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FOR DISTRICT JUDGE

I am a candidate for District Judge, as a Republican, at nominating primary August 15, 1911. W. P. MCCREARY.

The four inch rain of last night will now insure the corn crop and the hay and alfalfa. But the best crop is the smile crop. You can see the smiles sprouting up all over the fields and streets. Even our devil looks happy today. We now know why the Indian showed such indifference to his surroundings. He lived on the plains and as the years rolled along he learned that after a dry spell would come rain and after rain the dry weather and what was the odds. This year the smiles and tears have chased each other fast and in another generation we may learn to wait until the harvest before we allow ourselves to indulge in too much lamentations over something which may never happen.

Were it not for the fact that we employed an expert shorthand reporter to attend the church base ball game last Tuesday one of the best orations ever given in the city would have been lost to all posterity. At the end of the third inning Deacon Bert Kaley arose in the grandstand and said in full "Brothers and sisters, I am indeed pleased to see such a large congregation this hot afternoon and I am sure from your frequent applause that you have enjoyed the services and I believe that this is an opportune time to inform you of something which is laying heavily on my mind. I want to say a word about the brothers that have come among you today. They are all good men. They freely give their time and their services in this work without salary or pay and I am sure that you will agree with me that they are earnestly devoted to their chosen profession. Only one of them was ever known to backslide and that was done in your presence this afternoon. Now these brothers are doing a wonderful missionary work. They frequently have scores of people in the congregation that never darken the doors of a church building. They are the only aggregation of the kind on the continent of America and they are deserving of our generous support. It is only fair that we pay a part of their carfare and hotel expenses and I therefore trust that as the generals pass down the aisles that you will each and every one give of your plenty and if every one drops in a penny there will be enough and to spare".

Methodists Take a Fall Out of Congregationals

The long expected game between the Methodists and Congregationals drew an interested multitude to the base ball grounds Tuesday afternoon. The grandstand and bleachers were thronged with unaccustomed faces. The rival churches were out in full force. Rev. A. A. Cressman and C. L. Cotting came early and occupied positions of prominence, where their waving hats and words of cheer would be most effective for the nine heroes who battled for Congregational victory. The ladies of the M. E. Aid society gave an unwonted sedateness to the grandstand.

The Methodists went first to bat. Rev. Tompkins picked out a vacant spot beyond the center fielder, rubbed his hands in the dust, and swung his bat with a vigor like that of Ty Cobb. Two hundred sighs fell upon the summer breeze from the ladies of his flock. Three mighty strokes had cut great gashes in the air, but the ball, instead of soaring into the distant cloud, reposed in the catcher's mitt.

Prof. Moritz extended his long frame to meet the approaching missile. Had his bat been as wide as a tennis racket, there is little doubt that sometime during the game the ball would have impinged upon it and rebounded into space.

Fred Turnure—modest, unassuming—grasped the stick, and the ball hit his club for a safe one. Fred proved to be the star batter for the M. E.'s.

Ed Overing, arrayed in a jaunty suit of white and looking benignly through his spectacles, saw the ball just in time to hit it one of his sledgehammer blows. He also saw every ball thrown to him at second base, and held them. He made double plays worthy of a major leaguer.

Jim Mitchell hit the ball several times, and had he not stopped to watch it fielded would have reached first base more often. Mr. Mitchell could sustain a reduction of twenty pounds and be in better form for the diamond.

Ed Garber, who started the flinging

for the Congos, inched where Mitchell abounded. Ed does not pitch as well as his wife sings. Glen Walker, who caught for Garber and Grice, is better in the choir than behind the bat. But Glen showed his pluck. He stopped everything that hit his mitt, although he did not always hold it.

We have not space to mention all the players. We have chosen those who have not been on the diamond for years for special consideration. Ye editor umpired with varying success. The familiar faces of Lawrence Boren and Frank Cowden were absent.

On the whole, the game was an enjoyable one to the players and the spectators. There was a general desire for the churches to take more interest in good natured contests which would give an appearance of kindly fellowship and genial association. Playing together is as much a part of life as working together, and if the churches will do their part toward the encouragement of wholesome, enjoyable recreation, much good might result.

About as near as anyone can tell, the score was 12 to 11 in favor of the Methodists.

Methodists—Roy Stevens, Ben Williams, James Silvey, Boone Saunders, Ray Saunders, Atkins, W. Stevens, E. N. Tompkins, Prof. Moritz, B. Stevens, Fred Turnure.

Congregationals—Glen Walker, Ed Garber (south-paw), Flave Grice, Harry Gilham, Ed Overing, Don Saunders, Charles Kellogg, James Mitchell, Wullbrandt, Turnure.

Umpire—Hale.
Roters—For Congregationals, Cotting and Caldwell; for the Methodists, Will Overman and Mountford.

Fred Gerlach Passed Away Suddenly

Fred Gerlach died Tuesday morning at 1:30 after an acute attack of heart trouble on the street Monday evening. The Chief has not been able to get the details of Mr. Gerlach's life in time for this issue.

He first became generally known to the people of this county in connection with the formation of the Farmer's Alliance in 1890. He was a man of striking figure, a giant in physique, and of more than ordinary mental and moral worth. Had he been a fluent speaker of English he would easily have been one of the most influential men of the county. Of commanding presence, genial manners, and uncompromising honesty, he lacked only the power of facile utterance to compel attention.

He served the public as a member of the board of County Commissioners. He was the candidate of his party for county treasurer and also for the legislature.

Had he been one of the earlier settlers of the county, his deficiency in our language would probably have been overcome—and it is difficult to determine the consideration he would have achieved. As it was, he will be remembered with kindness by all who knew him, and those who knew him best trusted him most. He was buried from his home Thursday at noon.

Mr. Gerlach was born in Germany, Feb. 8, 1851. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his departure.

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Weather Summary for July 1911

Temperature: Maximum 108 on 5th, minimum 46 on 25th. Greatest range 41 on 3d.
Precipitation: Total 6.43 inches. Greatest in 24 hours 2.05 inches on 13th. Days with .01 inch or more 9. Clear 20, partly cloudy 10, cloudy 1. Thunderstorms on 5, 13, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 29, 31. Prevailing wind direction south west 9 days. CHAS. S. LUDLOW.

To the Voters of Webster County, Nebraska:

1. I am a candidate for county clerk.
2. I am 30 years old, and was born at Guide Rock, in this county.
3. I have never before been a candidate for office.
4. Having served as deputy county clerk, I think I am equipped for the office, both by experience and inclination.
5. I am respectfully asking you for a first term, not a second or third.
6. If nominated and elected, I shall consider it an honor to serve the people of this county, and will always do so faithfully and to the best of my ability.
7. I therefore respectfully and earnestly ask your support at the primary, and at the polls if nominated.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM R. BAILEY.

Widow's Pension.

The recent act of April 19th, 1909 gives to all soldiers' widows a pension of \$12 per month. Fred Maurer, the attorney, has all necessary blanks.

A WORTHY CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY JUDGE

When a man has resided in a community thirty-nine years as an honored and respected citizen, active in its business, political and social life, he would not be a bad sort of a man for the people to elect to a public office would he?



Mr. A. D. Ranney, who is asking the people for nomination at the coming primary for county judge, came to Nebraska with his parents and settled in Oak Creek precinct of this county in 1872 and has been a resident of the county ever since. From 1881 to 1885 he attended school at Hastings, and the two years following he studied law in the office of A. M. Walters of this place, and in 1889 was admitted to the bar, and since then has been successfully practicing in that profession. May 1st, 1896, he was elected village clerk and attorney, which position he has since continuously held. In the fall of that year he was elected county attorney and two years later was elected to a second term, serving in an efficient manner. In 1896 he was elected a member of the board of education of this district and three years later was chosen its secretary. He is still on the board as its secretary.

These are only a few facts we mention to permit you to become acquainted with Mr. Ranney and to know what he has been doing. He does not talk much about himself or what he has done; but his friends, who are numbered by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, will tell you that he is a man of conservative and keen judgment, honest in his dealings with his fellow men, a capable attorney, and a man in whom they do not hesitate to place the utmost confidence. The voters on the democratic and peoples independent parties are asked to vote for Mr. Ranney for county judge on August 15th.—Blue Hill Leader.



I am a candidate for County Judge at the coming primary on the Republican ticket. The support of all is respectfully solicited.
A. A. CRESSMAN.

H. C. Wright of Rosemont, Candidate for Treasurer

Henry C. Wright of Rosemont is just in the prime of life, 47 years of age. He came to Webster county in 1877 and settled with his people in Oak Creek township. He has passed through all the hardships of the early settler and continuously for thirty-four years he has resided and toiled in the same township in which he first landed. He passed through many years of hot winds and hard times on the farm, but has been a merchant in Rosemont handling a stock of general merchandise for a number of years, and is one of the prosperous business men of the county. He has hauled provisions and building material across from Hastings, and has lived to see all that vast territory surrounding his father's farm transformed into modern homes surrounded by fertile and productive fields. He has seen the railroad extend its lines and prosperous towns spring up along its course. Mr. Wright is a real pioneer.

Since 1890 Mr. Wright has affiliated with the People's Independent and Democratic parties. He has, during this time, been an active leader and worker in politics, having attended

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almost every county convention as delegate from Oak Creek and spent much time in boosting the ticket. He has never before been a candidate for office. In his present campaign for county treasurer he is being encouraged and backed by his home people in flattering style. His business experience as a merchant qualifies him for the duties of county treasurer, and if elected he will personally manage the affairs of the office. H. C. Wright solicits the support of the fusion voters at the primary.

To the Voters of the Democratic and People's Independent Party:

GENTLEMEN:—I respectfully solicit your support at the coming primaries for election as your candidate for county clerk. Two years ago when there was no prospect of defeating Mr. Ross for his second term, at the request of leading anti-republicans, I consented to the use of my name as a candidate, solely to assist in putting a complete ticket in the field, and thus making possible the election of one or more of your other candidates. I believe that my action then was helpful in preserving our parties in a vigorous and efficient condition during the campaign, and in keeping them strong and courageous to contend with some show of success in the coming election.

While I do not claim that the party is under any obligation to me, I yet feel that I should be given the chance to engage in a successful contest.

When I ran against Mr. Ross two years ago he was asking for a second term. I realized it was a hopeless race but consented to run for the good of our parties and in order to fill out our ticket. Ross defeated me by a small margin. Having made the race against Ross when he was asking for a second term I think I am entitled to make the race against him when he is now asking for a third term in the face of strong public sentiment against "third terms."
GEORGE HADELL.

McCreary Endorsed

The Adams county republican convention to select thirteen delegates to the state convention to be held at Lincoln, July 25, was held at the court house this afternoon. Mayor Miles was elected chairman and James Crowley secretary. A resolution was adopted favoring the candidacy of W. P. McCreary for the republican candidate for judge of the Tenth judicial district.—Hastings Tribune, July 15th.

E. W. Coplen Makes A Statement

To the Democratic and Populist Voters of Webster County: Two years ago for the first time in the history of my life I was a candidate for a county office. I received the nomination on the People's Independent ticket for the office of Sheriff and Wm. Kirkpatrick was nominated on the Democratic ticket, but the combined vote of the two tickets gave Mr. Kirkpatrick a small majority. In the interest of the ticket and party I withdrew from the

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To the Democratic and Peoples Independent Parties of Webster County, Nebraska:

We the undersigned, residents of the north part of Webster County, Nebraska, and affiliating with the above parties, believing that if we are to be successful in the coming election, that it is necessary that our ticket be distributed over the county, and that we will meet defeat at the polls if our ticket is selected from any one locality, and believing that two terms of office are enough for any one to ask, and believing that two terms of office are enough for any one to ask, and believing that this section of the county is entitled to a candidate on our ticket, we earnestly request all members of the Democratic and Peoples Independent parties to vote for A. D. RANNEY of Blue Hill for our nominee as County Judge. We have known A. D. RANNEY for a number of years, and know that he is qualified in every way to fill the office of county judge, and believe that if nominated he will not only be elected but will carry great strength for the balance of our ticket.

We know that there is a great deal of sentiment in this county at this time against "three terms" and against nominating all candidates from one locality, and for these reasons we ask your support for A. D. RANNEY.

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| Ulrich Goos | A. D. Gruben | L. C. Pelsiger | George Graig |
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| Wm. Karr | Con. Widdersheim | Clyde Smith | Chas. Goll |
| Aug. Brosch | A. L. Glebe | R. Johnson | C. Kottwitz |
| Peter Luhn | R. J. Marshall | Jacob Goll, Jr. | F. T. Hopka |
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| F. C. Buschow | Chas. Redden | Charles Binger | J. B. Lane |
| August Martin | Fred Waterman | Geo. Huppert | Albert Kort |
| J. Hanson | R. L. Pelz | Russell Pelz | G. Hall |
| Geo. J. Koebler | T. W. McClure | J. P. Siebrass | M. Durdin |
| H. Blum | A. W. Cohunk | Aug. Heinrich | |

Populist ticket and did what I could to elect Mr. Kirkpatrick and the whole ticket. I am again asking you for the same position this year. If you see fit to nominate some other man I am with you after the 15th day of August for the success of the entire ticket, but if I should be honored with the nomination and election I shall endeavor to be honest and faithful in the discharge of my duties to the best of my ability. Thanking you for past favors I am most
Sincerely yours,
E. W. COPLIN.

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