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"The best governor Nebraska ever had" is the common expression in referring to Ashton C. Shallenberger, democratic candidate for United States senator. The faithful servant is the one who deserves recognition and promotion. Governor Shallenberger never rode into office upon a fraudulent vote; he never had to cry "fraud" in order to cover up his own fraudulent election. He never made a grandstand pretense of opposition to gag rule, only to turn around and vote to put the chief exponent of gag rule back into power. He has been a militant democrat all his life, never a sudden convert to some new-found lam with a view to securing office. He is one of the pioneer advocates of real reform, with a record of something more than lip service.

If "Billy" Eastham is elected commissioner of public lands and buildings he will not spend his official hours splitting hairs infernally fine, but will take a broad view of his duties. He wouldn't think of wasting \$100 worth of the time of the board of public lands and buildings in squabbling over the inscription on a cornerstone, nor in haggling over whether the deposed superintendent of a state institution owed the state for a tin water pitcher, or pair of second-hand shoes, or a suit of overalls worth 75 cents. Nor would he stand for a contractor for the erection of a state building fooling around until the state was "in the hole" and forced to take over the work and complete it. The state needs the services of a man like "Billy" Eastham.

Andrew M. Morrissey, democratic candidate for attorney general, has been a working democrat ever since he became a voter. He gained admission to the bar by dint of working his way while studying. He has gained a deserved reputation for ability as an attorney, and his character is above reproach. Mr. Morrissey has never yielded to the ambition for office to the extent that he turned his political coat to secure an office.

The law forbids a judge to sit in any case in which he was, before elevated to the bench, employed, or in which he has a personal interest. But Secretary of State Waite, a candidate for re-election and personally interested in the result of the protest filed by Andrew M. Morrissey, did not hesitate to decide in that case, although he was vitally and personally interested. You do not have to make two guesses as to how Waite decided.

The law requiring the state treasurer to invest the permanent school fund in state, county, school district and municipal bonds, also requires that the state treasurer purchase these bonds direct, not through brokers. Will State Treasurer George explain how the bonds of the city of Valentine came into the possession of the permanent school fund? And the bonds of the city of Wymore? And some others that might be mentioned?

The democratic platform adopted by the Grand Island convention means something. J. W. Kelley, democratic candidate for secretary of state, has earned the sobriquet of "Platform" Kelley because of his insistence upon the faithful carrying out of platform pledges. And that's the kind of men Nebraska needs in office.

Governor Aldrich is such a great stickler for "reform" and for compliance with the constitution that one wonders how it came about that he actually besought the legislature to further violate the constitution by making an appropriation to pay his meat and grocery bill.

Reform in the management of state institutions has been a crying need for years. It remained for a democratic legislature to provide the means of securing this reform. It was never even suggested in a republican legislature.

Hon. E. J. Hainer has been for many years one of the leading republicans in Nebraska. He represented the Fourth Nebraska district in two terms of the national congress. In a recent statement as to the duties of a citizen in the present political campaign, Judge Hainer said:

"My duty points me to the casting of a vote which will do the most harm possible to the vaulting ambition of Roosevelt and all of his kind. I never did such a thing before, but this year I shall vote a democratic ticket—that is to say, I shall not vote for any republican who is in the least inoculated with the bull moose poison. I would vote for the Taft electors if I could see any show for Taft to carry Nebraska, but I know the fight in Nebraska will be between Roosevelt and Wilson, and in the face of such a situation every lover of the republic should cast his vote for Wilson."

That's it exactly. The fight in Nebraska is between Wilson and Roosevelt. A Nebraska voter who desires to be in the fight must choose between Roosevelt and Wilson. Republicans of the Judge Hainer kind are loyal to President Taft, but they realize that he is hopelessly third in the race, and for that reason they will vote for Wilson, regarding him as preferable to the bull moose candidate.

ARE YOU IN EARNEST?

There are more than one hundred thousand men in Nebraska who carry policies in the fraternal insurance societies. These men have said by their action in paying for fraternal insurance that they do not desire the insurance department of the state of Nebraska to be influenced by the old-line life insurance companies. Well, here we are, face to face with a chance to see whether or not the members of the Highlanders, the A. O. U. W., the Woodmen of the World, the Modern Woodmen and kindred societies are in earnest in this matter. At the election in November the people will have a chance to put into the office of state auditor a real friend of fraternal insurance. Remember that the state auditor of Nebraska is always in position to give grief or encouragement to fraternal insurance. One of the candidates for state auditor is a real friend of fraternal insurance. If elected he will not give the old-line companies the worst of it, but he sure will not permit the old-liners to give the fraternal the worst of the situation in this state. You men who carry fraternal insurance ought to get your eyes open to your own interests. If you can elect Henry C. Richmond as state auditor, then fraternal insurance will have a show in Nebraska. Are you in earnest? Your vote for state auditor will show whether you have been in earnest in your claim of friendship for fraternal insurance, or whether you have been playing horse with a serious question. Make a note of it, boys. Henry C. Richmond is a candidate for state auditor. Henry C. Richmond is the friend of fraternal insurance. That ought to be enough.

Aldrich in his public speeches is not backwards about resorting to subterfuge. He tries to make his hearers believe that John H. Morehead opposed all the reform measures enacted by the 1907 legislature. When confronted by the fact that Mr. Morehead was not a member of the legislature of 1907, he attempts to explain by saying he means that Morehead would have opposed them if he had been a member. Speaking of needed reforms, do you know of one more needed than reform of the judiciary? A democratic legislature enacted a law providing for a non-partisan judiciary, and it was vetoed by Governor Aldrich.

R. V. Clark, democratic candidate for superintendent of public instruction, is an experienced educator. He realizes the need of agricultural and industrial training in the public schools, and the elimination of a lot of useless fads and isms and oologies. He favors making the public schools of benefit to the average child instead of making them of especial benefit to a few children. He is advocating needed reforms in the public school system, and he deserves the support and co-operation of every thoughtful parent.

Two lawyers and a physician now constitute the railway commission. The republican candidate for commissioner is an editor. The democratic candidate, Clarence E. Harman, is a traveling salesman. By experience he has learned something about rates and service. He represents those who pay freight rates. The commission needs at least one man who knows something about what the general public needs in the way of service, and what it is entitled to in the way of reduced rates.

Aldrich has made a number of charges against John H. Morehead, but to date Aldrich hasn't charged Morehead with having bribed a woman to make a false affidavit in a divorce case, then failing to pay the woman money promised her.



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