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For county attorney—
J. L. ROLL, Ewing.

An X after Jake Roll's name will not be misplaced.

The pops have dropped everything else now and are working like fiends for the election of Crawford.

Put in some earnest work for the ticket. The seriousness of the situation, the importance of the battle demands it.

ROSWATER's proposition to try Majors before a jury of seven Omaha ministers was an exhibition of Jewish gall that has no equal in history or imagination. He simply out-Rosed Rosey. The bare idea of mentioning such proceedings at this late day is most absurd and stamps its author a knave if not a fool.

VETANS will do exceeding well to take the assertions of Holt's pop campaign orators with a grain of allowance. We exploded their tax bladder last week and can explode their other fish stories. They have no legitimate arguments that they can make and therefore are obliged to resort to every conceivable trick. Look out for them.

We do not doubt that Crawford is favorable to a monarchical form of government. He has done his level best to make himself czar of Holt, and pocket the emoluments. Taxes paid by his serfs for the maintenance of the government have even been hypothecated by this over-bearing and boggish monarch. We look for him to next confiscate the silverware of his own palace.

OLD gossiping Seth Woods has informed the Jew that Sam Sample insulted a lady while attending a celebration north of Atkinson some years ago, and the aforementioned Jew is heralding the slander broadcast by innuendo and ambiguous insinuations that he dare not make as direct charges or assertions. It is not necessary to brand these eleventh-hour allegations as undulterated lies, or the eleventh-hour allegations as unprincipled liars, because no one will accept them as truths. If Sam Sample is such a beastly fellow why did not these slanderous fish-wives circulate the story long before, and prove it?

HOLT's tax levy has not been reduced. Don't let any man deceive you. You pay just as big a tax on the dollar as you ever did, the difference in your tax being the reduced valuation. The tax levy should have been increased when the valuation was cut down, in order to have enough money to meet the current expenses of the county. The way it is now the levy has been exhausted with but about half of the bills allowed that were filed. Of course it is to the interest of the Smudge to say that the county is getting out of debt, in that way it seeks to draw public attention from its tax list steal. The people will not be deceived.

Own of the signs most encouraging to the republicans in this county, is the worried look worn by the pops and their sympathizers. They are badly frightened and in their distress are rushing wildly about like stuck hogs, and with just about as much noise. They see in the coming election the beginning of the end of their political existence and the effect is at once amusing and pathetic. Emissaries are being dispatched in every direction to circulate villainous campaign matter and dam the tide with promises. They are not scared without reason: the voters are awakening, and nothing in the shape of success need surprise our friends next Tuesday.

GUTER, even, dare not defend Mileage John through the Smudge. The records in the county clerk's office are too plain and easy of access. It is written down in the book that Crawford is after pelf and doesn't care how he gets it. Old Kautzman does not attempt to say what he thinks of a man who will swear on Friday that he has worked on the next day. That is a violation of an oath that

the Jew dare not attempt to justify; there is no avenue at hand through which they may hope to escape; the records of dishonesty, trickery and subterfuge rise up around them like stone walls; they are surrounded, hemmed in and trembling lest the structure collapse. It will not be necessary for them to implore the mountains to fall upon them, the mountains will do it of their own accord.

FROM an editorial in the Bee, November 11, 1892: "The election of a republican governor and legislature in Nebraska means more to the people of the state than a victory for political principles. It has a direct and important bearing upon the material interests and the future welfare of Nebraska, the good effects of which will be presently apparent. It is an assurance to the country that the majority of the people of this state are honest and patriotic; that they do not believe in sub-treasury and fiat money schemes; that they have no wish to repudiate any of their just obligations, and they desire to promote the progress and prosperity of this state by every proper means. The people of Nebraska have most emphatically rebuked the misrepresentations of the self-seeking politicians who have sought to discredit the state by persistently asserting that the people are impoverished; that they are hopelessly in debt; that the pursuit of agriculture is unprofitable and there is no substantial ground for the claim of prosperity. Rejecting all facts which refute their charges the apostles of calamity appeal to the popular passions and cupidity. They rail against all existing conditions, but propose no rational or practical plan of reformation which intelligent and conservative men could accept. The result is that they are beaten, not so overwhelmingly, perhaps as could be desired, but defeated by a vote sufficient to indicate the intelligence and honesty of the people of Nebraska, and to assure the country that this state is in no immediate danger of any legislation that could operate unfairly or unjustly to any interest. The effect of this, we confidently believe, will be of great benefit to the material welfare of Nebraska, and there is reason to expect that this will be shown in the near future. It is, of course, impossible to say what influence may be exerted upon the business of the country by the success of the democratic party in the national election, but, in any event, Nebraska will give its share of whatever will contribute to the growth and prosperity of the west, and this could not have been expected had the republican party been defeated."

HOLCOMB'S USURY RECORD.

The most interesting contribution to the literature of this campaign is an expose by the Fremont Tribune of the money-lending record of Silas A. Holcomb, populist candidate for governor, and leader in this campaign of the party that makes particular and special war on usurers and that has no good word for even a legitimate money lender. It has been a matter of common talk and common knowledge that Holcomb, a member of the law firm of Kirkpatrick & Holcomb at Broken Bow, loaned money on personal and chattel securities at highly usurious rates of interest. There has been no question of the fact, yet no one cared to make an investigation or to present the proof in plain and convincing form until the Fremont Tribune took hold of the matter, took photographic reproductions of Holcomb's cutthroat notes and mortgages, supplemented them with the affidavits of the makers, and produced the whole on the full broad side of its first page. It also gives a partial additional list of loans made by Holcomb's firm in which the interest ranged from three to seven per cent per month.

Two of these notes signed by Jno. H. H. Cross, of Broken Bow, are reproduced in photographic fac simile, one for forty dollars, another for eleven dollars. On the former he paid at the rate of 70 per cent. per annum, and on the latter 100 per cent. per annum. There are also portions of chattel mortgages reproduced with affidavits of usurious interest running over fifty per cent. per annum. Here are a few sample affidavits:

I, John H. H. Cross, being first duly sworn, depose and saith, I came to Custer county in the year 1888, and homesteaded the northwest quarter of section (35) thirty-five, township (15) fifteen north, or range (19) nineteen west. That my residence and postoffice address is Broken Bow, Nebraska, and that I am personally acquainted with Silas A. Holcomb, the independent candidate for governor, and that prior to his election as judge, he was an attorney and a chattel loan broker. That said Silas A. Holcomb made a practice of loaning money at usurious interest and loaned me money at 36 per cent. per annum on several occasions, and at one particular time he loaned me money at straight 10 per cent. per month, or 120 per cent. per annum. That I lost my farm and about everything else that I owned by doing business with the money sharks, and that now in my old age about the only means that I have to support myself and family is a small pension that I receive in the way of a pension. That I served three years company H, 31st Iowa infantry. That in taking security in chattel loans the said Silas A. Holcomb was very exacting and generally wanted a mortgage on everything the borrower had, and further affiant saith not.

JOHN H. H. CROSS.
BROKEN BOW, NEB., Oct. 13, 1894.
To whom it may concern: This is to say that I am personally acquainted with Silas A. Holcomb, the populist

candidate for governor, and at one time I borrowed \$75 from him for six months paying him \$24 for the use of the same, and that prior to his election as judge, he was the junior member of the law firm of Kirkpatrick & Holcomb. Mr. Kirkpatrick attending to the law business of said firm, and Mr. Holcomb notary public and giving special attention to the farm and short time loans, and it was the practice of the said Silas Holcomb to charge a greater rate of interest than allowed by law.

C. H. MILLER.
My residence and postoffice address is Merna, Custer county, Nebraska. I am acquainted with Silas Holcomb, candidate for governor, and know that prior to his election as judge he was an attorney and chattel money lender. That he loaned money at usurious rates, and loaned me money at 18 per cent. per annum or more. It was his custom to charge more than 10 per cent.

J. P. MACRILL.
The above are a few sample affidavits from among hundreds of Holcomb's chattel loan victims, and the evidence shows that Mr. Holcomb made this feature of the business of his firm a specialty, gave it his own personal attention in fact, as a preparatory training for the bench and other duties of state.

The rapacity of the loan agents did more than all else to convert Custer county into a seething hot-bed of populism, and now the chief of the usurers, who helped to create this condition, after having been elected judge, is a candidate for the highest office in the gift of the people of the state at the hands of the party with which he has never had anything in common, has never been in sympathy and whose tenants he has flagrantly violated. Ordinarily a situation like this would be inconceivable, but with the populist party anything is possible, no matter how inconsistent or outrageous.

During the winter of 1889 when Holcomb was squeezing the poor people of Custer county as above shown, Tom Majors was in the legislature. What was he doing? He was after just such sharks as Holcomb. He was fighting for H. R. 24, Gilbert's usury bill. And this is what the Omaha Bee report had to say about it at the time: "Majors defended the bill. He said eastern money lenders only realized from five to six per cent. for their money and were satisfied. The sharks and middle men are the only ones this bill is intended to reach. Talk about honor, he said, what is more dishonorable than the action of a money shark who stands at the door of a sod house and takes advantage of the necessities of the poor farmer to charge him four prices? He thought that ten per cent. is all that money is worth." That was Tom Majors saying that. Did it hit Holcomb? Right in the neck. And, fraud and pretender that he is, he will get it in the neck again November sixth.—Kearney Hub.

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