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FOR DELEGATE.

Hon. Neil Brennan, of O'Neill, has announced himself as a candidate for delegate from this district to the national republican convention, and THE FRONTIER embraces this opportunity to endorse his candidacy and express the hope that he may be successful in securing this recognition, which is in no wise commensurate to his worth as a citizen and representative republican.

Mr. Brennan has resided in Holt county and this district for more than 21 years, and during the political turmoil of all that time suspicion of disloyalty to the party has never attached itself to his name, but on the contrary he has always been in the foreground working for honest politics and republican advancement. Holt county republicans will without doubt be pleased to honor him with her delegation, and the other counties comprising this senatorial district should instruct for him without a dissenting voice, and we believe they will.

This congressional district is entitled to two delegates and we suppose the eternal fitness of things will dictate that one be chosen from the south and one from the north. In the northern territory there is no man more eminently qualified or highly deserving an opportunity to cast a vote in the convention for the next president of the United States than our own Neil Brennan.

We are told that there was quite a buzzing of political bees at the Fremont best sugar convention.

Queen Brooks is making a lively campaign for state treasurer, but then he won't be nominated.

JACK McCOLL is a candidate for governor. Holt county cast six votes for Jack in the convention two years ago.

The Sun says it is as much opposed to the vigilantes as THE FRONTIER. As long as the light holds out to burn the vilest slinger may return.

Mr. Manderson wants the Nebraska delegation, and it would seem that he does, he is entitled to it. His chances for a presidential nomination are better any day than Allison's.

The Nebraska boom is on in good shape and the way the boys of the press are pushing it along will cut an important figure with immigration statistics the coming season.

It is an easy matter to see where Secretary Piper has promised to place his advertisements relative to the constitutional amendments. All favored newspapers are booming him for a renomination.

When a man is arrested for cattle rustling the county judge binds him over under a bond of \$500; when a vigilante is arrested for assembly with intent to do great bodily harm he is turned over under \$300 bond. Consistency, my boys, take the kinks out of your tall feathers.

It has been decided to hold two republican conventions in the state this year. The first one, for the election of delegates to the national convention, will be held in Omaha on April 15. The other convention, for the nomination of state candidates, will be held in Lincoln, probably some time in August.

Some day there will be a great killing in Holt county. The vigilantes cannot go on forever holding up people on the public highways and make a howling success of it. Eventually a man will be charged with a couple of Colt's protective associations in his pocket and enough Holt county sand in his gizzard to use as a ball.

When the combative pugs come to Holt county and fight in peace. The officers don't make any serious objections to human butcheries and surely the governor would not interfere with a harmless bout between trained athletes, when he allows masked ruffians to ride the north country every night and terrorize the people.

The Sioux City Journal says: "Senator John M. Thurston, of Nebraska, says he is a descendant of that Thorsen, son of Eric the Red, of Scandinavia, who is said to have made an expedition to Vineland (New England) in 1005. In a later period the family settled in England, and one of its members was Thurston, twenty-eighth archbishop of York."

ATTORNEY MURPHY deserves commendable credit—if a man ever deserves credit for doing his duty—for the most effort made to bring to justice a man charged with having been privy to the Ryan holdup. Mr. Murphy seems to be earnest in the work of breaking up the gang, and should receive the commendation of all law-abiding citizens.

We do not view with any great degree of satisfaction this attempt to turn Nebraska's delegates over to McKinley with a ball and chain on each and every one of them. McKinley is all right, but there are other men who are all right and we fail to see any existing emergency that should even suggest a McKinley instruction. He is a high protectionist, it is true, but no man who is not would think of asking for the republican nomination in this year of democratic mismanagement and business depression. In choosing a candidate from among those already in the field it would be difficult for the republican convention to make a mistake. It would be mighty poor politics to tie Nebraska's delegation to the tail of any man's presidential boom and we hope it will not be done.

The difference between a vigilante organization and a "Protective Association" amounts to about as much as the difference between tweedledee and tweedledum; a distinction without a difference. An organization of cattle men whose object is to prosecute thieves and furnish evidence to the proper authorities is in itself not a bad thing, but the great trouble is that it does not stop where its duties and usefulness end. Unprincipled fellows secure control of the organization and divert it from the channel in which it was contemplated it should move, and then come holdups, like that reported last week, and hanging bees; men desiring to remove objectionable people take advantage of the organization to commit deeds of out-lawry and they are permitted to go unwhipped of justice by the very band that has for its motto, "Law and Order." The workings of the organization in this county should be sufficient proof that it is a failure, and it is time for all honest men—if any such there be—to come out from among them.

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