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Net total sales, 959,743. Net average sales, 90,629. GEORGE B. TSCHUCK, Notary Public.

The portrait of the Mad Mullah is strong corroborative evidence.

The candidates are feeling the heat of the campaign a great deal more than anyone else.

All accounts agree that the public hall at Durango, Colo., was not fired by Colonel Bryan's oratory.

Some real fighting in Colombia is possible now that a number of Americans have taken a hand.

A new one-hour bicycle record has just been established. The aeronauts and automobilists will have to get busy.

The legislative candidate who is afraid to take a stand on tax reform and home rule is likely to find the people afraid of him.

It is worthy of note that Mercer's frank is not carrying campaign literature in behalf of any of the other candidates on the republican ticket.

What the taxpayers of Omaha have a right to demand is that all taxable property in the city be listed for assessment uniformly at the same ratio of valuation.

After the most packers' merger is followed by a stock yards merger the merger magnates can busy themselves on a scheme to combine the two big consolidations.

The conviction of a few of the abettors of fraudulent voting would set an example that would put an end to ballot box conspiracies in this vicinity for at least a little while.

The price of \$8.70 per ton for anthracite coal, which it is proposed to fix as the retail limit in Philadelphia, seems out west like a heavenly dream—and not unlikely it is a dream.

If those South Omaha school board boodlers are as lucky in unearthing lead loopholes as other South Omaha boodlers have been, they will not get very far beyond the district court.

In refusing to make a treaty providing for extradition, the Cubans should carefully calculate how long the people of the United States will tolerate a refuge for rogues within a few hours' sail of their coasts.

No wonder that Guatemalan volcano of Santa Maria hides its face behind a black smoke cloud. Beside the exploits of the lava chimneys on the island of Martinique its gyrations sink into insignificance.

The Municipal league has discovered that all our candidates for school board on both tickets are good men, but wherein they are better than the school board candidates opposed by the league a year ago it fails to state.

Nebraska's bumper crops for 1902 give notice to all the world of trade that the Nebraska farmer will constitute one of the best markets during the coming season to be found in the entire country. The Nebraska farmer will have not only the disposition to buy, but also the wherewith to pay.

In Detroit, nominees on the republican legislative ticket are advertising themselves as "anti-ripper candidates." That means that they are opposed to outside interference with city government and in favor of municipal home rule. Local self-government and municipal home rule are cardinal principles of republicanism everywhere.

CHICAGO VS. MISSOURI RIVER MARKETS.

The progressive divorcement of meat packing from stock yards interests at Chicago has steadily operated for the benefit both of the other packing centers on the Missouri river and elsewhere and of western stock raisers generally. The live stock market at Chicago was originally built up, in large part, by transportation rates grossly discriminating against all other western markets, until for a long period it operated as an extortionate monopoly.

The Chicago stock yards interests, in line with their undeviating policy of hostility to western markets, are now prosecuting a case of great importance before the Interstate Commerce commission, involving the relative rates on live stock and packing house products.

It is the practice of most of the large retail stores and many small ones to pay their clerks a percentage on their sales in addition to their regular wages. Even where commissions on sales are not given to the clerks, the amount of the sales made by each is carefully scanned and the value of his services gauged by the business done for his employers.

But those interests, however, are not now being aided by the powerful packing interests as they once were in the palmiest days of the Chicago live stock market monopoly, because they have become identified more and more with the western centers. They are especially so just now by the accident of falling to secure control of the Chicago stock yards, whereas they have succeeded in most of the other important stock yards, for the purposes of the great merger contemplated by them.

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Wind, Water and Weather. Nebraska banks are bursting with money as an overripe October burr with chestnuts, but its owners will not invest in eastern securities on account of the large amount of water in them.

Nebraska Talks for Itself. Nebraska is a fertile and prosperous state, considerably larger than England and Wales, but with a population of but a little more than a million.

Feeding the Army. A perusal of the annual report of General John F. Weston, chief commissary of the army, will convince the reader that to be an efficient officer one must have a knowledge of business methods as well as of tactics.

Prosperity Beyond Precedent. Many of the best known and most important railroad corporations in the country have recently awarded large contracts for new rolling stock and the present outlook encourages the belief that every car and every engine will be put in active use as soon as it is delivered.

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he is much more hostile to the principle of protection, under which thousands of individual industries have been built up and are being sustained in successful competition with the great combinations.

We do not think that Mr. Cleveland is at present exerting a great deal of influence upon public thought, and in recalling the history of his administration, so far as the industrial interests of the country were concerned, will not soon be forgotten by the American people, though they have since largely by reason of the republican policy which Mr. Cleveland condemns, recovered from the hard and disastrous experience of that period of distrust and depression.

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ceive general acceptance. The tariff has been a party issue throughout most of our history and is pretty sure to continue so indefinitely.

We must not forget that a proposed amendment to the constitution of Nebraska is pending for ratification at the election next Tuesday, which ought to be voted up or voted down rather than allowed to go by default. Its purpose is to change the requirements for future amendments to the constitution from a majority of all votes cast at the election to a majority of all votes cast upon the proposition.

Our Dave is trying to make people believe that he has been living right along in Omaha at 2811 Hickory street. The city directory for eight or nine years past gives this notation for that address: Mercer, John J., clk. Q. M. Dept. U. S. A., r 2811 Hickory.

Translated, this means that the house at 2811 Hickory is the residence of the father of our nonresident congressman, John J. Mercer, a clerk in the quartermaster's department of the United States army for the Missouri division, with headquarters at Omaha.

The continued fall and incurable fluctuation of the value of silver have at last forced the government of Mexico to consider seriously the substitution of the gold for the silver standard. There are necessarily many practical difficulties but they are far less than those involved in maintaining the single silver standard.

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At Home on the Deep. The new shipping trust has a capitalization of \$120,000,000. Considering that it aims at the monopoly of the ocean, we need not be surprised to learn that a lot of it is water.

Tail Samples at Home. Without venturing the slightest effort to refute Marie Correll's charges regarding the vulgarity of wealth in the United States, it is proper to bear in mind that the gilt moundebank Barney Barnato, who hypnotized London a few years ago, was not an American. No more was Cecil Rhodes.

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ment this was delivered at a reasonable price. The Philippine supply was sent from Australia and was of the "first class refrigerated" kind. The beef was bought at an average of 4.65 cents a pound and the mutton for 5.50 cents a pound. The delivery at army stations averaged 2 cents a pound.