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much less.

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R. Jackman, Painter.

Atlantic, Iowa. June 10, 1902.

Nebraska Paint & Lead Co., Lincoln, Neb.

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Peter's job of painting and was well pleased
with the way your paint worked. Please send
me color cards and price lists as I would like to
try some of your different paints.

Yours truly.

J. B. Jipsen,

Lincoln, Neb., June 10, 1902.

Nebrasks Paint & Lead Co., City.

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Yours truly, Yours truly, A. Urbahn, 1147 F Street.

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65 lbs. best granulated sugar	. \$1	0
6 10c pkgs, best soda		5
2 lbs. best baking powder		5
6 pkgs. best corn starch		5
4 lbs. best Japan tea		0
25 bars laundry soap		0
2 lbs. purest pepper		5
3 10c bottles lemon extract		2
3 10c bottles vanilla extract		2
6 10c pkgs. gloss starch		5
6 lbs. choice prunes		5
6 lbs. choice rice		5
4 lbs. choice raisins		5
4 lbs. choice peaches		5
3 pkgs. Rising Sun stove polish.		2
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strains one's credulity just a little to | the money market in New York city, acy, and that it was not made for the tightness of the situation there. specific purpose of making less obvious not only the rapidly increasing shortage in the amount of cash held by banks, but the rapidly increasing number of banks short in their re-

Even the change does not avail to cover up the situation very long for, in No. 30, which brings the reports down to September 15, it appears that the aggregate of banks in twentyfive out of thirty-three reserve cities (and including the three central reserve cities of New York, Chicago and St. Louis) are short in reserves. Just how much they are short in cash reserves must be determined by calcula-

For the first time in the history of these banks, the aggregate of all the 333 banks in the reserve cities, of first and second class, shows a net shortage of their reserves of \$16,559,297.23. Of this amount \$9,462,252,46 is in the 61 banks of the three central reserve cities, (that is, first class) New York Chicago and St. Louis. Dropping out of the calculation the eight cities of Philadelphia, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Kas., Denver, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Portlan, Ore., the remaining twenty-five cities are short in the aggregate almost \$26,000,-000. These twenty-five cities contain 264 banks; the eight cities above named contain 69 banks.

hands, in the aggregate, about \$30,-000,000 in excess of that amount. Only one state (Nevada) is shown by the abstract to be short in its aggregate of reserves, and that has only one national bank.

Now, let us turn to another thing. Abstract No. 30 covers the comptroller's reports from July 16 to September 15, 1902, in all 61 days, during which time there was an increase of "loans and discounts" of \$58,267,-849.48, or over \$955,000 per day not excluding Sundays, or almost \$1,100,-

000 for each business day. - During this time the 44 banks in New York city decreased their loans nearly \$13,000,000, so that the aggregate increase outside of that city must have been \$70,000,000. There ought to 311-312 Richards block, Lincoln, Neb.

to find out how much is really held. It be no mystery about the conditions of believe that this change was made in or of the anxiety of Mr. Shaw to find the interest of clearness and accur- some way, law or no law, to relieve The danger of our situation is at the head. The fact is, our administration

> Wall street gamblers than in protecting, by proper financial management, the business and inustries of our coun-FLAVIUS J. VAN VORHIS. Indianapolis, Ind.

is more interested in assisting the

### They Want a Cleveland

Editor Independent: "Put the federal troops in the coal fields," cry Baer and Markle. That is the keynote to all the demands of plutocracy always. Now we can see why the conspiracy to purchase the Philippine islands was hatched. The subjugation of that people demanded a large increase in the standing army. If the Baers and Markles only had a Cleveland in the White house now, wouldn't they be "in clover?" What a fine oportunity those islands offered to train soldiers to meet the demands of plutocracy? How the coal barons would delight in having the "water cure' administered to Mitchell or any miner who dared to say that his life was his own and not that of the Baers

and Markles? Mr. Hearst has had the attorney general of New York to cite the barons to apear before the court at Maurer, the respondent, and the stuff but his party men, even when he Albany, N. Y., and show cause why was off. Hinshaw was nominated. The 4,268 country banks are only require to carry a cash reserve of 6 per York, because of the violation of the will bring a good, old-fashioned acthey should not be restrained from anti-trust law of the state, and Hearst tion at law against Maurer and his asked that a referee be appointed to take evidence as to the acts and doings of these barons. Does any one expect those men to tell anything that would be detrimental to their own interests? Who was it, Mr. Editor, who stood flat-flooted before the president of this great nation and told bare-

faced lies? Was it Mitchell? The election is near at hand. How will those strikers vote on election day? There is the rub. Usually they strike right and then go and vote A. H. STEAGALL De Land, Fla.

W. M. Morning, attorney, rooms 310-

### PEANUT POLITICS

Secretary Marsh Shows His Hog Hair i Certifying Nominations to the County Clerks

George W. Marsh, the political accident who became secretary of state by the grace (or disgrace) of the check Mark Hanna left at Fremont in 1900, has given the people of Nebraska an example of peanut politics which shows the caliber of the man.

It will be remembered that the legislature of 1901 amended the ballot law so that a straight party ticket could be voted by making a cross in one of the party circles, placed at the top of the ballot. The law provided that each party having candidates' names on the ballot should be entitled to have its party name printed in blackfaced capital type near the top of the ballot, and a party circle connected to the party name by leaders (a dotted line). A schedule was also made part of the bill, giving a tentative form of ballot. In this the republican party was named and given a party circle; but the democratic and the people's independent party names were placed one above the other and given but one party circle. This was manifestly in conflict with the text of the law, and Mr. De France, who was then chairman of the populist state committee, commenced an action against Douglas Frye, county clerk of Lancaster county, asking for a writ of mandamus compelling him to give a party circle for each of the parties. The supreme court granted the writ, and it was supposed that no more would be heard of the question. The case may be found in 62 Nebraska Reports, at page

George W. Marsh knew about this opinion. He had the deputy attorney general appear in the case to look after his interests, although no one knew in what particular way the secretary of state could be affected, inasmuch as he has nothing whatever to do with preparing the official ballot. All the law requires him to do is to certify to the various county clerks the subthe several certificates of nomination it could be made up like a sample ballot. That is optional with him.

Mr. Marsh knew that the county clerks are apt to follow the form of whatever is sent out by the secretary of state, and he prepared his certificates to look like a ballot and at the names after the model in "Schedule A' of the ballot law-the schedule that law. Mr. Marsh pretended that he had forgotten about the court's decision and gave out to the press a statement that he had wired the county clerks to correct the mistake-doubtless a falsehood. In any event he knew that in the smaller counties, where the clerk must get his printing done miles from home, that his second answer would never reach them in time. For wholesale violation of law, a republican politician of the peanut variety, suca as Mr. Marsh has shown himself to be, cannot be excelled. Of course he knows that he has nothing whatever to do with directing the county clerks as to how they shall prepare the ballot. That is their business-not his. But he knew he could suggest an unlawful manner of arranging the ballot by making his certificates in that

Populists and democrats in every county of the state must stand up for their rights. It doesn't matter whether the ballots are printed or not, if the clerk is following the illegal form an action in mandamus should be brought against him at once. There can be no doubt as to the result, because the supreme court has already decided the matter.

A special effort should be made at feat this peanut politician and elect Honest John Powers.

### Judge A. Hardy

I met Judge A. Hardy at Beatrice Tuesday and traveled with him to Virginia, where he stopped for an evening meeting, and I went on to Dubois. The judge is fusion candidate for county attorney of Gage, and he gave me an insight into the rottenness and cussedness of republican rule in that county. It seems to me that upon the showing made, the republican ticket ought to be defeated overwhelmingly, but mullet heads appear to like to

be robbed. The county treasurer, or former treasurer, took some three thousand not entitled to. A republican county attorney began an action in mandamus to collect it! Think of that, ye

most anything outre. That mandamus suit to collect a debt is still dragging in court. It is 1889 and at \$4,300 in 1895, a reduction famous also because it made Rock Island Hinshaw the republican candidate for congress. Maurer, the respondent, was a delegate from Gage. The \$5,775 in 1889 to \$4,500 in 1895. Jefferson county delegation included Judge Letton, and some 243 times Jenerson had voted "18 for Hinshaw."

Dan Cook, a fledgling republican.

was manipulating the Gage delegation

for Burlington purposes. He went out If Judge Hardy is elected, he will I go to Humboldt for a meeting not monkey with a mandamus. He Wednesday night. bondsmen to collect what they owe the county. He showed me some of the rotten deals on bridge contracts. One place the contractor, with two \$3-a-day for the subsidy seekers. In his speech men and two at \$2, put in less than a | at Detroit he advocated the scheme day and a half repairing two bridges. of the ship subsidy crowd as openly No new material was used except as if he were its paid attorney. He nails. The bill was over \$111. And said he was not speaking in favor of that was but an item in one voucher | the bill, but he did speak in its favor, for over \$2,800. The judge says: "If and his argument was that the treasthere is \$96 of rake-off in an item of ury could stand the drain. He seems

whole \$2,800?" CHARLES Q. DE FRANCE.

## NEBRASKA RAILROAD ASSESSMENTS fact which no sophistry can gainsay.

### What They Have Been--What They Are--What They Should Be. A Startling Array of Figures.

		Lillian	ASSESSMENT		ASSESSMENT	
æ	COUNTY. Adams	MILES. 132.07	FOR 1892, \$749,235 00	MILES. 132.07	FOR 1902. \$682,521 60	\$1,284,396 11
I	Antelope	72.37	349,755 00	72.37	246,018 00	295,402 5
	Blaine		64,400 00	18.40	62,560 00	55,200 00
	Box Butte	42.25 28.59	147,875 00 142,950 00	49.52 28.59	102,924 00	148,580 00 132,228 75
	Buffalo		740,721 00	108.19	649,324 00	1,858,764 78
	Bart	35.21	176,050 00	85.21	183,092 00	241,233 7
	Boone		244,405 00	50.99	181,455 00	552,495 10
	Butler		657,127 00	134.27	491,133 00	1,052,712 50
	Cedar		838,682 00 227,370 00	124.34 47.36	862,614 20 204,780 00	1,141,147 00 245,833 50
	Chase	2.01	6,030 00	18.48	55,440 00	55,440 0
	Cherry	112.71	563,500 00	112.71	405,756 00	521,283 78
	Cheyenne	39.32	438,418 00	134.45	609,366 00	1,089,916 40
	Clay	119.99	725,492 00	120.96	645,510 10	774,448 4
	Cuming	36.32	332,942 00 181,600 00	43.43 36.32	272,494 00	468,300 44 179,388 44
	Custer	81.13	284,055 00	94.29	307,106 80	470,226 0
	Dakota	59.91	288,525 00	59.91	263,022 00	325,528 8
	Dawson	63.67	569,025 00	63.69	498,801 50	1,214,446 00
	Dawes	90.79 26.53	403,550 00	90.79	320,124 03	365.303 7
	Dixon	45.45	295,809 50 218,155 00	26.76 56.07	262,248 00 251,546 00	525,566 46 314,085 88
	Dodge	81.89	564.368 50	81.89	453,922 00	735,025 3
	Douglas	106.92	761,004 00	107.09	745,531 00	1,067,865 53
	Dundy	41.54	199,392 00	41.54	186,930 00	782,322 8
	Fillmore		731,400 00	127.86	626,924 50	834,183 3
	Franklin		205,008 00	46.34	185,661 00	527,878 4
	Furnas	62.37	128,520 00 258,400 00	32.13 62.37	110,848 50 252,297 00	96,390 0 293,918 0
	Gage		760,710 00	171.16	763,042 00	2,529,736 2
	Garfield	4.71	16,485 00	4.17	12,676 80	12,510 0
	Gosper		83,320 00	20.83	71,863 50	62,490 00
	Grant	30.89	108,115 00	30.89	105,026 00	92,670 0
	Greeley	51.85 74.96	190,665 00	51.85	161,851 40	308,471 60
	Hamilton	66.33	504,768 50 320,368 00	74.96 66.33	450,570 00 289,557 00	1,045,549 7
	Harlan	81.65	345,012 00	81.55	317,976 50	710,832 0
	Hayes	12.59	37,770 00	12.59	37,770 00	37,770 0
	Hitchcock	49.16	203,388 00	49.16	194,070 00	639,252 9
	Holt	77.62	377,975 00	77.62	267.282 00	316,086 2
	Hooker	30.18	105,630 00	30.18	102,612 00	90,540 0
	Jefferson	91.29	373,145 00 503,194 00	91,29 119,41	302,191 40 587,933 00	1,279,354 20
	Johnson		275,136 00	58.46	258,289 00	991,062 53
	Kearney	70.81	397,744 00	70.52	355,509 00	467,300 44
	Keith	41.75	465,512 50	41.52	406,896 00	815,452 80
	Kimball	38.15	425,372 50	36.21	354,858 00	711,164 40
	Knox Lancaster		138,300 00	27.66	120,824 00	157,456 78
	Lincoln		1,198,447 00 840,533 00	228.16 105.35	1,205,867 20 735,694 50	2,820,812 11 1,291,586 80
l	Madison		281,595 00	58.46	215,099 00	467,187 33
ı	Merrick		588,767 00	68.33	518,018 40	1,022,156 2
	Nance		152,730 00	33.94	118,790 00	717,491 60
	Nemaha		362,670 00	73.67	362,211 00	985,526 44
١	Otoe		596,828 00 532,185 00	139.09 112.26	517,119 50 525,453 00	775,076 13
١	Pawnee		390,924 00	87.10	369,377 00	1,843,535 50 878,998 90
	Perkins		175,400 00	43.85	151,282 50	131,550 0
1	Phelps	45.39	181,560 00	45.39	156,767 00	136,479 1
١	Pierce		283,690 00	59.30	206,620 00	244,472 3
١	Platte		582,574 00	97.16	465,698 00	1,316,559 2
١	Polk		94,870 00 217,079 00	21.49	76,648 00	336,979 9
۱	Richardson	1.00.10.10.00.00.00	396,060 00	50.46 80.36	209,673 00 401,097 00	641,261 2 1,185,582 4
	Rock		115,600 00	23.12	83,232 00	106,930 0
	Saline	80.25	557,617 00	82.72	527,873 20	945,772 3
	Sarpy	94.19	606,713 00	98.40	581,679 00	832,663 7
	Saunders		498,748 00	85.80	547,501 80	1,015,534 6
	Scotts Bluffs		412 700 00	40.05	88,110 00	120,150 0
	Sheridan		412,700 00 330,415 00	95.96 77.65	332,580 00 271,842 00	343,618 8 296,585 0
	Sherman		220,035 00	57.37	188,352 80	490,463 6
ı	Sioux	48.18	217,950 00	48.25	_170,542 00	198,180 0
۱	Stanton	22.98	114,900 00 -	22.98	85,960 00	110,779 0
۱	Thayer		454,130 00	99.11	415,504 50	934,046 0
l	Thomas		116,550 00	33.30	113,220 00	99,900 0
۱	Thurston		84,400 00	16.88	87,776 00	115,644 8
۱	Washington		154,255 00 267,000 00	46.27 53.40	146,944 40 239,600 00	268,282 4 157,009 4
۱	Wayne		227,700 00	45.54	236,808 00	311,994 5
۱	Webster	69.97	314,837 00	69.97	287,353 50	902,237 0
١	Wheeler	3.36	11,760 00	3.36	10,214 40	10,080 0
1	York	89.92	443,622 00	89.92	353,262 00	630,710 0
4	Total	2000	000 000 00s 00	X1 1100	\$26,589,592 70	\$52.803,992 5

The above table is copied from the Omaha Bee and is accurate. The Independent asks any honest man if the assessment of \$9,222.14 a mile is too much to every polling place in the state to de- assess those roads. In the recent great merger deal the Burlington was sold for about \$85,000,000 and the Union Pacific for over \$100,000 a mile. A vote for Mickey and the republican state ticket is a vote to relieve the roads from paying their just share of taxes and when you do that you vote for the privilege of paying your ly dictates to the producer of petrol- Christian people advocate republicanself, the taxes that the railroads ought to pay. The state is already \$2,000,000. eum what he shall receive for his prodin debt. You are paying interest on that and it has increased at least \$200,000 uct, and to the consumer what he shall during the last year. More taxes will have to be paid. Will you pay all the increase in taxes or shall the railroads pay part of the increase. On that question you will vote on the 4th of November.

Had a good meeting here Tuesday evening. The people are enthusiastic listeners, and speakers who are worn out at other places come here to get cheered up a bit.

Pawnee is a republican county, but the people are getting awake on the dollars of county money that he was tax question. The railroads here pay \$100 tax where they should pay \$238. Improved farm lands were assessed at \$5.69 per acre in 1889, and at \$6.06 pettifoggers! A bar that can turn in 1895—a rise of 61/2 per cent in the out a Prout might be expected to do six years. But the republican board of equalization assessed the R. V. line of the B. & M. at \$5,600 a mile in

It is about the same story all along the line. People are interested, yet they find it hard to drop party. They know that the populist plank promises something specific, and that the republican plank says nothing, yet it is for a drink. Judge Letton fell upon hard for a republican to vote for any knows it will cost him heavier taxes.

A Republican Opinion.

Secretary Shaw has taken the stump \$111 how much is the steal in the to think the United States treasury is maintained solely to supply money to any one who asks for it, and he has the nerve to tell intelligent citizens The Nebraska Independent, pub- that "the public revenues come from lished at Lincoln. Neb., is one of the the rich and well-to-do," and that 95 the registration of the people's verdict

buncombe on the stump Mr. Shaw may be useful to party managers, but as secretary of the treasury he is a fantastic misfit.—Philadelphia North American (rep.).

### **Crop Conditions October 1**

The monthly report of the statistician of the department of agriculture shows the average condition of corn on October 1 to have been 79.6, as compared with 84.3 last month, 52.1 on October 1, 1901, 78.2 at the corresponding date in 1900, and 77.7, the mean of the October averages of the last ten years.

The following table shows for the of \$1,300 a mile, or 23 per cent in six principal states the averages of condiyears. The A. & N. line shows sim- | tion on October 1, the corresponding ilarly a 22 per cent reduction, from averages one month ago, one year ago, and two years ago, and the mean of the corresponding averages for the last ten years:

	States	This month.	Last month.	Oct. 1, 190L	Oet. 1, 1900,	Ten-year average.
	Illinois	94	94	51	91	81
5	Iowa	76	91	59	100 52	81
	Kansas	81	91	21 35 31	52	62
	Nebraska	86	101	35	73	64
	Missouri	204	102 37	31	79	79
	Indiana	94 76 87 86 104 38 97 88 53	99	46 51	73 84 72 98	76 82
	Ohio	88	93 .	63	95	83
	Bo. Dakota	58	78	63 69 20 71 93 75	95 90	77
,	Oklahoma.	79	80	20	72	
1	Wisconsin.	75	88	71	100	84
,	Penn	86	90	93	78	83
	Minnesota. Michigan.	75 86 62 97	93 78 80 88 90 89 70	90	98 98	87 82

The preliminary estimate of the average yield per acre of spring wheat is 14.4 bushels, subject to revision when the final wheat estimate is made.

### The Negligent Voter

Editor Independent: The time for best newspapers in the United States. per cent of a ship subsidy would be draws nigh. On the morning of No-Lamar (Mo.) Daily Leader. "thrown to labor." As a purveyor of vember 5 we will awake before a fixed - "Thomilists on every essential boint as | Mr Mortensen has for years rente- | weether e

called—the sped arrow, the spoken word, the life that has been lived, and the opportunity that is past. It is to be loped that these words of one of earth's greatest men will be remembered at the coming election. Bear in mind that your vote is not your own property; it belongs to God, your country, and to posterity. You will be held to a strict account for a conscientious exercise of the elective franchise. If you wish to swallow the opiate of a full dinner pail, you will be estopped by your own negli-gence when it is forever too late to mend. There is in South America a monster called the vampire bat-half bird, half beast-which approaches a sleeping man, bites his great toe. places his lips upon the wound and sucks out his life while he fans the sleeper with his wings. This would be an excellent subject for a carlcature upon the different voter; for these are the lullables with which men of the Leslie M. Shaw ilk are rocking you in sweet sleep. "Prosperity-high prices -let well enough alone." The most alarming thing in this

country today is the indifference of the American voter. But a short time ago real statesmen of the Batteson type spent four months and a half in framing a constitution which would liberate Connecticut from the iniquitous borough system. When this constitution was submitted to the people, only 15 per cent of the electors of the state went to the polls. If free Americans will be thus indifferent to their rights, they must expect cute politicians to take possession of the ship of state and steer it according to their own sweet will. This has been an educational campaign. The Independent has faithfully done its duty. It has kept you informed as to what your rights were. If to harvest a few bushels of corn a few hours earlier, you will give the thieves a chance to rob you of ten times that amount, you will have nobody to blame but yourselves. If you go to the devil, you go with your eyes wide open. Pollok, in his Course of Times, informs us that the worst torment of the damned | feet. The highest retail price is 40 in hell is the thundering of these words in their ears:

"Ye knew your duty, but ye did it

But, boys, you are not going to do all and you are not going to take republican advice about how you shall and refined is fixed by them. At the

### ROCKEFELLER "PROTECTED"

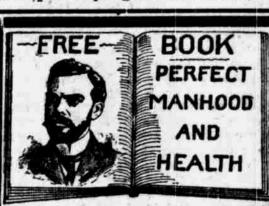
The Greatest Trust of all Built up by Tariff Shelter-Extortionale Prices Forced From the People

Mr. George Rice in an article in the New York Times, after giving the enormous tariffs collected on petroleum for the benefit of Rockefeller's trust, (they are printed in The Independent this week) makes the follow-

ing statements: It is a most significant fact that all the general tariff schedules have marked thereon petroleum free. In comparison with above duties, the present market price at the well of our best grade of crude petroleum is \$1.22 per barrel of 42 gallons in bulk, and of the inferior grade of crude, of which 35 per cent of total is produce, is populistic democrat and have not had 84 cents per barrel, or 2 cents a gallon. | time to circulate The Independent as John D. Archbold, a trustee of the I would wish, but my heart is with Standard Oil company, testified before you. The last two months shows a the industrial commission in Septem- rising tide of populist ideas flowing ber, 1899, that the "percentage of all in unresisted torrents over the whole business in petroleum and its products | country. done by the Standard Oil company in the year 1898 was 83.7 per cent," to which should be added the business of

cent, which percentage it gave to awake populists to all be bagged withthem, with a guarantee of \$500,000 per annum against losses. This makes a total of over 95 per cent of this great industry unlawfully monopolized by the Standard Oil trust, which absolute- of this country as a farce. Can a pay, as evidenced by special reports church or its individual members? sent out by the industrial commission | Can a Christian support the Philipto 45 states, on the price of illuminat- pine (civil) government and the Fowling oils, to which 1,553 replies were received, of which 1,475, or 95 per cent, bought their oil direct from the Standard Oil trust, in the name of the Standard Oil company.

The highest wholesale price reported is 271/2 cents per gallon in Nevada, and



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