MESERVE'S OFFICIAL BOND

Document Supposed to Secure the State Needs Investigation.

BOLSTERED UP WITH WORTHLESS SURETIES

Seven Names from Lancaster County Represent Over $700,000, of Which Less Than $40,000 Could Be Collected.

LINCOLN, Nov. 2.—(Special.)—The question has been raised several times during this campaign as to the soundness of the bond given by State Treasurer Meserve, but the parties entering into the discussion have in each case either been too timid or lacking of the means to make a thorough investigation. So far as the signatures on the bond placed there by Lancaster county are concerned there is no occasion for timidity in the discussion, as the general worthlessness of the bond is a matter of common knowledge. If the balance of the bondsmen are proportionately in the same shape as those in this part of the state, the question is one of great importance to the public and should not be regarded in a partisan sense.

On the $2,000,000 bond are seven individuals from this county and the total amount of their liability is $730,000 according to that document. It is a matter of public notoriety that this liability is overstated more than tenfold. Each person in qualifying took oath that he was worth the amount set opposite his name "over and above my present liabilities and subject to sale and execution in this state." If the parties were really worth that much over and above their indebtedness when they signed the bond along about January 1, 1897, the property has evaporated and very little but the "liabilities" remains. No business man in the city of Lincoln can be found who will say that as much as $40,000 could be collected from the entire seven bondsmen, although they represent over one-third of the total liability on the Meserve bond. That they were ever worth the amount represented in the qualification is a matter of much doubt.

Were on the Bartley Bond.

There are other matters that enter into this discussion that show the utter unavailability of these bondsmen should there be a call on them for any considerable sum on that bond. Five of the seven were on the Bartley bond, having qualified for a total of $1,050,000, or a little over one-half the amount represented on that bond. Yet they were accepted as perfectly good on the Meserve bond before any settlement was had with Bartley. The history of the Bartley bond suit is fresh in the public mind. Most of the signers on the bond hurried to dispose of the property they had remaining in their own names and one who represented $300,000 on the Bartley bond and $150,000 on the Meserve bond entered court with a plea of insanity.

Of the two signers on the bond of the present treasurer, who were not also on the Bartley bond, both are notoriously bankrupt and their names on a bond for a $7,000 state deposit in the late defunct Merchants' bank is not sufficient to produce any revenue to reimburse the state. Two bondsmen have left the state and the records do not disclose any property that could be reached in the event of a suit on the bond. One principal bondsman, who said he was worth $200,000 over and above liabilities, was also on the bonds of Eugene Moore, P. O. Hedlund, G. M. Bartlett and Dr. L. J. Abbott when Holcomb accepted him as good on the bond of the present treasurer. His "liabilities" at that time on bonds alone was $330,000 and since then he has been accepted on the bonds of C. W. Hoxie and J. W. Edgerton for $15,000 more. In the light of facts well known in the city of Lincoln these amounts are perfectly astounding. No man knows from whence the property would come to meet these obligations. The only considerable amount of real estate that can be pointed out as belonging to any bondsman is in litigation and is being dissolved as fast as industrious attorney and courts can attend to it and the reputed owner is the one who has already entered the insanity plea in the Bartley case.

What They Pay Taxes On.

In looking over the records of Lancaster county relating to personal property nothing is found that would bolster up the claim of Meserve that his bond is good. The seven bondsmen who claimed Lincoln as their home two years ago now pay personal tax on a total valuation of $1,150. Not one of them confesses to the ownership of any bank stock, securities or other valuable property. Of the total valuation mentioned, $960 is listed by one of them, and the other six, who are represented on the Meserve bond as being worth $580,000 over and above liabilities, pay personal tax on a valuation of just $190 worth of personal property. In the face of these facts, shown by the records, Treasurer Meserve claims that his bond is perfectly good for the amount it represents, and invites investigation. It is quite probable that when the smaller bondsmen living in the interior of the state learn of the actual condition of the big ones the treasurer will get more investigation than he is looking for. In making a bluff about an investigation the treasurer relied on the natural hesitation of men to inquire into the financial affairs of others and believed that the matter would blow over. There is, however, no question that a thorough investigation made here at Lincoln, at Omaha and at other places would disclose the fact that the bond of the state treasurer, instead of being "at a premium," is really not worth one-half its face value. The state has just had some suits on defalcations that were backed up by straw bonds and there is no good reason why the taxpayers should not accept the bluff made by the treasurer and make a thorough investigation. It might result in a "saving" not mentioned on the popocratic circulars.

Lincoln Local Notes.

Captain Culver of Troop K, the Milford cavalry company, has returned from a short trip through the east. His oldest son, Clarence Culver, will remain in the service, being citizen clerk in the headquarters of the Third brigade of the Second division, now stationed at Camp Meade. He expects to go to Cuba soon with the troops.

Louis Poska and William B. McRoberts filed an attachment suit yesterday against the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis road and took possession of a freight car belonging to the company. The plaintiffs shipped a car of stock over the road in question and claim to have sustained $600 damages, for which they ask judgment.

The members of the Lincoln Light infantry, which later formed the principal part of Company F of the Second Nebraska, held their first meeting since returning from Chickamauga last night. It was unanimously decided to continue the organization under the old name. A party which was to have been given just as the boys left for the south will come off at their quarters tomorrow night. Financially the company is in excellent shape, money enough being in the treasury to more than pay all indebtedness.

A soap that destroys the softness of woolen will destroy the softness of the skin. Be sure of that. No matter how much a soap costs, if it shrinks wool it isn't fit for the toilet. The best soap for all uses is the soap that won't shrink wool.

MY MAMA USED I WISH MINE HAD

WOOL SOAP

IT SWIMS.

"Wool Soap is an excellent article, and every woman will be benefited by using it." HELEN M. BARKER, Treas. Nat'l W.C.T.U.

CAN'T BE CALLED DEMOCRATS

Supreme Court Rules on the Legislative Election Case from Buffalo County.

LINCOLN, Nov. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The supreme court made a ruling on the Buffalo county election case this morning, holding that names of populist nominees for the legislature cannot be printed on the democratic ticket if they are not regular nominees by the democratic party. The democrats at their convention refused to nominate legislative candidates. A committee of twenty-four was authorized to fill vacancies and five members of this committee met later and selected the men who had already been nominated by the populists, other members of the committee not having been given notice of the meeting. The protest was made by democrats.

DESERTED BY A NEW-FOUND BRIDE.

Lacy Trusts a Matrimonial Bureau and Lives to Repent.

CHADRON, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Through the agency of a matrimonial bureau Patrick Lacy of Harrison, Neb., aged 43 years, and Mrs. Maggie Schooley, aged 53, of Marion, O., were united in marriage at the home of the groom last week. After having enjoyed the companionship of her newly found husband two nights and one day Mrs. Lacy tired of the matrimonial venture and Lacy has now lost his bride, who left, together with her little daughter, for her Ohio home. Gross misrepresentations on the part of both parties in the case resulted in the marriage being a decidedly unhappy union, and Lacy does not regret his wife's early departure. It is stated that Lacy represented to Mrs. Schooley that he was a wealthy cattle ranchman, owning a large ranch in Sioux City, but when she arrived on the scene she discovered her intended to be a day laborer with small means. Lacy, in turn, discovered that the woman, who had claimed to have several thousand dollars in her own right, had barely enough money in her possession to purchase a ticket home, so the match was broken with but little sorrow on the part of the two interested parties.

Two Suspicious Deaths.

SEWARD, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—People in and near Utica, fourteen miles west of here, are excited over two deaths which recently occurred in that vicinity. Mrs. Gearhart Meinners, wife of a farmer living nine miles southwest of Utica, died on October 26, under somewhat suspicious circumstances. On October 28 Fritz Dobler, a man who had been working for the Meinners, went to Utica, where he was taken ill quite suddenly. The coroner was notified and held an inquest on October 29. The jury was unable to determine the cause of death, but recommended that a post mortem examination be made. The stomach was removed and sent to Lincoln for chemical analysis. Poisoning is suspected in both cases and if the analysis of the man's stomach sustains this view arrests will probably be made.

Mortgages Filed and Released.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—The following is the mortgage record of Dodge county for the month of October: Chattel mortgages filed, 91, amount, $65,396.65; released, 22, amount, $3,584.91; farm mortgages recorded, 16, amount, $22,227.24; released, 18, amount, $32,166.52; town and city mortgages filed, 7, amount, $4,754; released, 8, amount, $3,932.05. Of the chattel mortgages given the past month nearly $60,000 are on cattle shipped in here to be fattened on Dodge county hay and corn for South Omaha and eastern markets. Last year the business of cattle feeding proved a successful one to most of the farmers who engaged in it and as a consequence more cattle are being fed this season. Over one hundred thousand sheep are also being fed in this county this fall.

Election Contest Case Decided.

LINCOLN, Nov. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—An election contest case from Nuckolls county was decided by the supreme court today. The republicans of that county, in certifying their candidates to the county clerk, had neglected to include the certificate for county commissioner and the mistake was found out too late to file, under the election law. To remedy this the republican committee met, declared a vacancy on the ticket and nominated the same man over again. The nomination of a man to fill a vacancy gave them the right to file the certificate up to eight days before the election. The county clerk refused to put the name on the ticket and the republicans applied for a writ to compel him to do so. The court granted the writ this afternoon.

Mortgages Filed and Released.

SEWARD, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—The following is a report of the mortgages filed and released in Seward county during the month of November: Farm mortgages filed, twenty, $21,375; released, eighteen, $18,182.25; city mortgages filed, five, $1,925; released, seven, $4,251.75; chattel mortgages filed, sixty-nine, $43,230.04; released, forty, $9,200.35.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—The mortgage record for October in Polk county was as follows: Eighteen farm mortgages filed, amounting to $18,215; twenty-three farm mortgages released, amounting to $22,653.03; one city mortgage filed, amounting to $300; one city mortgage released, amounting to $350.

Trouble Over a Child.

HARRISON, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Some years ago V. A. Hester, a prominent young business man, and his wife were separated and Hester has since made efforts to secure the custody of his son. Last week, learning that Mrs. Hester had left the city to visit friends, he met the boy on the streets and took him home with him. Mrs. Hester's mother, Mrs. E. F. Pontius, immediately swore out a warrant for Hester's arrest, charging him with kidnaping, whereupon Hester returned the child to its grandparents. While doing so Hester alleges that Mrs. Pontius assaulted him, and he, in turn, swore out a warrant for her arrest.

Soldiers Banqueted.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—A local firm of restaurateurs banqueted the members of the Second Nebraska Volunteer infantry, discharged, in their restaurant parlors last night. Thirty-eight were present and deeply appreciated the kindness of their entertainers. On November 10 the citizens of Schuyler and vicinity will banquet the boys.

The Schuyler debating club is again at work and will hold sessions throughout the winter. The membership is large and the interest is good.

Agriculturists Elect Officers.

SEWARD, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—At the regular meeting of the Seward County Agricultural society held yesterday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: D. Zimmerman, president; W. C. Hartman, vice president; A. E. Baker, secretary; L. F. Schultz, treasurer.

RESULT IS FORESHADOWED

Republican Candidates Speak to Large Crowds Throughout the State.

DISPENSE SOME UNVARNISHED TRUTH

Campaign is Vigorously Carried On and All Parties Gather to Listen to the Words of Republican Leaders.

YORK, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Assistant Secretary of War George D. Meiklejohn addressed a large and enthusiastic audience here tonight. The political issues of the day were discussed in a masterly manner and Mr. Meiklejohn's hearers punctured his remarks with frequent and prolonged applause. He defended the administration from the attack of its enemies and made an eloquent appeal to the voters of York county to uphold the president's hands when they go to the polls next Tuesday. The address strengthened the republican party in this vicinity.

HARTINGTON, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Hon. T. L. Matthews, candidate for state auditor on the republican ticket, delivered a speech here last night to a highly representative audience. The subject matter of the speech was the methods employed by the populists in conducting the business of the state during the last two years.

Without any attempt at oratory Mr. Matthews recited how two years ago an attempt was made by the populists to steal the supreme court; how, to secure this end, republicans were unseated from the legislature and how the ballots were changed by Secretary Porter and committee. At the close of every statement the applause was loud and earnest.

The populists seem to very much fear the result of Mr. Matthews' speeches. This belief is founded on the fact that at last night's meeting there was present J. Simpson of Auburn, Neb., a public examiner appointed by the populist administration, and that this gentleman had a duty to perform was shown when Mr. Matthews directed his attention to the claim of the state treasurer in his public economy. "The populist campaign matter," said Mr. Matthews, "states that Treasurer Meserve has reduced the state debt over $700,000 by his conduct of the business since his term of office. In explanation of this I desire to state that $175,000 of alleged saving was effected by taking that amount illegally from the school fund and placing it in the general fund. This augurs to the good of the general fund while it is there, but it must be paid back to the school fund from which it never should have been taken."

At this juncture Mr. Simpson arose in all his majestic importance and, contradicting the speaker, said that the $175,000 item was not included in the claim of $700,000. Mr. Simpson grew very angry and made remarks that called forth the condemnation of a great many populists. He was finally quieted and refused to take part any further in the meeting. After Mr. Matthews had proved to the satisfaction of all present the truthfulness of his claim and after urging the examiner to ask any questions he desired the meeting closed. Because of this incident the program was an exceptionally good one for the republicans.

Address by M. L. Hayward.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—A rousing republican meeting was held in the opera house last evening, the house being filled by an attentive audience. Many former populists and democrats were present and expressed themselves as being favorably impressed by the words of the speakers. C. W. Derby, chairman of the county central committee, presided and introduced Hon. M. L. Hayward, who delivered the principal address of the evening. His speech was mostly statistical, showing up the inconsistencies and falsehoods shown by the figures sent out by the popocratic joint committees. He proved by a long list of facts and figures the great improvement in the financial condition of the people, which fact he showed was due to the change in the national administration and not to the state administration. Hon. G. R. Williams followed with a few remarks, which were well received by the audience.

KENESAW, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—The republicans of Kenesaw and vicinity had a splendid meeting last night. Judge Strode of Lincoln spoke on national and state issues in a very convincing manner. J. D. Evans, candidate for representative, opened the meeting in a half hour's speech that greatly pleased his friends and called from the judge a highly complimentary reference. The largest audience room in town was filled, many populists being present. The republican outlook here is bright.

Good Meeting at Bradshaw.

BRADSHAW, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—The republican meeting held in the Ancient Order of United Workmen hall at this place Saturday was the first held by that party during this campaign, but it was a rouser. E. H. Hinshaw, candidate for congress from the Fourth district, and John A. Whitmore were to do the speaking. Owing to Mr. Hinshaw making the drive overland from York, he was consequently delayed. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity, there being no standing room left. Mr. Whitmore of Aurora, one of the most gifted orators in this part of the state, opened the meeting and discussed the only real issue before the people in this campaign, the endorsement of President McKinley and his successful war policy. Whitmore made some telling arguments upon this question. He touched slightly on some of the sham pretenses of the so-called reform element and his remarks made a good impression upon the audience. Major Schovall spoke for a short time and put in some telling work for the republican cause. Mr. Hinshaw discussed the leading issues of the campaign in a most eloquent and convincing manner. He has made many friends at this place who will speak their approval at the polls on November 8.

HEBRON, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—A rousing republican meeting was held at the opera house last night. Hon. W. S. Sommers made a splendid address and concluded with one of the finest eulogies on the republican party ever delivered here. Chaplain Tate followed him, speaking of the falseness of the charges made against the government for neglect to furnish adequate supplies for the army.

COZAD, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Phil E. Winter of Omaha spoke here last night to a large audience of voters, who gave him the best of attention. General satisfaction is expressed with his address, which is believed to have had good results.

Rally at Fairbury.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—The republicans held an enthusiastic meeting Monday evening and turned out in force to listen to Hon. G. M. Lambertson of Lincoln who discussed the issues of the campaign in his usual able manner. The big rally of the season will be held Saturday afternoon and evening when speeches will be made by Hon. E. J. Hainer, Senator Murphy of Beatrice and Hon. E. H. Hinshaw.

EDGAR, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Captain C. E. Adams and J. N. Clark addressed the people here last night on the national issues of the campaign. Mr. Clark spoke first and confined his remarks to the principles and promises of the republican party, comparing them with the principles and promises of other parties. His address was well received and elicited frequent applause. Mr. Adams took up the subject of republican achievements in contrast with democratic failures, comparing the administrations of 1893 and 1897 with the glorious achievements of the republican party under the present administration. The address was earnest, eloquent and logical and called forth round after round of applause in which even the populists who were present joined. The turnout was large, the hall being filled to its capacity. This fact and the enthusiasm manifested, especially when compared with the apathy and lack of attendance at the populist rallies, augurs well for republican success next Tuesday.

CULBERTSON, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—J. H. Edgerton and J. L. White were to speak in the city last night on populistic issues, but after two weeks' advertising a crowd could not be mustered. In 1890 a populist meeting would hardly have standing room, but now a dozen is a crowd.

WAHOO, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—W. A. Poynter, fusion candidate for governor, spoke in the opera house in this city last evening to a fair sized audience. C. M. Lemar, candidate for the legislature, and H. Gilkerson, candidate for county attorney, also spoke. There is not the same enthusiasm among the fusion forces in this county as in former campaigns.

HARVARD, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Political results are as much in doubt in Clay county as they were three months ago. Comparatively few meetings have been held by either party and those seemed lacking in interest, especially on the part of the populists. Hon. William H. Canfield, republican nominee for county attorney, has proved a strong candidate and it is also probable that both members of the legislative ticket will be elected.

Outlook in Richardson County.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—The political situation in Richardson county has much in it to please the republicans, while a corresponding depression is noticeable in the ranks of the fusionists. From all sections of the county, which at the last election gave the populists majorities ranging from 150 to 700, come words of praise and commendation for the republican candidate for senator from the First district, Hon. W. J. Halderman of Burchard. His opponent, Hon. Ralph Clark of Stella, was a member of the last house of representatives, but by reason of his attitude on many questions antagonized a number of his former supporters who fought him bitterly at the convention. Some of these are now opposing him openly while others are not saying much but are waiting patiently until Tuesday next when they can talk through the ballot box. Republicans are confident that Halderman will carry his home county (Pawnee) by 300 to 500 plurality while the chances are that in this county the fusion majority will be cut down until the votes will be about evenly divided between the two candidates. On the legislative ticket the republicans are feeling sure of electing one member with about even chances for one of the two remaining positions. In the legislature of 1897 both the senatorial and representative districts were in the hands of the fusionists, so that if present indications count for anything Richardson and Pawnee counties will do their part toward restoring the state to its proper and logical position in the republican column.

LYONS, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—As the hour for the final battle of the ballots approaches, enthusiasm over the issues becomes more and more manifest. This was admirably demonstrated last night when a large assemblage greeted ex-Congressman E. J. Hainer at the opera house. Mr. Hainer compared the conditions of the country that have followed the republican administration down to the present time with those during the dominance of the democratic party. The speaker closed with an urgent appeal to the voters to support the president.

Populist Fizzle.

HOLDREGE, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The populist rally for Poynter and Superintendent Jackson, here today, was a fizzle. They had the opera house but when the crowd failed to appear they adjourned to the court house, which would not hold one-fourth as much as the opera house. There was no enthusiasm.

Pershing at Broken Bow.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Major Pershing of the regular army, who was promoted at the battle of El Caney for bravery, delivered a lecture here tonight and was greeted with a large audience. General Gage and Colonel Russell were with him and each gave a talk. General Gage gave instructions how to prepare boxes to send Christmas presents to members of Company M of the First regiment at Manila. All boxes for the boys are to be sent to Broken Bow in care of Judge J. S. Benjamin, who, with the local committee, will see to placing them in the large boxes and forward to General Gage at Lincoln, who will direct them for shipment. Freight will have to be paid to Broken Bow by parties sending them.

Swindled by a Cattle Thief.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—E. Sholtz, who lives nine miles southwest of here, bought on October 24 sixty-five head of cattle of a stranger who said he was driving them through the country and who gave his name as Wilkinson. Today he turned the cattle over to Mr. Plumer without expense, from whose range, on the Dismal, the cattle were stolen on the 22nd ult. Mr. Sholtz is out $1,500 which he paid for the cattle. He admits that he was swindled, but hopes to catch the thief. There were two men with the cattle, but one had nothing to say and did not even give his name.

Two Successful Social Events.

WYMORE, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—The annual Catholic fair, which has been in progress here for a week, came to a close Monday evening, when the prizes were awarded. The fair resulted in a profit of $520, dedicated to church affairs.

The merchants' carnival, held at the opera house last night was participated in by over fifty young women in costume. It was given under the auspices of the Martha Washington society.

False Report Circulated.

WAKEFIELD, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Following the death of William Warnock, republican candidate for the legislature from Dixon county, the county central committee placed J. J. McCarthy of Ponca in nomination in his stead. The false report has been persistently circulated through the press and otherwise that A. Davis is running for the office with the endorsement of the central committee.

A Halloween Casualty.

COZAD, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—About 4 o'clock yesterday morning Harley Atkinson saw some boys making off with his buggy for a Holloween lark and after warning them to desist shot a young man named William King in the knee, the whole charge of heavy shot taking effect. The wound is a serious one, but no arrests have been made.

Soldiers Are Remembered.

GENEVA, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Yesterday the relatives and friends of the members of Company G, Third Nebraska Volunteers, held a meeting to consider the sending of individual boxes to the boys at the front. The principal trouble will be to keep within bounds. No one who went from this county is to be forgotten.

Hurt Playing Foot Ball.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—George Arnup, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Arnup of this city, had his collarbone broken yesterday while playing foot ball.

Indian Girl Commits Suicide.

WICHITA, Kan., Nov. 2.—Jennie Holderman, a quarterblood Cherokee, at Pryor Creek, I. T., killed herself because her Indian lover, John Watka, met death while resisting arrest. She took morphine Sunday night.

MUST ACCEPT THE OFFICE

Combination of Circumstances Compels Major Kircheis to Run for Sheriff of La Crosse County.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Nov. 2.—A very unusual action was brought in the circuit court here today and as a result Major J. Kircheis of the Third Wisconsin volunteers, a republican, is compelled to accept the nomination for sheriff of La Crosse county on the democratic ticket against his will. While the major was in Porto Rico the democratic convention nominated him for sheriff, without his consent or knowledge. His regiment has just returned from Porto Rico on sixty days' furlough and he did not reach home until Monday, two days too late to file his declination of the nomination. He refused to run and the county clerk refused to put his name on the official ticket. Democratic County Chairman Mahoney then brought an action in the circuit court to compel the county clerk to place Kircheis' name on the ticket and won his case. Judge Wyman, in his rulings, held that the law required that a declination be filed nine days before the election and that it was not for the court to put any different construction on the statute and therefore Major Kircheis' name must go on the ticket.

Major Kircheis made an excellent record in Porto Rico as an army officer and it is conceded that he will be elected by a large majority, but he is still an army officer.

PACKING HOUSE STATISTICS

Fair Increase in Killings Shown Over the Corresponding Week Last Year.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Price Current says: The hog supply was liberal the past week but moderately reduced. Western packings: 465,000, compared with 500,000 the preceding week and 385,000 last year.

Preliminary statement for eight months ending October 31 shows 13,910,000, against 11,760,000 last year. Prominent places compare as follows:

City.	1898.	1897.
Chicago	4,725,000	4,075,000
Kansas City	1,925,000	1,875,000
Omaha	1,120,000	1,020,000
St. Louis	865,000	712,000
Indianapolis	653,000	560,000
Milwaukee	552,000	494,000
Cincinnati	400,000	329,000
St. Joseph	652,000	245,000
Ottumwa	410,000	381,000
Cedar Rapids	290,000	267,000
Cleveland	290,000	338,000
Louisville	275,000	207,000
Sioux City	230,000	167,000
St. Paul	240,000	45,000
Nebraska City	180,000	131,000
Detroit	175,000	153,000
Wichita	100,000	105,000
All others	780,000	620,000

DISSATISFIED WITH AGENT

Young Sioux at Pine Ridge Prepare Formal Charges Against Major Clapp and Clerk Pugh.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Nov. 2.—Following a protest sent to Washington against the retention of Agent Clapp at Pine Ridge, the Sioux Indians are now preparing formal charges against Major Clapp and Clerk Pugh. A long council was held last night and a disposition to act ugly is manifested among the young Sioux. While there is little fear of an uprising, timid white settlers near the agency are preparing to move unless the trouble with the Indians is soon settled. Agent Clapp has always been regarded as a capable officer.

DENVER BREWERS' LOCK-OUT

Discharged Men Can Go Back to Work and Employers Say There Will Be No Reduction of Wages.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 2.—The lockout of 600 employes of the Denver breweries ended today, the differences between the Brewers' association and the Brewery Workmen's union having been adjusted through the efforts of representatives of the National Union of Brewery Workmen. Concessions were made by both sides. The workmen's union conceded to the employers the right to discharge men at will. The master brewers agree to take back all the men locked out and grant a nine-hour day without any reduction of wages.

Japs Take Out Their New War Ship.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 2.—The new Japanese cruiser, Kasigi, built by the William S. Cramp & Sons Shipbuilding company, steamed down the Delaware river today on its way to New York, where it will remain a short time and then sail for England. The Kasigi has been turned over to the Japanese officers and men. The new cruiser was launched in January last and is the first war ship built in this country for any foreign power since the Russian cruiser Zallacaca was built by the Cramps in 1879. From New York the Kasigi will go to England, where at Newcastle-On-Tyne it will receive its guns. The work of taking on the guns will occupy about four months, after which the Kasigi will cruise through the Mediterranean by easy stages. It is expected to arrive at Yokohama, Japan, during the summer of 1899. The beautiful war vessel was given a hearty farewell all the way down the Delaware by passing craft and by crowds of people on shore who had gathered to witness its departure.

TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST

Prophet's Estimate for Thursday is Clouds and Southwest and West Winds in Nebraska.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Forecast for Thursday:

For Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansas—Partly cloudy; southwest to west winds.

For Iowa and Missouri—Fair; southerly winds.

For Wyoming—Fair; south to southwest winds.

Local Record.

OMAHA, Nov. 2.—Omaha record of temperature and rainfall compared with corresponding day of the last three years:

	1898.	1897.	1896.	1895.
Maximum temperature	63	61	48	66
Minimum temperature	35	27	37	41
Average temperature	49	44	42	54
Rainfall	.00	.00	.00	.00

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1898:

Normal for the day	42
Excess for the day	7
Accumulated excess since March 1	266
Normal rainfall for the day	.05 inch
Deficiency for the day	.05 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	25.04 inches
Deficiency since March 1	3.20 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1897	10.87 inches
Excess for cor. period, 1896	4.51 inches

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Maximum temperature	Precipitation
Omaha, clear	56	62	.00
North Platte, cloudy	54	66	.00
Salt Lake, cloudy	46	54	.00
Cheyenne, clear	40	50	.00
Rapid City, part cloudy	52	58	.00
Huron, clear	46	64	.00
Williston, clear	40	48	.01
Chicago, clear	52	56	.00
St. Louis, clear	58	62	.00
St. Paul, cloudy	54	58	.00
Davenport, clear	52	60	.00
Helena, cloudy	42	46	.00
Kansas City, cloudy	58	62	.00
Havre, cloudy	44	48	.00
Bismarck, clear	42	56	.00
Galveston, clear	66	70	.00

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L. A. WELSH,
Local Forecast Official.

CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONS

Women's Board for Middle Western States Meet in Session at Kansas City—Receipts for a Year.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 2.—The Women's Board of Missions of the Congregational church for the middle district of the United States met in annual session today. About 200 delegates were in attendance. Mrs. Moses Smith, president of the board, is ill, so the vice president, Mrs. Lyman Baird of Chicago, presided at the meetings.

Mrs. J. B. Leake, treasurer of the board, made her annual report. The total receipts of the board, with the balance of last year, amounted to $63,520, and the total expenditures, $63,089. The work of the home department of the board was reviewed by Miss M. D. Wingate and proved the most interesting paper of the morning.

Miss Marie Brewer, a missionary in Turkey for ten years, had much to say of the hard lot of the Turkish and Armenian woman. The Turkish woman, she says, is not allowed to go shopping. The mother must not even kiss or attend to her children without the permission of her mother-in-law.

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Transferring a Big Steel Company.

LORAIN, O., Nov. 2.—The formal transfer of the enormous business of the Johnson company has been made to the Lorain Steel company. The original intention was to make the transfer January 1, but the subsequent deal by which the local company went into the hands of the Federal Steel company made the transfer necessary at this time. The representatives of the Federal Steel company are here taking an inventory of the plant.

Pension Confederate Veterans.

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 2.—The latest returns on the constitutional amendment to pension all indigent ex-confederate soldiers who came to Texas since 1880 at $8 per month, shows 24,676 voted for and 16,718 against it. It is believed that the amendment will carry, but it will require a two-thirds vote. A very light vote was cast.

SUPREME COURT SYLLABI

No. 8369. Harvey against First National Bank of Omaha. Error from Douglas county. Affirmed. Harrison, C. J.

1. The contract of guaranty herein in suit held to be without limitation in its terms of the time of credit to be given the principal debtor. (Young against Hibbs, 5 Neb., 433.)

2. A note taken for a pre-existing debt or as a renewal of another note is not a payment or discharge of the debt unless by express agreement it is accepted as such payment or discharge.

3. Whether it is payment or not is to be determined from the intention of the parties as shown by the acts, facts and circumstances accompanying and attendant upon the transaction in question.

4. Whether extensions of time of payments effected by renewal notes were within the scope of the unlimited credit as to time in terms of a guaranty, held to be a matter to be determined from the evidence relative to the usages and customs of business in such transactions; also of the acts of the parties to and the facts and circumstances of the transactions.

5. A finding that such renewals were within the contemplation of the parties at the time of the contract of guaranty and within the time of credit authorized to be accorded the principal debtor, held to be supported by the evidence.

6. If, with full knowledge of facts which might work his discharge and that such might be their effect, a guarantor recognizes his liability as existent and secures an extension of time for its payment and also by request secures further proceedings for collection by the creditor again of the principal debtor, he will be bound for its payment.

7. In the trial of a case to a court without a jury if incompetent evidence be admitted and considered, but the findings upon competent evidence and sustained thereby, demand the judgment rendered as the only one which could follow, such error, if committed, is without prejudice.

No. 9725. McCready against Phillips. Error from Lancaster county. Reversed. Irvine, C.

Deceit, to ground a recovery, must relate to existing facts. But if one buy property on credit, with the intention at the time of not paying therefor, he is guilty of actionable fraud.

2. In such case the fraud does not consist in the unfulfilled promise to pay, that is only the false token whereby the fraud is accomplished; the gist of the fraud is in the expressed or implied false representation of the intention to pay.

3. Certain instructions and rulings on evidence examined and held to be free from prejudicial error.

4. In an action for damages by a vendor of land for fraud practiced by the vendee the evidence establishing that the fraud did not induce the plaintiff to part with his land for less than he was willing to take uninfluenced by the fraud, but consisted in inducing him to sell at an acceptable price, the vendee intending to evade payment, held that the measure of damages is the price agreed upon less what the vendor may have received and not the value of the land less such receipts.

5. An action for damages for deceit inducing a contract ratifies the contract and the defendant may set off against the damages awarded plaintiff any sums due defendant growing out of the transaction and accruing under the contract.

6. Notes made and payable in another state and stipulating for a higher rate of interest than is here lawful will be enforced according to their terms in the absence of a plea of usury.

No. 9867. City of North Platte against North Platte Water Works Company. Error from Lincoln county. Affirmed. Ryan, C.

1. The provisions of subdivision 15, of section 69, chapter xiv, article i, Compiled Statutes, empowering cities of the second class of less than 5,000 inhabitants to pass ordinances whereby such cities may make contracts with and authorize any person, company or corporation to erect and maintain a system of water works and water supply for a term of twenty-five years and to furnish water to such cities, held, to fall within the exceptions contained in section 89 of said chapter and consequently that an ordinance of that nature duly passed is valid, though not preceded by an appropriation to meet its requirements of payments of water rentals.

2. Where an ordinance authorizing the erection of water works and the supply of water through hydrants of a certain number and at certain rentals was otherwise duly passed; held, that a suspension of the rule requiring it to be read only once on each of three different days unless this rule was suspended was sufficiently complied with where there were present four councilmen, all of whom voted for the suspension, the entire council consisting of six members, of whom one had resigned and another was absent when the suspension took place.

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