

ran away to marry when she was only sixteen it might have undermined her influence with them. The lofty, shocked, solemn tone of her replies to young ladies who confess to having kissed young gentlemen has no counterpart in current literature. It is true, many familiar with the southern point of view, the southern reverence for family and the southern universal consciousness of the possession of blood, super-refined and very thin and blue, are exclaiming, O, my prophetic soul! now that we know she comes from Baltimore, but we might have known it before. Such a point of view and just such a manner of expression is peculiar to the south and only to the south. Like the edelweiss it inhabits only certain geographical localities and it is difficult, if not impossible, to cultivate it. In the south woman is a being of romance and moonlight, of caprice and emotion. It is most infemine of her to claim any of the pleasures of intellectual exercise and Mrs. Mallon as Ruth Ashmore, never tired of exhorting her class of young girl readers to be kitchenish and attractive rather than to attach any importance to the things of the mind.

Mrs. Mallon herself had great facility in writing. She was educated by travel and association with cultured people rather than by personal intercourse with the masters of literature. Her husband died and she supported herself by her writings, which were interesting and always saleable.

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Mr. D. E. Thompson.

Dear Sir: You are a candidate for the United States senate, and, if elected, will be a servant of the people of this state for the next six years. It is therefore perfectly proper that the people you are seeking to represent should frankly discuss your qualifications for this office, as well as your claims upon the party for such recognition. You are asking the republican party to indorse your political conduct and to delegate to you the power to represent the state of Nebraska in the United States congress.

In discussing your fitness and qualifications, as well as your claims upon the party for this office, your likes and dislikes cannot be considered, and the fact that it may be necessary to say some things that displease you or may hurt your feelings, cannot, and ought not, to deter people from speaking truthfully and frankly on this matter, because the interests of the state and of the republican party are of infinitely greater importance than your own personal wishes in this matter. What we shall say on this subject is wholly and entirely for what we consider the public good, and not personal in its character.

The real question is, Are you the kind of man for United States senator? What claims, if any, have you upon this office?

That you are not the kind of man for this office and have no claims upon it is self evident from the determined opposition of the people all over the state as voiced by the state press. With all your money and corporate influence you have only been able to get two or three of the country papers to say nice things about you, and they say them as though they were ashamed of them and knew they are untrue.

The fact that you spent some money, "wrongfully wrong from the city of Lincoln on an exorbitant lighting contract," in electing some members of the legislature, does not entitle you to the office of senator. Your work in that regard is not even commendable and entitles you to no credit, when it now turns out that what you were doing was to further

your own political ambitions. You did not do this from disinterested motives and patriotic love for the party.

Your claim upon the party for this office should be tested by your past political course and conduct.

There are candidates for this office who are clean and able men, recognized political leaders; men who have earned this office by a long course of political service; who were republicans, fighting the party battles at a time when you were contemptuously boasting of the fact that you had never voted in your life. You have never rendered any party service that entitles your name to be mentioned in connection with the office of United States senator, and no-one that we know of ever even thought of you in connection with this office until you announced your candidacy, and even then it was difficult for anyone to regard it other than a joke.

The people of this community and state are opposed to you for this office because from your past political course and conduct they are convinced that you stand for political ideas and practices that are vicious, demoralizing, and tend to debauch the party. This has been your whole course in politics. Your political life has been on a low moral plane, supporting men and measures that were inimical to the best interests of the community and party. Do you wonder then that the people distrust you, are you surprised at the almost universal dislike and want of confidence in you? Why should not the people dislike and distrust you; what have you ever done to make them trust, honor and respect you? If you can point to a single political act of yours where you have ever placed the public weal before private gain and your own selfish, personal interests, the columns of this paper are open for you to do so.

Before you give your political support to a man you invariably send for him and lay him under tribute to you or the interests you represent. The question as to the fitness or unfitness of a man for an office never seems to enter your mind, but the price of your support is his unswerving allegiance to you, and in such cases you and your interests are profited to the detriment of the public.

You are responsible for the fact that today democratic and fusion councilmen are members of the city council from the first, second and seventh wards of this city, because the men that you foisted upon the party as the republican nominees for councilmen from these wards were unfit for the office and when the election came they were repudiated by their own party.

Your efforts at the last city election were directed almost entirely to the election of the republican nominees in these three wards, and you refused to assist in the election of the balance of the republican ticket because you did not regard the nominees as your political friends.

Dr. Stein, one of the finest men in the city, would be in the city council today, serving the people of this city, but for the fact that he refused to make certain promises and pledges that you exacted. No honest man would either exact or make such promises as you demanded. You were the only man in the city mean enough to distrust Dr. Stein and demand pledges and promises. Everybody else and the public generally had perfect confidence that Dr. Stein would do his duty, and do what was fair and just by the people, and were willing to take his past life and conduct as a guarantee of this fact.

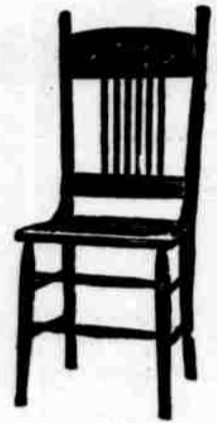
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Frank Graham would have been impeached but for the fact that every councilman you could influence or control voted against it under your direction, and to please you. Was this for the public good or because he assisted you in getting an exorbitant lighting contract?

Nearly all of the corruption, incompetency and crookedness in the city administration for the past four years can be traced directly to your influence and the men that you have helped into office.

Such a political record as this does not entitle you to the respect and confidence of the public. The republican party of this state will never elect to the United States senate a business associate of C. W. Mosher, and a man who was a director and heavy stockholder in the defunct Capital National bank. The republicans of this state realize that the failure of that bank and the political scandals growing out of its failure was the beginning of the downfall of the republican party.

Take a survey of your political conduct since your advent into politics in this city and see if what we have said is true? Examine the men and measures that you have supported and the advantages and financial gains you have reaped from the city of Lincoln by reason of the dishonest and incompetent men you have put

into office and who thought more of your demands upon them than they did of those of the public.

Your election to the United States senate would disrupt and ruin the republican party in this state and it ought to; if the highest mission the republican party has to perform is to send such men as you to the United States senate, then has it indeed outlived its usefulness and the sooner it is disrupted and destroyed the better for the people of this state.

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We do not think there is a member of this delegation so recreant to his trust and who can so far forget his own self-respect, the wishes of this community, the good of the party, and so shamefully misrepresent Lincoln and Lancaster county as to vote for Mr. D. E. Thompson. But we feel like sounding a note of warning to you lest you might possibly be overreached by Mr. Thompson's minions and paid lobby who are now engaged in systematically calling upon the business men of the city in a vain attempt to manufacture public sentiment. The delegation from this county is made up of able self-respecting gentlemen, who desire to do what is right and to faithfully represent the city and county, and you cannot afford to betray your duty to the public, stultify yourself and destroy your own political future for Mr. Thompson.

The World-Herald of Sunday gave four columns of space to boom D. E. Thompson, a republican candidate for the United States senate. The article appeared over the signature of D. H. Bradley, the World-Herald's regular correspondent at Lincoln. The first thing that suggested itself to the editor was, "did that cost \$75 a column?" It also suggested this thought, that when a republican candidate has to resort to buying space in the fusion papers to boom his political aspirations it is high time for republicans to look upon such a candidate with considerable suspicion.—Burt County Herald.