giving up his emblems of office, which was an empty purse with a hole in it. Contributions flowed as slowly as a molasses barrel in January; it was useless to sit at the seat of custom when none came in. Nobody can blame him for retiring and making room for a successor to audit his pocket.

REMEMBER that a vote for W. H. Newell is a vote for sound money and continued prosperity and against tinkering with financial matters. A vote for Mr. Patterson is a vote for free silver with all the uncertainties and hard times that would follow. Our people who were idle in '95 and '96 know what a free silver threat means. If they want more idleness and more hard times, a vote for the silver candidates will bring it now as it did before.

THE horse "Ormonde" that a Californian bought of the Duke of Westminster a few years ago for \$150,000, has been sold back to the original owner for \$50,000. The Louisville Courier-Journal invites the calamity howlers of the Pacific slope to raise their voices in grief over this depreciation of prices. It is evident that the capital mistake of Coin Harvey and Mr. Bryan was in yoking silver up with wheat when its real twin sister is the race horse.—Ex.

MESERVE made a bad mistake when he attempted to run his bluff concerning the solvency of his bondsmen. A non-partisan committee from Pawnee county finds upon investigation that the bond is a straw bond. That sureties justifying for thousands of dollars are insolvent; that many are non-residents with no property in Nebraska; that others have no property assessed for taxation in Nebraska; that many are dead and the state of Nebraska is without protection so far as the state treasury is concerned. By all means "Listen To The Truth."

WORKING men who know the difference between the idleness of '95 and '96 and the demand for labor in '97 and '98 should see that their votes are cast against every threat of free silver. The promised better times and more money came with McKinley and not disaster and ruin as the silver orators told you. Stand up like men and vote for your own best interests by electing an honest money ticket, and there will be no danger of hard times. Confidence has been restored, don't shake it again by the threat of repudiation which is what free silver means.

GEORGE FRED WILLIAMS, the lumbrico politician of the east, who came to Nebraska a few days ago to enlighten the ignorant here as to the real issue, violently assailed the so-called McCleary currency bill. A few days after he had delivered himself of his first tirade he was instructed from headquarters that he had made a mistake, that it was the Hill-Fowler currency bill that he was against, and so he set up and knocked out one man of straw that doesn't count. Mr. Williams is not a success as a luminary. His orbit is crooked and his axis is bent. He is in apoplexy when he should be in perihelion. He should be shipped back to Boston and sent to the repair shop.—Fremont Tribune.

W. H. NEWELL is one of the best business men in Cass county. This is conceded by all and because of his qualifications many outside of his own party will give him their vote. We ask the voters to candidly and honestly consider Mr. Newell's ability, his long residence in this county, his high moral character (being considered by the Journal too moral a man for mayor of Plattsmouth) his eminent fitness for the position of state senator and we believe your honest better judgment will convince you that Mr. Newell should receive your vote. He is in every way qualified and is by far the best man for the place.—Elmwood Leader.

THE Nebraska Independent, a populist organ published at Lincoln, has been lashing itself into a fury for a few weeks over the dastardly work of President McKinley in keeping Col. Bryan in the army and exposing him to sickness and, peradventure, to death. "It is murderous," that paper says and it proposes to carry Nebraska on this issue at the coming election. This is a fair sample of the cheap trick which the popocratic press and orators of that faith expect to carry the state on. If Bryan doesn't like his job he can resign, throw up his job of over \$3,000 per year, and come home. There are no strings on him other than the attachment for the handsome salary which goes with the office of colonel.

THE OUTLOOK FOR TRADE. Agriculturally and industrially we have prospered in spite of the distractions of war. There is less to be said that is encouraging concerning domestic trade, but with the hands of the administration upheld in its efforts to gather the fruits of the war with Spain and with sound money legislators at the state capitals and in Washington

there are no reasons for doubting that 1899 will be more prosperous commercially than any year since 1892, or perhaps, than any year in our history.—New York Sun.

CHAINED TO POPULISM

Nothing could better illustrate the difference between the simulated democrats who are chained to the vices and vagaries of populism, and the real, genuine gold standard democrats than the difference between oleomargarine and real cream-evaporated butter. The populists are pinchbeck statesmen, and the alleged democrats who follow them are oleomargarine democrats. They are as different from the full-weight-and-business democrats of the gold stamp, as tallow and lard are from genuine Jersey butter. Oleomargarine, according to Holcomb's administration, is good enough for invalids who are the wards of the state; and oleomargarine democracy is good enough to furnish voters that secure all the offices to the populists. The sick will thrive on bread spread with oleomargarine just as satisfactorily as democracy thrives when veneered with free coinage of silver at sixteen to one, and other financial and economic fallacies. Oleomargarine statesmanship is as good for the state of Nebraska as an oleomargarine diet is for the insane and other wards in the public institutions of this commonwealth.—The Conservative.

INFORMATION AND OPINION.

The Pope is again reported dangerously ill.

The Nebraska City News continues to talk through its nose.

The yellow fever has been wiped out in Cuba, but now the small pox has broken out.

Spain declines to surrender the Philippines, and another season of parity may be expected, but they will have to come to time.

Our fusion friends are badly frightened, and not without good reason. It really looks like a sweeping republican victory all over the state.—State Journal.

Weyler turns out to be a big thief as well as a butcher. Late reports show that he took \$1,300,000 from the treasury there before he went to Cuba, in honor of the Weyler brand comes high.

Champion S. Chase died at his home in Omaha yesterday after a brief illness. He had held many public offices and was for years very prominent in republican circles.

The populists have been very reckless in calling republicans thieves and robbers, indiscriminately, and now it makes them sore to be confronted with proof that the portion of fusion to republican rascals is about sixteen to one.

Charles Offutt, one of Omaha's most brilliant young attorneys, shot himself last night in the head with a revolver and died instantly. He was a sufferer from nervous prostration, caused by overwork, and had but recently returned from the Atlantic coast where he had gone to consult specialists about his illness. He leaves a wife, the daughter of C. E. Yost, and three children.

Alexander R. Shepherd, formerly of Washington, has made a fortune of about \$12,000,000 in the mines at Batopilas, Chihuahua, Mexico. "He seldom visits the United States," says a correspondent of the Boston Transcript, "being content to remain in seclusion in the innermost recesses of the Sierra Madre. Batopilas has been visited by but few Americans. The town is shut in by towering mountains. The streets are well paved, and several beautiful parks make the place a paradise. Governor Shepard has equipped the town with a free public library of several thousand volumes of choice books; installed an electric light plant, and, in fact, no convenience which is to be found in the largest cities of the United States is lacking at Batopilas. Some time ago Governor Shepard ordered a piano from New York. It cost \$2,000 to have the instrument conveyed over the mountains and set up in perfect order in his house.

J. I. Unruh has just made a purchase of 100 iron bedsteads with woven wire spring mattresses, mattresses and pillows which he will offer at the low price of \$5.00 each. The entire outfit for the price has never before been offered at such a low price. A complete bed can be seen in his store window. All who are needing anything in this line may get a bargain by seeing him before buying.

Notice.
From this day on I will not be responsible or pay any bill or debts contracted in my name by any parties by any name or relation.

OSWALD GUTHMAN,
November 2, 1898.

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MESERVE'S STRAW BOND.

The Scandalous Facts Brought Out by a Committee From the Three Parties.

The rumors that reformer Meserve's bond was almost worthless was verified in Lincoln yesterday, when a committee composed of one prominent member from each of the three leading parties, who were selected by the citizens of Pawnee county, made a thorough investigation. They found one-third of the largest signers absolutely worthless, and the others are said to be in most instances of the same stripe. This committee composed of one republican, one populist and one silver democrat makes its report which is appended below.

If the present state house ring is returned, the Bartley scandal promises to be outcome. The fact that Holcomb makes no effort to have a new bond filed, shows conclusively that he is in league with the treasurer. The conditions are alarming and at this time there is but one remedy, "turn the rascals out." Here is the report which is not a republican document:

LINCOLN Neb., Nov. 4, 1898.—We, the committee, the membership of which is composed of citizens and taxpayers of Pawnee county, Nebraska, and who are delegated on behalf of other citizens of the said county to investigate so far as may be the value of the bond given by State Treasurer Meserve, do, upon making an examination of the public records at the state capital and at the Lancaster county court house, make the following report:

We find that the following named persons are signers on the bond of J. S. Bartley and also on that of J. B. Meserve, their liability on each being set opposite their names:

| Meserve bond. | Bartley bond. |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| S. S. Harwood..... | \$20,000 |
| C. A. Hanna..... | 40,000 |
| W. W. Fitzgerald..... | 10,000 |
| A. B. Clark..... | 10,000 |
| E. E. Brown..... | 10,000 |
| W. A. Paxton..... | 10,000 |

Totals.....\$200,000 \$1,350,000

In relation to this we find that the persons when they signed the Meserve bond had not been released from liability on the Bartley bond, which was a liability against them of \$1,350,000. We further find that the following persons, residents of Lancaster county, are sureties on the Meserve bond.

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| A. M. Crawford..... | \$20,000 |
| L. W. Fullerton..... | 40,000 |
| We find that the said Harwood, Hanna, Clark, Fitzgerald and Brown signed both the bonds as residents of Lancaster county and each of them took oath that they were worth the amounts set opposite their names "over and above all liabilities and subject to sale and execution within this state." An examination of the records develops the fact that the aforesaid bondsmen are assessed for personal taxes for the years 1897 and 1898 on the following valuation of property. | |

| | 1897. | 1898. |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| S. S. Harwood..... | \$ 80 | \$ 80 |
| L. W. Fullerton..... | 40 | 40 |
| Mary Fitzgerald..... | 900 | 900 |
| E. E. Brown..... | none | none |
| C. A. Hanna..... | none | none |
| A. B. Clark..... | none | none |
| A. M. Crawford..... | 60 | 6000 |

NOT GOOD FOR AMOUNT.
A further inquiry among the business men gives us the information that seven bondsmen mentioned above and whose liability on the Meserve bond is \$780,000 and on the Bartley bond \$1,350,000 are not good for the large amount set opposite their names, and taking into consideration their liability on the Bartley bond, suit upon which is now pending, scarcely a dollar could be collected from any of them should suit be brought on the Meserve bond for any considerable amount.

We find that C. A. Hanna and A. B. Clark are not now living in this state; no property is found belonging to A. M. Crawford for 1897 and that J. W. Fullerton has judgments against him in justice court which he has not paid. Much of the property of Mary Fitzgerald is found to be in litigation or incumbered and Mary Fitzgerald herself as one of the signers on the Bartley bond entered a plea of insanity to avoid liability thereon. We find no evidence to show that either Harwood or Brown are wealthy men or that they could either of them meet the liabilities on the various bonds they have signed.

Under the circumstances we are convinced that so far as the bondsmen mentioned herein are concerned, the approval of the said bond of J. B. Meserve was ill-advised and that the governor of the state, who has the approving power, did not exercise his full duty in investigating the matter and guarding the interests of the taxpayers of the state. We have had no opportunity to further investigate the standing of the bondsmen who live in other parts of the state and cannot report upon them.

R. P. JENNINGS,
C. H. NORRIS,
FRANK KOVANDA, JR.,
Committee.

REQUEST OTHERS TO INVESTIGATE.
The committee requested that the list of the bondsmen might be published so that the people in other counties might take up the investigation if they cared to do so. The committee, after finding over one-third of

the security on the bond to be worthless, concluded that it would be of no use for them to go farther into the matter. Captain Jennings expressed surprise that the bond had been allowed to stand so long without investigation, when he found that practically every business man in Lincoln knew of its condition. The members of the committee, when they looked over the list of wealthy people in the other counties, as shown by the bond, expressed considerable doubt as to the real worth of the men should a suit be brought to recover a large amount. In speaking of this they said that in their own county, which was one of the oldest and best favored in the state, there was not a single individual who could give a bond for as much as \$50,000 and tell the truth about his liability, and they were naturally skeptical when they read of the great wealth of people in other counties, "over and above their liabilities."

New Nations For the Tropics.
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 3.—Captain Lee Linn, chief commissary of the army in the Philippines, who arrived here on the Peru, is on his way to Washington with official reports. His home is in Wabash, Ind., and he will stop there before returning to Manila. He said in an interview: "It is probable that in the future the government will have two kinds of rations, one for troops in the temperate zone and another for soldiers in the tropics. I suppose that more meat with practically no fat will be provided for men in the Philippines. I saw a message of complaint filed by the Colorado regiment. The fault is not with the government or the commissary, it is with the company cooks and the company officers. There is never any complaint from the regulars. They know how to husband their rations. They even save sufficient to create quite a company surplus fund."

A Gala Ball.
The Tuxedo Dancing Club held their first ball of the season last evening at Waterman's Hall, and a most delightful time is reported. The Mandolin Club is better than ever this year, and the girls in their new gowns were prettier than ever. It was a nice crowd, and if the initial ball is any criterion, those which are to follow will be specially enjoyable. Among those present we note the following prominent young people:

Messrs. Goos, Weidman, White, Ballance, Atwood, Groves, Elton, Miller, Nowell, Van Horn, Elster, Ralph White, Patterson, Fricke, Thygeson and Kaubia. Misses Foot, White, Evans, Florence White, Tartsch, Unruh, Sullivan, Valley, Atwood, Kessler, Anna Sullivan, Woolson, Patterson, Fricke, Lansing, Hajek, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Kessler, of Omaha.

The Apple Crop.
The Orange Judd Farmer says: The total supply of apples from the 1898 crop of the United States is 27,700,000 barrels, compared with something over 40,000,000 last year and 70,000,000 in the record breaking crop of 1896. The failure is widespread, reaching from the Pacific coast to Maine, and in none of the state does the output of fruit approach an average. In the great apple states of the west the crop is almost an absolute failure, although the situation in Michigan is better than elsewhere, having about two-thirds of the bumper crop of 1896. New York has only one-fifth of a crop. The crop of Europe is reported below the normal.

She Loved Not Wastely.
Ida M. Comer, a rather good looking young woman of twenty years, was in Justice Archer's court today seeking to make a dashing widower by the name of John Long, who resides near Brook Bluffs, either marry her or pay for ruining her character. Miss Comer works for a family at Union—her father being a resident of Greenwood. Long did not look kindly on a matrimonial entanglement, but to go to jail was a serious proposition, and he was considering the matter when we left the court room, and it appeared as if he might conclude to wed.

Not an Empty Treasury.
In a speech State Treasurer Meserve says that Bartley turned over to him available funds, \$708,853.62, besides that tied up in buried banks, and "I got after Bartley went out of office, \$153,000 and some odd dollars of school money, which makes \$862,627.75. This is exactly how the treasury stood."

R. A. Dittmar has the advantage of running against a weak young sprig of the law for float representative, and the intelligent voters of Cass and Otoe ought with respect for themselves, to make Mr. Dittmar's majority an even thousand. He deserves such a distinction and his election is generally conceded.

There is such a bill?—Ex.
A good eight room house to rent with barn and city water in Second ward near business portion of city. Enquire of JOHN WATERMAN.