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## Condemns a Bad Precedent

The following resolution shows the temper of Sherman county Republicans, and should be the sentiment of all right-minded men:

Loup City, Neb., Mar. 8, 1904.—The Republican central committee of Sherman county, Nebraska, at its meeting held this day, passed a resolution condemning the action of the congressional committee of the Sixth district of Nebraska in calling the congressional convention at so early a date that it is impossible to elect delegates to said convention at the county conventions held in the district, whereby it becomes necessary for the respective county central committees to appoint such delegates or forego the right of representation at such congressional convention. We think such action forms a bad precedent, and is apt to be followed in the future when the occasion neither excuses nor justifies it. It is wholly contrary to the principles of our party and to the principles of our government to deprive the people of a voice in the affairs of their government by thus enabling a central authority to dictate nominations and policies without the necessity of an appeal to the electors. If such methods became the rule, they would inevitably lead to the one man power, and destroy republican government. We very strongly deprecate such a serious departure from the traditions and principles of our party, and fervently hope that it will not become a precedent to be followed hereafter. It is earnestly requested that the delegates from our county call the attention of the congressional convention to this unfortunate mistake and take such steps as will effectually prevent its repetition.

H. SMELSER, Chairman.

R. J. NIGHTINGALE, Secy.

Of the Sherman County Republican Central Committee.

Sheol was raised in the National house of representatives, Wednesday of last week over the report of Assistant Postmaster General Briscoe in regard to the postoffice scandals; and for a time pandemonium reigned. Rabid attacks were made upon Bristow by various congressmen. The government official was called a liar and scoundrel; that the report was conceived in iniquity, and born in sin, and opprobrious epithets were cast at his devoted head by republicans and democrats alike with the violence of thunderbolts. And all this because of a report of the investigation of the postoffice scandals mentions names of various congressmen in connection with irregularities in the appointment of postmasters, etc. This howl would indicate that something was rotten somewhere in the neighborhood of these excited congressmen and an investigation would be a mighty healthy thing for the public.

The field of aspirants for secretary of state represent a free for all contest. Alonzo Waite was the first to enter, and seems to be the favorite, with A. Galusha of Red Cloud second. Fred Miller of Richardson, present deputy, concluded to contest, after insisting he would not be a candidate, and Mr. Waite had announced his desires. McKesson is talked of from Lancaster, probably as is suggested in the case of Miller, to defeat some other candidate rather than expecting to win. And there may be others.

Supt. A. L. Caviness of Fairfield is a new candidate for state superintendent of schools.

## 1904 Taxes

There has been considerable speculation throughout the state this spring regarding the assessment of property under the new law and so as to be right in the matter, County Clerk Gibson, made a request for light on the subject to the Attorney General. This was answered by a long opinion of Supreme Court Commissioner Duffy, backed by Supreme Court decisions of Indiana, all of which Mr. Prout endorsed and made his own views on the matter.

To sum the whole matter up in as few words as possible, Mr. Gibson makes the following statement:

"All tangible property, either real or personal must be assessed whether the owner has any outstanding indebtedness or not. Credits are to be assessed as net credits, not gross. To illustrate: if A holds a credit against B and B holds a credit against A for the same amount, the two values are fictitious and neither should be taxed because one would offset the other. But if A's credit is the larger, then the difference should be taxed against A. All credits should be assessed at their actual value and not their face value. If they are worth 100 cents on the dollar they should be listed at that, if not, at less."

## Destructive Prairie Fire

Ravenna News, Mar. 12: The prairie fire which swept through the south part of Sherman county on Wednesday of last week made desolate its entire course, leaving burning farm houses and barns and burned and suffering dumb animals in its wake.

The wind was one of the heaviest gales this section of country has experienced in years, and the fire advanced with lightning rapidity and at times the crest of the wave of flame was twenty feet high.

The fire started on section 19 and followed a southerly course about 4 miles in width. Hay and straw stacks were burned by the hundreds. At Frazer Schneider's farm the house and barn were consumed. Further on in its course it struck the John Vandergrift place and swept the ground clean of everything in the way of buildings and fences. The house, barn and outbuildings were destroyed. The next victim was Conrad Koch, whose house, and barn and contents were destroyed. A cow and several stacks of hay were also burned. At Bert Neiberg's a new \$400 barn was burned, with four head of cattle and one horse. Anton Jelinek lost one span of horses and all of his corn and feed. Gus Schultz lost over twenty tons of hay and every farm in the pathway of the fire was stripped of everything of a combustible nature. Trees were charred and blackened and it is doubtful if they will survive the baptism of fire. At Conrad Koen's place, the platform of his windmill tower, twenty feet from the ground, was charred and blackened by the flames.

The fire was finally stopped at Fred Novy's place, but not until it had burned through his trees and grove, which will be an irreparable injury to the young timber.

On the same day, a fire started on Wood river, north of Kearney, and swept southeastward to near Gibson. A great lot of damage was done and a great deal of hay and straw was destroyed, but the territory covered was not so great nor the damage so extensive as in the Sherman county fire.

## A Case of Hog

A country hog that goes to the large packing houses at 4 1/2 cents a pound and comes back, breakfast bacon at 22 cents a pound, is not the only hog in the transaction.—North Nebraska Eagle.

## How a Truthful Paper Might Sound.

A Missouri editor announced that for just one issue he would tell the truth. Here are a few items from that issue:

"John Bonin, the laziest merchant in town, made a trip to Bellevue yesterday. John Doyle, our groceryman, is doing a poor business. His store is dusty, dirty and noxiously odoriferous. How can he expect to do much? Rev. Styx preached Sunday night on Charity. The sermon was punk. If the reverend gentleman would live up a little closer to what he preaches he'd have bigger congregations. Dave Soukey died last Saturday at his home in this place. The doctor gave it out as heart failure. The fact is, he was drunk and whiskey is what killed him. His home was a rented shack on Roudy street. Married—Miss Sylvia Rhodes and James Canahan last Saturday evening in the Baptist parsonage. The bride is a very ordinary town girl who doesn't know any more than a rabbit about cooking and who never helped her mother three days in her life. She is not a beauty by any means and has a gait like a fat duck. The groom is well known here as an up-to-date loafer. He has been living off the old folks all his life and don't amount to shucks. They will have a hard life when they live together and the News has no congratulations to offer, for we don't believe any good can come from such a union."

The issue in which the Missouri editor told the truth was the last he ever made. Now, in the spring-time when the dew like diamonds sparkle in the tender grass, where sweet throated birds make melody all the day, subscribers to this paper while it was published, drive out in the country a short way to catch a glimpse of a piece of black skin which hangs suspended from a barbed wire fence. It is all that remains of the once manly form of the Missouri editor who "told the truth for once."—Ex.

## They Ought to Know About Our Nebraska Cows.

It would be well for Nebraska if everyone in the east who thinks of coming here or who thinks at all of the dairying industry could be handed a copy of an article on "Dairying in Nebraska," prepared by Prof. A. L. Haecker, of the State Experiment Station, after the victory of the steer "Challenger," which was given his start in life on skim-milk. The professor believes that the possibilities of Nebraska as a dairying state are almost limitless, and he shows not only that one creamery paid farmers for butter-fat, during 1903, a total of \$1,250,000 and that another paid \$1,000,000, but that this is only a small representation of what will be paid when the industry is developed.

In substantiation of this, Secretary S. C. Bassett, of the Nebraska Dairyman's Association, showed, at the annual meeting in January, that whereas there were only two milch cows to the square mile in Nebraska in 1880, there are now 16 to the square mile, with a total value of \$37,000,000 and with production aggregating \$20,000,000 during 1903. The Burlington Route has published the Haecker article, with the Bassett figures, in pamphlet form, this week, and will circulate hundreds of copies in the east. We are informed any Nebraskan can have copies sent to his eastern friends by sending their names and addresses to J. Francis, the general passenger agent at Omaha. The pamphlet contains also a list of creamery stations, and it is noteworthy that there are now 560, as compared with 282 in January, 1903.

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