

# Custer Co. Republican

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THURSDAY, OCT. 19, 1899.

## REPUBLICAN TICKET.

- State Ticket.**  
For Judge of the Supreme Court, M. B. BRESSE, Of Lincoln.  
For Regents, B. G. MCGILTON, Of Omaha.  
Dr. Wm. B. ELY, Of Alasworth.
- Congressional Ticket.**  
For Congress, M. P. KINKAID, Of O'Neill.
- Judicial Ticket.**  
For Judge of 12th Judicial District, F. G. HAMER, Of Kearney.
- County Ticket.**  
For County Treasurer, WALTER GEORGE.  
For Sheriff, Capt. V. C. TALBOT.  
For County Clerk, JAMES CHITTICK.  
For Clerk of Dist. Court, Lieut. H. F. KENNEDY.  
For County Judge, J. A. ARMOUR.  
For County Superintendent, J. H. TAGGART.  
For County Surveyor, F. E. VANANTWERP.  
For County Coroner, Dr. H. F. DAVIES.
- Supervisor Ticket.**  
For Supervisor 2d District, RAS ANDERSON.  
For Supervisor 4th District, J. P. BURBUBHL.  
For Supervisor of 6th District, J. F. FOXWORTHY, Of Custer.
- Township Ticket.**  
Clerk, W. W. COWLES.  
Treasurer, J. M. KIMBERLING.  
Justices of the Peace, J. J. SNYDER, L. MCCARDLESS.  
Constables, F. M. TOWSLEY, Wm. BARRETT.  
Road Overseers, Dist. No. 1, CHAS. DAVIS.  
Dist. No. 2, J. B. KENYER.  
Dist. No. 3, JOHN BOYCE.  
Dist. No. 4, L. N. PERSHALL.  
Dist. No. 5, F. H. ALTHUR.  
Dist. No. 6, G. E. CADWELL.  
Dist. No. 7, C. T. WRIGHT.
- City Ticket.**  
For Justices of the Peace, EMIL GOSCHWIND, L. J. GANDY.  
For Assessor, W. H. OSBORNE, SR.  
For Constables, L. E. COLE, W. H. FARRER.

**VOTE FOR THEM.**  
"WE HAVE NOT ONE WORD TO SAY AGAINST CLARIS TALBOT OR HORACE KENNEDY. BOTH ARE NICE YOUNG MEN, AND NO DOUBT, RENDERED VALIANT SERVICES AS SOLDIERS BOTH IN THE WAR AGAINST SPAIN AND THE PHILIPPINES."—BEACON, Sept. 14, '99.

Let every loyal man of Custer county not fail to do his duty on election day by voting for Captain Talbot for sheriff.

V. C. Talbot showed his bravery as well as good judgement at Manila, as is testified to by his superiors in rank as well as the officers and privates under him. In every respect he is worthy of the office of sheriff.

Judge Armour is the most competent judge and the most satisfactory to lawyers and litigants the county has ever had, and should any one, from political reasons, vote for his opponent, instead, it will be one of the greatest mistakes of a lifetime.

Walter George is not only one of the best business men in the county but is one of the most popular candidates on either ticket, and when the votes are counted it will be found that Mark Schneringer will be one of the worst disappointed republicans that ever turned his coat for office.

The time has come when the deception of the reform crowd is no longer a secret, and to give them their just dues the voters of the county should see to it that not one of them is returned to the court house this year. The republican candidates are all competent, and if elected will give the people an honest and economical government.

On the West table a few nights ago, a trio of pop speakers called at a house, in the vicinity of Cliff, where they spoke that night. In their conversation they inquired of their host if he thought the "smooth faced candidate" would not be up there to steal a few votes? They were politely informed that he did not have to steal votes. He and one democrat were present at the interview, who now have no further use for the pop candidates.

Horace F. Kennedy is one of the republican candidates who is not making any great demonstration of his growing strength with the voters, but when the votes are counted they will show that the people of Custer county can appreciate the worth of a soldier who does not turn his back upon the foe. Let every body who believes in honoring a wounded soldier who fell in the line of duty, pierced with a mauler bullet, vote for Horace Kennedy.

The evening where the ring was drafting the challenge of Fred Cummings in this city, Fred protested against issuing a challenge for a joint debate with Judge Armour. Cummings remarked "what in hell would I do if he would accept?" He was assured by his coaches that there was no danger as Armour could not leave the duties of his office. But when they proposed the tender Armour a substitute to stay in his office, Cummings objected for fear he might accept.

Wm. Neville's populist candidate for congress, and the secretary of the democratic committee held a secret meeting by themselves at North Platte and were going to take the steps necessary to put Neville's name on the democratic ticket. Chairman Juan Boyle got onto it and appeared in time to stop the proceedings. Enough of his committee-men were then gotten together to force the matter, when Chairman Boyle resigned, and Neville was put on the ticket. A democrat must have very little self-respect to vote for such a shyster as Neville. —Alliance Grip (dem)

The populist's claim of reducing the county indebtedness is one of the thinnest pleas they are making in this campaign. For ten years the court house has been occupied by pop officials. The republicans turned over to them more than enough cash and credits to pay the indebtedness at that time, but with the large increase of taxable property since then, they have not been able to wipe out the debt. It is true, by borrowing from the sinking fund, they are able to pay cash for the warrants, but had the money which they have collected from the people been judiciously handled a cash basis would have long since been reached without having to resort to the questionable policy of robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Judge M. B. Reese's Opinion of a Candidate for Judge.

"There is nothing of which I can conceive more unseemly, distasteful and more disgusting than to see a candidate for a high judicial position to which I have been called to aspire, running about the country engaged in talking matches with anybody who would engage with him, denouncing a large portion of the citizens of the state, trying to array neighbor against neighbor, friend against friend, citizen against citizen—trying to array himself against a large percentage of the population of the state, himself against them and they against him. I for one do not propose engaging in any such business." This sounds different from the bombastic challenge made by Fred Cummings the pop candidate for county Judge.

It is amusing to see the efforts the populist papers are making to get political capital out of the fact that Judge Armour let one Collins, who was imprisoned for gambling, out on a fifty dollar bail bond. The facts are well known that the prosecuting attorney, Kirkpatrick, is a pop, and that it was after Collins was held for some time in jail at the expense of the county, for a larger bond, which he could not give, that the court and attorney decided it was better to make the bond light and give him his freedom rather than to inflict the county with the expense of keeping him several months to await the sitting of court. It is true the bond was not collected, but it was because the fellow got into another scrape at Kearney before he was required to answer in court here, and was sent to the penitentiary, where he is now serving out a sentence

## 'What the Populist Party has Done for Custer County.' Their Financial Statement Deceptive and a Fraud--A Juggling of Figures to Mislead the Voters.

Last week both the Chief and the Beacon published a statement prepared by the court house ring and pop county central committee, purporting to be a correct statement of the finance of the county for the past ten years under populist rule. The statement has but one object and that is to influence the voters to continue them in power, and with that object in view they present a juggling of figures with the object of deceiving rather than giving facts. To make their statement appear as official they have attached to it a part of Treasurer Lomax's July report which was approved and signed by the finance committee of the county board of supervisors. By this little scheme they attempt to convey to the average reader that the whole statement is officially authorized by Lomax and sanctioned by the finance committee of the county board.

The first appears under the head of "Statement of the Financial Condition of Custer County Jan. 1, 1891, viz:

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF CUSTER COUNTY, JAN. 1, 1891.

January 1st, 1891. Whole amount of unpaid warrants on 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889 and 1890 funds.	\$24,758 58
January 1st, 1891. Whole amount of unpaid judgments against Custer Co.	12,005 78
January 1st, 1891. Whole amount of actual indebtedness.	\$46,764 28

It will be remembered that the populists were elected to office in 1889 and took charge of the county offices Jan. 1, 1890, except clerk of district court, which office is self supporting. The above statement includes one year of expense by pop officials. Jan. 1, 1890, W. C. Bedwell, the outgoing treasurer, turned over to his successor, D. F. Weimer, the following in credits an cash:

Year.	Cash.	Del. Tax.
1882	94	141 25
1883	37 00	809 64
1884	46 41	579 39
1885	35 36	567 62
1886	155 25	617 39
1887	45 48	1,102 31
1888	1,104 89	1,096 67
1889	770 82	36,819 09
Advertising fund, all years	508 40	
Fines, all years	132 02	
Slice walk, all years	345 09	
City and village, all years	1,437 19	
Prize fund, all years	160 15	
School district fund, all years	6,007 28	
School bond fund	3,782 31	
Fraternal fund	33	
State school fund	277 90	
Total	\$17,148 59	\$41,330 22

Grand total Jan. 1st, 1890—\$17,148 59  
Deduct from that sum the total debt of 1891, one year later—46,764 28  
Balance to credit to republican party—\$11,644 53

In addition to the above W. C. Bedwell turned over to D. F. Weimer, state funds such as the sinking fund, insanity hospital, reform school, ect., to the amount of \$11,572.31.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF CUSTER COUNTY, JANUARY 1st, 1895.

January 1st, 1895. Whole amount of unpaid warrants on 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894 funds.	\$31,222 60
January 1st, 1895. Whole amount of unpaid judgments.	5,914 24
January 1st, 1895. Whole amount of actual indebtedness.	\$37,136 84

From this statement we learn that the indebtedness prior to 1891, has been and they quote the unpaid warrants from Jan. 1, 1891, giving \$37,136.93 as the whole amount of indebtedness Jan. 1, 1895. Note the tax levy of 1890, which amounted to over \$36,000, has not been credited to the republican account, while they are particular to charge up the expense of 1890 to the republicans, which that year held the balance of power on the county board. Among the items of expense for 1890, which they claim credit for having paid for the republican administration, in \$15,000 relief fund for drouth sufferers.

STATEMENT NO. 3. ACCOUNT OF EXTRA EXPENSE WHICH THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION NEVER PAID TO GOVERNED WITH.

The drouth of 1890 cost the county for relief	\$15,000 00
Bounty for the destruction of wild animals	14,000 00
County jail, contracted for by the republican board and paid for under the populist administration	1,630 00
Furniture for court house, contracted for by the republican board and paid for under the populist administration	2,600 00
Funeral expenses, paid for under the populist administration	1,700 00
Report account for checking up the county records	1,500 00
Drouth of 1891, the amount expended by the county	7,008 83
Total amount of extra expense for under the populist administration	\$46,836 83

It will be noticed that in statement No. 1, that the indebted-

ness which is charged up to the republican administration includes the debts of 1890, which would include the pop. officers salaries and the \$15,000 of relief fund for the drouth sufferers. As the \$15,000 had been charged up in statement No. 1, it is but fair to be deducted from No. 3. This would cut their extra expenses to \$31,836.53. To offset that amount the

Tax levy of 1890	\$36,000 00
Bal. of credit turned over by Bedwell	11,644 00
Total	\$47,644 00
Pop Administration Dr.	15,807 47

After paying for all those extras the pops. would be indebted to the republican administration \$15,809.47.

Statement No. 4. The above statement plainly shows that when the county board became populist in January, 1891, that the outstanding or floating indebtedness of Custer county was, as shown by the records to be \$46,764 28. And that on January 1st, 1890, the outstanding or floating indebtedness was \$7,136 93. Showing a reduction of the debt in four years under the pop. administration... 46,836 58. Which would have paid the floating debt created by the republicans.

Instead of the indebtedness having been decreased \$9,627.35 as is claimed, the statement proves that after having used up the

Levy of 1889.....\$ 36,000 00  
Levy of 1890.....36,000 00  
And cash turned over by Bedwell.....11,644 00  
And the levies of '81, '82, '83, '84.....130,000 00  
Total.....\$309,000 00

That they acknowledged an indebtedness of \$37,136.93. Yet the republicans left them cash and credits to the amount of \$89,000.

STATEMENT NO. 5. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF CUSTER COUNTY, NEBR., OCTOBER 1st, 1889.

October 1st, 1889. Amount of unremitted and unpaid taxes on 1888 and 1889 taxes	\$11,007 25
October 1st, 1889. Amount of unpaid warrants, 1887 and 1888 funds	3,418 57
October 1st, 1889. Amount of unpaid judgments	3,418 57
October 1st, 1889. Collections for quarter ending September 30th, 1889; taxes of 1888 to 1896, inclusive	6,828 97
Oct 1st, 1889. Amount of outstanding interest-bearing debt, exclusive of 1889, which is not an interest-bearing indebtedness; the same is the amount due the sinking fund, which was used in payment of county warrants	3,963 78
Total	\$14,438 82

As will be seen, this statement, while it may be correct in part, is not correct in toto, as it does not give the indebtedness incurred in 1899, as is shown by the following foot notes in explanation.

STATEMENT NO. 6. The above statement shows that under the populist administration Custer county's debt has been reduced to \$3,963.78, not one cent of which is an interest-bearing debt. Will anyone dare attack the populist administration of Custer county?

The year 1899 not being completed, it is impossible to include it in the above statement, but it will make a better showing than any previous year. The amount of warrants issued up to October 1st, 1899 is \$11,344 31, while the levy for 1899 is \$33,106.04, leaving a balance subject to warrant of \$21,761.63. The populist party is not ashamed of the showing it has made."

From this statement, No. 6, an indebtedness of \$11,344.31 is acknowledged that does not appear in statement No. 5, which would make the actual indebtedness of the county.

STATEMENT NO. 5. \$ 3,963 78  
STATEMENT NO. 6. 11,344 31  
Total indebtedness.....\$15,298 09

Another point which we "dare attack", is the exposure of the stupidity of the county board, if their statement had been true. If there were but \$3,953.78 debt, why did the board impose a tax of 15 mills, the full limit of the law, at its June meeting, which compels the citizens of Custer county to pay into the treasury \$33,106.94, when 10 mills would have raised \$22,000, more than enough to have paid all debts, with a surplus left.

Had the property owners been favored with a reduction of their taxes by one third, it would have been a great relief to them, besides it would have been worth to the county a great deal more in their hands for speculation, than it will be locked up in the county vault. Taking the whole statement from beginning to end it shows that those who are responsible for it are designing politicians, and wholly unworthy of holding any position of trust. The showing at best puts the populist party in very bad light. For ten years

they have been in power, having a large surplus to begin with, and yet are in debt \$15,000. The republicans, who had control in early history of the county, had no where near as much property to assess, besides expensive bridges and other internal improvements which came high in those days, had to be met. With the thousands of acres of land which has been proved up on in the last ten years, which added to the taxable property of the county, beside the large increase of personal property, it seems that if the finances of the county had been properly handled the expenses could have been met with a much lower levy than the law provides. But instead of making the levy lower, up until the last few years, they have exceeded the limit of the law and run the levy up to 16 or 17 mills. If there ever was a party that has shown itself unworthy and incompetent to direct the affairs of the public, the pop party, from the state house down to township collectors, has capped the climax. Let the battle cry be from center to circumference, "turn the rascals out."

The populist county central committee appears to very much exercised, through the columns of the Chief last week, because Judge Armour declines to enter into a joint debate with Fred Cummings for the office of county judge, and as one argument in favor of a judicial campaign, assert that Judge M. B. Reese, republican candidate for member of the supreme court, is out making political speeches. That statement both the author and publisher knows to be false, and they only made the statement hoping to make a point in Cummings' favor. As a matter of fact every one knows who reads the state papers, that Judge Reese stated very emphatically "at the ratification" meeting at Lincoln, soon after his nomination, that he did not think it the proper thing for a judicial candidate to engage in a political campaign, and that he would not do it. It is true ex-Governor Holcomb, Judge Sullivan and Judge Hamer are, yet that does not prove that it is the proper thing for a candidate to do who is already occupying the bench, Judge Armour did make a canvas two years ago, but then his time was his own, but it is very different now. His time is paid for by the county. The fact that the county board gave him authority to employ a clerk, does not release him from his duties. The clerk was only authorized in case he could not do the work himself. Should he go out in the campaign, he would be going at the expense of the county if he had to employ a clerk. The office of judge is one of the offices that should be removed from politics entirely, and the candidate who keeps the nearest clear of politics, is the nearest to the ideal man for the position. Both in this particular, and in competency and special fitness, Judge M. B. Reese and Judge J. A. Armour are away ahead of their competitors.

Points Contributed  
CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED.  
The populists who are making a great to-do about the "consent of the governed" in the Philippines should apply this principle at home. Even in their state conventions the "consent of the governed" was not considered. Holcomb's nomination for supreme judge was had without the consent of the delegates to the convention. Bryan on one hand and Allen on the other, absolutely forced Holcomb down the throats of the delegates. It took some talking, to be sure, but that is Bryan and Allen's long suit, and the delegates were not allowed to express a choice until the order of these two bosses were known to be absolute. Ask any one who attended these conventions who is not a member of the Holcomb royal family, and he will tell you the consent of the common delegate was not considered in the nomination of Holcomb. Still they prate about the "consent of the governed."

ISSUES.  
In no two years have the popu-

crats presented the same issues to the voters of this state and county. Their issues are defeated by the course of business events as fast as they are announced; their prophecies prove false as fast as they make them, yet they go right on guessing at something else as soon as the legs are knocked out from under their last guess. In 1896 free silver and the price of a bushel of wheat and an ounce of silver was their war cry. In 1897 with wheat at \$1.00 per bushel and silver at fifty six cents an ounce, they changed the issue to supply and demand, and made the campaign on the drouth in Europe. In 1898 the great issue was the amount of money saved to the people by the pop state officers. But when it was announced to the legislature that all the institutions would ask for deficiency appropriations, and when Auditor Cornell's hold up of insurance companies, and Holcomb's house rent and Edmisten's account with the Standard Oil Co. was made known the purity of the populist officials as a campaign issue must be abandoned; so the issue of 1899 is the tyranny of the administration toward the Filipinos and imperialism. Why? Because the popocratic position on every other issue, they have presented has been proven false within six months from the time it was presented, and could not be used a second time. Who hears the pops talking about 16 to 1 as the only salvation for the country in this campaign, or the mysterious relation between an ounce of silver and a bushel of wheat, or the drouth in Europe, or the great saving to the state by pop. state officers, or not voting for a candidate because he rides on a pass, or the grand principles of the platform? No one! "Vote for us for Bryan's sake" is the burden of the pop. candidates song. They have failed on every other proposition and use Bryan now as a pretext to get into office again. Next year they will deny the propositions they stand on now and be for any other chinese puzzle their bosses may invent.

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