

lieve that an efficient official is entitled to re-election, regardless of partisanship.

The Wageworker is favorable to the candidacy of Charley Pool, democratic candidate for secretary of state, for many reasons. One is that The Wageworker man and Charley Pool have been warm personal friends for a quarter of a century, and the writer knows him to be "four square" to every wind that blows. Another reason is that Charley Pool is a newspaper man who has spent the best years of his life in boosting for Nebraska and in helping other men into office. It is high time that he become the "boostee" instead of the booster. He is capable; he is trustworthy; he has earned the place, not because of party service but because of unselfish service for the state at large. Charley Pool ought to be elected secretary of state.

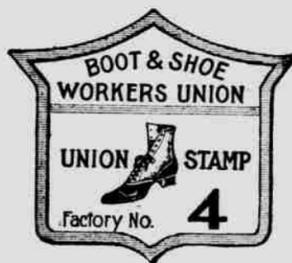
If Prof. J. W. Crabtree, republican candidate for superintendent of public instruction, is not elected by a majority greater than that of any candidate on any ticket, then we shall have lost faith in the judgment and the sense of justice possessed by the voters of the state. If there are any reasons why non-partisanship should prevail in the selection of any public servants, certainly they apply to the department having supervision and control of the public school system. Prof. Crabtree comes as near being a non-partisan candidate as a man can be under our present system of political manipulation. He is a candidate for the position now simply because he was deposed as principal of the State Normal School at Peru because he would not use his position and the school for partisan purposes. He is an educator, not a politician. He is vastly more interested in advancing the interests of education than he is in advancing the cause of the political party to which he nominally pays allegiance. That is the kind of a man Nebraskans should prefer for the important position at the head of the educational department of the state. A busy lifetime has been devoted to the cause of education by Prof. Crabtree. He ranks high among the foremost educators of the country, and his advice and counsel is sought by men who are acknowledged leaders in the educational field. Under his administration the State Normal at Peru developed into one of the most noted normals of the country, and that, too, despite its unfavorable location and the hampering of its principal by partisans who thought more of party success than of the proper development of the school system. As the head of the public school system of the state Prof. Crabtree will give to the people the services of a ripe scholar, an experienced educator and a man whose whole soul is wrapped up in the betterment of the complex and vastly important school system. Not alone will his election be a benefit to the school system; it will be a rebuke—and a deserved rebuke—to a coterie of partisans who sought to humble his because he refused to join them in sacrificing the school system to selfish partisan ends.

John E. Miller, who served Lancaster county so well in the senate two years ago, is a candidate for representative this year. When a business man of Mr. Miller's demonstrated ability says he is willing to sacrifice his time and exert his abilities in the interests of the people, the people act unwisely in not accepting the offer. Mr. Miller's offer is an unselfish one. The honor of the office is nothing to him, and the salary so insignificant as to hardly be worth his while to collect. Mr. Miller does not need the office, either for honor or for the salary, but the people do need him in the legislature because of his business ability, his sound judgment and his influence as a successful business man. He is not making any campaign for the office, nor should he. If the people do not seize the opportunity to secure the unselfish services of such a man, they certainly deserve to be "represented" by the usual lawyer who spends his time protecting some corporate client, or by some broken down party hack to whom the salary is an object—a sort of pension for party services.

MR. BARTON'S OPEN LETTER

TO THE VOTERS OF NEBRASKA:—I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Auditor of State. Two years ago, as an auditor of public accounts, I was an experiment; having served you two years my service tells the story of whether or not the office has been filled to your satisfaction.

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