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For Clerk of the District Court.

JAMES T. REYNOLDS.

For County Clerk.

D. C. MORGAN.

For Treasurer.

W. KELLY FOX.

For Sheriff.

DON C. RHODEN.

For Superintendent of Schools.

MARY E. FOSTER.

For Surveyor.

FRED D. PATTERSON.

For Coroner.

E. RATNOUR.

For Commissioner—Second District.

C. M. SEYBERT.

For Police Magistrate.

M. ARCHER.

Time to discard the straw hat.

The oyster has been somewhat tardy in making his advent into the markets of Plattsmouth.

Before Taft comes to Nebraska he wants to remember that the public does not cheer the way they intend to vote.

The citizen who is for Plattsmouth first, last and all the time is in the true sense of the term a loyal citizen.

Yes, we will celebrate the opening of the Platte river bridge and the postoffice building at the same time, if possible.

A molasses tank in New Orleans burst and the streets were flooded. The residents will now likely become more attached to their city than ever.

With respect to the Moroccan row it may be observed that the trouble about settling disputes by diplomacy is that it takes about as long that way as by having a good swift war.

The real estate men of Nebraska have been busily engaged in building up other states for the past four or five years. Why not pay more attention to your own state for awhile?

Harry Kemp, the poet, who interfered with the happiness of the Sinclairs, hasn't worn a hat for twenty years. The fact that he is a poet no doubt accounts for this economy in headgear.

The returns from Maine indicate that it has repealed the prohibition amendment to its constitution. In other words, it went hell-bent for julp's scent, Anheuser brew and highballs, too.

The man who opposes all public improvements is not a desirable citizen for any community, but then they must live, and will squeal as long as they have breath. They are so constituted and can't help it.

"Will Nebraska be for Taft?"

is the all-absorbing question among the postmasters and federal office-holders. The insurgents don't think that it is. It seems the rank and file are for the Wisconsin senator.

Don C. Rhoden has lived in Cass county almost all his life, and possesses all the qualifications to make a good sheriff. Why not elect him instead of the man who has held the office already for three terms and wants it again?

The present summer in New York City has been the most profitable on record for burglars and sneak-thieves, more than \$500,000 worth of property having been stolen since June. New York's wave of crime seems to have been a sort of tidal affair.

Senator Bailey of Texas has announced that he will not stand for re-election. When his present term ends he will enter the practice of law in New York City. It may be asserted that Texas will lose nothing thereby, and that Bailey may be trusted to look out for himself.

Some people here believe in a centralized government as long as they can hold the office. But when they are out they believe a man should not hold an office longer than two terms. That should be enough. We believe in giving others a chance to nurse the public teat—don't you, Mr. Reader?

Harrington nominated C. E. Harman for railroad commissioner, and if he will just keep up his fight against him there will be no doubt of his election. The same with the fight the Anti-Saloon league is making on Oldham and Hamer for judges of the supreme court. Judge Oldham is a good man, an able man and while on the supreme bench he distinguished himself as one of the most impartial judges that ever sat upon the bench.

James T. Reynolds is only a common, every-day farmer, but he is an educated gentleman, nevertheless. He is an honest, reliable man, in every way qualified for the office of clerk of the district court, and there is no reason why he should not be elected. He has never held a county office, has never before asked for one, but since his friends have brought him out for district clerk he wants to be elected. Think it over, Mr. Voter, and see if you don't think sixteen years of office-holding is long enough for the other fellow.

"President Taft has declined a chance to greatly cheapen the cost of living, and in so doing has defended a practice which he himself denounced as indefensible. The president's vetoes of the tariff bill will make it difficult for him to be renominated, and will practically insure his defeat if he is renominated." This is an extract from the weekly market letter of the Consolidated Stock Exchange firm of W. W. Erwin & Co. It shows that the New York business interests and Wall street have concluded that President Taft cannot be re-elected, and are preparing to throw him over.

The man who objects to the people ruling is not the kind of man to even be making an attempt at ruling the people. Taft believes in a centralized govern-

ment, and a 16-year-old school kid knows what that means. This government has stood the test for many years as "a government of the people, by the people and for the people," but it is not liable to stand that way much longer if Taft and the advisers he has gathered around him continue to hold the power another four years. The people—the common people—must awaken to their interests and put such men out of power before it is eternally too late. The people have it in their power to do this and they should be getting in line for action next year.

Free speech is no excuse for talking too much.

It is mighty hard work to collect a debt of gratitude.

The less some people have to say the more determined they are to say it.

It is hoped that the baby that was locked in a valise will not suffer from the grip.

The report that Secretary Wilson and Attorney General Wickersham are going to resign seems to be considerably exaggerated.

An Ohio policeman was put in jail for abusing his horse, and when later he abused his wife he was simply put under bonds.

The opening of the Platte river bridge and postoffice building will surely be celebrated if they are finished before extreme cold weather gets here.

There is an enormous "crop" of acorns, which, according to an old Indian legend that "never fails," means a long and cold winter.

A headline says: "Sailors Poisoned by Embalmed Chicken." Good reason for this: Doc Wiley has been off the job for a few days.

Doctor Wiley's vindication cannot be regarded otherwise than as a most emphatic anti-vindication for Attorney General Wickersham.

The sport writers are doing their best to make football popular, but they have very little chance until the baseball season closes.

They are having high-price food riots in Austria, the principal effect of which will be that the rioters will pay higher taxes for more police.

Genevieve writes to us to ask why so much is said about the Tammany machine, when you never see it on the street or at the automobile shows.

Russia is wondering who will succeed the late Premier Stolypin. And that must be a serious question, considering what they do to cabinet officers in Russia.

How can those Mexicans expect us to regard them as civilized, when they make such a fuss about the purchase of votes at their nominating conventions?

A live Commercial club is the salvation of any town, and Plattsmouth is a place where the people can boast of one that is doing good work for the town.

Can't you just see a national committee refusing to seat delegates to a national convention on the ground that they had received their instructions from the people?

Thirty steamers are now bringing 130,000 tons of sugar to relieve the shortage, but until they get here it will be mighty expensive to take the matinee girl to the theater.

The clerk of Marion county, Indiana, gives away a cook book with each marriage license. He believes good cooking tends to reduce the size of the opposition vote at elections.

Don C. Rhoden should be elected sheriff of Cass county because he is competent and reliable, and then he is one of those fellows who will know when he has got enough. He is not "a hanger on."

As they have killed ten people at an automobile race at Syracuse, we have decided to attend no more of these affairs, unless we can be provided with a seat in some very tall and massive tree.

Some of the New York state ministers' wives are forming an organization. They should take a firm position on the payment of their husband's salaries in the form of invitations to pink teas.

The labor troubles on the railroads will probably be settled by advancing wages, imposing higher freight and passenger rates and satisfying the public by putting a little more gilt in the Pullman cars.

It may be a matter of relief to the members of the United States Machinery company that they are to be prosecuted criminally instead of by civil proceedings. Otherwise they might be fined several hundred dollars.

And still it appears that the Kansas City, Kas., police judge who sentenced a husband and wife to the workhouse because they kissed each other in a public park might have been just as facetious without being so severe.

The people know a good official when he has been tried, and not found lacking in his official duties. Clell Morgan has filled the bill so perfectly that all the people are well satisfied with his administration, and propose to re-elect him by a big majority.

Roosevelt has declared against peace as presented by the arbitration treaties. This is a serious error on his part, for just think how much more time and notice the country would have to give to the ex-president and his antics during peace than during war.

Property prices are looming up in Plattsmouth, which is a good sign that the old town is keeping on booming. Never in the history of the town has there been more improvements made in six months than has been done since the season opened in the early spring.

Every voter will agree that an officer is entitled to a second term, provided he has proved competent, but they will draw the line when it comes to a fourth or fifth term. The people of Cass county have not been in the habit of keeping a man in office until he has become rich, and then some, simply because he is "a good fellow." There are other good fellows, remember, who are just as deserving and competent.

When you vote for C. M. Seybert for county commissioner you can rest assured that you are supporting a gentleman who will prove the proper man for the place. Reared on the farm, and being well acquainted with the needs of the people, you can bet your bottom dollar that every section of the country will be impartially looked after. He is a good man and should receive the support of every voter who wants the best one for county commissioner.

The more the voters study the treasurer contest the more they believe in electing a man whom they know to be competent for the

position. The treasurer's office is the most responsible position in the county and it takes a competent man to conduct the office. Kelly Fox is known to be one of the most competent men for that office in Cass county, and the people will support him because they do not desire to take any chances. Everybody in the county knows that Kelly Fox is well fitted for treasurer and that's why most of them will support him.

Miss Foster seems to have everything her own way. Her opponent, O'Dell, has withdrawn from the race and removed to Douglas county. It is just as well, as Miss Foster has conducted the office with such marked ability that it would be hard to convince the voters of Cass county that they could find anyone to fill the office of county superintendent of schools so satisfactorily.

Every candidate on the democratic ticket was selected because he or she were competent for the respective positions. Don C. Rhoden, the democratic candidate for sheriff, was nominated because those who knew him best know that he was made of the right kind of material for sheriff, and he should be elected because he is competent and will do his duty at all times and under all circumstances.

Make up your mind to vote for James T. Reynolds for clerk of the district court. He is one of the best men in Cass county for the position, has lived in the county almost all his life and has never asked for an office. He taught school and farmed for many years and is very popular among all who know him. Jim Reynolds should be elected because he is just as competent as the other fellow and because the other fellow has been nursing the public teat for sixteen years. Isn't that long enough? Should the people not wear him if he refuses to wear himself?

THE "HOUSE OF GOVERNORS."

The meetings of the "House of Governors" have usually been given over to social entertainments, to discussions of general topics, and to quote a bit of national politics as by-play.

For bringing to pass any measures of national importance, recommendation was all that it attempted heretofore, but at the conference that has just adjourned at Spring Lake, N. J., it discovered an opportunity for action in support of its recommendations that is unique because of not having been tried before and because of the far-reaching possibilities it may be found to possess.

The "House of Governors" named a committee to go before the supreme court of the United States in a railway freight rate case coming from the United States circuit court of Minnesota and protest against further encroachments of the federal power upon the sovereignty of the states.

The Minnesota court decided that a state law regulating railroad rates on traffic within that state was void because interstate traffic was also affected. The governors' committee will appear before the supreme court when this case is called and make arguments and file briefs to have the circuit court's decision overruled and the Minnesota law upheld.

This will, of course, open up the interesting question of whether such a committee will be allowed to intervene in the case and if it is allowed, what part the governors' association may then play as the legally recognized defender of states' rights in all litigation touching this subject.

In various forms in the history

of the nation the states have stood out as opposed in interest in certain particulars to the national government. It is only in the last few years that this opposing interest has found expression in an organization of state governors.

The "House of Governors" and its activities present an unusual phase in our political development. It may in the future amount to much, or then nothing in particular may come of it. Its progress, however, will be followed with general interest.

THE TARIFF SITUATION.

The president's veto of the farmers' free list bill was possibly justified, as that bill was badly drawn and difficult of execution. His veto of the wool bill is another matter and ought to cost him heavily in the next election. The wool situation is, as we have said, far less intolerable than the situation regarding certain other materials where complete monopoly exists, as in steel, for example, where the same men control the raw material, the finished product, and the industries which buy the product. Nevertheless, the need of a cut in the wool tariff was widely felt; the president had admitted it; the information before the house was abundant, the bill was moderate. Had it become a law the country would have felt that there was to be a sincere and successful attempt to reduce some of the worst schedules, one at a time.

Now it sees the first step postponed to a time when everybody in Washington will be jockeying for position in the 1912 election, and when campaign committees will be preparing to bleed the big corporations. Mr. Taft in his veto put great emphasis on "the measure of protection promised in the platform," a phrase with which he can easily kill anything he pleases at the next session. Nearly everybody now knows how meaningless is the talk about relative costs of production here and abroad. Nowadays when a manufacturer finds his costs too high he looks about four ways of reducing them. Wages count less and less in the general result; machinery and efficiency count more. The public, rightly or wrongly, suspects that the president has let the tariff board know somewhat emphatically his views on protection. The cotton bill, and the amendments, were properly put through to complete the outline of policy. If the democrats do as well next winter as they did in the spring and summer they ought to gather to their party a large part of the country's independent thought.—Gollier's.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Keep your ear close to the ground, and you will hear noises all along the line that betoken trouble for the republicans in 1912. President Taft has renewed his warfare on the insurgents, unhesitatingly and openly. If this is not a fatal political blunder, no man is qualified to express any opinion on matters political.

If the president succeeds in driving the progressives out of the republican party, where will they land? The natural conclusion is that they will line up for the democratic candidate, or else stay at home on election day, and the answer is one and the same—the election of a democratic president in 1912.

The two factions of the republican party cannot get together on the one issue of the coming campaign—the tariff—and the way is easy for democracy.

Apples.

Highest market price paid for apples at the Wetenkamp building, Plattsmouth, Neb.

J. E. Rundle.

Herman Streitwieser went to Omaha this morning on business.