

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES.

When a man is a candidate for office, he should be ready and willing to answer every fair question put to him. It would be a capital idea for independents to attend old party meetings and ask questions. The following are a few very appropriate

QUESTIONS FOR STATE CANDIDATES:

First—During the past two years about \$500,000 of money has lain invested in the permanent school fund. If this money had been invested in state warrants as required by law, it would have yielded 7 per cent. interest. Why did not the treasurer so invest it? Why did not Humphrey, Allen and Hastings as members of the board of educational lands and funds compel the treasurer to invest it, and thus save the state \$35,000 per year?

Second—Have not Hon. E. C. Rewick's charges of corruption in the management of the Lincoln insane asylum been proved true? Do you think the blame should be placed entirely on the employees of that institution?

Third—Do you think Allen, Humphrey and Hastings did their duty as members of the board of public lands and buildings when they allowed a claim for coal for June, July, and August, 1891 of 1,460 tons of coal when the same institution during the same months in 1892 has only used 351 tons?

Fourth—Why have the state officers allowed thousands of dollars of money to be paid out of the state treasury on warrants with the name of the payee forged on their back?

Fifth—Why have not Humphrey, Allen and Hastings investigated the charges of crookedness in the management of the Norfolk insane hospital?

Sixth—Why did Hastings, Hill and Benton settle with the defaulting treasurer of Valley county for \$1,247 less than the judgment called for when the security was absolutely good?

Seventh—Do you approve of the course pursued by the present board of transportation? If elected will you use all your power to have Iowa rates put in force in Nebraska?

The following are good

QUESTIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES.

One—Will you vote for a law giving Nebraska freight rates no higher than those in force in Iowa?

Two—Do you approve of the following acts passed by the independent legislature:

- (a.) The Australian ballot law;
- (b.) The free text-book law;
- (c.) The repeal of the sugar bounty;
- (d.) The mortgage record law;
- (e.) The law requiring county treasurers to deposit funds in banks, and turn the interest into the treasury;
- (f.) The law requiring county clerks to turn the fees for making out tax-lists into the treasury;
- (g.) The mutual insurance law;
- (h.) Do you approve of the Newberry bill?

If you object to any of these acts, which, and why?

Three—Why have not the republican legislatures passed such laws as these?

Four—If elected, what kind of bills do you propose to vote for?

Many other questions might be asked, but these are good ones and will put the candidates on record.

A GREAT many merchants are going to vote with their friends this year. They may not say much about it, but they have been thinking and as a result they will vote the people's ticket.

A DECOY REFORM.

We have frequently called attention to the agitation for the improvement of the country roads as an effort on the part of the plutocrats of the country to divert attention from real evils and real reforms. Perhaps no more significant proof of the correctness of that position has appeared in the daily press than the following editorial paragraph in the Omaha Bee:

Senator Manderson has been elected president of the Good Roads association, which was organized in Chicago yesterday, counts among its members such distinguished men as Phil Armour, Leland Stanford, Seward Webb and General Roy Stone. The movement on behalf of good roads is rapidly growing in favor and is destined to be productive of very beneficial results.

And who are these distinguished men? Phil Armour is at the head of the great beef combine and is connected with many other monopolistic enterprises. Leland Stanford is the president of the great Southern Pacific railroad. Webb is Vanderbilt's general manager.

And this is the class of men that come forward as the prime movers in a great reform in the interest of the farmers!

This is the company over which Mr. Manderson has the honor of presiding!

How does it strike you, farmers of Nebraska? Do you propose to let these sleek well-fed plutocrats divert your attention away from the robbery and tyranny practiced by the corporations, the trusts and combines and set you to work with plow and scraper to work out the salvation of the republic? If you do then Senator Manderson is the sort of a man you want to represent you in the United States senate. If you don't, then you should retire this wealthy, brainless demagogue from the place which he is neither worthy nor capable of filling.

THERE is one thing about the republicans to admire and that is their matchless gall. They can stand up staring straight at a prospect of overwhelming defeat, and without blinking or changing color proclaim a certain prospect of victory. That's exactly what they are doing now. Their gall may serve the purpose of holding in line a few of the weak-kneed, but it will not stave off the inevitable.

UNDER the influence of State Journal atmosphere, Al Bixby is developing into the greatest and most artistic political liar in the state. A good many independents are feeling badly because Al left off the good work he was doing for the independents in Platte county, and went to work for the State Journal. 'Sh, don't say a word. Al knows what he's about. He is just as good an independent as ever, and is working for the cause, and at the same time drawing a good salary from the other fellows. You don't see it? Well, we will let you into the secret: In the first place Al knows that nobody believes anything published in the Journal anyway. Then he makes his lies so big that they are perfectly harmless. But the fine point is just here: Occasionally Al throws out a slur which makes the independents so mad that they go to work for the cause with redoubled vigor. This is straight. Al let us into the scheme on the ground floor the other day. But keep it dark. If the B. & M. get onto the racket, Al will be fired without ceremony.

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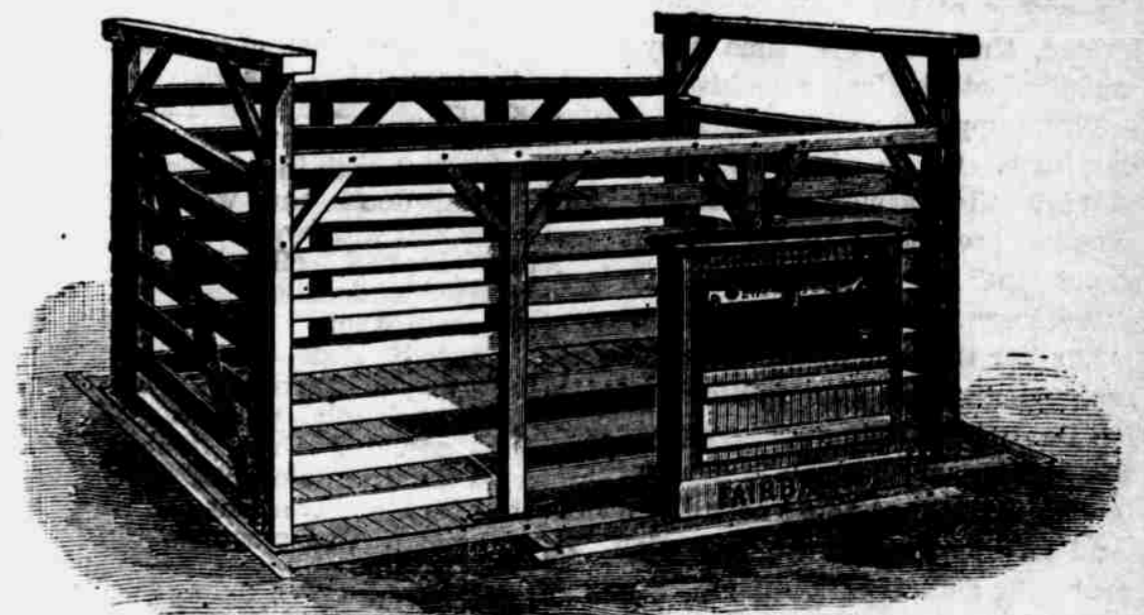
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