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Republicans Defeat the Avowed Railway Candidate, But Platform is Moulded to Suit the Desires of Lobby and Corporation Bosses.

For justice of the supreme court—**CHARLES B. LETTON.**

For regents of the state university—**V. G. LYFORD**
FREDERICK ABBOTT

The foregoing ticket was nominated at the republican state convention held in Lincoln on Thursday, September 14.

Before the convention met the railway interests centered their efforts to secure the nomination of Judge Edward R. Duffie of Omaha and it was quietly announced that the deal had practically been closed. The railway plan was to have Lieutenant Governor McGilton made permanent chairman and given the privilege of naming the committee on resolutions. In spite of considerable opposition this part of the program was carried out and it was not until the roll had been called three times in the balloting on the candidates for supreme judge that the real antagonism to Judge Duffie was disclosed.

Judge Holmes Makes a Mistake

Judge Holmes of Lincoln attempted to swing the Lancaster delegation solidly for Judge Duffie, but was foiled by United States Senator Burkett, whose rebellion was the feature of the convention. Leaping to a chair Senator Burkett said:

"You can't cast my vote in that way," and he called for a poll of the delegation.

Immediately there was great confusion. The Douglas county delegation, 120 strong, attempted to howl down the senator, but at length a vote was taken. The result showed that a majority of the Lancaster delegation wished to vote for Judge Letton and Senator Burkett claimed that according to the call of the convention the delegation had the right to cast the vote of the absentees. After the call had been read Chairman McGilton so ruled, but Ralph Breckenridge of Omaha claimed that the meaning of the words in the call was that the absentees should be voted proportionally in the ratio the majority bore to the minority vote. The chairman changed his ruling after an uproar lasting twenty minutes.

Judge Letton Nominated

Meantime a number of delegations had changed to Judge Letton and Senator Burkett and the Letton supporters dropped the fight, knowing that Letton was nominated without the votes of the absentees belonging to the Lancaster delegation.

The following candidates for justice of the supreme court were in the contest: John H. Ames, Edward R. Duffie, Charles B. Letton, S. P. Davidson, John L. McPheely, O. A. Abbott. Letton led on the first ballot, closely followed in order by Duffie and Ames, with the others far behind. The second ballot showed gains for Letton and a stampee in the third gave him the nomination.

V. G. Lyford and Frederick Abbott were nominated for regents of the university of Nebraska on the first ballot.

Republican Declarations

The republicans of Nebraska, in convention assembled, congratulate

the citizens of our common country upon the continued and general prosperity of the people.

We heartily endorse the wise administration of our great leader Theodore Roosevelt. We join in the world's chorus of praises according to him the justly earned title of peace-maker. We heartily endorse and support his position and efforts to secure adequate and effective control of all corporations engaged in interstate commerce.

We believe strictly in the principle of equality before the law as applied to the transportation business, and, therefore, demand immediate relief through the enforcement of existing laws, or through amendatory legislation from the payment of rebates to favorite shippers, and unlawful and wrongful discriminations between communities and individuals, both in the state and in the nation.

With unbounded confidence in the integrity and statesmanship of President Roosevelt we heartily approve his recent utterances in which he says: "I believe that all corporations engaged in interstate commerce should be under the supervision of the national government. I do not believe in taking steps hastily and it may be that all that is necessary in the immediate future is to pass an interstate commerce bill conferring upon some branch of the executive government the power of effective action to remedy the abuses in connection with railway transportation."

We request and demand of our representatives in congress active and harmonious co-operation with President Roosevelt along these lines, to the end that corporate rapacity, extortion and abuses may be subdued and abolished, and the sovereignty of the people over corporations fully, promptly and permanently established.

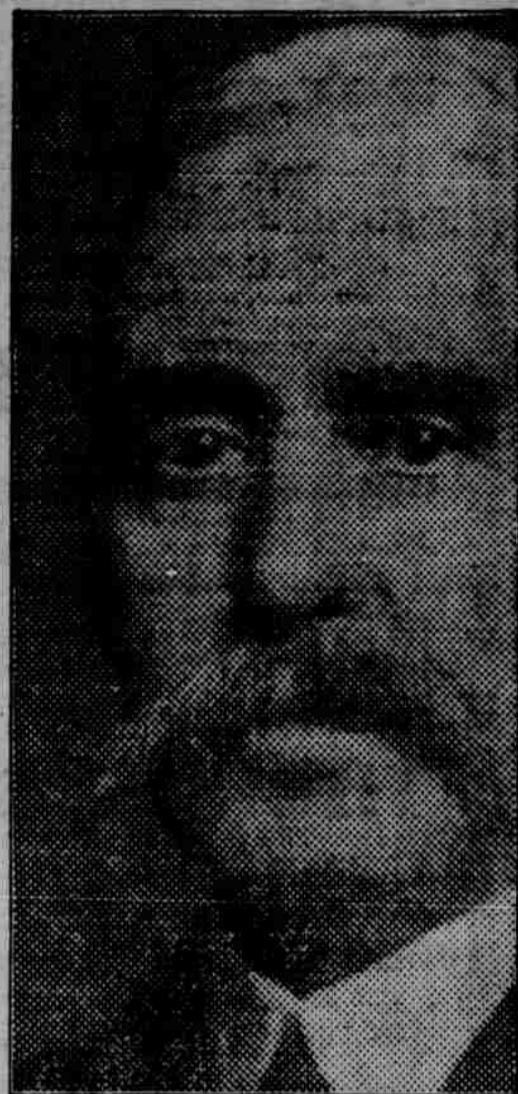
Believing that the nearer the control of public affairs can be brought to the people the better the result will be, we declare ourselves in favor of a direct primary law governing the nomination of all public officers.

We commend the economical administration of state offices by republican officials.

We believe that the giving of free transportation upon railways is detrimental to the interests of the people, and recommend that a law be enacted by the legislature of this state to prohibit it.

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