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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1905.

Democratic State Ticket

Supreme Judge... W. G. HASTINGS, of Saline county.
Regent... LOUIS LIGHTNER, of Platte county.
Regent... D. C. COLE, of Polk county.

Democratic County Ticket

Treasurer... ERNEST B. QUIBLE.
Clerk... A. G. WARD, of Woodlake.
Sheriff... P. F. SIMONS, of Valentine.
Judge... W. R. TOWNE, of Valentine.
Superintendent... LOTTIE CRAMER, of North Table.
Coroner... DR. A. N. COMPTON, of Valentine.
Surveyor... JOHN W. McDANIEL, of Woodlake.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Biggest and Best Held in Cherry County for Ten Years.

STRONG TICKET NAMED

Last Saturday, the democrats of Cherry county held the biggest and most enthusiastic convention that they have held within the past ten years. There were delegates present from the "four corners" of the county and everyone brought words of cheer and encouragement. It was a real old time democratic convention in which the people had representation and there was no click to dictate the organization of the convention and no boss to name a ticket. The convention was organized by electing Judge W. R. Towne chairman and Professor R. H. Watson secretary. The usual committees were appointed and the convention adjourned until 1:30 P. M., when it reassembled. The temporary organization was made permanent and the delegates listened to the reading of the resolutions by I. M. Rice. In clear and unequivocal language the convention endorsed the last democratic state platform, which was published in this paper last week. It declared its opposition to the present law creating a county assessor and placing in the hands of one man the power to run conventions; name candidates and foist his family, brothers-in-law and cousins upon the people. It endorsed the splendid record of Hon. W. R. Towne as county judge and commended him to the public as an official who has displayed splendid ability and the most sterling integrity.

After the adoption of the resolutions the convention proceeded to nominate a county ticket.

ERNEST B. QUIBLE,
For County Treasurer.

Ernest B. Quible, of Merriman, was placed in nomination for the office of county treasurer by Hon. P. Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan said that in no office more than in the office of treasurer did the interests of the people require a man of high character, of sound judgment and good executive ability. That in years gone by the county had suffered because of carelessness in selecting public servants. That

it could afford to take no chances in the treasurer's office on a man whose own friends made no stronger claim for him than that of good penmanship. That the man who was to handle the county's money should be a man who had made a success of his own business. That Mr. Quible answered this requirement. That he was one of the substantial stockmen of Merriman precinct and possessing the confidence of his neighbors without regard to party affiliations. Mr. Quible was nominated by acclamation.

A. G. WARD,
For County Clerk.

Mr. McDaniel placed the name of A. G. Ward, of Woodlake, before the convention for county clerk and he was also nominated by acclamation. Mr. Ward has been engaged in the stock business south of Woodlake for a good many years. He has the education required for this position. But few men write a better hand or are more expert on books. He has never shifted his political sails to catch a favoring wind, believing in democratic principles, he has had the courage of his convictions and has never changed his politics to further his chance for public place.

P. F. SIMONS,
For Sheriff.

For the office of sheriff there had been mere or less rivalry between the supporters of D. W. Hilsinger and P. F. Simons. The fact that it almost broke the "machine" to bring about the nomination of H. S. Savage for this office by the republican convention and that a number of the republican veterans were turned down that this pet of the republican "machine" might have the place and that many of the ablest party workers had openly declared that they never would support Savage, made the nomination for this office the prize of the convention. Frank Fischer nominated Mr. Simons, and Lee Shepard nominated Mr. Hilsinger, but before a ballot was taken Mr. Hilsinger arose, and in a nice little speech in which he thanked his friends for their support he withdrew his name and asked that Mr. Simons be made the unanimous nominee of the convention. This was done with a whoop and Simons was called out for a speech of acceptance. Pete responded by telling the convention that he had lived and worked in Cherry county since 1886. That he had never been a seeker after office, but some how or other he had repeatedly been a candidate for village honors and had always been elected. Up to date he had not known defeat but if it should come he would accept the result with good grace, but if he met with his old time success he would give the office the best service within his power. He said he would immediately arrange his business so that he might devote all his time to the campaign and that he was going out to work until the polls close in November. Time and time and again Mr. Simons has been elected to the village council and the school board. He has been mayor of the town or

a member of the council so long that no one remembers when he first began his public service, and, in every office which he has held, he has given the highest satisfaction. He is not only a vote getter but he is a faithful, conscientious and able official.

W. R. TOWNE,
For County Judge.

Professor R. H. Watson, principal of the Valentine high school, nominated Judge W. R. Towne to succeed himself as probate judge. Judge Towne's efficient service in that office for the past nine years was sufficient guarantee of his fitness for the place and he was nominated without opposition. Those who rate an office by the salary it pays will pay little or no attention to the office of probate judge, but those who rate an office by its importance to the public will take a deeper interest in this than in any other to be filled this fall. It is true that the income is very small but when it is remembered that every estate, great or small, must some time pass through this court; that sooner or later the holdings of every citizen, the title to every piece of land, may be effected by the records made up and preserved in the probate court, the public will see the importance of having in this office a man who is able to keep these records straight. They will see the necessity of having a probate judge who has had some training for the work and some experience in office work.

MRS. L. CRAMER,
For Supt. Public Instruction.

Mrs. Lottie Cramer was nominated for school superintendent by Professor Watson, who said that it had been reported that the democrats had no candidate for this possessing the required qualifications under the new law. This he said was a mistake; that Mrs. Cramer held a first grade certificate which entitled her to teach anywhere in the state or to hold the office of superintendent. She graduated from the Valentine high school and had seven years practical experience as a teacher in this county. She was also given a unanimous nomination. When called before the convention she responded with the following speech:

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Convention:

How deeply thankful I am for the honor you show me, I cannot tell, for I haven't the words with which to express my heartfelt gratitude. It makes me feel glad that after a lapse of ten years, during which time I have lived right among you, being engaged in educational work, you deem me worthy of this responsible position. I cannot make any fashionable speech of thanks and acceptance, neither will I attempt to exalt the political party which does me so much honor, because I am not politician enough for that, but I have a few things to say that I deem it best you should know. The fact of the matter is, I did not know until two weeks ago today that you cared to use my name, and then I thought seriously of declining; but in the past few days friends from both parties have come to me and urged and finally persuaded me to accept.

Gentlemen: I realize, and so do you, the vast majority of the republican party in our county; hence we cannot help but also realize how very different the result of this acceptance may be on the 7th of November from what we might wish it, and for this reason I was loth to accept. But on the other hand in reviewing the votes cast two years ago I found that I went far ahead of the ticket on which I was placed. This was indeed encouraging for it convinced me that the members of this party were certainly loyal, for which I am deeply thankful. It also convinced me that I received many votes over and above those cast by this party, and it is for those votes that I am especially thankful, for they must have been cast by men who had honor enough to go to the polls and overcome their petty prejudice and vote for person and not for party.

And I do truly believe that each year brings us nearer that ideal time when county offices will not be carried into politics. Teachers, educators all over the United States are not supposed to carry their political convictions into their teachings or their influences a particle more than they do their religion. Then, what differ-

ence does it make to what political party we belong?

I might say the same of all the county officers: What does it matter if they are republican, democrat, independent or prohibitionist so long as they are honorable, upright men of good will and character? And none can deny that we find such in all parties.

You all doubtless remember that in the summer we had a vacancy in this office and at that time a worthy gentleman, a member of the republican party, and one who, I presume, knew whereof he spoke, said to me, "all that stands between you and the superintendency now is your politics." If politics stood between me and it then, I can only say I trust they may not again, and add that no political or religious convictions should stand in the way of duty, but I would have little use, little indeed, for a person who could change his politics for the purpose of securing an office. I assure you, however, I was exceedingly glad that it was on no other grounds that the objection to me was founded, because, as I said before, I think the time is coming soon when county officers will be elected without regard to party.

And so you see it is this thought, principally, that encourages me to accept.

And since I believe in doing everything that I undertake to the best of my ability, this will be no exception. I will make the very best fight that I can; without detracting from the merits of any other candidate, I shall respectfully solicit the votes of all; secure the election if possible and, if successful, endeavor to serve the people that none who vote for me shall regret it.

DR. A. N. COMPTON,
For Coroner.

The ticket was completed by the nomination of Dr. A. N. Compton, Valentine's leading physician and surgeon, for coroner, and John W. McDaniel, of Woodlake, for surveyor. Dr. Compton has held the office of coroner before and showed his ability and honesty by an honest discharge of his duties.

JOHN W. McDANIEL,
For County Surveyor.

Mr. McDaniel has been engaged extensively in surveying. He has not only the theoretical training but the practical experience in the work which a county surveyor ought to have. It is one thing to have taken a course in school and another thing to put your knowledge to use in the field, and Mr. McDaniel has had the advantage of experience in the field.

DAN BARNES,
For Com. 2nd District.

When the convention proper had finished its work, the delegates from the 2nd commissioner district got together and nominated for commissioner for that district Fernando T. Barnes, (better known as Dan Barnes) of Newton. Dan Barnes is so well known that it is not necessary to dwell upon him or to point out his qualification. He is one of the first settlers in the south-western part of the county and has been engaged in the live stock business so long that he may be certainly be called a pioneer. He has made a success of the stock business and what the county wants in the office of commissioner is a man of mature years. A man who has had experience on his own account and has learned the value of money. He is not only personally popular but he is possessed of the qualities required of a commissioner.

The following county central committee was named and the convention then adjourned:

Chairman... A. M. Morrissey
Secretary... I. M. Rice
Treasurer... James H. Quigley

Committeemen for the precincts as follows:

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Boiling Springs... W. H. Carter
Buffalo Lake... Alex Burr
Cleveland... P. H. Young
Dewey Lake... Charles Peddicord
Ely... E. E. Crane
Enlow... A. H. Metzger
Georgia... Frank Rothleutner
German... M. F. Clynes
Gillaspie... W. S. Gillaspie
Goose Creek... G. M. Roan
Irwin... William Butler
Kewanee... Aaron W. Grooms
Kennedy... William Steadman
Loup... George E. O'Brien

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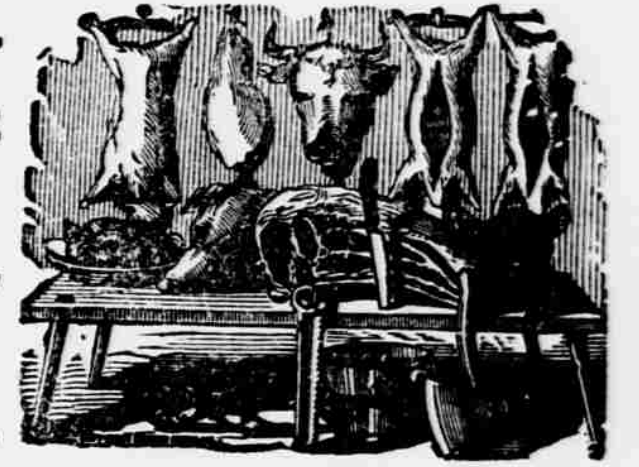
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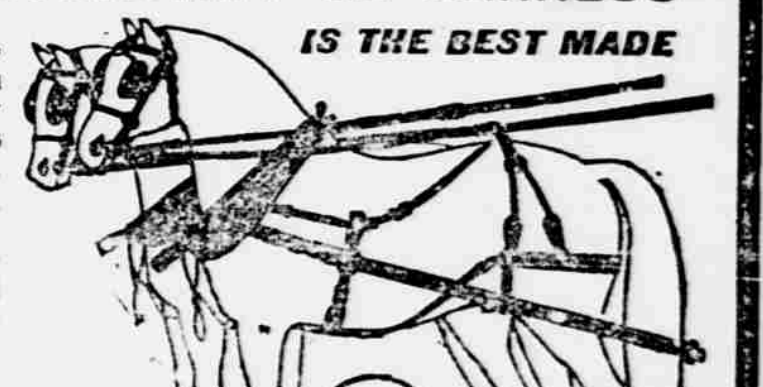
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