

Post Check Currency

The Independent would again call to the attention of its readers the fact that the Post Check Currency bill is still a possibility at the coming short session of congress. Write your member in congress and urge him to help push it along. The Leader, of Birmingham, N. Y., says:

"The Fifty-seventh congress will re-assemble in a few weeks and it is widely hoped that a part of its work will be the passage of the Post Check Currency bills, which provide for a practical and convenient method of sending small sums of money by mail. A great deal has been written on this subject, and there are few who do not know that this method is simply an issue of currency that can be circulated as cash and also be safely remitted by mail, because when mailed it will be made payable only to the person whose name is written in the blank space that is left for that purpose.

"Under the present money order system safety can be assured only at the sacrifice of convenience, and convenience can be consulted only by disregarding the element of safety. The Post Check plan is both convenient and safe, and, being so, it is just what the public needs in its line. The business interests and the press favor it with virtual if not actual unanimity, and, in fact, the full measure of popularity it has won is a warrant, if not an order, for its adoption by congress."

The Banner Precinct

Clem N. Meyers of North Loup, Valley county, believes that Independent precinct, Valley county, is the banner populist precinct in the state. The vote was: Mickey 12, Thompson 44. The Independent has failed to receive the tabulated vote for all the counties. Does any reader know of a precinct that gave Thompson more than 78 per cent of the vote?

Around the World

When the British finished the last link in the cable that reached around the world, some of them thought of sending the first message over the complete circle, but a Boston man by the name of Charles J. Glidden did. He is the first man to send and receive such a message. He wrote a message, "Around the world," directed to himself in Boston, and ordered it sent by way of Vancouver and Australia. Not being a "rush" message, no haste was made anywhere, and when it reached him in Boston 38 hours and 27 minutes had elapsed. The route followed by the cablegram of Mr. Glidden embraced these points: San Francisco, Vancouver, Fanning island, Fiji islands, Norfolk island, Australia, thence to Singapore, through India to the Red sea, across the Mediterranean to Paris and London, and finally over the Atlantic cable to Boston. The message did not turn up in Boston, by the way, with entire accuracy. It came in somewhat weatherbeaten, as it were, reading "Gleddon" instead of Glidden, and with "Around" transformed into "Armund." The two words, "the world," went through safe and sound.

A second edition of "The Henchman" by Mark Lee Luther has been issued by the Macmillan company. This novel was published only three weeks ago. Its success has been prompt. The reviewers in most of the great cities have been quick to find in it some portraits of famous bosses and politicians. The plot is woven round the rise of a country politician to the governorship of New York.

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The democrats elected a county commissioner in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, at the last election and thus gave them control of the board. Mayor Tom Johnson at once began extending his tax crusade to county affairs, says the Public. He took steps to abrogate an existing contract with the "tax inquisitor"—an official appointed to ferret out tax-dodgers—whom the republican board had appointed for a three-year term contrary to law. The public service corporations were evading payment of about a million dollars taxes, and when they saw that their republican tax inquisitor—a "safe" man—was likely to be ousted, they "settled" with the old board and got receipts in full on October 18 by paying the comparatively insignificant sum of \$79,093.78. Thus the county lost, and the corporations saved, about \$920,000 by the act of corrupt republican officials.



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Ten Centuries Ago

Professor Hilprecht of the university of Pennsylvania has returned from Babylonia, having accomplished the greatest results in the way of archaeology that have so far been vouchsafed to man. He has discovered the oldest library in the world, a library that was in existence 5,000 years ago, and probably much further back, and which contains the oldest records of the human race. It is believed that some of the books he has discovered either go back to 10,000 years ago, or tell of history in that early age with as much conciseness and authority as is possible.

Outside the Bible, no records are as old as these, and it must be remembered that we have no original manuscript of the Bible that is more than 1,600 years old. It is true that it is believed that fragments of the "Logia of Matthew" have been discovered on which the gospel by St. Matthew was founded, but to all intents and purposes present manuscripts date back only to the third or fourth century of the present era. Professor Hilprecht has found clay tablets which are believed to be at least 7,000 years old and possibly 10,000.

The history of the human race as narrated in the Bible in a consecutive way begins with Abraham, after which there is a connected story down to the return from exile and after, the remaining gap being filled up by the writing of Josephus, Strabo and others who connect the Jewish nation with the writing of profane historians. In the reference Bible there are dates at the top of the columns which more than 200 years ago were placed there by Bishop Ussher as the best computations of his time. These have not been confirmed by recent discoveries. Ussher placed Abraham about 2000 B. C., though now he is placed nearly 1000 years farther back. In any event, Hilprecht's discoveries seem to go to many centuries beyond Abraham.

These clay books are being deciphered slowly, and many years must elapse before the truth they contain is given to the world. It is known, however, that at the time they deal with there was a high state of civilization in the valley of the Tigris-Euphrates, and that the origin of the race goes many centuries farther back.—Philadelphia Enquirer.

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Hog receipts fair. Market about steady. Range \$6 to \$6.15.

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	Fed.	Feeders.
Lambs	\$4.75-\$5.00	\$3.50-\$3.80
Yearlings	3.75- 4.00	3.00- 3.25
Wethers	3.35- 3.60	2.90- 3.10
Ewes	2.80- 3.35	1.00- 2.00

How Rich Kansas Aint

State Auditor George E. Cole informs his fellow citizens that the state of Kansas owns "property" worth over eleven millions, and his fellow citizens of the republican stripe promptly shout, "Hoorah for Kansas!"

The "property" consists of a state house, a penitentiary and several educational institutions.

The "property" instead of bringing in any revenue to the state has to be maintained at a great cost to the owners, that is the citizens.

If they owned more "property" it would cost them more to keep it going—that is, the more "property" the citizens as a state have, the worse they are off.

Auditor Cole might have had a different tale to tell if it had not been for the grand old party for which he shouts.

If the school lands, agricultural lands, swamp lands and other lands conveyed in fee simple by the general government to the state of Kansas were still owned by the state, as was probably originally intended, they would be well worth 100 million dollars, and would be yielding an annual revenue to the state for educational purposes of between three and five million dollars.

Even the few patches of school lands that have not been deemed worth stealing by the land thieves who got in on the ground floor have been thrown on the market by this same Auditor Cole, as if he were anxious to get rid of the last remnant of this most magnificent land endowment to the schools of Kansas.—Pittsburg Kansan.

(A similar state of affairs exists in Nebraska. It seemed that the republican officials could not rest until they had sold every foot of land belonging to the state and converted it into money, which in turn must be converted into "United States or state securities, or registered county bonds of this state." In 1897 the fusion legislature attempted to stop the foolish practice of selling of the remaining unsold portions of the once magnificent endowment for educational purposes given by the general government, and during the remaining years of fusion rule no more lands were sold. But no sooner were the republican "redeemers" safely ensconced at the state house than the "ruling passion" began to assert itself. Without asking for a judicial interpretation of the question—but acting on the advice of a police court pettifogger who occupies, but does not fill, the office of attorney general—the commissioner of public lands and buildings permits lessees to convert into sale contracts, and the wasteful and foolish practice continues.—Ed. Ind.)



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