

# The Plattsmouth - Journal

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How do you like the ticket?

Don Rhoden never held an office, but he will make a good sheriff.

How do you like the rain? It is grand and glorious and the farmers are happy.

Well, it's all over till the next time, and every democrat should prepare to do his duty on election day.

Doubtless New Mexico would just as soon get into the Union over the president's veto as any other way.

Doctor's Wiley's case is really more important than the Pinchot case was. The public doesn't eat lumber.

Popular election of senators has some disadvantages, but it seems somewhat referable to election by slush funds.

These new cream and red postal cards will be an awful warning to the milkman of what would happen if he got the nosebleed.

Gary, Kadiana, built a church in nine hours. Other places, too, should put in hurry calls for a spiritual ambulance.

Fred Patterson will be his own successor as county surveyor. Well, Fred has proven himself well qualified for the position.

Judge Douglass came very near getting Jim Robertson's scalp. James T. Reynolds will get it, however, at the general election.

C. M. Seybert will make a good run for county commissioner and if he is elected he will undoubtedly prove the "right man in the right place."

Colonel Astor has given Miss Force a \$12,000 engagement ring, which goes to show that it costs money for a young man to get married nowadays.

England is to have 30 dreadnoughts by 1914. The spite fence that England and Germany are building up between them costs the taxpayers of each more than \$300,000,000.

The Journal believes that the democrats have nominated one of the best tickets ever placed before the voters of Cass county, and one that should be elected from top to bottom.

They are taking straw votes already for 1912, and the opinions of thirty-three cowboys on the train from Santa Fe to El Paso will soon get a front page in the metropolitan journals.

The election reports yesterday indicate that Judge Root had been defeated for the nomination for supreme judge. If he is, the republicans defeat the very best and ablest man they had on the supreme bench in many years.

President Taft denounces the recall because it would place judges at the mercy of "sudden gusts of popular passion." Isn't it possible to conceive of "gusts of popular passion" that are justified?

Judge Douglass made a good race for the republican nomination for clerk of the district court.

Evidently the vote on that office fully demonstrates that even some of Robertson's closest friends do not believe in keeping a man in office for a lifetime. And the voters of Cass county will decide this question in no uncertain tone at the general election by electing James T. Reynolds.

Our exchanges are discussing the most beautiful sentences in the language. "Enclosed find check," looks good to some of us.

An expert says crime in cities is caused by bad air. We have often noticed the menacing looks cast at anyone who lets a little fresh air into a public hall.

Mr. Taft may be able to milk Pauline, his Jersey cow, but can he drive his new horse, Reciprocity, well enough to plough up the White house potato patch?

The old rule of senatorial courtesy is becoming so obsolete that a new senator can answer "present" when his name is called after being there only two years.

Judging by the testimony given the steel trust committee, any panic that showed itself out of the house during Colonel Roosevelt's administration was taking needless risks.

The coming in of the Japs is getting to be a big problem. And it is one thing to talk about the brotherhood of man 2,000 miles away and another to see your real estate values cut in two from Jap purchases all around you.

The primary election system is not as successful as many think it should be, and we believe that nothing of the kind will bring people out to vote. Give us the old way of nominating candidates. It is more satisfactory.

The democrats never done a better day's work than when they nominated James T. Reynolds for clerk of the district court. No man in Cass county is better qualified for the position, and his character as a man is above reproach.

A fisherman in an obscure Maine village makes enough from lobsters to take his family yearly to California. While the other kind of lobster that feeds them to the chorus girls on Broadway sometimes has to borrow a ferry fare.

The vote at the primary will not be canvassed until Friday, when we will be able to give more particulars regarding the result. Enough is known, however, to know who are nominated, but by what majorities we are unable to state.

The people are getting tired of the Lorimer case. Let the senate either fire him or exonerate him. No doubt some of the members would choose the latter action, whether guilty or not. Too many of them may be in the same boat.

Many republicans were opposed to putting up a candidate for county superintendent against Miss Foster, but of course they couldn't prevent a candidate coming out if he wanted to. Miss Foster has given universal satisfaction and of course will be re-elected.

Nevertheless, the votes in Arizona may be more trustworthy than the president fears.

There appears to be no danger that the railroad strike in England will result in a sympathetic walkout in America.

The democrats have a candidate in the person of Don C. Rhoden who is not afraid to do his duty if elected sheriff of Cass county.

Some candidates may think that a nomination is equivalent to an election, but they will be wiser on this score after the general election.

Oldham, Dean and Stark are the democratic nominees for judges of the supreme court. No stronger or abler men could have been nominated.

The boys and girls of Washington having killed 5,000,000 flies, what means are left of keeping the government clerks awake on a hot day?

It is now in order for the voters of Cass county to learn some people what the word "enough" means. And the November election is the place to do it.

Now that the price of cotton is coming down with the big crop, it is our belief that Uncle Reuben should be able to add a billed shirt to his outfit.

The Indians of the Klamath colony are arrested for trading old wives for new. Why didn't the officers tackle the Fifth avenue colony at Reno?

Harman has been nominated for railway commissioner on the democratic ticket. Mike Harrington did it with his little pen. And he did a good job.

The fate of the arbitration treaties will depend on how they affect the power and prestige of the senate, rather than how they affect the prosperity of the people.

Some people call it undignified to eat green corn, but why expect to preserve a frigid reserve and a callous self control in the presence of the great climaxes of life?

It is reassuring, anyway, to learn that the plot to blow up the Panama canal works and assassinate Colonel Goethals is of Spanish rather than Japanese origin.

James T. Reynolds, candidate for clerk of the district court, is a farmer and resides in Liberty precinct. But no man in the county is better qualified for the position.

The democrats have succeeded in nominating a most excellent ticket. Not a candidate upon it but who is competent to fill the position for which he has been nominated.

European nations look down on America, but as long as Ty Cobb called at the White house the other day, our government has some standing among the great ones of the earth.

Congress having passed the re-apportionment, every statesman of any caliber has drawn a horrendous looking gerrymander with tail feathers all radiating from his back yard.

Someone has drafted a law to penalize a man for putting his feet on his desk while dictating to a stenographer. Thus the comforts of home are disappearing from modern civilization.

Of course no one can question the fitness of Kelly Fox for

treasurer. No man in the county is better qualified for the place. He will receive the united support of the democrats and many republicans who know his excellent qualities for the responsible position.

The reactionary senators all hate La Follette, but except in rare instances they have to do their hating in private. They have long since learned the error of engaging in a "colloquy" with him.

Newly arrived Americans in London take the motor cabs for 16 cents a mile for two passengers, forgetting that you are expected to offer a shilling as a tribute of personal admiration to the driver.

They are trying to make bridge playing for prizes a misdemeanor in New Jersey. In view of the outlandish brie-a-brac for which one has to say thank you and look happy, this is a greatly needed reform.

Traveling men are complaining of slow business conditions all over the country, although they admit that the middle west is in the best condition of all. No one seems to give the reason why the country should not be prosperous just now.

If you would be a booster for your home town and its institutions be consistent. Don't boost one institution and knock another one just because you might have an ingrown dislike for someone connected with it. Be a booster in general, not individually.

When Charley Warner was defeated by the republicans for the nomination for treasurer they done a bad day's work. But his defeat was due to a little "ring" here in Plattsmouth. Mr. Warner is a farmer and a gentleman in every respect.

The many friends of Judge Jesse L. Root in Cass county will regret his defeat for renomination. But there is no telling the queer freaks cut up at a primary election. Rose is the man that should have been dropped, and this will be done at the general election. He is more of a politician than a judge.

President Taft, it is reported, will go before the country this autumn and explain his veto of the various bills providing for tariff revision downward. Explanations don't always help. At Winona the president made an elaborate explanation of his course in signing the Payne-Aldrich tariff act.

Really there does not seem to be any very great danger to popular liberty in the judicial recall. Suppose it takes say 15 per cent of electors to invoke the recall and a majority to ratify it there can be no serious danger that it will be invoked very often unless the conduct of courts is such as to make it most desirable that they be disciplined.

Those who oppose the election or recall of judges say: "Any more hateful phenomenon than that of a judge who owes his office to political manipulations and employs it to further the interests of the men who elected him could hardly be imagined." Therefore they want them appointed for life. On the other hand the other side says: "Any more hateful thing than the appointment of a corporation lawyer as a judge who employs his position in which he is safe for life to further the interests of trusts and corporations and against the common people could not be imagined, and there ought to be some way of getting rid of him."

The riders are up in the race for office this fall, and the contest is on.

Judge Root can feel proud of the vote he received in his home county of Cass.

Miller and Knapp, both of Lancaster county, have been nominated for regents of the state university on the democratic ticket.

It is plain to be seen that Taft's interests are not with the common people, and the common people will not be with Billy when election time comes around.

A veto of the wool bill will merely indicate that the president has been confused. The Payne-Aldrich bill is the one he should have vetoed.

Hearings begin November 15 on trust legislation to fix prices. The first question is, What will it cost to "fix" the congressmen that fix the prices?

What has become of the Paul Clark boom, set afloat by that little coterie of "boss" republicans in Lincoln a few weeks ago? It must have "died a-boomin'."

Judge Travis' record as district judge has been approved almost unanimously by the voters of Sarpy, Cass and Otoe counties. Indeed, his record is one of which any court official should feel proud.

The trouble with Judge Root was that while his running mates were out playing politics, he was busy attending to his duties as judge. Judge Root is not a politician.

The stock market is worried about what congress may do, but people who really produce things instead of trading what some other fellow produces, don't pay much attention to the politician.

What a beautiful sight that will be next year when the republican spellbinders point to Taft with pride with one hand and view reciprocity with alarm with the other hand.

Kelly Fox has been declared the nominee for treasurer of Cass county by the democrats and should have the support of every democrat in the county, and we believe will receive the support of many republicans.

Japan is not very keen for arbitration. Having prepared to carve up Manchuria, she feels much as if the Turkey bird should ask to have it arbitrated, whether or not he should furnish the Thanksgiving dinner.

"All England" is tied up by a strike of railroad employes. And it must be remembered that "all England," including Wales and Scotland, has an area of 88,729 square miles, which is just about the area of Kansas and one-third that of Texas.

Billie Taft thought the democrats were very good fellows when they helped him get Canadian reciprocity through congress. But they are bad fellows when they try to reduce the tariff on such necessities of life as wool, cotton, salt and sugar.

Don C. Rhoden, the democratic candidate for sheriff, is not only a good fellow, but he will make a most excellent sheriff. One thing certain, he will not persist in holding office for four terms simply because he is a good fellow, when two terms is plenty.

Fear is expressed by the administration that tariff legislation at this time would "upset business." Well, it might have a depressing influence on the sugar

business and several other businesses that are long since overdue for an upsetting.

More people than ever believe the primary system is a farce. The majority of the voters did not avail themselves of the opportunity to vote for their choice of candidates and are free to vote for whom they please at the general election, and of course, they will do it.

The harvester trust says that it is a good trust, very good, that it does not sell machines to foreigners less than to Americans, or does anything else that it bad. That harvesters are sold for much less in Canada than they are to Nebraska farmers can be proved by any number of witnesses who have moved up there and bought them.

In writing in the name of James T. Reynolds on the democratic ticket for clerk of the district court, many forgot to make a cross in the circle opposite his name. Of course such votes will not be counted. That is one reason why his vote will be so small.

"Who will be chairman of the democratic county central committee?" is a question that is asked the Journal every day. We don't know, but we believe the candidates and committeemen should force Dr. J. S. Livingston into the service for one more year at least. The party has been very fortunate under his administration and his work has proven more successful than any chairman the democrats ever had. We hope, for the good of the cause, Dr. Livingston will give his consent to act for another year.

## THE ARIZONA VETO.

President Taft's veto of the Arizona and New Mexico statehood bill indicates an inconsistent and belated idea of executive responsibility. The president began by dodging responsibility in maintaining that it was not for him to say what congress should or should not do, but now everything must be strictly in accordance with his views.

When the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill was before congress the president said he could not even offer suggestions, as that would be usurping the functions of the legislative body. He now not only overrides congress, but forbids the people of Arizona to determine for themselves how to select and dismiss their own judges.

Mr. Roosevelt has most clearly stated the position which the great majority of the citizens of the United States believe to be right—that if the people of Arizona definitely desire the recall in any or all branches of their own state government they should be permitted to have it. The bill which Mr. Taft has vetoed expressly provides that before the constitution takes effect the people of the territory shall vote specifically on the question of the judicial recall.

Of that question itself it seems pertinent to say that the country at large might be benefited by the experiment which Arizona is willing to try—an experiment which Oregon has already tried for nearly three years, with none of the disastrous consequences of which Mr. Taft expresses fear. The states ought to have the utmost freedom in making experiments. That is one of the conditions of progress.

Congress should pass the statehood bill over the president's veto. —Kansas City Star.

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