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SOME POLITICAL HISTORY OF SHERMAN COUNTY.

For many months past the Senior editor of this paper has thought that in justice to the republican organization of this county, it would be proper and fitting to rehash a good portion of the old political history in order to show that the stories circulated by the opposition are, in the majority of cases, false and utterly without foundation, and that their pernicious efforts to connect the republican workers of to-day with what they term wrong doing in the management of county affairs, are uncalled for and unjustifiable to say the least.

We realize first of all that we, as editor and proprietor of the only outspoken Republican newspaper in Sherman county, that it is our duty to defend its principles and to show by honest argument that its record is not near so bad as the leaders of the opposition would have the people believe.

Second; it is a fact that our county is fast becoming settled with a new class of citizens who should know the truth about these matters, if they are to be spoken of at all. We acknowledge that as those are incidents long gone by that there is little good in dealing with them now, but as the blame for all the ills of the past are being constantly heaped upon the republican party, we take the position that those acquisitions should be met with a statement of facts.

We want to say in the opening, that with nothing but friendly feeling toward E. A. Brown, the Times editor, we engage in this work. We will state facts as we know them to exist and challenge him or any of his advisors to the contrary notwithstanding.

To make a long story short, we will come right down to the time 1886, when C. W. Gibson was deputy treasurer and when \$20,000 of the county's money went down with the failure of the Sherman County Bank. Prior to this time, and for some time after let it be understood, there were no party politics in Sherman county. There was, at that time however, a republican convention called but in their nominations they selected men on the ticket of several different political persuasions. These nominations were met by a strong opposition, which called another convention under the name of "Farmers and Taxpayers." In the latter convention J. K. Pearson was nominated and elected county treasurer and C. W. Gibson was his deputy. Both the present editors of this paper, the Nightingales and other men of different political beliefs, now residents of this county, were ardent supporters of Mr. Pearson. So far as local matters were concerned at that time, none of us cared a whit for party. We all seemed to be striving after the men who, in our judgment, would look well to the best interest of the county.

At this time we were young in newspaper work and experience, and just began to take an active part in local government. To our best recollection Brown, at that time, was not able to sprout a mustache.

Well, as we stated before, Mr. Pearson was elected. He served the county well and faithfully up to the time the Bank in question failed. It might be said that he used poor judgment in placing so large a sum of money in such a weak concern, but the stability of the Bank was not realized at that time and not only was this vast sum lost, but all that Mr. Pearson had on earth went with it, for he it said to his credit and honor, he turned over every dollar of his property even to the roof over the head of his wife and babes, to his

bondsmen to reimburse, as far as possible, the county for money he had been so cruelly robbed of. Mr. Pearson was before this a well to do man, and while we cannot say just how much property he had, we do know that it was no small amount. It is enough to say that he and his good wife signed away their all, and although advanced in years he was compelled to begin life anew. And this is what the Times editor charges up to the republican party, and by sneering insinuations, intimates fraud and wilful stealing of county funds. For shame.

Another absolute proof of Mr. Pearson's honest intentions is the fact that in 1899 he was nominated by the democratic party as candidate for sheriff and he received 52 votes more than the figures of the lowest candidate in opposition to the populist ticket. These are the items that the Times Independent fail invariably to mention. If Mr. Brown was honest in his statements, why didn't he go after Mr. Pearson when he was making this last race for a county office. Not a syllable did he utter, and what is more he would be afraid to make any direct charges, knowing the circumstances as he does.

C. W. Gibson, soon to be deputy in the clerks office, was at that time deputy county treasurer. When the treasurers door was locked against Mr. Pearson it soon became apparent that a treasurers statement would have to be made out before a settlement could be made with the bondsmen and Mr. Gibson was called upon for that purpose. He promptly made out an accurate statement and gave whatever assistance he could in the matter. We know this to be a fact, as we attended the Board of supervisors meeting from day to day and took special note of it for the press.

(To be continued.)

P. S.—Before we have closed this subject we rather think Mr. Brown will wish he hadn't said it. Some perplexing incidents have occurred in later years.

The Omaha Bee comes out with an article in which it intimates that state treasurer Stuefer has gone wrong in the matter of the purchase by the state of the Bart county bonds. The Bee charges that Stuefer furnished an irresponsible broker with money out of the school funds to purchase the bonds, thereby enabling said broker to realize the handsome sum of \$3,200 for the sale of the bonds. If this be so the Bee's position in the matter is right as no officer should be allowed to speculate with public funds. But before passing judgement as to the truth of the charge we shall wait for further evidence. There is no doubt but what the republican press of the state will be as quick to censure the wrong doings of our present state treasurer as they were when it was known that Bartley went wrong.

"Whom the Gods wish to destroy they first make mad," is an old proverb, and if the old saw holds good there will be several fellows in this community surprised in the future.

FARMERS INSTITUTE.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 5TH.

1:30 P. M. Address of welcome, by John W. Long. Response, Dr. A. T. Peters. Purpose of the Institute, by E. V. Forell. Local paper, Live stock interests of Sherman county, by R. D. Hendrickson. Annual Diseases, by Dr. A. T. Peters. 7:30 P. M. Music. Fruit growing, Local, by E. T. Peters. Agricultural Education, E. V. Forell. Question box.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6.

10:00 A. M. The Grain to grow in Sherman county, Local W. M. Hickman. Forage crops, by Prof. T. L. Lyon. 2:00 P. M. Care and Management of Poultry by M. F. Greely. Discussion. Cooking cheap and nutritious foods, by Mrs. D. Laws. 7:30 P. M. Music. Local Paper, Winter wheat in Nebraska A. P. Culley. Household Sanitation and home comforts by Bertha D. Laws. Some advantages of the farm home, M. F. Greely.

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ROCKVILLE RUMBLINGS.

Mrs. Carl Treffer arrived home Wednesday night from a fortnights visit at Blair. W. M. Smelser drove to Ashton Wednesday evening returning Thursday. Chas. S. Wilson railed it to Boelus Friday morning on business. The Free dance given Friday evening at the Woodmen Hall by Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Wilson, was largely attended. The young couple were the recipients of many nice and useful presents from their legion of friends. Mr. Dan Bushausen paid Grand Island a visit Tuesday. C. W. Fletcher of Boelus, was in our city Monday on business. Fred Dunker of Ashton, was a caller Tuesday. Rev. C. F. Graves of Shelton, is to hold church services at the school house in our burg at 7:30 Sunday evening Nov. 24. Let everybody turn out and help to fill the house. S. H. Branscomb moved, last week, into the property he recently purchased of A. J. B. Fairbairn in the south part of town. A. B. Fletcher sent a car of porkers to South Omaha Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Burman of Boelus, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Isaacson. Geo. Moses, one of our old townsmen, is spending this week with friends in our midst. "U. No. Me."

CLEAR CREEK ITEMS.

Mrs. Cransen, Mother of Mrs. A. H. Mead is quite sick. A. F. Kuhn is losing cattle. Five died with some unknown disease. Mrs. Lubs is home from the Island where she has been receiving medical treatment for an abscess in the stomach. Mrs. W. Heapy and daughter are visiting in Canada. They will be home about Thanksgiving Day. The Draper school is closed on account of a smallpox scare. Toman and Miller have pooled issues and will travel with a combined show, consisting of a magic lantern and a phonograph. Herbaugh of Hazard, will farm the Toman place next season.

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If it is announced by the proper authorities that a "Bankers Conference" would convene on a certain date at a certain place, all the representative bankers would no doubt be present. Of course they would. It would be to their interest to be present. If a conclave of "Organized Labor" was announced, railroads would make rates, hotel services would be extended, and men, women and children would come from every part of the land to consider questions of interest to themselves.

Now Unorganized Labor will have its fete day. A Farmers' Institute will be held in Loup City, on Thursday and Friday, December 5th and 6th, 1901. No farmer or stock raiser can afford to absent themselves from these meetings. Lay aside your prejudice against the "Book Farmer," for he is long dead. The practical man is the only one who can win in this day and he is the only one allowed on the institute platform.

Do you doubt this? then come to the institute filled with practical questions and thus puzzle the "Theorist" of whom you may have dreamed. Why should the farmer be the only man to deny himself the pleasure as well as the privilege of meeting with those of similar occupation. He cannot afford to do so. Your neighbor may learn something from your experience, and you may learn something from his. While you are putting aside some of your prejudice, dispense with some of that conceit also, and come to learn as well as teach.

PUBLIC LAND LEASING.

The following described lands in Sherman County will be offered for lease at public auction at Loup City, Nebraska, on Wednesday December, 18, 1901, at county treasurer's office, beginning at 2 p. m., and continuing until all of said lands have been offered. Terms of leasing and appraised value may be had on application to this office or to county treasurers; any of these lands that have been declared vacant by Board of educational lands and funds may be redeemed if delinquencies and costs are paid before land is leased at auction. NE 14 and N 12 NW and SE NW and Lots 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-16-18-19 n. GEO. D. FOLLMER, Commissioner Pub Lands and Blgs.

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You'll have a cold this winter. Maybe you have one now. Your children will suffer too. For coughs, croup, bronchitis, grip and other complaints One Minute Cough Cure never fails. Acts promptly. It is very pleasant to the taste and perfectly harmless. C. B. George, Winchester, Ky., writes "Our little girl was attacked with croup late one night and was so hoarse she could hardly speak. We gave her a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. It relieved her immediately and she went to sleep. When she awoke next morning she had no signs of hoarseness or croup. Odendahl Bros.

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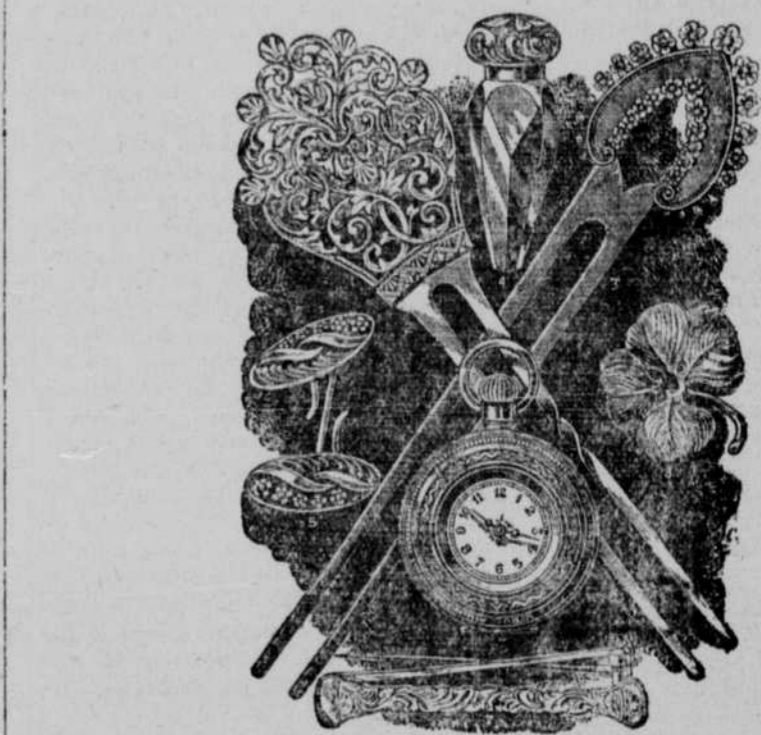
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