

THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR 1911

VOTERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY

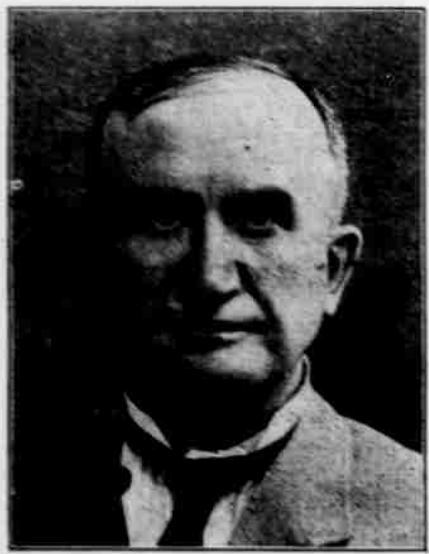
We take pleasure in presenting the Republican Candidates of Lancaster County, and a brief history of each.

In presenting this list of candidates to you, we feel that we have one of the strongest and best tickets ever presented to the voters of this county, and a ticket for which no apology need be made or is necessary. Every candidate is well qualified for the position to which he aspires and we urge your earnest and enthusiastic support for the straight Republican ticket.

These candidates were nominated by the direct primary vote, were the choice of the Republican voters of this county, and we ask you to support the candidates thus selected. Our candidates are well and favorably known throughout Lancaster County, as capable, honest and worthy of your fullest confidence.

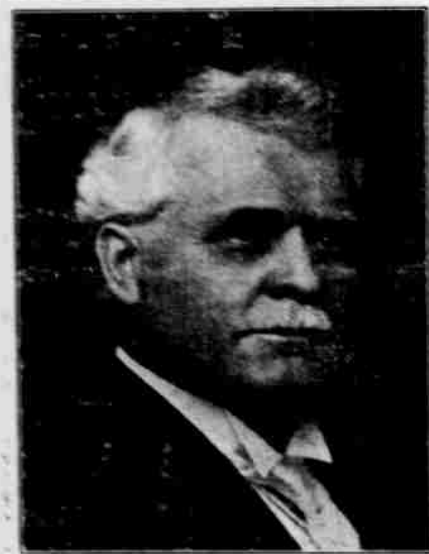
We want your vote. We want your neighbors' votes. Can we count on your aid in rolling up a big Republican majority on November 7th?

NIELS P. HANSEN, Chairman
County Republican Central Committee
J. REID GREEN, Secretary



ALBERT J. CORNISH.

Albert J. Cornish has been judge of the district court of this county over fifteen years, and his record has been unanimously approved by the attorneys of the Lancaster county bar. Four years ago the bar unanimously recommended him to the voters of this county for election as district judge. Cases tried before him have been reversed in the supreme court less than that of any other judge in the state. This proves at once his ability and his integrity as a judge, and makes him a valuable official, because the judge whose opinions are not reversed is likely to render just decisions, and saves litigants and the taxpayers the expense of re-trials. A well known and approved judge should be kept in office. No one will favor the making of the judiciary a part of party spoils to be passed around amongst political aspirants. A judge should be fearless, independent, and non-partisan while on the bench.



WILLARD E. STEWART.

Judge Stewart has been a resident of the city of Lincoln for thirty-three years, where he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession for thirty years, when not engaged in official duties. He was educated at Peru state normal school and at the state university. Judge Stewart served two terms as county judge of Lancaster county. In 1907 he was nominated at the primary election and was elected one of the district judges of Lancaster county. His four years of service upon the bench has received the universal favor and endorsement of the public and bar of Lancaster county. At the recent primary election he received the very flattering endorsement of over 2,700 votes for his second term.

During his practice as an attorney Judge Stewart has appeared in all the courts of the state and the nation, including the

United States supreme court. As district judge he has essentially made good. He has been genial and accommodating to lawyers and citizens. The records show that for the time he has served on the district bench he has been approved by the supreme court as generally as have the other judges of the state.



P. JAMES COSGRAVE.

Judge Cosgrave was born in Pennsylvania in 1871 and when thirteen years of age moved with his parents to Lincoln. He graduated from the Lincoln schools in 1889 and at once entered Ann Arbor law school, probably the best school of its kind in the middle west. He received his Bachelor's degree in 1891 and the next year took the higher Master's degree in law.

In 1892 he was admitted to practice in the circuit and supreme courts of Michigan and the federal district and circuit courts of the same state. He was also admitted to practice in all the courts of Nebraska and in the federal district and circuit courts of this state.

Judge Cosgrave served in the Spanish-American war, seeing service in the Philippines as captain of company I. He was elected police judge of Lincoln in 1902 and served five years. He was then elected county judge, which position he still holds. He has given the office strict attention and has performed his duties and kept the records with less cost to the county than his predecessors. Lancaster county members of the bar give him credit for having an excellent record as county judge of Lancaster county.



GEORGE H. RISSER.

Judge G. H. Risser is largely a product of Lancaster county, was educated in the University of Nebraska, where he graduated from the law school in 1898. Five years after his graduation from the law school, in 1903, he was elected justice of the peace, and two years thereafter was re-elected. He was appointed police judge in October of 1907 and the next month was elected to that judicial position. He was re-elected two years by a majority large enough to show the high regard in which his work had been held by the people of the city.

Judge Risser is particularly of a judicial bent of mind. He is not swayed from the correct interpretation of the law and the fact by any efforts, and his rulings have been given with an impartiality that has won much praise for him, and which indicates clearly his fitness to take charge of the probate work of the county. The republican county committee bespeaks for him the consideration of all voters in the county.

J. S. BAER.

J. S. Baer, clerk of the district court, is a candidate for the second term. Mr. Baer has been a resident of this county since 1882, and is well known by the people, having been county superintendent and deputy clerk of the district court before holding his present position. Has made good his promises to the people; he has given his personal attention to the work of the office; has revised the records and made new ones; has put in a practical and complete system of accounting whereby the different funds are separated and the books balanced as carefully as the books of a bank. He has made complete reports to the county commissioners showing every item of fees during his

term; has run the office with fewer employees than ever before and by means of personal supervision has saved to the county



the surplus fee earnings amounting in his term of office to \$12,636.20, as shown by the records of September 30, 1911.

GUS A. HYERS.

Gus Hyers, candidate for sheriff, comes from one of the country districts of the county. He has been postmaster at Havelock for six years and a resident of that city for twenty years. As government official and as a machinist of the railroad shops he gave the same energy to his duties



that he will show in the enforcement of the law, if elected sheriff of the county.

Mr. Hyers has always been an active republican. His father before him was the republican sheriff of Cass county six years, and warden of the penitentiary one term. Hence Gus Hyers comes from a family of law-enforcement officers. He promises the people that he will enforce the law to the utmost and that he will bring to his aid deputies in whom the people have confidence. He will be sheriff in deed as well as name.

At the recent primary Mr. Hyers received the approval of practically the entire voting strength of his town and precinct. He is still an active member of the machinists' union of Havelock.



PHILIP A. SOMMERLAD.

The republican candidate for treasurer, Philip A. Sommerlad, has lived almost all the forty-three years of his life in Lancaster county. He was educated in the public schools of Lincoln; earned his own way since he was fourteen years of age. He has for five years been secretary of the Woodruff Bank Note Co. of Lincoln. At the present time Mr. Sommerlad is treasurer of the Young Men's Republican club.

Phil Sommerlad comes of good republican stock. His father settled in Richardson county while it was yet virgin frontier, and in 1870 was elected to the state legislature as a republican. In 1872 the elder Sommerlad was appointed receiver of the United States land office at Lincoln, which position he held until his death in 1873. As a boy Phil Sommerlad supported a widowed mother and four brothers and sisters.

The republican party of Lancaster county presents him as its candidate for treasurer, knowing that he will bring to the office the

same industry, honesty, and vigorous administration that has marked him in private life.



V. A. MATTHEWS.

"Jack" Matthews is candidate for coroner on the republican ticket and rests his case with the voters of Lancaster county on his record while serving in that capacity in the past. Mr. Matthews is one of the best known men in the county and it is hardly necessary to say anything in his behalf.

When he first became a candidate for coroner he declared that he would reduce the expenses of the office to a minimum, relieve the taxpayers of unnecessary burdens, conduct the office with fairness between man and man regardless of station in life, hold inquests with their attendant costs only when circumstances warranted investigation; would seek to rest the responsibility of accidents where it belonged without fear, without favor, and that he would not use his office in the disposition of remains that came under his charge in any manner contrary to the wishes of relatives and friends. He has done all that he promised and on this record is seeking re-election.



HARRY E. WELLS.

Harry Wells, republican candidate for county clerk, is asking for a second term on his record made thus far in the conduct of that office. He has done the work with but one deputy where it has been customary to employ two deputies. As an official Mr. Wells has always been uniformly courteous and obliging to all who have done business with his office.

Mr. Wells has been a resident and citizen of Lancaster county for thirty-five years. For many years he was a deputy in the office of county clerk, being retained from term to term because of his knowledge of the detail work of record keeping. The tax records are made up in this office and the utmost care is required that they be accurate and dependable.

During the time he has served as chief of the office no criticism has been offered from any quarter as to the manner in which he performed those duties, which include the keeping of the record of the proceedings of the board of county commissioners.



CLINTON J. MITCHELL.

One of the republican candidates for county office who has lived all his life in the county which he seeks to serve in official capacity is Clinton J. Mitchell, candidate for

commissioner. Mr. Mitchell is a farmer and stockraiser by occupation.

As taxpayer and as citizen he has the interests of the county at heart, and will bring to the office of commissioner the careful management and economy which has been given to his own business.

The three commissioners of the county expend thousands of dollars of the people's money every year, and it behooves the voters to be careful whom they select. The southern part of the county had enough confidence in Mr. Mitchell to give him a big vote in the primary, and the voters in the rest of the county are asked to take the endorsement of the neighbors of Mr. Mitchell at par.



W. H. GARDNER.

The republican candidate for county superintendent of schools, W. H. Gardner, has spent all his mature years in the educational profession, and is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the education of children and young men and women. He has lived in Nebraska for thirty years, and for most of that time has been a prominent figure in the educational world. For ten years he has made his home in University Place.

His educational work has included county school teaching, principal of graded schools, city superintendent of schools of no less importance than Auburn and Fremont, normal school work, and instructor in the teaching of agriculture. He was appointed to the position of county superintendent last May and is now holding the office. Mr. Gardner graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan university and Nebraska state university.

Contrary to its former policy Lancaster county has been forced to change its superintendent five times in the last two years. The changes have been far too frequent to insure efficient school management. By the retention of Mr. Gardner the voters of the county will insure a continuation of a fixed policy and a betterment of the school system.



WINFIELD S. SCOTT.

W. S. Scott, candidate for county surveyor on the republican ticket, has been a resident of the city of Lincoln for the past forty years. He has been a civil engineer all his life and has held the position of county surveyor for twenty years. He is thoroughly familiar with all parts of the county, and with all of the bridges and highway work in this extensive county.

Mr. Scott is a son of the late Capt. N. S. Scott, who was engaged in civil engineering in a private capacity for many years and at various times held the position of city engineer of Lincoln. Mr. Scott attended the public schools of Lincoln and the state university and during this time worked at the surveying business with his father, thereby obtaining a practical as well as theoretical knowledge of the work. With his long experience he is especially fitted for the office of county surveyor.

During his long service for the county Mr. Scott has given general satisfaction, so much so that usually he has not been opposed for re-election.

Champ Clark is in Nebraska and we trust that Col. John G. Maher will maintain a polite and discreet silence for a day or two. We must not appear discourteous to our distinguished visitors.