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 Attorney..... L. H. Blackledge
 Sheriff..... O. B. Hedge
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OUR TICKET.

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 For Senator, 26th district
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 For Representative, 44th district
 FRED H. GERLACH.
County
 For County Attorney
 L. H. BLACKLEDGE.
 For Commissioner, 1st district
 MILO S. MARTIN.
 4th district
 FREDERICK H. CLATTE.

The people of Red Cloud should not forget the circumstance of the disreputable family in this city last winter which had given our city officials and many citizens much trouble and caused the city to be sued for \$2000 and Mayor Caldwell and others for a like sum, and were carrying things with a high hand until County Attorney Blackledge took the matter up, caused the arrest of the parties and soon had them deported and the damage suits dismissed. Remember this on election day.

Now that the guarantee of bank deposits is prominently before the public it is well to look back, remembering that we have had a depository law for the security of the county money for several years. It has not been enforced in Webster county until County Attorney Blackledge, acting with Treasurer Frahm, took the matter up with the county board and the banks of the county, with the result that now the county money is secured by bonds and the banks are paying interest to the county.

"By Your Works Are Ye Known"
 The recent accession of Congressman Norris to the growing anti-Cannon ranks, speaks in no uncertain way of the party expediency and the time serving tendencies of the man who has three times voted to make Joseph Cannon the second in authority in the United States.

In a published statement for Nebraska consumption he says he is opposed alike to Cannon and to the rules which make Cannon a dangerous, arrogant autocrat. Cannon is an old man; he has been in congress nearly forty years; he is a past master in the art of retrogression. He is chief of the air-brake department and grand sachein in the order of stand-pat. For forty years he has heard the cry of the people for reform and gave them no heed. For forty years he has stubbornly stood, when he could not lead, in the light of progress and blocked the way to better things, and when permitted to lead he has delivered his followers into the hands of corporate greed, special interests and favored trusts.

Through all of this time his rule of conduct has been akin to the laws of the Medes and Persians; unchangeable and unchanging. Knowing this, sitting at elbows with it, hearing it from the

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very stones of the streets of Washington, Mr. Norris voted to make Cannon speaker in 1903. That was his first term and might have been overlooked upon the plea of inexperience and stage fright. But two years later he sinned again, and with greater light, Cannon was the same national blunder, swinging the same red light across the way and singing the same old siren song to the pilgrims at Washington, that he had been for more than a generation.

Two years later Mr. Norris, having been for a third time chosen to misrepresent the people of the Fifth Nebraska district, bent his suppliant knee before the speakers chair and voted to continue his intolerable rule. Not that alone, he voted to create and ratify the rules of which he now complains, and made it thereby possible for the speaker to absolutely control the greatest body of men on earth, throttle their every effort to be free, and make them the sport of his fancy and whims.

The cock crew, and Mr. Norris, waked up. He heard the "rolling of the thunders and the coming of the storm" and he ducked to the bomb proof. From it he issued his appeal to the voters and asks for an immunity bath. He does not apologize nor explain the past, yet the very conditions he now professes to deplore he voted, three times, advisedly, with prepeuse purpose to create, and then, as if the burden of his folly and cowardice had not rested hard enough upon his patient constituency, he gave his voice, vote and favor to a gang rule for the house of representatives so that the hopes and aspirations and welfare of a great, a free and an honest people might be strangled at its portals.

Cannon was the same two, four and six years ago as he is today. He has learned nothing, forgotten nothing. It is as meet for Norris to vote for him now as then. Ethically, Norris did not make Cannon unspcakably bad, but knowing he three times voted to make him practically harmful and now has not the saving grace of a penitent to own his wrong.

What faith can voters have in the man who has three times betrayed their trust, that he will not a fourth time, for the promise of a good place on committees again commit the Cannon blunder?

There is but one certain way of defeating Cannon's re-election as speaker. Elect a democratic congress. There is no better place to commence than by putting Senator Ashton in the place of opportunist and trimmer, who disclaims his own offspring and proclaims against his own acts.

L. H. Blackledge for County Attorney.
 Mr. Blackledge is one of the best lawyers at the bar. He has more cases, does more business, than any other lawyer in the county. The walls of his office are lined with law books. He is never to be seen airing his knowledge on the streets, but judges listen to him with respect.
 The office of county attorney is no sinecure; a lawyer, competent to declare and explain the law, is needed in the office. Every week something comes up calling for the aid of the lawyer. The county officers need information at times, criminal cases do not often arise, but when they do a lawyer is needed at once. Take the two important matters that have engaged the county attorney the last term. There was the Strohm case; imagine the condition had the county attorney been a person on whose judgment and abil-

ity no reliance could be placed. It is much to the credit of Mr. Blackledge that, unaided, he secured the vindication of the law in this case. Then the Barker case. An old lawyer informs us that Mr. Blackledge was not compelled to go out of the county or pay any attention to the case after Barker's conviction, but Mr. Blackledge felt that the people of this county would not rest until Barker was punished. This same attorney tells us that had it not been for the hard work put in by Mr. Blackledge in that case, Barker would likely have been adjudged insane and so escaped the penalty of the law. As it was there were two trials in Lincoln in the matter, at each of which Mr. Blackledge took the leading part. Where would Mr. Chaffin be in such company? There's a lot of costs in these cases, which county will pay them? Who were the witnesses entitled to fees? All these questions will come up; for decision and trial, Mr. Blackledge is the best man to decide and try them.

Mr. Blackledge has been censured for two cases—the road case over in Garfield, he was an attorney in that case before he was elected county attorney. He could not take the county's side then, and he could not act against the county after the county became a party to the case. All he could do he did. He withdrew from the case.
 He is blamed for keeping the five tramps in jail as long as he did. How could he help it? The court bound them over; there was a clear case of burglary by somebody. Some of these tramps were seen in the burglarized car; one of them was wearing a pair of shoes stolen from the car. Mr. Blackledge was not present at the hearing because he was then in Omaha defending a case in the district court where our county board had been sued for \$250. He investigated the matter. The railway company promised him the evidence as soon as the tramps employed an attorney, he set a date at which the railway company must furnish the evidence. The company did not furnish the evidence and Mr. Blackledge took it upon himself to turn them loose.

What more could he do?
 Vote for Blackledge.

What Will You Do?
 Taxpayers in Webster county are directly and should be very much interested in the success of the democratic ticket this year. Do not take our word for it but go to the county treasurer's office and compare your taxes for 1908 with former years and prepare for a shock, for you will find them this year from 30 to 80 per cent higher than for any former year. We are speaking of farm taxes especially.

Under our present system of assessment as applied in this county, about 50 per cent is added to farm values as compared with former years, while the personal assessment is less and the railroad practically the same. The farmer pays 50 per cent more taxes while personal and railroad taxes are even less than in former years.
 This rank injustice has been brought about, as we believe, by our present system of assessment. Our farms have been assessed on too high a scale as compared with railroad, personal and other farm assessments in other counties in the state.
 It looks very flattering to this county to know that we have farms here as returned to the state auditor worth from \$40 to \$80 per acre, but the state board, judging from returns, thinks our county one of the best and proceed to

Under our present law taxpayers have nothing to say as to who shall assess their property. Our main appointments are left to his own choosing and the work goes on.
 The democratic platform promises to enact a law permitting us to elect our own assessors.
 Vote the Democratic Ticket!

Arbitrary Assessments.
 The new revenue law provides for a state board of equalization and assessment. This board consists of the Governor and four other state officials. The present board has violated both the letter and spirit of the revenue law in adding on to the assessments as returned by the various counties, millions of dollars. It was not the intention or the purpose of this law to lodge in this board this power. It is an abuse of power for the board to do as they have done. They have not been equalizing assessment, they have been re-assessing the property of the state.

Governor Sheldon and the other members of this board have been acting as assessors of property in Nebraska under the guise of equalizing the taxes and they have arbitrarily added on to the assessment this year, as returned by the various counties, \$2,444,792. They have so arranged the assessments in Nebraska the real estate and personal property of the private citizen has been unfairly increased. These men who never saw the property, who were not acquainted with local conditions, have assumed to act as assessors of the property in the state. By their action they have done away with the right of local self government in the matter of assessing property for revenue purposes.

Mr. Shallenberger and the other democrat nominees for state office are opposed to this arbitrary assessment of property in the state by the so-called Board of Equalization. If Mr. Shallenberger and associates are elected they will equalize the valuation without increasing the aggregate footings as returned by the various counties. Mr. Shallenberger and associates will equalize the assessment. They will not assume to act as assessors. A vote for the democratic state ticket is a vote for local self government in the matter of taxation.

Don't Forget.
 The attention of our readers is called to the two constitutional amendments which will appear upon the official ballot on election day. One of these amendments will permit the investment of our permanent school fund in Nebraska school precinct and municipal bonds and thus avoid the necessity of sending the money out of the state for investment as we have been compelled to do in the past. The other brings about a long needed reorganization of our Supreme Court by substituting four additional judges for the six commissioners now constituting a part of that court. The Commissioners system is wrong in principle and very unsatisfactory to all

the people of Nebraska. It is a well known fact that the present system of investment is a failure. It is a well known fact that the present system of investment is a failure. It is a well known fact that the present system of investment is a failure.

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