

SUB-TREASURY IN RUSSIA.

Consul General Crawford at St. Petersburg, has transmitted to the department of state an important report upon the details and workings of a system now in practice in Russia (resembling certain plans incorporated in the platform of the Farmers' Alliance in this country) of making advances on farmers' grain stored in warehouses or delivered to officials of the railways of the country. The salient points of the system briefly stated, are as follows:

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Kansas—Ephraim Benefiel, permutation pad lock, Stafford; Peter Cammerbeke, lawn mower, Greeley; Frank H. Everts, windmill, Arlington; Harvey K. Goodrich, device for separating air in pipe lines from artesian wells, Topeka. Joseph H. Morison, overshoe attachment, Centralia; Phillip B. Tice, cultivating plow, Longton.

Colorado—Marion M. Bailey, momentum reservoir motor, Denver; James H. Freeman, rocking scale, Howard; Chris. Larson, desk for type writing machine, Denver; Alfred C. Perry, gas stove, Platora.

Nebraska—Marquis L. Hall, permutation lock, Omaha; John Johnson, lounge, Humphrey; Adam Wenzel, corn planter, Dakota, Nebraska.

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