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OUR DEFEATED CANDIDATES.

In the excitement of a political campaign where men who take an active part bend every energy to win for both themselves and their friends, in the relaxation which comes after the result is given, we sometimes think that we are prone to forget too quickly those who have borne the brunt of the battle and have gone down to defeat.

In the campaign which has just closed republicans can look back with pride to the battle which was waged by both the candidates and their friends. Some of the republican candidates were up against a proposition which, though defeated; they come out of the conflict with banners flying.

The defeat of Laurence H. Daft, republican candidate for register of deeds, cannot be laid to the door of lack of qualifications of Mr. Daft, or to anything that can be said against one of the most popular candidates on the ticket. Everybody conceded his election at the very start, and without doubt it was this feeling of over-confidence which was responsible for his defeat. His opponent, Mr. Snyder, was a strong candidate, but as Mr. Daft had the prestige of a republican majority to start with no one doubted but what he would be the next register of deeds. His defeat came as a surprise and also with much regret. He is too good a man to keep down and we trust that his defeat will make him even stronger with the public.

John Gerry Stark was up against a strong man. He was opposed by a man who was not only popular, but was up for his second term, which in a county as close as this means a great deal for the second term candidate. With the acquaintance gained over the county and the experience which has come to him in his first campaign he has not lost prestige, but has placed himself in a position where he will be stronger with the people in future years.

For a new man who had been in the county but a short time, Prof. E. E. Odell ran a great race for superintendent. He too was opposed by a strong candidate and one who was up for her second term. This no doubt was responsible more than anything else for his defeat. He made a clean campaign, and the people who came in contact with him have learned to respect him and to have confidence in him not only as an educator, but as a young man of sterling integrity.

While we regret the defeat of all the candidates who went down in the battle, that of George Lushinsky seems to strike the hardest. This is not because of favoritism over other candidates, but more especially because of the people he represented. It was to be hoped that the people of the county would recognize that Mr. Lushinsky was a representative of the laboring class and irrespective of party give him the recognition he deserved as their representative. However, the odds were too strongly against him. There were several conditions which he had to meet, either of which would have put most any man to the bad. In Mr. Morgan he had an opponent who was well known, having been in public life for several years. Added to this was the fact that he had made a very efficient deputy and many people believed that he was entitled to promotion. Having been in the office of the county clerk for four years he had an opportunity to cultivate an acquaintance which stood him in good stead when he came to ask for the votes of the people. Then again, in Mr. Rosencrans Mr. Morgan had a friend who is one of the best campaigners in Cass county, and the weight of his influence

alone would have been sufficient to have defeated most men. Were it not that Mr. Lushinsky made hosts of friends wherever he went, and the feeling that prevailed that he represented the working men, Mr. Morgan would have received six or eight hundred majority to say the least.

Mr. Lushinsky is a man among men. He announced at the start that if he could not be elected upon a clean campaign he did not wish the office. His wishes were respected and the campaign was fought out we believe on both sides of the clerk controversy with no bad feelings on either side. Mr. Lushinsky started out comparatively unknown outside of Plattsmouth. He had always been an industrious hard working citizen, sticking closely to business and his acquaintance had therefore not extended over the county. However, the people of Cass county now know George Lushinsky better, and if the time ever comes again when his party should present him for the suffrages of the people there will not be a man in Cass county who will be able to stand against him successfully. It is such men as George Lushinsky who make the kind of honest officials which the people want, and this defeat, while it is a defeat for office, is a victory for manhood and sterling integrity, from the fact that with all those conditions against him mentioned above, he was able to hold his opponent to comparatively an even vote. Mr. Lushinsky will be heard from in the future.

Take it all around, while we feel deeply the defeat of the republican candidates from a political standpoint as well as personal, the fact remains that the republican party put up a clean fight and there are no regrets coming from that score. The battle has been fought. Victory has perched on the banner of a portion of our candidates, and while others went down to defeat they did so with banners flying and their faces to the enemy.

Boys, we are not defeated, only repulsed for a time. Let's get ready to up and at them again, and with the experiences of the past, win the battle next year.

A Little on Side Talk.

The late unpleasantness in Cass county, by some referred to as an election wherein free American citizens are supposed to give expression to their preference for political office, has taught its lesson and in all probability has taught it well. It has shown the republican party what organization will do when intelligently conducted. It has demonstrated that a normal majority can be manipulated in such a manner that defeat, stinging defeat, can be brought about. It has demonstrated that without united and concerted action upon the part of the party holding the balance of power good and true men are bound to lose. It has demonstrated conclusively that all important fact that the average republican voter can be made the goat whenever the opposition wills it. It has demonstrated—But why continue? The writer is reminded of the time a number of years ago when he stood beside the great falls of Niagara. He marvelled at God's great handiwork and his reverence for the Diety was greatly increased. Later he stood by the side of an air ship and gazed at it as it glided along the ways, then slowly, gracefully and easily it soared aloft, and as it circled about through the air like a thing of life he paid tribute to the greatness of the inventor. He has watched the operator send his wireless messages hundreds, yes thousands of miles into space and

he wondered. He has listened to the words of the great men who have literally brought the heavens to our feet and have told us so much about the planets, but all these things pale into insignificance when compared with the great achievements of the democracy. That party has simply hypnotized the republican voter and made him believe he was the only non-partisan pebble in the political maelstrom. As he strides up to the polls to cast his ballot he looks the part and one can imagine him saying to himself, I am the great and only "non-partisan," I am the independent voter, I am IT. And his democratic friends go around behind the house and "take something." Oh, it is to laugh. You republican laborer, did the democratic party ever put bread into the mouths of your children or place clothes upon their backs? Did you ever earn as much money under a democratic administration as you have under a republican administration? You republican farmer; you tiller of the soil, has the democratic party ever opened up a market for your produce? Have you not always received a higher price for your farm products when the republican party is in power? Has the democratic party ever done a solitary thing for you? Answer. Can you recall any benefits you ever derived from the party of the great unwashed? It is your blessed privilege to vote as you please, but can you advance any good reason why you should turn from the only party that has ever given results beneficial to you to help out the party under which you have experienced the most bitter days of your life? Think it over and when the time comes again for you to exercise your suffrage don't permit your sympathies to run riot with your reason and good judgment. Vote for your home and your fireside. It pays to do so.

THAT GAME.

And Kansas won the game. The editor of this paper saw the foot ball game between Kansas and Nebraska last Saturday on the new athletic grounds of the State University at Lincoln. There were times in that game when we were very enthusiastic and other times the other way. Time after time would the Cornhuskers go through that Jayhawker line for good gains, and then when it came to third down they would fall back and punt. Such fool generalship on the part of the leader of the Nebraska squad we never saw. Time after time would they go through the Kansas line for a good gain and on top of it for another good gain, and then instead of taking advantage of the demoralized condition of the Kansas bunch and going after them again for another buck of the line, the Nebraska fellows would call a session of the council and give the Kansas fellows a chance to steady themselves. Nebraska could have won that game hands down several times had the man in charge of the Cornhuskers had head enough on top of his shoulders to have forced a fight. Here is a sample of the kind of play put up by Nebraska: Within forty-five yards of the Kansas goal Nebraska took the ball and in seven attempts aggregating thirty-five yards they carried the ball steadily toward the Kansas line, and Kansas was plainly rattled. Then within ten yards of the Kansas goal and when rapid thinking might have won the game, Nebraska stopped and held a consultation and Kansas regained her head and when finally Nebraska made up her mind to try for another buck of the line Kansas was ready for her and held them. Had Nebraska worked rapidly at several different stages of the game, the score would have been different. You can't run a foot ball team without a general any more than you can run an army when everybody attempts to direct the fight.

Presidential Responsibility

The judicial temperament of Mr. Taft, a mighty good thing for a president to possess, has come to the fore twice during his southern trip. The American grows up with the idea that the president can accomplish anything he likes, and only after the schoolboy becomes a student of the world's affairs in his manhood years does he begin to realize that the president's functions, while executive, are not magisterial. Congress, the sole legislative power of the nation, sometimes seeks to shift responsibility for sins both of omission and commission by blaming

the White House but Mr. Taft has served notice that he declines to be held to account for matters whose control is vested absolutely in branches of the government outside his authority.

Not only has Mr. Taft pointed out the duties of congress as the legislative arm of the people, but he also has firmly shown to the voters their responsibility to themselves. His plain speech on the waterways situation, in which he put the success of the movement flatly up to the citizens at large, coupled with his later declaration that he would do all in his power to recommend needed legislation, and that it was then the duty of the representatives of the people to act, makes it manifest that the president will tolerate no "sidestepping," which is the bane of any institution whether private or public. Mr. Taft's interpretation of the functions and duties of the co-ordinate branches of the national government will not be accepted everywhere, but it is unquestionably the law adhered to by the founders of the republic and the builders of the constitution.—Bee,

THE VOTE.

In a comparison of the vote of the recent election with that of a year ago it is seen that there were 5,148 votes cast in 1908 and only 4,140 this year a falling off of 1,008 votes.

On the head of the ticket last year the vote was 4,953, while the head of the ticket this year was 3,775, or a total falling off on the head of the ticket of 1,178 votes.

The republicans cast last year on the head of the ticket a total vote of 2,440 and this year 1,887, a loss of 553. The democrats cast a total vote on the head of the ticket last year 2,390, while this year it was 1,867, a loss of 523.

A comparison of two years ago shows that the total vote was 4,288, a loss for this year of only 148 votes. The democrats cast 1,804 votes on the head of their ticket, a gain of 83 votes. The republicans cast 2,088 votes on the head of their ticket, a loss this year of 201.

This shows that if republicans had

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turned out we would have landed every man on the ticket except treasurer. This is no criticism of the voter, but gives him a chance to have something to think about between now and next year.

On the head of the ticket this morning conceded the election of Barnes and Sedgwick, but contended that there was still a fighting chance for their candidate, Sullivan. A communication received at this office from republican headquarters at Lincoln says that there is no doubt that the republicans have the whole thing.

The editor in chief is in Lincoln today to see the Nebraskans tear great chunks out of the Kansas Jayhawkers and at the same time win a little glory on the football field. He is no doubt howling just as loud as any other Indian, even though he was a mighty sick man all day yesterday. What he will say when he reads this page of the News will be unprintable, but it will be something worth listening to at a distance, therefore and subsequently and for other reasons too numerous to mention, the writer will leave tonight

for Omaha or some other suburban retreat for a needed change of air, likewise diet. Wanted to go away for a day or so anyway, so why not now? Our phone number has been lost.

Thomas Benton Murdock, the talented editor of the Eldorado, Kansas, Republican, died at Kansas City last Thursday. Mr. Murdock was one of the best known newspaper men in Kansas. He was 67 years of age and in his death newspaper circles loses a highly honored member and Kansas a bright and shining light. Bent Murdock was a character peculiar to Kansas. He was a forceful writer and wielded an influence in the affairs of his town, district and state second to no other. Such men are rare and their loss is felt keenly.

Mr. George Trunkenboltz was the candidate for surveyor, and who it was thought was elected, but the official count showed otherwise, had made little or no campaign. He had refused the nomination, so we are informed, and therefore is probably not feeling so badly his defeat.

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