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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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. QUILBE,  
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.

## A Final Word.

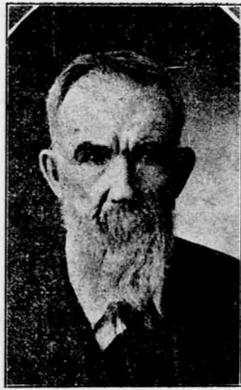
Before another issue of this paper the fall campaign will have closed. When you pick up your paper next week it will be to study election returns. It is now so close to the finish that the public is losing interest in predictions and are settling back to await the result of the ballot. So far as the democrats are concerned they never felt more ready to hear the final result. Their campaign opened with a good, big convention. And the convention "made good" by putting up a ticket that met the approval of the democratic masses and is receiving the support of many of the most influential republicans. We went into the campaign with a united and enthusiastic party organization. We felt from the very first that we were bound to win because we had selected standard bearers of splendid character and wide acquaintance. When we picked a candidate for office it was with a view of getting, first, a person in whom the public had confidence, and secondly, a person who, if elected, would fill the office with credit to those who elected him.

A certain candidate on the opposition ticket is sending letters to the various precincts, saying, that if he is elected he will keep sober and will not have to be dragged out of saloons when papers are to be served. Well, if this condition exists now, it must be remembered that the democratic party is not responsible for it. Judge Towne is our only democratic officer and it will hardly be suggested that these letters refer to him. We put up a ticket that needs no guarantee of sobriety. Our candidates have lived among us long enough so that people know that they will remain sober; that if they are elected they will faithfully discharge the duties of their respective offices and that they will be found in the office the people provided for them.

It may be necessary for a man who just drops into the county and immediately runs for office to pledge himself to remain sober but this is not required of a man who has lived in the community for twenty years and during that time has never been under the influence of liquor. In the good old days, Patrick Henry said that he had but one lamp by which his feet were guided and that was the

lamp of experience. We think Patrick had a level head and a good guide. The lamp of experience is a good guide for the present generation, as it was in the old revolutionary days. We have a chance this fall to pick a man who has been sober all his life; who has lived here under our eye for twenty years and has never been dragged out of a saloon to attend to business, and those twenty years of sobriety and industry will outweigh a pledge taken in the exigency of a campaign. Mind you, we are not saying that this gentleman is likely to be found drunk—we don't think he is—but he seems to be a living fulfillment of the scripture, for "the wicked fleeeth when no man pursueth."

In the beginning we endeavored to give the public a history of our candidates. We told who they were, what they were and what they wanted. It is scarcely necessary to go over this again. They have been before the public for the past month and the voters have had time to consider their qualifications. Judge Towne is the only one who has served the county, and the general feeling seems to be that it is only a question of majority with him. However, we want to call upon the Judge's friends to see that he gets the vote that they expect him to get. Many a man has been defeated because his friends have been over confident. The Judge has been tied down to his office with official business and has not been out over the county and he must rely upon his friends to watch his interests. He has friends enough to elect him if you will only call their attention to his candidacy. In the fact that his election is generally conceded lies his only danger. His friends may think that he is a sure winner and neglect his interests. We would especially ask the old soldier friends of Judge Towne to take an interest in his campaign.



Judge Towne, county judge, Candidate for re-election.

Mr. Quible is winning friends for county treasurer every day and his neighbors do not hesitate to speak in the highest praise of him. He is a good substantial stockman. He has made a success of his own business and won the respect and confidence of everyone where he lives and if the result depended upon the votes of those who know him his election would be assured.

Mrs. Cramer is meeting with the encouragement that her friends expected. She is a Cherry county girl, and, although on the demo-

cratic ticket, she ought to get support of those who believe in a protective policy for home industries. She has been through the very work that the district teacher of today is going through and her experience in the schools of the county will help her in her work as superintendent. No one can better advise the young teacher than the woman who had the same work herself. The fact the leading educational man of Northwest Nebraska placed her in nomination ought to be sufficient evidence of her worthiness and capability, and, in addition to this, comes her election, last Saturday, by the teachers of the county, as President of the Eastern Division of Cherry County Teachers' Association.

Mr. Ward has not been able to leave his ranch and make a very vigorous campaign, but, wherever he has gone, his bright gentlemanly personality has made him friends. He is probably the best scholar who has been a candidate for the office of county clerk for many a year, and no man could stand higher among his acquaintances than Mr. Ward.

Dr. Compton for coroner, Mr. McDaniel for surveyor, and Mr. Barnes for commissioner, have all made friends during the campaign and we are sure they will receive a handsome vote on next Tuesday.

The contest has probably been sharper for sheriff than for any other office, and in this contest Pete Simons has displayed the same push and energy, yes, and good sense too, that has won him so many friends in the past. Pete has not found it necessary to pledge himself to keep sober and to attend strictly to business. His sober, industrious life and strict attention to business is the best guarantee that if elected he will serve the people faithfully.



P. F. Simons, candidate for sheriff.

## The Voice of Conscience.

The most noticeable fact in politics now is the disappearance of party lines.

At the last election Roosevelt carried Nebraska by a majority which indicated that he polled 30,000 democratic and populist votes.

This year tens of thousands of republicans in New York are supporting democrats, while tens of thousands of democrats are supporting independent candidates.

In Philadelphia decency, honesty and respectability have united regardless of politics to fight municipal graft—also regardless of politics.

In Ohio, where Roosevelt had a quarter of a million majority a year ago, the republican conscience has rebelled against boss rule and many even help in electing a democrat governor.

In San Francisco the republicans and democrats have nominated the same man for mayor in the name of reform and in hope of putting a stop to graft.

In Nebraska party lines are also faint this year.

Particularly is this true in the fight for regents of the university. Thousands of republicans will vote for Cole and Lightner for regents because they are pledged to open meetings of the board and to put a stop to Rockefellerism in the university.—World-Herald.

This rebellion against bossism has also reached Cherry county and there will be a big independent vote polled this year.

Lincoln, Oct. 31, 1905.

Editor Democrat,

Valentine, Nebr.

Dear Sir:

The campaign is rapidly drawing to a close and we desire to say a word to the voters of your county through the columns of your paper.

The republican party has been in control of Nebraska in every branch of the state government for the last five years. As a result, taxes have greatly increased and the state debt has continued to grow. In the last legislature, one hundred twenty-four out of one hundred thirty-three members were republicans. The legislature refused to pass a law that would bring relief to the independent shipper of grain; it refused to pass a freight rate, or anti-pass law, and it declined to do anything for the relief of the people.

The democratic party in its platform this year is pledged, and if it is entrusted with power, will, when an opportunity comes enact laws that will give the people relief. We have nominated for judge of the supreme bench, William G. Hastings, a man that needs no introduction to the people of Nebraska. For many years he served as a judge of the district court, and in that capacity he established the reputation of being an able lawyer, a fearless judge, and one to whom the humblest as well as the highest litigant in an honest cause could appeal in perfect confidence. While his election means a non-partisan judiciary, no corporation of any kind has any strings upon him. He is absolutely a free man and if elected to the supreme bench may be depended upon to dispense justice, whether the issue be between unimportant persons or between a powerful corporation and a poor man.

D. C. Cole and Louis Lightner, the democratic nominees for regents of the state university, are well and favorably known among their neighbors. They are deeply interested in public educational institutions and the frank statement they have made to the people concerning their course in the event of their election leaves no room for comment. They will stand for publicity with respect to the university affairs. They will use their influence for the return of the ill-gotten gains with which John D. Rockefeller has undertaken to endow and subsidize the Nebraska university. They will exert every effort to make it plain that the great educational institution which is the pride of all Nebraska is not to be used to the advantage of the trust system and is not to be conducted as an apology for the crimes of the trust magnates.

To this end, therefore, we invite the cordial co-operation of all the people of Nebraska without regard to political prejudice. Because of the peculiar advantages which a political organization supported by corporation favors, and trust funds has over one that stands for popular government, we desire to impress upon everyone who believes with us the importance of bringing to the polls every citizen who has grown weary of corporation rule and who appreciates the importance of a victory in this year's contest in Nebraska. This contest, as will be generally agreed, is but a forerunner of the greater contest soon to be waged in behalf of popular government throughout the United States and "all along the line."

Take a few hours off and go to the polls and vote.

T. S. ALLEN,  
Chm. Dem. State Com.

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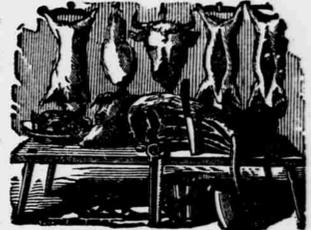
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