

electing those now on the bench and adding as many as possible to our number.

It is very necessary also that we elect as many county officers as possible and I would like to urge the republicans of the state, such and every one, to be on the alert and poll every vote that it is possible for our ticket. Do not forget that we are battling against money and corporations. Also do not forget that Judge Sullivan has shown by his decisions and especially by a late decision on the farmers' elevator question that he is a friend to the farmer and to the masses.

To save the vote in the state, although some of them need a little warming over, a process that they are going through in this county, and I am satisfied that our people have not forgotten the fair, economical and able administration given the state by the republicans only a few years since.

Let us have all good republicans to give the polls and vote their ticket from top to bottom and in so doing elect men who are tried and true and in whom we have confidence and will give us a fair and upright administration. ROBT B. BAKERELL, Bel Coon, Neb.

ELMER E THOMAS.

Editor Independent: If the people of Nebraska do their duty next Tuesday, Judge Sullivan will be elected supreme judge. I am neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet. I have had the gravest fears that we would be defeated this fall until very recently but I say now that if we are defeated we will be defeated in the hope of our friends. The republicans will do their full duty by Judge Sullivan. I have talked to a very large number of Omaha republicans, and every one of them who has committed himself has told me that he intended to vote for Judge Sullivan. There were 118 independent votes cast for Mr. Penning for mayor last spring; 1,000 of these were republican votes, and I fully believe that a very great majority of all these independent republicans will vote for Judge Sullivan. The real estate exchange, which is increased in the equitable taxation of the railroads, composed almost entirely of republicans, will cast its vote and its influence for Judge Sullivan. The Methodist preachers of Omaha have passed a resolution favoring him and they are all republicans. If we fail it will be a burning disgrace upon the republican name.

Union is at an end. Next year the republicans will be in the field against both the republicans and democrats. The judiciary is not and should not be in politics. No reason of pique or

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of dissatisfaction with Union should keep populists away from the polls on election day. From every quarter of the state I hear of great enthusiasm in the ranks of the populist party. I urge upon the members of the party all over the state to make this an exception and to go to the polls and do their full duty in anticipation of the work of next year.

ELMER E THOMAS, Omaha, Neb.

R. D. SUTHERLAND.

Editor Independent: On November 2 will be held an election that will be of importance to the voters of the state. I have always believed that one of the essential things is that the voters should without fail once a year go to the polls and vote their sentiments as their judgment indicates they should. The greatest evil in my judgment, is a lack of interest on election day, so far as political matters are concerned.

As long as the people, regardless of the political views held by them, unconsciously attest their views on political questions by voting, no great wrong can be done. There is some because people believe their duties.

Judge Sullivan is a great justice, and has manifested businessness in declaring the law as he has understood it, in his decisions. He has shown great warning, and has been able to apply that warning to all the questions that have been presented to him as a judge. The one great question with him in the adjudication of cases, is, What are the law and the facts, and when he has determined those things, his decision follows without regard to the consequences. His position, that he wishes to stand upon his record, and stand or fall upon that, is refreshing; and his efforts to prevent criticism of his opponent, generous. Let us all aid in getting out a full vote this fall.

R. D. SUTHERLAND, Nelsoa, Neb.

M. M. WARNER.

Editor Independent: To the Populists, Democrats and All Lovers of Better and Purer State Government: We appeal to you to come out on election day and assist in the glorious struggle to reform our fair state from the ignominious republican leaders and wools of corporate wealth and the money power. We appeal to you in the name of humanity and all that is sacred on earth to stand by Judge Sullivan and make heroic efforts to re-elect him as supreme judge. The supreme court is the only safeguard or "back-wall" now left standing between the people and avarice, greed and plunder by the railroads and other corporations.

We can't afford to lose Judge Sullivan, or any of the district judges—we need them all to help us fight the battle for the people.

Then let us be up and doing! Roll out, tumble out! Any way to get the votes out! It is one of the grandest battles for honor and the right ever waged in Nebraska: a mighty conflict for human rights and human liberty and the people MUST WIN.

On with the fight, and when the sun goes down on election night let the glad tidings of victory dash out over the state and let us be emboldened upon the "eternal walls of time" in glittering letters of everlasting glory: "Nebraska once more redeemed from fraud and corruption!" M. M. WARNER, Lyons, Neb. Editor Lyons Mirror.

COL. W. G. SWAN.

Editor Independent: Reading the World-Herald a few days ago I saw that Daniel Freeman, who took United States homestead No. 1, says he is going to defeat the supreme judges as fast as they come up for re-election, on account of their decision in his case, in letting the Bible be read in the public schools.

Wonder if Freeman ever thought that that Bible is responsible for his getting a homestead and whatever else he has of civilization? If the Bible had not been read and taught in America, Mr. Freeman might have been a cannibal or a murderer and would never have known the difference. We must wait to see if he is a hypocrite.

That opinion and then let the churches that spend so much money to support the churches will be asked.

Freeman then would be a bigger man than David!

Mr. Kilmer, I think if the voters of Nebraska would turn out to the polls on election day, and there was nothing so sure for but the Freeman issue, that Judge Sullivan, and Judge Krumpholtz—who carried the Bible case to the supreme court—would be elected unanimously elected. W. G. SWAN, Tecumseh, Neb.

Let us not misunderstand the Bible decision. The court did not hold that the Bible MUST or MUST NOT

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be read in the schools. That is a matter for the school board to decide. But if that reading is so conducted as to constitute sectarian instruction—as was the case shown by the records in the Freeman suit—then the court has no option; the constitution plainly says that—

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Judge Sullivan's opinion, however,

may be plain that were reading the Bible—if not carried to extremes—it is not in itself "sectarian instruction." Consequently, the reading of a chapter or a few verses each morning would not come under the constitutional ban, any more than reading from Shakespeare, the Koran or the scriptures of the United States—Associate Editor.

J. N. CAMPBELL,

Editor Independent: For three years now the railroads and other