

Blackledge for District Judge

HE SHOULD BE ELECTED BECAUSE

- 1—He is an able lawyer, an upright citizen and in every way qualified for the place.
- 2—He is the only candidate in opposition to the present judge.
- 3—No one man should hold the office permanently, but it should be passed on occasionally to those who are competent to fill it.
- 4—The Southern part of the District, and Webster County as the second in population, is entitled to have the Judge—the northern part has had that officer for sixteen years and Adams county nine of that time.
- 5—Webster County has never had the judge.
- 6—The office of District Judge should not be a monopoly but should be open to be freely aspired to by other lawyers as an honorable reward for faithful service.



HIS OPPONENT JUDGE DUNGAN SHOULD NOT BE RE-ELECTED BECAUSE

- 1 A public office is a favor granted by the people.
- 2 He has now held the office two terms and an extra year—9 years in all.
- 3 He also held the office of County Judge six years, and County Attorney two years.
- 4 In the last 21 years he has either been holding office, or been a candidate for office; at every election except one (1900).
- 5 He has held office the whole time for the past 15 years.
- 6 He has drawn in salaries, **\$37,500.00** of the **public money**.
- 7 He has had enough.
- 8 The people of this District and of Adams county have been good to him and neither Republicans nor Democrats owe him more.
- 9 Former Judges Adams and Beall set the precedent in this District of retiring after the second term.
- 10 Judge Dungan, and Hastings and Adams county, having had the honors, emoluments and benefits of this office for nine years should now cheerfully step aside and give the rest of the District and the rest of the people in it, a fair chance.

Lewis H. Blackledge, Attorney of Red Cloud, Nebraska, is a Candidate for District Judge of the 10th Judicial District which includes the counties of Adams, Franklin, Harlan, Kearney, Phelps and Webster.

He was born in Ohio in 1868, and is 48 years of age. In 1881 he removed with his parents, to Franklin County, Nebraska, and resided on a farm adjoining Bloomington until he finished school. He was admitted to the Bar in Nebraska at the age of 20 years. He afterwards worked in a law office in McCook, Nebraska, and in 1890 removed to Culbertson, then the County Seat of Hitchcock county, where he continued in the practice of law until 1899, during which time he was twice elected County Attorney of that county.

In 1899, he removed to Red Cloud where he has ever since enjoyed a large practice which has extended to other counties and to Kansas, as also to the

Federal Courts of the state and the Supreme Courts of Nebraska and Kansas.

It is well known that in recent years he has been engaged on one side of nearly every important case contested that has been tried in the District Court of his (Webster) county. He also served two terms as County Attorney here.

For the years 1915 and 1916 he has been President of the Board of Education of the Red Cloud City Schools.

He is eminently well qualified by age, experience, ability and character to make a good judge, and the people of his home town and county, regardless of party, are enthusiastically supporting him for that office.

What the Home Papers and Some Others Say About Him

The Chief (Democrat)

Webster County has a chance to help give one of its worthy citizens an honorable position and at the same time help give this county what belongs to it as the second largest county in the district, and never having had the District Judge. The present Judge has held the office two terms of four years each and an extra year, and another man and another county should have recognition.

L. H. Blackledge, of Red Cloud, is universally conceded to be exceptionally well qualified for the position and, in our judgment, the voters of all parties will do well to cast their ballots for the home man and the home county.—Dated April 13, 1916.

Bloomington Advocate (Republican)

There is no doubt but what L. H. Blackledge of Red Cloud, who has filed for district judge, will receive a large vote in Franklin county. He was raised here and has countless friends who will help him. If elected he will make a fair and honorable man to sit on the bench.

Commercial Advertiser (Republican)

Knowing that the voters of this community feel that by electing Attorney L. H. Blackledge to the office of District Judge, that they are not only placing in office a man who in every way is qualified for the position he seeks, but that they are likewise placing an honor upon the county itself, and judging by the favorable comment upon his candidacy noted in the exchanges coming to our desk, it looks as though Mr. Blackledge was the gentleman slated to become the next district judge of the Tenth District.

Webster County Argus (Republican)

L. H. Blackledge is meeting with much encouragement in his campaign for district judge. There is considerable sentiment in favor of giving the south part of the district a representative on the bench, since the judges for the past sixteen years have been from the northern counties. There can be no doubt as to Mr. Blackledge's qualifications for the office, and if he receives the majority of votes the affairs of the district bench will be in safe hands.

Guide Rock Signal (Independent)

Attorney L. H. Blackledge was down from Red Cloud Monday for a short time circulating around among the voters. He is a candidate for district judge from this district. Mr. Blackledge says his candidacy was all planned by his friends, and the petition all but made up and filed before he knew anything about it. It is seldom these days that the office seeks the man, but this seems to be an exceptional case. Mr. Blackledge is also an exceptional man and well qualified and worthy of the position. Besides, Webster county has never had the judgeship, the present incumbent has had nine years of service, and there is no question but what Mr. Blackledge is now the popular and logical candidate.

Blackledge Is In The Race For Judge

Lewis H. Blackledge of Red Cloud, says The Franklin County Tribune, (Democrat), certainly stands high in the esteem of his acquaintances in the different parts of this judicial district. Petitions for the purpose of placing him in nomination for district judge

have been signed up by over a thousand voters, without an effort upon the part of Mr. Blackledge to procure the same. It has been purely conjectural, up to the present time, whether Mr. Blackledge would consent to get into the race for that position. Now, in view of the widespread sentiment expressed Mr. Blackledge has decided to make the race. This decision upon the part of Mr. Blackledge will be hailed with delight by his old friends here, where he spent his boyhood days. It is likewise a source of pleasure to the voters generally to be given an opportunity to vote for a man of Mr. Blackledge's ability and temperament for this responsible position.

To Adams County Voters

Mr. Blackledge, Webster County's candidate for District Judge, comes to you asking your support. Hastings and Adams county have now had that office filled by a distinguished citizen of Hastings, for the past nine years. The Webster County voters helped elect your present judge. Twice we gave him a splendid majority. The first time (1907) both candidates were

from Hastings. The last time (1911) when he was a candidate for his second term, we gave him a majority even against a home man. We have been fair to you and your candidate. We do not believe he is entitled to a permanent tenure of the office. The judges before him did not consider it so, and retired after the second term.

We believe that it is our turn and that the voters of Adams county are fair enough to see it. We do not believe they want to monopolize things to the prejudice of other citizens and other counties of the district—Webster county so far has never had the judge. The voters of Adams county have already done royally by Judge Dungan in the way of public office. He is a fine man and has many friends, but it is not the policy of our state government that he should hold the office permanently. It is wise that there should be a change occasionally, and it is fair that others should be given a chance.

Webster County, having helped elect your man twice, looks for fair consideration at your hands for its present candidate.