#### May 27, 1879

#### SCISSORS DEPARTMENT.

#### Criticisms of the Supreme Court.

The New York Post during the last The New York Post during the last esidential campaign, bitterly de-unced Mr. Bryan and his platform for and its criticism of the supreme ourt. The Post maintained that the supreme court, being the court of last resort in all affairs, ought to be free from criticism. But a change has come over the spirit of the New York Post's dreams. The Post made a bitter criti-cism of the supreme court's decision recism of the supreme court's decision re-lating to the freight association. In defense of that criticism the Post says: "Several newspapers for which we have a sincere respect have commented on our criticism of the supreme court's de-cision in the case of the trans-Missouri freight association, as though a loval freight association, as though a loyal newspaper were bound not merely to obey but to approve of all decisions made by that tribunal. This doctrine is susceptible of very wide application. It would require us to approve of the Dred Scott decision. It would require Dred Scott decision. It would require us to give our assent intellectually to the contradictory decisions of the court; as for example, to the decision rendered by Chief Justice Chase denying the constitutionality of the legal tender act, and to the latter ones affirming it. There have been, as we are frequently reminded, two contradictory decisions on the constitutionality of the income tax. Which of these may a patriotic c'tizen criticise? The proper answer is that he may criticise both. Mr. Lincohn laid down the correct rule in his debates with Senator Douglas, that we owe obedience to the decisions of courts, but do not necessarily owe them our appro-tal. A moments reflection will show hem that any other rule involves intel-contradiction. contradiction.

This is worthy of special attention because it fairly illustrates the position of the monopoly organs. They assailed Bryan because he criticized a supreme court decision that he believed to be unjust and against the interests of the beople. Now that the court has ren-dered one decision that is not agreeable to the corporations the Post and other to the corporations the Post and other monopoly organs denounce that decis-ion; and it is worthy of remark that in justification of their right to criticise they employ the same argument for the use of which they heaped their scorn upon Mr. Bryan less than seven months ago.—World Herald.

### Prosperity Wave.

The board of regents of the State Uni-versity have discontinued the prepara-tory department of that institution and the result will be that a large number of young men that received their education in the country schools will be subt out, as only graduates of some accredited high school or persons who can pass an examination in the studies usually taught in high schools will be admitted. This will work a great hardship on farmers sons and daughters who may want to attend the State University as not one in ten could pass such an ex-The following quotations are from an ditorial in last week's York Republican. As times progress conditions improve.

Yes, we noticed five bank failures dur-ing the past week.

There is a botter feeling.

Five of the largest cotton mills in Massachusetts closed last week.

A feeling of security, of faith in the country, renewed faith in each other, is gradually tak-ng the place of the unrest and dissatisfaction of he past four years.

Over 18000 tailors went on a strike in the state of New York during the past

People know that a condition that was four irs in maturing cannot be set aside in a few maths, and the cry of the clamorist for his are of the 'promised prosperity' becomes more alifestly foolish to the public mind as the weeks go by

The Pennsylvania railroad reduced wages twenty five per cent last week.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN. In this day and age a man who does not take a newspaper is poorly qualified to fight the battle of life. Don't think Furnished by the Government Crop and that you are too poor to subscribe for at least your home paper. It only costs a small amount and you had better economize in a hundred other ways than do without it. Don't commence to eccuomize at the wrong end of the string.-Almena Lantern. THE V

"Down in Missouri," says an lows pa-per, "they have introduced hugging so-cieties to help swell the church treasury, and the following scale of prices is given: Miss under 15, 15 cents for a hug of two minutes, or 10 cents for a short squeeze; from 16 to 20, 50 cents; from 20 to 25, 75 cents; school marms, 40 cents; an-other man's wife, \$2; widows, according to looks, from 10 cents to \$3; old maids, 8 cents each or two for 5 cents and no limit to time. Preachers are not charged and editors pay in advertising, but are not allowed to participate until every-body else is through, and even they are not allowed to hug anyone but old maids and school marms." and the maximum temperatures exceed-ed 90 degrees in many localities, espec-ially in the central counties, on one or more days. The rainfall has been above the

## normal in the extreme western and While Uncle Sam is feeding British subjects in India John Bull is loaning \$30,-000,000 to China and preparing to make Greece whack up to the sultan. And yet some people wonder why Uncle Sam was unwilling to swallow John's arbitration treaty .- St. Paul Press.

When will prosperity arrive? Some of the gold standard people are now run-ning in that Jold gag of planting corn and expecting roasting ears the next day. No one expects such impos-sibilities, but a fellow would feel justified in kicking if he shouldn't have roasting ears after his corn had been planted six months.—Stanton Register.

If it is paternalism for the government to do anything to benefit the people by performing any service possible for indi-viduals to do, why not place our army under the control of individuals or sypunder the control of individuals or syp-dicates, and pay them so much a year to keep order and repel invaders? Car-negie imported an army and it did fair shooting. If Carnegie, Pullman and Hanna could have the legal right to command our armies, there would be no more strikes of workingmen, and our government would avoid the stigma of populist paternalism.—Sledge Hammer.

The board of regents of the State Uni-

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Lincolu, Neb., May 25, 1897.

The past week has been a very warm

one; the daily mean temperature has

averaged 7 degrees above the normal

and the maximum temperatures exceed-

The rainfall has been above the

work. It has been fairly favorable for

the growth of vegetation. In a large

portion of the central and southwestern sections of the state the small grain is

beginning to suffer for want of moisture,

and corn is sprouting slowly and coming up unevenly for the same reason;

generally small grain has grown well in

other sections. Corn planting is nearly completed in the central and southern

counties and more than three-fourths of

the crop is planted in the northern counties. The early planted corn is coming up in all sections and there is a

a general complaint that the stand is

thin and that considerable replanting

will be necessary. Cultivation of corn has commenced in the southern countles.

REPORT BY COUNTIES

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION.

Sarpy-Corn nearly all planted; blue grass and clover in bloom. Stanton-Corn about all planted, some up and a good stand; some rye is beginning to head; vegetation growing very Weather Bureau

fast. Thurston-Small grain doing well; corn nearly all planted, some coming up not a good stand; some complaint of the corn rotting in the ground.

Washington-Most of the corn planted; small grain looks well; pastures good; rain would do good go Wayne-Small grau doing nicely; some

complaint of poor stand of corn; cousid-erable corn yet to plaat; first planted sugar beets coming up. CENTRAL SECTION.

Boone-Small grain doing well; corn planting nearly done. some corn up and

n good stand. Buffalo—Corn coming fairly well, small grain suffered before the showers of 18th and 21st; fruit will be a short crop. Custer—Corn planting about finished, early planted coming up; ram needed in early planted coming up; ram needed in

northern part; pastures and small grain showing effect of drouth there.

Dawson-Corn nearly all planted and coming up unevenly; small grain looks better after rain of 21st; some are irri-

gating wheat. Hall-Rye is heading out very heavy; all small grain looks well; corn planting tting well along; frost did not injure

Howard-Small grain needing rain badly in parts of the county; corn plant-ing about finished, corn coming up

nicely. Merrick—Rye heading out and looks promising; corn mostly planted, some up and looks well; small grain needs more rain.

Nance-Winter wheat improving; rye and oats looking well; corn mostly planted; early planted corn and potate are up.

Sherman-Early sown wheat looks fairly well; small grain has begun to suf-fer for want of moisture; corn not com-ing well because of drouth. Valley-Corn planting about finished;

some coming up; small grain and grass doing well but need rain; fruit has set

#### BOUTHWESTERN SECTION.

Adams .- Wheat looks well, oats not so

Butler-Corn nearly all planted; worms are doing considerable damage to corn; some fields will be replanted; oats and wheat need rais. Cass-Wheat, oats and all vegetation doing nicely; corn planting nearly com-pleted and cultivation commenced. Clay-Corn planting nearly completed;

Adams.-Wheat looks well, oats not so good; eorn planting about done; some corn large enough to plow. Dandy.-Corn planted and some of it up, some ready to cultivate; potatoes looking fine; good rain on 20th and 21st. Franklin.-Corn planting about fin-isbed; too cool nights for eorn; winter wheat and rys in good condition. Frontier.-Corn nearly all planted and some up, is plainly seen in the rows; rye was never finer at this season in county. Furnas.-Some are cultivating corn; some seed not coming up evenly; past-ures and alfalfa fine; wheat looking well. Gosper.-Corn coming up finely and a good even stand; all small grain in good condition; gardens somewhat backward. Harlan.-Small grain generally good but drought caused wheat to turn yel-low in places; rye heading out; pastures good; alfalfa immense. Hitchcock.-Week hot and dry; all crops need rain.

young men that received their education in the country schools will be subt out, as only graduates of some accredited high school or persons who can pass an examination in the studies usually taught in high schools will be admitted. This will work a great hardship on farmers sons and daughters who may want to attend the State University as not one in ten ceuld pass such an ex-amination and are necessarily deprived of the means of obtaining a first-class education. The people of the state sup port the university and should not be deprived of its use by a high toned board of regents,—Geneva Gazette.

rope need rain. Kearney.-Nearly all corn planted, much of it up, earliest ready for cultiva-tion; winter wheat vastly improved; small grain looks very fine. Lincoln.-Small grain much source for want of rain; three-tourths of the corn

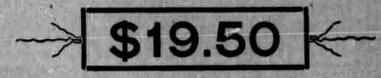
vianted. Perkins .- Weather dry; corn all planted

Red Willow .- The light showers of the 19th and 21st moistened the top soil





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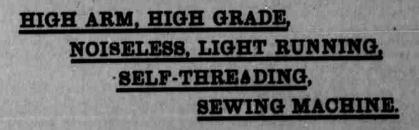


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spring showers and summer rains.

Two bank failures in the state during the past week and cash collections have not been harder the past four years than now.-York Democrat.

It has lately been estimated, by the war department that the cost of sixty minutes fighting by the North Atlantic squadron would be over \$1,000.000. The squadron is composed of fourteen ships, the Indiana, Iowa, Massachuretta, New York, Brooklyn, Columbia, Maine, Texas, Terror, Amphitrite, Puritan, Releigh, Montgomery and Marblehead -Cedar Bluffs Standard.

Populism in Nebraska seems to be constant nightmare to T. E. Sedgwick and J. W. Johnson. They are very melancholy just now, and appear to b uffering from a very severe case of insoania, judging from the tone of their tings .- York Democrat.

Omaha was successful in securing the removal of the Indian supply depot from Chicago, She is indebted to Senatur Allen for it. If Allen were up for re-election would Omaha appreciate all that Nebraska's senior senator has done for that city?-O'Niel Sun.

Our lady readers should bear in mind that men do not get married when p. Zes are falling, wages decreasing and opportunities vanishing. Every young lady in the United States who wishes to fulfill her destiny by becoming a wife and mother, should use her influence with the young men of her acquaintance in behalf of Bryan, free silver, good times and lots of wedding cake.-Beacon Light.

In judging of others a man laboreth in vain, often erreth and easily sinneth but in judging and examining himself he always laboreth fruitfully.-Arapahoe Pioneer.

Mr. McKinleys promise to open the which in turn would make a demand for farm produce at higher prices is slow materializing. On the last week in October, just before the election, wheat a New York City was S7 and corn was 32. On the same day a week later, after the election of McKinley had been flashed

ever the country, wheat droped to 80 ents and corn to 29. During the Graeco furkish war wheat ran up to 87 and 8 and corn to 32. It has settled tack down. Corn is three ents lower since the election, 29 cents, and wheat at 76 has fallen off eleven ents. Hogs and cattle remain practially the same .- Butler Co. Press

How silent the republican papers now are over the credit of the state. Is it possible that the good old party will ever again howl about the credit of the state and shout'stand up for Nebraska." The boomerang they make on that line hast fail had enough hypoerisy in it to react on them to the extent of knock-ing them out of power then, and for all time to come in the state -- Polk Co., Independent.

we've been told it seems so easy that we wonder why we didn't figure it out our-selves. But hold! Russell-sage and seer-one more question, please. What in the name of Crossus is it that causes What the shrinkage of values?-Madison County Times.

Omaha has secured the Indian warehouse depot and all Nebraska is rejoic-ing. We place Nebraska with her Allens against the world.-Western News.

The further the investigations go into the records of the offices recently vacated by our republican brethren at Lincoln. the more rotten it looks and more leaks are found. From all appearances no state ever had a more corrupt administration, and it is not all on Eugene Moore and ex-treasurer Bartley, either. The whole gang has been rotten to the core, and the whining of a lot of 6x9 papers like some in this vicinity, that the whole party should not be held re-sponsible for the acts of one or two men will not go down. They were your of-ficials and you claimed they were all right, and would have been claiming the same thing yet if the pops had not found them out and now you must stand your share of the responsibility.-Ord Journal.

Senators are again suspected of dab bling in sugar while tinkering the tariff. This, however, is quite in harmony with the dominant watchword of the age-"opportunity." The tariff has furnished the opportunity, and the senators are thriftily taking the tide at its flood.— Herald (Bertrand.)

When you observe a republican sheet repudiating Bartley and Moore and in another column printing a blackmeiling letter from one Johnson of Lincoln, you can bet they are not very sorry-except ing that they don't like to be caught .-Pender Times.

No wonder Cleveland took a decided interest in the Sandwich Island question. He is reported to be one of a syndicate of New York capitalists who have \$48,-000,000 invested in sugar plantations in Hawaii.-Star and Kansan.

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of regents,—Geneva Gazette. The cause of the hard times is no longer a mystery. Rusel Sage, one of the greatest of the very great financiers, has finally consented to divulge the secret which has so long racked the brains of us lesser lights. He says it is all brought about by the "shrinkage of values." Well well well Now that we've been told it seems so easy that we first time; winter wheat improving; gardens fine. Nuckolls-First corn planted ready for

cultivator and generally a good stand, a little to plant over; wheat and oats looking well.

Otoe-Corn planting about finished; considerable early planted corn will have to be replanted; all other cereals and fruit doing finely. Pawnee-Early corn coming up good; oats need rain; wheat coming on well.

Polk—Planting corn progressing rap-idly, early planted coming up. Richardson—Corn planting completed;

corn coming up well; small grain looks well but rain is needed. Saline-Corn mostly planted and com-ing fairly well, some of the early planted

rotted on low ground; fair crop of early fruit in prospect. Saunders-Corn about all planted and coming up fast; grasses have come out

nicely; potatoes a good stand; garden vegetables doing well. Seward—Corn about all planted aud the early planted about large enough to cultivate; some complaint of poor stand on account of wire worm; winter wheat and rye heading.

Thayer-Corn coming up and a good stand generally; some damage by cut-worms; corn cultivation commenced; small grain doing well.

York-Some are through planting corn but there is considerable yet to plant; earliest planted corn up; rye head-

ng. NORTHEASTERN SECTION. Antelope—Farm work has been rushed along; abut 30 per cent of the corn yet to plant; dry and cold; conditions not the best.

Boyd-Small grain doing well; corn planting well advanced, some coming up; rye heading out; light frost on the

Burt-Small grain and grass doing nicely; quite a bit of corn being replant-ed because of poor seed; early potates

up. Cedar—Small grain doing well; corn planting mostly fluished, some up and looks well; some potatoes up; fruit trees and shrubbery doing well. Colfax—Up to Friday ground was dry

and crops needed rain; good rain Friday and all crops now in good condition. Cuming-Some corn to plant yet; rye a heading out and looks well.

Dixon-Corn planting nearly completed, early planted coming up, mostly a thin stand; wheat in good condition and

a large acreage, Dodge — Corn planting still being crowded, first planted coming well; cut-worms working some; wheat making

elow growth pastures good. Douglas Considerable corn planted during week, earliest planted 2 and 3 inches high; small grain and pastures toing well

Holt-Cora about planted, early planted iarge snough to work; potatoes look-ing fine; wild fruit some injured by frost. Madison-Wheat and oats rather backward; cors most all planted; con-

elderable replating necessary. Pierce-Good growing week but dry as.l last days windy; most of the corn planted; plenty of grass; rain would do

rond. Platte-Best growing week of the sen-son, rys heading out; coru planting faished, early planted up; some replow-ting necessary; alfalfa all winter killed.

and did much good.

WESTERN AND NORTHWESTERN SECTIONS Cherry .--- Splendid week; small grain coming up nicely and a good stand; corn being planted quite extensively; grass

growing rapidly. Cheyenne.-Pastures never looked bet-

ter; some corn up aud doing well. Deuel.-Heavy rains beneficial; past-ures excellent; some corn up; alfalfa doing well.

Keith .- Much needed rain came on the 20th; farmers are busy planting corn;

small grain and grass good. Keya Paha-Nice rain; grassheppers taking a great deal oi the small grain;

corn coming up well. Kimball-Small grain mostly up and a good stand; corn and potatoes being

planted; graas good. Rock-Corn planting about finished; grain of all kind looks well.

Scotts Bluff-Corn coming up, the frost of the 14th did little damage; gram and pastures much benefitted by rain of the 17tb.

Sheridan-Range good and stock doing well; + If ilfa in good condition.

Thomas—Ury week; ground in fair condition but needs rain soon; the frost last week did little damage. G. A. LOVELAND,

Section Director, Lincoln, Neb.

Manslaughter in this country has increased from 1,448 in 1886 to more than 14,000 in 1896, says Texas Farm and Ranch. Italy has long been considered the most homicidal of nations, but we surpass her more than ten times over, and more than five times in proportion to population. Our increase in this one crime has been 100 per cent per annum, or 1,000 per cent in ten years. This is not all-other crimes against persons and property are similarly increasing. Convictions for crime are not keeping up with the ghastly pro-

planations of this disagreeable fact: As a people we are becoming altogether too clamorous for "personal liberty," and hence tolerate, and often champion customs and institutions that breed crime. Also, our courts have ceased to be a terror to evil doers. The entire legal fraternity, from the highest judge to the most contemptible petti-

surd formalities and obsolete precedents which multiply indefinitely the chances of the guilty to escape punishment. The proof of guilt may be never so absolute, yet unless all the musty formalities be fully complied with, no final conviction can be had. Thus the

a contributary factor in crimical annais. This poverty may be real, or merely comparative the result is the

rame. Unless an unexpected reform shall soon be an accomplished fact, the result in the near future is fearful to contempiate.

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cession. There are two reasonable exfogger, unite in their devotion to ab-

law has become a thing for public contempt, and inspires but little fear on the part of the criminally inclined. There is another cause which no doubt operates to a considerable extent to increase crime. Poverty has siways been