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County Ticket. For Clerk of the District Court, JAMES BURDEN, Of Glenwood Precinct.

For County Treasurer, C. D. ROBINSON, Of Red Cloud City, 2d Ward.

For County Clerk, CLARENCE REED, Of Red Cloud Precinct.

For County Judge, JOHN MAY, Of Harmony Precinct.

For County Superintendent, EVA J. CASE, Of Red Cloud City, 2d Ward.

For County Sheriff, M. ADAMSON, Of Pleasant Hill Precinct.

For County Coroner, DR. HALL, Of Glenwood Precinct.

For County Surveyor, W. E. THORNE, Of Glenwood Precinct.

For Commissioner 1st District, D. H. KALEY, Of Pleasant Hill Precinct.

For Commissioner 4th District, JAMES OVERMAN, Of Red Cloud Precinct.

Reform is mighty. The political pot has begun to "bile."

The county offices are deserted these days save for the deputies.

When and where has the reform party reformed anything in this county?

As yet we have had no explanation of the word "reform" in connection with the fusion ticket in this county.

A political whirlwind will pass through this city tomorrow at ten, and stop at the depot for a ten minutes blow off.

In Omaha the registry books as kept under the new state election laws show an increase of about thirty per cent in the republican vote.

We know of two pops, who, if they could roast the devil half as hard as they can roast the present administration, could convert sinners by the score.

Aguinaldo is still praying for the demo-pops to win. He has two helpers on the pop ticket in this county who have had considerable experience in that particular line.

You might pass an onion off on a blind man for an apple if it wasn't for the smell, and likewise the pop party might be considered as reformers if it wasn't for the records giving them away.

A change of about 1500 votes over last year will put the state of Nebraska back where she belongs—in the republican column. Webster county will furnish her share—and more too—of that 1,500.

During the past week we have had several propositions from our populist contemporary to the effect that if we would let up they would not say anything about the republican candidates but we said "nit" If we have anything to say we believe in saying it in our paper where everyone can read it. We don't believe in "back biting"

It seems to bother our unfriendly contemporary up the street because Clarence Reed draws a pension for disabilities he received during the late war. We might inform the senior member of that firm that there is no disgrace attached to receiving a pension from such a cause, and it is far ahead of trying to work a pension out of the county every time the board meets in the way of office rent, etc.

A quiet campaign is being made in the first commissioner district, but just the same the people are doing a whole lot of thinking. D. H. Kaley is making a straightforward canvass for the position. It is an office that has no money consideration to speak of, but it is an office of vital interest to the taxpayers. Mr. Kaley will make a splendid, conscientious officer and Webster county's affairs, as far as the First district is concerned, will be in good hands.

The present sheriff made a record in inducing the county to buy a nice little garden spot and put a nice barn and chicken coop on one end of it for his use. Former sheriffs have rented barns and bought garden stuff, but under "reform" this was necessary. We suppose in order to make a saving—to the sheriff. The several hundred dollars which the property cost the county is no object as long as a few dollars are saved to the sheriff. Reform, that is the name now given such transactions.

After hearing a few demo-pop campaign speeches, and listening to their remarks concerning our army in the Philippines, we think that the papers of that stripe should, after the return of a regiment from the Philippine insert a small editorial stating that "a gang of cut throats and hired assassins who have been robbing the purest patriots on earth of their liberty, have returned to contaminate this country with their foul presence." Such a notice would be in strict conformity with their ideas as advocated by their campaigners.

The present campaign in this state promises to be one which will go down in history. Both republicans and democrats will, during the time yet remaining until election, cover the state with some of the ablest campaigners of their respective parties. The republican state central committee has secured the services of Gov. Roosevelt for a tour of the state and in all probability Senator Marcus A. Hanna will be in the state. Aside from these each party has numberless speakers of lesser note. Nothing can be found about any pop orators stumping the state, so it is safe to presume that they have dropped out of existence.

We understand the present sheriff is making a great campaign on his past two years record. Now, our experience is that most anything can be construed into a record by a populist who is looking for a second term, and it appears that that is just what has been done in this case. If setting around talking politics; always being out of sight when you are wanted, always just a little too late to catch a culprit, going on a wild goose chase after a culprit and returning with "the wrong party," and going after culprits whom someone else has succeeded in running to earth, constitutes a good record we are perfectly willing to admit he has a record that cannot be beaten.

Some agitators are telling around that Chas. Robinson has had the office for six years, and it is time to change. Now anyone who has been in Webster county two years knows this is a rank falsehood. The truth of the matter is Mr. Robinson acted as deputy for Mr. White for four years, and in that time showed his ability to conduct the affairs of the office, and two years ago was nominated and elected on the republican ticket, and since that time he has conducted the affairs of the treasurer's office in an economical and trustworthy way that has won the respect of everyone in the county, and when the vote is counted he will have been retained in the position by even a larger vote than he received last year.

It is seldom the case that one speaker will deny a statement that another speaker of the same political creed had made on the same stage in the same evening, however that is just what happened last Wednesday evening at the republican meeting in the opera house. Mr. Keester, the next judge of this district, during his speech called W. J. Bryan a "lawyer." Hon. W. S. Summers, who immediately followed the first speaker said that he had known W. J. Bryan for several years and that he was no lawyer, and proceeded to give proof enough to convince even the most faithful followers of the colonel that the first named speaker had overrated him.

THAT SUPREME COURT DECISION

Does It Vindicate the Action of the County Clerk of Deos it Prove That He is Error.—Read and Reflect

In the Nation of last week appeared an article under the attractive head "A Slander On Hale" in which the writer attempts to vindicate the action of the county clerk in accepting \$100 for clerk of the board and comes to his defense with far more courage than logic. One thing at least can be gained from the Nation's article, and that is that all of the people of Webster county are not satisfied with the administration of the present county clerk and some accuse him of drawing \$100 per quarter for acting as clerk of the board of commissioners in open violation of the statutes. However our contemporary seems to be of the opinion that there is but one single individual who contends that the \$100 quarterly has been drawn in open violation of the law, and that he is doing it simply to injure Mr. Hale's chances of election. In this they are mistaken as there are numberless people of the same opinion. After carefully investigating the matter we find that Mr. Hale has demanded and has received \$100 per quarter for the service above described, in violation of the provisions of the statute, and in contemptuous disregard of the rulings of the supreme court, and with a display of courage borne of despair and equalled only by Silas Holcomb when he said the constitution of our state was "only a farce." It seems that this person has taken the same position as his party leaders and decided that our statutes and the decisions of our supreme courts are "only a farce." The Nation also to make their vindication more complete, publishes in full a supreme court decision from the 9th Nebraska reports, 68, which put the stamp of condemnation upon the action of the clerk, and instead of vindicating him clearly proves that he is in error in this case as claimed, viz: That he has no right to the salary of \$400 per year as long as the fees of the office were sufficient to pay the salary of the clerk. It is evident that the writer of the article in the Nation does not possess the brains that would enable an individual of average common sense to construe a statute or apply an opinion. If he did the opinion would not have appeared in connection with the article. Common sense and a desire to shield its candidate would have suggested its omission. However we are willing to take the decision of the supreme court as published in last week's Nation as a settlement of this case. The case upon which this decision was given was brought by Lancaster county to compel the county clerk to reimburse that county in the sum of \$667.80; \$400 of which was for acting as clerk of the county board, and \$267.80, was for extra work done by him. What does this decision show after a careful reading of the opinion of the court? First, that the amount to which the county clerk is entitled as his salary shall be \$1,500, and payable out of the fees of the office, also for deputies whose salaries shall not exceed \$700 per annum each, and to be hired at the discretion of the county board. Also, "that in no instance shall such officer receive more than the fees by him actually collected."

Second—That a public officer must discharge the duties pertaining to his office for the compensation allowed by law, and no compensation for extra service can be recovered or allowed unless authorized by statute.

Third—That he shall keep his office at the county seat, shall attend the sessions of the county board; keep the seal, records and papers of said board; and shall sign the record of the proceedings of said board, and attest the same with the county seal. (Sec. 23, Chap. 18, Art. 1, statutes of 1899)

(Sec. 74, Chap. 18, Art. 1 of the statutes of 1899, provides that it shall be the duty of the county clerk: First—To record, in a book kept for that purpose all proceedings of the board. Second—To make regular entries of their decisions in all questions concerning the raising of money. Third—To countersign all warrants issued by the board and signed by its chairman. Fourth—To preserve and file all accounts acted upon by the board, with their action thereon; and he shall perform such special duties as are required of him by law.)

After reviewing these points the supreme court says in its decision as published in the Nation: "Attending the county board is therefore one of the duties of his office, which, where the fees exceed \$1,500, he must discharge without extra compensation." And in concluding the case says: "The defendant therefore is not required to report the amount paid out for preparing the tax list, etc., but must report the item of \$400 paid him as salary."

The statutes Nebraska Sec 14, Chap. 28, says: "For performing the duties of clerk to the county commissioners, and attending to the business of the county, such salary per annum, to be paid by the county quarterly, as the commissioners of the county shall allow, not exceeding in any year the sum of four hundred dollars," is due the clerk.

Now if the law says the clerk's salary shall be \$1,500 per year for attend-

ing to the duties of that office, and also says that acting as clerk of the county commissioners is one of his duties, how can he legally draw this \$400 when the fees of his office exceed the sum of \$1,500? You will notice by the above quotation from the statute that this \$400 is a salary and not a fee. Consequently where his fees are sufficient to pay his salary of \$1,500 he has no claim whatever upon this extra salary of \$400. The decision of the supreme court above quoted also says the same thing, that when his fees cover his salary he is not entitled to extra compensation. The clerk of this county is at present drawing a fee of \$100 quarterly for clerk of the board and there was never a law on the statute book for such a fee. The law provides a salary providing the clerk's fees are not sufficient to pay his yearly salary of \$1,500, but the county board nor the county clerk have neither of them any right to change the statute and convert a salary into a fee. But, we presume they have arrived at the same conclusion in regard to the statute as did Silas Holcomb in regard to our constitution, that it is simply a farce. Instead of a big saving to the county as shown by the amount on hand in the clerk's hands what do we find. Simply this, that had that \$700 stayed in the county treasury where it belonged, and the clerk's office been run according to the law, which says: "in no instance shall such officer receive more than the fees by them respectively and actually collected;" this county would have had \$700 in the treasury, instead of \$655.35 as a balance of excess fees in the hands of the clerk. In other words that great reform movement of converting a statutory salary into a county fee has cost Webster county \$44.65 which with other fees has gone to pay for extra help to the tune of \$304, aside from the regular salary of the clerk and his deputy. Reform is mighty, especially in the hands of a reform party which has for a motto "the state constitution and state statutes are a farce."

A still later decision of the supreme court holds that when a county board passes upon a claim it acts judiciously, and its action is final unless an appeal is taken to the district court within ten days from the time of allowing or disallowing such claims. The \$700 which the county clerk has drawn from the county treasury as a salary "for acting as clerk of the county commissioners and attending to the county business" was drawn by virtue of claims filed with and allowed by the county board, and no appeal has been taken within the time provided by law for appeals, therefore it will be seen that there is no legal remedy by which the clerk can be forced to turn this money back into the county treasury. The money is his, as much so as the legal salary of \$1,500, for the reason above stated, that no appeal has been taken within the time provided by law for appeals.

The story being circulated by a certain individual, a pillar of the Methodist church, in regard to James Burden acting in an irregular manner in his testimony in the Hayes-Bent case was sprung too early and before election will prove a boomerang to the populist party and the man who set the story afloat. The story is simply a campaign falsehood thrust upon the voters by a man whose position in the church is used to make the story seem true. Even pillars of the church are given over to falsehood and it is so in this case. The story is of a libelous nature and defames the character of Mr. Burden and the only way to reach such defamers is through the proper channel of the courts. Mr. Burden has lived in our county too long to have people believe a story told by a man whose past life up to two or three years ago is unknown to them.

Perhaps it would be a good thing to find out if the demo-pop candidate for superintendent ever taught school and whether he has a first, second or third grade certificate. We have never yet heard of his being connected with the schools or with school work, and in order to keep up the present high standing of our schools the people should see to it that no one but the owner of a first grade certificate should occupy this position. A person to occupy this position must be capable of judging of the capability of others as teachers, and only long experience in school work will fit one for the position. The present case is the first of its kind in this county. Never before has any party tried to force upon the people a candidate for this office who has not previously been connected with the school work and whom they were confident had the ability to conduct the office. However, we leave it to the people to judge whether they want a person for county superintendent who has made a lifelong study of the ministry or one who has made a life long study of schools and school work.

An exchange asks if Dewey will stand on the democratic Chicago platform? Before his arrival in New York it was thought from yellow reports that he would, but since his arrival it has been clearly demonstrated that he is inclined to "set down" on it.

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