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REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.

COUNTY TICKET

Treasurer..... J. C. Harnish, O'Neill
Clerk..... W. P. Simar, Atkinson
Clerk Court..... J. N. Sturdevant, Stuart
Sheriff..... C. E. Hall, O'Neill
County Judge..... C. J. Malone, Inman
Supt..... Florence E. Zink, Stuart
Assessor..... L. E. Skidmore, Ewing
Surveyor..... W. W. Page, Page
Coroner..... Dr. E. T. Wilson, O'Neill

SUPERVISORS

Second District..... W. S. Roberts
Fourth District..... J. L. Roll
Sixth District..... Rodell Root
Seventh District..... Jacob Rocke

DISTRICT JUDGES

J. A. Douglas..... Bassett
D. B. Jenckes..... Chadron

It is the opinion of everyone who has seen Douglas and Jenckes that they will make exemplary judges.

O'Neill will give L. E. Skidmore a big vote for assessor. He is well qualified for the place and has an easy victory.

Dr. Wilson makes a good candidate for coroner and no one coming before him for official consideration, if elected, will have any complaint.

If you think the raising of the standard of the schools of the county 100 per cent. the past two years is worth anything, vote to keep Miss Zink in the superintendent's office.

John Sturdevant is of the right quality for clerk of the district court and you should not fail to make a cross opposite his name. Or a cross in the republican circle at the top will do just as well.

Clarence Malone has made an able and consistent county judge and gives satisfaction to democrats and populists and republicans alike. His re-election is assured, but let's make it pretty nearly unanimous.

W. H. Bedford was a Harrington tool in the legislature and would be the same thing on the board of supervisors. If you want men on the board who are under no obligations to any kind of ringsters vote for the republican candidates.

The supervisor situation resolves itself into the plain proposition of having either a board to administer the affairs of the county in the interests of all the people or a Harringtonized body that will run things in the interests of the ring.

If there is any excuse for any republican voting anything but the straight party ticket we don't know of it. The ticket is composed of clean, capable men throughout, and a cross in the circle at the top will leave any man's conscience clear.

If honesty and faithful service count for anything, W. P. Simar will get about the biggest majority ever given a candidate in the county. The clerk's office has been kept in fine shape during Mr. Simar's term and he is accommodating and obliging to all.

It is just as consistent for Charley Hall to have an eight-year tenure as for John Harmon, or for Judge Harrington to want twelve years and Westover sixteen, isn't it? Charley has made an ideal sheriff, and for that reason should be given a bigger majority than ever.

"I don't suppose there is a word of truth in it," said a good democrat the other day in reference to the Independent's statements about the finances of the county. "It is strange to me," he continued, "that any newspaper should feel itself called upon to spread abroad such slanderous reports to the detriment of the community."

The claim of the fusionists that the county is bankrupt and their complaint that the county is getting only 2 per cent. interest on its deposits in the banks are contradictory statements that look odd placed beside each other. It is a little strange that the county has any money to loan even at 2 per cent. if it is true that it is "broke."

Fusion orators in this county argue that Loomis should be elected chief justice of the supreme court, that we may have a divided court politically so that political bias will not creep into the rulings of the court. They are not asking for a politically divided district court, however. In fact they are importuning the voters to elect a partisan district court.

Though nominated on two partisan tickets, Judge Westover is circulating cards appealing for the support of non-partisan voters. If Judge Westover wanted the non-partisan vote why didn't he do as Judge Welsh in the Norfolk district, and Judge Grimes in the North Platte district, run as a strictly independent candidate? The play for a non-partisan bench with a partisan candidate is decidedly inconsistent.

LET PEACE AND PROSPERITY CONTINUE.

Believing that the majority of citizens will arrive at a sane conclusion and proper solution of important public questions no fear is entertained of the outcome of next Tuesday's election in this county. Let us forget some of the benefits enjoyed in recent years and now bestowed upon us as a people, this paper cannot refrain from making a few observations as to our county affairs as a final word before the ballots are cast.

The majority of us are glad for the peace and prosperity we enjoy, feel a certain degree of pride in the advancement made by the community as a whole and face the future with an abiding faith that a Divine Providence still rules in the affairs of men.

Politics have always been strenuous in Holt county. Though other communities may be politically tranquil, we are prone here, perhaps too much so, to enter into the contest with an earnestness as though the fate of the nation hinged on the outcome. Unfortunately the judicial contest adds fuel to the flame each succeeding four years and affairs finally shape themselves to make Holt county the one great battleground for the local and judicial fight. Again unfortunately our contests are not for the mere purpose of determining which of the great political parties are to control the offices. As a mere matter of politics it amounts to nothing whether democrats or republicans hold the county offices. Fully as competent men to run a county office satisfactorily to the taxpayers can be found in one party as another. The proposition must be admitted as unimpeachable evidence, however, that the competent ones are not always nominated. Then the taxpayers have to experiment. Yet it is not always wise to experiment. Suppose, Mr. Farmer, you had proved by a number of years' experience that a certain method of feeding swine, fattened them quickly and brought you large and speedy returns. Suppose some one came along and suggested that you discard the system you had used for years and try a new and uncertain process on your whole herd of swine. Would you do it? Suppose again that your system of hog raising was not satisfactory to you and some one came along and suggested a way whereby you could make it profitable. The chances are you would try it.

Now then this matter of county government is more business than politics, yet it has its political side, especially in Holt county. Have the affairs of the county not been administered to your satisfaction by the republican officials now in office and those before you for election this fall?

Take the sheriff's office. Has there ever been as good a sheriff as Charley Hall in this county? You know, or the most of you, what it was when Mr. Hall took it six years ago. You know that if you wanted to transact business at that office previous to Hall's incumbency altogether likely you would have to first make a search of the barrooms for that official. You know, too, that that official went out of public office short in his accounts. We would not insult any voter by asking him if he wanted another such a sheriff.

Has not J. C. Harnish made a faithful, honest and competent treasurer? Is it worth while experimenting on a new man in that office? The last fusion treasurer illegally used thousands of dollars of your school and township money to pay county warrants and you could not get the money when your township or school district needed it. Harnish has not used a dollar illegally and the townships and schools get all the money due them whenever they call for it. As a man faithful to the trust bestowed upon him by appointment and experienced in the duties of treasurer isn't Mr. Harnish entitled to your vote for a full term?

Hasn't C. J. Malone made a good county judge, and do you not believe the election of his opponent would be a serious mistake and possibly a costly experiment? Malone is a substantial citizen of the county, has education and ability, has had two years' experience as county judge and is universally regarded as a fair, competent and trustworthy official. His re-election will insure the continued safe administration of that important office, where good judgment, a knowledge of the law and a sense of justice are needed.

Has W. P. Simar conducted the county clerk's office in a manner satisfactory to you? This is an important branch of our county government and Mr. Simar has proved his worth in that office by two years' service. He doesn't claim to be a politician, but has made good as the custodian of the most important records of the county. That is what the voters want, and we believe will confer the honor of another term on Mr. Simar by an increased majority.

Has not Miss Zink made good as county superintendent and broken down much of the prejudice against a woman holding office? The standard of our schools have been raised 100 per cent. the past two years through the active, earnest and untiring endeavors of the lady from Sand Creek and it would appear that the voters would be little short of ingrates if they failed to roll up for her an overwhelming majority. The schools of the county were at low ebb when Miss Zink took charge of the office two years ago, while today they rank with any in the state. It is a difficult office to fill and please all of the numerous patrons, but Miss Zink has always done what she believed to be for the best interests of the schools.

J. N. Sturdevant has made a good citizen of the county for a quarter of a century and there is no reason why he would not make a good official as clerk of the district court. He has the

MEN OF ALL PARTIES

approve the work of the Nebraska Legislature.

JUDGE REESE'S ELECTION to the supreme bench will be Nebraska's endorsement of that record. His defeat will be notice that the wheels of progress have been turned back.

MEN OF NEBRASKA, you can show your appreciation of the good work done by going to the polls

NEXT TUESDAY and voting for Judge Reese and his associates.

education, energy and business training to qualify him for that office, has grown from boyhood to manhood in this county and we believe would make an excellent official.

L. E. Skidmore has had several years' experience on the board of supervisors, which especially qualifies him for assessor. W. W. Page has served the county in the past as surveyor and his qualifications for that office are well known. Dr. E. T. Wilson, for coroner, is an energetic and active physician in practice in O'Neill and a thorough-going gentleman who makes a friend wherever he makes an acquaintance.

The business side of our county government, which is the most important, has been generally satisfactory to the taxpayers during the tenure of the republicans. There has been a noticeable absence of partisan feeling or personal rancor on the part of the officers. There is a well defined sentiment abroad that a restoration of the fusionists would revive the partisan sentiment once prominent in the court house and again Harringtonize and Mullenize our county offices. We are getting along nicely now and the election of the republican ticket will continue the good work.

BIG THIEVES ESCAPE.

It is claimed for Westover and Harrington that as district judges they have reduced crime to the minimum in the Fifteenth district and that many stock rustlers have been sent to the penitentiary by them. Credit is also given them for the work done by a former republican judge in breaking up a notorious band of outlaws that preyed upon the ranchers and settlers from the Black Hills region east to the further developed settlements, in the "wild and woolly" days of six-shooters and bad men.

The claim that stock rustling has been summarily and invariably punished will bear some revision. Has anybody been punished for the raid on the Ferguson ranch, near Atkinson, about a year ago? Several said to have been implicated in it were brought before the district court of Holt county, and how many of them are serving sentences in the penitentiary? Is there a solitary one suffering any legal retribution, although practically the whole bunch were convicted on the open confession of one of the defendants. What mysterious link of legal technicalities or "consanguinity of affinity" has kept them from the penalty of the law? What sympathetic chord was touched in behalf of the chap who stole the horse on the streets of O'Neill and took it to Knox county, that a pop county attorney should intervene and dismiss the case against him?

But these are only some of the "little fishes" who have swam through the rent in the judicial net. The rent was extensive enough to let through some pretty big fish. How about Barney McGreevy and Pat Hagerty and Myron Irwin and Pat Handley and a few more of them? Did not McGreevy and Hagerty and Handley steal enough cold cash of the people of Holt county to pay for every head of cattle, swine or horses that have been stolen in the Fifteenth judicial district the past dozen years? Have they or either of them ever been punished for that? McGreevy was the only one that there was ever any pretense made to prosecute. He was taken before Judge Westover at Bassett on a half dozen complaints filed by the depositors. Mike Harrington who is now working night and day for the re-election of Westover and Bro. Jim, appeared in court in defense of the bank wrecker, and defaulting treasurer, Art Mullen, who is also huffooting it over the country and writing editorials for their re-election, says he was prosecuting McGreevy. McGreevy's attorney asked for the adjournment of court several times—and it was granted—and he besieged the depositors to settle and dismiss the cases. The depositors refused to settle. No record was kept of the prosecuting attorney working himself into a sweat to secure the prosecution of the cases, and after adjournment from time to time at the request of McGreevy's attorney to let the prosecution continue their bombardment of the depositors for a settlement the cases were finally dumped out of court because the depositors were trying to make a collection agency out of the court! The prosecution on the complaints of the depositors was annulled at one stroke, although one of the depositors filing a complaint was not there at all, had no part in the alleged work of the court as a "collection agency" and did not know even that a change of venue had been taken on his case.

McGreevy and Hagerty stole \$65,000 or \$70,000 in one swoop. Pat Handley "toached" Grattan township for about \$5,000. Has anybody heard of them suffering any legal penalty? Neither Hagerty nor Handley were ever arrested and after the farce in the McGreevy

cases the county wisely took down the reward for the apprehension of Hagerty lest the expenditure of \$1,000 to get him would prove as fruitless as that spent to get McGreevy.

The records of the fusionists in criminal prosecution discloses many things that call for a change in the judiciary, but nothing they should boast of.

PENALTY FOR CORRUPT PRACTICE.

The corrupt practice act makes it risky business for voters to be influenced by anything but a sense of duty in casting their ballots. Any one attempting to bribe a voter or the voter bribed is subject to a fine of \$50 or imprisonment in the county jail for six months.

It is an open secret that the fusion leaders of this county have used money lavishly to carry elections and it is well for the voters to be informed of their methods. They will pay a stipulated sum from \$50 to \$100 to a certain individual in certain precincts if a specified number of votes are cast in that precinct for the fusion candidates on election day. This system has been in vogue among the fusion bosses in this county ever since the day they had everything their own way and did not need to buy votes.

The corrupt practice act imposes a severe penalty on anyone convicted of giving or accepting a bribe. Voters should be on the lookout for any attempts to corrupt the election. Anyone so doing lays himself liable to fine or imprisonment.

SCHOOL AND TOWNSHIP MONEY

A word with township and school treasurers. You haven't forgot the difficulty you had in getting money belonging to your districts when the last fusion county treasurer was in office. You haven't forgot your great surprise when you went to the treasurer's office after the republican treasurer came in and found hundreds of dollars there for you when you had been told all along by the fusion treasurer—or rather, his clerks, for that was rarely in the office himself—that there was nothing for you or maybe a few dollars at the best.

You have been getting your money right along whenever you wanted it the past two years, haven't you? When you go to the county treasurer's office to get your money you can find out to a penny what is due your township or school district, and you get it, don't you?

What is the reason of this? You couldn't get your money when Dan Cronin was treasurer because Dan was using it to pay county warrants. You can get it of Harnish now because he doesn't use it to pay county warrants. The money is always there for you. You can get it anytime you want it. Now, if you are satisfied with that condition, vote for Harnish.

INTEREST ON COUNTY DEPOSITS

The fusion candidate for county treasurer has the audacity to claim in a letter he is sending out that if elected he will see that the county gets three per cent. instead of two per cent. for the county deposits. John Robertson certainly knows better than that. If he doesn't he has no business being a candidate for county treasurer. If that is all he knows about the county treasurer's office he is not a safe man to put there. He says in his letter:

"If the county board and the treasurer are in harmony there will be no trouble in getting three per cent. for the funds. All that is necessary is that we insist that business be done for the county on business principles."

Now, John Robertson knows if he knows enough to be county treasurer that the county treasurer has absolutely nothing to say about what rate of interest shall be paid by the banks for county money. The matter of depositing funds of the county is governed entirely by law and the banks who take the deposits. The law says that county money shall not be loaned to bankers at a lower rate of interest than 2 per cent. Two per cent. then is a legal bid. The banks of Holt county have combined and bid the minimum legal bid for the county money. The treasurer has nothing to say about where the money is to be deposited but is directed by the board of supervisors where to deposit it. The banks file their bid and bond with the county board and if both bid and bond are legal the board is compelled by law to accept the bid and approve the bond. They can not deposit the money in banks of other counties even at a higher rate of interest when the home county banks offer a legal rate of interest and furnish a legal bond.

A year ago last winter the county board labored hard to secure a higher rate of interest for the county money, but the banks formed a combine and bid the minimum legal bid of 2 per cent. furnished legal bonds and the board could do absolutely nothing but accept the bid and approve the bonds. They tried to get some help from the populist county attorney to break the combine and secure a higher rate of interest for the county money. But the county attorney made no effort to secure a higher rate. He no doubt wanted the 2 per cent. bid to stand so he would have a little politics to play later.

If John Robertson should be elected county treasurer and the banks of the county bid 2 per cent. for the county money that's all the county will get.

The Stuart Advocate says it knows what a republican is and asks, "What is a fusionist?" The answer is plain as applied to fusion in Holt county. It is a combination of what is left of the once great pop party with the Harringtonized element of democracy brought about by the designing of a ring of greedy political manipulators for the purpose of Harringtonizing the offices.

SHAME, GENTLEMEN, SHAME!

A half truth is worse than a whole falsehood. The local organ of the strategy board has been dealing in half truths all through the campaign and will doubtless continue to do so to the last issue. Many marked illustrations of this appeared last week. They are afraid to let the whole truth out for they know the truth clearly and positively stated sweeps away the whole fabric of fusion campaign argument and leaves absolutely nothing to support them.

One instance of attempted deception in the last issue of the strategy board's organ is as amusing as it is noticeable. They copy the stub of a warrant, and have County Clerk Simar certify to its genuineness in an endeavor to dispute what the Frontier has been telling you all along that not one cent of the 1907 levy has been used yet to take up county warrants. An article in these columns last week made this proposition clear and clearly disproved by the records the claim made by the Independent. The Frontier anticipated some such statement from fusion headquarters. The extended limbed gentleman compiling the deceptive articles for the Independent had the same opportunity to publish the truth concerning these \$7,303.23 bridge fund warrants issued on the 1907 levy that The Frontier had, but he preferred to continue the policy of deception that has become chronic with the fusion bunch of ringsters. He was given a certified copy by Mr. Simar identical to what The Frontier published last week which showed that those warrants drawn on the 1907 levy were not paid and could not possibly be paid out of the levy that has not yet been collected, but were paid in cash out of money on hand in the bridge fund. Mr. Simar's certificate showed that in these words: "Was amount on hand and does not include amount levied at June equalization." They evidently did not like the reading of that certificate after they got it. It would not serve the purpose of deception they intended. Hence the honorable chairman of the populist county committee went to the county clerk's office and got a copy of the stub of warrant No. 62 for \$60. The stub of course shows the amount of the levy for 1907 and the amount issued against the levy. They did not go into the whole truth and say that in truth and in fact that that warrant and the total amount of that issue of warrants was not against the 1907 levy at all but that the whole of that issue of warrants amounting to \$7,303.23 were paid in actual cash by the county treasurer with money he had on hand in the bridge fund, and that in very truth and very fact not one penny of the 1907 levy has been used. O, no! that would not serve their purpose of deception and illusion. They want it to appear that \$7,303.23 of the 1907 bridge levy of \$11,366.80 had already been expended and they couldn't do that by telling you the whole truth. These warrants to the amount of \$7,303.23 were simply issued on the 1907 levy. The 1907 levy was not yet collected, but there was money in the bridge fund in the treasurer's office to pay those warrants without waiting until the 1907 levy was collected, hence they were paid and therefore the whole of the 1907 levy amounting to \$11,366.80 still remains.

Shame on such methods to deceive and to hide the truth! Shame to the men who will call themselves Christian gentlemen and worthy citizens that will stoop to such base and belittling methods! Sovereign citizens of Holt county, what do you think of such damnable political traffic?

"CORPORATION TOOLS." The efforts of the fusion campaign writers in this county to inject the railroad pass into politics this fall would be very amusing were they not so deceptive and grossly misrepresentative. They have studiously steered clear of Westover's pass grabbing propensities and have avoided all mention of the publisher of the Holt County Independent having been the official pass distributor for the Elkhorn Valley Editorial association. Neither have they referred once to the rank railroad record of their candidate for supreme judge, Douglas and Jenckes, the republican candidates for district judges, have been pictured as some unnatural specimens of human creation with the horns and cloven hoofs who desire to devastate and consume the community in which they have lived as peaceable and honored citizens for many years. Out of the mere fact that each of them have performed legal services for a railroad company a great mountain of imaginary subservency is erected and every artifice of the deceiver and traducer is brought into play to arouse base passion and prejudice.

In view of the record of Judge Westover, who seeks a fourth term, as a pass-grabbing district judge it is the rankest kind of inconsistency to raise such a cry against the republican candidates. Neither of the republican candidates ever had a pass on the terms which Westover accepted them. Westover always rode on passes on the Northwestern and Burlington railroads until prohibited from doing so by a republican legislature. So did every member of his family and his court reporter. Douglas and Jenckes had passes when they were in the employ of the railroads as attorneys. It would be just as consistent to call a brakeman or a conductor or an engineer a pass-grabber because the railroad furnishes himself and family with passes when they wish to take a trip as to call an attorney who is in the employ of a railroad a pass-grabber. Douglas and Jenckes turned in their passes when they severed their connection with the railroad. Westover and Scott held onto theirs until it was taken away from them by law. Douglas and Jenckes paid for their passes

in legal services. What kind of service did Judge Westover and Reporter Scott render for their passes? If these two attorneys got railroad passes only on the condition they act as attorneys for the railroad company in law suits, what were the conditions on which the district judge sitting in judgment in the same law suits, got his passes? Were the passes meant for a bribe to secure favorable judgment for the railroad? The supporters of Judge Westover for a fourth term should explain some of these things instead of wasting so much valuable space calling the republican candidates "railroad tools."

The only thing that has ever been done to curb the powers of the railroads has been done by the republicans. The fusion demagogues and pop ringsters of Holt county have been up on their hind legs raising a howl for fifteen years, organizing "raise hell clubs," storming and frothing about the railroads and corporations, while the taxes on the houses in which they lived went unpaid. But you notice the republicans have done the business. Passenger rates have been reduced to 2 cents a mile, railroad taxes have been doubled, real estate taxes lowered and an anti-pass law enacted. And the shysters of the fusion ring are still howling. It is time to effectually and forever put this ring out of business by electing Douglas and Jenckes to the district bench.

AN OBJECT LESSON.

Atkinson Graphic. While the fusionists are striving to regain control of the treasurer's office, it is well for the voters to remember the difference in the cost of maintaining the treasurer's office since the fusionists were retired from control. A few figures will show the saving that has been effected in the matter of the number of clerks employed and salaries paid.

There were fifteen men and girls on the pay roll in the treasurer's office in 1905, the last year D. J. Cronin served as treasurer. The total amount drawn in salaries by these fifteen people was \$6,760.10. The collections that year, which included the large amount brought in under the scavenger sale proceedings, amounted to \$263,947.55. The cost then to handle this amount of collections was \$6,760.10, which was paid in salaries to the treasurer, deputy and clerks. The force of clerks was larger at times than others, the highest the whole force numbered at any one time being fifteen.

R. E. Chittick, the republican treasurer, who succeeded Cronin, served one year, from January, 1906, to January, 1907. The records show that during the year 1906 there were five persons on the pay roll in the treasurer's office for about two months, and four the balance of the year. The collections for 1906 amounted to \$313,392.68, about \$50,000 less than the previous year. But it required only five people in the office to do nearly the same amount of business fifteen people were paid for doing the year previous. The total amount paid in salaries during Treasurer Chittick's incumbency was \$3,959.50. Subtract that amount from the amount paid in salaries during 1905 when the fusionists had control of the office, namely \$6,760.10 and we have \$2,800.60. Hence it will be seen that it cost the taxpayers of this county \$2,800.60 less to conduct and maintain the treasurer's office in one year under a republican treasurer than it did in one year under a fusion treasurer.

The figures are not yet available for a similar comparison for a like period under Treasurer Harnish, and hence can be given only for the first six months, up to July 1, 1907. The first half of the year more help is required in the office than during the last half. At present there is only the treasurer, his deputy and one clerk in the office. That has constituted the force most of the time since July 1, and figuring on that basis, the salaries of three for the six months ending next January would be: Treasurer, \$1,000; deputy, \$350; clerk, \$500; a total of \$1,850. It will, however, exceed that sum a little as an extra man was employed for three months. The first six months of Treasurer Harnish's incumbency there was expended on salaries \$2,004.98. The total for the year will not exceed that of last year.

It will be seen by these figures that a saving has been made of nearly \$2,000 a year in the one item of clerk hire the past two years by the republicans in the treasurer's office. It is a matter worth thinking about when you go to the polls on November 5.

It is well known that the last fusion treasurer was rarely in the office as he spent most of his time at his ranch. He drew the salary just the same and kept clerks enough in the office to run three offices. We don't believe the taxpayers want a repetition of the Dan Cronin system. The fusion nominee this fall is incumbered with business so that he would either have to neglect his private affairs or the office if he were elected, as was the case with Dan Cronin. He runs a farm and a real estate agency and has a business he probably would not care to neglect or lose for a county office job. Hence it might happen that the county would have to stand for excessive clerical hire again. The saving effected the past two years on this one item alone in itself commends the republican candidate to the favorable consideration of the intelligent voter.

Judge Harrington is personally appealing to the voters for a third term because his running mate has had three terms and is asking for four. With Westover four years ahead, how long will Harrington have to be a candidate to catch up with him? If they are both elected this fall Harrington will want another term because Westover has had four terms, and Westover will want the fifth term. The best way to settle it is to elect Douglas and Jenckes.