

PROPOSITION TO VOTE BONDS.

In the matter of calling a Special Election of the electors in and for Cass county, Nebraska, for the purpose of voting upon the question of whether the county of Cass, in state of Nebraska, shall issue bonds, for the purpose of building a court house, and for the levying a tax for the payment of the same. Be it

Resolved, By the County Commissioners of the county of Cass and state of Nebraska, in regular adjourned session assembled, this 9th day of May A. D., 1889, that the county clerk of said county be and he hereby is notified and directed to call a special election in and for the county of Cass in the state of Nebraska, at the following places in said county, to-wit:

- Tipton Precinct, Tidball & Fuller's lumber office, Eagle.
- Greenwood Precinct, Town House.
- Salt Creek Precinct, Coleman & McPherson's lumber office Greenwood.
- Stove Creek Precinct, G. A. R. hall, Elmwood.
- Elmwood Precinct, Elmwood Center School House.
- South Bend Precinct, office of South Platte Lumber Co., South Bend.

- Weeping Weeping Precinct, School House District 83.
- Weeping Water City, Dr. J. W. Thomas' office Weeping Water.
- Center Precinct, Manley School House, District 96, Manley.
- Louisville Precinct, Seth Rockwell's office Louisville.
- Avoca Precinct, O. Tefft's office, Avoca.
- Mt. Pleasant Precinct, Gilmore School House, District No. 80.
- Eight Mile Grove Precinct, Heil's School House, District No. 88.
- Liberty Precinct, Leidigh & Donaldson lumber office, Union.
- Rock Bluffs Precinct, Murray School House, Murray.
- Plattsmouth Precinct, Taylor's School House, District No. 41.

PLATTSMOUTH CITY.

- First Ward, County Clerk's office.
- Second Ward, Old Foundry office.
- Third Ward, Richey Bros. lumber office.
- Fourth Ward, Waterman's lumber office.
- Fifth Ward, Fifth Ward School House.

To be held on the 8th day of June, 1889, for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of said county the question and proposition of voting and issuing the bonds of said county in the amount of Eighty Thousand Dollars for the building of a County Court House at the city of Plattsmouth, in said county of Cass, and for causing to be levied annually a tax on all the taxable property of said Cass county, sufficient for the payment of the interest on said bonds, and for causing the levying annually a tax on all the taxable property in said Cass county sufficient to pay five per centum of the principal of such bonds; and at the tax levy next preceding the maturity of such bonds levying a tax on all the taxable property of said county to an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest due on said bonds, and that at such special election so called and held the said question and proposition be submitted to the legal voters of said county in the form hereafter set forth. Said question and proposition so to be submitted is in words and figures, following:

Shall the county of Cass in the state of Nebraska, issue and put upon the market Eighty bonds of said county, of the denominations of One thousand dollars each, said bonds to be dated January 1st, 1890 and to be paid at the fiscal agency of the state of Nebraska, in the city of New York, the state of New York, twenty years after date thereof, redeemable at any time on or after ten years from the date thereof at the option of said county of Cass, and bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum payable annually on the first day of January in each year, for which interest coupons shall be attached payable at the fiscal agency, aforesaid.

And shall the Board of County Commissioners of the said county of Cass, or other person or persons, charged by law with the levying of taxes for said county for the time being in addition to the annual taxes, caused to be levied annually a tax on all the taxable property of said county sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable, and also cause to be levied each year upon the taxable property of said county a tax sufficient to pay five per cent of the principal of said bonds and that at the tax levy preceding the maturity of said bonds, levy a tax on all taxable property of said county to an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest due on said bonds, and taking such action as the requirements of the law and the provisions of the statutes in such cases made and provided, and the interest of said county and the public may demand.

Provided, that proceedings shall be commenced for the erection of the said court house on or before the first day of April 1890, and shall be continued without unnecessary delay until the same shall be completed; and that at such special election so called and to be held, the said question and proposition above set forth shall be submitted to a vote of the legal voters of said county in the following form and manner, that is to say, the form of the ballot to be used at such election in favor of said question and proposition shall be as follows:

"For the issue of the bonds of the county of Cass for the purpose of building a county court house and the levy of a tax to pay the principal and the interest of such bonds."

And the form of ballots to be used at such election against said question and proposition shall be as follows:

"Against the issue of the bonds of the county of Cass for the purpose of building a county court house and the levy of a tax to pay the principal and interest of said bonds."

It is further ordered that the following notice of said special election shall be made out by the county clerk of said Cass county and clerk of this board, which shall be signed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners of said Cass county, in the state of Nebraska, and the county clerk of said Cass county and the clerk of this board, to-wit:

Notice of Special Election

Notice is hereby given, that on Saturday, the 8th day of June, 1889, a special election will be held in and for Cass county, in the State of Nebraska, for the purpose of submitting and to submit to the legal voters of Cass county, in the State of Nebraska, for their acceptance or rejection, by vote and ballot, and allowing the legal voters of said Cass county to vote upon the following question and proposition, to-wit:

Shall the County of Cass, in the State of Nebraska, issue and put upon the market Eighty Bonds of said county of the denomination of One Thousand Dollars each, said bonds to be dated on the first day of January, 1890, and to be payable at the Fiscal Agency of the State of Nebraska, in the City of New York, State of New York, twenty years after the date thereof, redeemable at any time on or after ten years from date thereof, at the option of said County of Cass, and to bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable annually on the first day of January in each year, for which interest coupons shall be attached, payable at the Fiscal Agency aforesaid, and shall the County Commissioners of the said county of Cass, or other person or persons charged by law with the levying

of taxes for said county for the time being in addition to the annual taxes, caused to be levied annually a tax on all the taxable property of said county, sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable, and also cause to be levied each year upon the taxable property of said county, a tax sufficient to pay five per cent of the principal of said bonds, and at the tax levy preceding the maturity of said bonds, levy a tax on all the taxable property of said county to an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest due on said bonds, and taking such action as the requirements of the law and the provisions of the statutes in such cases made and provided, and the interest of said county and the public may demand, provided that proceedings shall be commenced for the erection of said Court House on or before the first day of April, A. D., 1890, and shall be continued without unnecessary delay until the same shall be completed.

Such special election is to be held and said question and proposition is to be submitted thereat in accordance with the terms of an order of the Board of County Commissioners of the said County of Cass, made at a regular adjourned session of said Board, duly convened and held at the City of Plattsmouth,

the county seat of said Cass county, on the 9th day of May, A. D., 1889, and in accordance with the law and statute of Nebraska in said case made and provided and as set forth in its question and proposition so to be submitted and therein set forth and made a part of this notice, and according to the terms thereof, and that said question and proposition be submitted to a vote of the legal voters of said Cass county, and the following shall be the form of the ballots to be used at said election in favor of said question and proposition, to-wit:

"For the issue of the Bonds of the County of Cass for the purpose of building a County Court House and the levy of a tax to pay the principal and interest of such Bonds."

And the form of the ballots to be used at said election against said question and proposition, shall be as follows:

"Against the issue of Bonds of the County of Cass for the purpose of building a County Court House and the levy of a tax to pay the principal and interest of such Bonds."

Which election shall be opened at 8 o'clock on the morning of said day, and will continue open until 6 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, that is to say the polls at such election shall be open at 8 o'clock in the forenoon and continue open until 6 o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

And the County Clerk of said county of Cass shall at least twenty days previous to such election make out and deliver to the Sheriff of said county three notices thereof of such election, for each Election Precinct, District and Ward, in which such election in said County of Cass is to be held, and the said Sheriff shall post up in three of the most public places in each Election Precinct, District and Ward, in which the election in said County of Cass is to be held, the said three notices thereof at least ten days before the time of holding such election, and at least one copy of the question and proposition so to be submitted and above set forth shall be posted up in a conspicuous place at each of the several places of voting during the day of such election.

It is further ordered and declared that this notice of such election and of such question and proposition so to be voted upon and of the form in which said votes is to be taken, including a full and complete copy of this notice shall be given by publication thereof in the Plattsmouth Herald, Plattsmouth Journal, Weeping Water Republican, Cass County Eagle, Wabash Weekly News, Elmwood Echo, Louisville Advertiser, Union Ledger and Greenwood Gazette, newspapers printed and published and of general circulation in the said County of Cass, for at least four weeks next preceding the day of said election.

It is further ordered that such election shall take place and be held at the following named polling places and voting places in said County of Cass, to-wit:

- In Tipton Precinct, at Tidball & Fuller's lumber office, Eagle.
- In Greenwood Precinct, at Town House
- In Salt Creek Precinct, at Coleman & McPherson's lumber office.
- In Stove Creek Precinct, at Grand Army hall, Elmwood.
- In Elmwood Precinct, Elmwood Center School House.
- In South Bend Precinct, at South Platte lumber office, South Bend.
- In Weeping Water Precinct at school house in district No. 83.
- Weeping Water City at Dr. J. W. Thomas' office, Weeping Water.
- In Center Precinct, at Manley school house, Manley.
- In Louisville Precinct, at Seth Rockwell's office, Louisville.
- In Avoca Precinct, at O. Tefft's office, Avoca.
- In Mt. Pleasant Precinct, at Gilmore's school house, district No. 80.
- In Eight Mile Grove Precinct, at Heil's school house, district No. 88.
- In Liberty Precinct, at Leidigh & Donaldson's lumber office, Union.
- In Rock Bluffs Precinct, at Murray School house, Murray.
- In Plattsmouth Precinct, at Taylor's school house, district No. 37.

In the City of Plattsmouth:

- First Ward, County Clerk's office.
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- Fourth Ward, Waterman's lumber office.
- Fifth Ward, Fifth Ward school house.

And that at such election the votes shall be received and returns thereof made and the same shall be canvassed by the same officers and in the same manner as required by law at each general election, and it is further ordered that the County Clerk prepare and deliver to the proper officers of such election duplicate poll Books and necessary tally lists for use at such election.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners of Cass county, Nebraska, this 8th day of May, A. D. 1889.

A. B. DICKSON,
Chairman of Board of County Commissioners of Cass county, Nebraska.

WITNESS my hand as County Clerk and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Cass county, Nebraska, and seal of said county hereto affixed this 9th day of May, A. D. 1889.

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on which he had fallen, and which he seemed to prefer to his late seat in the saddle. Brimstone kicked for him hopefully, whereat Bill slipped down on the other side, and, with clanking spurs, made rapid tracks for safety.

For a time after this no one undertook to handle the yellow mule, which lived at ease, toiling not in the long day's march, except to follow leisurely the wagon to which he was tied. Pete Ouray became disgusted. "I don't know what to do with the brute," he said. "I hate to give up for useless a young mule with as fine p'intas as he has."

He made this remark to Frank Sanger. The two were looking at Brimstone, who stood tied to a wagon, and with head erect and a white gleam in the corner of his eye was waiting for whoever might come near. A beaten path which circled behind him at least ten feet beyond his heels was religiously followed by every one who passed.

"Sell him to the Mormons when we get to Salt Lake City," said Frank. "I'll serve 'em both right."

"'Spose I give him to you to ride?" "Thank you for remembering me," said Frank, "but I don't need him. The horse I have suits me."

"I know it, Frank, but jes' look at the matter squar' now. You know we can't be carryin' along idle stock this way. We've got to put him to some use, and there's nobody with the train kin back that brute unless it's you. He's got the makin' of a mighty fine saddle animal if you kin master him."

"Well, Peter, to help you out, I'll try him."

So the next morning Frank, with much care and patience, got a saddle and bridle on Brimstone, and at a propitious moment vaulted into the saddle, where he stayed. The mule bucked viciously, and made a long, violent struggle, which he renewed at intervals during that and several succeeding days. Finding that he could not unseat his plucky rider he at length gave up trying, and settled into his natural gait, a long, easy lope. His pace was wonderfully swift and strong, and Pete's prediction of what Brimstone could do under a saddle was verified.

Thereafter Frank rode the yellow mule regularly, and in time they got on terms of mutual toleration. To be sure, Frank had still to keep a lookout whenever within reach of his steed's teeth and heels and Brimstone made it a matter of principle always to buck a while when first mounted for the day.

But he recognized an equally constant tendency of his master to spare at these times neither whip nor spur, with the variation of a hickory club. Putting all facts together, and not being in the least a "fool mule," he began to regulate his conduct so as to secure the fewest of these attentions. Under wise handling and firm control, the animal on the whole improved in docility.

It was through this chain of events that Brimstone came to be feeding by this little party of three who loitered at midday under the blue sky. The saddles and bridles lay where they had been thrown down. The young men were stretched on the curly grass enjoying rest after long riding. The animals grazed contentedly at the end of their lariats.

There was no sign of danger on the broad plain. Nevertheless, it were well for the party to have borne in mind that the swells of the rolling prairie and deep ravines might conceal the inconveniently near approach of an enemy. The train, now a full mile distant, was all the time drawing away from them.

One of the reclining men looked round, jumped and yelled "Injuns!" The others came on to their feet at once. They caught up the saddles and bridles, made for their animals, and began saddling them in haste.

There were sound reasons for doing this, for less than a mile away a band of Arapahoe Indians was coming for the party at full speed, every man urging his pony and holding his bow in readiness for use, evidently with the worst intentions.

The saddles and bridles were quickly adjusted and the men astride their steeds. The horses, filled with instinctive terror at the sight and scent of the Indians, leaped at the touch of their riders and were soon galloping after the train at a pace rivaling that of the Arapahoes.

Not so the mule. He felt well after rest and feeding and was in a mood for a tussle with his rider. Perhaps he thought he had been good over long and wanted a change. At all events as his rider headed him toward the receding train he only braced back with his forelegs, lowered his head at a similar angle and stood stock still, with an immovability that gave little hope of an early start.

Frank shouted and spurred; the mule only set back the harder. He pricked him with his hunting knife and he began to buck. When Brimstone set out to buck time was no object to him. So his rider did not urge the point. The situation was interesting and very critical.

There were the Indians coming on like the wind and already beginning to widen their line fan shaped, to cut off the hapless rider. His two companions were a third of the way to the train and safety, and, barring untoward accident, sure to make it. And he, held to the spot by a balking mule whose inaptitude to change its mind he knew by hard experience. He had no time to apply his usual arguments.

Arrows began to fly. One sang past his head so close that he felt its wind. Another passed directly in front of Brimstone's eyes, but that consistent creature only blinked and stood his ground. As Frank was about to slip off to carry his design into effect, a third arrow whistled and struck something just behind his saddle with an unmistakable "spat."

Evidence of grievous pain and astonishment appeared forthwith in the mule. His backward laid ears came suddenly forward as for a moment his head faced round with an expression of deep and reproachful surprise. His body humped together until it seemed as if the saddle at the apex must go over the neck or crupper. Then he headed toward the wagon train, straightened out and went.

And how he went! His first jump was so sudden as nearly to leave his rider behind on the prairie. His next was longer and his pace kept improving all the way. A line of dust explosions marked the spots where his hind feet struck. As his body lengthened in long bounds the saddle cinch fairly swept the grass, and all Frank could do was to hold on, save his breath and try to keep his toes from striking the prairie dog mounds.

His two companions when half way to the train suddenly became aware that Frank was not with them. Without stopping they looked back. They afterward told him that they saw something coming, on the dead jump, behind them. It went so fast that they couldn't see it.

In their narration something is to be allowed for the exaggerated form of expression in vogue on the plains in that day, and which is even yet not wholly extinct. It is certain that the mule went very fast, and in the race to the train badly beat the two good horses which had a long start.

The pursuing Indians never got nearer the mule than when he started, and were quickly left far behind. They were not numerous enough to attack the train, and stopped well out of rifle range. Those who watched from the wagons said that the redskins had followed Frank but a short distance when they stopped and sat motionless in amazement, watching his mule's performance. They gathered in a circle and remained a long time powwowing over the prodigy which had manifestly impressed them as "big medicine."

Frank tried to rein in his mule near the wagons, but could not. Fearing, he afterward said, that the mule intended to keep straight on to Salt Lake City, and meant to get there that night, he as a last resort pulled him into one of the teams "head on" and Brimstone came to a full stop in a tangle of mules.

Frank kept on a dozen or fifteen yards farther, sailing, like a frog to water, over the wagon mounds and describing a parabola which he met the prairie with a thump, a ricochet and a roll. He got up, shook himself, reached behind to make sure his revolver had not been thrown out, and walked back to his mule as coolly as if that were his ordinary way of dismounting.

When Brimstone was finally extricated, the inspiring cause of his zealous run was fully revealed. Sticking from his rump was the long shaft and feathers of an arrow, the head of which was imbedded some three inches in the flesh. I have to say that the mule got no sympathy; on the contrary his plight was looked on by all hands with unconcealed satisfaction. His past conduct had not endeared him to the "outfit."

The question of getting out the arrow head was not easily met. For, while there were plenty of advisers in the matter, there was no one so little in love with life as to offer to operate surgically in the vicinity of those lightsome heels. The operation was a heroic one, as the blood had softened and loosened the deer sinew that fastened the shaft to the barbed arrow head so that they came apart at the first pull, leaving the latter in the wound.

However, as it needed to be done, Pete Ouray and Frank set to work with extreme care, their instruments consisting of a sharp knife and a pair of pincers. To the astonishment of all, Brimstone remained as quiet as a lamb. A cut was made, wide and deep enough to allow the arrow head to be caught with the pincers and pulled out. The mule winced under the steel, but did not kick.

The wound soon healed—there was, in fact, no loss of Brimstone's valuable services. He was rather sensitive to approach for a time, but a remarkable effect of the wound appeared in his disposition. Strange to say, this effect was a favorable one. From that date on he was a different and a better mule. It is not to be wondered at that three inches of arrow in his haunch should have wrought painfully on his feelings, and for a time reversed his usual habits of thought; but the gratifying fact remained that the change was marked and permanent.

Frank kept him as his favorite saddle animal a full year after, and in all that time Brimstone never again balked or bucked with his rider. Nor was he ever again known to bite or kick except under circumstances generally held to justify any mule in so doing.

This is the history of the remarkable conversion of Brimstone, brought about through the arrow and wounding bow string of a murderous Arapahoe who meant anything but good to the mule and his rider.

Were I to draw a moral it would be that good may come from seeming evil, and that there is a wrong time for all things. The force of the latter precept was brought keenly home to Brimstone the last time he ever balked.—Clarence Pullen in Youth's Companion.

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