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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

- Presidential Electors—
 F. A. Barton, Pawnee
 A. C. Smith, Douglas
 A. C. Abbott, Dodge
 T. L. Norval, Seward
 W. P. Hall, Phelps
 M. A. Brown, Buffalo
 H. H. Wilson, Lancaster
 J. C. Robinson, Douglas
- Governor..... J. H. Mickey
 Lieutenant Governor..... E. G. McGilton
 Secretary of State..... A. Galusha
 Auditor..... E. M. Searle, Jr.
 Treasurer..... Peter Mortensen
 Superintendent..... J. L. M'Brien
 Attorney General..... Norris Brown
 Land Commissioner..... H. M. Eaton

- For Congress:
 ELMER J. BURKETT, Lincoln.
- For State Senator:
 E. A. TUCKER, Humboldt.
- For Members of the Legislature.
 R. E. GRINSTEAD, Salem
 GEORGE SMITH, Dawson
 W. H. HOGREFE, Stella
- For county Attorney.
 W. H. MORROW, Shubert

REVENUE LAW.

The people of Nebraska had for years been much distressed by the inefficiency of its system of assessment and taxation. The burden was unequally distributed and anything like justice to all property interests was impossible. The last republican legislature took cognizance of this condition and enacted a new law intended to remedy existing evils. It is no small matter to readjust the entire system of taxation of a great state, and no easy task to frame a law that will meet all the demands that will be made upon it. The revenue law enacted by the last legislature is being put to the test, and the result of the application is being awaited with the keenest interest by everybody, but there are none who are more interested in the outcome than the members of the political party who stand responsible for the law. Only a rigid test can point out its weak points and indicate changes necessary to be made. The test has proceeded far enough to indicate that the law will, in the main, answer the purpose for which it was enacted, but the same test will probably show where changes can be made to advantage, and a still more just and equitable assessment of all properties assured. In this connection the following plank from the platform adopted at the republican state convention last

week, is of interest. This particular plank is as follows:

"In response to a public necessity and the party's pledge, the legislature has enacted a new revenue law. It was framed to distribute the public burden with exact and even justice. We pledge the party to a correction of such inequalities as may be disclosed, and to the assessment of all property, corporate and private, at its full face value according to law. We favor only the raising of such revenue as is need to meet current expenses of the state government under the most rigid economy and for the gradual extinguishment of the public debt."

Thus has the party not only declared its willingness to stand sponsor for the law which it brought into existence, but has pledged itself to make such changes as may prove necessary to make it a more just and equitable law.

THE CLASS OF '04.

Not all baccalaureate sermons are preached from pulpits, for nearly everyone feels that it is his privilege to preach to the graduates and to give them good advice. There is generally a great deal of sarcasm and irony mingled with these sermons and they are sometimes illustrated with stories of young men and young women who started out, armed with a high school diploma to reform the world, and who ten years later were to be found working for moderate wages and with their knowledge of latin roots and algebraic equations as dim as the fading script on their diplomas. The preachers rarely mention, however, the many, many young men and woman who step out from the school room and into the world's activities every year and find a place awaiting them. They rarely tell the graduate that while he may forget the latin root and the algebraic equation, the training given his mind in once acquiring knowledge of them has better equipped him to grasp other learning that will be of vast importance in later years. He who has learned to conjugate a latin verb, or correctly parse a sentence from Virgil, will find it easier to grasp and classify the details of a business or profession. Your diploma is a certificate that such training has been yours. As the years go by, you may forget that there is such a thing as a quadratic equation, but may be applying your mental training to the finding of the unknown quantity in the problem of business success. As to what you ought to do and what you ought not to do after leaving school, time and your opportunities will tell you best.

The Tribune has no desire to preach, but to congratulate each and every member of the Class of '04. We desire to congratulate you on the fact that you are entering the field of the world's work at a time when a well trained mind is at so high a premium. When you can find so much to do and so many chances to succeed. May each find his niche and fill it with abundant credit to himself.

Ten years from now your class will have scattered and some may have graduated from the school of life. Then, young man and young woman, there will come times when the evening will find you weary from the days tasks and perhaps a little discouraged if all has not gone well. Then you will sit in the still shadows and Memory will come and unroll her canvas and paint for you a picture. You shall see again the crowded theatre from behind the foot-lights. You shall sit again in the circle that is broken and smell the fragrance of the flowers and hear the music and the applause. The voices of the past shall speak and when at last you fall asleep, it shall be to pleasant dreams. And when you awake to begin another day, you will greet the task with a lighter heart and a firmer determination. For this, if nothing else, it is worth while to graduate.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The approach of Memorial Day once more calls the attention of the nation to the debt it owes to those who so bravely defended it at the time when defense was sorely needed. Each year a deeper significance seems to attach itself to this day. Sometimes when we see the tremendous commercial energy that is holding so much of the attention and demanding so much of the best efforts of the present generation, and when we see the God of gain growing bolder and bolder, and his worshippers grow more and more numerous, we may be a little inclined to wonder if the true patriotic principle is not waning and being lost sight of in the strenuous battles of commercial war that is always waging. But when Memorial day comes, and the uproar of commercial activity has given way to the sound of the muffled drum and the tramp of halting and weary feet, all our doubts are swept aside, for from the east and west, and north and south comes the sound of patriotic songs, and in every little country burial plot, as well as the big national cemeteries, the flag waves over mounds that are strewn with flowers, and "the army of the living meets the army of the dead." At the simple but impressive sight the great Amer-

ican heart is touched. The god of gain sits alone in his deserted temple and the inherent patriotism of the American people is proven as patriotism is proven by no other nation on earth.

Just as the Boer war was about to be forgotten, someone had to start a scandal about Webster Davis.

Richardson county will be represented on the republican state committee this year. C. F. Reavis is the new committeeman.

By this time next week we will know the names of the men whom fate decrees shall be defeated by Grinstead, Smith, Hogrefe and Morrow.

When a young man and a young woman are out walking this summer, will the young lady be expected to buy the ice cream because it is leap year?

The republican party has solemnly promised the people of Nebraska that if successful at the polls this fall, it will send Elmer J. Burkett to the United States senate. This promise alone should make victory certain.

The cost of accommodations in St. Louis is said to have increased 300 per cent since the exposition opened. We have not heard it stated that the exposition is 300 per cent better than advertised.

The name of Joseph W. Folk has been suggested to fill the aching void at the head of the democratic national ticket. It would be too bad to remove Folk from his sphere of usefulness and make him simply as one who "also ran."

A few months ago John Brisben Walker, editor of the Cosmopolitan magazine, prophesied that within ten years the Russians would over-run the whole world and that we would all be ready to swear allegiance to the Czar. Judging from the time it takes the Russians to over-run Japan, the rest of the world is safe for at least a million years.

The republicans have every reason to be pleased with the work done by the state convention and have special reasons to be pleased with the ticket. The men who are candidates for reelection have proven their worth and have well earned a longer tenure of office. The new names that appear on the ticket are those of clean, able men and the ticket on the whole, is as good and strong a one as could have been selected.

Ice! Ice!

Good clean ice from Culp's lake delivered at your door.—Culp Ice Company.