



# C. E. Wescott & Son.

## \$25

### ABSOLUTELY FREE!

\$25 in U. S. Notes Given Away.

We have had made for us a number of skeleton keys after the style used by Uncle Sam. A cabinet containing \$25.00 in U. S. notes is now displayed in our show window, this cabinet has a lock and only one key will fit it. The person holding this lucky key will be presented with the \$25.00 absolutely free. A key will be given free to every purchaser buying \$1.00 worth of goods at our store; \$2.00 two keys, etc. To glance at these keys they all look alike, but on closer examination it will be found that they are all slightly different, and only one of those distributed will open the door of the box. The locking and sealing of this box with the \$25.00 inside was conducted by such responsible and solid business men whose signatures appear below, and is a guarantee of the straight forwardness and genuineness which characterizes all our dealings.

### TO THE PUBLIC.

We, the undersigned, have locked this box, containing \$25.00, and placed the key among the other keys to be given away as stated by C. E. Wescott & Son. We have also put our seal over the lock, and no living soul, not even the Wescott's themselves can tell which the right key is that will open the box. SIGNED,

SAMUEL WAUGH, Cashier First National Bank.  
W. K. FOX, Postmaster Plattsmouth.  
J. C. EIKENBARY, Sheriff Cass County.  
GEO. A. HAY, Register of Deeds.

Everybody can't get the correct key, but everybody can take advantage of nearly a \$25,000.00 stock of new and desirable Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Shoes, etc., at lower prices than was ever sold in this city or any other city, and if you happen to get the right key you will not only get the best bargain you ever got in Clothing, but you will be \$25.00 ahead

Get the Bargains. Get the Keys.

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# About Complaints!

## Had a complaint

The other day about one of our Overcoats--not a common occurrence, either.

Linings Going!

Button-holes Played Out!

Even the Fabric

Seemed Worn Out!

That was enough to discourage any clothing man, wasn't it?

**B**UT it turned out that he'd BEEN wearing it ten years.

We didn't give him back his money--Oh, no! All we could do was to sell him another.

That is all the redress the wearers of WESCOTT & SON'S clothing really care for.

TRY IT FOR YOURSELF.

# Wescott & Son.

Rockwood Block,

Plattsmouth, - - Neb.

## How's Your Figure?

Trim? Straight? Well developed? Then don't spoil it with "ready-made" clothes which were cut to fit everybody. Wear clothes that fit--that were made solely for you.

## How's Our Figures?

Suits, tailor-made. . . . \$15 to \$20  
Pants. . . . \$4 to \$6  
Overcoats. . . . \$10 to \$18

Made to measure--to fit you perfectly; superior material, latest styles.

ADD OUR FIGURES TO YOUR FIGURE, And the Result Will Delight You.

## WESCOTT & SON,

ONE PRICE AND NO MONKEY BUSINESS.

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DAILY AND WEEKLY.

C. W. SHERMAN, Editor.

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A REPUBLICAN organ is tired of having "Bryan, McKieghan and Kem" in congress. Shouldn't wonder. They are and have been thorns in the flesh of all corruptionists and monopolists.

SINCE the election it is understood that the B. & M. management is boycotting newspapers that opposed its political policy in the late campaign. Apparently it only wants the patronage of those who agree with it in politics.

THE republican newspapers have become convinced that Governor Holcomb is a pretty good man. In effect they are taking back all their pre-election clatter. Not a word from them now intimates that they ever had any idea that his election would injure the state's credit.

THE great French engineer, De Lesseps, is dead. He it was who built the Suez canal, beginning it in 1859 and finally completing it in 1869, connecting the waters of the Mediterranean with those of the Red Sea. He also began the digging of the Panama canal, but that work has thus far failed.

TALK about your hungry crowd, but the fact that the republican leeches have been choked off for the past two years, has sharpened their appetite to the keenest edge. There are thirty applicants for secretary of the senate, and no less than two hundred fellows in training for other positions in both senate and house.--Beatrice Democrat.

FRANK H. WILSON of this city seemingly stands an excellent chance of securing the chief clerkship of the house, which would be a compliment to Cass

county and the selection of a very competent, ready and capable man. In fact we know of no man in the state who is better fitted by natural and acquired ability for a place of such responsibility as that of chief clerk than Mr. Wilson. Besides, he is a typical republican.

THE average republican seems to be very hard to please on the commissioner question. About one-half are kicking at Frank Dickson for not supporting or voting for Mr. Davis, and the other half are kicking because Mr. Eickhoff didn't vote for Mr. Todd. It is a fact, however, that if either side to this controversy were to receive any benefit from the selection of either of these two gentlemen the favor would probably have been at the expense of the county, while the selection of Mr. Patterson helps nobody in particular, but the whole county in general.

THE Chicago Times has recently changed ownership, has been enlarged to a regular sixteen page edition, has put on a new dress which makes it equal if not superior in the beauty of its typographical appearance to any paper in Chicago, and is now the model newspaper in the best of all newspaper towns in America. Its price to mail subscribers is \$4.50 for a seven days a week daily, per annum. In principle the Times is purely democratic, and it will doubtless take front rank in circulation and influence. It is the paper for the people.

A JOINT resolution, proposing an amendment to the constitution, providing that the president shall not be eligible to re-election, has been introduced by Congressman Bryan. It is in accordance with the principles of the platform upon which he made his race for senator. The same idea was favored by Mr. Cleveland in his first letter of acceptance, and ought to be placed in the organic law of the land. A president ambitious of re-election has always been a detriment to good government.

GEO. W. LEIDIGH, late candidate for floot representative, is being pushed for the wardenship of the state penitentiary by his friends. THE JOURNAL earnestly hopes Gov. Holcomb will make the appointment. We know of no better or more capable man for the

#### A DEMOCRATIC COMMISSIONER.

It was a strange outcome of the struggle over the appointment of the county commissioner to fill the Dutton vacancy that a democrat should be selected by the appointing power, but there is often "a wheel within a wheel," that the general public is not aware of. In the result, however, there is a general acquiescence, because the selection is recognized as a good one, and the part which Judge Ramsey took in the affair is certainly very creditable both to his judgment and conservatism. To begin with he made an offer to the two republican officials to the effect that if they would agree upon a man--either upon Mr. Todd or Mr. Davis or upon some one else--that he would join them in making the election unanimous; but if they could not agree he would stand by and vote for Mr. Patterson, and hoped that one of them would come to him and elect his choice. Leastwise they could not blame him for standing out for his first choice. This was a fair and reasonable position to take, and he was very much astonished to find that on the second ballot taken Saturday afternoon Mr. Eickhoff voted with him for Mr. Patterson--and elected him.

The public reasons given by Mr. E. for casting this vote are not known, but the private ones are well understood. Mr. Todd was known to have been opposed to making the county pay the cost of repairs on the Platte river bridge at Louisville--and this was enough, although there were other, and weightier ones.

The practical question that comes up now or in the near future is, does the appointment made hold until the next annual election. On this authorities are divided. County Attorney Travis has been looking up the law and authorities on the subject and holds that the selection of Mr. Patterson to fill the Dutton vacancy holds until the election and qualification of his successor, which can only be accomplished after the next annual election. This was also said to be the opinion of Mr. Polk, the county attorney-elect at first, but since then he has changed his mind.

However this may be determined there is no question but the appoint-

ment made is a first-class one, and that the interests of the county will be well served while Mr. Patterson is a member of the board.

#### WM. L. WILSON CONFIDENT.

The following letter from Chairman Wilson to a friend in Tacoma, Washington, has been made public:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1, 1894.--MY DEAR HAZARD: I am very grateful for the kind words you send me in the name of my democratic friends in Washington. I appreciate their personal and political friendship and shall try as earnestly to deserve it in private life as in public service. I do not allow myself to repine over my own reverse, and, as to the general disaster, I am confident that the people will soon learn that the democratic party did not deserve any such chastisement at their hands and will come back to us as passionately as they seem to have left us.

This country does not belong to the trusts and monopolists and no single battle can give it to them. An army may be defeated, but our cause, as the old Roman, Allen G. Thurman, said on his recent birthday, is the cause of free institutions, and is therefore invincible.

W. L. WILSON.

THE appointment of county commissioner to fill the Dutton vacancy, it is held by good lawyers, can only last until the present term of Mr. Dutton expires, because the statute specifically says that such appointments shall only hold for the unexpired term. An illustration is given thus: Suppose Mr. Falter had been elected for the next term and he had died as well as Mr. Dutton before he was to take his seat, then there could be no question that the present vacancy could not be held to extend over the term for which Mr. Falter was elected. On the other hand if the present appointee should qualify and as the newly elected member would not appear for qualifying, the appointee might hold over until the election following.

THE announcement is made that Senator Vorhees is preparing a speech, to be delivered soon, in favor of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. The fact is significant. No man in the senate more clearly follows the drift of public sentiment or is truer to it than the great Indianan. He favored the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act more as a tribute of respect to the opinions of President Cleveland than upon his own judgment, but now he proposes to stand by his own convictions and push free coinage. He will be able to lead the party in the same direction.

#### THE QUESTION OF FREE SHIPS.

The question of free or of subdivided ship building is the subject of a lengthy editorial discussion in the Omaha Bee, which deserves some comment. The position taken therein is that the present policy of prohibiting the registration of foreign-built ships is a failure because it has reduced the use of American-built ships in foreign waters to almost nothing. The proposition now before congress, the Bee says, "of course" will receive "the united opposition of the republicans." Why "of course?" Plainly because such a course would stultify the action of that party during the entire time since it came into power--for more than thirty years. Under that policy other nations have swept American ships from the sea because of their ability to make them cheaper and better. The Bee is afraid that a free ship bill would close American shippards and "take the bread from the mouths of American labor," etc. That is a familiar cry. It's a wonder the Bee don't throw its type-setting machines out of doors and put the printers back to work at the cases again. Is it not taking "bread from the mouths of American labor" by the use of advanced methods of getting out a newspaper? Why consult the men who are sticking to the old methods of building wooden sailing ships, when it is seen that practically that method of shipbuilding has been superseded? Is it not true in other lines of manufacture American methods have been so cheapened the manufacture as to drive out foreign competition? Look at the business of shoe manufacture: Today there are seven immense establishments, in London, as big as any in that city, in advertising and selling nothing but American-made boots and shoes!

The adoption of machines for making shoes drove thousands on thousands of journeymen shoemakers out of that and into other employments, or into the immanipulation of the machines; but the result is the cheapening of shoe-manufacture several times over and the consequent supplanting of that business by American manufacture of shoes in nearly all parts of the world. Would it have been better, for the sake of the shoe-makers, to have continued the old methods at double the present cost of production? We don't believe it. Neither do we believe in the subsidy plan, which always breeds corruption and immorality in business. Give

American genius an even chance once, and tell the ship-builders they must rely on their own resources, and there need be no fear of the result. New methods will speedily supplant old ones, and high-priced American labor will assert its superiority in the cheapness of its product, as it has done in every other direction where it was thrown upon its own resources. Give us free ships, and soon the world will discover that American shipyards are able to outstrip the world in the quality and cheapness of their ships--and pay double the old world wages. The Bee should not be frightened by a shadow.

#### Thurston's Principles.

World-Herald: He has the advantage of reputation, eloquence and personal popularity, and represents the extreme sentiments of the republican party. He is for high tariff, a force bill, national banks of issue, and believes that the republican party can do no wrong. He professes friendship to silver, and yet his advocacy of it is so equivocal and his plans so full of "ifs" and "ands" and "buts" as to be of no real service to the cause of bimetalism. His intimate connection with the railroad interests has so biased him against regulation of rates and kindred legislations as to make him objectional to those who believe in laws controlling corporations. The very ability of Mr. Thurston will weigh against him in the minds of those who fear that it will be thrown against the interest of the people.

W. D. MERRIAM, of Clarinda, Iowa, the tax title purchaser, was in town over Sunday looking after his interests here. It seems that he is pretty smart, and his smartness doesn't all consist in buying up tax titles for a song. By reason of the failure of the Citizens bank the fact was disclosed that he had on deposit in the bank nearly \$20,000, which escaped taxation, of course, by having it out of the jurisdiction of the local (Iowa) assessor, and of course the bank officials here would never tell about a little thing like that. It was a sharp trick, of course.

SINCE the St. Louis Republic has degenerated into a gold-bug organ its editorial page has lost much of its life and vigor, and it is not to be wondered that its course contributed to the loss of that state to the democrats during the late campaign. Preaching plutocracy and democracy doesn't mix well.