

Lancaster County Edition.

CAN WE CARRY THE COUNTY?

Lancaster county is the republican strong-hold of the state, and some independents seem to think it a hopeless task for them to undertake to carry it. They are entirely mistaken. The independents today have an equal chance for success in Lancaster county. If they show the proper nerve from now till election day, they can win. "Fa'nt heart never won fair lady" nor anything else.

Our reasons for believing the county can be carried are as follows:

First. The exposures of corruption in our state institutions have completely demoralized the republicans. They have also opened the eyes of hundreds of conservative men who will cast their first independent vote this fall. If the independents use these exposures as effectively as possible, they will defeat the whole republican ticket.

Second. The republicans have put up a weak ticket. One candidate for senator is a money loaner and the other a grain dealer, and both have fully demonstrated their corporation tendencies in previous legislatures. Of the nominees for the house, only one is a farmer, and a ranker railroad tool does not live in the county than J. C. F. McKesson. Joe Burns is the weakest man on the ticket and is certain to be defeated. There is not a man of ability or influence on the whole ticket.

Third. The citizens of Lincoln want men elected to represent this county who will be able to secure favorable legislation for Lincoln. They know that the independents will have a majority in the legislature, and that the members for Lancaster county must be independents in order to accomplish anything. They see the importance of this and hundreds of them will vote for the independent candidates on that account.

Fourth. General Van Wyck is very popular in Lancaster county, and will doubtless carry the county. His popularity will do much to carry the whole ticket through.

Fifth. The democrats know that they have no chance of winning and a great many of them will vote the independent ticket rather than see the republicans succeed.

Sixth. The independents have recognized organized labor by putting up a representative laboring man, Mr. J. M. Meddins, and this will bring to the ticket hundreds of votes of laboring men who never voted the ticket before.

These are some of the reasons for our faith. Are they not sufficient?

Let every independent at once cast doubt and fear to the winds, throw off his coat and work for the ticket from now till election and victory is ours.

JOE BURNS.

Why should the people of Lancaster county send such a man as Joe Burns to the legislature? What has he got to recommend him? If he is elected what will he do?

In the first place he will work for Joe Burns.

In the second place he will work for the B. & M. railroad.

In the third place he will work for every job that comes up.

The independents have special reasons for wanting Burns defeated. Some ten years ago when the anti-

monopoly movement sprang up, Burns was nominated for the legislature on the anti-monopoly ticket. On the ticket were several other men particularly I. N. Leonard, and Hon. O. Hull two of the best and truest men this county affords. They made a vigorous campaign. As election day approached they had the old party whipped, and demoralized. A number of the old machine men got together to consult. They agreed that their case looked hopeless, but one man rose to the occasion and unfolded a scheme which was nothing less than to buy Joe Burns off. The plan was formed and carried out. On election day they took Burns from one polling place to another, and he addressed the voters and urged them to vote for the old party.

The result was that the anti-monopoly forces were thrown into confusion and the ticket defeated. Both Hull and Leonard came very near being elected. Without doubt they would have had a good majority if it had not been for Burns' treachery.

Do the voters of Lancaster county want such a man to represent them? The voters of Lincoln want men in the legislature who will look after the interests of the city, men who can get plices on committees, who can get bills through. Can Joe Burns do this?

The independents will control the next house. That is a foregone conclusion. And they have had enough of traitors, and railroad tools. They will see that Joe Burns does not get a single place of importance. They will see that every bill he introduces or champions is defeated.

Voters of Lancaster county, take our advice:

Leave Joe Burns at home.

SOME of the independent candidates seem to be a little slow about getting to work. "God helps those who help themselves" as the darkey said when he invaded the hen roost. If a man expects to be elected to office he should get right out among the voters, let them know who he is, and what he believes, and show that he intends to get there. If he does this he will soon find a host of friends ready to go to work for him.

EGGLESTON refused to debate with Leonard under the thin pretext that he didn't want to furnish a crowd for the independents. This is silly. The independents everywhere get better crowds than their opponents. No, the real reason was that he is unable to meet Mr. Leonard and cross swords with him on the issues.

A MAN who has been mingling a good deal with the voters tells us he is astonished at the change of political sentiment that is taking place in Lincoln. He says he finds dozens of men who will cast their first independent vote this fall.

IN this issue we give extended personal mention of some candidates on both tickets. Let none of the other candidates be uneasy. We will get around to them in due time. We propose to keep this thing up till election day.

LET every independent in Lancaster county who hasn't already done so come forward at once with a liberal contribution to the campaign fund—say from one to five dollars.

FOR COMMISSIONER.

The independents have put up for the office of county commissioner, Mr. F. Schweizer, an intelligent, well informed and thoroughly honest citizen of German nationality. It would hardly be possible for the people to make a better choice for that office.

On the other hand the republicans have put up a man named Beckman. What has he to recommend him? We have it from reliable sources that he is one of the proprietors of a "shave shop" on O street. He with others hire one Kinsel to run the shop while they go out and steer needy borrowers into the shop. For instance some farmer who needs a little money badly meets Beckman on the street and asks him for a loan. He replies that he has loaned all he can spare, but he thinks he can direct him to a place where he can get some money. Forthwith he sends the man to Kinsel who skins him at the rate of three per cent a month. Coming out he again meets Beckman and complains of the high rates charged. "What," exclaims the old hypocrite, "did he charge you such rates? I'll never send another man to him."

Voters of Lancaster county do you want to elevate such a man to the office of commissioner?

Vote for Schweizer.

FOR DISTRICT JUDGE.

If there is a man in Nebraska the people owe a debt of gratitude for services rendered that man is William Leese. For years he stood up for the people's rights against fearful odds. He stood against all the pressure the corporations could bring. He fought for reduction of freight rates when he stood almost alone. He is a lawyer of marked ability, and a man of high character. The independents should rally to his support and elect him district judge by a handsome majority.

J. O. McNERNY.

As a rule independents are averse to the election of lawyers to office, but in the last legislature they sorely felt the need of a few good lawyers on their side to offset the schemes of such men as Watson and Church Howe. So the Lancaster county independents put up a man of that kind, an able young attorney by the name of J. O. McNerny. His honesty is unquestionable, and he is a true exponent of the reform principles. The voters should rally to his support. He will be a very valuable man in the senate.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY.

We do not want to be lavish in encomiums, or profuse in praise of any man. But H. F. Rose, our candidate for county attorney, is a young man that merits the highest encomiums. As a man he is above reproach. His reputation is without a spot. He is an able young man and is forging rapidly to the front in his profession. He has an ambition to succeed in the true sense of the word. If elected to this office he will strive to make a good record. He will serve the people to the best of his ability. There will be no strings on him. He will try to fill the place as it ought to be filled and we believe he will succeed.

His opponent is too well known to need comment. He is just the opposite of Mr. Rose, and we believe, if elected, the people will find him ready to serve the very classes which it should be the business of a county at-

torney to bring to justice. Can the people of this county afford to trust this important office to such a man?

We appeal to all voters without regard to party to think well before acting on this matter.

HON. I. N. LEONARD,

The people's former candidate for the state senate from Lancaster county, is one of Nature's noblemen. No more patriotic citizen breaths the air. He showed his patriotism by going to the front in the defense of his country in 1861. He showed his patriotism again many years ago in cutting loose from the corrupt old party and seeking reform through independent political action.

He now shows it again when in response to the call of the people he sacrifices his time and money in a campaign against great odds.

If he is elected he will do justice to every class and every interest to the best of his ability. He will be a credit to Lancaster county. In the next state senate he can do more for the interests of Lincoln than all the republicans on that ticket. Why? Because he will stand with the majority and will hence be able to get recognition. Every patriotic citizen should rally to his support regardless of party.

OUR COUNTY EDITION.

This week we have got out a special edition for Lancaster county. We are anxious to do everything in our power to secure independent success in this county, and we expect to get out a county edition every week from now till election. And if the people will take hold and help us to push our circulation in this county we will continue to issue a county edition as a regular thing.

We appeal to every independent worker in the county to take hold and help us push for subscribers. We have issued a number of extra copies for distribution. Call at the office and get a few to put into the hands of doubtful votes.

MART HOWE.

If the people of Lancaster county want a man to represent them in the legislature who has shown the nerve, and backbone to stand for the right and "hew to the line no matter where the chips may fall," they will vote for Mart Howe. He is well known throughout the county, and there is not a man who can stand up and charge aught against him either as a private citizen, or an office-holder. No man would more faithfully or ably serve his county or the state of Nebraska than Mart Howe, and he ought to be elected.

WANTED.

One thousand independents in Lancaster county to go out into the highways and hedges, streets, alleys, stores, shops, offices, and cornfields and persuade men to take THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT from now till after election for 10 cents.

THE independents of this county should stand by Mr. Rewick in his efforts to expose corruption in high places.

WE expect to have General Weaver in Lincoln for one speech, and the occasion ought to be made the event of the campaign.