

**Here is a Chance to Select Your Home**

Are you a renter? Do you want a farm with good soil and water? Do you want to raise stock? Do you want a ranch? Do you want a home of your own? Do you want to be happy? If so, we think we can offer you better inducements for you to own your own home than your landlord possibly can for you to rent longer. When we speak of home we feel that we are approaching the very portals of your innermost thoughts, your longings and hopes, and if you will carefully study the following propositions it will do you good.

No. 644. Dawson county farm of 100 acres, located 3 miles from Cozad; 150 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture, 5 acres hog pasture, new frame house of 6 rooms, all necessary out-buildings in good condition, convenient to church, R. R. and school; terms, half cash, time on the balance. Price, \$4,500.

No. 571. Buffalo county farm of 160 acres, house, barn, granary, well and mill, some alfalfa, pasture of 30 acres 230 acres in cultivation, a good and well improved farm, located 8 miles from Siding and 10 miles from Loup City, has an \$800 mortgage which can be assumed, runs 4 years. Price, \$3,000.

No. 51. Custer county farm of 160 acres on Wood river valley, 1 1/2 miles from Lomax, frame house and barn, 60 acres in cultivation, well and wind mill; a desirable place. Price, \$2,000.

No. 504. Hall county farm of 240 acres, 160 acres under cultivation, 60 acres pasture, 15 acres alfalfa, 60 acres under fence, dwelling 16x22 with summer kitchen, well and pump, small barn, 3 miles southwest of Grand Island, Neb. Price, \$5,400.

No. 648. Dawson county farm of 400 acres, 165 acres under cultivation, balance pasture land, all fenced, small orchard and two sod houses, frame stable, granary, corn crib, chicken house, watered by mill and creek, located 8 miles from Sumner, 1/2 mile from school. Price, \$2,800.

NEBRASKA REAL ESTATE CO.  
By J. H. EDMISTEN, President.  
1612 O st., Lincoln, Neb.

**ISTHMUS OF DARIEN**

Only Forty Miles From Sea to Sea and the De Lesseps Canal is Partly Constructed

**A NEW CANAL TREATY**

Has Been Negotiated for Submission to the Congresses of Panama and United States.

A republic forty miles in width is a narrow proposition, but when that forty miles includes the shortest possible canal distance between two oceans the dignity of the narrow republic is immensely heightened. Today the world regards the little republic of Panama with an interest and attention not accorded any other spot on the earth. The bloodless insurrection, the prompt establishment of a government, the negotiation of a convention with the United States and the general recognition of the independence of the new commonwealth have followed each other with marvelous rapidity. A big nation is interested in the kittenish young thing and stands guard over the baby republic's cradle. No possible harm can come to Panama.

B. H. ROBISON, PRESIDENT of the Bankers Reserve Life Company, will probably collect and disburse through his Nebraska company larger sums of money within the next ten years than the president of Panama. The Bankers Reserve Life will be a \$50,000,000 company by that time and its reserves will be greater than the treasury balances of the isthmian republic. The Bankers Reserve Life will not engage in the canal business, but it will cut through the isthmus which now divides the east from the west in life insurance matters. The BANKERS RESERVE LIFE will have a larger volume of business

in the west than any single great eastern competitor, because the west appreciated western vigor, western enthusiasm and western methods. With \$7,000,000 of extra selected risks and a steadily growing income, the Bankers Reserve Life can go on prospering whether the inter-oceanic canal selects Nicaragua, Panama or Darien. Inform yourself about this great western institution. It will pay you to know about its growth and prosperity.

**The Nebraska Election**

The state board of canvassers has completed its labors and The Independent is enabled to present the figures showing the result of the recent election. One of the astonishing things is the fact that nearly 7 per cent of those who came to the polls did not vote for any candidate for supreme judge, or, if any of them did, the vote was lost for some defect. Averaging the vote for regents shows that nearly 10 per cent of those who came to the polls did not vote for the university officers. The vote follows:

SUPREME JUDGE.

Barnes, rep. ....	96,991
Sullivan, d.-p. i. ....	87,864
Wright, pro. ....	4,394
Christianson, soc. ....	3,595

Ballots for judge.....	192,844
Total ballots cast.....	206,587

Not voting for judge..... 13,743

REGENTS.

Allen, rep. ....	101,595
Whitmore, rep. ....	98,282
Jones, d.-p. i. ....	79,811
Weber, d.-p. i. ....	77,361
Barker, pro. ....	5,197
Muir, pro. ....	4,762
Lippincott, soc. ....	3,823
Wilbur, soc. ....	3,850

Av. ballots for regent....	187,340
Total ballots cast.....	206,587

Av. not voting for regent. 19,247  
Barnes' plurality over Sullivan is 9,127; his majority over all opponents is 1,138; he polled 50.3 per cent of those voting for judge, and 46.9 per cent of all who came to the polls.

Allen's plurality over Weber is 24,234; over Jones, 21,784. Whitmore's plurality over Weber is 20,921; over Jones, 18,461. The average republican plurality on regents is, therefore, 21,352.

Assuming that the vote on regents is a fair expression of party strength, the following average would probably indicate the following of the respective parties:

Republican .....	99,938
Fusion .....	78,586
Prohibition .....	4,979
Socialist .....	3,836

Judge Sullivan, therefore, ran 9,278 ahead of his fellow candidates for regent, while Judge Barnes ran 2,947 behind his. Assuming that Judge Barnes' loss went to Judge Sullivan, there are still 6,331 votes going to Sullivan which were not cast for either set of candidates for regent.

When we recollect that in 1893 Judge Holcomb, running on an independent populist ticket, polled 65,666 votes; and that in 1895, with no fusion, Judge Maxwell polled 70,566, it cannot be gainsaid that the effect of fusion has been to drive away adherents of both the democratic and the people's independent parties. For example, in 1893, the democratic candidate for judge polled 37,545 votes; combining this with the populist vote gives a total of 103,211 out of a total of 181,606 cast for supreme judge that year. Likewise in 1895, the silver democrat vote of 10,079, the gold democratic vote of 18,636, and Maxwell's vote, give 100,281 out of a total 182,918 votes cast for supreme judge. The republican vote for judge was 72,032 in 1893 and 79,291 in 1895. In the eight or ten years the republican vote has increased about twenty thousand, while the combined democratic and populist vote has fallen off twenty-two to twenty-five thousand.

**All Purchasers Pleased.**

If you are looking for a chance to better your condition—to buy a farm home for yourself and family, or make a good, paying investment, write to the Woods Investment Co. of this city. The lands are splendidly located, crops are sure and the price is within the reach of everyone. All who have purchased are fully satisfied. For list of names and addresses of those who have visited the lands and made purchases see the ad. in this issue or write the Woods Investment Co., Lincoln, Neb.

**A Winter in Florida**

Why not arrange to spend your winter in the land of sunshine and flowers? The cost of a winter so-



**Rudge & Guenzel Co.**

**Delayed  
REMOVAL SALE.**

Preparatory to removing to our new location, corner 11th and O streets (the largest furniture store in Nebraska), we are offering bargain opportunities never matched in the west for variety, quality and low price.

The crowds grow daily and people from all over the state are coming here for house furnishings.

One Butler county party stated that they bought their goods for \$79.00 less than the same bill figured in Omaha—a saving worth looking after.

If you cannot come to Lincoln write for our Holiday Catalogue of Furniture gifts—24 pieces ranging in price from \$5.00 to \$40.00. Special sale quotations on any regular 1903 catalogue goods mailed on request.

**Rudge & Guenzel Co.**  
1118-1126 N St., Lincoln, Neb.

jour in Florida is so small compared with the benefit you will receive, that you cannot afford to risk your health in the cold, disagreeable winter of the north. Do not get the idea that you can find first class accommodations only at the high priced hotels. As a matter of fact, there are hundreds of medium priced hotel in Florida, where first class accommodations can be secured at rates of \$5 per week, and up.

In arranging for your trip, do not lose sight of the fact that the "Dixie Flyer" route offers you more in the way of a scenic trip from St. Louis to Jacksonville, Fla., than any other through car line from the west. No change of cars between St. Louis and Jacksonville, Fla. The "Dixie Flyer" route reaches such points as Nashville, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga Park, Atlanta and Macon. Leaving St. Louis on the evening train via Illinois Central, you reach Jacksonville the second morning in time to make direct connections in Union depot at Jacksonville, Fla., with all diverging lines.

Special round trip winter tourist tickets, which permit stopovers both going and returning, are now on sale, good for return up to and including June 1, 1904.

Write me for handsomely illustrated booklet and detailed information regarding rates, hotel accommodations, itinerary of a trip, etc.

W. H. BRILL, Dist. Pass. Agt.,  
Illinois Central R. R.,  
Omaha, Neb.

**Impure Blood**

To purify the blood, eradicate disease, build up the system, Vitae-Ore is without a peer among remedial agents. No other remedy can equal it as a constitutional tonic, a blood vitalizer, renovator and regenerator. It contains elements needed by the blood, which are absorbed by it and, taking their proper place in the circulation, expel all foreign secretions that have been undermining the health. It supplies the wants of nature and can be depended upon to do its work under all conditions.

Read the 30-day trial offer made in this issue by the proprietors, the Theo. Noel Company of Chicago.

**The Holidays**

Christmas will soon be here. The thoughtful and economical buyers will

begin early to lay in a supply of necessary holiday supplies. Branch & Miller Co. of this city have prepared a special-holiday combination that is unequalled by any store in the whole country. It consists of a full line of groceries, candies, nuts and all the necessary provisions for a Christmas celebration. See the ad. on another page and send in an order by first mail. The goods are first class and you'll pronounce it a bargain all through. Kindly mention The Independent when ordering.

**SPECIAL MARKET LETTER**

FROM NYE & BUCHANAN CO., LIVE STOCK COMMISSION MERCHANTS, SO. OMAHA, NEB.

Cattle: This week opened with unexpectedly heavy runs for this late in the season. Chicago received 35,000 and Omaha 8,000. The market could be called 10c lower all around Monday, but by Wednesday firmed up on all but feeders. We do not look for further heavy runs of western cattle this season.

We quote choice corn-fed steers \$4.75 to \$5.10, fair to good \$4.15 to \$4.65. Short-fed down to \$3. Choice heavy feeders \$3.40 to \$3.60, medium \$2.90 to \$3.30. Common grades down to \$2.30. Yearling steers, choice, \$3.15 to \$3.60; others \$2.80 to \$3.15. Good fat corn cows and heifers \$3 to \$3.50. Stock heifers \$1.80 to \$2.40. Canners \$1.25 to \$2. Milkers and springers \$20 to \$35. Steer calves \$2.90 to \$3.90. Veal \$3.50 to \$4.50. Grass bulls \$1.50 to \$2.25.

Sheep: Receipts light. Market 10c higher.

	Killers.	Feeders.
Lams .....	\$4.70-5.00	\$4.10-4.25
Common .....	3.20-3.60	
Yearlings .....	3.80-4.00	3.35-3.50
Wethers .....	3.45-3.70	3.00-3.30
Ewes .....	2.50-3.25	2.00-2.50

Hog receipts liberal here, heavy in Chicago. Market lower. Range, \$4.10 to \$4.30.

Henry Watterson in criticizing the gobbling of Panama says: "The United States steps down from its lofty pedestal and high pretensions of justice and honor to become a thief among nations, and a sneak thief at that."