

# THE GREATEST GOOD TO THE GREATEST NUMBER.

That's the broad gauge principle that directs the management of this store, and during the next week so that people from all parts of the state,

## Visitors to the Great Assembly,

as well as all Lincoln people, may have the advantage of purchasing whatever they may need in Clothing and Gent's Fixings, Boots and Shoes. We will give a straight discount of 25 per cent, or 1-4 off on everything in our house (excepting only contract goods) viz.: E. & W. Collars, Sweet Orr Overalls, and Manhattan Shirts. We will admit that there is no money made ON THESE SALES, but it will materially aid you in CLOTHING YOURSELVES and fitting you out in Clothing and Footwear at unheard of Low Prices. Whether you wish to purchase or not, do not hesitate to come in and see the values we offer. What you see will leave an indelible impression on your mind and will be of service to you in the future.



Men's and Boys' Suits, nothing but what is fresh, bright and new, seasonable clothing, which we know you want. Glance in our show windows and see the styles, the makes and fabrics, then come in and examine every fibre and stitch. This is the greatest sale ever made by Mayer Brothers. Remember this is your opportunity to purchase any SUIT in OUR HOUSE at 25 per cent discount or 1/4 off the regular selling price.



Good, strong serviceable pants, a variety of patterns to select from, made to sell at \$1.50 during this 25 per cent Discount Sale.

**\$1.13**

New and natty pants, well made, cut and fit. Made to sell at \$2.50 during this 1/4 off sale.

**\$1.88**

Fashionable pants, splendid materials, choice patterns, made to sell at \$4.00 during this 1/4 off sale.

**\$3.00**

Elegant and nobby pants, cut, fit and fashion perfect. Made to sell at \$5.00 during this 1/4 off sale.

**\$3.75**



## SHOES...

IF YOU WANT TO SAVE MONEY BUY YOUR SHOES NOW AND SAVE 25 CENTS ON EVERY DOLLAR YOU SPEND.

## THIS 25 PER CENT DISCOUNT SALE

An extra 25 cents taken off on every dollar's worth of goods purchased of us during this week. Sale closes positively on SATURDAY, August 30.

# MAYER BROS.

### THE HUNGER FOR LAND

Arable Acres of America Being Rapidly taken Up.

### RUSH TO THE NORTHWEST

Enormous Sale of Railroad Lands.—The Future Outlook.

### Interesting Facts On the Land Question.

In previous articles, the INDEPENDENT has called attention to the fact that while there are about six hundred million acres of public land belonging to the United States, but a small part of it is really good farming land, without irrigation. There are in fact no large, continuous bodies of agricultural land, such as have already been settled. There are scattered farming tracts in Nebraska and other states of the west and south still open to homestead entry. But the bulk of the vast domain of Uncle Sam, remaining in his hands is either mountain or grazing or to be farmed only by means of vast irrigation plants.

The people have just been getting hold of these facts and as a result there has been a rush the past two years to secure possession of farm land while there was any left. Over a million acres have been homesteaded in the mountains of Southern Missouri and Arkansas and every little valley among the foot hills of the Rockies has been culled over for land fit for the plow.

But probably the greatest rush has been to the wheat lands of the Northwest. The northern Pacific railroad received a gift of about 40,000,000 acres of land from the federal government. This land ought to have been kept for the homesteaders, but they are compelled to buy it from the corporation at from \$6 to \$15 per acre and since the real situation in regard to the lands of the United States became known there has been a tremendous rush to buy before it was all gone.

The total sales of the Northern Pacific company in Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana, since July 1, 1889, aggregate the immense area of 2,857,674 61 acres. Of this quantity 1,228,118 87 acres are in Minnesota, 509,155 27 acres in North Dakota and 1,122,400 57 in Montana. These lands passed into the hands of the purchasers, a very large percentage of whom were actual settlers. The sales by years during this period, with the number of purchasers

each year, are as follows:		
Fiscal year, ended June 30:		
Purchasers.	Acres.	
1890 .....	517	171,057.81
1891 .....	598	258,036.54
1892 .....	1,975	496,297.95
1893 .....	1,101	172,118.99
1894 .....	526	82,256.06
1895 .....	1,008	107,819.11
1896 .....	2,380	306,720.06
1897 .....	1,701	316,063.92
1898 .....	3,451	946,704.27

It will thus be seen that the sales during the past fiscal year were three times as great as in the preceding year, twelve times as great as in 1894 and about twice as large as in 1892 the largest previous year in the company's history. It was therefore a record breaker and a good one too.

One of the officers of the railroad land department in speaking of this rush for land said:

"Our customers are principally farmers or farmers' sons from Iowa, southern Minnesota, southern Wisconsin and Illinois with scattering sales to newly arrived immigrants and to persons from every part of the Union. They are well to do, almost without exception, and are buying for the purpose of building homes. The policy of the company is to sell to actual settlers, and, as I stated, over 75 per cent of the purchasers east of the Missouri river have contracted to settle upon and begin improvement of their and within twelve months from the time of buying."

"West of the Missouri river, in North Dakota and in Montana, we do not expect the percentage of actual settlers to be very large. Those parts of the Northwest are principally adapted to stock raising and purchases are made of large bodies land for grazing purposes. Of course, there are fine agricultural lands to be found in Western North Dakota and in Montana, but the area is so limited, comparatively that the preponderance of sales must be made to persons who will employ the land for other purposes than raising grain and field products."

"You must remember that the figures I have given you relate only to that part of the grant handled at the St. Paul office. The western end at Tacoma has enjoyed quite as prosperous business."

"There the best previous year was 1890, with sales of 225,226 acres. It is as low as 15,922 acres in 1895. For the year just ended it reached immense total of 605,609 acres."

These figures indicate the speedy coming of the time when good farm land in Nebraska will rapidly advance in value. They indicate the importance to every father of securing and holding enough land for his children to make a home upon. They also indicate the early arrival of the day when the practical application of the principles of the Omaha platform regarding land will become a necessity.

### Hot Springs and Returns.

Only one fare to Hot Springs, S. D., and return via the Elkhorn Pass, Aug. 9th and 10th and September 10th and 20th. Limit 30 days. Rest your mind and cure your body by a trip to this delightful resort. Get tickets at 117 S 10th street.

### Lancaster County Convention.

The independent, democratic and silver republican county conventions met in Lincoln yesterday, effecting separate organizations, made an equitable division of nominations, passed ringing resolutions upholding the national administration in its prosecution of the war, hoping for peace but declaring loyalty to flag and country and offering support. The state administration was endorsed for its honesty, efficiency and economy in public affairs and for the many reforms the present officers have put in force. No instructions were given to state delegates on governor or other candidates. George W. Berge was given the county delegation for congress in the independent convention and James Manahan received a like favor at the hands of the democrats.

The following county ticket was unanimously nominated by the three conventions:

State Senators, J. J. Stein and T. H. Tibbles, populists. Representatives, L. M. Wente and C. W. Phipps, democrats; A. E. Sheldon, J. H. Curyea, populists and E. Sialer, silver republican. William Schroeder democrat, for county commissioner. The nomination for county attorney was left open for the populists to select.

### Congressman Stark Re-nominated.

The Fourth congressional district conventions of the reform parties met at York, Nebraska, yesterday and nominated congressman Stark unanimously.

### JAPAN WOULD HELP DEWEY.

Four Formidable Warships Ready to Strike if Necessary.

LONDON, July 27.—A dispatch from Shanghai says the Japanese warships Washino, Chin Yen, Itsukushima and Saiyen have been hastily dispatched to Saieho, to reinforce the Japanese squadron there, making it the strongest in those waters. It has been ordered to co-operate with the British and American admirals in the event of international complications.

While the dispatch does not explain the matter, it is inferred the squadron is desired to be in readiness for Philippine operations.

### SHAFTER REPORTS HIS LOSS.

Twenty-Three Officers and 208 Men Killed at Santiago—Eighty-One Missing.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—General Shafter's detailed report of the American casualties of the battle of Santiago has been received at the war department and is now preparing for publication. The total number of casualties was 1,335. Recapitulated, the American losses were: Killed, 23 officers and 208 enlisted men; wounded, 20 officers and 1,303 men; missing, 81 men. The missing are supposed to be dead, as so far the Spanish forces took no prisoners.

## IT COSTS YOU NOTHING to Come to Lincoln . . . . .

### YOUR RAILROAD FARE PAID....

DURING THE EXPOSITION SALES AT THE EXPOSITION DEPARTMENT STORE.

### This Offer Closes December 1, 1898.

Bring a receipt from your railroad ticket agent and we will pay your return fare within 50 miles of Lincoln with \$15.00 purchase, or we will pay your round trip fare within 50 miles of Lincoln with \$30.00 purchase. We will pay your fare one way within 100 miles of Lincoln with \$30.00, or round trip fare with \$60.00 purchase. We will pay your fare one way within 200 miles of Lincoln with \$60.00 purchase, or we will pay your round trip fare within 200 miles of Lincoln with \$120.00 purchase. This means that you can purchase the following lines of reliable, dependable merchandise here as low and in many cases lower than you can elsewhere west of Chicago, and your transportation costs you absolutely nothing.

Notions, Carpets, House Furnishing, Groceries, Queens- ware.	Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Silks, Cloaks and Suits, Millinery, Jewelry.	Men's, Ladies' and Children's Furnish- ings, Hosiery and Un- derwear, Ladies' and Children's Shoes.
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### STOP-OVER PRIVILEGES FOR LINCOLN.

All railroads centering in Lincoln will grant stop-over privileges on all tickets to the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, going limited to any train prior to midnight of day of arrival, and returning to limit of ticket. We shall be glad to greet you.

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NEBRASKA'S LARGEST AND FINEST DEPARTMENT STORE.

<b>War V Scored.</b> Washington, July 27.—(Special telegram to the Post.)—The report by way of Madrid that Manila has fallen is believed here. The attack was expected to occur last Sunday, and it probably did with the result that Manila is now in the hands of the Americans. Secretary Long says he thinks Spain will now agree to our terms of peace. If it does a special session of the senate will have to be called to ratify the treaty. The president has been advised that Havana cannot hold out a month longer. The blockade has been too strict for the Spanish to secure supplies. The INDEPENDENT 1 year \$1.00.	<b>Bryan Reaches Jacksonville.</b> JACKSONVILLE, Fla., July 24.—The Third regiment of Nebraska volunteers, in command of Colonel William Jennings Bryan, arrived here yesterday on six special transports over the Plant system railroad. Bryan's regiment will be encamped at Panama park, five miles from the city. Pay your subscription.
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