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## FUSION IS DOWNED.

### Republicans Carry Cass County By An Overwhelming Vote.

## A BAD DAY FOR DEMOCRACY.

Teft, Davies, Cooley and Orton Go To the Legislature—C. S. Polk Wins the County Attorneyship and Dutton Is a Winner.

Fusion in Cass county was given a terrific beating in Tuesday's contest at the polls, the republicans sweeping the platter clean. An occasional precinct office has been secured to the democracy, but all the county offices have gone to the republicans by good round majorities, the contest over the county attorneyship being alone close. The official canvass, printed elsewhere in these columns shows that the entire republican ticket in this county is elected by a big majority.

County Attorney Travis is beaten for a re-election, his opponent, C. S. Polk, winning by 201 majority. In the face of the prospective majority of over 800 for the head of the republican ticket in the county, Mr. Travis is deserving of great credit. He was simply running in a bad year for a democrat. Any other time his personal popularity and excellent official record would have won.

Mr. Dutton was victorious over Mr. Falter in the race for the county commissionership from this district, which comprises Plattsmouth city and precinct. Mr. Falter received a flattering vote in his home in the precinct, and had to be demoted in this city "toted fair." His election would have been secured by a good majority. The vote on the commissionership was as follows:

First ward—Dutton 82, Falter 69. Second ward—Dutton 141, Falter 121. Third ward—Dutton 176, Falter 106. Fourth ward—Dutton 118, Falter 86. Fifth ward—Dutton 67, Falter 49. Plattsmouth precinct—Dutton 31, Falter 170. Total—Dutton 690, Falter 601. Majority for Dutton—59.

The vote in the five wards and Plattsmouth precinct as to governor, congressman, members of the legislature and county attorney, was as follows:

First ward—Majors 98, Holcomb 52, Strode 72, Weir 71, Teft 84, Allen 61, Cooley 68, Davies 93, Livingston 78, McCaig 46, Leidigh 56, Orton 76, Polk 77, Travis 78.

Second ward—Majors 160, Holcomb 97, Strode 161, Weir 95, Teft 152, Allen 108, Cooley 125, Davies 147, Livingston 120, McCaig 88, Leidigh 98, Orton 139, Travis 156, Polk 108.

Third ward—Majors 188, Holcomb 76, Strode 181, Weir 90, Teft 171, Allen 92, Cooley 156, Davies 171, Livingston 107, McCaig 81, Orton 108, Leidigh 75, Travis 155, Polk 130.

Fourth ward—Majors 150, Holcomb 53, Strode 128, Weir 64, Teft 122, Allen 66, Cooley 102, Davies 122, Livingston 86, McCaig 61, Orton 116, Leidigh 63, Travis 99, Polk 97.

Fifth ward—Majors 84, Holcomb 26, Strode 72, Weir 81, Teft 70, Allen 32, Cooley 63, Davies 75, Livingston 39, McCaig 26, Orton 73, Leidigh 22, Travis 49, Polk 55.

Plattsmouth precinct—Majors 93, Holcomb 154, Strode 100, Weir 148, Teft 94, Allen 144, Cooley 72, Davies 88, Livingston 148, McCaig 138, Leidigh 134, Orton 93, Travis 191, Polk 70.

### Official Canvass Completed.

County Clerk Dickson, assisted by ex-Mayor Butler of this city and Bird Critchfield, of Elmwood, completed the official canvass on all the state, congressional and county candidates today. The result shows that all candidates on the republican ticket, excepting county attorney, carry the county by pluralities ranging from six to eight hundred. Here are the official figures:

GOVERNOR.  
E. A. Gerrard, prohibition.....105  
Silas A. Holcomb, dem-ind.....1884  
Thomas J. Majors, republican.....2573  
Phelps D. Stardevant, straight dem.....140  
Plurality for Majors—689.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.  
Belle G. Bigelow, prohibition.....180  
Rodney E. Dunphy, straight dem.....137  
James N. Gaffin, dem-ind.....1655  
Robert E. Moore, republican.....2472  
Plurality for Moore—817.

SECRETARY OF STATE.  
Francis L. Ellick, democrat.....416  
L. Hompes, prohibition.....110  
H. W. McFadden, independent.....1373  
Joel A. Piper, republican.....2826

D. Forest P. Rolfe, straight dem.....235  
Plurality for Piper—1,153.

AUDITOR OF STATE.  
Otto Bauman, straight dem.....411  
Eugene Moore, republican.....2555  
Lem J. Smith, prohibition.....152  
John W. Wilson, people ind.....1558  
Plurality for Moore—997.

STATE TREASURER.  
Joseph S. Bartley, republican.....2509  
Lake Bridenthal, straight dem.....394  
Gottlieb A. Luikart, democrat.....422  
D. L. Pond, prohibition.....127  
John H. Powers, people ind.....1301  
Plurality for Bartley—1,208.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.  
Henry R. Corbett, republican.....2604  
Milton Docliffe, straight dem.....358  
Wm. A. Jones, dem, peoples ind.....1542  
F. Bernice Kearney, prohibition.....146  
Plurality for Corbett—1,062.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.  
John H. Ames, straight dem.....344  
Dan'l B. Carey, dem-peoples ind.....1631  
Arthur S. Churchill, republican.....2573  
J. L. Mack, prohibition.....125

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS AND BUILDINGS.  
Jacob Bigler, straight dem.....338  
Henry M. Hill, prohibition.....130  
Sidney J. Kent, dem-peoples ind.....1646  
Henry C. Russell, republican.....2538  
Plurality for Russell—892.

FOR PREFERENCE U. S. SENATOR.  
C. E. Bentley, prohibition.....494  
William J. Bryan, democrat.....2103  
Jno. M. Thurston, republicans.....143

CONGRESSMAN—FIRST DISTRICT.  
R. A. Hawley, prohibition.....128  
Jesse B. Strode, republican.....2617  
Austin H. Weir, dem-peoples ind.....1817  
Plurality for Strode—800.

STATE SENATOR.  
B. F. Allen, dem-peoples ind.....1895  
William Coatsman, prohibition.....155  
Orlando Teft, republican.....2491  
Plurality for Teft—586.

REPRESENTATIVES.  
Noah Clemons, prohibition.....150  
Alfred S. Cooley, republican.....2336  
John A. Davies, republican.....2493  
H. Guy Livingston, dem-ind.....1827  
David McCaig, dem-peoples ind.....1672  
W. O. Tucker, prohibition.....151  
Plurality for Cooley—509.

Plurality for Davies—666.

FLOAT REPRESENTATIVE.  
George W. Leidigh, peoples ind.....1588  
Stephen W. Orton, republican.....2557  
A. P. Seymour, prohibition.....106  
John Sinclair, democrat.....389  
Plurality for Orton—968.

COUNTY ATTORNEY.  
Cary S. Polk, republican.....2870  
H. D. Travis, democrat.....2169  
Plurality for Polk—201.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.  
S. W. Dutton, republican.....660  
J. P. Falter, democrat.....601  
R. L. Propst, independent.....13  
Plurality for Dutton—59.

The total number of votes cast in the county was 4898—a gain of 449 over last year.

Fire at Bethlehem.

The residence property belonging to the late Charles Ault, over in Bethlehem, Ia., was burned to the ground at 11 o'clock Sunday night. The house was old and burned like tinder and the blaze was easily discernible from this city. Ault is the man who contracted small pox several months ago as the result of burying one of the patients who died from that dread malady during its reign on the other side of the river. He died after an illness of about two weeks, and several of his children also contracted the disease, but the little ones all recovered. Since then the house has not been occupied. The origin of the fire is unknown, but the general supposition is that someone purposely kindled the blaze with the express intent of removing a menace to the health of that neighborhood.

A Nebraskan Foully Murdered.

Benjamin Merritt, a wealthy and prominent merchant in Fillmore county, Nebraska, with a bullet hole in his skull and another in his lung, was found in a buggy Friday morning near the town of Atlantic, Iowa. Merritt had gone to Iowa to look after some business matters with his father-in-law. He always carried considerable money, and as only a small amount of silver was found robbery seems to have been the object. He was a candidate for the state legislature in Fillmore county, this state, on the populist ticket. He was about forty-five and leaves a wife and several children. His brother, living near Griswold, Ia., died several years ago and left considerable property and the deceased was acting as guardian of the children, but the condition of the estate under his management is now not known.

C. S. Polk was elected in spite of the general belief that he is incompetent.

## ONE THING AND ANOTHER.

Louie Camp, the Lincoln bicyclist who started on a trip to Galveston, Texas, last week, has returned home, having gone only as far as Perry, Okla. About twenty miles this side of Perry he was held up by two mounted outlaws and robbed of a gold watch and \$46 in cash. And he concluded life was too rapid down that way for him.—Lincoln News.

The Burlington railway has given notice that it will shortly revise the schedule of its fast mail train from Chicago, thus bringing the train into Nebraska every afternoon at 3:00 o'clock instead of 4:30. The Northwestern aimed to steal a march on the Burlington, but the latter road, even though its mail contract with the government does not compel it to make such a change, does not propose to fall behind any of its rivals.

A dastardly murder was committed at Whiting, a station on the Rock Island near Horton, Kas., the other night. About 11 o'clock that night W. H. Early, night operator at the station, was confronted by a fellow who commanded him to hold up his hands. Instead of complying Early began firing at the would-be robber who returned the fire. Several shots were exchanged, Early receiving a wound in the groin, from which he died about 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon. His murderer has not yet been captured.

Hugh Murphy, the Omaha paving contractor, is taking a piece of flagstone from his quarry in Colorado that will be one of the largest single blocks of natural stone in the world. It will be sixty feet long by twenty inches thick. If the immense stone is successfully quarried it will be shipped to Chicago where it will be set as a sidewalk in front of the establishment of Marshal Field. The stone will be shipped on three flat-cars and it is possible that the width may have to be cut to sixteen feet in order to pass the bridges and overhead constructions.

A letter received by THE JOURNAL from M. O'Connor, of Missouri Valley, Iowa, brother of Con O'Connor, the engineer, whose accident in a Texas railway collision was reported in these columns last week, states that the man injured was another O'Connor and not Con O'Connor. THE JOURNAL received its information from the press dispatches, and is pleased to learn that it was only another case of mistaken identity.

## Election Whiskey Has a Bad Effect.

Dave Hall and Mat Carth, both of Asland, were in South Bend on election night and proceeded to contract the customary election jag. They engaged in a quarrel while in a saloon and the affair culminated in Hall whipping out a pocket-knife, with which he stabbed his companion. Hall was arrested, but Carth, whose injury was not serious, refused to prosecute and the man was accordingly discharged.

## Work For Pullman Employees.

No. 92, the Missouri Pacific's south-bound forenoon passenger train, due here at 10:06 was two hours late Monday. The train was held at Omaha for the purpose of taking on board a car-load of mechanics who came from Pullman, Ills., and were enroute to Hiawatha, Kansas. A new stock company has been formed for the construction of passenger cars and coaches in Hiawatha, the plant being a sort of co-operative concern, the employees sharing in the profits. All of the men who passed through here today were former employees of the Pullman Car company. They will be followed in a short time by another company of Pullman mechanics and by next summer it is expected that the Hiawatha concern will have in its employ over five hundred of the Pullman company's old employees.

## Victorious Assessors.

The vote for assessors in the various wards of the city, Plattsmouth precinct included, shows the election of the following:  
First ward—Homer McKay, republican.  
Second ward—P. E. Ruffner, democrat.  
Third ward—C. S. Twiss, republican.  
Fourth ward—W. S. Parry, republican.  
Fifth ward—C. Aley, republican.  
Plattsmouth precinct—Will Adams, republican.

It is now evident that Grover is not as big a man as he thought he was.

## A HOLCOMB VICTORY

### Almost Complete Returns Make His Election Sure.

## SOUTH OMAHA'S BIG BLAZE.

### Loss to the Hammond Packing Company Will Run up Into the Hundreds of Thousands—Works Will be Rebuilt—Other Notes.

Holcomb's Election a Certainty.  
OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 8, 4 p. m.—[Special to THE JOURNAL]—Official returns from all the counties in Nebraska, except fifteen, and partial returns from the latter, including conservative estimates on the unreported precincts place Holcomb's plurality at 2,871. Official canvass will doubtless show an increase over the above figure. Holcomb's election is now a certainty.

### South Omaha's Big Fire.

The burning of the Hammond packing house at South Omaha was one of the biggest blazes in the history of the state. The fire started in the beef packing house and this mammoth structure was completely destroyed. The flames were then communicated to the hog packing house, and one half of that structure is now in ruins. At one time Saturday over thirty streams of water were playing on the flames, but low pressure prevented the firemen from doing good work. The loss is variously estimated at from \$300,000 to \$400,000. The total amount of insurance upon the property destroyed or damaged is \$670,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. It is quite likely that one of the workmen dropped a lighted match or sparks fell from his pipe while changing his clothing in this room. This is the theory that is most generally believed by the men who are interested. The Hammond company paid out annually in wages in South Omaha about \$300,000 and employed over 300 men. The annual capacity was about 125,000 hogs, 170,000 cattle, and 10,000 sheep. There was a great improvement made in the houses and the machinery, and it was known as one of the best, as well as one of the largest establishments of its kind in America. The total amount of insurance carried by the firm is \$1,500,000.

### Another attempt was made Sunday night to set fire to what is left of the Hammond packing house in South Omaha.

The fire was set at the back of the box factory, in the midst of a mass of dry pine shavings and had the whole room ablaze in less than five minutes. The night watchman turned in an alarm and the department put out the fire with small damage. It was discovered that the place had been set on fire and that kerosene and gasoline had been poured over the place where the fire started. This was in a building in the center of the packing plant. The police are investigating the affair.

### A night-watchman named Caulson has confessed to setting fire to the second blaze at the Hammond packing house in South Omaha the other night.

Caulson said he started the fire in order to turn in a quick alarm and thus prove his trustworthiness to his employers. It is not thought that the man was responsible for the first fire which resulted so damagingly.

### The Cannon Blew Up.

Meager particulars come from Glenwood, Iowa, of a bad accident. A party of republicans were enthusing last night over the election and were shooting off a small cannon. The piece of ordnance was old and an extra heavy charge blew the cannon into pieces. Several of the fragments are said to have struck one of the party, which gave him injuries from which he has since died.

### Train Robbers On the B. & M.

The westbound passenger train on the Black Hillsline of the B. & M. railroad was stopped Tuesday evening one mile east of Hyannis by two highwaymen. The would be train robbers had secreted themselves on the blind baggage and climbing over the tender, revolvers in hand, demanded the engineer to stop the train. The highwaymen were masked and evidently had confederates who were expected to be at that point, but who failed to show up. The robbers jumped off the train and ordered the engineer to pull out. No clue to them has been obtained up to this time.

## AROUND THE COURT ROOMS.

### DISTRICT COURT.

Judge Chapman was holding district court Wednesday and heard motions in various matters. The term will come to an end in a short time.

### COUNTY COURT.

In the divorce suit of Margaret Leuchtweis vs. Jos. Leuchtweis, Judge Chapman Wednesday gave the plaintiff a judgment by default.

License to wed was issued in county court Monday to Mr. Jaman Smith and Miss Carrie E. Tapper, both of the vicinity of Weeping Water.

### JUSTICE ARCHER'S COURT.

Jim Stewart, in the language of the court, was like unto a "biled" owl Saturday night and Monday morning Police Judge Archer decreed that Jas. should visit with Jailer Denson for a period of some seven days.

Jacob H. Denson has commenced replevin proceeding in Justice Archer's court to get possession of a plush-covered couch, the same now being in the hands of Alex Graves. Denson claims that the couch is his property, Wm. Wagner having sold it to Graves without his, Denson's, consent. Denson is Wagner's brother-in-law, but he threatens to make the latter stand trial for stealing the couch.

### COURT ROOM NOTES.

The county commissioners met in regular session at the court house Wednesday and were grinding away on the usual allotment of bills.

The Louisville bridge case, with the county commissioners of this county on one side and the citizens of Louisville on the other, was argued and submitted before the supreme court yesterday. The case has been advanced on the docket and an early decision is expected.

Oscar Thompson was taken before the insane commission Monday and adjudged insane. Thompson created a disturbance on the streets Saturday night by making indecent proposals to two girls, and the officers housed him in jail over Sunday, where it was discovered that the young man had become lacking in his upper-story.

### That Elmwood Elevator Case.

In reference to the somewhat famous case wherein the farmers alliance of Elmwood, this county, sued to enforce the Missouri Pacific railway to provide the alliance with ground adjacent to the tracks for the building of an elevator, the Lincoln Journal has the following to say:

Att'y Gen. Hastings has received notice that the Elmwood elevator case will come up for final hearing in the United States supreme court December 3, and as the representative of the state he will go there to appear in behalf of the board of transportation, which is defendant in the suit, the Missouri Pacific Railway company being the plaintiff. General Hastings is now preparing a brief to submit to the court.

The cases started before the Nebraska board of transportation on complaint of a lodge of the farmer's alliance, which demanded an elevator site at Elmwood. The board ordered the road to grant a site, which order was not obeyed, and the board instituted mandamus proceedings to compel compliance. The Nebraska supreme court sustained the order of the board, and the road took the case up to the United States court. A brief prepared by Judge John F. Dillon, Winslow S. Pierce of New York and Harry Hubbard has been served on General Hastings on behalf of the road.

The argument of the railway company, in substance, is that the land taken is the private property of the railway, purchased and owned by it, and like any other private property, cannot be taken except by due process of law; that the legislation of the state of Nebraska, as construed by the judgment or decree of the supreme court, took the land of the railway company for private use, contrary to the fourteenth amendment of the United States; that private property cannot be taken under the pretense of "regulating" the affairs of railroads, except (as other property) for a public use, and on just compensation ascertained by due process of law.

General Hastings will maintain that an elevator site is a facility that must be furnished under the charter of the road to shippers the same as platforms or depots; that it is not confiscation, inasmuch as the road does not absolutely own the right of way, but holds it merely under franchise, and when a site is furnished to one it must be granted to other applicants.

## MUST BE ENFORCED.

### Supreme Court Decides That Harry Hill Shall Hang.

## DATE OF EXECUTION IS FIXED.

### The Court Decrees That the Prisoner Shall Give Up His Life On the Gallows On the First Day of March, 1895.

Harry Hill Will Hang.

LINCOLN, NEB., Nov. 9.—[Special to THE JOURNAL]—The supreme court of the state passed upon the appeal case of Murderer Harry Hill late yesterday afternoon and affirmed the decision of the lower court, which called for Hill's execution. The court fixed the hanging to occur at the Cass county jail on March 1, 1895.

The news of the action of the supreme court reached this city last night and little else has been talked of since its reception. The prisoner and his counsel, Matthew Gering, have been hopeful all along that the verdict returned by the jury last December calling for Hill's execution would be either reversed or commuted to life imprisonment, but the general public did not anticipate any such result. As a matter of fact there is no grave doubt as to whether the people of Cass county would have tolerated any judgment by the higher court other than the one given.

The murder of Matt Akeson, for which Hill was sentenced to be executed, was committed some sixteen miles southwest of this city on the evening of Nov. 1, 1893. He and his accomplice, Benwell, were captured three days later in Lincoln. Public sentiment, it will be remembered, was strongly against the prisoners, and the authorities confined them in the Douglas county jail at Omaha until December 11, when trial was commenced in this city before district Judge Chapman, the proceedings ending in Hill being sentenced to death and Benwell to the penitentiary for life. Since that date Hill has been kept in close confinement at the county jail. He embraced the Catholic faith shortly after his trial and his action in that regard has doubtless had the effect of lessening the awful suspense attendant to the tedious prosecution of the appeal to the supreme court which has just been decided adversely to the prisoner.

Hill was not informed of the action of the supreme court until this morning, and the authorities were careful to search his cell and remove all implements which might assist the man in suiciding, before the information was given him. It was the lot of his counsel, Matthew Gering, to convey the news to the prisoner. Hill received it without any outward signs of emotion. He has continually expected the supreme court to hold against him and the decision occasioned him little surprise. His vindictiveness is still apparent, and to the authorities about the jail this morning he refused to say anything in regard to his now certain execution.

Sheriff Eikenbary went before the county board this morning with a request that an extra guard be stationed at the jail until March 1st, when it will become his unpleasant duty to execute the man. The board granted the request, and from now until the date of hanging Hill will be kept under close watch both day and night.

Nebraska is the one green spot in this entire republican desert. Hurrah for Nebraska!

### The Mortgage Record.

Cass county's mortgage record for October is as follows: Farm property—filed, \$25,050; released, \$23,040.85; town property—filed, \$9,153.91; released, \$7,482.09. Chattel mortgages—filed, \$9,312.54; released, \$4,027.95.

Assistant U. S. District Attorney Smith of Omaha was in the city today taking depositions on behalf of the government in the matter of the Indian depredation claims filed against the government by J. R. Porter, W. B. Porter, J. C. Gilmore, Moses Dodge and Wm. Wettenkamp. The claims amount to some \$53,000, the claimants alleging that the Indians made away with property in that amount while they were driving cattle across the plains in 1867. The matter is in the hands of the proper officials at Washington and an early adjustment seems probable.