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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.

P. F. Simons is just the same every day you meet him and he's always ready to devote a portion of his time in the interest of the general public. He has spent a few days and nights each month for the past dozen years as a member of Valentine's city council and school board for which service he has never asked nor received a cent. Mr. Simons is a public spirited man. He has lived in the county ever since 1886 and has never hunted for a better country that was already built up or where he could make money easier. He has stayed right here all the time and helped to build up this county. When the crops failed Pete hauled wood from his homestead and sold it at the post, fording the river. The county didn't have bridges then. Many a time the river was



P. F. Simons.

floating full with mush ice when Pete had to get out in the water to hitch his team onto a neighbor's load, stuck in the quicksand, and help him out, and he has been befriended in the same way. The old timers will not forget the old time friend who stood by them during the troublous times of pioneer life. Pete stayed, and is not now thinking of leaving the country if he should not be elected. He is ready at his country's call to stop shovelling coal and wrestling heavy boxes and trunks, rain or shine, cold or windy, from morn till late at night; oftentimes with face and hands begrimed with coal dust and sweat or dusty streets, but with the heart and courage of a man. No man should be ashamed to speak a good word for such men as Mr. Simons.

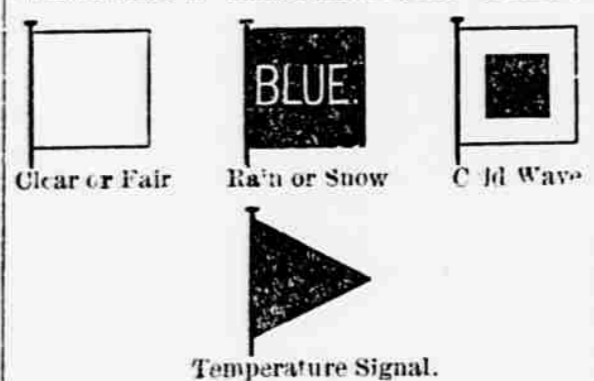
Ernest B. Quible attended the races at Cody last week and on Thursday evening came to Valentine where he spent the following day meeting lots of enthusiastic supporters who want a good man elected for county treasurer. We met Mr. Quible and found him to

be pleasant and agreeable. Many republicans speak highly of him. From here he went to Woodlake. The office of county treasurer has nothing to do with politics and the best man should be chosen for this office without regard to party. Republicans should, and we believe they will vote for Ernest B. Quible for county treasurer.

A. G. Ward came up from his home near Marsh lake last Friday and visited friends in town until Sunday morning when he went west to Merriman and Cody. Everywhere, Mr. Ward has made a good impression and has received a cordial welcome as he makes his round in the campaign as a candidate for county clerk. Cultured, courteous and obliging are his characteristics in demeanor. He is an artist in penmanship and writes his names upon his cards which he passes around. Mr. Ward was formerly a teacher of penmanship in a business college at Davenport, Ia., and is a graduate of that college in the business course. He came to Cherry county from Blair in Washington county, this state, fifteen years ago and has lived where he settled, near Woodlake, ever since. Mr. Ward has a family of six boys and girls, the eldest of which is a boy 18 years of age. If elected county clerk Mr. Ward will move to town with his family and school his children. It is the belief of all who know Mr. Ward that he will make a most efficient and obliging county clerk.

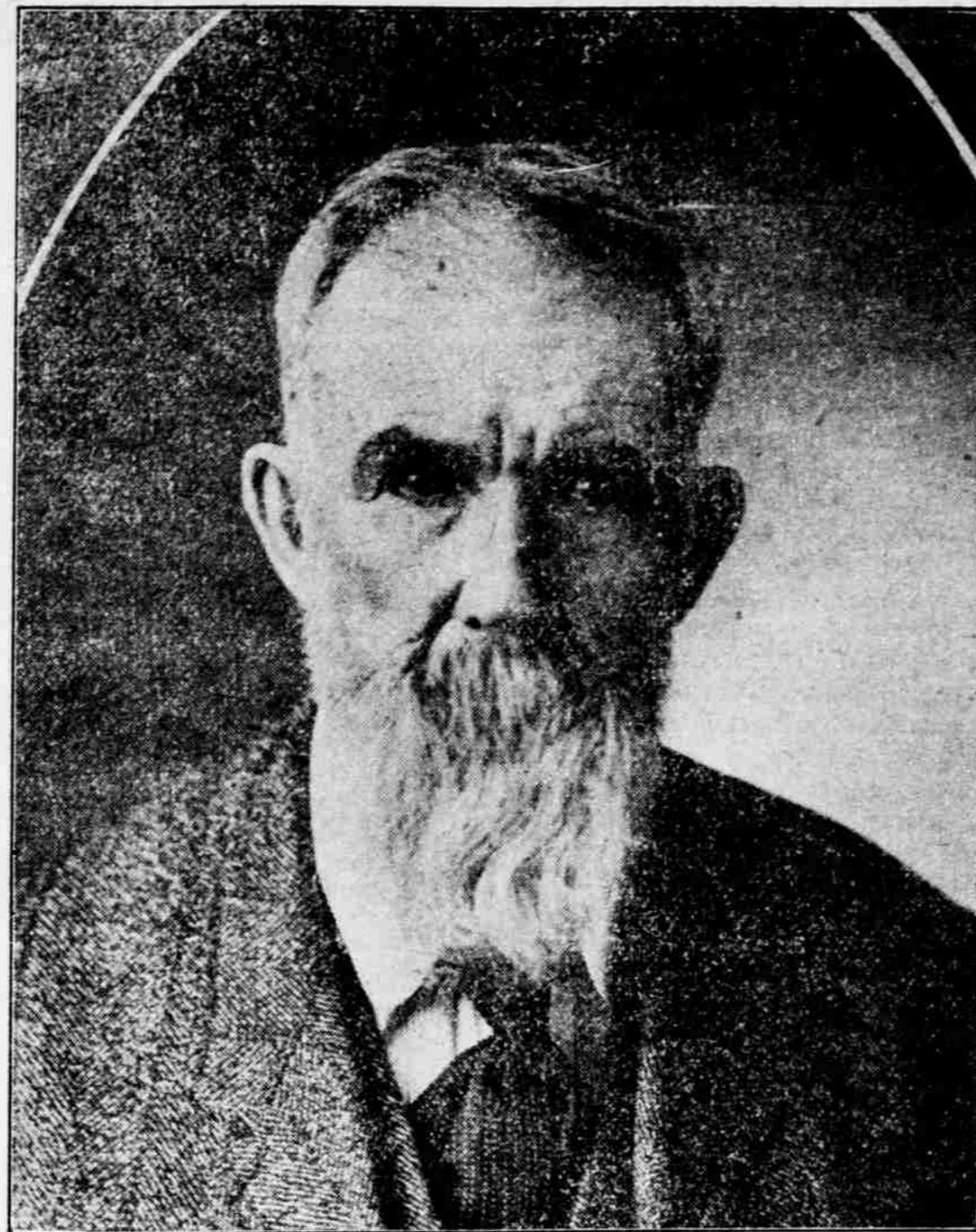
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU.

WEATHER & TEMPERATURE FLAGS.



Recently the local office was supplied with a set of flags—five in number. They are described as follows:

One square white flag, its one signification, "fair weather. One square dark blue flag, which signifies rain or snow, according to the season. One square half white and half dark blue signifies showers, rain or snow. One square white with black square in center signifies cold wave. One triangular black flag which signifies temperature. The latter is always used in connection with the other flags, except the cold wave flag. When placed above any one or more of the other flags it signifies rising temperature or warmer; when placed below the other flag it signifies lower temperature or colder; its absence means stationary temperature. The flags are changed every morning except Sunday and holidays, upon receipt of the daily forecasts. The time of receipt varies from 8:30 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. according to the condition of the telegraph line. The flags, as a rule, represent the forecast for the 24 hours from the night of the current day to the following night and not the day on which they are displayed. Cards and circulars describing more fully the display of weather flags are expected shortly and will be generally distributed to all citizens interested in utilizing the benefits of daily forecasts of weather.



Hon. Judge W. R. Towne.

When this campaign was opened, we announced our policy to be one of fairness and we have stuck to our purpose. In pressing the claim of our candidates we have not reflected on their opponents. But as the campaign warms we find that not all our friends in the other camp are following this line of action. To counteract the strong sentiment in favor of Judge Towne it is being industriously circulated that he is getting old; that he is not so active as once he was and that he is not physically able to do the work. We might say some things about the persons responsible for this kind of talk that they would scarcely care to hear, but what's the use. It is true that Judge Towne is getting old. It is true that he is not so active on his feet as when he "followed Sherman to the sea." It is true that those who escaped the rigors of that campaign may be more active than he in this little county canvass. But let it be remembered that Judge Towne is not an old man. We have scores of older men in the most important positions to-day. There are older men in the United States senate; older men on the Federal bench and older men in all great financial institutions of the country. The rheumatism, he contracted in his country's service, has somewhat crippled his legs but it has not impaired his head. It seems a pity that the only old soldier who is a candidate for office this year on either ticket—the only veteran who has been given recognition in Cherry county—should be picked out as the object of attack.

There are only two reasons that can be assigned for it. The first is that his record is above criticism and finding no opening there for an attack, they are compelled to resort to a discussion of his age in an effort to divert attention from his work as a public official.

The second is that they find him so strong with the people that they have become alarmed. They realize that he cannot be beaten fairly and they are driven to mis-representation and deceit as the only means by which his defeat can be brought about.

We are not surprised to find the sentiment very strongly in favor of Judge Towne. It is hard to find a county where the people so quickly recognize efficient work in their public officials and where they are so ready to forget party differences in paying tribute to real worth. It is this independent spirit that has elected Judge Towne in the past and it is the same spirit that will re-elect him. While many will vote for him because it is the only chance they have this year to vote for a veteran on either state or county ticket, in either party, others will support him because his nine years service has shown his eminent fitness for the place. Before his old friends desert him they will have to be shown not only that he is growing old but that the man offered for his place is able to do the work as efficiently as he.



Dan Barnes.

There is no more important office in county affairs than that of commissioner. We think republicans everywhere will agree with us that Dan Barnes is the proper man to elect to this office. He has lived in the county for years. He is mature in judgment, knows the needs of our county and our finances will be entrusted to a safe person. Many perplexing questions arise and the commissioner must have the backbone to stand pat on a correct decision. He must have the experience which years of industry and thoughtfulness bring, to decide right. It is a matter of business, not partisan politics.

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