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## DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

STATE TICKET.  
For Supreme Judge,  
BENJAMIN F. GOOD,  
JOHN J. SULLIVAN,  
JAMES R. DEAN.  
For Regents of the University,  
CHARLES T. KNAPP,  
HARNEY E. NEWBRANCH.  
COUNTY TICKET.  
For County Clerk,  
JOHN B. KNIEST.  
For County Treasurer,  
FRED MOLLING.  
For Sheriff,  
CALVIN M. COX.  
For County Judge,  
L. A. BERRY.  
For Superintendent of Public Instruction,  
DELLA M. REED.  
For Coroner,  
DR. G. W. MITCHELL.  
For County Surveyor,  
F. E. HAMLIN.

Though the 1909 peanut crop has failed, no diminution in the supply of peanut politicians is reported.

There ought to be a place on the lecture platform for Etukishook and Ahwelab, the Eskimo map experts.

More than fifty million bushels of wheat grown in Nebraska this year isn't bad for a side crop in the state noted for corn, alfalfa and spuds.

In imagination we can already hear the mighty roar from the jungle that will ensue when news reaches Africa of the disposition of the Panama libel case.

If Almost-Minister-to-China Crane is the least bit superstitious he will jot his diplomatic record down as follows: Hired July 13; fired October 13.

Such communications as the following cheer the weary editor on his way: "The one article of week before last on poultry-raising I calculate will make a fortune for me. I look for each issue to make another. Yours truly, M. L. Phares."

Mr. Taft hopes Arizona will profit by the "mistakes" of Oklahoma in its constitution making. Oklahoma's greatest mistake, we presume, was in rejecting Mr. Taft's advice in the framing of the document. And still she is unrepentant.

"Party solidarity" has done more than anything else to keep corrupt men in office and honest men out. You cannot purify a party by voting to perpetuate the rule of machine politicians. When corrupt bosses control a political party, the real patriots of the party are not those who tamely submit, but those who bolt.

Gifford Pinchot, having left the president's traveling company, is back at Washington, and is again making a good deal of noise. All the same, the relations between the President and Ballinger and himself seem to be serene. Notwithstanding the bitter antagonism between Pinchot and Ballinger, according to the president both contestants are right. The logical interpretation of the settlement is that the natural utilities in water power which belong to the government are to be retained for impartial distribution and, at the same time, to be turned over to monopolies, all of which means that monopolies are to have the whole. This disposition of the matter is precisely the same in effect as the pretended reduction of tariff duties. In that case monopoly triumphed over the masses of the people; in this case, notwithstanding Pinchot's bluster, monopoly will get the best of the government's possessions.

Friends of J. B. Kniest, formerly of this city, but for the past seven years of Alliance, Nebr., will be pleased to learn that he has been nominated for County Clerk of Box Butte county. Mr. Kniest is in every way qualified to fill the office he is seeking.—Carroll (Iowa) Times.

The South Omaha Drovers Journal-Stockman is not a political publication, but in a recent issue it made the following pertinent editorial remark apropos to recent occurrences in England and the United States: "England's present political crisis looks silly on this side of the water. The wonder here has been for years that Englishmen would stand for such an institution as the House of Lords. And yet we have Aldrich and his senate."

The lemon growers find they have been handed one of their own fruit. They secured an increase in the duty on lemons in the new tariff bill and were jubilant. But they have to ship their fruit east to find a market, and the railroads have taken advantage of the increased duty to shove up the freight rates to a point where all the tariff advantage is absorbed by the railroads. This is hard on the lemon growers, but harder on the consumers of lemons. They, as in all cases of this kind, are the ultimate sufferers. They are the ones who "get it in the neck" both going and coming. They are the ones who are "banded a lemon," not only in the lemon schedule, but in every paragraph and line of the Payne-Aldrich-Taft monstrosity.

In this issue we reprint an interesting editorial from the Kansas City Star, republican, under the caption, "The Growing Insurgents." While reform republicans are glorying in their insurgent United States senators and congressmen from other states, they hang their heads in shame at the action of the two senators and three republican congressmen from Nebraska, who, in spite of pledges to the contrary, went over to the enemy (Aldrich, Cannon et al.) with their votes at the critical moment when they might have accomplished great results by staying with the noble band of reform republicans from other states, notably Iowa, Wisconsin and Indiana. Will the republicans of this state relegate these men to the rear, or will they endeavor to continue them in positions where they may again have an opportunity to betray their constituents?

## Light is Breaking

There is, in the action of Judge A. B. Anderson, of the United States district court at Indianapolis, dismissing the libel case against Delevan Smith, editor of the Indianapolis News, and the proprietor of that paper, Charles R. Williams, a bright ray of encouragement to the friends of human liberty. Free speech and freedom of the press are among the strongest bulwarks which protect American citizens in the enjoyment of their natural rights. The proceedings against distinguished editors for attacking certain characters connected with the purchase of the French Panama canal interests were begun at the instigation of Theodore Roosevelt, while still president. It was a bold attempt to strangle investigation of the sudden secession of the state of Panama from the United States of Columbia, supported and made successful by Mr. Roosevelt's gunboats on both sides of the isthmus, out of which affair the notorious Buena Varilla reaped a harvest of several millions.

The ruling by Judge Anderson, with the reasons given therefor, in this case will strengthen confidence in the American judiciary. The heavy hand of the president of the United States can be laid upon Judge Anderson, by withholding from him hereafter deserved promotion on the bench, and for his courageous discharge of judicial duty he may be punished by depriving him of well earned honors. Would it not have been sweet to drag the editor of the News to Washington, and, after giving him the farce of a trial, shut him up for years in Leavenworth prison? Says Judge Anderson:

To my mind, that man has read the history of our institutions to very little purpose who does not put very little valuation on the possible success of evidence such as this. If the history of liberty means anything; if the constitution means anything, then the prosecuting authorities should not have the power to select the tribunal, if there be more than one to select from, at the capital of the nation, nor should the government have the power to drag citizens from distant states there for trial.

The rape of Panama will yet be settled for. Dr. Amador has got at least a part of his reward, and the reckoning due to others is sure to come.

## Importance of the State Election

While the editor of The Herald is interested to some extent in the result of the county election in Box Butte county this year, we will say frankly that we are very much more interested in the result of the state election in Nebraska. We wish to call upon every democratic and reform republican reader who has a vote in this state to go to the polls one week from next Tuesday and help to purify the supreme court of the state by helping to elect the three democratic nominees. Vote for our preferences for local offices or vote against them, as you choose; we shall not complain of the action of the electors of the county whatever the result may be locally, but if we have any power of persuasion we wish to exert it to the utmost to secure an overwhelming majority from Box Butte county in favor of a cleaner and better state judiciary.

We do not urge the election of Judges Sullivan, Good and Dean merely because they are democrats, but because their election will insure for a while at least to the people of the state their right to the benefit of wholesome laws that the legislature may enact. If Judge Letton, who is one of the republican members of the supreme court, were one of the three republican candidates this year, we not only would not oppose his candidacy, but we would vote for him and advocate his election. He has shown himself to be an able and incorruptible jurist, and refuses to stoop to being biased in his decisions by political considerations. Of what use is it to elect a legislature to enact good and wholesome laws, endorsed as constitutional by the best legal talent of the state and nation, if we elect a supreme court that will set them aside, nominally on strained technicalities, but in reality for partisan or corrupt purposes?

The office of regent of the state university may not be as important as that of justice of the supreme court, but it deserves the careful consideration of every man who casts a vote. A non-partisan element in the board of regents will make for improvement and increased efficiency in the administration of that great educational institution. The democratic nominees for regents are both able and worthy men, and we hope to see Box Butte county roll up a rousing majority for them as well as for the supreme court candidates.

## Progress of Reclamation Project

Washington, D. C., Oct. 18, 1909.—The project engineer on the North Platte project in Nebraska, reports a most successful irrigation season for 1909. Notwithstanding the newness and extreme length of the main canal and lateral system, the delivery of water was made in ample quantity to each settler without a single disastrous break.

It is a pleasure to travel over the newly reclaimed lands to view the bountiful harvests. The crops are all made, potatoes are being dug, the corn has ripened, and wheat and oats are in the stack awaiting the thresher. On the whole the yields have been satisfactory, and an atmosphere of optimism pervades the valley.

A settled, prosperous and contented community has been established, which from this time on will take its place among the best of the newly developed sections of the west. To the reclamation service, the most cheering feature is the complete harmony which prevails in the relations of the local engineers and the farmers. The mutuality of interests is recognized and all are working together for the success of the valley. The service regards the North Platte project as one of the best examples of the wisdom of the reclamation act.

Speaker Cannon's reported answer to Congressman Fowler's attack on him was: "Why in hell should I notice Fowler?" Privately, the reporters say that this is not exactly what he said, but only the less unprintable part thereof. By grace of the representatives of all the people in the house of representatives this high and gentle soul holds the second or third most powerful public position in the United States. The world has a right to judge us, our character, ideas and culture by the sort of man we set in high places. Are we willing to be known by the "Uncle Joe" Cannon we keep?—Nebraska State Journal.

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