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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, of Merriman.
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.
Com 2nd Dist... DAN BARNES, of Newton.

Pays Tribute to Democratic County Ticket.

It certainly looks pretty well for the democratic ticket when such republicans as Hon. El. L. Heath feels called upon to pay the following tribute to our county ticket. This is what he says in last issue of the Cody Cow Boy:

The democratic county convention was held at Valentine last Saturday, and nominated a ticket of candidates for office. Judge Towne was re-nominated for county judge; Ernest Quible for treasurer; the balance of the ticket we do not know, but the men mentioned are both exceptionally good men. Judge Towne is well known to nearly everybody in the county. Mr. Quible is a resident of Merriman precinct, and so far as his acquaintance extends, we doubt if there is a man with more friends in the county. Speaking from a non-partisan standpoint, the Cow Boy does not see much chance for a democrat to get into office in this county, but so far as we know the men who have been nominated, the convention chose wisely.

The great majority of the people of this county know Mr. Heath and know that he was secretary of the last republican county convention. He cannot be accused of soreness. He was given the second place of honor by the convention, and it was he who placed the name of their nominee for treasurer before the convention. When he says that it is doubtful if there is a man with more friends than Mr. Quible in the county he but gives utterance to the general feeling around Merriman, and, in fact, the entire west end of the county. Mr. Quible has a host of friends. He lives in the banner republican precinct but difference of politics does not prevent his neighbors from speaking well of him. The time was when men thought they were bound to vote their party ticket no matter what character of man was on it. They would admit the superior qualities of the opposition but lest they might be accused of party treachery they would vote for men whom they knew to be undeserving. That time has fortunately gone by in this county. The man who is put forward for an important office like that of county treasurer must be able to satisfy the voter that he is capable, that he is honest and that he will, if elected, protect the interests of the taxpayer. The people who know Mr. Quible know that he is just this kind of a man and they are going to vote for him.

What Mr. Heath says of Judge

Towne is equally true. Judge Towne is one of the land marks of the county and it is probably safe to say that no other man possesses a greater share of the public confidence than he. For several years he has filled the important office of probate judge and each year has added to his strength. His popularity has not been built up by baby kissing tactics but by fearless and efficient public service. In the administration of justice he has known neither friend nor foe, all men are equal in his court. No higher testimonial of his fairness could be given than the attitude of the local bar. There are five lawyers practicing law in this county. Four of these are republicans and one is a democrat. Although they have the right to bring their cases before a justice of the peace they never exercise that right. Every member of the bar brings his case before Judge Towne. It may be that attorneys on either side are republican or it may be that the attorney on one side is a republican and the attorney on the other is a democrat but it makes no difference. They know that the court will do what he thinks is right and so well satisfied are they of this fact that they have not asked for a jury half a dozen times in half a dozen years. Where is there another county judge so free from partisan bias and from personal prejudice that the entire bar of his county bears testimony to his candor, his honesty and his judgment. We know that the great majority of voters are in favor of keeping just that kind of a man.

It is to be regretted that Mr. Heath is not acquainted with the remainder of our ticket for what he says of Mr. Quible and Judge Towne is equally true of Mr. Ward, Mr. Simons, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Cramer, Dr. Compton and Mr. Barnes.

Ours is indeed a big county and but few people have a thorough acquaintance over the entire county, but what Merriman precinct says for Mr. Quible, Wood Lake precinct says for Mr. Ward and Mr. McDaniel, its candidates for clerk and surveyor. It is important that the records of the county be carefully kept. The county clerk ought to be a careful painstaking, methodical man, and Mr. Ward fills the bill exactly. If you don't know him ask any of his neighbors and they will tell you that he is a good scholar, a splendid penman and an upright citizen. They will say the same for their neighbor, John W. McDaniel, our candidate for surveyor.

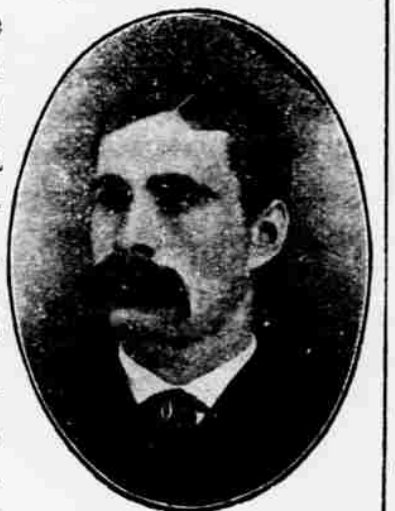
Dr. Compton, our candidate for coroner, is known all over the northern part of the county and if his patients do not forget him on election day he will surely win. If his patients were all voters and got to the polls there is no telling how large a majority he would have.

Perhaps there is not a teacher in Cherry county who does not personally know Mrs. Cramer. Many of them have attended school with her, others have met her in institutes and normals. She is a home product. She has grown to womanhood in Cherry county. Her life work has been among the schools of Nebraska. She has passed through the same experi-

ences the teachers of today are now going through. Having met the same problems with which our teachers are now struggling she is better able to assist them than one who knows nothing of school work in this sparsely settled county.

The older residents remember when the county was on the verge of bankruptcy. When warrants had gone to a discount and the treasury was depleted the people elected P. Sullivan, a democrat, to the office of county commissioner. With the coming of Mr. Sullivan the leaks in the treasury were stopped. A business system was inaugurated and warrants went to par. The treasury was replenished and the county was placed on a cash basis. If Mr. Sullivan had been a weak man, if he had been an inexperienced man this would not have happened. If there is one place more than another where we need a man of good sound discretion it is in the office of county commissioner. Dan Barnes is about 45 years of age, nearly half his time he has spent in active business life, and has made a success of his own business. Don't you think he is better equipped for the office of commissioner than he was twenty-five years ago when he was just starting in business? If twenty years ago Dan Barnes lacked business experience does not the boy of 25 lack business experience to-day as he lacked it twenty years ago? Will you take advantage of these 20 years and the knowledge they have brought or will you vote for a man without it just because he happens to be on your ticket?

P. F. Simons, our candidate for sheriff, came in from Simeon Sunday morning. He had been out attending the picnic which was held there on the 6th and 7th and reports a royal entertainment.



P. F. SIMONS.

We learn that himself and his opponent were the joint recipients of the kindest hospitality and that they both shared in a good dinner furnished by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Baker and Sam Hudson. Judging by the report Pete makes we should think he enjoyed campaigning. It ought to be easy for him to make a canvass. His twenty years residence in the county has made him familiar with the story of our progress and has given him an acquaintance among the people that those who have been here but two or three years cannot possess.

The county was almost a wilderness when he came and built his house on a "claim" and began to make a home for himself and his family. Through all the vicissitudes that we have passed he still remained. He had confidence in the country and he continued to acquire property and to make friends until today finds him with a good established business, a well furnished home, an interesting family and a host of friends. His friends are of the active sort too and they are taking hold of his canvass with such good will and enthusiasm that his stock has gone to a premium.

He has all the qualities necessary in a good sheriff for a big frontier county like ours. He is just in the prime of life, old enough to have sound discretion and plucky enough to take his man any time he goes after him. He is well educated and accustomed to keeping accounts. His experience as village trustee, now for the past eight or ten years, and as a member of the school board for almost as long, has given him a chance to study public affairs and he will go into office well equipped for his work.

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FENCE SUITS TO OPEN UP 240,000 ACRES OF LAND

Civil Actions Brought Against Many Ranchmen in Hooker and Sherman Counties.

Three new suits charging cattle-men in the western part of Nebraska with illegally fencing 240,000 of government land, were filed Saturday in federal court. In each case a mandatory injunction is prayed for to compel the cattle men to remove the barbed wire from the alleged unlawful inclosures.

Two of the suits are brought against ranchmen in Hooker county, and the third is against ranchmen in Sheridan county—the same county in which John and Herman Krause, sentenced Friday, had fenced the government domain—an offense for which they were convicted at the May term of court. The most important of the new suits is the one against George G. Ware and others in Hooker county. He is a representative of the U. B. I. Land & Cattle company, a corporation which is charged with fencing 100,000 acres of government land in the Dismal river forest reserve. The ranch includes 200,000 acres, and half of it is alleged to be on the public domain, near Mullen.

Within the large inclosure are other inclosures which the petition alleges are maintained by other ranchmen. They are made defendants in the suit. They are Henry Hoffgaard, Reuben W. Mahaffy, Robert H. Schimmin, Howard L. Dawson, Albert L. and George Dawson, Wm. E. and Fred Black and Thomas B. Hoard.

The second suit, almost equally important, is against Wm. Black and others. They are charged with fencing a little less than 100,000 acres in the Dismal river forest reserve. To avoid a multiplicity of suits the following ranchmen are charged jointly in the petition with maintaining unlawful inclosures: Fred Black, Thomas Hoard, John Conway, Edward and George Sands, H. S. McMillan, Joseph Demil and S. M. Cooper.

The third suit is against Albert M. and A. M. Modisett, two cattle men whose ranch is in Sheridan county. It is alleged in the information that they have fenced 40,000 acres of the public domain.

These additional three suits will make about twenty-four which been placed on the trial docket. The district attorney believes that these civil actions will be more efficacious in having the fences removed than were the criminal proceedings under which the Krause brothers were convicted.

Two special government agents submitted reports after making investigations for over a year. The petitions were made up from those reports which include a description of the land enclosed, and also a plat showing the exact section and range across which the fences run. In the near future other proceedings against illegal fences will follow.—World-Herald.

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