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HOLCOMB BEFORE TAKING.

What His Own Crowd Say Against Him.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

- Congressional Ticket. For Congress, M. P. KINKARD, Of O'Neill. Judicial Ticket. For Judge of 12th Judicial District, F. G. HAMER, Of Kearney. County Ticket. For County Treasurer, WALTER GEORGE. For Sheriff, Capt. V. C. TALBOTT. For Clerk of Dist. Court, JAMES CHITTICK. For County Judge, Lieut. H. F. KENNEDY. For County Superintendent, J. A. ARMOUR. For County Surveyor, J. B. TAGGART. For County Coroner, F. E. VANANTWERP. For County Assessor, Dr. H. F. DAVIES. Supervisor Ticket. For Supervisor of 6th District, J. F. FOXWORTHY, Of Custer. Township Ticket. Clerk, W. W. COWLES. Treasurer, J. M. KIMBERLING. Justices of the Peace, J. J. SNYDER, L. MCANDLESS, Constables, P. M. TOWSLEY, Wm. BARRETT. Road Overseers, Dist. No. 1, CHAS. DAVIS, Dist. No. 2, J. B. KENYER, Dist. No. 3, JOHN BOYCE, Dist. No. 4, L. N. PERSHALL, Dist. No. 5, F. H. AITHUR, Dist. No. 6, G. E. CADWELL, Dist. No. 7, C. T. WRIGHT. Supervisor District Convention. DISTRICT NO. 2. The republican supervisor convention of district no. 2, Custer county Nebraska is hereby called to meet in Round Valley school house Sept. 20th at 10 o'clock p. m. to place in nomination a candidate for supervisor for said district and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the convention. The basis of representation is the same as for the county convention. J. O. TAYLOR, Chm'n.

The following appeared in the Papillion Times, a democratic paper, of Aug. 3d, 1899: It is hot stuff from the pen of Judge Edgar Howard, known to every democrat in the state of Nebraska. Below is what this demo-pop editor said before Holcomb's nomination. We wonder what he says now. "black" crowd:

KEEPING THE FAITH. In opposing the nomination of Silas A. Holcomb for supreme judge, the Times has been prompted by no personal motive. We have never accused Holcomb of mistreating democrats, as some of our critics assert. Our opposition has been and is based solely upon Holcomb's record as a reformer. He is a populist, and as such is in honor bound to be true to populist platforms. Has he been true? Let us look at his record on the pass question. Since the birth of the populist party in Nebraska, its platforms have denounced the pass-grabbing practice, some of them openly denouncing the pass as a bribe. During his first term as governor, Mr. Holcomb was very slow about playing with railroad passes, but during his second term he brazenly repudiated demo-pop doctrine, and made as bad a record at pass-grabbing as any Nebraska republican can boast. In

his own circle of populists the platform utterances as to passes are laughed at, the pass apologists stating that the platforms denounce the pass habit simply to catch the country vote. This fact is illustrated by the action of the populist convention in Holcomb's home county two weeks ago. And, by the way, that convention in Custer county nominated a full set of populist county candidates, never even asking the democrats to join in the nominating, all of which would imply that Holcomb and his friends have no earthly use for democrats in populist counties, while demanding a share of all offices in democratic counties. We have a right to believe that the Custer county convention was a Holcomb convention, because Silas was on hand and made a speech, complimenting the convention upon its good work, which was the nomination of a straight populist ticket, and the utter ignoring of the fact that there is a democratic party in that county. One of the planks in that convention's platform was strong against railroad passes, reading as follows: "We are opposed to the use of passes by our public servants, and would recommend the retirement to private life of all who accept the same, and we are in favor of legislation that will prevent the giving

or receiving of free transportation." Silas A. Holcomb stood before the delegates in that body and endorsed that anti-pass platform, notwithstanding the fact that he is the prince of pass-bilkers in Nebraska fusion ranks. If elected, would he be true to that platform? We have a right to judge men by their records. Holcomb has never been true to his party platforms in the past, and it is not fair to presume that he would be true in the future. The same convention which passed that strong anti-pass resolution, stultified itself by adopting another resolution in favor of Holcomb for supreme judge. According to the terms of that anti-pass resolution, Holcomb would not be eligible to any office within the gift of the fusion forces, because the resolution says "we favor the retirement to private life of all who accept passes." It is time for plain talk. The Times believes we as populists ought to keep faith with the people. We cannot keep faith by nominating Mr. Holcomb, because he has laughed at his every promise as to the pass evil. Those good and true populists and democrats who believe our platforms should be respected, will laugh at us on election day if we nominate Silas A. Holcomb for supreme judge."

intention of doing away with middle men, merchants and banks, and railroad rates, they deceived the people, and secured the county offices, the state offices and the legislature. They also pledged themselves in this county, if elected to office, that they would fill the positions for from \$300 to \$500 less salary than the law provided. Of all men the farmers were to be favored, and legislation was to be made in their behalf. Ware houses were to be built, in which to store their grain, where it was to be held for remunerative prices. Alliances were to combine and buy their goods and sell their own products, and thus dispense with the merchants and middle men. They were to look after the shipping of their own stock and grain, and dealers were to be crowded out. Laws reducing freight and passenger rates were to be enacted, and free passes on railroads prohibited. They sang they were going to "burst the banks and burn the bonds." All these things were held out to the farmers as an inducement to them to join their ranks. The republican and democratic parties were roundly denounced as being corrupt and unworthy of existence. By this fallacious argument, and their inflammatory speeches and songs, hundreds of voters were beguiled, and helped them into office. But mark the change. The leaders, seeing that the people are onto their hypocrisy, have now turned upon the class that helped them into office, and are by their understrappers, collectors, constables and sheriff, scouring the county with distress warrants, compelling the farmers and others to sacrifice their last cow if need be, to pay them the '98 tax. The hard times from 1893 to 1897 had forced many a poor man to allow his taxes to become delinquent in years past, and with his short crop this year, it is a burden to him to pay those taxes, and when it comes to being compelled to pay the '98 tax before he can realize from his crop, with an addition of \$1.25 to the collectors in many cases, they are unable to do it without great sacrifice. A private letter, received a few days ago from one of these farmers, whom the populists pretended to so greatly love, tells of the proceedings in his township, which is, doubtless the case in every other. He says the "collector sent out cards warning the people that on or before Sept. 1st their taxes must be paid. August 25th the constable was going after us with a distress warrant, issued by Lomax, with \$1.25 penalty. There was but one warrant issued, but every man was expected to pay the 25 cents besides the \$1.00 constable fee. He says he would like for Lomax to tell us who gets the 25 cents steel. We know who gets the \$1.00, as it is a put up job for the pop constable. We are getting used to being stolen from, but like to keep track of the ones that get it. The county board seems to stand in with the other fellows. If a judge or treasurer steals a few thousand, they only have to make good a part of it, which makes it look like a money making business." In the township from which their candidate for county clerk hails, a pop treasurer defaulted for several hundred, and it is reported that the township board voted to give the defaulter ninety-nine years in which to pay it. Was the candidate a member of that board? Do we want this kind of work to continue, or is it an indication that the party leaders are friends of the poor farmers, when they refuse to collect from their defaulting officials, and distress them to make up these deficiencies? As one farmer, I am determined that the hungry horde shall not feast off of me any longer, if I can help it. A TAXPAYER.

Beal, Shinn and Cummings Combine. (Communicated.) In Custer county, two years ago, there came to the populist party a terrible foe. This double-headed monster appeared in the form of a whale. Beal and Shinn were the head, and Fred Cummings the tail. After much lying, deceiving and combination, Shinn succeeded in getting a nomination. We all remember the night of that convention. Which lasted until broad daylight. By that time all saw who was in the right. So when election day came, the Shinn head of the whale was crushed to the earth as though it were a small. Next came Beal, of the "soft snap" fame, to be re-elected. For he supposed the party had not reflected into what quicksand he would take the populist boat. But many knew Beal did not care for the wreck if he could float. And in the fall of eighteen ninety-eight, honest votes came to the rescue, and Beal re-covered his fate. It now seemed as though right would prevail. After all the combine treachery did fall; but alas! trouble has come in one more way. And now shines dimly, gives the one last ray: Gazing at the sick, glassy eyes, And causing the party's indignation to rise. The trouble is, this whale is like a snake in the grass— After mashing the head, in its tail a little life lasts. And it is not ready for political strife, And thereby try to regain for the head new life: It is Shinn's and Beal's last chance, but they will find that the tail Cannot give life to the head of the whale. Cummings' struggles will be agonizing to behold. While he is trying to bring his sheaves to the fold; He will find that his harvest is small, for his votes will be few. After all the deceiving that he, Beal and Shinn, can do. Yes, their work will be in vain, for on election day the whale will be crushed as dead as the head of the whale. ONE AMONG MANY DISAPPOINTED POPULISTS.

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VOTE FOR THEM.

"WE HAVE NOT ONE WORD TO SAY AGAINST CLARIS TALBOT OR HORACE KENNEDY. BOTH ARE NICE YOUNG MEN, AND NO DOUBT, RENDERED VALIANT SERVICES AS SOLDIERS BOTH IN THE WAR AGAINST SPAIN AND THE PHILIPPINES."—BEACON, Sept. 14, '99.

We hear of new recruits for the republican ticket nearly every day. They are coming, boys, and if every loyal citizen does his full duty, we will elect every man on our ticket.

The members of the republican county central committee and candidates in the city Saturday brought in favorable reports of the political situation, in their respective localities.

It is a Beal, Armstrong, Shinn and Cummings quartet that seems to be manipulating the pop politics this year, while Rhodes and Stockham are put on the committee as mere figure heads, to hide the real facts.

Is it true, as we have been informed that the Beacon's vigorous support of Eli Armstrong, for sheriff and Fred Cummings, for judge is the result of a deal entered into last fall to secure their support in the senatorial contest of Charley Beal against Hon. F. M. Currie?

"Too Much of a Boy."

It is urged by some of the opposition to Captain Talbot, that he is "too much of a boy" to fill the office of sheriff. When bullets were to be encountered and hardships endured, he was old enough, but when the voters are asked to reward him for his service, in sharing their part in defending the honor of the government, then they shirk their duty, with the excuse that he is too much of a boy.

Commenting upon the evident determination of Democratic leaders to keep free silver at the front in campaign of this fall and in 1900, the New York World remarks that. In 1896 the Democratic party was beaten 608,614 on the popular vote, and 95 in the electoral college, and since then has lost four states, with 21 electoral votes, and gained only Kentucky, which is likely to be lost again this year.

THE BEACON'S EXCUSE LAST WEEK

The Beacon's excuse last week for its opposition to Capt. Talbot and Lieut. Kennedy, was that they are inexperienced, and never held office. The same argument might be used against every man in his first candidacy. But is it tenable? Did F. M. Currie fail to fill the position of state senator acceptably last winter? He had never held office before. Or did the voters regard him less capable than his populist opponent, who had warned the seat two years before simply because he had never held office before. No, brother Beacon, that kind of argument will not do. It is from among our new men that we get our best officials. It is among the chronic office seekers we find our defaulters, tricksters and political schemers. What the people want is honest and capable men, and it does not matter whether they ever held office before or not, they are the kind that can be relied upon with safety.

Hon. M. P. Kinkard, republican candidate for congress in this (Sixth) district, had his boyhood in the state of West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Illinois. He located in partice of law in this county about nineteen years ago, having graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan in the class of 1878, and by the choice of his classmates holding the position of class president in the senior year. He was elected a member of the state senate in 1882, his district comprising the county of Holt, Antelope, Pierce, Wheeler, Garfield, Valley, and the then unorganized territory now comprising the counties of Rock, Brown, Keys, Paha, and portion of Cherry county. Several of these new counties were formed by bills introduced by him during his senatorial term. By the members of the senate he was made chairman of the judiciary committee of that body, the duties which position, in the estimation of the people he discharged in so creditable a manner as to call attention to him as an able constitutional lawyer and a man preeminently qualified for legislative life, and numerous times since then he has been invited by resident of this district to stand for congress, and was on the 20th ult., nominated by acclamation in a very enthusiastic convention.—O'Neill Frontier.

The republican state convention is being held in Omaha today.

LIGHT ON EAGER'S RECORD.

Unpopular with the First Nebraska. Nevertheless He Receives Promotions Over the Heads of Able Men—Now Takes the Stump for the Fusion Ticket.

The following special to the Omaha Bee from Mason City, on the 15th instant, may throw some light on the kind of men that the pops are sending out to make the campaign against the administration. The facts of the matter may be verified by talking with the boys in company M:

The fusion game of misrepresentation has already begun, as is shown by the circular letter just sent out over the signature of J. H. Edmisten, to advertise a meeting at Sumner, Dawson county, and in two little towns in Custer county. The letter says the speakers will be "Cyclone" Davis, of Texas, and Col. F. D. Eager, of the Fighting First Nebraska." It continues:

"We want you to put your shoulder to the wheel and do your very best to help make this meeting a success. We have written our committeemen fully upon this subject, and have suggested some plans for making this such a meeting as will of itself draw an immense crowd, to say nothing of the opportunity of hearing these grand speakers. Col. Eager is doubtless as well posted on the Philippine question as any one could be, having led the Nebraska troops through that terrible campaign in foreign lands, etc., etc."

The impression sought to be given out in this letter is that Eager was the commander of the First Nebraska, and that he led it "through the terrible campaign." The letter having been sent out from Lincoln, must have been with Eager's knowledge and consent, and it is perhaps well for the public to know what sort of a "leader" this man Eager was.

In the First regiment Eager was the political agent of Silas A. Holcomb. In the camp at Lincoln he was promoted to a captaincy over the heads of deserving officers. On the way over to Manila he made himself unpopular with the regiment. In the battle with the Spaniards he was guilty of such conduct that the men of his company composed rhymes about him and sang them in the camp. He was hard and cruel toward his men, forcing sick privates to go out and drill or perform other duties for which they were unfitted. He was reprimanded for making a false report of his

company. He opposed the return of the regiment to America last December, when the petition was being almost unanimously signed, and he interfered in the sending of cable dispatches to the governor, although refusing to pay his share of the expense.

In spite of these performances, Eager was promoted over the heads of every captain in the regiment, and was made a major. When the fighting commenced with the Filipinos he managed to keep in the rear. Far from being a "leader," his courage was the joke of the regiment. One of the familiar yells in the camp ran this way:

Eager to eat, Eager to talk, But never eager to fight.

This great leader kept up his record to the end. He always had some scheme to make money, and there have been many complaints over the management of the "canteen," to which he paid more attention than he did to fighting the Filipinos.

The climax came the day after Colonel Stotsenburg was killed. Eager had received another promotion, and actually went out to lead the men in battle. Soon after he received a bullet in the heel of his shoe. It was a shot from above, and had every appearance of a revolver bullet. A short time after another bullet from above went through Eager's foot, and he permanently retired from the firing line.

Arriving at Frisco, Eager wanted to compel the men to drill, as if they did not need rest, and as if they were not about to be mustered out. He gave out interviews to the "Frisco papers, describing himself as a great fighter. In the presence of a dozen Nebraska soldiers he told one reporter that the course of the government in the Philippines was all right, and that Otis was a competent commander who was being unjustly criticised. In Frisco he was in favor of expansion. Now it seems that he is to be imported to Custer and Dawson counties, to make anti-McKinley speeches.

How the Gang Treats the Farmers.

The populist leaders seem to think that they now have their last chance at the people of Custer county, and are straining every nerve to sap the last drop of blood from every individual possible before they are compelled to let go of the public teat. At the beginning of their movement nine years ago, their tirade was against the merchants, grain dealers, stock dealers, banks and railroads, and upon their avowed

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