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Now that election is over publishers will be able to once more to issue newspapers instead of political sheets.

Notwithstanding the fact that the republicans were defeated, the vote of the party was much larger than it was in 1895.

The republican leaders in Nebraska should learn by the recent defeat that it takes more than a long residence and a broad smile to get the votes.

To a man up a tree it looks as if the national populist party had not only been swallowed by the Bryan democracy but had also been thoroughly digested.

The Australian ballot is used in all the states except Georgia, Louisiana and North Carolina, and it is likely that they will soon adopt it. The system suits all but political strikers.

The publishers of a Hastings paper find a number of delinquent subscribers for the amount due. The defendants fought the case, but were beaten in the end, and a \$3 subscription with costs added amounted to about \$15.

France demanded that the Turks let up in their murdering of Armenians and the sultan has promised that the demand will be respected. So off has his promise been given only to be broken that it is not very safe for the public to place much confidence in this one.

There are a number of laws on the statute book of Nebraska which are as dead as if they had never been enacted and some member of the new legislature who wishes to shine as an economist can do the state a good service and win for himself undying fame by having them repealed. It is not always the man who gets the most new laws passed who does the most for his constituents.

It is reported that before the New Year the war in Cuba will be ended. That Spain will either have crushed the Cubans or withdrawn her forces from the island. There are millions of people in the United States who will watch progress in the matter with deep interest, hoping that the Cubans will be the victors. If Spain expects to do up the insurgents within so short a time she will head to get a move on herself.

It is asserted by some that the defeat of Tuttle for the legislature should be taken as an expression of the people of the district indicating disapproval of a change in the stock laws. What was the case in other counties the writer cannot say, but the vote in Sioux county was not an expression on that point. It is also stated that the convention by which Sheldon was nominated pledged him to support a free range bill. That having been the case the question of true range or herd law was not an issue at any time, and now is the time for the discussion of the matter and for an expression by those interested as to what they believe to be for the best interests of the county. The voters stuck very close to party lines in the late unpleasantness, regardless of local issues. Mr. Sheldon is a prohibitionist, but no one will claim that his election is to be considered as indication that the northwest district is in favor bringing on itself any more kinds of drouth than it has had to contend with in the past.

As the result of the election the state of Nebraska will with the beginning of the next year pass completely out of the control of the republicans. There is no doubt that there are a great many people in the state who have come to believe that the officials have been of one political faith who have been in power that there must be a lot of crooked work carried on from year to year. It is hoped that at the time the change is made a most thorough investigation of every department will be made. It is the interest of every citizen of the state, regardless of politics, that the affairs of the state be public and if the republicans have been guilty of wrongdoing let it be known. There are men in all parties whose only political desires are for personal gain and who would not scruple to prostitute a public function to gain their point, but the rank and file of all political parties are desirous of honest administration of the affairs of the state. Let the condition of all offices be made public. The men chosen to take the places of republicans in the state house are to be men of honor and ability and while it is a bitter pill for republicans to swallow it may be a tonic to the credit of the party in the end.

Now is the time for the republicans of Nebraska to begin work to regain what was lost on the 3d inst.

In Baltimore the day it was known that McKinley was elected more than three millions of dollars in gold and currency was deposited in the banks, most of it being small amounts which people of small means had been hoarding up until the result of the election became known. Similar reports come from all over the country. That shows clearly why money was scarce and the result of it going back into the channels of business will soon stop the cry of lack of sufficient money to carry on all legitimate business.

Among the candidates for the federal judgeship made vacant by the death of Judge Dundy is Judge Albert W. Crites, of Chadron. It is reported that he became a candidate at the solicitation of friends in various parts of the state. Politically he comes fully up to the standard of President Cleveland, being an administration, sound money democrat in whom there is no populist taint. His age, legal ability and experience certainly are such as will commend him to the appointing power. He is the only man in this part of the state who is in a position to aspire to the place and all in northwest Nebraska, regardless of politics, should give him all possible aid in his candidacy.

The fact that many mills and factories which had long been idle posted notices as soon as the result of the election was known stating that they would start up within a few days is a puzzle to some for the reason that McKinley will not take his seat until next March and the new congress will not meet in regular session until the following December. It should be borne in mind that it is less than four months until the new president will be inaugurated and very likely as soon as he is in the chair he will convene congress in extra session for the purpose of passing laws in conformity with the wishes of the people as expressed at the polls. The mills and factories will then find a market for their products, and the further fact should be remembered that a great many orders were placed contingent upon the success of McKinley and it will require some time to fill them.

It is hoped that some of the statesmen who are to be members of the next legislature will devise an improvement in the assessment laws. At present there is no uniformity and little justice in the way property is assessed for taxation. A man gets elected assessor sometimes on his promise to assess property in his precinct at a less rate than it had been assessed in former years. Then the rest of the people of the county have to pay more than their just proportion of the public expense. What is true as to the difference in valuation in precincts is also true as between counties. In some counties stock is assessed at nearly double what it is in others. In some of the western counties where land has no market value, and will not sell even for taxes, the assessment is nearly as high as it is in some of the counties in the eastern part of the state where land sells readily at from thirty to sixty dollars an acre. There is a good chance for some genuine reform in this matter.

The conviction of Stoecking and his sentence to the penitentiary is of more than ordinary significance. For years it has been common talk that a conviction on a charge of any crime, and especially on the charge of rustling, was out of the question in Sioux county. It is also well known that during the campaign when Judge Westover was a candidate it was talked that if he was elected the rustlers would have little to fear. This came of the fact that Judge Westover had defended and secured the acquittal of a number of those charged with crime in Sioux county. Another point was that some who claim to be honest men and good citizens have been inclined to uphold violations of the law and to sneer at any effort to have the law enforced. Lawbreaking is a disease which grows on a community and every one who does not take a firm stand for law is lending aid to outlawry. So great had been the development of the law-breaking disease that people had become convinced that they would be compelled to take measures to protect themselves and a year ago steps were taken for that purpose. The sending of young Zerbat to the reform school was notice to young would-be toughs that when they cannot be controlled by their parents they are very close to the point where the strong arm of the law will reach out for them, and the conviction of Stoecking demonstrates that a man can be convicted of rustling in Sioux county, and the action and statements of Judge Westover shows that evildoers will get heavy penalties meted out to them if convicted before him, and the way in which criminal cases are presented to the court indicates that the county attorney will do all in his power to enforce the law, and if all honest people take a firm stand for the law Sioux county will come out from under the cloud which has so long overhung it.

Persons having final proof notices in this paper will receive a marked copy of the paper and are requested to examine their notice and if any errors exist report the same to this office at once.

**Notice for Publication.**  
Land Office at ALLIANCE, NEB.  
Oct. 15, 1896.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before M. J. Hewett, Clerk Dist. Court, at Harrison, Neb., on November 24, 1896, viz: Jacob Marking, of Montrose, Neb., who made T. C. E. for the ne. 1/4 sec. 18, tp. 24, rg. 24.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
Jackson Kriesler, Stephen Serres, Joseph Hoffman, all of Bodiare, Neb.; Jacob Wasserman, of Montrose, Neb.  
If no protest be filed against this proof on or before day set for taking same, testimony already submitted will be considered.  
[7-12] J. W. WEISS, JR., Register.

**Notice for Publication.**  
United States Land Office.  
Alliance, Neb., August 27, 1896.  
Notice is hereby given that David Anderson, of Ardmore, S. D., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before M. J. Hewett, Clerk Dist. Court, at Harrison, Neb., on the 24th day of Nov., 1896, on timber culture application No. 78, for the ne. 1/4 of section No. 27, in township No. 25 n., rp. 23 n., r. 27 w.  
He names as witnesses:  
Joseph Ashton, August Meyers, Hiram Richardson, J. M. Plumb, all of Ardmore, S. D. [7-12] J. W. WEISS, JR., Register.

**Notice for Publication.**  
Land Office at ALLIANCE, NEB.  
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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before M. J. Hewett, Clerk Dist. Court, at Harrison, Neb., on Nov. 24, 1896, viz: Solomon L. Kille, of Harrison, Neb., who made H. E. No. 276 for the lots 1 and 2 and e. 1/2 sec. 9, tp. 23 n., r. 27 w.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
Walker Woodruff, S. M. Thomas, N. D.; Hamlin A. Lew, all of Harrison, Neb.; also Philip D. Dunn, of Harrison, Neb., who made H. E. No. 2674 for the ne. 1/4 sec. 2, tp. 23 n., r. 27 w.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
J. W. Smith, P. K. Murphy, Louis Ruffing, John Mack, all of Bodiare, Neb.  
[7-12] J. W. WEISS, JR., Register.

**Notice for Publication.**  
Land Office at Alliance, Neb.,  
October 12, 1896.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before M. J. Hewett, Clerk Dist. Court at Harrison, Nebraska, on Nov. 21, 1896, viz:  
Michael A. Banna, of Gilchrist, Neb., who made H. E. No. 323 for the w. 1/2 ne. 1/4 sec. 21, tp. 23 n., r. 27 w.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
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