

WHO SHOULD BE THE CANDIDATE?

[This department is opened for the public discussion of the available candidates for governor at the coming election. Free speech and open discussion of every public question has always been one of the principal tenets of the populist party. It is better for the party, better for the state, better for the candidate, than to be nominated, than to proceed to a nomination and take chances in finding out his character and qualifications afterwards. Open discussion will injure the chances of no worthy candidate. It may prevent the nomination of an unworthy candidate if there be any. The public has a right to know. Their only way of knowing, is by public discussion. When thoroughly acquainted with the facts, the people can be trusted to do right.

Communications upon this matter should not be long, and in every instance must be signed by the author. Any article abusive and purely slanderous, written for spiteful purposes, will not be published.

What is the best course for the welfare of the state and the good of the people?]

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HON. J. H. EDMISTEN.....	LINCOLN
HON. JAMES E. HARRIS.....	TALMAGE
HON. SILAS A. HOLCOMB.....	BROKEN BOW
JUDGE WILLIAM NEVILLE.....	NORTH PLATTE
HON. JOHN S. ROBINSON.....	MADISON
HON. C. J. SMYTH.....	OMAHA
EX-MAYOR A. H. WEIR.....	LINCOLN

Recommends a Democrat.

Editor Independent:
Dear Sir: As I am a constant reader (although not a subscriber) of your valuable paper I have noticed a great many names suggested for the prospective governor of your state. I see one man says, "Give us W. J. Bryan." While we would be very glad to have him, it would be an injustice to have other states, as they want him for president in 1900, and they are going to have him just as sure as death, if he will accept the nomination. There is no power on earth that can keep him from being elected if he runs. Governor Holcomb is as good a governor as the state has ever had (and that is not much to blow about) but he probably would not accept a third term. Now I am a democrat, and I have supported the populist and free silver parties every time I could and if a pop or free silver republican is nominated for governor this time the democrats will stand by them till the last, and we expect the same from them. If we don't do this the rascals will get on board and do just as they have always. I would beg to offer the name of Hon. Edgar Howard (without asking his permission), better known as Howard of Sarpy, in the state legislature. I believe I am right when I say that he is probably the only man ever elected to the state legislature who carried out his promises that he made before election, and even the State Journal, one of the rankest of republican papers in the state (barring the Omaha Bee and the Ashland Gazette) admits it. He is at present probate judge at Papillion, Neb., and editor of the Papillion Times. In his capacity as judge he deals out justice according to evidence and law. He knows no friends, no foes when he sits on his seat of justice. What a credit to the great state of Nebraska to have a man whom they could trust to do just what he agreed to do before election. If you populists and free silver republicans will only let us democrats put the name of Hon. Edgar Howard of Sarpy on the ticket for governor we will guarantee that he will as usual fulfill his pledges to the letter, and you people can put all the rest of the names on the ticket and you will have the support of every democrat in Nebraska.

M. J. WELCH.
Gretna, Neb., March 11.

Favors Dr. Demarell.
Editor Independent:
As a member of the rank and file of the independent party and a reader of your valuable paper, I accept with pleasure your kind invitation to express my wishes to whom should be our next candidate for governor of Nebraska on the independent ticket. I believe that if the present incumbent, Hon. Silas A. Holcomb, would accept the nomination for a third term his election would be certain and the people would make no mistake, but, if on the other hand, Governor Holcomb would not accept another nomination we should and ought to use good judgment in selecting a successor who would continue the reform so well begun by Governor Holcomb. As this gentleman I would mention the name of our neighbor, Dr. Robert Demarell, a true and honest man, an energetic worker, a good scholar and an able champion of reform principles. His name at the head of the ticket would be a vote winner as the doctor has a host of friends. Now as to the balance of the state ticket we must consolidate the silver forces if we expect to win. United we stand, divided we fall. In union there is strength. And I do earnestly say and believe that as co-operation has been a success in Nebraska so far, we should, as far as possible, unite our strength and elect every good able nominee out of either of the three parties. By putting and keeping such an example in practice successfully cannot but help but give hope to other states as this seems the only way to keep national bimetalism at the front for 1900. Hoping that William J. Bryan will be president.

H. HOUCHEM.
Red Cloud, March 10.

THEY RIDICULE IT.

Many People Ridicule the Idea of an Absolute Cure for Dyspepsia and Stomach Troubles.
Ridicule, however, is not argument, and Facts are Stubborn Things.
Stomach troubles are so common and in many cases so obstinate to cure that people are apt to look with suspicion on any remedy claiming to be

a radical, permanent cure for dyspepsia and indigestion. Many such pride themselves on never being humbugged especially on medicines. This fear of being humbugged may be carried too far; so far, in fact, that many persons suffer for years with weak digestion, rather than risk a little time and money in faithfully testing the claims of a preparation so reliable and universally used as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. Now Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are vastly different in one important respect from ordinary proprietary medicines for the reason that they are not a secret patent medicine, no secret is made of their ingredients, but analysis shows them to contain the natural digestive ferments, pure aseptic pepsin, the digestive acids, Golden Seal, bismuth, hydrastis and nux. They are not cathartic, neither do they act powerfully on any organ, but they cure indigestion on the common sense plan of digesting the food eaten promptly, thoroughly before it has time to ferment, sour and cause the mischief. This is the only secret of their success. Cathartic pills never have and never can cure indigestion and stomach troubles because they act entirely upon the bowels, whereas the whole trouble is really in the stomach. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, taken after meals, digest the food. That is all there is to it. Food not digested is poison, as it creates gas, acidity, headaches, palpitation of the heart, loss of flesh and appetite, and many other troubles which are often called by some other name. They are sold by druggists everywhere at 50 cents per package. Address Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich., for book on stomach diseases or ask your druggist for it.

Wilsonville, Neb., March 11, 1898.
Editor Independent: As a member of the old Farmers' Alliance I want to give honor where honor is due. I have been a citizen of Nebraska for nineteen years and Governor Holcomb has been the best governor Nebraska has ever had. If he can be induced to accept a third term he will poll more votes than any other man that could be named. Judge William Neville should be the candidate for lieutenant governor.
Gentlemen, you need not mention Mr. Bryan's name, or the name of any other democrat, as a candidate for governor. I saw in one of the articles in this paper where one of the writers asked, "Why not all join together in the populist party? When the Farmers' Alliance was organized and started the reform principles they buried their old party names and took the name of the people's independent party, and intend to say we are that party yesterday, today and forever. As soon as the reform parties do that then we will be one party, the people's independent party. It is the only party with principles that will bring our government where it was and where we want it. I know it will take all the reform forces to do it, but we don't propose to let the others do the nominating and we follow along behind and help elect them. I say to every independent voter stand firm and educate and don't worry about it. Educate the young voters and see that we are all at the polls and take others with us."
I. F. PLUM.
Martland, March 14, 1898.
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What the People of Lancaster County Owe

During the last three weeks we have published the amount of bonded indebtedness of Lancaster county giving an account of the total amount of annual interest and such other information as we could obtain in reference to the sinking fund, showing that \$140,000 of bonds would fall due one year from next January with only \$22,115.94 on hand January 5, 1899 in the sinking fund to take the bonds up with. There are some interesting facts to the taxpayers of Lancaster county in connection with the sinking fund. There was on hand January 5, 1899, \$20,048.93. The treasurer's report of that date shows the above balance in the sinking fund. During the last six years dating back from January, 1893, there has been levied for sinking fund purposes \$3 mills, which has produced about \$24,000. Add to this amount the balance on hand January 6, 1892, and we have a total of about \$260,000. The total amount of interest paid on the bonded debt of the county for the six years would be

about \$176,000, deducting the \$176,000 from the \$260,000 there would be left \$84,000 in the sinking fund January 1, 1898. The treasurer's report dated January 5, 1898, gives a balance in the sinking fund of \$22,115.94, while the above figures which we believe to be correct, make the balance on hand January 5, 1898, \$61,884.06 more than the treasurer's report calls for. As the debt paying powers of every community is limited, we think the people of every school district, city, county and state, ought to know how much they are in debt and keep posted on the subject and we shall endeavor in the future to keep our readers posted on the condition of the various funds as well as the bonded debt of the county. The living people outside of the city in Lancaster county are indirectly interested in the interest bearing debt of the city, because if the debt becomes so great as to discourage a large number of taxpayers and cause them to quit paying their taxes and use every means to get around paying their taxes, then the taxpayers outside of Lincoln will have to make up any shortage in the county taxes that may be caused by the delinquents in Lincoln.
In order that our readers may know just how much bonded or interest bearing indebtedness of all kinds in Lancaster county, we will give the amount in the county, city, precincts, villages and school districts. The county has a bonded debt of \$590,000. The city of Lincoln has a large bonded debt and considerable floating debt which is bearing 7 per cent interest. The city bonded debt proper amounts to \$1,169,100. These bonds have been voted by the people and must be paid by the whole city. Besides this debt that covers the whole city there are outstanding district paving bonds to the amount of \$428,152.97. These bonds are guaranteed by the city and must be paid by the city if the districts against which they are issued fail to pay them. There are about 26 paving districts in this city. The above amount, \$428,152.97 is to be collected from the various districts. The floating debt we place at \$150,000, which bears 7 per cent interest. This is a large amount, but we are quite sure that we have not placed it too high. The school district in which this city is located is district No. 1, and is about co-extensive with the city and therefore we place its indebtedness with that of the city as practically the same. Taxpayers have to pay the school district debt that must pay the city debt. The school district bonded indebtedness amounts to \$75,000 and the outstanding warrants which are unpaid and are drawing 7 per cent interest amount to about \$100,000. The total amount of bonded and interest bearing indebtedness against the city and school district combined is about \$1,922,252. The interest on this combined debt amounts to over \$100,000 a year. University Place has a bonded debt of \$19,000. This money was mostly used to build water works for that village. Havelock has a bonded debt of \$10,000, which was incurred for the purpose of building water works. The village of Firth has a bonded debt of \$1,000. There are no other villages in Lancaster county that have a bonded debt. Midland precinct has a bonded debt of \$5,000. Capital precinct also is bonded for \$5,000. These bonds were voted to aid the Union Pacific railroad to build a branch into Lincoln and they become due January 1, 1900. There are twenty school districts in Lancaster county which have outstanding bonds unpaid as follows:
School district No. 2, \$4,500
School district No. 3, \$6,500
School district No. 5, \$6,000
School district No. 47, \$6,000
School district No. 50, \$9,700
School district No. 52, \$500
School district No. 71, \$400
School district No. 73, \$290
School district No. 78, \$650
School district No. 79, \$600
School district No. 82, \$200
School district No. 83, \$2,000
School district No. 85, \$1,000
School district No. 87, \$24,500
School district No. 91, \$400
School district No. 113, \$1,000
School district No. 122, \$300
School district No. 135, \$500
School district No. 137, \$5,000
School district No. 138, \$500
Total amount of school district bonds unpaid, \$53,990. The most of these bonds are drawing 7 per cent interest. A summary of the totals would be about as follows:
Lancaster county bonded debt \$590,000; Havelock, \$10,000; University Place, \$19,000; Firth, \$1,000; two precincts, Midland and Capital, \$10,000; twenty school districts outside of Lincoln, \$83,990. City of Lincoln and school district No. 1, \$1,922,252.
These amounts when added make a grand total of \$2,606,242. The total annual interest on the above tabulated indebtedness is about \$130,000 a year. There is supposed to be about 75,000 people in Lancaster county. If that is the number then the cost for each man, woman and child would be \$1.73 per year.

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Mia Art.
"Yes," said the young man. "I am wrapped up in my art."
"But," said the young woman, "I thought you were employed in a tailoring establishment."
"I am. I had this overcoat made under my personal direction."—Washington Star.
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.
GOOD READING FOR JUNIOR AMERICAN REPUBLIC.
The True Picture of a Hero Told by the Verses in Casablanca—Some Heroic Thoughts for Our Little Readers—Poor Boys Who Succeed.
HE boy stood on the burning deck,
Whence all but he had fled;
The flame that lit the battle's wreck
Shone round him o'er the dead.
Yet beautiful and bright he stood,
As born to rule the storm;
A creature of heroic blood,
A proud, though child-like, form.
The flames rolled on; he would not go
Without his father's word;
That father, faint in death below,
His voice no longer heard.
He called aloud: "Say, father, say,
If yet my task is done!"
He knew not that the chieftain lay
Unconscious of his son.
"Speak, father!" once again he cried,
"If I may yet be gone!"
And but the booming shots replied,
And fast the flames rolled on.
Upon his brow he felt their breath,
And in his waving hair,
And looked from that lone post of death
In still yet brave despair.
And shouted but once more aloud:
"My father! must I stay?"
While o'er him fast, through sail and shroud,
The wreathing fires made way.
They wrapt the ship in splendor wild,
They caught the flag on high,
And streamed above the gallant child,
Like banners in the sky.
There came a burst of thunder sound—
The boy—oh, where was he?
Ask of the winds that far around
With fragments strewn the sea.
With mast and helm, and pennon fair,
That well had borne their part;
But the bravest thing that perished there
Was that young faithful heart.
AMONG ROYALTIES.
Ex-Empress Eugenie will be 72 this spring and has been a widow twenty-four years.
King Oscar of Sweden, who recently celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of accession, is a good sportsman. In the island of Hven he assembles large shooting parties for big game, and, by rule, fines all sportsmen who miss their marks, the money going into a box for the benefit of the poor.
The duke of Portland, Queen Victoria's master of the horse, has magnificent stables on his estate, Welbeck Abbey, perhaps the finest in the world. There is a riding house 335 feet long and 100 wide, and the hunting stables accommodate 100 horses. The glass-roofed arcade in which the horses are exercised daily is nearly 1,300 feet long.
The German emperor, the king of Saxony and Prince George of Saxony had wonderful sport during their shoot in the royal forests on the Dahrow lake, round Konigswaldhausen, the party of eight guns having killed 218 rosbucks, besides a heavy bag of other game, in one day. The party shot for only five and a half hours, as an hour and a half was taken up with luncheon, which was served in a tent, everything being brought across the lake on a steam launch which an hour earlier had conveyed the sportsmen to the scene of operations. The emperor and his guests dined at the Schloss at 6 o'clock and at 8 they left by special train for Berlin.

A Vanishing Type.
Only lately have Philadelphians begun to realize and reflect upon the disappearance of the Quakers as we know them; only lately has it been brought home to us that a gradual obliteration of the old uncompromising orthodoxy has set in which means the ultimate absorption of the sect. Even now, rare as is the old garb on the streets where it was such a common sight not so many years ago, the assertion that the society is diminishing would meet with doubt and hesitation. We are so familiar with the Quaker, he is so necessary and potent a type in Philadelphia, that we would not accept the warrant even of statistics, yet, now that the visible limit has been reached, what can we do but awake to the change? We see few broad brimmed hats and drab bonnets where we once saw many. Of those who wear them, the most are old and trembling.
If there are young Quakers, how are we to recognize them? Not by their dress, at any rate, except in so far as plainness of cut and sobriety of color still rule the taste of Friends, whether wealthy or in moderate circumstances. The distinctive costume is being laid aside, with many of the distinctive customs. And why? Because the society is losing its control over its younger members? Because its rigid rules no longer suffice to hold in check the human spirit, with its unconquerable love of freedom? This is the common explanation, and the one desired by those who love romance.—Thomas Wharton in Lippincott's.

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