

THE FRONTIER.

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VICTORY.

The greatest victory ever achieved by the Republican party and good citizens generally in Nebraska is the election of Hon. A. M. Post for supreme judge. All honor to an intelligent and patriotic people who have saved the credit of our state from ruin!

Hurray for Post and Nebraska!

The prospects are excellent for a victory for Mr. Alfred Bartow for district judge and in his election, if accomplished, will be scored a grand victory for straight Republicanism and straight politics.

It was a land-slide in Holt county—a surprise to many. THE FRONTIER believed, from a knowledge of the situation in some localities, that the Republicans would win, but we are surprised—agreeably surprised—at the result. We feel that the Republican party has great cause for congratulation. With every important office except judge and almost a certainty that the county has been carried for Post and Bartow makes glory enough for one day.

Then the great odds against which the Republicans worked makes the victory all the more surprising and the party deserving of all the more congratulations. The workers were handicapped on all sides, but in spite of it the chairman and candidates worked hard and valiantly and are deserving of great credit.

The last two or three weeks the fight centered on Scott and Mullen, all the others being considered out of danger. In the interest on the treasurer's office the candidates for clerk of the courts and judge were somewhat lost sight of, not intentionally by any means, yet Mr. Skirving pulls in with a few votes to spare. With reference to his candidacy, however, it was thought that Lessenger could not possibly be elected, bearing the record he did, and Mr. Skirving was considered too safe. The result showed that Lessenger was stronger than thought for, but not quite strong enough and thanks to a kind providence the county is saved the disgrace of having him serve as clerk of the district court four years.

The candidate for county judge was a weak man to start in with and gained little or no strength through the campaign. It was thought, however, that the "break" of Mr. Bowen's two weeks since would work his defeat but the result shows that it cut little or no figure whatever.

Butler and McEvony ran like race horses and proved themselves good workers. Ed's election was conceded from the beginning almost, but for the first few weeks of the campaign Hank's chances looked pretty slim and the fight seemed to be between Campbell and Smith, but for three weeks before election it was clearly shown that the fight was between McEvony and Smith and for ten days Hank's election has been considered certain. THE FRONTIER, as we said at the outset, was willing to leave the result with the people and with their verdict we feel satisfied.

Mr. Scott's victory is the most complete of any, Democrats and Independents combining to encompass his defeat, yet he comes out with a hundred majority over the man who last year carried the county by 500 or 600. It proves that a campaign of personal abuse and vilification, such as the Independents waged against Mr. Scott, will not win in Holt county any more and we are glad to know that such is the case.

The gratifying gains in various townships in the county and the defeat of various Democrats and Independents as supervisors is more cause for congratulation. In Rock Falls, where Wm Clevisch was elected over Jim Greig, there is much rejoicing and there is also great rejoicing in other parts because of it.

In fact, Tuesday was a great Republican day and Republicans have great reason to rejoice. But what will the mongrels, Harrington, Watson & Co., do now? They tried to sell the Democratic party for a mess of pottage and are in the tureen themselves. Let the mantle of soup cover their putrid forms.

FARMER WATSON, it is understood, will write a song dedicated to Farmer Harrington, to be entitled, "Wait 'Till We Hear From the Rural Districts."

MR. KINKAID ON JUDGE KINKAID.

Some kick because Judge Kinkaid is not making campaign speeches and others kick because it is reported that he is. This is simply a case of "you can and you can't, you will and you won't, you'll be damned if you do and you'll be damned if you don't," but in the meantime the judge is attending strictly to his own affairs and dealing out law and justice in his district.

Our readers will no doubt remember that previous to the convention a few Republican tricksters and sore heads united in their efforts to defeat Judge Kinkaid for the nomination, but failed most ingloriously. But the end is not yet. In substance they have bolted the ticket and in an underhanded and unscrupulous manner are doing their best to place him in a false light before his party and the people generally. They make appointments for him to make speeches when they are fully aware that he is in the midst of a term of court and cannot even attend, much less speak, and when, as a matter of course, he fails to appear, they say he is not a Republican and should not receive the support of his party. In some instances they have billed him for speeches and never notified him of the fact. The *Item* feels confident that this work of the conspirator will have no effect whatever on the judge, as the great common people who are the ones most interested know the character of the man and are supporting him regardless of politics. We think it decidedly wrong for a judge to make campaign speeches and have less confidence in one that does.

Jim Riggs is an unmitigated ass. The idea of asking where Judge Kinkaid stands is laughable. It is ridiculous. He has always been identified with the Republican movement and has repeatedly proven that he is in hearty sympathy with the cause and from the fact that the party has honored him with responsible positions it would seem that it has confidence in his republicanism. It is an honor to the Republican party to have a man on whom all political organizations unite in saying is a good man and are willing to trust in dealing out justice. That Mr. Kinkaid accepted the nomination of the Republican ticket is sufficient evidence as to "where he stands." Had he been an Independent he could easily have gone into the Independent convention and received the nomination. No one will deny this. He could have done the same with the Democrats. He is a man whom they all would welcome to their fold with open arms. But he has never had any political ideas other than Republican. THE FRONTIER knows this as well as we do. The *Item* is of the opinion that a judge should not make campaign fights. It is of no significance what his views on political questions are. He stands squarely on the law and the oath of office and the less he mingles in political wrangles the more confidence the people will have in his integrity. THE FRONTIER is a great and wise Republican organ to spring an issue of this kind on the eve of election. Where does Rimmy Jiggs stand?

In renewing the discussion of this subject the first thing to be understood is that the above extracts from the *Item* of last week are simply Mr. Kinkaid's opinions of Judge Kinkaid.

Of course Mr. Kinkaid's opinions of Judge Kinkaid are very likely to be biased and this proposition should be fully understood before a discussion of the merits of the case is taken up.

Another proposition that should also be fully understood is that Mr. Kinkaid thinks more of Judge Kinkaid because Candidate Kinkaid does not do his duty to the party to which he so vociferously claims his allegiance—the Republican party. These basic propositions before the reader and we will proceed. With the first paragraph quoted THE FRONTIER fully agrees. The only question to be determined is, which party has the right to expect of Mr. Kinkaid a hearty support. As he claims himself, and as we have always admitted, Mr. Kinkaid is a Republican and to that party he owes a hearty support, no matter what the Alliance organs and Independents might say or do. But Mr. Kinkaid was simply afraid that Candidate Kinkaid would lose the Independent vote and so he did what he has always been in the habit of doing—nothing.

With reference to the second extract, there is a gross misrepresentation interwoven with a thread of truth. There was absolutely no one making any fight on Mr. Kinkaid's renomination but there were a number who felt that he should have kept his hands off of some local matters and for that reason and because he sought and secured a practical nomination at the hands of the Independents and was endorsed by the Democrats everywhere, he had forfeited all right to the fealty of Republicans as such. As to the appointments, there were none made for Mr. Kinkaid in this county and what was done in the west end we do not know.

Then, as to the third extract quoted: Of course Mr. Kinkaid's opinion that Jim Riggs is an unmitigated ass makes it true! We are not so certain, however, that "it is an honor to the Republican party to have a man on whom all political organizations unite in saying is a good man, etc." THE FRONTIER admires a man, whatever his politics, who has the courage of his convictions and it admires Republicans especially who have the courage to advocate their principles regardless of whether Democrats or Independents like it or not. Republicans ought to, and do, love men more for the enemies they make, politically speaking, than for adhering to a milk and water policy.

Mr. Kinkaid has always, when his own interests demanded it, taken part in politics just like any other candidate. This he has a perfect right to do, yet when his party needs his services Mr.

Kinkaid immediately falls back upon Judge Kinkaid's dignity and says it is not proper for a judge to make political speeches, etc., and he does not. He did very little of it before he was a judge, either. But below we give room for a special telegram to the *See* of Oct. 30, dated at Nelson, Neb., in which a "Judge on the bench" is reported as taking part in the campaign for his party:

Judge Morris addressed the people here last night in the new court room and was greeted by a full house. His address was practical and instructive and enlivened by the judge's never failing fund of wit and humor. He said that as a judge on the bench it would be out of place for him to take an active part in political controversy, and he abused no party or candidate, but in his inimitable way scored telling points for republican principles and made votes for the republican ticket. Judge Morris is very popular in Nuckolls county, particularly among the farmers, on account of the stand he took last year respecting mortgage foreclosures, he being the first judge to announce the doctrine that where it were shown that on account of the failure of crops by reason of the drouth the farmer was unable to pay promptly on his loan, no confirmation of a mortgage sale could be had in his court.

In this connection it is but proper to observe that there are discussions and discussions in politics. Simply because Mr. Kinkaid is a judge we do not think that he should not have political views and be at liberty to express them at all proper times without in any way entering into partisan controversy. It need not, or should not at least, in any way interfere with his proper and unbiased administration of law and justice, if he has, as we give him honor credit with having, a proper and conscientious regard for his oath. Judge Morris takes this view of the question, we believe, and the record says he "scored telling points for Republican principles and made votes for the Republican ticket."

If Mr. Kinkaid is so anxious that Judge Kinkaid shall keep the judicial ermine pure and unsullied we would simply suggest to him that the better way to do would be to keep out of the ward and township fights and make speeches such as Judge Morris made. The "great common people" will take care to see that he is kept at the head of all the parties, regardless of consequences.

But we must proceed. About the last statement made in the extracts is that "THE FRONTIER is a great and wise Republican organ to spring an issue of this kind on the eve of election." That was unnecessary to tell the people, they all knew THE FRONTIER was a great and wise organ long before Mr. Kinkaid added his approval to it. But while we think of it, we believe it is in order to say that some one else is wise and great to seek to stir up a strife "on the eve of election," such as the second extract above and, the one below are calculated to incite:

Because one certain individual was unpopular enough to be defeated for the legislature, in years ago, he is re-vengeing himself this fall on Kinkaid. We are in a position to know that the judge was not responsible for his defeat, but if he were his name should be scrawled in golden letters upon the pages of the history of this country and go thundering down the halls of time as a public benefactor.

His name "scrawled" in golden letters, etc.! Well, truly, Mr. Kinkaid has an exalted opinion of Judge Kinkaid! THE FRONTIER wishes it distinctly understood that it is not taking up B. S. Gillespie's fight, to whom this above refers, but we are "in a position to know" that Mr. Gillespie occupied the same position in 1892 as that occupied by Mr. Alfred Bartow in the campaign just closed.

Candidate Kinkaid was then on all the tickets as now, and then as now he would not say a word publicly for his Republican colleague. With Mr. Bartow he would not even go to Chambers, where Mr. Bartow spoke a week ago Wednesday evening. True, he said he would go if Mr. Bartow insisted upon it, but Mr. Bartow was not in a position to insist on anything and, in all honor and justice, Mr. Kinkaid should have gone without a word or a murmur.

"Where does Rimmy Jiggs stand?" is vociferously asked. We don't know where "Rimmy Jiggs" stands, but James H. Riggs stands upon the platform of the Republican party and is not afraid to advocate its principles and work for party success.

THE FRONTIER does not wish to be understood as making a personal fight upon Mr. Kinkaid or as in any way questioning his judicial ability or integrity. We do not believe Mr. Kinkaid honest politically and we feel that it is high time to say so. He is not even honest with himself and so as a natural consequence is not honest with his party. We have no desire to keep up a controversy upon this subject—an unpleasant task to us—and when Mr. Kinkaid proves by his works that his professions are sincere we will be satisfied.

Did the result suit you?

Am! The world moves again.

"Wait till we hear from the rural districts."—Mullen F. Harrington.

THE FRONTIER didn't "lie" but one, Mr. McHugh. All the Republicans except judge elected shows that our faith was pretty well grounded.

AS CHAIRMAN TROM, ADVISED IT.

THE FRONTIER accuses the Democrat of making a personal fight against the opposition candidates. The fact is, friend James, that you will never suffer from any such accusation, as you never have backbone enough to even speak a good word now and then for your friends. Last fall a gang of milk and water Republicans in this county, including yourself, were in favor of conducting the campaign so that no one could take offense. This crowd were afraid to claim their souls as their own property. The result is that the baby you held the nursing bottle to last year has grown so fast that he now finds himself able to look after his own affairs. And from appearances he appears to be attending strictly to business. The Democrat has opposed the Independent movement at all times, and has had the nerve to express its views when such political nonentities as Riggs had scampered for their holes.

The above from the Ewing Democrat of two weeks since sounds very nice to the ear, but the truth with reference to the campaign last fall is very different indeed. J. A. Trommershauser, as chairman of the Republican central committee last year, and J. A. Trommershauser, as editor of the Democrat, contributed more to the defeat of the Republican representatives and senator than all the other influences combined and if hard work had not been done by Republicans everywhere the county attorney would have been defeated.

These defeats were brought about by the unwarrantable and uncalled for personal attacks upon the Independent candidates. Instead of reasoning and showing up the fallacies of the Independent vagaries, Editor Trom, contrary to the better judgment of even Chairman Trom himself, resorted to the dirtiest, low down personal warfare ever instituted against candidates in this county. And all this after Chairman Trom had advised other Republican editors not to make a fight upon the Independent candidates, because, he said, they would be expecting it and we ought to fool them. What makes it all the worse is the fact that Editor Trom began this warfare the first of any, in fact was practically the only editor in the county that did make that kind of a fight, and his claim that "milk and water Republicans in this county" were opposed to an aggressive campaign is not only false but ridiculous in the extreme.

Editor Trom, followed up this policy this year on the Independent judge and the result is the same as last year. Not only that but he and others at Ewing, who made such great claims of party loyalty and strength, did more or less trading, and that on candidates who could not afford to lose the votes and in the interest of candidates who did not need the extra votes. Out on such politics! It is not Republicanism and is not straight.

Then the Democrat displays a good deal of gall when it says that it has always had the "nerve" to express its views upon the Independent movement, etc. The Democrat is a gurlial newspaper and is edited by a man who no nerve except that kind which is purchased by boodle. When its interests are not subserved best by working any particular way it does not work.

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

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