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#### THE WINNING TICKET.

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It is a case of figures vs. Froth. The populists have the figures.

Wheat is worth 89 cents a bushel in Custer county. This fact explains in sired to have sick soldiers starved or part why the republican campaign has been slow in starting. All the speeches and campaign documents had to be are inseparable from war, But in the shipped back to Washington and a new lot ordered.

Populists are making one of the ubusands, and the old democratic ma-Sine is badly shaken. The populists of sebraska send them their warmest wishes for a rousing victory in November.

Vermont held its state election last week. The republican vote fell off over 16,000 while the democratic vote increased 1,000. There was apparently no populist ticket in the field. The democrats have elected 41 members of the lower house-double what they had two years ago. These results are discouraging to the republicans and show that their way over the country.

A regiment of Michigan soldiersnany of them sick—was due to arrive iu their carriages to transfer the sick men. all the hackmen made the same offer. papers. When Governor Pingree was informed he remarked: "Listen to that, There are 57 millionaires in this city. and only 12 private carriages offered:"

The republican managers are building ing his homestead? high hopes of defeating Senators Beal and Mutz, who have been renominated avariably right in their vote. The seat in it: itical complexion of the papers, will ar out this statement. If the roters of the 14th and 15th senatorial districts adertake to please everybody in those 16 to 1. with mercared majorities.

A DOLLAR A BUSHEL.

The joke that raised the roof at the republican state convention last year was that in which one of the speakers said bushel.

The market quotations for wheat, esting study for those who would not 1896 and 1898; FUTURES.

1896 ....55 August., September..... ...575 .....45% December... 1898 1896 No. 2 spring..... ...53@54 .....60%@60% No. 2 red.....

where it was in the summer of 1896. It is still gradually declining. If Mr. Mc-Kinley raised the price by "restoring confidence" and "opening the mills" there is urgent need that he restore some more confidence and open some more mills. All who heard that masterpiece of logic and oratory-congressman Towne's speech last year before the populist state convention will recall his discussion of the price of wheat and its future as an almost exact prophecy of what has since taken place.

TRUTH ABOUT TREATMENT OF SOLDIERS.

The Omaha Bee and Lincoln State malice.

Granting they were so inspired the question the people of this nation want answered is this: What are the facts? Is it a fact that at Chickamauga park soldiers were compelled to drink bad water when the mountains of that region are full of pure streams? Is it a fact that soldiers in the hospital at land. They were not sent there to fight Chickamauga Park and elsewhere were neglected?

Is it a fact that camps were located in unhealthy localities when healthy ones were available?

Is it a fact that after the battles of Santiago there were no surgical and hospital supplies available?

Is it a fact that sick soldiers from Santiago were crowded on board transports and brought to New York without food?

These are only a few questions the people want answered. There is no "partisan malice" in the questions. It is the the facts that are sought.

No one supposes that President Mc-Kinley or any of his administration dethat some hardships and some suffering midst of spending all these millions in portation contracts, in bond deals the American people want to know if there candest campaigns on record in Texas wasn't money enough to get good prolis year. Their railies are attended by visions, good water, good camps and good care for the enlisted soldiers. There was food enough and medicine enough and hospital stores enough for the men and ships enough to carry them. There was an overflowing treasury to buy these things with. Why was not the money used to get these things to the soldiers? These are not partisan questions.

## STARK'S SENTIMENTS.

In a speech made in congress April, 19, 1898, Congressman Stark offered his views on the advisability of voting a \$400,000,000 bond bill when there was the "war wave" is not carrying things over \$200,000,000 cash on hand in the national treasury. Said he:

"When the relative standard of the two nations is considered, it will be seen that it is unwise to incur unwarranted expenditures or make needless prepara-Detroit last week. The liverymen of the tion for a struggle which may not be city promptly offered the free use of greatly prolonged. It is an evidence of reakness, not strength, for us to exhibit undue haste or willingness to mort-Only 12 private carriages were offered having an illuess in his family would in response to appeal through the city consider it reasonable to create a large interest-bearing debt so long as physician, druggist and merchant were glad to extend to him credit upon open acliabilities as they came in, to rushing headlong to folly and ruin by mortgag-

The backwoods school master who n their senatorial districts. There are would "teach either round or flat" geogome jeniousies and personal contro- raphy, according to the neighborhood, rerups in the case of both on which the has generally been regarded as a joke, epublicans depend for this result. It is but the Utah republicans have proven copartisan statement to say that in the contrary. They have undertaken he matter of legislation in the people's to teach both round and flat at the aterests Senator Muts and Senator same time and in the same school. At prairie grass and the rustling corn Seal were in the front rank during the their state convention last week they beaves. sion of 1897. They were constant in adopted by an almost unanimous rate attendance, active in dehate, and almost a pintform with the following plants

of the session, without regard to the po-litical complexion of the papers, will policies ably proposed and accomplished

"Independent of the action of any want to send men down here who can limited columne of alver at the ratio of and iro through the rustling corn leaves

potent threat. To those who were can- bad a little frame addition in front. For

in their decadence, it seems to have been wheat and silver had at last got to- agreed to have one plank lauding the gether-both were worth a dollar a president's gold standard policy and another one endorsing the Bryan platform of 16 to 1, unlimited, without consent both cash and futures, will be an inter- of any nation on earth. This highly satisfactory settlement of the whole listen last year to the suggestion that business was agreed to with a whoop. the famine in India and crop failure in The INDEPENDENT suggests that Judge Europe was responsible for the price of Norris and other republican candidates wheat. Here are the quotations for in doubtful Nebraska districts adopt it thought so because that was the world marchings having been done, and the in their campaign-for instance, make a he lived in and he had never visited any commissions all made out, and the griefs declaration that, whereas, etc., it is other worlds. 1898 necessary to be in line with the administration, we are for the gold standard and more bonds at Washington, yet, nevertheless, whereas, the people of Nebraska are not yet converted to that belief, therefore, we are in this state for 61%@66 silver coinage of dollars with silver enough in them to make every feather in The price of wheat is just about back the engle's tail point toward a certificate of election, etc.

It is usually expected of a state paper of any party that it will uniformly commend the party's course and approve what it has done. The INDEPENDENT desires to exercise a little wider latitude of judgment and expression than that of merely endorsing the action of populist conventions and populist officers. It mentions the fact now so that there may be a full understanding between it and its fifty thousand readers. No one paper, and no one set of men, is big enough to run the populist movement. It is the aim of this paper to fully present all shades of opinion in the movement Journal are making strenuous efforts to through its correspondence and press make it appear that the accounts of mis-clippings departments. Besides that, to treatment of our soldiers in hospital have an opinion of its own to express. and camp are inspired by partisan The life of the populist movement is this freedom of expression.

> It is to be hoped there is no truth in the reports from Manila that war is about to be precipitated between the American soldiers there and the Philipine insurgents. Nebraska has thirteen hundred of her sons in that far-off a people struggling for freedom. If a single boy of the First Nebraska is killed in such a war we can promise the authorities at Washington an investigation by the state of Nebraska herself that will not wait on the untieing of tape in either the war or state departments.

#### JOHN SHERMAN ALSO.

Old John Sherman of Ohio is out of office now and not afraid to speak his mind. The following letter was written by him to a friend who sent him a clipping from the Ohio State Journal criticising him for his outspoken attacks upon the management of the war and the treatment of the Ohio volunteers:

"Washington ,D. C., Sept. 7, 1898,ir: Your kind note of the 5th inst, is received. I am not disturbed by the criticism of the Ohio State Journal. It is mistaken in the cause of my enrnest interest for our buying ships, in coal contracts, in transf gallant soldiers at and after the battle of Santingo.

"Nor is it true that I am influenced by General Miles whom I have not seen for many months. Nor have heard from him.

"The treatment of our soldiers was harsh and cruel and this was caused by gross neglect and delay of officers

the war department. "I hope this will not occur again.

Very truly yours, "JOHN SHERMAN."

# A TRUE STORY OF THE TIME.

There was a boy once upon a time born in Nebraska. He was born on the edge of a cornfield, where the corn and the prairie met, in a little sod house plastered inside with white cotton sheeting, and with its one room divided into two by folding doors of the same material. He was sorry to be born, and cried about it, as many another Nebraska baby has done before and since. The wind rustled among the corn leaves to still the baby's crying and his father came in from the corn plow at noon, clothed in brown overalls, and carried the baby up and down in his great sunburnt arms while the little mother prepared the dinner with her own hands and placed it upon the pine table, They were very happy living all by themselves in the little sod house where the great sea of prairie grass rolled its waves all day long about them as though it would swallow up their little island home. And the baby's cries were hushed every day in its big sunburnt father's arms before he went out to the corn field and the breaking plow while the little mother worked in the little island home and watched through its single window the horses ears as they went up and down all day long through the long waves of

The prairie mice burrowed holes in the walls of the sod house and the rattlesnakes burrowed after the mice and occasionally got through onto the floor where the baby crept as he grew older, but that never harmed the baby nor daunted the little mother nor hindered the big sunburnt father from going to and the tall prairie grass.

stricts they had better try republicane. It will be remembered that Mark No the baby grew to be a boy and us out in that northwest region their Hanna had occasion to write a letter to pattered with bare feet in the paths that adidates will cheerfully agree to any. Utah republicans a short time ago warn- had been made through the tall prairie thing just now. If they want men who ing them not to desert the gold stand- grass and played in the shade of the will vote and work for the people's inter- and. To those who were caudidates for atruggling young trees that were grow-

and the quail that ran along the waves with cornfields and waving grass and a suspicion on the picket line of his heart. clear skg and freedom everywhere. He

words,-such a lot of people lived in it dust. and you had to know them all by their The glistening tears disappeared, but ton crossing the Delaware and Napoleon | them was pleasant. upon the Alps and Nelson breaking The camp at last. A medley of mules ever one and inseparable.

about the spot where once stood the pools and mouldering foliage about him. little sod house and the struggling One thing the boy began to notice rights. Alas! there was no such opporplow on a July afternoon. There was no bugle call to the field of glory and patriotism. There was likely to be none. There was no field for valor except the daring save the hoe and the pitchfork.

Across the brown prairie land there distress,-so far-off it seemed to be from a distant planet. The prairie land heard the cry and wished that planets were nearer to one another or that some genius had solved the problem of crossing inter-stellar space. The cry came nearer and blended with it the cry of one Ne- reviews went on although some of the braska women's voice. Then it was men were grown so weak they could not silent again, but the prairie land woke keep in line. The food grew poor in until paid out on public debts or up. It wasn't so far to neighboring quality and the hospitals were so over loaned out as the law requires of the planets after all.

over the hills one morning in corn plant- strange that the regiment was not and the party leaders. It would have ing time and blew so shrill in the boy's moved out there. Then he reflected ear that it startled him. "Liberty and that being only a private he was not exso long in the boy's bosom. After that Not being entitled to talk he could only rain on the dead corn stalks. "Liberty his company drop away until there were and giory-war and patriotism" at scarcely enough of them well to do guard every turning in the field. The team duty. was in the field the next day, but the sun- He felt like dropping out himself, but There would be no loss for the bank and breathless to camp.

edge of the cornfield and the great waves holes and do disagreeable duty. It was that rolled across where the prairie grass part of the discipline of the soldier. It used to grow, but where now grew a was preparation for the great work wheat field, and the sky and the clouds further beyond. "War and patrfotism -liberty and glory-one and insepara-

him to start on a visit to other ones. all the different transportation lines It came one April morning when the awarded contracts, and the orders come little mother fastened a new straw hat from Washington, the regiment moved. to his waist by a cord and started him The big sunburnt father and the little with a little tin pail in his hand across quiet mother had come down to witness the sea of prairie grass and wheat fields the event and with them a descendant clear, and the corn leaves rustle and the toward another little sod island a mile in apostolic succession of the fairy with big, sun-burnt father can lift him and away. The straw hat sailed safely over the wand and white collar. And tears carry him into the house as he used to the sea and found in the little island at glistened in the eyes of all three like the carry the baby at the noon time so the end of the voyage a fairy in a ging- rain drops on the prairie grass as the ham apron and a white collar. The boy's company marched down to the the white collar stands waiting with fairy had a wand and with the wand train and waved its handkerchiefs and swimming eyes and outstretched hand, she pushed sjar the gateway to the campaign hats from the windows until Back to life, and home, and hope. And other worlds. There was the world of the windows disappeared in a cloud of never more to repeat "liberty and glory

faces the moment you met them. There the cloud of dust staid. All day and was the world of numbers which was a all night and another day they traveled very hard exacting world to visit in- with it, through a maze of villages and everything had to be so straight and farms and forest and waving flags and prim and precise. And there was the gaily dressed girls and cake and pie and world of history. Best of all the boy sandwiches. "Liberty and glory-war liked that. In it was General Washing- and patriotism"-surely the path to

through the French line and Paul Re- and ambulances and equipage and tents. vere riding away through the night to Thousands upon thousands of men and Concord and General Grant at the Wil- miles upon miles of tented streets. Anderness and over it all a halo, Many an other thousand of men and another hour did the boy steal away from the mile of street. There was brush to chop other worlds to live in this one. Many a and ground to clear and tents to put up time did he storm the heights of Quebec and drains to dig. The soft clay was with Wolfe or charge down Lundy's lane very different from the sandy loam of with Scott. War and patriotism! Lib- Nebraska. The hot southern rain fell in ity, but to be half starved and half erty and martial glory! Now and for- torrents and the hotter southern sun came out and cooked the decaying vege-So thinking and living and dreaming tation until as the boy remarked they the boy grew to be a youth. The clear | had "steam soup" every day for dinner. Nebraska sky and the pure Nebraska "Liberty and glory-war and patriotair and the homely Nebraska corn bread | ism"-the boy kept saying everyday to and milk had done their part. He was himself as he tramped through the mud straight and sturdy and strong as one or stood guard rainy nights and watched of the tall trees that threw their shadow | the ghosts of Miasma rise from the cess

young saplings. He was strong and now that he was a thousand miles from sturdy and straight as they because like home that he had never thought of be- Russia finishes her railroads to the them he had grown up and out of Ne- fore-that was the difference between an sea, will be doubled and thribbled in braska soil and the roots of his being officer and a private. He had never supstruck down deep therein. The big sun- posed there was any particular differburnt father and the little quiet mother ence before-no more difference than and the fairy with the wand and white there was between the precinct assessor collar had done their part. He was and the men who elected him to assess. truthful and generous and loving be- Now he was suddenly made conscious in cause he had grown up in an atmos- direce intrusive ways that there was a they think, an unheard of thing phere of kindness and love and truth. very great digerence—one that he was among the state officers in power. His heart throbbed with sympathy for constantly reminded of for fear he would sufficient reason to kick them all out and suffering everywhere forget it. It was not that the regiment and the blood beat against his brain in was turned out on parade in the rain for such naughty things. For one, we are hot indignation at the story of cruelty the mere gratification of headquarters, in favor of making a law that all state or selfishness or wrong. His soul longed It was not that they had better food for the opportunity to throw itself into there than in the company mess. The all railroads in the state free. the conflict for freedom and human boy cared for neither of these things. It if any officer rides free and charges was despotism and class distinction. the state, county or city mileage it tunity. The nation was droning along The boy was born into the world of freelike a lazy plow boy following the corn dom and fraternity. He had enlisted to fight in their cause. He was willing to obey orders, to endure hardships, but he was not prepared to pay homage to anyone by Almighty God. And somecorn field and there was no weapons for how, percolating from division headquarters all the way down to the tent at the head of the company street was came one winter time a far-off cry of the idea of worship of shoulder straps. and sickness stalked into the camp. The water was unfit to drink. The seepage

and sewerage of fifty-thousand men first crack, you will see, the summer sun. The parades and grand crowded that the sick were uncared for And then there came a new sound. It in them. Out in the mountains the was the sound of a bugle! At last! Not water was clear and the air was pure. kept in the interest of the treasurer far off now, but near at hand. It came The boy used to think sometimes it was compelled to either pay debts or glory-war and patriotism" it cried. pected to think anyway. "Liberty and "Liberty and glory-war and patriot- glory-war and patriotism"-he wonism-"the old song that had slumbered | dered whether he was serving for them. there was no music in the blackbird's wonder and go on doing duty and digsenseless chatter or the patter of April ging water closet vaults and watching banks to secure the depositor just as

burnt father was behind them. The boy clear grit and fear of the hospital held would draw the interest on the honds. was at the recruiting office. He passed him up until the news came first of the the axamination. He held up his hand great victories and then of peace. Their bank wald be good dollar for dollar and took the oath to support the con- sornout nature tired of mounting The wash woman and the day laborer stitution and obey his superior officers. ground and the enemy rushed in. "A would be sure of their money. He was mustered in. "Liberty and bad case of typhoid" said the doctor. glory-war and patriotism" rang in his as he was taken to the hospital. Then cars when the drill sergeant took him in his delirium a new light broke upon out in a squad just like him and chased his mind. It was no longer "war and farms and other property. No matter them up and down across a muddy field, patriotism" that he murmured as he and haited and right-about-faced them tossed in fever. He seemed to see war and put them through the manual of at last in its true nature—a destroying that no mortgage or note should be arms at a ratting pace and at length despotism crushing all the nobler senti- collectable by law unless filed some turned them over to the company com- ments of the human heart. A waste of where in the state for assessment and mander who column righted and column human life and energy-a breeder of lefted them and deployed them as skir- selfishness, a companion of corruption marks of taxation by the government mishers and shut them up again like a and jubbery-a nightmare of intrigue The state has the same authority " lady's fan and finally sent them muddy and felly and crime. In his lever he saw tax and every enatorn man reaping the graves of his comrads who died in to pay taxes in Nebraska-The boy understood that this was all levered camps, he saw the millions of preliminary to the glory and liberty and money wasted in transportation conpatriotism that lay beyond. He heard tracts, in purchases of ships, in useless initiative and referendum means of schemings and wire pullings and bombardments, and with these he saw. They have not heard it discussed

didates for local office it was impossible. playmates the boy had the grasshop heart burnings over commissions and the home on the prairie where carefu Therefore, in the general spirit of mu- pers and the ground squirrels and Old soft places. He had none of them. He economy had ruled since he was born tual compromise that marks all parties Shep, the family dog, and the calf that rejoiced to stand guard in the rain and He saw the district school house whose was picketed to a short rope near the sweep the company streets and dig slop doors were open only four or five months in the year because the money would keep them open no longer.

He saw all these and knew even in his fever that out of their economy and selfdenial must be paid all the waste and of rustling corn. The boy thought that ble" was the watchword that answered extravagance of war. No wonder he the whole world was one great prairie every challenge of doubt or distrust or called "peace-home-mother" continually with burning lips.

And they came. The little quiet So then the marching and counter mother from the far-off Nebraska home, who had not been out of the state since all aired and the political pulls all packed he was born, was there in the There came a time very shortly for away for future use, and the agents for hospital at his side, with food, and nursing, and love that knew no bounds or obstacles.

Home again. Back from the hospital and fever camp. Back to God's country -where the air is pure and the water many years ago. Where the fairy with -war and patriotism-one and inseparable," but always so long as life shall last, "freedom, brotherhood, peace.

### HARDY'S COLUMN.

Criminal Wrong—Isthmus Canal Next
—Passes—Penitentiary Shortage,
Treasury Vaults—Security of Depositors-Taxation of Notes and Mortgages-Reforms Not Talked of in the East-Disarm-School Levy, Sugar Beets-Big Trust-McKinley and Prosperity.

It is quite evident there has been gross neglect if not criminal wrong connected with the commissary and medical departments in our volunteer army. It is bad enough to be shot at while defending the rights of humancared for when sick and wounded is worse than stopping bullets. If long marches had been the order there would have been some reason for lack of supplies, but nothing of the kind. We expected some sickness in Cuba, but there was no reason for so much on our own soil.

Now that the Spanish war is through, the next undertaking should be the completion of the Nicaragua canal. It becomes a national necessity, dividing as it does our national domain. Then our Pacific trade, when a very few years. National safety demands it as a work of self defense. Then, on top of all, the toll conjected of other nations will pay the interest on what it will cost if economically constructed.

The republicans have discovered, as and county and city officers shall be entitled ex-officio, to ride on any and shall be sufficient ground for impeachment.

There is another thing the republicans can't understand, that is why it should be necessary now to draw on the state appropriation for the support of the penitentiary while, before this, it has been self-supporting under fusion management. It is very easy to explain the cause for this. Republican thieves have filled up the prison to that extent made it necessary. The hot days of summer grew hotter But the prison will not be over-crowded long, if the republicans elect their governor for the pardons will fly livey. Joe Bartley will be pardoned the

> We hope the next legislature will pass a law requiring all state, county and city treasurers to keep every dollar of public money in the treasury school money. Then there will never be much money on hand. The million the republicans kept on hand was so been paid out had the treasurer been hold it in the treasury. Inspections of the treasury would keep matters straight. Nebraska has lost enough by the present syestem.

Another law for the further protection of the common people is very much needed. That is requiring the the bill holder now is secured. That can be done by a state law. We would allow them to put up state, county or city bonds to secure the depositor Then there would never be a run on

Every note and every mortgage giv en in the state of Nebruska should taxed in the state the same as housewho owns the mortgage or the farm or where the owner lives, they should be taxed here. I would in a a law taxation. A note or mortgage given today is not valid unless it bears the fortune in Nebraska should be forced

Few people in the east know what