

# COUNTY ASSESSOR



WHY POPULISTS SHOULD STRAIN EVERY NERVE TO ELECT THEIR CANDIDATE

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the fusion ticket. I want nothing to do with the reorganizers and if Cleveland-Hill and that class of scoundrels get control of the democratic party, I am ready to join the people's party and I would like to know what W. J. Bryan will do. Go on with the good work; never give up until the last thief is driven from power. This is a dark hole, though I think Judge Sullivan will get some republican votes here for Barnes is known here pretty well and is looked on as a railroad tool and all his work would be for the railroads. If Sullivan is beaten it will be a great calamity for the people of the state. **ELIJAH ASHCRAFT.** Tilden, Neb.

The Independent desires a final word regarding the importance of populists using every honorable means to elect their candidate for county assessor. The Independent, of course, regards the new revenue law as a piece of vicious legislation, enacted primarily for the express purpose of compelling the farmers to bear, by increased taxation, the burden of wiping out the state debt of more than two million dollars, while the railroads are to escape with only a slight increase—and in the face of the well known fact that prior to this year they were not paying their just share of the taxes.

But until it is repealed, the new revenue law must be enforced, and in order to prevent the railroads from owning the county assessors as they now own the state board of equalization, it will be necessary for populist farmers to arouse from their lethargy and see that none but farmers are elected to this important office. It will not do to say that their is "nothing to vote for" and stay at home in the cornfields election day. This was done last year, and it would take much more than every bushel of corn shucked that day to pay the increased state taxes levied this year to cover republican extravagance. Staying at home election day is the most expensive thing a farmer can indulge in.

As was pointed out in The Independent of October 1, the county assessor law is a cunningly devised scheme of building up a political machine which will keep the railroads in power indefinitely. With ninety county assessors and some 1,600 deputies, all republicans and all going when and where they please on railroad passes, is there any good reason why we should expect the railroads to pay anything near their share of taxes? The state board is a mere creature of the railroads now, and that cannot be changed until after the election of next year; but populists can see to it that a majority of the county assessors are NOT republicans. The question is, Will they do it? Will they meekly submit to further robbery and not resent it? That remains to be seen. One thing is certain, they will deserve no sympathy, however much they may be robbed by high freight rates and railroad tax-shirking, if they continue as apathetic as during the last two or three years.

The Independent presents herewith a list of populist candidates for county assessor in the various counties, as far as has been reported to this office. The election of these men means some check upon railroad robberies—not final, of course, but the best that can be had this year in addition to the election of Judge Sullivan and the populist candidates for district judge:

### COUNTY ASSESSORS.

- Adams, David R. Bigelow, Hastings.
- Antelope, W. Block, Neligh.
- Boone, Thomas King, Albion.
- Box Butte, A. S. Reed, Alliance.
- Boyd, Wm. Specknall, Butte.
- Brown, E. O. Merritt, Long Pine.
- Buffalo, Geo. Richards, Odessa.
- Burt, Chas. Seaberh, Oakland.
- Cedar, A. H. Cresse, Hartington.
- Chase, A. C. Clayberg, Imperial.
- Cherry, J. P. Kreyck, Arabia.
- Clay, M. J. McDermott, Sutton.
- Colfax, J. B. Sindelar, Howell.
- Custer, E. Foley, sr., Merna.
- Dakota, Peter Cerney, Jackson.
- Dawes, Frank Pierce, Belmont.
- Dawson, J. T. Costin, Lexington.
- Dixon, Elmer Gibbs, New Castle.
- Dodge, J. J. Farrell, Fremont.
- Dundy, R. P. Williams, Benkleman.
- Fillmore, B. E. Ogg, Geneva.

- Franklin, Wm. Brebner, Bloomington.
- Frontier, W. F. Armstrong, Stockville.
- Furnas, T. J. McKown, Hendley.
- Gage, Jacob Klein, Beatrice.
- Garfield, Otto Mitchell, Burwell.
- Gosper, T. R. McDowell, Smithfield.
- Greeley, W. P. Dunning, Spalding.
- Hall, E. E. Binfield, Prosser.
- Hamilton, Ellis Wood, Aurora.
- Harlan, M. Hoffmeyer, Alma.
- Hitchcock, Emmor Ratcliff, Stratton.
- Holt, W. B. Cooper, Chambers.
- Hooker, J. J. Cragg, Lena.
- Heward, Henry Buhman, St. Libory.
- Jefferson, W. F. Bonawitz, Fairbury.
- Kearney, Frank Sutton, Minden.
- Keith, Wilber F. Stafford, Big Springs.
- Knox, Steve Mettern, Winnetoon.
- Lancaster, Joseph McGraw, Lincoln.
- Lincoln, Wm. Parcell, No. Platte.
- Logan, Ben Johnson, Gandy.
- Loup, S. Hesselgesser, Burwell.
- Nance, S. J. Ellis, Genoa.
- Nemaha, S. P. Robertson, Brock.
- Nuckolls, John W. Enearl, Oak.
- Pawnee, J. V. Stryker, Lewiston.
- Phelps, Swan Benson, Bertrand.
- Pierce, Frank Strelow, Pierce.
- Polk, A. M. Johnson, Osceola.
- Red Willow, John R. Neel, Indianola.
- Richardson, N. B. Judd, Dawson.
- Rock, A. M. Jacox, Bassett.
- Saline, A. J. Storms, Western.
- Seward, A. E. Baker, Tamora.
- Saunders, Jesse Gidley, Cedar Bluffs.
- Sheridan, T. N. Barhite, Hay Springs.
- Sherman, Lawrence Peters, Ashton.
- Thomas, Wm. Beckhoff, Thedford.
- Thurston, Thos. Pollock, Pender.
- Valley, Martin Pedersen, Ord.
- Washington, A. B. Batson, Blair.
- Wayne, Jake Ziegler, Wayne.
- Webster, Wm. Crabill, Red Cloud.
- Wheeler, T. S. Pratt, Baird.
- York, Henry Wellman, Waco.

Heretofore The Independent has pointed out that the state tax levy of this year is 34.7 per cent heavier than it was last year, that being an average for the entire state. In many counties it is much more than this. But while railroad taxes are only 31.2 per cent heavier than last year, the taxes of farmers and other business men are increased 35.5 per cent. And this, in spite of the fact, as every well informed man knows, that the railroads last year were not paying as much as they ought to. Instead of equalizing matters by a relative increase in railroad taxes this year, the republican state board cut them down, by making the increase on farmers considerably heavier. But the total increase simply covers republican extravagance—the legislature of 1903 being the most extravagant body that ever sat at the capitol.

Buffalo county farmers' state taxes are 18.4 per cent heavier than last year; the railroads get off with a raise of 14.8 per cent.

Sherman county farmers must pay 52.4 per cent increase; the railroads escape with an increase of 47.7 per cent.

Butler county farmers must pay 37 per cent more state taxes than last year; railroads, 27.5.

Saunders county farmers and business men must stand a raise of 34.9 per cent this year; the railroads 27.1.

Custer county agriculturists must pay the tax collector 91.5 per cent increase in state taxes over last year, as a reward of merit for shucking corn election day, while the railroads are let off with 88.5 per cent increase.

Dawson county stay-at-homes find their taxes increased 48.3 per cent, while the railroads escape with an increase of 29.9 per cent.

Jefferson county farmers pouted last year and they find an increase of

42.4 per cent in their 1903 state taxes; but the railroads get off with an increase of only 29.4 per cent.

Cass county farmers and business men find their state taxes 52.1 per cent higher this year; the railroads escape with a raise of 42.9 per cent.

Polk county farmers must pay 33.4 per cent more state taxes because one of her citizens was selected eight days before the republican convention by John N. Baldwin & Co.; but John's railroads will pay only 20 per cent more.

And so with nearly every county in the state. These figures apply only to the state levy; but as the differences in per cent of increase between the farmers and the railroads come about through the way Baldwin's railroad state board of equalization kept down the railroad assessment, while the precinct assessors raised the valuation of farmers' and business men's property nearly eight millions, an inspection of the county tax records will show that the railroads have a big advantage in county and other local taxes as compared to last year.

### SALINE COUNTY.

This week The Independent will use Saline county as an illustration, showing the importance of having the populist county assessor elected.

In 1902 the grand assessment roll of Saline county was:

Railroad property .....\$ 529,375.75

Other property ..... 2,211,147.48

The state levy was 7½ mills, which made the state tax as follows:

Railroads .....\$ 3,870.32

Others ..... 16,683.60

This year the precinct assessors raised the assessed valuation \$211,408.78; but the state board cut down the railroad assessment \$1,478.54, making the roll for 1903:

Railroads .....\$ 527,897.21

Others ..... 2,422,556.26

The state levy was 9½ mills, making the state tax as follows:

Railroads .....\$ 5,015.02

Others ..... 23,014.28

Which means that the farmers and business men of Saline county must pay 37.9 per cent more state taxes than last year, while the railroads escape with an increase of only 29.6 per cent. A similar disparity will be found in the county levy. Go to the records and find out for yourselves.

Down in Saline county the populist candidate for county assessor is A. J. Storms, of Western. He is making the fight of his life, although the office pays but \$600 a year, because he has found that his opponents are using plenty of money to carry the day. Nobody but the railroads could afford to spend money to carry a \$600 office. But every dollar so spent will later be collected from the farmers of Saline county by some advantage in railroad taxes.

It would be folly for Mr. Storms to meet his opponents by also spending money. If the farmers of Saline county care so little about being gouged by railroad tax-shirking and freight rate robberies, that they will not turn out election day and elect Mr. Storms—who has no railroad strings tied to him—then let them suffer the increased robbery.

What is true regarding Mr. Storms and Saline county is true of the populist candidates in every county, as far as The Independent knows. But if the railroads own any populist candidate anywhere. The Independent hopes he will be beaten. If it must be a railroad assessor, let it be a republican and let the republicans bear the blame.

state taxes on the average are 45.2 per cent heavier on the railroads and 52.6 heavier on the farmers. For the different counties the increases are as follows:

	Farmers.	Railroads.
Buffalo .....	18.4	14.8
Custer .....	91.5	88.5
Dawson .....	48.3	29.9
Sherman .....	52.4	47.7

Under the new revenue law next year there is no doubt that these gross injustices will be even worse, and they cannot be changed wholly until republicans are driven from the state house and every court house in the district. Especial attention should be given to getting every vote possible for Judge Sullivan, Judge Hand, and the county assessors; the fight should be concentrated there.

### They Know Barnes

Editor Independent: Inclosed find draft for \$1.50 for which apply \$1.00 to the credit of ——— of Tilden and the balance to my credit and I will send you some more before long. I have voted the democratic ticket for forty-three years and always voted

### Twelfth Judicial

Reports from the Twelfth judicial district say that the campaign goes well in the entire district, with good prospects for nearly a full populist vote. If this materializes, it is a foregone conclusion that Judge Willis L. Hand will be elected.

And he deserves to be. Despite his name, the judge is not one of those "gladhand" mixers who "jolly" every elector into thinking that the wheels would stop if he were defeated. On the contrary, he is a reserved, dignified man; a thorough lawyer and a populist who clearly understands the reasons why millions toil for a bare living while a few thousand live in luxury without work.

Judge Hand is a conscientious man who will dispense justice without fear or favor of anyone. He is the people's candidate. His opponent, Judge Hostetter, is the railroad choice, selected after a long, bitter fight among the various railroad candidates in the district. There are plenty of republican farmers in the Twelfth judicial district, but they had no voice in selecting the republican candidate for judge.

Some of them will doubtless be interested within the next four years in the outcome of litigation over the new revenue law, the Ramsey elevator law, or other suits in which the railroads are lined up against the farmers. What ought they to expect, if Judge Hostetter presides?

Owing his nomination wholly to railroad influence, and with his pockets lined with annual passes, who could expect Judge Hostetter to be free from bias in favor of the railroads? It isn't human nature, it isn't reasonable to expect him to do anything else in close questions than to give the railroads the benefit of the doubt every time.

Judge Hand, by temperament, training and political affiliation, is a man who could be expected to allow the railroads no privileges; yet he would give them justice—all they have a right to ask, but, as we all know, they always want more than their share, and this accounts for their activity in politics.

As an example of what republican state administration has done for the farmers of the Twelfth district, it should not be forgotten that this year's

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