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Why did McCarthy have the republican central committee meeting in Columbus? Perhaps it was thrown in as good measure with the \$7,500 appropriation he secured for that town, while other congressmen of the state were getting \$75,000 and \$125,000 appropriations for their towns. Or, perhaps, as it was the only town he did do anything for in congress, he felt that it was the only place in the district he had any friends.

At the meeting of the city council tomorrow night the request of the county commissioners that an ordinance be passed covering the requirements involved in the ditch proposition, will come up for determination. It is not probable that there will be any hesitancy on the part of the council to pass such an ordinance as will be satisfactory to the commissioners, as public sentiment is strongly in favor of the adoption of any reasonable method to take care of the flood waters of the west side. The activity of the county commissioners to help solve the water question should be thoroughly appreciated by the city and every possible assistance given. Should the present attempt fail, it might be a long time before the county could be induced to take hold of the matter again, and then the city would be obliged to meet all the expenses of disposing of the matter. There is not a person in Norfolk who does not agree that some method must be adopted at once to take care of Corporation gulch overflow, and there are very few in town who do not heartily approve the project of the county commissioners.

Although the report of the committee which went from this country to investigate municipal ownership, particularly of city railways in Great Britain, will not be made public for some months, comparisons of the system employed there with the private ownership in vogue in the United States have not been lacking. If it is true that an American's weak spot is his pocket book, the financial experience of Glasgow, the home of the British system, is not likely to create a favorable impression. Financially, many critics are inclined to pronounce it a failure. The figures at any rate, are interesting. Three years ago the municipal tramways of Glasgow had gross earnings of \$3,271,000, of which they paid in taxes, contributions to the public good, and to the sinking fund for the reduction of capital debt \$452,500, or thirteen and a fraction percent of the gross earnings—a return to the public of 44 cents for each person in the territory served. In Boston, during the same period, the privately owned traction system, serving a little smaller population—but a much greater and more expensive territory—had gross earnings of about \$12,000,000, and paid back to the "public benefit account" in cash and its equivalent \$1,550,000. The percentage of gross revenue, roughly thirteen percent, was about equal to the Glasgow percentage, but instead of 44 cents, each Bostonian received \$1.67.

In this age of wonders, it has remained for the postoffice department to unearth the latest—the vineless potato—and to expose the fraud through which sundry agriculturists in many western states have been mulcted of their hard earned cash. Just where the astute postmaster general discovered this latest botanical wonder is not known, but having discovered it and put his sleuthing abilities to work, it required little time to uncover the fraud and to bar from the mails all matter relating to it. The inventor's claim set forth that potatoes could be grown from his "potatine" (at a dollar a bottle) above ground in sixty days at a cost of nine cents a bushel. With potatoes at their present price, the use of the vineless variety should enable any farmer to become the happy possessor of a horseless carriage. But alas for such dreams! The post-office people, after sundry conferences with the wise men of the agricultural department, declared the whole thing a fake, thus retarding the advance of science by forcing us to continue to eat the old-fashioned potato, grown underground, with all the usual vines for trimmings, at a cost something more than nine cents a bushel.

Through the state department comes the startling information contained in a consular report from Germany, that experiments carried on in that country have at last produced a method by which fish of all kinds can live for days outside of their natural element, water, and still live for an indefinite period. Literally the waterless fish has come to pass, an achievement of great commercial value since under the present system of shipping live fish in tanks of water, every shipment is

addressed "Conscience Fund, United States government, Washington, D. C.," has been recently received at the treasury department from some stricken mortal at Mount Clemens, Mich. At least the envelope bore the Mount Clemens postmark, and that the case was urgent was shown by the special delivery stamp, which hastened the delivery of the enclosure.

The conscience fund of the general government began a good many years ago, the first contribution to it having been received in 1811. After that nobody felt the prick of awakening honesty until 1827, but subsequently contributions came almost every year, while in later times scarce a month goes by without something to add to the long list of nameless attempts to purchase peace of mind.

The largest contribution was received from some suffering wretch in England who sent \$14,225.15 through an English clergyman. This, being the largest item, is the one most people in the treasury department remember best and the one they all speak of in referring to the conscience fund, but it may be that it bought no larger share of that peace which passeth all understanding than did an enclosure of 1 cent, received at about the same time from Cleveland in an envelope addressed in the shaking hand of extreme age.

These conscience payments are seldom accompanied by the names of the senders, although the department makes it a rule never to divulge the identity of any contributor, nor to make a written record of the name. The amounts, as already stated, vary from 1 cent to thousands of dollars, and they are not always as plainly and as intelligently addressed as the one from Mount Clemens, the president being as apt as any other officer of the government to get them.

Often they are addressed to the secretary of the treasury and also quite frequently to the treasurer of the United States. But in every case they invariably pass through the hands of the secretary personally and by him are transmitted to E. B. Daskam, chief of the division of public moneys, who keeps the account and can retail a varied assortment of stories about it.

Mr. Daskam says the offenses with which the conscience-stricken charge themselves cover the whole gamut of possibilities, but the large majority are for violations of the customs laws. One man, however, is credited with having about as keen an edge on his conscience as any of them when he sent 5 cents for having stolen a small branch from an apple tree at Fort Sheridan.

A common admission is that of having used canceled postage stamps, but the smugglers are the ones who hand in sums that run into the thousands. The total amount in the fund at the present time is almost \$400,000.

Tied down to his desk in the office, while others are free and at play, Papa fancies he is having a vacation, while drinking Rocky Mountain Tea. Ask your druggist.

**ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.**

About the biggest statement any one can make is "satisfaction guaranteed."

The world is terribly crowded with humorists. Don't try to acquire fame in that way.

If a man knows you, and speaks to you, and you do not know him, he will hate you.

Ever notice that some people can't give a compliment without mixing it with quinine?

The most complete book of etiquette could not cover the rudeness of some people.

You often say, no doubt, that certain persons make you tired. Possibly you have no room to talk.

Looking backward, it seems that a man has wasted a terribly big pile of money in having a little bit of a good time.

Have you noticed that you no longer see great big ears? How long is it since you saw a pair that suggested a barn door?

The peaches have such an unusual amount of fur on this year that eating them is more than ever like kissing a suffragist.

When a farmer comes to town and sells his wheat, every one looks at him as much as to say: "What are you going to buy for your wife? Didn't she earn her share of that money?" Still, when a farmer's wife gets egg and butter money at the grocery stores no one asks, "What are you going to buy your husband as his share?"

Removes the microbes which impoverish the blood and circulation. Stops all trouble that interferes with nutrition. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do. Tea or tablets, 35 cents. Ask your druggist.

For eruptions, sores, pimples, kidney and liver troubles, constipation, indigestion, use Hollister's Rocky Tea. Carries new life to every part of the body. Tea or tablets, 35 cents. Ask your druggist.

**THE CONSCIENCE.**

The human conscience is a queer thing to own. Unknown, indefinite, unseen and unexplained, this something we call conscience seems to act as a sort of guardian angel over man and to prevent many wrongs being committed that would otherwise have occurred, as well as to produce penitential tears after deeds are done and in many instances to locate the guilty parties after all other means have failed.

The conscience is a highly satisfactory sign in man. It denotes, as do many other things, the difference between brutes and human beings, it fights as many wrongs perhaps as the law itself and it keeps the old world moving on in a pretty fairly straight path. It is so powerful a factor in the world's work and life that where conscience fails, there is little hope of fair play. In this connection, the "conscience fund" in the United States treasury department is a matter of public interest.

A \$2 bill wrapped in a blank sheet of paper and inclosed in an envelope

County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement.

Statement of the County Treasurer of Madison County, Nebraska, showing balances of all funds in the Treasury on January 1, 1906, taxes and other items collected, warrants redeemed and other disbursements, from January 1, 1906, to June 30, 1906, inclusive, and balances on hand on the 1st day of July, 1906.

| NAME OF FUND                                      | Balance on Jan 1, 1906 | Collections  | Total        | Disbursements | Balance on July 1, 1906 |
|---|------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| State General                                     | 3590 60                | 12816 92     | 16407 52     | 14889 72      | 2017 80                 |
| State School                                      | 446 41                 | 1435 87      | 1882 28      | 1646 82       | 235 46                  |
| State University                                  | 855 69                 | 2840 34      | 3696 03      | 3255 50       | 440 53                  |
| State Sinking                                     | 20 63                  | 4 52         | 25 15        | 20 63         | 4 52                    |
| State Relief                                      | 3 09                   | 8 66         | 11 75        | 3 09          | 8 66                    |
| State Capitol Building                            | 1 38                   | 1 18         | 2 56         | 1 38          | 1 18                    |
| State Reform School Building                      | 81                     | 36           | 1 17         | 81            | 36                      |
| State Institute for Feeble Minded                 | 3 70                   | 1 10         | 4 80         | 3 70          | 1 10                    |
| State Live Stock Indemnity                        | 38                     |              | 38           | 38            |                         |
| State Hospital for Insane                         | 1 40                   | 1 18         | 2 58         | 1 40          | 1 18                    |
| State Redemption                                  | 854 23                 | 2818 08      | 3672 31      | 3254 04       | 418 27                  |
| State School Land—Principal                       | 3142 40                | 3142 40      | 6284 80      | 3142 40       | 3142 40                 |
| State School Land—Interest                        | 68                     | 1390 62      | 1390 65      | 1376 76       | 13 89                   |
| State School Land—Lease                           | 65 57                  | 301 83       | 367 40       | 353 69        | 13 71                   |
| State University Land—Principal                   |                        | 2232 00      | 2232 00      | 1140 48       | 1091 52                 |
| State University Land—Interest                    |                        | 161 32       | 161 32       | 132 59        | 28 73                   |
| State University Land—Lease                       |                        | 12 85        | 12 85        | 12 73         | 1 12                    |
| 1905 County General                               | 1812 70                | 13039 38     | 14852 08     | 14339 96      | 512 12                  |
| 1904 and prior years County General               | 148 24                 | 4389 21      | 4537 45      | 2202 09       | 2335 36                 |
| 1905 County Bridge                                | 2507 10                | 389 23       | 2896 33      | 2704 00       | 192 33                  |
| 1904 County Bridge                                | 1047 42                | 11314 58     | 12362 00     | 11600 04      | 761 96                  |
| 1903 and prior years County Bridge                | 29 50                  | 56 40        | 85 90        | 29 50         | 56 40                   |
| 1901 and prior years County Road                  | 6 45                   | 7 06         | 13 51        | 6 45          | 7 06                    |
| 1905 Road—County Commissioner Dist. No. 1         | 289 60                 | 1086 74      | 1376 34      | 800 98        | 575 36                  |
| 1905 Road—County Commissioner Dist. No. 2         | 403 23                 | 934 36       | 1337 59      | 1115 73       | 221 86                  |
| 1905 Road—County Commissioner Dist. No. 3         | 383 73                 | 937 11       | 1320 84      | 1142 32       | 178 52                  |
| 1904 and prior years Road—County Com. Dist. No. 1 | 24                     | 25 40        | 25 64        | 2 39          | 23 25                   |
| 1904 and prior years Road—County Com. Dist. No. 2 | 61                     | 8 45         | 69 06        | 3 26          | 65 80                   |
| 1904 and prior years Road—County Com. Dist. No. 3 | 51                     | 8 46         | 59 97        | 2 76          | 57 21                   |
| County Soldiers' Relief                           | 10 39                  | 2 01         | 12 40        |               | 12 40                   |
| County Judgment                                   | 5 36                   | 2 80         | 8 16         | 5 36          | 2 80                    |
| County Insane                                     | 28                     | 13           | 41           | 28            | 13                      |
| County Sinking                                    | 39                     | 43           | 82           | 39            | 43                      |
| County High School                                | 99                     |              | 99           | 99            |                         |
| County Special                                    | 36 63                  | 1 34         | 38 07        | 36 63         | 1 34                    |
| Madison County Tax Sales                          | 62 15                  | 72           | 134 37       | 62 15         | 72                      |
| Township  | 150 88                 | 3 09         | 153 97       | 150 88        | 3 09                    |
| Precinct Railroad Bond                            | 7611 78                | 4 74         | 7616 52      | 7616 52       |                         |
| Union Creek Court House Bond                      | 523 79                 | 93           | 616 72       | 35 00         | 581 72                  |
| Battle Creek Village—Jail Bond                    | 234 05                 | 1817 46      | 2051 51      | 1828 51       | 223 00                  |
| Redemption  | 3270 73                | 7072 28      | 10343 01     | 6338 98       | 4004 03                 |
| District Road and Poll                            | 232 38                 |              | 232 38       | 12 00         | 220 38                  |
| County Poll                                       | 585 86                 |              | 585 86       |               | 585 86                  |
| County Special Road                               | 12 20                  | 7132 21      | 7144 41      | 7120 91       | 23 50                   |
| County General School                             | 118 26                 | 54           | 172 70       | 93 00         | 79 70                   |
| Adjunct District School                           | 14764 53               | 38291 50     | 53056 03     | 32576 67      | 20479 36                |
| District School                                   | 28946 09               | 4194 48      | 33140 57     | 4764 28       | 28376 29                |
| District School Bond                              | 1519 12                | 11183 14     | 12702 26     | 9190 00       | 3512 26                 |
| City and Village                                  | 175 60                 | 26 00        | 201 60       | 175 60        | 26 00                   |
| Advertising                                       | 1491 12                | 35 45        | 1526 57      | 35 45         | 1491 12                 |
| Taxes Paid Under Protest                          |                        | 61 75        | 61 75        |               | 61 75                   |
| Fee   |                        |              |              |               |                         |
| Totals  | \$ 72224 87            | \$ 124215 90 | \$ 196440 88 | \$ 124843 24  | \$ 71597 59             |

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Balance on hand January 1, 1906  | \$ 72224 87 |
| Taxes Collected  | 94300 57    |
| State School Land Collections  | 4834 85     |
| State University Land Collections  | 2406 17     |
| State Apportionment  | 7058 71     |
| Fines from C. F. Eiseley, Justice of the Peace   | 5 00        |
| Fines from P. A. Clark, Justice of the Peace   | 5 00        |
| Fines from Wm. Bates, County Judge   | 80 00       |
| Fines from G. A. Sleeper, Justice of the Peace   | 1 00        |
| Fines from G. C. Lambert, Justice of the Peace   | 2 50        |
| Excess fees from Emil Winter, county clerk   | 716 10      |
| Bridge funds from Christ Schmitt, County Commissioner  | 3 00        |
| General Funds from Stanton County for work on county line                                    | 69 49       |
| General Funds from Antelope County, for work on county line                                  | 5 00        |
| General Funds from John Malone, County Commissioner, for dirt sold                           | 121 00      |
| Road Funds from John Malone, County Commissioner, for grading in Commissioner District No. 1 | 16 95       |
| Redemptions  | 1817 46     |
| Interest from Banks on daily balances, first half of 1906                                    | 721 91      |
| Taxes paid under protest   | 35 45       |
| Miscellaneous fees   | 61 75       |
| Transfers from funds to funds  | 11974 05    |
|  | \$196440 88 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Warrants Paid                     | \$111005 23 |
| Redemptions paid                  | 1828 51     |
| Taxes paid under protest, applied | 35 45       |
| Transfers from funds to funds     | 11974 05    |
| Balance on hand July 1, 1906      | 71597 59    |
|                                   | \$196440 88 |

Registered County Warrants Outstanding July 1, 1906.

|                          |            |                         |           |   |          |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------|---|----------|
| 1891 County General Fund | \$ 4 00    | 1900 County Bridge Fund | \$ 8 00   | 1905 Road Fund, Commissioner District No. 1 | \$ 6 90  |
| 1896 County General Fund | 20 45      | 1905 County Bridge Fund | 1358 98   | 1905 Road Fund, Commissioner District No. 2 | 91 50    |
| 1899 County General Fund | 4 00       |                         |           | 1905 Road Fund, Commissioner District No. 3 | 61 45    |
| 1901 County General Fund | 20 94      |                         |           |   |          |
| 1902 County General Fund | 8 00       |                         |           |   |          |
| 1903 County General Fund | 29 65      |                         |           |   |          |
| 1904 County General Fund | 117 89     |                         |           |   |          |
| 1905 County General Fund | 954 40     |                         |           |   |          |
| Total                    | \$ 1158 73 | Total                   | \$1366 98 | Total                                       | \$159 85 |

Cash Balances on July 1, 1906.

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| In First National Bank, Madison, Neb.          | \$ 7079 00  |
| " Madison State Bank, Madison, Neb.            | 7020 74     |
| " Norfolk National Bank, Norfolk, Neb.         | 12582 45    |
| " Citizens National Bank, Norfolk, Neb.        | 6608 34     |
| " Nebraska National Bank, Norfolk, Neb.        | 5576 52     |
| " Battle Creek Valley Bank, Battle Creek, Neb. | 5628 20     |
| " Citizens State Bank, Battle Creek, Neb.      | 2804 42     |
| " Meadow Grove State Bank, Meadow Grove, Neb.  | 3442 95     |
| " Security Bank, Meadow Grove                  | 2506 87     |
| " Elkhorn Valley Bank, Tilden, Neb.            | 3972 38     |
| " Tilden State Bank, Tilden, Neb.              | 4188 60     |
| " First National Bank, Newman Grove, Neb.      | 3613 49     |
| " Newman Grove State Bank, Newman Grove, Neb.  | 4164 52     |
| " State Fiscal Agency, Kountze Bros., New York | 546 46      |
| " Office                                       | 1863 70     |
| Total  | \$ 71597 59 |

STATE OF NEBRASKA, COUNTY OF MADISON, ss.

I, Christopher Schavland, County Treasurer in and for Madison county, Nebraska, do solemnly swear that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the receipts and disbursements of my office from the 1st day of January, 1906, to the 30th day of June, 1906, inclusive; the amount of money in each fund; the amount of outstanding and unpaid registered county general, county bridge and county road warrants, and the total amount of outstanding and unpaid hand and in banks at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1906, to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 9th day of July A. D., 1906.  
GEO. E. RICHARDSON, County Clerk.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, COUNTY OF MADISON, ss.

We, the undersigned County Commissioners in and for Madison county, Nebraska, do hereby certify that we have carefully examined the accounts of Christopher Schavland, County Treasurer of said county, and have found the foregoing statement thereof to be correct.

Witness our signatures at Madison, Nebraska, this 11th day of July, 1906.  
JOHN H. HARDING, JOHN MALONE, BURR TAFT, County Commissioners.