

Democratic Department

Conducted
by the
Democratic Committee.

A FINAL WORD.

Election is upon us and we beg to leave with the voters of this county a final word:

First. The Republican administration of this state is making a good deal of political capital out of the economy features of its term. Here are some figures that are particularly interesting to the farmers of this county:

The taxes on Red Willow county farm lands, according to the figures given below (and they are taken from the tax books of this county), show an increase from 1904 to 1908 of 75 percent.

The assessed valuation of Nebraska railroads from 1904 to 1908 shows an increase of not quite 16 percent. Railroad stocks during the past four years have increased more than half their value.

Let Gov. Sheldon and his "economy" administration show the reasons for this condition of affairs in Nebraska.

READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY.

The following list of farm lands with the assessed valuations for 1904 and 1908 were taken from the tax books of Red Willow county:

| PRECINCT | DESCRIPTION | 1904 TAXES | 1908 TAXES | OWNER |
|----------------|--|------------|------------|------------------|
| North Valley | NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 28-4-26 | \$ 6.80 | \$ 18.30 | Lyman Jennings |
| Alliance | W $\frac{1}{2}$ 21-4-27 | 17.56 | 52.91 | Edward Shurgroo |
| Fritsch | NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 21-4-28 | 10.40 | 19.94 | Martin Morris |
| Box Elder | NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 24-4-29 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 13-4-29 | 18.06 | 56.65 | Albert T. Wilson |
| Coleman | NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 27-4-30 | 10.81 | 41.77 | E. M. Easterday |
| Perry | NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 13-3-30 | 11.23 | 32.84 | W. N. Cheney |
| Willow Grove | NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 21-3-29 | 9.56 | 48.70 | H. H. Mitchell |
| Red Willow | Sec. 30-3-28 | 43.93 | 96.98 | Jas. Hatfield |
| Indianola | NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 28-3-27 | 9.72 | 27.52 | W. Dutcher |
| East Valley | NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 21-3-26 | 11.22 | 20.18 | Jas. H. Carr |
| Tyrone | NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 22-2-26 | 10.33 | 10.64 | Geo. E. Coe |
| Missouri Ridge | SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 15-2-27 | 7.74 | 12.80 | Edward Erwin |
| Bondville | NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 10-2-28 | 10.85 | 29.86 | H. W. Keyes |
| Valley Grange | NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 7-2-29 | 53.11 | 126.08 | W. S. Morlan |
| Driftwood | S $\frac{1}{2}$ 1-2-30 | 31.42 | 118.61 | I. H. Wasson |
| Grant | SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 22-1-30 | 5.50 | 10.00 | Abram Peters |
| Gerver | SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 15-1-29 | 7.95 | 28.22 | Chas. G. Wilhelm |
| Danbury | SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 21-1-28 | 7.15 | 26.35 | Jesse Smith |
| Beaver | SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 21-1-27 | 13.20 | 20.36 | John Tauber |
| Lebanon | SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 26-1-26 | 10.60 | 21.72 | Walter DeVoe |

This is no roorbach. If you doubt the correctness of these figures, we invite you to go to the county records and verify the same for yourself. Don't you think it is about time for a change of administration?

(Signed) RED WILLOW COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

N. B. There is an old saying: "Liars will figure, but figures won't lie." You may take this adage for just what it is worth.

Second. The Republican party is seeking to step into office again by coercing and intimidating the American laboring man. You don't believe it? What do you think of this?

"If Bryan is elected we will not build our proposed yards at Fortieth and Ohio streets, (Omaha) and we will reduce our force of men considerably."—Grove Wharton Construction Co., Omaha, Neb.

But here is something that puts a crimp in such contemptible methods:

"If Bryan is elected I will give employment to forty-nine out of fifty men that I understand are employed by the Grove Wharton Co. These forty-nine men will be employed by me if they are discharged because of Bryan's election."—George F. Hughes, contractor, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

MORAL: A bluff loses its power when it is called.

At Mingo Junction, Ohio, Judge Taft delivered a "Prosperity" speech. He later discovered that he was speaking from the steps of a great mill that had been closed for nearly a year, throwing 2,000 men out of work. And yet they say that Bryan, if elected, will bring hard times. If they claim that the election of Bryan will bring a panic, why not make Taft give bond that he will give us four years of prosperity? Such arguments as these are nothing more than political slush.

MORAL: A man cannot fall out of bed when he is sleeping on the floor.

Third. Judge Norris says that he is "agin" Joe Cannon for ever and a day. Now, what do you think of this? Norris voted for Cannon three times and he has not promised that he will oppose him on the floor of the house. He is an ardent supporter of Sherman, the vice-presidential candidate, an avowed supporter of Cannon. Sherman and Nick Longworth have been stumping Cannon's district for Cannon and yet the rank and file of the Republican party look upon Joe Cannon as a disgrace to the party. Now, Sherman stands for Cannon, and Norris stands for Sherman.

MORAL: Things equal to the same thing are equal to each other.

It is said that one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, after affixing his signature to the document, said: "Now, we must all hang together or we shall hang separately." If you are a Democrat, a Roosevelt Republican, (all sane Republicans concede that Roosevelt HAS been a better Democrat than Republican) a LaFollette Republican, a Socialist, a Prohibitionist or Mugwump who has the best interests of his country at heart regardless of party lines, HANG TOGETHER or we may have the "delightful" sensation of "hanging" separately. It may be remarked at this point that the Republican legislature of Nebraska, eight years ago, "HUNG" for sixty days at the rate of \$5 per day or more till the Union Pacific and Burlington railroads decided whether D. E. Thompson or Edward Rosewater would make, for THEM, the better U. S. senator. They could not agree and Governor Dietrich of Hastings was snatched up by the scruff of his gubernatorial neck and slammed into the senatorial chair at Washington. MORAL: The Republican national convention voted down the proposition to elect U. S. senators by direct vote of the people by an overwhelming vote of 886 to 114.

G. W. NORRIS, THE "LITTLE JOKER." HOW HE GOT THIS TITLE

While H. R. 11701, a bill to amend the criminal code making it a crime for a member of congress to accept a retainer fee from a public service corporation, was under consideration in the House, our congressman took a stand against it. In order to emphasize his opposition to it he introduced an amendment and from that time on has been dubbed the "Little Joker." This amendment reads as follows:

"Any member of congress who shall engage in the practice of law, or who shall deliver a chauteauqua lecture for pay, or who shall engage in farming or manufacturing, or who shall have any occupation whatever, or who shall patronize any national bank by depositing any money therein, or who shall patronize any railroad company by riding thereon, or who shall buy any material of or sell any material to any corporation shall be hanged by the

neck until dead and thereafter be prohibited from holding any office of profit or trust under the government of the United States."

Mr. Norris considered it a JOKE for members of congress to be prevented from representing railroads and other public service corporations while they were drawing salaries as representatives of the people. This is the same Norris who thought that members of congress were not receiving pay enough and voted to increase his salary \$2,500 each year. After the salary increase Mr. Norris still thought each member ought to be entitled to draw a salary from the "special interests," from the fellows they were elected to legislate against.

Mr. Republican Voter are you willing your representative should take such a position against the people and still continue to draw his salary as your member of congress? If so vote for Norris. If not vote for Ashton.

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Railroad Commissioner
W. H. Cowgill, of Holdrege
Congressman, 5th District
Fred W. Ashton, of Grand Island
State Senator, 29th District
Cecil Matthews, of Bartley
State Representative, 65th District
J. H. Hoppe, of Bartley
County Attorney
Sidney Dodge, of Marion

Democratic Rally a Success.

The rally and speaking held in Menard's opera house on the evening of the 23rd inst., was certainly a success in every particular. The house was crowded to its capacity and many came from out of town. The High School Band furnished music for the occasion and was up to the mark set by Meister Geo. Scott.

Mr. John Jones, president of the Bryan and Kern club, called the meeting to order and introduced the speaker of the evening, Ex-Congressman W. E. Williams of Illinois.

Mr. Williams at once launched into the discussion of the points at issue, touching as fully as time would permit the tariff, election of Senators by direct vote of the people, campaign contribution publicity before election, the currency question together with an explanation and defense of the guarantee deposit plan, and the physical valuation of railroads.

In discussing the tariff he quoted the exact language of the republican platform, "The republican party declares unequivocally for a revision of the tariff by a special session of Congress immediately after the inauguration of the next president." He went on to show that this declaration alone was (indirectly) the whip that was intimidating the American laboring man in this campaign.

His remarks on the question of U. S. Senators by the people were very forceful and to the point. Notwithstanding the popular demand by all intelligent republicans, this feature of the platform was defeated in the national convention by a vote of 806 to 114.

During the discussion of campaign contributions the auditors were favored with listening to a series of petty interruptions from Mr. L. H. Lindemann of this city. This erudite disciple of Republicanism sought to pose in the role of a self constituted inquisitor and his efforts brought forth an invitation to step up on the platform and debate the matter in the proper manner. Mr. Williams' attitude toward the gentleman was the very acme of platform decorum and his answers lacked nothing in the line of sound logic and plain phraseology.

Mr. Williams closed with a peroration in which he stated that the present campaign was more a struggle for civic honesty and social good than for political supremacy alone. Some there were who in the language of the camp meeting experienced a change of heart. At the conclusion of Mr. Williams' talk Mr. Fred W. Ashton, the democratic candidate for congress, was introduced.

The hour was late and Mr. Ashton stated that it would be beyond reason to ask the audience to listen to an extended talk, and that he would beg only a few moments of their time. Suffice it to say that Mr. Ashton is one of the best speakers of the present campaign.

He asked the people if Norris had ever come back and told them why he voted against the reduction of the tariff on wood pulp of which print paper is made. Thirty democratic congressmen offered their vote to the opposition and Norris stuck with Cannon.

He asked the people if Judge Norris had ever come back and told them of his famous and rather notorious "joker amendment."

He asked whether or not Norris had come and told the people here whether or not he would oppose Cannon on the floor as well as in the caucus.

He asked Norris to explain his position on the infamous Aldrich-Vreeland Currency Bill against which LaFollette battled for 18 hours.

He told the people of McCook that he could and would get them a Federal building as quick as Judge Norris could.

His remarks were at every point pertinent and hard to back away from. Mr. Ashton is a clean cut intelligent young gentleman and he is the kind of a man that can't be bull-dozed by anyone.

Mr. Sydney Dodge also made a few remarks on the race for the county attorney-ship, after which the meeting adjourned.

ASHTON FOR CONGRESS.

William J. Bryan will be elected president of the United States and as president he is entitled to a congress that will support his policies. We therefore, urge every voter who casts his vote for Mr. Bryan to vote for the fusion nominee for congress. Fred W. Ashton is our candidate in the Fifth district. Remember to cast your vote for him.

Every vote cast for Ashton is an endorsement of Guaranteed Bank Deposits.

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Every vote cast for Ashton is an endorsement of the Anti-Pass Bill.

Every vote cast for Ashton is an endorsement of the Pure Food Bill.

Every vote cast for Ashton is an endorsement of the Physical Valuation of Railroads.

Every vote cast for Ashton is an endorsement of the Election of U. S. Senators by the Direct Vote of the People.

Every vote cast for Ashton is an endorsement of Publicity of Campaign Contributions.

Every vote cast for Ashton is a protest against Joe Cannon and his methods.

Every vote cast for Ashton is a protest against Ship Subsidies and Special Favors.

Every vote cast for Ashton is a protest against the Aldrich-Vreeland Currency Bill.

Every vote cast for Ashton is a protest against Government by Injunction.

Every vote cast for Ashton is a protest against the Action of the Last Congress.

Every vote cast for Ashton is a protest against Trusts and Trust Magnates.

Every vote cast for Ashton is an endorsement of the Work of the Last Legislature.

A vote for Ashton is a vote for the people and reform.

The congressional campaign in this, the Fifth district, is hourly becoming more interesting. The republican congressional committee has gradually awakened to the fact that it has been over-confident about Norris. It develops that candidate Ashton, his democratic opponent, has not been asleep. On the other hand Ashton has been going after the McCook statesman's congressional record and showing it up in a manner that is causing the voters over the district to sit up and take notice. Ashton is proving an aggressive and effective campaigner and has sprung a number of sensations in the way of hypocrites and deceptions perpetrated by Norris on the voters in congress. In 1896 Norris carried the district by 1,700 majority. This does not in the least scare Ashton who is confident that he can convince more than 1,700 republican farmers and business men in the district that Norris' record in congress on the tariff as well as other issues of vital importance to the individual citizen, that it is to their interest to vote for a change. Norris was one of the pals of Joe Cannon and this one fact alone should cause the voters in the Fifth district to administer an overwhelming defeat to Norris. Norris has been so confident of success at the polls the coming election that he has a McCook architect at work drawing plans for a magnificent summer mansion at a lake resort in Wisconsin. The editor of this paper got these facts from an influential citizen and business man of McCook who has seen the plans and his word can be relied upon. Now the question is, where did Norris accumulate all this wealth to lavish on a summer residence at a lake resort? It is the same old story. In ability and mental caliber Norris is not weighty enough to represent this big district in congress. It is known positively that he is egotistical enough to believe he can perpetuate himself in congress. —Hastings Republican.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A new boiler has been ordered for the West school, to replace the old one, which has developed defects making the purchase necessary.

Next week the city public schools will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, to enable the teachers to attend the state teachers' association meeting in Lincoln. The superintendent and the entire teacher corps will attend. Sup't Taylor is on program and has a toast response at the big banquet, as has former superintendent Mr. G. H. Thomas of Harvard. The array of banquet speakers includes such men as W. J. Bryan, Senators Burkett and Brown, Governor Sheldon, Chancellor Andrews and several others of more than state fame. It is expected that 1,200 will be seated at the banquet in the auditorium.

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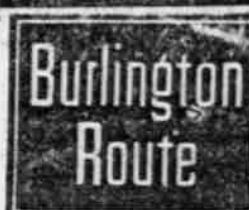
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