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Holt county was not represented at the recent republican state convention, as the delegates present followed the lead of Douglas county and walked out.

Judging from the comment heard upon the street corners every day, party lines will be given but little attention by the average voter at the coming election.

Whether a steam roller is a good or bad thing in politics, according to some of our politicians, depends upon the complexion of the driver and the object to be attained.

Our democratic brethren now have so much trouble in their own ranks that they are not so anxious to twit republicans about the tangled condition of their party affairs.

The splendid rains of the past week has caused the residents of this county to drop the discussion of politics and again brag of the great crops that will be harvested here this fall

Bro. Miles claims to be a progressive democrat and a great admirer of W. J. Bryan, yet when the fight was on for control of the Holt county delegation to the state convention, he found it convenient to be absent.

The state platform, adopted by the republican state convention held at Lincoln last Tuesday, is the most progressive document ever presented to the people of the state by any political party and is worthy the careful scrutiny and study of every voter in the state who believes in progressive legislation.

That all is not harmony among the democrats of this county was evident at the county convention last Saturday. The extreme progressives were in control, however, and their opponents were afraid to test issues with them on a vote before the convention. Bryan's work at Baltimore was commended and, although some bitter opponents of his were in the convention, the resolutions were passed without a dissenting vote. About half of the state delegation are strong anti-Bryan men.

The republican state convention held at Lincoln last Tuesday was one of the most interesting held in Nebraska for some time. The contest for control was between the progressive and the standpatters and resulted in a pronounced victory for the progressive republicans. Prior to the convening of the convention the executive committee of the state committee were in session hearing contests from several counties in the state. As this committee is controlled by the standpatters they intended to use their power to unseat progressives in several counties so as to secure control of the convention for themselves. But this plan fell through as a couple of members of the committee balked on the plan of deliberately stealing the convention. The committee seated the Taft delegates in the counties of Boyd, Dawes and Douglas and in the other counties they seated the progressive delegations. This gave the progressives control of the convention and they selected Governor Aldrich for temporary chairman, without opposition. Shortly after the temporary chairman had been selected the scrap started, it coming over the appointment of the committee on credentials. When a motion was made to appoint a committee on credentials, Attorney Searle of Omaha, floor leader for the standpatters, moved that the credentials committee be instructed to seat no man in the convention who would not agree to support the national ticket. The motion was declared out of order by the chairman and after trying to bulldoze the chair to entertain the motion and being called to order a half dozen times Searle started to march out and was followed by the entire Douglas

county delegation, the entire delegation from two or three other counties, Holt included, and parts of the delegations from fifteen or twenty counties. There were probably between 150 and 200 men who were delegates in the crowd that walked out. They were joined by the contesting delegations who were denied seats in the convention and marched to the Lincoln hotel where the bolters held a convention and endorsed the national ticket. After the bolters had left the regular convention everything went along harmoniously and the convention completed its labors in a couple of hours.

Supervisors Proceedings.

(Continued from last week.)

O'Neill, Nebr., July 10, 1912, at 9 o'clock a. m. Board met pursuant to adjournment, all members present.

To the Honorable County Board: Gentlemen:—Your petitioner respectfully asks that you make examination of the tax records for the 1909, 1910 and 1911, and compare them with that of the neighboring lots, in regard to the following property:

We own lots 19, 20 and 21, block J, of McCafferty's second addition to O'Neill city, and in the year 1909 the taxes were \$9.74, and in the year 1910 they jumped to \$18.40, which is nearly twice as high as 1909, and in 1911 they were \$19.80.

The residence property situated on lot 25 in the same block, is one-third better than ours and their taxes are but \$7.97 in 1909, and \$8.28 in 1910, and \$8.91 in 1911. This property is worth just one-third more than ours, and yet our taxes for 1910 and 1911 was more than twice as great as that of this property.

We respectfully ask that you have the matter corrected and remit us the difference for the year 1911 only.

We also respectfully ask that you have the tax assessment schedule corrected so the taxes will be normal on this property for the year 1912.

Herewith attached find 1911 tax receipt showing same is paid, and kindly have same corrected and refund us proper amount.

Respectfully submitted,
G W Parham and R H Parker.

On motion prayer of petition was granted and clerk instructed to write a refund for \$3.91.

O'Neill, Nebr., June 7, 1912.
To the Honorable Board of Supervisors, Holt county, Nebraska.

Your petitioner, the undersigned, respectfully alleges that he is the owner of the northeast quarter of 10-28-9 in Holt county, Nebr., and that his land for the years 1910 and 1911 were erroneously assessed to the extent of \$200, in excess of all other land of the same actual value, same assessed valuation, being \$620, and all adjoining not exceeding \$420.

Your petitioner paid the tax for 1910 on said land as shown by receipt No 7163, amounting to \$34.10, and also for 1911 as shown by receipt No 5887, amount \$28.52, total \$62.62.

Your petitioner respectfully refers your honorable body to the northwest 11-28-9 and the southeast 3-28-9 for the same years showing taxes for said years 1910 and 1911 to be as follows:
For 1910, on each quarter sec. . . \$23.10
For 1911, on each quarter sec. . . 19.32

Total \$42.42
All of said land being on the same, in the same road district, the same school district for said years as was NE 10-28-9.

Therefore comes now your petitioner and ask that your honorable body grant him an order for refund of the difference between \$62.62 and \$42.42, which is \$20.20, the amount of tax erroneously paid by him for said years, your petitioner respectfully submits the records of the county treasurer's office, also affidavits of L E Skidmore county assessor, hereto attached, to verify this petition of erroneous and excessive valuation on said NE 10-28-9.

Respectfully submitted,
F J Lemmerman, Petitioner.

On motion prayer of petition was denied.

June 10, 1912.

State of Nebraska, Holt county, ss.
L E Skidmore being first duly sworn deposes and say that the statements in the foregoing petition regarding the erroneous assessments on NE 10-28-9 are correct and true as he verily believes.

L E Skidmore.
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this — day of June, 1912.
S F McNichols,
County Clerk.

June 6, 1912.
To the Honorable Board of Supervisors, Holt county, Nebr.

Your petitioner respectfully alleges that he is the owner of the following described real estate situated in Holt county, Nebraska, viz: the north half of southwest and southwest of southwest 27-31-9, and that for the year 1910 he erroneously paid the taxes on the south half of the northeast and the northeast of the northeast 27-30-9, which does not belong to him.

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that the honorable body grant him an order for a refund for taxes erroneously paid as shown by tax receipt No 6637 for the year 1910 on s 1 ne and ne ne 27-30-9, amounting in the sum of \$5.60.

Respectfully submitted,
O P Chase.

By R F Gallagher.

On motion prayer of petition was granted.

O'Neill, Nebr., June 12, 1912.

I, J W Bowers of lawful age being first duly sworn depose and say that for the year 1911 I was a resident of Antelope county, Nebr., and about April 1st was employed by the agent of Schmolter & Mueller Piano Company of Omaha to convey him to the house of Carl Lorenz in Holt county, Nebraska, to inspect a piano belonging to said company which was on trial at the Lorenz home in Deloit precinct. This piano was at that time the property of Schmolter & Mueller Piano Company and has since been returned to them and I at no time had any interest or claim upon it.

Through an error this piano was assessed to me and the tax thereon, amounting to \$1.64, still remains unpaid. Further affiant sayeth not.

J W Bowers.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of June, 1912.

S F McNichols, county clerk.
(Seal) By P C Kelley, deputy.

The State of Nebraska, County of Holt, ss.

I, Jesse Briles being sworn depose and say that affiant was a resident of road district No 9, in Saratoga township, Holt county, Nebr., during the year 1911, and is erroneously charged with poll tax for said year, for the reason that I am disabled in the left arm, I therefore ask for a refund of \$2.50 poll tax paid as receipt No 3130 hereto attached.

Jesse Briles.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of July, 1912.

S F McNichols, county clerk.
(Seal) By P C Kelley, deputy.

O'Neill, Nebr., June 11, 1912.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Holt county, Nebr.

Your petitioner respectfully states that he is the owner of sw 1/4 sec 13-28-10 and that he paid the taxes for 1911 on said land in the amount of \$18.86, as shown by tax receipt No 7293 here to attached. Petitioner further states that there was an error made in the assessment of said land for said year and that the valuation thereon is \$200 in excess of other forty acre tracts of same actual valuation adjoining said land.

Your petitioner respectfully refers you to nw 1/4 sec 13-28-10 on which improvements are practically the same. is valued at \$210, instead of \$410 as is the land in question, sw 1/4 sec 13-28-10.

The tax for 1911 on nw 1/4 sec 13-28-10 is \$10.18 as is shown by the tax lists for 1911, or a difference of \$8.68, which your petitioner respectfully asks you to refund to him as same is excessively and unjustly taxed to him on said land.

Respectfully submitted,
L O Baxter.

On motion prayer of petition was denied for the reason the excess was for added improvements.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO STATE AID BRIDGE.

Whereas it appears by report of the State Engineer, dated July 5, 1912, a copy of which report has been furnished to the county clerk of Boyd county and to the county clerk of Holt county, that a majority of petitions circulated for choice of site on the proposition of a state aid bridge showed that the Kuhn Island site has the greater number of signers, and the state Engineer further finds that the Kuhn Island site would accommodate more people interested in the proposition than would a bridge at the Parshall crossing.

And whereas, it further appears from the report of the state Engineer that the State Board of Irrigation, Highways and Drainage is willing to transfer the state aid promised for the Parshall bridge to a bridge at Kuhn Island.

And whereas, it clearly appears that a bridge at the Kuhn Island crossing

could be constructed much more cheaply and at a much greater saving to both counties interested, as well as to the state, than a bridge at the Parshall crossing.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the county board of supervisors of Holt county, Nebraska, is prepared to co-operate with the county board of supervisors of Boyd county and with the state authorities immediately to secure plans and specifications for the proposed bridge at the Kuhn Island and to advertise for bids for the construction thereof.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the county clerk of Boyd county and to the state engineer.

F O Hammerberg, Mover.
Th D Sievers, Seconder.

The foregoing resolution was unanimously carried and passed the 10th day of July, A. D. 1912.

S F McNichols, county clerk.

Mr. Chairman:—I move that we adopt the plans and specifications obtained from the State Engineer for the 60 foot steel bridge to be erected across Dry Creek on section line between section 34 and 35, in twp 28 range 12, in Holt county, and the county clerk is hereby instructed to advertise for bids on said bridge according to plans and specifications now on file in the county clerk's office.

M P Sullivan.
Th D Sievers.

Motion carried.
Whereas, it has come to the knowledge of this board that the section line road between sec 10 and 11, 14 and 15, 22 and 23 in township 29 range 14, is obstructed by fences on the west side of said section line.

Therefore, we hereby order the county attorney to notify the land owners abutting on said west side section line to remove said fences, viz: C T Fridrich, Atkinson; Thomas Galligan, Ewing; W T Hayes, Atkinson. H W Tomlinson, Th D Sievers.

Motion carried.
Mr. Chairman:—We your committee appointed to investigate repairs needed in district No 2, find there are several small bridges in need of repairs and rebuilding.


We also find that the repairs should be repaired at the Whiting and Redbird bridges across the Niobrara river.

H W Tomlinson.
Th D Sievers.
F O Hammerberg.

Motion carried.
On motion the county clerk was instructed to write each township clerk in Holt county to ascertain the number of people living in the county dependent on the county, and the amount of each township for the maintenance of the poor.

On motion board adjourned until Aug. 21, 1912.

W P Sinar, chairman.
S F McNichols, county, clerk.



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