

THE FRONTIER.

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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

STATE.
For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court—
A. M. POST of Platte.
For Regents of State University—
H. P. SHUMWAY of Dixon.
C. H. MARPLE of Douglas.

JUDICIAL.
For Judges, 15th Judicial District—
MOSES P. KINKAID, of Holt.
ALFRED BARTOW, of Dawes.

COUNTY.
For Treasurer—
HARRETT SCOTT.
For Clerk—
C. E. BUTLER.
For District Court Clerk—
JOHN SKIRVING.
For Sheriff—
H. C. McEVONY.
For Judge—
D. L. CRAMER.
For Surveyor—
W. W. PAGE.
For Coroner—
DR. C. E. FORT.

TOWNSHIP.
For Supervisor—
WILL GRAY.
For City Supervisor—
D. H. CRONIN.
For Township Treasurer—
C. C. MILLARD.
For Township Assessor—
PATRICK MCCOY.

"You must not make an Idol of J. P. Mullen."—J. P. Mullen in the Independent Convention.

"If we are to cling to the old parties we might as well tear down our school houses, burn our churches and write on the vault of heaven, 'Satan has triumphed over God,' and turn all the imps of hell loose on our country."—*J. W. Edgerton in a speech at Kearney.*

HURRAH for the Republican party!
Now for an earnest pull all together, gentlemen.

The young Republican voters of Holt county are out in full force this fall.

"Major Dudley," says the Spencer *Ree*, "is the Abe Lincoln of Boyd county."

The *Sun* follows the example of that slyster sheet, the *World-Herald*, and supports Edgerton.

HARBAUGH'S forty-five cent wheat sold for seventy to seventy-three cents on the streets of O'Neill Monday.

EVERY Republican in the county should delegate himself a committee of one to get out and work for the success of the ticket.

The Independent newspapers are the only ones that are doing any mud slinging in this campaign. That is their stock in trade.

The *Stuart Ledger* presented a much improved appearance last week. Bro. Wertz has considerable of the "get there" in his make up.

THE FRONTIER'S opinion is that Nebraska would be everlastingly disgraced if Edgerton were elevated to a position on the supreme bench.

MULLEN has induced Cruise to withdraw, and the voters of Holt county would like to know what Mr. Cruise would get out of this deal in case Mullen is elected.

It is an easy matter for a rattle-brained howler to make an assertion that an official is guilty of certain misdeeds, but it is another thing altogether for the charge to be proven.

DOESN'T the *Sun*, poor thing, see that, in case Idol Mullen is elected, Farmers Watson and Harrington will immediately buy the *Tribune* and proceed, by a really unique process of their own manufacture, to consolidate the Democratic and Independent organizations?

THE *Sun* is ridiculously frantic in its efforts to give space to candidates in which they may defend themselves against alleged offences. If the *Sun* were as sure that its assertions were true as it is that it has space to give out, then its attitude might be considered in a consistent light.

THE Independent candidate for district judge did not make a good impression at Chambers last week, if all reports are true—and we know whereof we speak when we say that they are true. The more Harbaugh shows himself off before the people the more he will lose cast, and we only hope he will be able to canvas the entire district.

JOHN SKIRVING has a clean, creditable record as a soldier, and when a man has made a good soldier it goes without saying that he will make a good county official. A vote for Mr. Skirving is a vote for a continuance of the good government that has characterized the district clerk's office under the efficient management of Mr. John McBride.

A GALLANT SOLDIER.
Such was John Skirving, Republican candidate for clerk of the courts. For upwards of four years he served his country faithfully and well. He enlisted in company F Tenth Iowa volunteers, April, 1861, and was in the western army. He participated in a number of the principal engagements of the war, among which were: The battle of New Madrid, Island No. 10, Jackson, Miss., Corinth, Miss., Iuka, Miss., Champion Hills, Siege of Vicksburg and Siege of Corinth, battle of Missionary Ridge and was in Sherman's march to the sea.

Mr. Skirving was wounded at the siege of Vicksburg, and has been a sufferer because of that wound ever since, at one time, several years before removing to Holt county, being obliged to go to Europe to get relief. At that time he went to Scotland, of which country Mr. S. is a native. A year or two spent there recovered his health and he returned to America, but is troubled yet at times from the effect of his wound. He was captured at Lynch Creek, S. C., by the rebels and was incarcerated in the Saalsbury, N. C., Danville, Va., and Libby prisons and liberated at the fall of Richmond.

Such a record is certainly one of which any person might well feel proud, but John Skirving is the most unassuming man in Holt county and never has and never will parade before the people his excellencies. Yet he is a man worthy of the confidence of the people, is the best fitted and most deserving of any candidate in the field for the position of clerk of the courts and should be elected.

EWING Advocate: It might be well for the board of supervisors to meet in extra session and appoint a temporary county clerk until Mr. Conger can be elected and qualify. With the head of the department teaching school and the deputy out electioneering, it makes it rather tough on the \$50 per month men.

This is a sample of the libelous slurs cast at G. C. Hazlet and Ed Butler by Demo-Independent papers throughout the county. They are a sample of the desperate straight to which the enemy is forced to resort.

Here is another specimen from the *Atkinson Enterprise*:
The question that is now agitating the minds of the people is whether the county is entitled to the wages that Hazlet is receiving for teaching the O'Neill high school, or is the school district entitled to his salary as clerk. Perhaps he can absorb both salaries.

With reference to the first: Ed Butler is out electioneering; no one disputes that fact. But the county is none the loser because of it. Mr. Butler has engaged the Rev. W. D. Luther to work in his place during his absence, paying him out of his own salary.

As to the last: Mr. Hazlet is at the clerk's office every morning at 7 o'clock and works until 11 or 12 o'clock every night, only being at the school room every school day from 8:30 until 4 o'clock. Besides this, he pays, out of his own pocket, the salary of a clerk in the office to assist in the work.

The fact is the county's business is being conducted in the same methodical, careful manner as when Messrs. Hazlet and Butler were there all the time, and it is not costing the county one red cent more than it did before. The Independent wisecracks better make another charge and then quit.

Mr. Hazlet would not now be teaching the O'Neill public schools were it not for a series of circumstances over which he had no control and for which he is not in the remotest degree responsible. Prof. Bland, because of some differences with the board, resigned, and at the earnest solicitation of the board Mr. Hazlet consented to teach until they could secure someone else. The board has been making an effort ever since to secure a principal, but it being a bad time of year, all good ones being engaged, they have not yet succeeded.

THERE is a growing feeling and inquiry among the people generally to know where Judge Kinkaid stands—whether he is a Republican, Independent or Democrat. The inquiry is being made by a great many men of all parties, and the fact that his honor is practically the candidate of all parties—at least nominated by one, a vacancy left on another (ticket) and endorsements promiscuously by the other—makes it a matter of little wonderment that the question is asked, 'Where does he stand?'

If the judge is still at heart a Republican, as we are led to, and do, believe, it strikes us that it is his duty to publicly declare himself for the Republican ticket. If he is an Independent that fact should, in our opinion, also be made known. Or, if a non-partisan candidate it would be perfectly proper to acquaint the people with that fact. We don't know that the people, generally speaking, object to a non-partisan judiciary, but this is a time when they would like to know upon which platform candidates stand and what are their views upon the various questions before the public. And we believe the judge would have a warmer and stronger support from friends now lukewarm if he declared himself.

THE FRONTIER accepted Judge Kinkaid as the nominee of the Republican party and as such supports his candidacy. We have always considered him a Republican, and do now. We know there is a feeling prevalent among the members of the bar and among a great many other people that the judicial ermine should be kept clear of factional

political entanglements, and we believe that ourselves. Yet, after this is all said, we also believe that there is nothing, and should be nothing, to prevent a candidate for a judicial position from espousing the cause of the political party to which he owes allegiance, and we think that Judge Kinkaid is in duty bound, wherever it lies in his power, to assist the party that has honored him in the past. He need not compromise himself in any degree in doing it and he need not get into any entanglements, but he certainly could do as much as the other candidates for judicial preferment do for their parties.

Land Loan Money Plan.
To the Editor of THE FRONTIER: According to the vice-editors of the *Alliance Tribune* THE FRONTIER has a circulation of but 300. I know or care nothing about this, but the genuine brain of the county—the vice-editors—seem to be readers of the old reliable FRONTIER, otherwise they would not have known anything about my theories as set forth some weeks ago.

I wish the "Sage of Flow Well Garden" would give us the details of his "land loan money plan." Not knowing this may be a confession of ignorance on my part but if so I plead guilty. I judge from the general tenor of his statements that the idea is for the government to make all the farm loans and the money used to pay out on them is to be paper money. I can't figure out how this would aid the farmers of Nebraska and Kansas very much unless the amount loaned per acre is very large. I estimate that about half the farms are mortgaged now for—say \$5—per acre and these encumbrances would have to be removed. It is possible to do this without paying them but it is not very practicable. France did it in '93 but many thousands of people met tragic deaths.

So I don't suppose that this method is a part of the "plan." With this view of the case I want to make a few figures. Holt contains 1,500,000 acres and I will estimate that a million of them are owned by individuals and on which there is a mortgage on half of it at \$5 an acre, making two and one half million dollars. This is very burdensome as it bears ten per cent interest. There being a population of 10,000 this makes a debt of \$250 per capita. Should the government come to the relief it would be necessary to double the size of these loans to do any good, requiring an issue of \$5,000,000 besides an equal amount to the other half of the people who do not now owe on their lands, making \$10,000,000 in all. This would make an actual per capita circulation in Holt county of \$1,000, surely enough to suit the rankest inflationist heard from. What the vast total would be if we take in every county in the state and every state in the union would make any man dizzy to compute. But suppose the government was not so liberal and would loan only \$1.25 per acre. It is easy to see that such trifling sums would afford no relief to the man whose land was mortgaged for \$5 already and he would be speedily shut out.

I am constrained to repeat that the slush written by the aforesaid sage is idiotic.

Does he know the result sure to follow such a scheme? If not he should get a correct history of the Argentine Republic.

Here is a truthful report of their experience with this same identical method.

It has an area of 841,000 square miles—about 15 times the size of Iowa—and a population of nearly 4,000,000 people. In 1886 the land mortgage scheme was inaugurated. Any land owner who wanted to raise money had only to apply to the mortgage department of the government and he was given 50 per cent of the value of the land as fixed by the bank "experts." Right here was the weak point. These values began conservative enough but gradually rose in two years until it was possible to borrow almost any sum and the amount had reached the vast sum of \$235,000,000. As money became plenty all the other enterprises boomed. The government was as lavish as individuals. It was also an era of booming cities. They plunged into debt heels over head. Every conceivable kind of public improvement was boomed. Private enterprises borrowed money—it was so plentiful and all guaranteed by the government to be good money—and built railroads, canals, docks, lighting, rapid transit, factories and everything you could imagine, on the grandest and widest scale. The entire republic was on a financial drunk.

Suddenly the sleeper awoke. The dream vanished. A cart load of this money would not buy a \$20 gold piece. Not a nation on the face of the earth would take their money based on land values that were inflated beyond all reason. Do you now understand why capitalists put the word gold into their bonds? It is the only money of the earth. All nations accept it. The Argentine people now have to come down to legitimate industry and pay off their prodigious debts. Millions of this is held by European people who will take only gold. Actual values remain now as always and are fixed by the unchangeable and inexorable law that the *value must be based on what it will earn*. This is the only true basis and all statutes to the contrary will result in confusion.

There is no danger of any old party stealing the land loan plan. But I shud-

der at the fate of Ohio should they shelve McKinley and John Sherman and replace them with men holding the visionary views of Farmer Slaymaker.

There is nothing formidable in the gold question. It is not an issue anywhere. Why does he mention it? He can go to any bank and exchange at par all the paper money he can scrape together for gold. During the past summer, in two months, \$50,000,000 in gold was shipped from New York to London. This is a vast sum and yet it did not create a ripple in the sea of finance.

I believe in a slight inflation of the currency. My plan is much different from the land loan plan. But this will do to talk about later. Before closing, however, I want to impress this fact on the minds of the writers on the *Alliance Tribune* and that is that persons not engaged in the pursuit of agriculture have an equal right to live to those who follow the plow. The ranting abuse of all other classes weakens your cause. It is a mild form of treason and if cultivated would develop into the genuine article.

CRUISE was willing to be led up to the slaughtering trough by the Democratic party, after he had interviewed Mullen and they had arrived at a mutual agreement. Cruise then allowed his name to remain on the ticket just long enough to inspire confidence in the Democratic party, and at a wink from Mullen, Watson, Harrington & Co. he drops out, and the company's official organ, the *Sun*, tells the Democracy of Holt to rally to the support of Idol Mullen. The question is simply this: Will the stalwart Democrats permit themselves to be spat upon by a few traitors whose only desire is to boost themselves into office.

MR. BARTOW, the west-end candidate for district judge, is making a manly canvas and is gaining ground wherever he goes. He is in every respect qualified and will no doubt make an excellent judge if elected. We believe every Republican in the district should get out and work early and late for Mr. Bartow, to the end that his election is placed beyond a cavil. And, furthermore, we believe no one will regret it if he is elected.

REPUBLICAN papers will fool the Independent *Enterprise* a trip this fall by resorting to no mud slinging whatever, now or at the last of the campaign. Mud has been the stock in trade of the Independent papers all through the campaign, yet they have been loud in their assertions that the Republican papers were preparing for a grand fusillade of mud at the last moment.

REPUBLICANS in the south country should be sure and attend the grand rally to be held at Chambers Wednesday, October 28. No one having the interests of the party at heart can afford to miss the rally.

THE Independent newspapers are now feeding Chairman J. L. Shanner just what they accused the Republican papers of doing some time ago—taffy.

THE Campaign in Dodge county is warming up, and the old reliable *Tribune* is right in the thickest of the fight.

Harbaugh at Home.
From the Chadron Citizen.

"It would have been better for the American nation had Grant been still-born."

The above words were uttered by I. N. Harbaugh, Independent candidate for district judge, in a speech delivered in the Bethel school house a few years ago. The *Citizen* has ample proof, and it will be useless for Harbaugh or his organ to enter a denial or attempt to change the meaning as they have been doing with his speech at Valentine on Sept. 17. It was a political meeting, the one at Bethel school house, and the name of U. S. Grant was not mentioned until used in the expression above quoted. It was uncalled-for, the same as his remarks at Valentine, and shows the true character of I. N. Harbaugh, who seeks at all times and under all circumstances to assail the honored name of a brave soldier and loyal defender of the nation. Old soldiers can you vote for such a man? We think not, unless you have lost all respect for the memory of the hero of Fort Donaldson; the general who struggled side by side with you for four long years that the stars and stripes might continue to wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave. Sons of those old veterans, will you by your votes on November 3, say that I. N. Harbaugh, the defamer of one of the best and bravest generals America ever knew, shall have a seat for four years on the bench of the Fifteenth judicial district? Well, hardly. After November 3 I. N. Harbaugh will sink into oblivion; a fitting end for a man who is devoid of all sense of honor.

Why doesn't the *Advocate* tell the people this year how much the county is loser through the carelessness, cussedness or unfitness of the county attorney? Last year the colonel juggled with the figures until he scarcely knew whether the county was being bankrupted or was on the highroad to unbounded prosperity. But this year he is as silent as the grave regarding the manner in which the county attorney has allowed costs to pile up, and only one conviction placed to his credit. How much did those three criminal

cases that Harbaugh caused to be dismissed at the last term of district court cost the county? How much is the county loser on the Springs case, which was allowed to drag along until most of the witnesses of the state were dead or forgotten? And how much did some of those other cases which Harbaugh, through incompetency or a desire to favor the prisoners, either dismissed or allowed them to go to trial without having any evidence to present, cost the Dawes county? Don't overlook the record, Bro. Sheldon, in your insane desire to burden the people of this district with a judge who has shown himself during his short official career utterly incompetent to be county prosecutor.

OMAHA Bee: The present administration is to be credited with a commendable departure in the matter of allowing clerks in the departments at Washington to leave their post of duty to engage in political campaigning. There has been a great pressure from men in the public service to be permitted to go to their respective states to do political work, but an order of the president requires that no clerk in the departments be allowed to leave his duty and go home unless on authorized leave of absence is due him under the law, and any clerk absenting himself at this time must lose his salary for the time he is away. He will not be paid by the government for work done as a politician. This has not been the custom heretofore, and especially under the preceding administration every election depleted the departments of democratic clerks who could show some to having political influence, but whatever the politicians may think of the reform instituted by this administration, it will be approved by the people. The public business should not be permitted to suffer from a diversion of the time of those employed to carry it on to the service of politics.

ATKINSON Graphic: Let us see. His name is I. N. Harbaugh. He lives at Chadron. He is the alliance nominee for judge of the 15th judicial district. The *Atkinson Enterprise* supports Harbaugh. Harbaugh's only distinction is his ghoulish disposition to malign and traduce the memory of the dead, whose eminent and patriotic services during the nation's greatest peril made this grand soldier and statesman the peer of Washington and Lincoln in the hearts of the American people, yet the *Enterprise* and its spoil chorts seek to elevate to a position of high public trust, a man who deliberately attempts to assassinate the cherished reputation of a dead hero the memory of whose name is a hallowed legacy that patriots will prize as long as republics endure or humanity recognizes the services of the great and good who have labored to ameliorate its condition.

They Changed Their Opinions.

The *Alliance Tribune* and *Atkinson Enterprise* are throwing a good deal of wet dirt at Mr. Dudley, just now, and the following, clipped from their issues of a few months ago, makes interesting reading at this time:

Alliance Tribune, April 4: Our county superintendent, H. W. Dudley, was visiting the schools in Paddock, Saratoga and Rock Falls township last week. Mr. Dudley reports the schools he has visited in good condition. Mr. Dudley by his enterprise and knowledge of school work, has placed the schools of this county on a footing never before reached by his predecessors, and we think the schools of the county were never before in so good working order as at present. May success go with Mr. Dudley and the schools of Holt county.

Atkinson Enterprise May 1: Mr. Dudley is certainly making a record of which he may well be proud. The first year, and the hardest, and part of his second year of his term have expired, and we have yet to hear the first complaint, while we have heard many flattering comments of which the above is a fair sample. Mr. Dudley's experience as a teacher in city and country schools together with his excellent qualities as a gentleman peculiarly fit him for this responsible position, and he is well deserving of the many compliments he is receiving.

Candidate Edgerton.
From the Fremont Tribune.

Herr Most Edgerton made use of the following language in his speech at Kearney recently, according to the *Journal-Enterprise* of that city: "If we are to cling to the two old parties we might as well tear down our school houses, burn our churches and write on the vault of heaven 'Satan has triumphed over God' and turn all the imps of hell loose on our country!"

Whi-r-r! Buzz!!! Bang!!!

What do Nebraska Democrats and Republicans think of that style of oratory coming from one who aspires to a position requiring sober sense and dignity?

And how do the Independents, themselves, like it? Do they endorse such rot as that?

Will Democrats who have no candidate on the state ticket rush to Edgerton after he has lampooned them in such style as that.

The voters of Nebraska should compare this sort of wild, inflammatory talk with such sensible utterances as those made by Judge Post in his speech of acceptance—those sensible, calm, judi-

icious words wherein he said, "The platform of a judicial candidate should be the constitution, the law and the solemn oath of office he takes." These two expressions represent the two styles of "statesmanship" now before the people for endorsement. There ought not to be any doubt as to which should triumph.

Blaine on the McKinley Bill.
New York, Oct. 16.—An Ohio editor having written Mr. Blaine that Democratic papers were parading him as an opponent of the McKinley bill, he replies as follows:

Agusta, Me. Oct. 14.—John Hopley, Esq., Editor Journal, Bucyrus O.: My Dear Sir—You inform me that a democratic paper in your town and many democratic papers throughout Ohio keep the following paragraph standing in type:

"But there is not a section or line in the McKinley bill that will open the market for another bushel of wheat or another barrel of pork."—James G. Blaine to Senator Frye, July 11, 1890.

This sentence is garbled and taken from its proper connection. It creates a wrong impression. What I did say is the following:

"I do not doubt that in many respects the tariff bill pending in the senate is a just measure, and that most of its provisions are in accordance with a wise policy of protection, but there is not a section or line in the entire bill that will open a market for another bushel of wheat or another pound of pork."

The letter in which this paragraph occurs was written to Senator Frye July 11, 1890, and the McKinley bill did not become a law until October 1, nearly three months thereafter. In my letter to Senator Frye, I objected to the bill because it did not contain the reciprocity clause, which would provide a market for wheat, pork and other products of the farm and for various fabrics. Before the bill was finally passed the reciprocity clause was inserted and a large addition was made to the free list.

It will therefore seem, from what I said in my letter, that the objection which I made to the McKinley bill was entirely removed before the bill became a law. Let me further say that the reciprocity clause has given an ample market for many barrels of flour and many pounds of pork. Brazil, some months since, entered into a treaty by which many American articles are admitted free. Flour is made free and pork is admitted at a nominal duty. Cuba and Porto Rico have reduced the duty on flour from \$5.80 to \$1.00, which gives us the market, besides a large number of other articles.

Other treaties for reciprocity are in progress. Germany, without negotiating a formal treaty, has removed the prohibition on pork, and our government, in consideration thereof, has left her sugar on the free list. This opens to us an entirely new market, and \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 of American pork will be consumed per annum where not a pound had been taken for ten years.

The reciprocity provision is proving very successful, especially in farm products and more particularly in the case of the two articles mentioned in the paragraph quoted—flour and pork. I am not, therefore, an opponent of the McKinley bill, as the Democratic papers are constantly alleging. On the contrary, I have cordially supported it ever since it was perfected by the insertion of the reciprocity clause. Very respectfully yours,
JAMES G. BLAINE.

SANTEC, the soulless sinner leat of Spencer but now of Butte City, endeavors to prejudice the people of Boyd county against O'Neill by calling our citizens a lot of dead beats, etc. Santece could not bulldoze the citizens of O'Neill and therefore seeks to cover them with the filth and slime that he only knows how to throw. Abuse from such a man is a recommendation, however, and any one should feel proud to be made a target of by him.

THE FRONTIER has a lot of public documents for distribution among the people, and the same can be secured by simply calling—no expense. Call and get some.

THE PLATFORM.

The Republicans of Holt county in delegate convention assembled, desire to go before the people in this campaign on the following platform:

First—We commend the conservative and able administration of President Harrison, who has proven himself an American in the fullest sense of the word, wise in the choice of counselors, firm in his opinions of justice to all, regardless of politics or nationality; especially do we feel elated in his selection of that brilliant statesman and courageous diplomat, who has by his reciprocity policy placed the United States at the head of the nations of the world, James G. Blaine.

Second—We heartily approve of the legislation of the last congress, particularly of the McKinley law, whose beneficial effects are becoming daily more apparent, notably in the removal of the embargo on American pork in Germany and Denmark, and the opening to our farmers by reciprocity of the South American markets, the shutting off of Canadian competition, thereby advancing prices of farm products.

Third—We desire to go on record in favor of the service pension bill and endorse the increased liberality of the last congress to the Union veterans.

Fourth—We favor the election of United States Senators, Post Masters, Land Offices and a State Railway Commission by a direct vote of the people.

Fifth—We are opposed to the dictation by railroad corporations in the selection by the Republican party of a candidate for Supreme Judge.

Sixth—Inasmuch as the law provides that all property shall be assessed at its cash value we favor the agitation of this question until the assessments are so made that they bear their just share of taxation.

Seventh—We favor state aid for irrigation.

Eighth—That we demand of the name of the of this convention strict attention to the county business if elected; we favor close scrutiny of the affairs of the several officers and a strict accounting of all public funds and the application thereof.

Ninth—We believe in rotation in office and tend to centralization.

Tenth—Over the objections of the last legislature we think it best to spread the broad mantle of charity.