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For Representatives,
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FREDERICK CRONK.

For County Attorney,
J. J. KING.

Who said this was an arid country?

It will not be long now until we can all hunt chickens.

If the fusionists are sincere why do they not support President Roosevelt on the trust question?

The imperial scarecrow which the democrats are bringing out again for another campaign is badly shorn.

The Independent is not supporting Mickey for governor. Strange is it not that they are not entirely pleased with the way he is conducting his campaign.

David H. Mercer was renominated by the republicans in the Second Nebraska district. The indications are very favorable to a full delegation of republicans from this state in the future. They are all men who will be a credit to the state and the party electing them and will also be in a position to do some good for Nebraska.

Nebraska now has two republican senators and two republican congressmen. If the people of this state will this year make it unanimous, we will have one of the strongest, if not the strongest, delegations in congress. Why not take advantage of the opportunity now to stand up for Nebraska? This is a good year. Let us make it unanimous.

The prediction department of the democratic party is in worse repute than the weather prophesies of the old almanacs. They predicted ruin unless we adopted free silver and the ruin did not come. They foretold dire calamity in the event of McKinley's election, they declared that Porto Rico would suffer under American control yet none of these things have come to pass.

There can be no doubt but many people in Holt county like to eat well cooked roast beef and the finishings, but because their appetites are good and they attend the political love feast is no reason that they are going to vote against their own interests. When it comes to voting they will vote as they think right and they know that republican prosperity is better than fusion promises.

Already the Democratic leaders have begun to reap the reward of their foolishness in attacking the army in their campaign book. In the city of Chicago an organization composed entirely of women, numbering several thousands, met last week and in unmeasured terms denounced the party responsible for the outrage on decency. By a resolution it was determined to carry the matter directly to the polls. Thus will the women at all times defend the honor of the nation.

President Roosevelt, in answer to democratic criticism regarding the administration's course in the Philippines, recently put a beautiful construction on the sentiment surrounding our flag. He said in effect that the flag is not merely the outward symbol of an inherited and perfunctory allegiance. It represents a wonderfully constructive alliance of worker with worker, of citizens of all grades, of material circumstance and intellectual culture, in an attempt to secure government and for a people of workers. It was in the Philippines in the cause of enlightened civilization and every American should feel a thrill of pride at the thought.

LIST OF HOLT COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Atkinson, Jacob Rocke.....Atkinson
Chambers, J. W. Holden.....Chambers
Cleveland, John Hart.....Dustin
Conley, Tyler Scriven.....Chambers
Deloit, M. Davis.....Tonic
Dustin, John Deming.....Dustin
Emmet, T. B. Maring.....O'Neill
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Inman, E. J. Mack.....Inman
Iowa, George Cherry.....Page
Lake, John H. Otter.....Bliss
Paddock, John Hubby.....Blackbird
Pleasantview, Zeb Warner.....Atkinson
McClure, H. W. McClure.....Ewing
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Sandcreek, Leo Logerwell.....Celia
Saratoga,.....
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Sheridan, Myron Thornton.....Atkinson
Shields, Calmer Simonson.....Agee
Steel Creek, C. L. McElhaney.....Dorsey
Stuart, J. W. Wertz.....Stuart
Shamrock, A. E. Wilson.....Chambers
Swan, W. H. Richmond.....Swan
Verdigris, A. H. Farnsworth.....Page
Willowdale, F. W. Phillips.....Star
Wyoming, Rodell Root.....Amelia
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O'Neill, 2nd ward.....J. F. Gallagher
O'Neill, 3rd ward.....R. T. Williams

A DELEGATE SPEAKS.

Burwell, Nebr., Sept. 17, 1902.

EDITOR FRONTIER:—My attention has been called to an article that appeared in the Holt County Independent, of last week, wherein it is charged that Mr. Kinkaid promised Mr. Bartlett, the senatorial nomination in return for the votes of the Garfield county delegation for him (Kinkaid) for the congressional nomination.

I was a delegate to both the congressional and senatorial conventions from Garfield county and know the charge to be as FALSE AS HELL. The Garfield delegation to the congressional convention voted for Currie until it was apparent that that very able gentleman had no chance to win out, when two of the three delegates went to Kinkaid, being so instructed to do by the county convention. I was one of the two who voted for Kinkaid, and I did so because the republicans of our county desired his nomination, and because I knew him to be a staunch and true friend of the people. He made no promises of any kind either to Mr. Bartlett or myself, and the senatorial nomination was never mentioned to Mr. Bartlett until just prior to the convention held to nominate a senator, and I am the person who first suggested that he accept the nomination. He did not seek the nomination and only consented to accept it after being urged to do so by his friends.

So far as I know—and I know I know a whole lot more about republican politics of the district than Mr. Eves, Mr. Kinkaid took no part whatever in the matter of selecting a senatorial candidate.

Eves may be able to fool a few pops by writing letters and publishing them in his more or less esteemed paper, but he can't fool me no more than he did the people of Greeley some ten or twelve years ago with his bum show.

When he says that Bartlett was promised the nomination for senator in return for the votes of the Garfield county delegation for Kinkaid for Congress, he wilfully and maliciously lies.

I write this in the interest of justice and without the knowledge of either Mr. Bartlett or Mr. Kinkaid. Those gentlemen would probably treat the whole matter like the boy who was kicked by the ass—consider the source and let 'er go.

Respectfully, W. Z. TODD.

MICKY AT HOME.

Nebraska State Journal, Sept. 17.

Osceola, Neb., Sept. 15.—Up to the time that John Mickey was named as the republican candidate for governor, his high standing among the people of his home county had never been questioned. He had been here over thirty years, a very busy man, having more or less to do with nearly everything that was going on and his clean life and high character stood out conspicuously among the people of Polk county. It was this thirty years of life in Polk county and what it had been that singled him out and made attractive to republicans all over the state. When he was finally nominated, this thing, his life in Polk county, was the most attractive feature of his public personality. To break down as much as possible this part of his strength as a candidate the World-Herald sent a representative who traveled and searched and enquired all over the county for several days to find persons who would give out interviews derogatory to Mr. Mickey. A man living so long and so active in one community would certainly have some personal enemies lurking in the backgrounds and now the World-Herald, if it could find these persons, would give them a splendid opportunity to get even. It was a part of the plan of course to have these witnesses pose as ardent republicans. It is remarkable that the sour and disgruntled man always tries to sweeten up his character and qualify himself as a witness by the statement that he is a republican.

The World-Herald, after a thorough search announced that it had found nine men, all in Polk county, and all ardent republicans, who would not support Mr. Mickey. One old gentleman was so ardent in his republicanism and so eager to defeat its candidate, both at the same time, that he fairly trembled with agitation while he was relating it to the World-Herald. He would have his right arm cut off rather than support Mr. Mickey. One man had signed with some other sureties at Mr. Mickey's bank and the bank had made them pay. This man was glad of an opportunity to be interviewed and to warn the people of the state that Mr. Mickey was not a square business man. Two other men, whom the bank was compelled to sue and on whom it lost about \$800 finally both cheerfully submitted themselves to be interviewed by the World-Herald and they declare that Mr. Mickey was not a square man and ought to be defeated by all means. One young man who had followed Mr. Mickey from the convention hall to the Lindell hotel immediately after the nomination, soliciting a loan of Mr. Mickey, was refused and now this man tells the people through one of the World-Herald interviews that Mr. Mickey is not a man who can be trusted and the people had better look out for him.

One man, Mr. Chase, a remarkably fine man, according to the World-Herald reporter, had been on Mr. Mickey's bonds when he was county treasurer some fifteen years ago and he worried about it day and night. Finally, when a law was passed that prevented Mr. Mickey from holding the office any longer, he retired, but still Mr. Chase continued to worry. About a year after Mr. Mickey had gone out of office the court house burned, and Mr. Chase in his World-Herald interview says that made him feel easier. All the records of the treasurer's office were saved from the fire as will be shown hereafter by two county treasurers following Mr. Mickey and just why the burning of the building eased up Mr. Chase in his worried condition is not quite clear, but he says it did. Other people worried too, according to Mr. Chase, and the long term of ten years in the county treasurer's office and the influence that Mr. Mickey had over the republican politics of Polk county was a shining mark that populism could aim at and so they had an investigation.

The populist commissioners, believing with their party, that all republicans were and always had been dishonest, employed employed experts at a cost of some \$2,500 who investigated the county treasurer's office clear back to the very beginning when Mr. Mickey held the office on his home-

stead down in Blackberry precinct. The experts found the county owing Mr. Mickey about \$200. The commissioners who had spent the \$2,500 for experts, and around whom the atmosphere of public sentiment was getting rather warm, were not satisfied with the report and neither was Mr. Mickey. Mr. Mickey, who had always prided himself in his accuracy, insisted that his accounts were correct. Then the experts rechecked their work. In this they found where they had mistaken \$395 for \$3.95, and now on this one rechecking they show Mr. Mickey indebted to the county in the sum of \$183. The commissioners waited on Mr. Mickey and demanded the \$183. Mr. Mickey said he was ready to pay any balance that was due, but he still insisted that his books were correct and he wanted the commissioners or their experts to locate and point out the error in his books and then he would pay. To locate the error would require another overhauling of all the records clear back; Mr. Mickey was willing and the experts were willing if they got the price, but the commissioners were tired. They were glad to get rid of Mr. Mickey and his record and the matter was dropped and lost sight of in Polk county until Mr. Chase revived it by his interview in the World-Herald.

Mr Chase, in his interview, pointed out how Mr. Mickey's long term in the county treasurer's office had helped to make Polk county the banner pop county, but he neglected to state the other fact that the strenuous investigation of Mr. Mickey and its results had helped more than anything else to change Polk county from its banner pop condition to a neck and neck race in the last election. When the World-Herald in its close search had found eight men in Polk county all "ardent republicans" to testify against Mr. Mickey, they wanted still one more. Eight was not enough. There must be nine, in order to convince the public. And so they published along with the eight, an interview with Geo. W. Beebe a substantial farmer. This is what Mr. Beebe says of the interview and he makes a signed statement so there can be no question as to just what he says and just what he means:

"I never saw the World-Herald reporter when he was here or at any other time. I never gave out any interview or made any statement to the World-Herald or any other newspaper. I was surprised and indignant when I heard that my name was in the paper. I have been a republican here through all these years when I was the only republican in my neighborhood. I have been to town several times this season trying to hire men to help me at my farm work but people are so busy that it has been impossible to get help. If I wanted men to be idle and help to be plenty I would vote the democratic ticket. I intend to vote for Mr. Mickey. I want to see him elected and I believe he will be. I think the course pursued by the World-Herald in misrepresenting people here will increase the majority for the republican ticket in this county.

(Signed.) G. W. BEEBE.

Mr Beebe, in conversation with republican friends said some other things that were a little too hot to print.

Now let us take the business men of Osceola and see what they think of Mr. Mickey. "You may commence with me," said Mr. Pratt, the hotel man. "Put it down for me that I have known John Mickey a long time and I know him well. He is as straight as a die and one of the most competent men I ever knew. Now go into the drug store next door and then go right around the square and see what the others say."

D. H. Kunkle, druggist: "I have known Mr. Mickey twenty-eight years. He's as prompt as a clock in everything and keeps his word right to the letter. Mickey is a very thorough man. He works hard. He's made lots of money and has given lots of it away. He has helped things along here ever since the town started. He's a kind man to meet, but he's got plenty of nerve. If he is elected he'll be the governor. Mickey looks mild, but they can't monkey with him. I tell you he's all right. These

interviews that went out through the World-Herald, they don't hurt Mickey here. We know the men and we know John Mickey. Of course they could find some men who are always ready to talk against anyone who has succeeded."

In the drug store was G. W. Gregg, a nurseryman. He said: "I have been living right along side of Mr. Mickey for eighteen years. I have had thousands of dollars worth of business with him. He's thorough. He makes everybody come right up to the scratch if they can. But if a man is in trouble and honest he can always find a friend in Mickey. He wants every man to keep his word and he's done lots of good right along that line. People here have only contempt for those interviews in the World-Herald. I have been in the G. A. R. post with Mickey for twenty years. He is the most active and the best all around worker in the post here and has been its most liberal and helpful member. I hope he'll be elected."

O. H. Munn, proprietor of the largest general store in Osceola, said "I have done business with Mr. Mickey twenty-three years. I am independent in politics, but I will be glad to vote for him."

W. F. Shank: "I have known Mickey well for twenty years. He is one of the squarest men I ever knew."

George Carmine: "I have known Mickey thirty years. The republican party is about 150 votes in the hole in this county. I think Mickey will just about pull it out, with some to spare. He is all right."

Joseph Karrer, restaurant. "I am a pop, but I'll vote for Mickey, and I'm telling everybody that.

When I was burned out over on the south side Mickey was the first man to come to me. He wanted me to go to his house for the night. He's done lots of such things as that. I'm for him."

W. F. Miller:

"Yes, I have known Mickey twenty-four years. There's not a man in this town who will do more for anyone in trouble. I'll be glad to vote for him."

Keene Ludden, ex-county treasurer: "I was four years treasurer of this county as a populist since Mr. Mickey went out. I know that the treasurer's books were saved from the fire and that there can be no stain put upon Mr. Mickey in connection with the treasurer's office."

W. B. Carson:

"I came here twenty-nine years ago. I have known Mr. Mickey ever since. Nobody here believes the interview stories against him."

J. C. Smith, a farmer from Hackberry precinct:

I knew Mickey in Iowa. That was over forty years ago. He comes from a good family. He is one of the best men I ever knew. I homesteaded near him in '71. We didn't always pull together in politics. I voted for Bryan the first time and then I quit him. I would do anything on earth I could now to see John Mickey elected. They'll never get a better man."

John F. Anderson, S. J. Harless, S. G. Pheasant, F. H. Saunders and W. O. Cox, all old settlers and friends of Mr. Mickey, talked earnestly and kindly of him, denouncing the interviews that had been sent out against him as untrue and unfair.

The next letter from this county will show something of Mr. Mickey's standing at Stromsburg.

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