

OUR CANDIDATES.

We present brief biographies of three of the independent nominees for state offices. Biographies of the others will appear as soon as we can secure the necessary data for preparing them.

J. M. EASTERLING,

Of Kearney, the people's nominee for secretary of state, was born in Morgan county, Ky., in 1860. His youth was spent on a farm. While yet a boy he lost both his parents and was thrown on his own resources. By the time he was fifteen years old he had secured a good education and began teaching school, which he followed till he was twenty-two.

In 1882 through the influence of an uncle he secured a place in the interior department at Washington, whither he went filled with high hopes and bright dreams of the future.

Life as a clerk in the interior department was unusually irksome, and as a recreation he joined a night school in connection with the Columbian university, graduating from the institution in June, '84, with the degree of bachelor of laws. From 1886 to 1888 inclusive, he was identified with Martyn College of Oratory, under Professors Shaftsbury, Edgerly and Henry Hudson. On graduating the Washington Post devoted a half a column to a criticism of his thesis, delivered before an audience of 5,000 people, many of the dramatic critics of New York being present. During this time, from his advent to Washington to the completion of his education in 1888, he had not only been paying for his schooling out of his own pocket, but had been footing the bills of two younger sisters, also in school, had been burning midnight oil over his books, besides holding down a difficult clerkship in the interior department.

In 1888 he came to Kearney, hung out his shingle, and has since devoted his time to the practice of law.

He is one of the principal members of the company that publishes the Standard.

He was a member of a Weaver club when the gallant General led the greenback hosts in 1880, and has been an independent in principle ever since.

If elected, Mr. Easterling will do his part as a member of the board of transportation to relieve the people from railroad tyranny and extortion.

PROF. H. H. HIATT,

The people's candidate for state school superintendent is one of the finest and best qualified men ever nominated for that office. He was born of Quaker parentage in Highland county, Ohio, in 1848, and is now in the very prime of life. He was brought up on a farm and got his start educationally in the country schools. In 1857 his parents moved to Iowa. Young Hiatt had a burning ambition to get a good education, but his parents were unable to assist him. Like many another self-made man, he worked his way through the Iowa University by teaching and doing whatever else he could find to do. He graduated with the degree of Master of Arts. He also made especial preparation for work as an educator by completing a course in the Iowa State Normal receiving the degree of Bachelor of Didactics.

After being successfully employed in public school work in that state for several years, Professor Hiatt was called to take charge of a school for preparing students for the state university. The occasion for starting this school was that the state legislature cut off from the regular university course the two preparatory or "sub-fresh" years. Mr. Hiatt took charge of this work and built up the largest school in the state. So well did he do his work that his students were received into the state university without examination.

Professor Hiatt took the position of superintendent of the Broken Bow schools in 1886, which position he held till last fall when he was nominated and elected county superintendent. In both positions, he was eminently successful. The schools have been graded up and improved in every respect un-

der his management. He is an earnest believer in the principles of the people's party and an effective worker for the success of these principles.

HON. W. A. POYNTER,

The people's candidate for congress in the Third district, was born in Illinois in 1848, and was brought up on a farm. He received a collegiate education, graduating at Eureka College at the age of 19. In 1879 he came to Nebraska and settled on the farm in Boone county where he now resides.

Mr. Poynter has been actively identified with all the farmer movements. He was president of the first Alliance in his county. He was elected as an independent to represent his county in the legislature in 1884. Two years ago he was elected to the state senate with a majority of 2,000. He was chosen president of the senate. He made a record as senator which he and his constituents are proud of.

At the independent convention at Norfolk he was nominated by acclamation which shows how great is his popularity.

Mr. Poynter is a married man having a family of one son and one daughter. He is an active and influential member of the Christian church.

He is a forcible speaker, a good reasoner, and will make a vigorous campaign. He is by all odds the ablest and best qualified candidate in his district and the anti-monopoly forces of the district should consolidate upon him and insure his election by a large majority.

HON. JEROME SHAMP,

The people's nominee for congress in the First district, was born in Defiance county, Ohio, in 1847. He was brought up on a farm. His mother died when he was six and his father when he was eight years old, and thus young Shamp was thrown among strangers. He succeeded in getting a fair common school education.

In 1862 when only fourteen years old, he enlisted in company H, 12th Indiana cavalry in which he did active service till the battle of Nashville in December 1864. The day after that battle in a skirmish he was thrown from his horse and had his knee broken. While suffering from the effects of this accident, he was taken with the small pox. When he had nearly recovered from this, he had an attack of dropsy, and was sent home. In July, 1865, he was honorably discharged from the service at Indianapolis. In June 1866, Mr. Shamp came to Nebraska, and took a homestead nine miles south of Lincoln where he engaged in farming for ten years. In 1871 he was married to a daughter of Richard Wallingford, one of the oldest settlers in Nebraska. In 1878 Mr. Shamp moved to Lincoln and opened an implement store in partnership with his brother-in-law, and he has been engaged in this business ever since. Politically Mr. Shamp was a republican until he joined the independents about two years ago. He was elected a member of the legislature in 1886 and was one of the most influential members from Lancaster county, being at the head of several important committees, and being frequently called to preside over the house in the absence of the speaker. He made an excellent record as a friend of the people.

He had the honor of voting for Peter Cooper in 1875. He is a G. A. R. man, being a member of Farragut post of Lincoln. He is also a member of the Knights of Labor.

The accident he met with in the army made Mr. Shamp a cripple, and for the last twenty years he has been obliged to walk with a crutch.

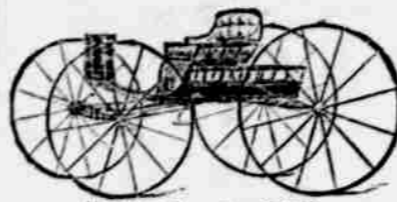
Mr. Shamp is an enthusiastic worker in the reform movement, a forcible speaker, and will make a hard fight for success.

Mr. Shamp is an influential member of the Methodist church, and is one of Lincoln's most respected and progressive citizens. If elected he will stand squarely for the interests of the people and will be an honor to his district.

ERRORS CORRECTED.

In giving the biography of Hon. C. D. Shrader some time ago an error occurred in his soldier record. He was a member of Co. A., 41st Wisconsin.

We also stated that Mr. McReynolds was formerly a republican. This was a "mistake of the printer." Mr. McReynolds was formerly a democrat.



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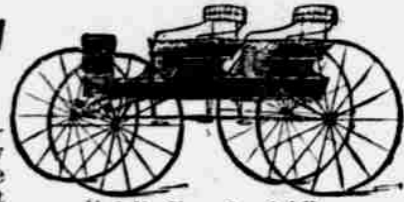
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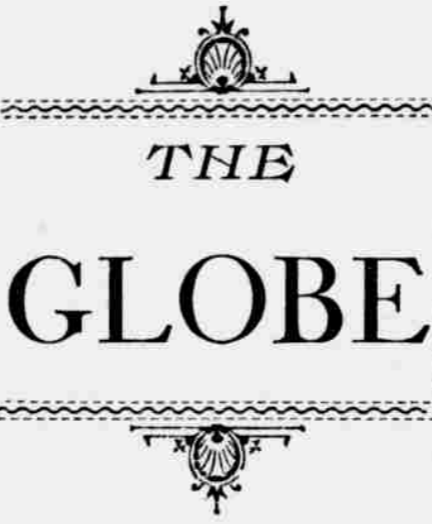
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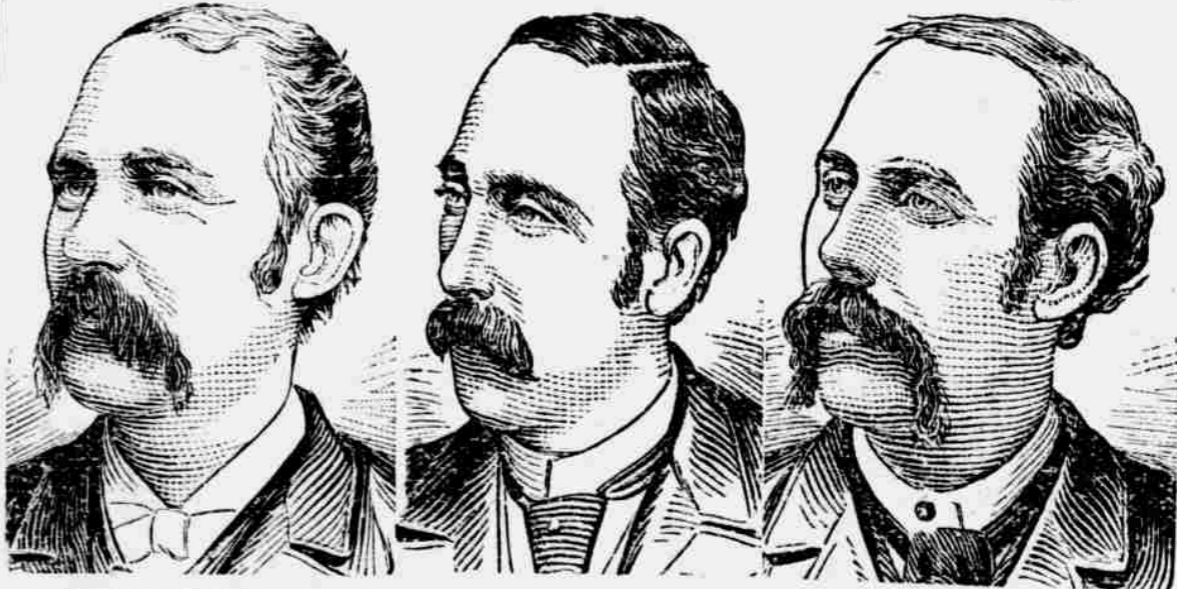
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