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The struggle made by the friends of Mr. Hamer, from Kearney, for Supreme Judge, under the lead of Hon. James Laird and Sam Savidge, was a gallant and manly one, and at one time came within some twenty votes of placing the coveted prize within the grasp of the gentleman from Buffalo county.

CHIEF JUSTICE LAKE and his friends need have no regret on account of the manner in which his name was brought before the State Convention, as his own successor. When his name was used by Pawnee county the vote he received from solid delegations from all quarters of the State, changing from other candidates, evidenced the high esteem in which he was held by the nominating convention. Had Judge Lake been a candidate for Supreme Judge there is no question but that he would have received the nomination without opposition.

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, is now the regular democratic nominee of that party for governor and the campaign in that state promises to be a fierce and vigorous one. The republicans are thoroughly aroused and mean to dispose of Benjamin if it can be done.

The fierce and desperate character of this campaign in the old Bay state will attract much more than the usual national attention and should General Butler succeed, in again carrying Massachusetts, it must be admitted that he will at once, and of good right, become a very prominent and formidable democratic candidate for president. There is no logical way of avoiding this proposition.

It is now fit and proper that another address be issued by the trilateral managers of the anti-monopoly party. The rank and file of that party will need more than the "Mother McCarty" spology, issued a few days since on behalf of Judge Savage, to convince them that Judge Savage is a safer man for their interests than the Hon. M. B. Reese. Let us have another envelope and therein let Geo. L. Miller and Tobias Castor and J. Sterling Morton and David Butler, and two or three railroad superintendents we could name, assure the much abused anti-monops that Judge Savage is just the man they are looking for to protect them from the encroachments of corporate power; let us have a stirring address on behalf of the people, and let it come from these distinguished friends of the anti-monopoly party.

The republican state convention which was held in the city of Lincoln on the 26th inst., was a most harmonious gathering; representative men of the party were present from all portions of the state, and the utmost harmony prevailed. There was a complete absence of the bitter strife of former days among the so-called factions of the party, and the truth was very evident that factionism was dead and buried in Nebraska, so far as the republican party is concerned. The business of the convention was transacted promptly and fairly; every one in attendance felt that the old party was in good health and spirits, with the oldtime majority in its hands ready to be recorded in November next. In the nomination of a judge of the Supreme Court a hot contest was had between the candidates striving for that position; yet it was a perfectly friendly and manly contest, and when the nomination was made, the defeated candidates accepted the result with the utmost good grace. The nominee of the convention, the Hon. M. B. Reese, of Saunders, is well and favorably known to the people of Cass county, as well as to a great majority of the people of the state. Judge Reese was born in Macoupin county, in the state of Illinois, some forty-three years ago; his father being a farmer. Mr. Reese grew up to the years of manhood upon a farm; in his early boyhood his parents removed to the state of Iowa, where they now reside. Having received a liberal education, Mr. Reese chose the law as his profession, and commenced the practice at Osceola, Iowa. In 1873 he removed from that point, settling first at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, where he engaged in the practice for some two years; when having selected Saunders county as his permanent home he removed to that county settling at the town of Wahoo where he has since resided.

Since coming to Nebraska Mr. Reese has built up for himself a large and varied practice. For six years he has been the District Attorney of Judge Post's district, and the manner in which he discharged his duty during those six years was evidenced during the late convention by the unanimous and solid support he received from every county in his old district. It was a compliment any man may well be proud of and an endorsement of his standing, both as a man, and lawyer, which will not be lost sight of by the public during the present campaign. It is due Mr. Reese to say that so careful and able was his management of the judicial affairs of his district; that of the numerous criminal cases carried to the supreme court—during the six years he was its Prosecuting Attorney—but one case was reversed by the Supreme Court. Among his many friends and admirers who have been brought in contact with him in the active practice of his profession, none speak more highly of his learning and ability than the Hon. George Post, presiding judge of the district during Mr. Reese's term as District Attorney.

The republican party is unquestionably to be congratulated upon this nomination. Its nominee is an able lawyer, an influential citizen, and a man of spotless character. He is a self made man, devoted to his profession, and we believe will make a fair and impartial Judge. The roughly conversant with the great questions which are today exciting the attention and apprehension of the public, the HERALD fully believes, while Judge Reese will acquit himself upon the bench, (in their treatment) in a conscientious and impartial manner, he will never lose sight of the fact that our courts ought to be the very "ark of the covenant" of the people's safety in their individual contests with monied and corporate powers.

The HERALD is now willing and anxious to compare records and candidates with the great democratic party, which is seeking to inaugurate the policy of selecting our judges through non-partisan influences; and cordially invites all good democrats who desire to see the best man upon the Supreme bench, to come over in a non-partisan spirit and vote for our candidate, the Hon. M. B. Reese, of Saunders county.

**JUDGE MORRIS ON JUSTICE.** Speaking of the judicial department of government we cannot refrain from calling especial attention to and emphasizing the sentiments expressed by Judge Morris in his remarks at his nomination. These are the words: "There has been for years past a growing tendency on the part of the courts to lean towards technicalities rather than toward substantial justice. My end ever has been and will be to see to it during the time I shall occupy the position of judge that justice shall be administered, so far as it is in my power to make it, quickly, cheaply and fairly between man and man so that the commonest man in the courtroom may understand that justice means right as between two parties who are arbitrating before the bar of their country. That is what I believe a court of justice is intended for. That is what I believe a court of justice should be." This is just what the people want and just what these columns have been urging for years. Justice and not forensic display will elevate the court to its proper dignified and exalted place in this grand self regulating and adjusting government. This sentiment is well high universal and will no doubt correct the extreme leaning toward machine justice that has prevailed in too many courts—Hastings Daily Gazette Journal.

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