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## DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

### STATE TICKET.

For Supreme Judge,  
BENJAMIN F. GOOD,  
JOHN J. SULLIVAN,  
JAMES B. DEAN.  
For Regents of the University,  
CHARLES T. KNAPP,  
HARNEY E. NEWBRANCH.

### COUNTY TICKET.

For County Clerk,  
JOHN B. KNIEST.  
For County Treasurer,  
FRED MOLLRING.  
For Sheriff,  
CALVIN M. COX.  
For County Judge,  
L. A. BERRY.  
For Superintendent of Public Instruction,  
DELLA M. REED.  
For Coroner,  
DR. G. W. MITCHELL.  
For County Surveyor,  
F. E. HAMBLIN.  
For County Commissioner—First District,  
W. A. HOOD.



CALVIN M. COX

Democratic Candidate for Sheriff of  
Box Butte County.

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THE EDITOR.

### Box Butte Sunday School Convention, Oct. 5 and 6, '09

#### Program

Tuesday, October 5th  
3:00 p.m.—Devotions, conducted by Rev. Benj. Kuhler of Hemingford.  
3:15—President's address and reports of standing committees.  
3:45—Address, Miss Margaret E. Brown, Grand Island, Elementary Supt. of Nebraska S. S. Ass'n.  
4:15—Address, "Better Engines and Hotter Fires," by Rev. Chas. H. B. Lewis of Lincoln, Gen. Secy. of the Nebraska State S. S. Ass'n.  
7:30 p.m.—Song service, led by Miss Liva Lichty, music supervisor of the Alliance city schools. Music by Alliance high school orchestra, Prof. H. G. Williams, director.  
8:00—Address, Miss Margaret E. Brown.  
8:30—Address, Rec. Chas. H. B. Lewis.

Wednesday, October 6th  
9 a.m.—Devotions, conducted by Rev. H. P. V. Bogue.  
9:15—Business session; election of officers and appointment of committees.  
9:45—Conference, conducted by Rev. A. L. Godfrey of Alliance.  
10:30—Open Parliament, conducted by Rev. Lewis.

## W. C. T. U. Notes

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will hold a parlor meeting at the home of Rev. Vallow on Friday evening of next week. A fine program will be rendered and light refreshments served. All will be welcomed.

### Why General Grant Doesn't Drink

Those who never saw General Ulysses S. Grant came pretty near seeing him in his illustrious son, General Frederick Dent Grant. The heavy jaw, covered with grizzled, close-cut, reddish brown whiskers, small, inscrutable eyes, large forehead, heavy frame, of the great general are all there—in his son. But the physical features of the man are not of so much interest to the readers of The Defender as what the man—General Grant—said, in a two hours' interview with a Defender representative, Thursday, May 3, on the question of all questions, the drink question.

This is the way the interview began: "General Grant, I am here to get an expression from you on the drink question. I don't ask you to discuss the question as an official of the United States army, but as a man who has seen and done much in the world—in short, a man of affairs. Have you a message to give to the young men of the country on this question? What are your definite opinions on the question, anyway?"

It was a pretty long opening sentence, but the interviewer had been memorizing it all the way over to the island, and didn't want to forget anything. So out it all went, instanter.

"All right," said General Grant. "I will discuss that question, not as a general in the United States army, but as an individual. Have I a message to the young men of this country? Here it is:

"Tell the young men through your paper that General Grant does not drink a drop of liquor—has not for eighteen years; because he is afraid to drink it."

"Now, you listen," continued the general. "When I was a boy, at school, and at West Point, I was made a pet because of the greatness of my father. I was given every opportunity to drink, and I did drink—some. As I got older and mixed with men, war-scarred veterans who fought with my father would come up, and for the sake of old times, ask me to celebrate with them the glory of the past events, and I did—some. Then when I was made minister to Austria, the customs of the country and my official position almost compelled me to drink, always. I tried to drink with extreme moderation, because I knew that alcohol is the worst poison a man could take in his system; but I found out it was an impossibility to drink moderately. I could not say, when drink was placed before me, 'No, I only drink in the morning,' or at certain hours. The fact that I indulged at all compelled me to drink on every occasion, or be absurd. For that reason, because moderate drinking is a practical impossibility, I became an absolute teetotaler—a crank if you please. I will not allow it even in my house. When a man can say, 'I never drink,' he never has to drink, is never urged to drink, never offends by not drinking. At least that is my experience."

Then he straightened up and in a louder voice continued:

"In many respects a hard drinker is a safer man in the army—and elsewhere, too—than a moderate drinker. That is, one who gets drunk once a year or so. You see, a hard drinker is known. No important commission is ever his to execute. But your moderate drinker, why, he's apparently capable. On the surface he's all right. Consequently he's given an important duty to perform. Then he drinks. He's sure to just at that critical time, to steady his nerves—infernal idiocy—and fails ignominiously to himself and his family and disastrously to others. Have I made it clear?"

"You have called drink the greatest curse of Christendom, general. That's a strong term."

"A strong term, you were going to say," interrupted General Grant, bending over his desk and almost jabbing that pince nez of his into the interlocutor's face. "Strong, you say? You can't make it too strong. Listen: Drink is the greatest curse, because practically all crime and all disaster are the result of it. Nearly every great calamity in the country, barring accidents of nature, is due to drink. There's a railroad accident; say twenty people are killed. Some man had a case of nerves or went to sleep; and I wager that, if the truth were known, an empty flask could be found near the cause of the accident. Ninety-five percent—I will make it no less—ninety-five percent of desertions and acts of lawlessness in the army is due to drink, but I'll speak of that later. Vice is simply drink in another form. Who ever heard of a saloon completely divorced from the 'white slave traffic,' or a house of infamy without a bar? When I see a man go down the street under the influence of liquor I know that man is not only a drunkard, but he is morally wrong—is incompetent, not dependable, irresponsible. Drink is alluring, is damnable; it is a monster of—"

The general broke off and quoted that famous quotation of Pope, thumping the desk before him at the end of each word in the last line, "We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

"If I could"—and this was said in a mighty hushed and solemn voice—"if I

could, by offering my body a sacrifice, free this country from this fell cancer, the demon drink, I'd thank the Almighty for the privilege of doing it."

"You mentioned a moment ago, general, that ninety-five percent of the desertions, etc., of the army, is due to drink. The official statistics for 1905 give thirty-five percent; do they not?"

The general held up to view a bunch, a hundred or more, of court-martial reports which he received during the month of April.

"Let me read a few of them to you," he said. "Here is one, the first one. By this report we learn that Corporal B— has been absent for thirteen days. His conduct heretofore has been good. No reason given for his action. Now, down here under the 'remarks,' we further learn that he was a 'moderate drinker.'"

"Now, my experience tells me this, that while Corporal B— is under the charge of desertion, it really is drunkenness. It is more than probable that, on receiving his last pay, he entered some low joint, was drugged, or drank to excess, woke up next morning his money gone, disgraced, and not daring to come back because of his loss of self-respect, took French leave."

"Take other cases. Private Y—, 'asleep on guard'; Private R—, 'disobedient.' Both men were undoubtedly drunk; because they wouldn't do that when sober. But the charge against them is not drunkenness; it is respectively 'insubordination' and 'dereliction in duty.' But I know in both cases it was drunkenness, and therefore put it down as such."

"Give me the sober man, the absolute teetotaler, every time. He's dependable. If I had the greatest appointive power in the country," emphatically concluded the general, rising, "no man would get even the smallest appointment from me unless he showed proof of his absolute teetotalism. As it is, my own appointees, the members of my staff, not one of them touches a drop. They know better."

"Then if you are not a Prohibitionist, General Grant, what are you?"—The Defender.

### Selecting Seed Corn

Now is the time to go into the corn fields and select the seed for next spring's planting. There are several reasons why seed should be selected at this time. A study of the growing ear on the stalk is very important. The contrast in height of stalk and height of ear will be found to reproduce in a marked degree from year to year. In eastern Nebraska four feet from the ground is a desirable height for the ear, while farther west in the state the distance will gradually diminish. The size and length of the shank should be taken into consideration. A large shank shows a lack of breeding and is usually accompanied by a large cob. A very slender shank will sometimes break and allow the ear to fall to the ground before it is picked. An upright ear is to be criticised, as rain enters the husks and favors rotting.

The stalk should be studied. A weak and slender stalk is undesirable. A stalk large at the base, gradually tapering indicates strength and vigor. Too much foliage is not desirable. Such a corn plant will make good fodder but does not usually produce the best ear. The maturity of the ear should be considered. Those showing early signs of maturity should be selected, even if they are a little smaller than other ears which are slow in maturing.

By going through the fields at this time and selecting three times more seed than will be needed, and hanging it up where it will dry out thoroughly, before freezing weather, will also insure seed with strong germinating power. During the winter the seed can be gone over carefully, and those ears having undesirable features and low germinating power can be thrown out.

### Curly Notes

A. E. Haan went to Berea Thursday to be gone several days.

The Curly Sunday-school has received new song books which are a delight to all.

Mr. Wagner, who has been working in the hay field up on the Niobrara, returned home.

Judging from reports, the Curly school is doing good work and has a large attendance.

The farmers in the Curly vicinity received a carload of coal at Hemingford, Mr. Chandler acting as foreman.

Mr. Winter introduced himself a few nights ago and the thermometer went down to 26 degrees. As a result the potato harvest will soon begin.

D. E. Wallage, director in Dist. 52, returned home from the Platte valley last week and expects to have the new school house in the district completed this week.

Owing to the scarcity of range, G. O. Howard is going out of the sheep business. He has sold the greater part of his band and expects to ship the remainder soon.

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