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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

National.

For President
WILLIAM M'KINLEY.

For Presidential Electors
J. T. NESBIT of Burt.
R. B. WINDHAM of Cass.
ED ROYCE of Custer.
L. M. HAGUE of Kearney.
S. P. DAVIDSON of Johnson.
J. L. JACOBSON of Douglas.
J. L. KENNEDY of Douglas.
JOHN L. LANGER of Saline.

Congressional.

For Congress, First District
E. J. BURKETT of Lancaster.

State.

For Governor
C. H. DIETRICH of Adams.
For Lieutenant Governor
F. P. SAVAGE of Custer.
For Secretary of State
G. W. MARSH of Richardson.
For Treasurer
WILLIAM STEUFFER of Cuming.
For Auditor
CHARLES WESTON of Sheridan.
For Commissioner
GEORGE D. FULLMER of Nuckolls.
For Attorney General
F. N. PROUT of Gage.
For State Superintendent
W. K. FOWLER of Washington.

THE fusionists do have a sorry time trying to get together on candidates.

GENERAL YOUNG thinks he has Agulnaldo located. The young leader keeps people guessing as to his whereabouts.

BRYAN and Towne is the ticket favored by Chairman Butler. Towne is the free silver republican leader of Minnesota.

POPULISTS gathering in Cincinnati say that either Ignatius Donnelly of Minnesota or Wharton Barker of Pennsylvania will be nominated for president by the middle-of-the-roaders.

THE play last evening was a success in every particular and a credit to those who took part in it. There were no "sticks," and all knew their lines. Everything points to a large house again tonight.

IT DID one's eyes good to see the force of men this morning ready to go to work on the new opera house. The citizens of Plattsmouth and vicinity cannot but appreciate the efforts of the Parmeles in supplying a long-felt want.

THE fusion faction of the populists are at a loss to know what to do about a candidate for vice president. They are considering the idea of placing the matter in the hands of a committee, which would practically mean that Mr. Bryan would select the man. That would be very democratic—more democratic than populistic.

C. H. GORDON has been re-elected superintendent of the Lincoln schools for another year. There were two votes against him, however. There was quite a contest over the selection of a secretary, A. J. Morris being elected on the sixteenth ballot. Rev. L. P. Ludden, who is a member of the board and who has been its secretary for several years, could not possibly muster more than four votes, five being necessary for a choice.

SOME of the outcry against the pension department, writes F. A. Harrison, the Washington correspondent, comes from a peculiar source, the following being a sample Nebraska case: A Missourian temporarily residing in Pawnee county arrived here a few days ago. He came to see why his pension claim was not allowed. He had left home with exactly enough money to pay his way to Washington. Arriving here he was escorted to the pension department and there learned that his "claim" had not been allowed because he had no discharge from the army, and was on record as a deserter. He appeared surprised to learn that this was any bar to the allowance of a pension, and admitted that he had found fault with the pension department through successive administrations. He had no excuse to offer for the charge against him on the record. It took him one hour to find out what he had known for thirty-five years, and he spent the next ten days begging for money and transportation to get out of town. It is certain that such misguided individuals do much to stir up local sentiment against pension commissioners, it being difficult for neighbors to judge of the worthiness of the case.

A WORD CONCERNING TELEPHONES

Our business men, professional men and citizens generally are pleased to note that Lincoln is inclined to favor the granting of a franchise to the Western Independent Long Distance Telephone company, in which several of our leading business men are interested. The independent system has been a great thing for this city and county and would be of still greater advantage to Lincoln. The Nebraska Telephone company's rates, previous to the organization of the new company, were $4 for office or store and $3 for residence; at present they charge $1.25 for office and fifty cents for residence. The competition of the two companies would mean the saving of thousands of dollars each year to the citizens of Lincoln and at the same time furnish a much better service. While the Nebraska company will doubtless make every effort possible to keep the independent system out, it is very evident that it is only a question of a few weeks or months when it will have to submit to the inevitable. The people will not continue to pay two or three prices for the use of 'phones. At present the new company has about three times as many 'phones in this city as the old one and the ratio will soon be four to one.

The company expects to extend its line west and would like to run into Lincoln. That point would be worth much more to the company than would Omaha, and, on account of the amount of business our people have with the capital city, they are particularly anxious to see the independent system put in. May the members of Lincoln's city council have the courage to work for the interest of its citizens, rather than that of a single private corporation.

THE Hastings Evening News, which is independent in politics, comments on the nomination of C. H. Dietrich as follows: "There is no doubt that Mr. Dietrich lends more strength to the republican ticket than has been manifested in that party for many years, and his prospects of succeeding Governor Poynter on the 4th day of next January are better than many suppose. Hastings now becomes the center of the political cyclone during the coming campaign, and it is indeed an honor to the city and the western part of the state that a resident of our city has won the honor which has been conferred upon Mr. Dietrich. The reception which will be given him at Kerr's opera house tonight will be a manifestation of the appreciation which the people hold for Mr. Dietrich."

A DISPATCH from Cincinnati states, among other things, that Senator Butler of North Carolina, chairman of the fusion national committee, Senator Allen of Nebraska and other leaders who favor fusion the same as in 1896, under the Chicago platform, are more offensive as fusionists than Chairman Jones or Chairman Hanna as opposing partisans. They will stick to their motto—"middle-of-the-road."

M. W. HOWARD of Alabama, temporary chairman of the anti-fusion populist convention, now in session in Cincinnati, said that the chaotic conditions which now confront their party were brought about by office-holders and office-seeking politicians who were willing to fuse the light out of the party in order that they might obtain petty office with its emoluments.

W. A. POYNTER was looked upon two years ago as a very weak candidate and lacked but little of being defeated. He has been weak and vacillating, and many of his own party will not support him next fall. If re-nominated Cass county will remember him as the gentleman who pardoned the murderer of Akeson.

MR. BRYAN is going to stick to the Chicago platform. He said "when the convention meets at Kansas City there will not be enough opposition to the Chicago platform to demand a roll call." Republicans ask for nothing better than for him to stay by his old theories.

SENATOR A. R. TALBOT, by virtue of his office, that of president pro tem. of the senate, is now acting governor of Nebraska. Governor Poynter is in attendance at the national populist convention at Sioux Falls and Lieutenant Governor Gilbert is in Illinois.

HON. H. H. SHEDD of Ashland has again been elected president of the board of education of that city. The board has re-elected R. D. Overholdt superintendent for another year. He has been in charge of the Ashland schools for some five or six years.

H. G. LINDSEY of Pawnee was selected by the republican candidates as chairman of the state central committee. Mr. Lindsey is a first class fellow and a hustler. THE NEWS predicts he will give the demo-pops a lively chase.

SENATOR ALLEN thinks the Sioux Falls convention should nominate Mr. Bryan and then let a committee select his running mate, or in other words leave the matter to the democratic convention to be held in Kansas City.

JOHN D. LONG, present secretary of the navy, is the likely candidate for vice president on the republican ticket.

SENATOR WOLCOTT presided over the republican state convention of Colorado today.

JUDGE RICHARD YATES has been nominated by the Illinois republicans for governor.

THE Boers continue to make it interesting for the British.

ILLINOIS republicans reaffirmed the St. Louis platform, indorsed the currency bill, commended the administration for the conduct of the Spanish-American war and for its position regarding the island possessions and adopted the following anti-trust plank: "We favor such legislation as will destroy all unlawful combinations of capital formed to restrict the supply and raise the price of manufactured products, and we believe that all such organizations of capital formed for this purpose are detrimental to the best interests of trade and hostile to the people."

INFORMATION AND OPINION.

Ex-Governor Wolcott of Massachusetts said at the recent banquet of manufactures in Boston that "rum, gunpowder and the bible must not be linked together in unholy alliance; but Christianity, civilization and honest trade may well make their march together across seas and continents."

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Less than two years ago Grant Gillette was perhaps the leading cattle dealer and speculator in Kansas. He was worth millions and bade fair to practically own all the herds in that state. Just before Thanksgiving, 1898, he collapsed through over speculation. Cattlemen and banks are now fighting over the remains of his once vast estate and Gillette is now peddling shirt waists to the senorites of Chihuahua, Mexico.

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Kansas City has a justice of the peace who sentences juvenile thieves to go into the back room with their respective fathers and be thrashed with a rawhide which the magistrate keeps on hand for the purpose. He usually prescribes twenty lashes and stands by to see that they are served hot.

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Governor Poynter has gone to Sioux Falls to attend the populist national convention, but when he returns he will have these figures staring him in the face: Assessment of railroad property in Nebraska for 1893 by a republican board of equalization, $194,733,124; assessment of railroad property in Nebraska for 1899 by a fusion board of equalization, $169,105,905. Governor Poynter is head and front of the State Board of Equalization. When he comes to make the 1900 railroad assessment what is he going to do about it?—Omaha Bee.

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Lieutenant Governor Woodruff of New York, who does not like to be considered young during the pursuit of his present ambition, took occasion to tell some Brooklyn women, to whom he was making a speech the other night, that he was forty-two years of age.

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Judge Elbridge Hanecy, whom the republicans may nominate this week for governor of Illinois, comes of an old southern family, but is himself a native of Illinois. He has always been an ardent law student, and it is said that he was able to pass his examination for the bar when ten years younger than the required age.

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Here is a problem to solve, if you can: Tie a string about a yard long to a common door key. Then take the string in the right hand and hold it so the key will clear the floor four or five inches. If you hold the key steady enough it will begin to swing back and forth in a straight in line. Let another person take your left hand in his, and the motion of the key will change from a pendulum-like swing to a circular swing. If a third person will place his hand on the shoulder of the second person, the key will stop. Try it and explain if you can.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Chicago News.

A woman who suffers untold agony is an exception to the rule.

When a man dies the world proceeds to forget that he ever lived.

Some women are near-sighted, but they manage to hear all that is going on.

Procrastination is the thief of time because it takes one so long to say it.

Many a man's unpopularity is due to his winning ways—in a quiet little game.

When a woman cuts a man on the street he attributes it to her sharp features.

No one ever saw it rain cats and dogs but hailing street cars is a daily occurrence.

If a man doesn't know when he is beaten the chances are some fool friend will inform him.

There is a yellow streak in every man that lives, but some of them manage to keep it under cover.

A man learns a good many things from his children until they are old enough to know as little as he does.

The man who is as honest as the day is long never gets up at 4 o'clock in the morning to be led into temptation.

To the individual worth 250,000 one little 25-cent piece is a quarter of a million. If you do not see the point immediately, think it over—it's there.

A Woman's Awful Peril.

"There is only one way to save your life and that is through an operation," were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50c; guaranteed. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co., Druggists.

AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

Review of a Proposition to Consolidate School Districts.

Superintendent Smith has kindly furnished THE NEWS the following extracts from a report of the committee on rural schools:

The declining population of many towns and counties, and even larger districts, affects the rural schools very unfavorably.

Hon. C. R. Skinner, state superintendent of public instruction of the state of New York, thus forcibly urges the need of consolidation of schools in that state:

"In 1860 the school population of the outside of the cities was 894,432. At the close of the school year 1895 the school population of the state, outside of its cities and villages containing upwards of 10,000 people, was 609,146, a decrease of 285,286, or upwards of 31 per cent, while the number of school districts in 1860 was 11,358. While the number of school children has decreased during that time nearly one-third, there has been substantially no decrease in the number of school districts. It needs no argument to show that the antiquated school district system, which served the people so well in 1860, has outgrown its usefulness, and that, if the state of New York desires to keep pace with adjoining states in the advancement of her educational interests, some new system must be devised.

"The township system, or some unit larger than the present system, in my judgment, is the only solution of the difficulty, and until the state shall have adopted that system its rural schools will continue to decline in efficiency. There is, in my opinion, no better school in America than the union free school and village school of our state, but the results there obtained cannot possibly be achieved in the weak rural districts, where the average attendance is less than twenty pupils, and as shown above, in nearly three thousand districts less than ten. The ambitions and rivalries of the students—incentives to greater exertion on the part of the pupils—which prevailed thirty-five years ago in those country districts no longer exists. The school is lifeless, cannot be graded, there is little enthusiasm among the students, and that activity and earnestness which come from numbers are entirely lacking."

The arguments for the reform have been luminously stated by Mr. A. W. Edson, one of the Massachusetts agents, as follows:

There is a decided tendency on the part of the intelligent and progressive communities to close the small schools in remote districts and to transport children to the graded schools of the villages, where better classification and better teaching are the rule. This is done not so much from an economic standpoint as because of the conviction that the children receive greater educational advantages there than in the small ungraded schools.

The number of children in the back districts is small, and growing less every year. With few children and small classes there can be but little enthusiasm and progress.

The leading arguments in favor of the movement are:

1. It permits a better grading of the schools and classification of pupils. Consolidation allows pupils to be placed where they can work to the best advantage; the various subjects of study to be wisely selected and correlated, and more time to be given to recitation.

2. It affords an opportunity for thorough work in special branches, such as drawing and music.

3. It opens the doors for more weeks of schooling and to schools of a higher grade.

4. It insures the employment and retention of better teachers. Teachers in small, ungraded schools are usually of limited education, training or experience.

5. It makes the work of the specialist and supervisor far more effective; their plans and efforts can all be concentrated into something tangible.

6. It adds the stimulating influences of large classes, with the resulting enthusiasm and generous rivalry. The discipline and training obtained are invaluable.

7. It affords the broader companionship and culture that comes from association.

8. It results in a better attendance of pupils as proved by the experience of towns where the plan has been thoroughly tried.

9. It leads to better school buildings, better equipment, a larger supply of books, charts, maps and apparatus. All these naturally follow a concentration of people, wealth and effort, and aid in making good schools. The large expenditure implied in these better appointments is wise economy, for the cost per pupil is really much less than the cost in small and widely separated schools.

10. And, again, it quickens public interest in the schools. Pride in the quality of the work done secures a greater sympathy and better fellowship throughout the township.

Tortured a Witness.

Intense suffering was endured by witness T. L. Martin, of Dixie, Ky., before he gave this evidence: "I coughed every night until my throat was nearly raw; then I tried Dr. King's New Discovery, which gave instant relief. I have used it in my family for nearly four years and recommend it as the greatest remedy for coughs, colds and throat, chest and lung troubles. It will stop the worst cough, and not only prevents, but absolutely cures consumption. Price, 50c and $1. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at F. G. Fricke & Co's drug store.

For Sale — Residence property in Murray, Neb. Apply to J. Rankin.

ADDRESS LINCOLN PEOPLE.

Long Distance Telephone Co. Gives An Outline of Its Methods.

The State Journal this morning contained the following communications from the management of the Plattsmouth Telephone company, addressed to the citizens of Lincoln:

"The Independent Telephone company has made a request of your mayor and council to grant it the right to enter your city and establish an exchange both for long distance communication and for places of business and private residences. It has been suggested that two systems in one city makes it inconvenient for the patrons unless they have a 'phone of each and in reply we desire to say that patrons invariably get two phones for less than the previous cost of one, and in addition the subscription list of each company is invariably increased, as the prices are reduced so that the patrons have the advantage of the increased number of 'phones without additional cost. The rates charged at present by the Nebraska company in this city are $3 per month or $2 per month on party circuit in private residences and $4 per month in places of business within a certain radius of the central office, the charge thereafter increasing with the radius. This company in its charter fixes its maximum rate at $1.50 in residences and $2.50 in places of business per month without reference to the radius. In the city of Plattsmouth the last advertisement of the Bell Telephone company of rates is as follows: Residence 'phones, per month, 50 cents; business phones, per month, $1.25.

"At the present time there are about 300 telephones in operation in the city of Lincoln. The rates are such as to prevent their common use. By the proposed reduction in prices there is no reason why the Independent company should not have a list largely in excess of the present one, so that the people will receive two benefits, one a reduction of prices and the other an increase of 'phones, and business men, even if they have two 'phones, could possibly talk to 2,500 persons for less than they now talk to about 800. All the towns in the counties east, southeast and south of Lincoln are reached upon this line, comprising, among others, Plattsmouth, Louisville, Dunbar Weeping Water, Nebraska City, Auburn, Elmwood, Syracuse and every other town in Nemaha county; Falls City and every other town in Richardson county; Pawnee City and every other town in Pawnee county; Fairbury and all towns in eastern Kansas, western Missouri and southwestern Iowa, south to St. Joseph.

"Immediately upon the completion of the line to Lincoln the system would be extended westward to all the principal places of business as rapidly as the line could be constructed. Many of the patrons of this company who are retail dealers in these towns are urging immediate entrance for the purpose of reaching its wholesale district and in this the business men would have a direct interest. The system proposed for Lincoln is a central energy, full metalic circuit and long distance instruments, which is much more rapid and efficient than the present system now used in Lincoln. As nine-tenths of the principal towns and cities in the east are successfully operating Independent exchanges, it is apparent that this movement is past the experimental stage and has come to stay, as there are more than double the number of Independent 'phone exchanges in operation in the United States than there are of the Bell company's, of which the Nebraska company is one. No aid or assistance is asked of this town as a condition of entering. This company hopes to get some of the benefits to be derived by being in Lincoln and it expects that everybody in Lincoln will directly receive the benefits of the competition and we ask such counsel and co-operation with your mayor and council as will give us a speedy entrance to your city, as our line is now within a few miles and in process of actual construction of your city limits."

Unless a woman eats sufficient nourishing food she can neither gain nor keep a good complexion Food, when digested, is the base of all health, all strength, and all beauty. Herbine will help digest what you eat, and give you the clear, bright, beautiful skin of health. Price, 50 and 75 cts. F. G. Fricke. & Co.

EIGHT MILE GROVE.

George Hild and wife were shopping in Plattsmouth Monday.

L. C. W. Murray had business in Plattsmouth several days last week.

J. R Vallery took several head of horses to his ranch at Valpariso last week.

Miss Dean attended the play "Her Majesty's Guardsmen" in Plattsmouth Monday night.

Miss Florence Richardson of Plattsmouth visited Sunday with her brother, Will, and family.

Rev. Fetz and wife of Union visited in this community and attended the rededication of the church Sunday.

E. E. Woods of Weeping Water, formerly a teacher at this place was calling on old friends last Thursday.

The services at the church were largely attended Sunday morning and our pastor, Rev. Toms conducted the dedicatory services. He delivered a very able discourse suited to the occasion. Rev. Toms deserves great commendation for his faithful work at this place, as the church has greatly improved this year, both in appearance and attendance.

For Whooping Cough, Asthma, Bronchitis, or Consumption, no medicine equals Ballard's Horehound syrup. Price, 25 and 50 cts. F. G. Fricke & Co.

History Class Reception.

The Boys' History class held a very pleasant reception last evening at the home of Mrs. A. E. Gass. Some very good music by Miss Vallery and Miss Mina Herold was given. Judge Spurlock spoke briefly a few words of encouragement to the boys. Masters George Unruh and Grosvenor Dovey each gave a short recitation. The boys all took part in a general review of the work done during the year, answering the questions propounded by Mrs. Stoutenborough with a readiness that showed genuine interest and knowledge of history that was extremely gratifying to the parents present.

A vote of thanks and a beautiful delf pitcher was given Mrs. Gass for her kindness in opening her house for the meetings of the class. The boys also presented Mrs. Stoutenborough with a pair of handsome vases as a small token of their appreciation of her kindness and care for them.

A Keen Clear Brain.

Your best feelings, your social position or business success depend largely on the perfect action of your stomach and Liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen, clear brain, high ambition. A 25 cent box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co. Druggist.

NEHAWKA ITEMS.

Dr. Klausner of Omaha was in town Friday.

Wallace Munn was a Nebraska City visitor recently.

L. C. Pollard was a Plattsmouth visitor last week.

E. D. Van Court was in town the latter part of last week.

Miss Emma Edwards of Plattsmouth is visiting friends here.

Mrs. L. A. Hall is just recovering from a siege of illness.

Miss Carrie Allison visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Dillon of Union visited friends here recently.

Commissioner Cox transacted business here one day last week.

H. G. Strong and George McNair were Union visitors recently.

Mrs. Henry Wessel visited relatives in Weeping Water Saturday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Murdock, on Tuesday, May 1, a son.

Born—On Monday morning, April 30, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. John Loberg.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Reynolds, on Saturday, May 5, a daughter.

Friends of Mrs. F. L. Burdick gave her a pleasant surprise on her birthday.

R. A. Cass and sister, Mrs. H. F. Kropp, were Weeping Water visitors Thursday.

Miss Libbie Beach closed her school Friday and went to her home in Plattsmouth Saturday.

Dr. J. A. Pollard attended a meeting of the board of pension examiners at Weeping Water last week.

The Union business men crossed bats with the Nehawka business men Thursday. Union holds the prize.

An exciting (?) ball game was witnessed here last Friday afternoon. The score stood 18 for Murray and 40 for Nehawka.

For Sale—Hedge posts. Inquire of William Morrow, Plattsmouth.