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Brains and muscle form the essentials in business, both are necessary but if the muscle predominates it usually hurts the business.

Most any kind of a graft is in order these days. A Chicago surgeon recently grafted a sheep bone in a man's arm, but up to date the wool hasn't been pulled over his eyes.

A Shreveport (La.) widow was awarded judgment for \$500.00 because a nauty old scamp kissed her. A St. Louis woman says she has been kissed by ten thousand men, no judgments in sight. Broken Bow girls not heard from.

Col. Warrington is doing commendable work on the Mason City Transcript. Last week he comes out with a supplement. His entire paper is good clean stuff and full of sound sense. Its a shame old Mac is a democrat. That's the only mean thing we can say about him.

Tennessee's governor-elect was an orphan 40 years ago on the streets of Knoxville, not old enough to know his name, no one knew him, now the southern state with all its pride points to him as their chief executive. He was reared and educated by a kind hearted man who gave him the name he now bears, Ben W. Hooper. A good example for boys right here at home.

**A PALACE FOR LAW BREAKERS.**

OMAHA, NEB., Nov. 30.—W. G. Comstock, Bartley R. Richards, Charles Jamison and Aquila Triplet, millionaire cattlemen of Nebraska, convicted to the federal court of fencing government lands sentenced to one year in the county jail, after spending a month visiting various county jails in the state departed last night for Hastings. There they will become inmates of the Adams County jail. With them they took a Japan-

ese chef, who will do their cooking. This week they ordered expensive furniture and carpets sent to the Hastings jail as furnishings for their rooms. In addition they purchased and sent out large and well selected library. They have subscribed for a number of daily papers and many of the leading magazines. The windows of their cells have been hung with expensive lace curtains.

The above article appeared in the Kansas City Journal of Dec. 1. Suppose for instance these men were given their just dues, would they have the luxuries they are to have? We think not. On the contrary, if they had been poor homesteaders with large families and little means of support the sentence would have been of the "make an example of them" sort and strengthened to the full extent with the "at hard labor" clause added. In the face of all the publicity given the luxurious furnishings and special feed arrangements made the Adams county jailer has the brass to say "they will have no special privileges." If this is jail life in the name of common decency and justice what is the life of a prisoner found guilty of violation of laws enacted to protect the progressive agriculturist who is doing his level best to support his family, improve his homestead and live peaceably with his fellowmen.

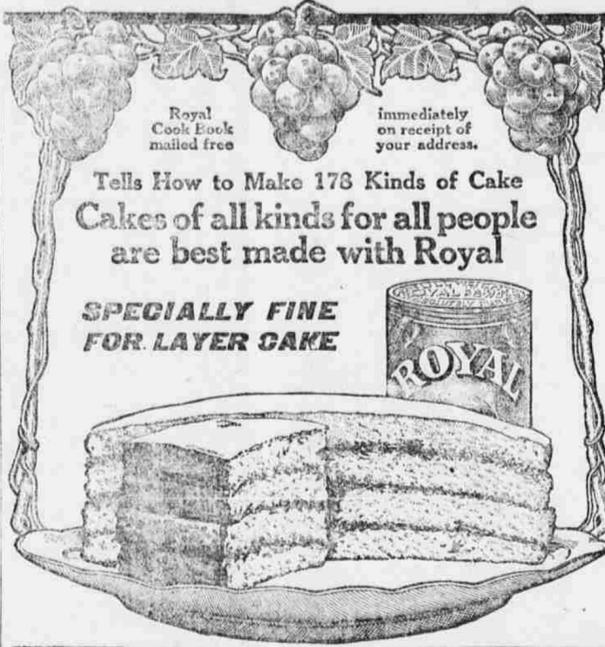
**THE COURT HOUSE QUESTION**

The Courier-Tribune (Callaway) Dec. 1, is still fighting county division, very busy trying to contradict the "verdict" of the voters of the county, suggesting mean things that only tend to make selfish motives a more prominent feature in the matter of establishing county seats. Reference is made to the fact that the Chief is the only bubble on the county think tank, and that the Republican and Beacon are dead, so to speak, well we'll see old sport, if the Republican is dead. We don't make a practice of going around with a chip on our shoulder neither do we intend to fill our paper with statements that the readers will doubt. We simply wish it understood that the Republican is alive to the interests of Custer county as well as Broken Bow, and that when a statement is printed in its columns relative to the general welfare of the citizens of the county that statement will be from facts according to the best of our ability,

to enlighten rather than mislead our readers. The Courier-Tribune devotes its editorial space to slurs and misleading statements regarding the proposed 7 mill levy saying our taxes will be doubled. Now we understand that the only tax that should be referred to in this matter is that which will be directly increased by the levy. It is not necessary to go into detail and waste space in showing the figures when every taxpayer in the county is intelligent enough to know that if 4 mills is

added one year and 2 the next and the levy stops there and that he has paid but 7 mills additional taxes in two years or 3 1/2 mills addition each of the two years. That don't double your taxes. Next we find that the towns of Ansley and Merna want to build a court house and donate it to the county and not grumble. Now if we are rightly informed it is a very hard matter for the principle division hot beds to sprout enough of the long green to meet campaign expenses. If this

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**THE SIMPLE CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST**

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When you trade be sure to obtain the voting tickets also be sure they are counter signed by a member of the firm as the judges will be instructed not to count any but signed tickets. Remember the prizes are FREE and will cost us more money than any similar contest considering the length of time the contest runs and we feel that it is worthy of supreme effort.

It will only need a little personal work among your neighbors and lodge friends to get them to trade here and cast their votes as you may advise unless they are otherwise interested. Also remember that this applies to both our stores at Merna and Broken Bow, any lodge within trading distance of these two places are welcome to enter either for their own benefit or to assist the local memberships at the above mentioned places.

None of our merchandise will be barred from the contest applying alike to Dry Goods, Groceries, Dishware, Shoes, Furnishings, Notions, Toys, Christmas Goods, Pianos, Organs and Sewing Machines. Where time is required on last three mentioned articles votes will be allowed provided a satisfactory note is given.

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If there is any detail not fully understood feel at liberty to call and ask about it. Fraternal people especially invited to investigate.

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