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SHELDON DRAWS CROWD

Meeting Last Thursday Night the Best in Many Years.

THE ISSUES ARE FAIRLY MET

Kinkaid, Phillips, Green and Scott Make Short Addresses and Declare Themselves.

The Sheldon meeting at the court-house Thursday night is universally pronounced the best political event for many years in this community. It was in striking contrast to the fusion gatherings familiar here. Instead of slander and insult in which the fusion orators of this community deal exclusively, the people were given something to think about.

The court-house was crowded to the utmost, the audience was deeply interested and listened to catch every word. A notable feature of the audience were the large numbers of farmers and those from adjacent towns. Congressman Kinkaid presided and spoke on the achievements of our country under republican administration. He showed that while in 1894 there were 3,000,000 laboring men, 2,000,000 of whom were idle, there are now 6,000,000 of the same class, not a one of whom is idle who wants to work, and 2,000,000 more could find jobs.

W. E. Scott, candidate for county attorney, Sam Green, for legislature, and F. W. Phillips, for state senator, also spoke. Messrs. Phillips and Green announced themselves as standing squarely on the republican state platform and voting and working for a square deal. Mr. Scott acquitted himself finely and brought out hearty cheers from the audience. He spoke of local issues and, how, while there was no question about the success of the state, congressional and legislative tickets, a fierce fight was being made on him. He called attention to some of the graft that has been growing up in the county attorney's office under fusion rule, saying that while they had done good work at one time they had been gradually falling into the ways of graft, they had started out to remedy until a stupendous system had grown up. He referred to the slander published in the Holt County Independent by saying that Editor Miles didn't believe a word of it, because only that evening Miles had crossed the street down town to shake hands with him. The audience naturally wondered why Miles should be on such friendly terms with Scott if he believed him the rascal his paper tries to make out.

Mr. Sheldon's Speech.

Sheldon took up the subjects of taxation and freight and passenger rates. He said he believed the state had the power to compel the railroads to pay their taxes, and compared the republican attitude toward the railroads that are refusing to pay, the assessment made by the state board with the democratic attitude. "The democratic press and campaign speaker are making much ado about nothing in regard to the assessment of railroad property in this state. I want to call your attention to the fact that the real estate in 1900 was assessed at \$111,192,500, and in 1906 it was assessed at \$190,643,000, an increase of about 71 per cent. The railroad property in Nebraska in 1900 was assessed at \$26,442,295, and in 1906 it was assessed at \$47,927,061, an increased of 81 per cent." In Holt county Mr. Sheldon said there had been 52 per cent increase in the assessed valuation of railroads since 1898 and 5 per cent increase on land. "I hold that the increased assessed valuation of railroad property was justified by the fact that in the year 1900 and other years about that time prior to the enactment of the new revenue law the railroad property in the state was not assessed in due proportion with other property. The assessment of 1906 was made by a republican board of assessment. The trouble is that the Burlington and Union Pacific railroads refused to pay in full the taxes that were regularly levied and assessed against them. In my opinion the democratic orators and campaign managers should be condemning the railroads for their infamous action rather than condemning the republican board of assessment for increasing the assessed valuation of the railroad property in this state in 1906 10 per cent more than the increase on real estate. The republican party in its last convention indicated that the Union Pacific and Burlington railroads should have accepted the valuation placed upon their property by the State Board of Assessment and Equalization and paid their taxes as other corporations and persons did. I want my democratic friends to read over their platform when they go home and see if they can find any declaration of

that sort in their state platform, and if not ask themselves conscientiously why such a declaration was not made. The republican state platform also says, 'We declare ourselves as unalterably opposed to the interference of corporations in public affairs.'

"I want my democratic friends to read their platform and see if they find any plank in it like that, and if not ask themselves conscientiously why their party has not such a plank in their platform. The republican party is not in any way controlled by railroad influence and is fighting for a square deal in Nebraska. The democratic party and its allied railroad forces are fighting the republican party, thereby attempting to defeat the will of the people of this state in their desire to secure justice."

Urgent Freight Rates.

In the matter of freight rates Mr. Sheldon said he did not understand why they were 60 per cent higher on wheat in Nebraska than in Iowa; why the railroads and steamships will haul 100 pounds of flour from St. Louis to Liverpool for 22 cents and charge 27 cents to haul it across Nebraska; why it costs \$25 more to get a car of corn from O'Neill to Omaha than from a point in Iowa the same distance away; why coal was delivered from Wyoming to Lincoln and Omaha \$1 a ton cheaper than at other points 300 or 400 miles nearer the mines. What we want, said the senator, is a law that will stand on the statute books regulating these things.

"The democrats offer a confusion of remedies in their platform. The republican remedy is clearcut. The democrats say enforce the maximum freight rate law which every reputable lawyer in the state says can't be enforced. Mr. Shallenberger says let the government own the railroads. That would mean a debt on Nebraska taxpayers drawing \$400,000,000 annual interest and probably no reduction in freight rates. The republican remedy he said, was to establish a railway commission with authority to prohibit any unjust rate and establish a just one. That is the idea in the national law and that is what we want to cooperate with by enacting a state law. The only way to get this is to eliminate railroad influence from the legislature. The republican party is striving to do this. We have done it in the party. I don't know where the railroad supporters have gone to, but you can guess. The railroads are fighting us to the last ditch on this, but we are going to stand or fall on the everlasting truth that the people must have a fair deal on freight rates."

The audience was notably impressed by the earnestness and unquestioned sincerity of Mr. Sheldon.

Star Items.

Phoebe Page made a trip to Page last week.

Mrs. Stanton of Lynch is a guest of Mrs. J. B. Anderson's last week.

There will be preaching services at the Hainsville school house next Sunday.

Miss Mate Theirolf is getting ready for a visit to her old home at Plattsmouth.

W. A. Barns has returned from his trip to Canada, he does not like the country as well as formerly.

A social party at the residence of A. C. Mohr was greatly enjoyed by the young people, Saturday evening.

Lena and Nellie Cole returned to school Monday morning, having partially recovered from whooping cough.

Glenn Anderson has had to stay out of school this week to help care for his father's herd, he is greatly missed by his teacher and classmates.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hodson returned to their old home last week, after an extended visit to their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Diamond Long of Stanley county, South Dakota. Mr. Hodson has located at Lynch for the present.

R. F. D. No. 1.

Joe Troyer will feed a carload of cattle.

C. K. Ernest is hauling lumber for a new barn.

This is the earliest snow in Holt county for eighteen years.

Mrs. Thavenit of Ray, is dangerously ill. Dr. Wilson is in attendance.

All farm work came to a standstill on account of the snow and sleet.

Mrs. Henry Losher has returned from the hospital at Omaha, much improved.

J. E. Harding has bought the old Phil Parker place, on the Eagle, and will make it his home.

Clyde Johnson has finished threshing in this neighborhood and pulled his machine home just in time.

Lewis Stebener says he is a Frank Phillips man, on general principles. Yes Lewis, there is a big majority in old Holt, who are thinking the same way.

M. DOWLING, President

JAS. F. O'DONNELL, Cashier

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LOCAL MATTERS.

Get your typewriter paper at The Frontier.

D. J. Cronin left for Avoca, Iowa, Tuesday morning.

S. J. Weeks and F. J. Dishner went to Omaha Sunday on business.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Weingartner Saturday last.

Mrs. J. P. Mann and Mrs. Ed F. Gallagher started for Chicago Tuesday.

Henry Ritts is the new landlord at the Dewey hotel, he having bought out Mr. Lapham.

I have the best flour in the state for the least money, no trouble to prove it, see? Con Keys.

A marriage license was issued Tuesday to Henry Sprinkle and Laura May Thurlow, both of Stuart.

The Rev. Clem L. Rogers of Osmond, will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening at 7:30.

The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th weeks of each month except Fridays and Saturdays are Dr. Corbett's new dates for O'Neill.

Mrs. J. P. Mann returned from Leads, S. D., Sunday, where she has been visiting her sister for the past month.

Taken up, at my place 2 miles south and 1/4 mile east of Inman, 7 yearling steers, on Sept. 24, no brand.—Wm. Purdy, Inman, Neb. 15-3

Wanted: traveler for established house. \$12 per week. Expenses advanced. References. Address, with stamp, Jos. A. Alexanders, O'Neill, Neb. 18-1

Lost, new pair bi-focus glasses in case. Dr. E. T. Wilson's professional card is inscribed on case. Lost between post office and engine house.—Bennet Martin. 14-1f

For some reason not yet explained our papers failed to arrive Wednesday evening as they usually do and we are delayed a day in getting out on that account.

The Nye Schneider Fowler Co. at Emmet are now carrying a complete stock of lumber, hardware, coal, paints and oil.—L. E. Haag, Manager. 4-1f

Phil Ziemer was fined \$10 and costs in police court Tuesday on a complaint filed by M. S. Thompson charging assault and battery. Ziemer has appealed the case to the district court.

Deborah Gibbons, a former O'Neill girl, has got into politics at Butte, Mont. One of her campaign cards has been received here announcing her candidacy for county superintendent.

David B. Beat, J. W. Messenger and J. B. Freeland, all of Garfield county, were at the land office here this week on a contest case. Mr. Freeland was formerly a resident of this county, living near Minneola.

The Epworth League and the Christian Endeavor societies have decided to hold a Halloween social at Golden's hall on next Wednesday evening, October 31. Everybody is cordially invited. Come out and have a good time.

One by one the best orchardists in the country are coming around to the idea that thrifty trees can be successfully set in the fall, says the Farmer and Breeder. With some exception, peaches for example, and in some climates there is no reason why fall planting is not really to be preferred to spring planting. The tree is in a good condition to be dug; it has had its summer growth of wood and the sap is on its way down to the roots for its winter's rest so that the vitality of the tree is less disturbed by digging it in the fall than in the spring. Nurserymen are not so busy in the fall hence can give your order better attention and the planter has plenty of time for the work and time to get his soil in the best condition to receive the trees. Trees set in October will have a chance to get well settled before the cold weather comes on and

will be in condition to start up and make an early growth in the spring.

The Allen News thinks if the local business men of every town would only take a dose of their own medicine it would do them a lot of good. They howl about the farmers sending away for their goods and all the time they are sending away for half their printing. If they would advertise more and practice what they preach, less farmers would send away to the catalogue houses.

Incalculable damage resulted from the storm of sleet Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Telephone poles and wires were broken down and trees broken off or stripped of limbs. The telephone lines here were cut off from connection with the outside and only a small portion of city numbers were in operation. The storm was especially severe on stock as but few were prepared for a storm.

Our friends the prohibitionists are evidently keeping in the back ground this year, as we have heard of no county ticket being named. Possible they have one, but if so it has escaped our notice. It seems they went over into the Third congressional district to get a candidate for the Sixth district, as Bro. Pond prints a picture of E. P. Stevens of Orchard, Antelope county, whom he says is the prohibition candidate for congress in the Sixth district.

A young couple, the groom from Boyd county and the bride a Holt county girl, routed Judge Malone out of his home Monday night about nine o'clock to have themselves made husband and wife. The judge cheerfully complied with their wishes and went to his office with them and tied the tender knot. The young couple cautioned the judge to keep their names from the newspaper men as they wanted to come in on the bride's parents and surprise them after a brief honeymoon.

The "Rummage Sale" now being held in the Reka building by the ladies of the Presbyterian church will be continued one week and perhaps longer. The ladies wish to thank the public for the liberal patronage which they have received and also wish to say that they have many good bargains, in boys and girls clothing, ladies and girls coats, etc. Our patrons and friends are cordially invited to make use of our "rest room" when in town on Saturday next. An exchange will be held in the same building.

J. H. Riggs, formerly a resident of Holt county, and Charlie Moore, also an old settler, made a trip to the northern part of the county last Friday, not stopping until they brought up at the ranch of the Sage Annear, an honorable gentleman whose name is familiar in Holt and even in the halls of our statehouse—Hugh O'Neill. Going, the gentlemen passed by Barny Hynes old place, S. D. Gallentines, the Nollkemper mill and on through the sand hills to O'Neill's. In speaking of the country, Mr. Riggs said he saw much improvement in many ways and believes there is yet a future for that north country beyond what most of us believe, that it will be as much better ten years hence as now that it is better now than ten years back. As to O'Neill's place, a ranch of some 4000 acres, he thinks it ideal as a stock farm and if Hugh O'Neill remains there ten years longer, he will be independently rich in spite of himself—even if he continues to be so generously inclined as he was to Messrs. Riggs and Moore, whom he sought to make famous and wealthy along with himself by presenting them with an interest in a pacing prodigy Hugh has on his farm. Returning, the gentlemen stopped over night with John Moeller, who is a king of farmers, having stayed by the country until he has a farm any one should be proud to own, land that will not go begging more than one season at most at \$20 the acre. Mr. Riggs has many warm friends up this way who are always glad to see him when he can break away from

his newspaper duties long enough to call on us. He is located at Waterloo, Douglas county, where he has a flourishing newspaper business.

Rev. J. M. Caldwell was up from South Omaha a few days last week. He has been at Chicago and South Omaha for the past month or six weeks but says O'Neill is still his home. He expects to dispose of his South Omaha property and get a farm here.

Mrs. F. E. Dolph, and daughter Evva, of Shenandoah, Iowa, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. C. W. Cross, returned to their home Friday. Mrs. Cross accompanied her daughter to Shenandoah, where she will visit for a few days and then go east to visit relatives.

The Frontier subscription list is growing rapidly under the liberal offers made in our contest. A large number of new subscribers have been put on the past few weeks and we expect many more during the next month. Local advertisers should bear in mind that The Frontier is a medium that gives the largest possible circulation.

Prospects for Normal

Miss Zink is in her office again after six week's spent visiting the county schools during which time she visited practically all of the schools in the western portion of the county. She conducted teacher's examination last Friday and Saturday, when ninety-two teachers and pupils took the examination. Miss Zink is hopeful of securing a summer normal at O'Neill next summer for the benefit of Holt county teachers, something she says they are greatly in need of. She believes had there been a normal here last summer there would have been as many teachers in attendance from this county as from the entire northwestern part of the state at Valentine. State Superintendent McBrien favors a normal here as do also the legislative candidates. The plan is to either relocate some one of the five normals and establish it at O'Neill or endeavor to have the legislature authorize another normal.

There is some question as to whether a normal authorized by act of legislature can be relocated after it has been located. The state superintendent, Miss Zink says, thinks it can and will endeavor to have one of the normals located here if he continues in office. If this plan can not be carried out, then it is expected to secure the normal by act of the legislature. There is state appropriation for five of these summer normals and it is believed the educational interests of this county are such that a normal is needed at O'Neill. The republican legislative ticket is favorable to it, Miss Zink says, and are going to do all they can to get it.

O'Neill business interests will at once recognize the advantage of an institution that will bring from 150 to 200 people here during the summer and should be ready to boast it along.

Phoenix Pick-Ups

Ray Coburn drove to Atkinson and back Friday.

Lida Wearne is visiting friends and relatives in Atkinson.

Verne Anderson was a visitor at Mr. Snyders' Saturday last.

Edith Jeppeson visited Louise Grossman one day last week.

Mr. Reiser and son Ben of Badger were Phoenix visitors Friday last.

Frank Damero is rushing the season by the sound of his sleigh bells last Sunday.

Mrs. Clara Ames and children are visiting relatives and friends in Iowa at present.

Mrs. Nilson was a visitor at Ben Kinneys one day last week as was also Mrs. Snyder.

We are glad to note that Mrs. Christensen is recovering from her recent sickness.

The snow storm of last Saturday night makes people begin to think of what is to come.

We understand that Margie Elliott is back to this burg again. All will be glad to welcome her.

Mr. Finkes' new barn is nearing completion and when finished will be one of the largest in the county.

L. G. Coburn went to town one day last week for lumber to complete the hog house, porch, corn crib and buggy house which he is building.

Mrs. Lampher and Lenora, also Perry Miller went to Bassett Wednesday last week, for a short visit at the home of Harry Cady and wife.

Jake McKathnie finished building a barn for Ray Coburn the latter part of the week and is now repairing the house by the addition of a porch, etc.

The Frontier is equipped for turning out the most attractive sale bills on short notice.

TO PROTECT WRECKERS

Reasons for Wanting Whelan in the County Attorneys' Office.

SOME PECULIAR TRANSACTIONS

Defenders Couldn't Get Pat Hagerty But Got His Signature to Convey Property to Mullen's Father.

The fusion strategy board is going to great lengths to elect Whelan county attorney. To prevent their plans being spoiled of keeping the bank wreckers out of the penitentiary they have got to have Whelan in the county attorney's office. They know if Whelan is elected they are safe in their dirty work of protecting the bank wreckers, and robbing the poor people of their money.

Can any depositor of the defunct Elkhorn Valley bank or any voter of Holt county say that the prosecution did its full duty in the farce at Bassett when Wrecker McGreevy was supposed to have a trial? Can any one say the county attorney has done his full duty to apprehend Pat Hagerty? When Hagerty was located in Webb county, Texas, did the county attorney get some depositor whose money Hagerty had taken, as was clearly his duty, to file a complaint and make some effort to apprehend him? He not only did not do that, but one of the depositors who tried to get him to make out a complaint finally had to go to the county judge and file one on his own motion. That was on August 6, 1906.

Can Mullen claim that he knew nothing of or had no means of knowing the whereabouts of Hagerty at that time? On July 20, 1906, the Hagerty farm adjoining O'Neill was transferred by deed from Mary Hagerty and Patrick Hagerty to O. F. Biglin, receiver of the defunct bank. This deed was signed by Hagerty before B. J. Leyendecker, clerk of the district court of Webb county, Texas, and is recorded in the office of the county clerk of Holt county, Nebraska, in book 75, page 355. On August 18, 1906, O. F. Biglin executed a deed conveying this same farm to James Mullen, father of A. F. Mullen, county attorney. This deed is witnessed by J. A. Donohoe, and is recorded in book 75 at page 357 of the deed records of the county.

Can County Attorney Mullen explain how these transactions could be carried on without him having some knowledge of the whereabouts of Hagerty? The receiver of the bank knew where he was when he got the deed executed by Hagerty in Texas. Was the receiver afraid that the county attorney would get after Hagerty and send him to the penitentiary if he told him Pat was in Webb county, Texas, on July 20? Or did they both know it and simply wanted to railroad through a deal to pass the Hagerty farm ostensibly into the hands of the county attorney's father?

In the face of these things, the strategy board have the nerve to state week after week in the Independent that Mullen has done all he could to bring Hagerty and McGreevy to justice. And this is the kind of business endorsed by the fusion platform on which Ed Whelan accepted the nomination for county attorney. Rich, isn't it?

Ray Items.

Rather misty weather, to dig "Murphys".

C. H. Bigler did trading in O'Neill the last of the week.

Hazel Tanner attended the teacher's examination in O'Neill Saturday.

Mr. Roberts of O'Neill called to see Mr. Dodge's people the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Twyford were callers at Thaveret's Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Twyford are visiting relatives in Draper, South Dakota.

Colmer Ross and Joe Bigler spent a pleasant evening at Charlie Bigler's Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bigler spent Monday afternoon visiting at Rolfe Twyford's.

Mrs. Ross and Colmer did trading in O'Neill Wednesday, returning home the following day.

Election day is drawing near. Sam Green speaks to the Rock Fall people Monday, the 22nd.

F. C. Gatz of O'Neill bought some fat cows of John Twyford, and bought cattle of Charles Bigler.

There will be a barn dance, October 27th, at the Henry Twyford place. Come and have a good time.

Mrs. F. Sweiger of Minneapolis is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dodge, at the present writing.

Mrs. Emily Thavenit is not as well as common, Dr. Wilson called to see her the latter part of the week.