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Republican State Ticket.

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M. J. HULL, (Long Term),
JOHN T. MALLALIEU, (Long Term),
J. M. HATT, (Short Term),
E. P. HOLMES, (Short Term)

Second Judicial District.

For Judge of the District Court,
S. B. FOUNS.

Republican County Ticket.

For County Clerk,
JOHN W. JENNINGS,
of Plattsmouth.
For County Treasurer,
WM. H. NEWELL,
of Plattsmouth.
For Sheriff,
J. C. EIKENBARY,
of Plattsmouth.
For County Judge,
CALVIN RUSSELL,
of Weeping Water.
For Superintendent of Schools,
CYRUS ALTON,
of Stove Creek.
For Clerk of the District Court,
SUMNER S. HALL,
of Mt. Pleasant.
For County Surveyor,
GEORGE W. FAIRFIELD,
of Plattsmouth.
For County Coroner,
PERRY P. GASS,
of Plattsmouth.
For Commissioner, Third District,
JOHN CLEMENTS,
of Stove Creek.

FOR Treasurer of Cass county we have two Williams, and for clerk two Johns applying.

OUR Greenback friends say the HERALD's advice was very pertinent the other day; but that they most respectfully declined the fusion with the Cass county democracy.

The republicans of Cass county should bear in mind the fact that Sumner Hall, our candidate for clerk of the district court, is in every respect deserving of their united support. We know some republicans will be tempted to support Mr. Showalter on account of his pleasant, affable manner in discharging the duties of his office, and because they are not personally acquainted with Mr. Hall. The HERALD desires to assure all such republicans that they will find in Mr. Sumner Hall, a pleasant, accommodating and competent clerk. So far as qualifications and fitness for this position, Mr. Hall is the equal, if not the superior of Mr. Showalter in every respect, and there can be no good reason for republicans voting against him.

The Omaha Republican is out in a lengthy article comparing the records of Messrs. Reese and Savage in their practice before the supreme court of Nebraska. This article is called forth by the attacks made by the Omaha Herald and Bee upon Mr. Reese's record as a lawyer. The facts are very few votes are influenced by this sort of campaign capital; as a lawyer's record does not properly depend on the number of cases he may appeal or carry to the supreme court of the state. However the challenge has been made for the supreme court record of these gentlemen as to the amount of business, and importance of the same, each one has had before that tribunal and Mr. Reese can very well bear the comparison.

The county ticket, placed in the field by the democracy on Saturday last, is not a strong one by any means; when compared with the nominees of the republican party.

Mr. Cushing, candidate for treasurer, is a very exemplary young man teller in the First National bank.

Mr. John Green, candidate for county clerk, has resided at Greenwood in this county for some years past, and has been engaged in the stock and grain trade; the rest of the ticket is composed of gentlemen who have resided in Cass county for years and who are probably as well or better known to our readers than to the HERALD.

If our democratic brethren are satisfied with this ticket the HERALD, certainly, can afford to be to the nominees upon this ticket, we say we propose to treat you fairly gentlemen and beat you soundly, because you ought to be beat and we have no hesitancy in saying we believe the mass of the voters of this county will view this matter in the same light that the HERALD does. We are sorry for you gentlemen, but then you know this is an off year in Cass county; for your party, and better men are applying.

EXPLODED! WHAT NEXT?

It is with regret that we prick the citizen bubble in the Journal and let the venom out, as the citizen who writes this democratic attack upon the Board of Cass County Commissioners, and Mr. Allen Beeson, is noted for his narrow gauged, political views; one who always hangs his political scap in some mare's nest manufactured out of his own suspicious imagination. We say we very much dislike to prick this bubble, for we recognize the fact that in it is contained the entire democratic stock in trade, capital, for the local campaign now upon us in Cass county.

That when this mare's nest is invaded and its contents displayed, the non-descript ticket put in the field the other day at Louisville, by the democracy of Cass county, will find itself in the embarrassing position of having to stand before the voters of the county upon its own merits. When the men of straw are blown away, and Mr. William H. Cushing is placed side by side with William H. Newell, and John Green with John Jennings, and Silas Patterson with Crawford Eikenbary, and Mike Archer with Calvin Russell, it is not by any means a difficult task to tell what the judgment of Cass county's yeomanry will be—and as we wished to see our democratic brethren run this campaign with some capital to bank upon, we will be believed, when we say, that to us it seems like cruelty to animals to even have to state the naked facts in regard to the Cass county commissioners in the retention of Mr. Allen Beeson to attend to certain litigation of the county, let alone the still more unpleasant—were it necessary—task, of speaking in vindication of the action of these fiscal agents of the county, by saying, that their action in the delicate and confidential matter of employing counsel to defend the county's rights in court should of right and necessity be governed more by the standing and ability of the counsel than by the odd cents embraced in the fee that he proposes to charge for his services. It is evident that in the battery of interrogation points turned upon our commissioners this latter point is all the point that "Citizen" sees in this matter, namely: that one lawyer would do the work for \$149.50; and another for \$150.00, and another still higher and so on. Yet when the truth is told the case which exists in Mr. "Citizen's" imagination against the Board of Commissioners does not contain even this poor element of fault finding.

The facts are, the Board of Commissioners of Cass county have never employed Mr. Beeson at the agreed price of \$400.00, but on the contrary rejected Mr. Beeson's bid along with other bids to that Board. In order to learn the truth in regard to this matter, on Saturday we visited Mr. Beeson in his office and a couple of the commissioners at the court house and learned from these gentlemen that all there is in this matter is the simple fact that during the May term of our court, 1883, the Board employed Mr. Beeson to look after and take charge of, certain unfinished litigation, then pending in the Supreme and District Courts of the State; that Mr. Beeson attended to this business and the commissioners paid him therefor the fee as charged by "Citizen," and that no regular employment of Mr. Beeson has been made by the county for \$400 or any other price. The county now has pending against it some suits in the District court which Mr. Beeson has been directed to defend, and present his usual and customary charge against the county in that class of cases.

Also we were informed by Mr. Beeson that if the conditional bids, referred to, of Messrs. Sullivan & Woolley and Hon. R. B. Windham are examined in the light of the present amount and condition of business now pending in the courts in which Cass county is defendant, that they would probably amount to more than the bid of \$400 made in round numbers by himself and which was rejected by the agents of the county.

As neither Mr. Beeson nor members of the board of the Cass county commissioners are running for office, the silliness of this attack upon these gentlemen becomes more and more apparent. No matter what Mr. Citizen's opinion may be in regard to the relative merits or demerits of the several members of the Cass county bar, not he, but the board of commissioners are responsible for the employment, of what in their estimation may be fit and competent counsel, to look after the affairs of the county, and of necessity if they are honest men and competent officials they will have to exercise a certain proper discretion in the employment of such counsel. They should employ this counsel just as the ordinary, careful and prudent citizen would do in looking after his own private affairs. So far as the various members of the cass county bar are concerned, it is not our purpose to

criticise or favorably mention any one to the disadvantage of another; our long and pleasant intercourse with these gentlemen, has taught us that they are all good lawyers and fair-minded gentlemen.

Ohio has a vicious habit of going democratic occasionally, except in the years when a President is to be chosen, and then she is always found on the right side of the contest. Ten years ago last Tuesday Ohio elected a democratic candidate for Governor by 817 majority. The next year the democratic plurality for Secretary of State was 17,302. In 1875, the republicans elected their candidate for Governor by 2,549 plurality; and in 1876 their candidate for Secretary of State by about 200 additional plurality. In 1877 the democratic plurality was 22,520; in 1878, republican by 3,164; in 1879, republican by 17,127; in 1880, republican by 19,005; in 1881, republican by 24,309; in 1882, democratic by 19,115. In the Presidential years the republican plurality was some 2,000 greater for the Presidential electors than for State officers. The lesson of these figures is that Ohio is a republican state whenever there is a full vote and a square fight made on national issues.—Chicago Journal.

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