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### WARE'S CONVICTION.

Rev. Ware has been convicted in federal district court and unless the supreme court reverses the decision he will have to go to the penitentiary.

His offense consisted in procuring old soldiers and others to file homestead entries on government land enclosed in the U. B. I. ranch in the sand hills of western Nebraska, which the reverend gentleman managed.

The press dispatches say that this is but a beginning—that similar prosecution will be inaugurated in other similar cases.

The announcement of this program should rouse those who have the interests of Nebraska at heart to immediate action. If Ware is guilty there is scarcely a ranchman in western Nebraska, large or small, who is not guilty. And if all are guilty, all those hundreds of cattlemen whose product is the very life of the Omaha live stock market which adds millions of dollars annually to the state's wealth, what would be the effect of a wholesale prosecution?

The mere suggestion that the government will carry out such a policy would seem too absurd to merit serious consideration but for the conviction of Ware and the apparent preparations for continuing similar prosecutions.

The seriousness of this question as it affects eastern as well as western Nebraska leads the Journal again to go on record in behalf of the western ranchman, and to ask the press of the eastern half of the state, to devote the space it is using in denouncing the "land grabbers" to an appeal to congress immediately to pass a law for the protection of the small cattlemen's industry which next to that of the farmer is the greatest in the state.

What the cattlemen need is a law under which the hundreds of thousands of acres of sand hills may be leased or purchased at a reasonable figure by actual settlers.

And the fences must stand. They are absolutely essential to good breeds of cattle, and civilized conditions of society.

The governments theories of prosecuting for illegal fencing and fraudulent homestead entries are both based on fallacies for they both assume that these practices tend to keep out actual settlers when as a matter of fact the contrary is true.

The single sections of land on which a family could live are practically taken if they were not, it would not be necessary to import old soldiers to homestead them. It is impossible to legislate people on land which will not support them unless the same legislation provides the means of support. Therefore the government by pursuing its present policy will simply ruin a profitable industry, take the homes from thousands of women and children and depopulate a productive country. But we cannot believe that the congressmen from Nebraska will sit idly by and witness the destructive enforcement of a misfit homestead law without taking active steps to amend it.

### L. G. BRIAN.

The name of L. G. Brian of Albion has been prominently mentioned as a candidate for state treasurer and it looks very much as if the man who named him has named the winner.

No more stalwart a republican could be found in the state, no clean man, no man better qualified for that important office than L. G. Brian.

He has served as county commissioner and as county treasurer of Boone county for two terms making an excellent record in both offices and winning the confidence of all with whom he came in contact.

Mr. Brian is not a politician according to the common acceptance of

that term. He is a practical farmer and business man and first became interested in politics because his friends and neighbors wanted to use his good abilities and honest heart and pressed him into service.

Mr. Brian is a perfect specimen of physical manhood, being over six feet tall and well proportioned. He is reserved in his manner, but a fearless advocate of what he considers right. He was one of the fighting supporters of Judge Letton in the last republican state convention and is as outspoken in favor of Roosevelt's "square deal" policy as he was for republican principles in the days when fusionists was at its height.

L. G. Brian is just the kind of a man Nebraska needs to succeed Mr. Mortensen and the Journal wants to help pull the Brian band wagon to an overwhelming victory.

The democratic writers of Nebraska are working overtime lately in the charitable pastime of helping the republicans to nominate a senator and governor to their liking. The pastime is entirely harmless so far as the writers themselves are concerned and helps some, the candidates they oppose. But it is rather hard on the candidates they support. People have not yet forgot the years of fusion rule given to them by the same reform democratic writers who are so busy now selecting republican candidates. They have not forgot the low railroad assessments under fusionism nor the extra clerical force required by the railroads those years to supply the extraordinary demand for passes from the fusion lawmakers. And, strange enough, these same writers have almost forgot to say anything about democratic candidates, another harmless pastime, which we would recommend just as a matter of variation.

Rev. Ware by violating the letter of the homestead law did more to carry out its spirit than Secretary Hitchcock is doing by tearing down the fences and driving the best cattlemen from the country.

### OTHER EDITORS.

Alliance Times:—A number of cattlemen, representing various sections of this part of the state, contemplate organizing a committee to go to Washington within a few days, and will make a plea for the passage of a lease bill. This is without doubt the only possible solution of the government land difficulty at this time.

See:—The curriculum outlined for the new school of railroad engineering and administration about to be inaugurated by the University of Illinois is interesting, yet sadly defective in at least two directions. It holds out no scheme of instruction to fit young men to enter the railroad publicity bureau for the manufacture of public sentiment against rate regulation, nor does it offer any inducements to those who look forward to employment as railway tax bureaucrats to beat down railway assessments and compromise railway taxes. No school of railroad administration will be complete that does not include lectures and recitations in these two most important branches.

Frontier Tribune:—Rev. George G. Ware, the cattle baron who has just been convicted in Judge Munger's court with conspiracy to defraud the government in land titles, finds what it is to have friends in time of need. When the dominion returned home to Lead City he was not shunned by his "visionaries" as one who was guilty of great sin and to be shunned. On the contrary his people were more cordial than ever. His church members extended another call to him to serve longer as pastor. The man evidently possesses some good traits or he would not be treated thus. His friends evidently think him entitled to as much consideration as was shown Bartlett Richards and W. G. Comstock, and more than was shown to Marshal Matthews and Attorney Baxter.

P. J. Barron in World-Herald:—A town of Illinois, one of those interesting little municipalities where everyone is acquainted with and feels a parental interest in everyone else, is having a hard time over the ethics of giggling in church. A young lady was the offender and the minister conducting the service was the offended one; then the minister publicly reprimanded the young lady and conditions were reversed; the town divided against itself, the church officials and the moonkeepers took a hand, and the end is not yet. The responsibility is no doubt divided. There are some people who would never giggle in the face of any minister and there are some ministers before whom no scoffer could be disrespectful. A preacher who is chronically troubled by inattentive audiences should seek some other vocation; and a young lady who is moved to mirth by an invitation to repeat and be saved would better stay away from church until she is older. There will always be some that laugh and some that pray, and when the two meet under the same roof it would seem to be only justice that the party that pays the rent should have the privilege of pre-

scribing the order of exercises. Just why a young lady rattles on sundry solemn occasions, and for no apparent cause, is a problem that is just about as easy to solve as the question of why is a Jaybird. We don't know. Goldsmith refers to the "loud laugh that spoke the vacant mind." And very generally it does. But a soft and musical titter that is pitched in a suitable key, and that has in its timbre something of the robin's note, is in offensive, restful and pleasing, provided it is not accompanied by chewing gum. It is an index of joy and freedom from care, which is the best spectacle that this world affords. But there is a season for all things, and a religious service is probably not the season for that particular manifestation of joy. Accordingly, on consideration of all the circumstances, the young lady is found guilty, with a recommendation that mercy be shown by the court. And she is hereby warned not to do it again.

Howells Journal:—A letter from Judge Reeder, published last week in the Schuyler papers, brings the information that he has arrived at a conclusion on the Sheeley bridge case, although the decision in full has not yet been given out. The finding of the court is in substance that the contract made between Sheeley and the board of county commissioners is void for the reason that there were no funds to meet the expense. However, he further finds that the county, through its board, having accepted the bridge, and the public having used it, must pay Sheeley a reasonable sum for labor and material. Great fraud was practiced in the building of this and other bridges, fraud that must have been apparent to every member of the board, fraud that brands Sheeley as a grafter of the first water. As soon as Judge Reeder's finding is spread upon the records we shall publish the same and comment upon it.

Coal.  
Newman & Welch have coal from \$5 to \$8 per ton at yard.

Wanted.  
Farm loans at 5 and 5 1/2 per cent, no commission.—Elliot Speck Co.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.  
Department of the Interior,  
Land Office at Lincoln, Nebraska,  
January 29, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of District Court, at Columbus, Nebraska, on March 15, 1906, viz: Abraham W. Laithe, Hd. No. 1768 for the sec. 34, Township 17 N., Range 3 W., 2d P.M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Frank Buggel, of Genoa, Nebraska; Milford Beckwith, of Silver Creek, Nebraska; Michael Kusz, of Genoa, Nebraska; Martin Kargus, of Dunlap, Nebraska.  
W. A. GREEN, Register.

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK, No. 519, At Columbus, Nebraska, at the Close of Business, January 29, 1906.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$22,000.00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,715.00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	30,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	600.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	800.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	9,700.00
Other real estate owned	857.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	2,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents	40,117.88
Due from State Banks and bankers	9,000.00
Checks and other cash items	1,827.35
Notes of other National Banks	1,500.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	111.82
Legal Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Special	\$10,000.00
Legal tender notes	20,900.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	1,500.00
Total	\$115,900.00

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	9,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,275.47
National Bank notes outstanding	30,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	50,381.30
Demand certificates of deposit	18,054.23
Time certificates of deposit	210,549.00
Total	\$115,900.00

State of Nebraska, ss:  
County of Platte, ss:  
I, Daniel Schram, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
DANIEL SCHRAM, Cashier.  
(Correct—Attest:)  
C. E. SHREVE, H. P. H. OSHELICH, Directors,  
JOSIAS WELCH  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Feb., 1906.  
W. M. CORNELIUS, Notary Public.  
Commission expires January 21, 1911.

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK At Columbus, in the State of Nebraska at the close of business, Jan. 29, 1906.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$28,719.95
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	6,000.00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	1,155.00
Stocks, Securities, etc.	34,300.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	5,800.00
Other real estate owned	37,478.47
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	5,015.81
Due from approved reserve agents	30,781.21
Due from State Banks and bankers	5,000.00
Checks and other cash items	1,941.31
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	323.39
Legal Money Reserve in bank, viz:	
Special	\$10,000.00
Legal tender notes	21,176.40
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	1,750.00
Total	\$145,000.29

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,372.79
National Bank notes outstanding	35,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	138,085.90
Demand certificates of deposit	22,761.66
Time certificates of deposit	2,500.00
Total	\$145,000.29

STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss:  
County of Platte, ss:  
I, O. T. BOZS, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
O. T. BOZS, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of February, 1906.  
A. F. FLAGGEMAN, Notary Public.  
My commission expires Jan. 19, 1911.

# J. H. GALLEY

505 Eleventh Street Columbus, Nebraska

## February Clearing & Stock Reducing SALE

Commencing Saturday, February 3d, ..AND CONTINUING 15 DAYS..

During this sale prices will be marked down on all Winter Goods throughout the entire Store. The discounts cover the entire stock. Come early; it will pay you to attend this sale. It is our ambition to be known to you as a **Dry Goods House** that deals in **Reliable Goods Only**. If you want Values and Bargains Come and Investigate.

Special Prices on Muslins, Sheetings, Pillowcases, Prints, Apron Gingham, Percales, Shirtings, Towelings, Bed Spreads, Table Covers and Lace Curtains.

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Men's Duck Coats, Pants, Caps, Underwear, Sweaters, Gloves and Mittens all going During This Sale at **20 Per Cent Discount!**

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- All \$ 5.00 Overcoats at \$ 4.00
- All 7.50 Overcoats at 6.00
- All 8.50 Overcoats at 6.75
- All 10.00 Overcoats at 8.00
- All 12.00 Overcoats at 9.60
- All 13.50 Overcoats at 10.80
- All 15.00 Overcoats at 12.00
- All 18.00 Overcoats at 14.40
- All 20.00 Overcoats at 16.00

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Now is the time to get a Cloak or Skirt Cheap.

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- All 7.50 Skirts now.....6.00
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Our entire stock of Men's and Boy's Clothing and Overcoats during this sale will be offered at **20% Discount**.

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Agent for Standard Patterns—all Patterns 10c and 15c. Subscriptions taken for the Standard Designer until March 1st, 1906, at 50c per Year.



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All Winter Clothing Going at 20% Discount.

- All \$ 6.00 Suits at \$ 4.76
- All 7.50 Suits at 6.00
- All 8.50 Suits at 6.75
- All 9.00 Suits at 7.20
- All 10.00 Suits at 8.00
- All 12.50 Suits at 10.80
- All 15.00 Suits at 12.00
- All 16.50 Suits at 13.20
- All 19.00 Suits at 14.40

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Do you want a fur scarf? This is the time to buy one. Your choice of any fur scarf or muff during this sale at **20 Per Cent Discount**.