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If Mr. Mortesen can't do anything else, he can resign if he wants to run for governor.

If there is anything in a name, Mr. Brain ought to have the requisite brains to make a good official.

The cattle barons think they are a much abused set of citizens. So do Standard Oil directors and stock holders.

The "records" which were to appear in the columns of our esteemed contemporary per announcement just after election must have been lost.

James J. Hill is said to be behind a scheme to connect Canadian and gulf points by an air line road, materializing the long talked of north and south railway. The announcement that Mr. Hill would extend the old Short Line would be of more interest to this community.

The fulfillment of the Independent's promise to publish the evidence in the Whitmore case possibly hinges on the outcome of the motion for a new trial. And as there has been no haste in the adjudication of the depositors' claims the official organ of the wreckers is in no hurry to get any of the evidence before the public.

If a man can not accept the nomination for one office while holding another how can he accept a renomination for the office he holds? The constitution evidently does not contemplate barring an official from trying for another office when his official term expires simultaneously with qualifying as an official in another capacity.

The cattle interests of Nebraska are urging the passage of the Cornell-Kinkaid land leasing bill. They have enlisted the support of the governor and other state officials and have petitioned the Nebraska delegation in congress to support the measure. The measure authorizes the government to lease the arid lands of the west that are fit only for the grazing of stock in a manner similar to the school land leasing system. The measure seems to suggest a program for the settlement of a much mooted question and will be beneficial to all concerned.

The Atkinson Graphic, we regret to note, has insulted the Stuart Ledger. The Ledger retorts with a personal jab at the Graphic editor, whom, Miss Hudspeth says, is ignorant of matters with which she "has been familiar for the past forty years." The Graphic editor should be ashamed of himself for assailing an old lady, and we think his profuse apology is due the Ledger.

The esteemed World-Herald takes this paper to task for not favoring tying candidates up to mechanically devised rules and regulations. This is a theme on which politicians differ and The Frontier recognizes the World-Herald's right to "have its say." But getting down to the abstract, we are not so very far apart. President Roosevelt has had a singularly successful political career and the World-Herald will not accuse him of having followed "caucus rules and convention edicts." In fact conventions and caucuses have been following Roosevelt, because it is believed he stands for a square deal between man and man and the greatest good to the greatest number. Candidly, the World-Herald must admit that Roosevelt represents the people, not the machine element in politics. And The Frontier "will continue to insist" that the official who "represents his people" does not need a set of machine made rules to go by.

### MULLEN'S OPPORTUNITY

If the county attorney wants to do something to earn the everlasting gratitude of the tax payers of this county, he should proceed to enforce the anti-trust and anti-combination laws of the state against the banks of the county that have entered into the most obnoxious combination that has been entered into in this county for years. The county attorney will not have to investigate far to discover that the banks have agreed among themselves to not bid more than 2 per cent on the county money for which they have heretofore paid 3 per cent.

That such an agreement and combination is illegal there can be but little doubt. The anti-trust laws of the state not only make such combinations illegal, but provide severe penalties for entering into such.

The county attorney has long posed as an enemy to trusts and combinations and if he is sincere he should get busy and give the tax payers of this county a practical demonstration of his ability as a trust buster, by proceeding against the bank combination.

Because the banks of most of the other counties of the state pay but 2 per cent on county funds it is no reason why the banks of this county should go into a combination at this time and agree to pay but 2 per cent for funds they have always heretofore paid 3 per cent. There is absolutely no good reason why the banks of this county should not pay 3 per cent for the county funds when they solicit and are so anxious to get deposits from individuals, for which they pay 5 per cent, and it is said that some of them are even paying 6 per cent on deposits. We have yet to hear that the banks have shown any great magnanimity to the borrowers of money by making the interest rate less than it was last year or the past few previous years. On the contrary, we believe an investigation will show that the banks of the county are charging a higher rate of interest than that charged by a great majority of the banks in other counties of the state. The banks have been treated well by the citizens of this county—all have made plenty of money—and it will become them to get so far from the "square deal" principle for which all good citizens are now so earnestly striving.

### THE HEPBURN BILL

This measure passed the house of representatives last Thursday by the stunning majority of 346 to 7. The seven votes against the bill were all eastern republican representatives, namely: Messrs. Littlefield of Maine, McCall of Massachusetts, Perkins of New York, Sibley of Pennsylvania, Southwick of New York, Vreeland of New York and Weeks of Massachusetts.

Representative W. P. Hepburn, the author of the bill, is from the eighth Iowa district, and a lawyer by profession. In closing his debate on the bill last Wednesday he said that the measure was intended to, and did, so far as it could be made, comply specifically with the recommendations of President Roosevelt on the rate question. It gives the interstate commerce commission authority, when a rate has been complained of as "unreasonable" by a shipper, to investigate that rate, state whether or not unconstitutional, and, if found to be unconstitutional, to name a rate which is to be just and reasonable and fairly remunerative, which is to be the rate to be charged.

This rate, so fixed, is to go into effect thirty days after it is announced by the commission, subject during the time to be set aside or suspended by the commission or by the courts. After it has gone into effect it is to remain the rate for three years. During this time, the opinion has been expressed by those who have participated in the debate, that the rate may also be reviewed by the courts, and, if found to be in conflict either with the terms of the act or with the constitution by being confiscatory, can be set aside by the courts.

Another important feature is the definition of the words "railroads" and "transportation" in a manner to include all auxiliary instrumentalities of the common carrier, and to bring them within the control of the commission. This power to name a rea-

sonable rate, and the inclusion of the auxiliaries within the jurisdiction of the commission, are the new features. All of the provisions are modifications of existing law. They include publicity of railroad methods, which is to be aided by proscribing a system of book-keeping and enlarging the commission to seven members, and increasing salaries of members to \$10,000 a year.

### LOANING COUNTY MONEY.

The Frontier: One of the most cheerful grafts The Frontier knows of is the loaning of county money to banks at a nominal rate of interest. It gives the banker every advantage over other business men. The banker is able to get money belonging to the tax payers at 2 per cent and turn right around and loan it to his neighbors at 10 per cent. Why should not the merchant or farmer, by putting up a sufficient indemnity bond, be given an equal show with the banker? Any reputable business man or farmer who has occasion to borrow money would be glad to pay three times the rate of interest for county money that the banks pay.

Independent: Wasn't this the same policy pursued by the last republican county treasurer of Holt county?

To a certain extent, yes; and a long list of reform howlers were the beneficiaries of that policy. The county bond register does not disclose, however, that the plan suggested by The Frontier has ever been in vogue in Holt county.

Ohio has taken the initiative in railroad legislation by enacting a law making 2 cents a mile the maximum charge for carrying passengers on railway trains. Other states will watch the result of this legislation with interest and no doubt many will enact similar laws.

### CONTEMPORARY COMMENT.

The Columbus Journal thinks that L. G. Brain of Albion is the right man for the republicans to name for state treasurer.

The York Republican wants to know what hope there is for the person who prevaricates when it would be money in his pocket to tell the truth?

"A woman never loses interest in the man she might have married," says an exchange. "If he succeeds, she prides herself on the fact that she could have had him. If he fails, she is equally proud of the fact that she had foresight enough to turn him down."

According to the Pender Republic, Mr. Grube, a German farmer living in Nemaha county, has just completed what is probably the largest barn in the state of Nebraska. The dimensions of this barn are 85x85 and 60 feet high. It holds 3,000 bushels of grain; 284 tons of hay; 2,000 bushels of ear corn; 150 head of cattle and hogs and 20 head of horses.

The Valentine Republican says the proposition to divide Nebraska into two federal districts is properly meeting with opposition. It can see no crying need for such a move which seems principally for purpose of creating a few more fat jobs at an extra, useless expense. People of this section are getting tired of that old dividing line of the Platte river, which is intending to give everything to the east portion of the state. Better switch matters by making a north and south line, dividing the state into an east and west district.

There are two reasons that appeal to the Waterloo Gazette why Norris Brown should not be nominated for senator but remain where he is in the service of the state. The first because of the good he has accomplished and can accomplish, for there is much yet to be done. The other reason is because there are older men in Nebraska, from point of residence and service to the party and state, and who could accomplish as a much, no doubt, for the people as a member of the upper house of congress. Among the list of "eligibles" The Gazette gives it as its opinion that Editor Rosewater of the Bee is the best equipped of the bunch for the job.

The Fremont Tribune suggests that Peter Mortensen, present state treasurer, can serve the state better as a member of the proposed railroad commission than as governor. It goes without saying that the nominees of the republican party for commissioners—there are three to be chosen—should be capable and trustworthy men. What would be more proper, then, than to draft Governor Mickey and Treasurer Mortensen for two members of the commission. They understand the railroad assessment question thoroughly, both are capable and can be trusted, and they can perform the state an exceptional service in the capacity named. Possibly neither would care to have the responsibility thrust upon them, but suppose that the party should conclude to draft them.

The question of fence posts is getting to be a serious one, says the Ord Quiz, and thinks that if people will stop to think a moment they will realize that the coming decade will

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A saw, a hatchet or axe;  
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