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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

State Ticket.
 For Judge of the Supreme Court, M. B. REESE, Of Lincoln.
 For Regent, E. G. MCGILLON, Of Omaha.
 Da. Wm. B. ELY, Of Alasworth.

Congressional Ticket.
 For Congress, M. P. KINKAID, 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. O. TALBOTT.
 For County Clerk, JAMES CHITTICK.
 For Clerk of Dist. Court, Lieut. H. F. KENNEDY.
 For County Judge, J. A. ARMOUR.
 For County Superintendent, J. R. TAGGART.
 For County Surveyor, F. E. VAWANTWERP.
 For County Coroner, Dr. H. F. DAVIES.

Supervisor Ticket.
 For Supervisor 3d District, RAS ANDERSON.
 For Supervisor 4th District, J. P. BUCHHEHL.
 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.
 For Assessor, W. M. VANNICIE.
 Constables, F. M. TOWNLEY, W. BARRETT.

Road Overseers.
 Dist. No. 1, CHAS. DAVIS.
 Dist. No. 2, J. E. KENYER.
 Dist. No. 3, JOHN BOYCE.
 Dist. No. 4, L. N. PERSHALL.
 Dist. No. 5, F. H. ARTHUR.
 Dist. No. 6, G. B. CADEWELL.
 Dist. No. 7, C. T. WRIGHT.

City Ticket.
 For Justices of the Peace, EMIL G. SCHWIND, L. J. GANDY.
 For Assessor, W. H. OSBORNE, Sr.
 For Constables, L. R. COLE, W. H. FARRER.

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.

Vote for Hamer, he is the farmers friend.

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He did equal justice between the farmers and the loan companies.

The pops have circulated thousands of circulars of the trumped-up financial statement of the county, hoping to again deceive the people. But the search light turned upon it last week by the REPUBLICAN, has given them the "jim jams."

Ex-Judge Rhodes is said to have a legislative bee in his bonnet, which accounts for his making terms with the Beal and Shinn faction, which he helped the republicans defeat last fall. True, politics make some strange bed fellows.

The Chief quotes an article printed in 1889 in its efforts to cast a reflection on Judge Hamer. The farmers of Custer county answered this article in 1891 when Hamer only lacked 5 votes of beating Holcomb for Judge in Custer county and Kem received 1100 majority in 1890.

MeikelJohn at Ansley.

Hon. Geo. D. MeikelJohn will speak on the political issue of the day at Ansley Tuesday Oct. 31st at 7:30 o'clock. Let every body who wants to hear a good speaker and the national issue ably discussed by one who knows what he is talking about attend.

We understand that J. D. Ream has been exhibiting Fred Cummings in the west part of the county and amusing the people with his initiative and Refer-end-over-edum. Verily Fred needs to be initiated into the End-over-edum" before the fall elections, or suddenness of the end-over-edum might injure his spine.

One would think the Chief was really interested in pop principles to read its eager appeals for pop support. However, its feeble attempts to explain anything involving a political principle betrays the Chief's anxiety. It went into the pop party to get at the public test. It was coaxed over by Col. Jim Holland to injure the Beacon. Verily the Chief is a mighty exponent of its own interests. Emerson is a power in politics(?).

It is known that Holcomb and Neville have been in a "tie up" for several years to boost each other into office. Neville could never have been nominated for congress if Holcomb had kept his hand out of it and it is definitely known that Holcomb could never have been nominated for supreme judge had not Bryan used his political whip with all his force: The parties who went from the rural district to the congressional and state conventions were helpless to represent the will of those who sent them. Mr. Farmer you know this is true. Now honestly are you going to vote for these men who have practically made your reform ridiculous? Can you trust such men?

The pop candidates are carrying around that stale statement of the financial condition of Custer county and claiming all the credit of our excellent financial condition. At Sargent ex-county supervisor, L. W. F. Cole, got disgusted with the unfairness of their claims and thoroughly exposed the matter. It is an easy matter to get more taxes to pay debts when there are five or six times as many farms taxable now as there were when republicans ran the county. The fact is we ought to be in far better shape had it not been for such men as Weimer, Shinn, Brown, Lanterman etc. Why do these honest candidates not say anything about the township defaulter?

Republicans welcome the best plans of government that can be devised. They welcome honest opposition and fair discussion but such tactics as Bryan and Holcomb use to betray the pop votes is contemptible. The pops or rather independent party had definite ideas of reform, whether right or wrong they made a stright and honorable fight, but since Bryan and Holcomb company have taken the lines into their hands and set the farmers and labores aside, there is no honorable issue set up. It is any thing to make trouble and fool the voters. Every pretext of reform is being abandoned just as fast as papers can be fooled to vote the so called "New Democracy".

If the county is in such excellent condition financially what was the necessity of the pop board of supervisors collecting the taxes by distress warrants? why did they not make Huse Brown and Shinn and Weimer pay the full amount back to the county of the monies they misappropriated? why did the pop board levy \$400.00 for a county institute which is clearly illegal and then send expensive tax collectors around to distress the people. These taxes could have been collected without such distress by collecting one or two years of back tax each year. What was the necessity of insulting the honest farmers by collecting the tax of 1898 by distress warrants and a collectors extra charges.

Had sheriff Leisure had his ear to the ground last Wednesday morning when the word became generally circulated that the blood hounds were taken off the trail of the jail breakers, on account of his protests, he would have heard a roar more unpleasant than the bawl of the dogs. He was also censured for having a fifteen cent lock on the jail in stead of a combination lock, which would have prevented the escape. But the sheriff says that he did not have any thing to do with turning the dogs back, but that he became disgusted and left them and went to Chumley's, and on learning that marshals Palmer and Barber were on the trail and twenty four hours ahead of him he also came back.

Quite a number of pops have expressed their gratitude that Judge Armour has not accepted Cummings' challenge. The people are in no wise anxious to have such an opportunity offered to this egotist to belabor their patience. Who ever heard of Cummings making a speech. It is strange how sudden some pops become statesmen. Don't be so anxious to afflict the people, Fred.

M. C. Harrington, the democratic nominee for congress, assigns as the reason for resigning in favor of Neville, the pop. nominee, is that after 1900 there will be no pop party and the democrats can get all of the pops by being liberal with them now. That is good policy from a democratic standpoint, but to make Harrington's prediction come true would it not be equally as great a stroke of political policy for the democrats to assist the republicans in defeating the populists by voting for the republican or democratic nominees. A vote for a populist by a democrat is a vote to prolong the existence of the populist party and delay democratic ascendancy.

The pop candidates, so far as mention finance are giving us the "Fiat Money" panacea. It is the paper dollar idea. Strange is it not that no leading pop speaker in the state advocates such "Fiat Money", say honest pop tell us just where "Fiat paper Money" as you told about is mentioned in any of your Pop National platforms. You prate about money reform and yet outside of the free coinage of silver 16 to 1 you have no fixed plan and you have practically abandoned your Free Coinage of Silver now. Every year you have a new deal some new issue. It is anything to make a fuss and nothing to settle matters for public good.

It is humiliating to the old time expounders of the doctrines of the "Independent party" to see all a campaign settle down to mere silly twaddle about the Philippine war and Custer county finance. We have heard many of these old timers remark about the childish squibs in the Chief on candidates and the Fred Cummings impudence in wanting to have a joint debate; "that he didn't want" with Judge Armour. Reform consist in logic, straight forward ideas, manly thought. It is the confession of weakness and falshood when argument gives place for little personal tips and bravado challenges. The world follows the movement of ideas. It little heeds buncomb and buffoonery.

The wry faces made by Judge Sullivan at Sargent when L. W. F. Cole was giving him some true and wholesome lessons on history were very amusing. Somebody ought to give the Judge a few lessons on international obligations and also have him read up a little about those followers of Agualdo. It is almost the expression of dangerous ignorance when men will compare Agualdo and his usurpers with Washington and the men of Revolution. It is such intelligent men as L. W. F. Cole who are now growing disgusted with the political hash and incoherency candidates are giving the voters of the county. Sullivan is a great wabblor.

The financial issue of the pops is almost abandoned this fall. J. B. Osborn has some kind of an idea he dimly caught from the speech of "Cyclone Davis" which he is trying to give the people in many disconnected and incoherent words. We have been wondering if J. B. Osborn knows just what the pops idea of finance is. It would seem that every pop has his own platform this year. We suggest that the Pop County Central Committee write up a short digest of pop doctrine and give it to their candidates. J. B. Rhodes has not much to do in his head quarters, why couldn't he get out a short speech for each candidate. The people get confused on this reform warbling. Some of them are even taking up a tirade against the administration for allowing the sultan of the Zulu Islands to take unto himself to many wives.

A. B. Smith, Charley Beal's Law partner, has returned from a trip over the county serving distress warrants upon the fellows at three dollars a day and is now out stumping the county for the pop candidates who The Custer County Chief and Beacon has abandoned the search for records enough to elect and is now endeavoring to run them in on their faces. If Emerson and Elgin undertakes to run an art studio for the pop office seekers in Custer county they will have a job on their hands. Mark Schneringers pictures ought to have been kept standing in all the republican and pop papers in the county for the past fifteen years. If all that array of whiskers and Jim Corbit pompadors of any other qualifications it will be the first time, with few exceptions in the history of Custer county populism that whiskers and incompetency didn't pluck the persimmons.

In the address of Chaplain Mailey the only answer the populist attempt to make is that the Chaplain at some other time had taken a different view of the situation from the one he now advocates and they proceeded to pass circulars to every one showing what Mailey had said in a letter to Stark written from Manila. Suppose the republicans should resort to the same tactics and print and distribute extracts of Sullivan's remarks before he joined the pops and the office of district judge got to chasing him around. Would it prove anything or answer any pop argument today? No, yet Sullivan has said more mean and contemptible things about the pops than any other man. But he is a hero now because he repudiates his former utterances and stands for Agualdo. And the Beacon and Chief swallow the hard things they said about Sullivan before he popped and say now what a great man he is because he has cause to see things as these two great pop papers do.

"If the Republican in its explanation of Judge Armour's refusal to meet Fred Cummings desired to be fair and give the people all the information it would have published Cummings' challenge, as well as Armour's reply. The Chief was not afraid to lay the whole matter before its readers."—Chief.

The REPUBLICAN was not given an opportunity to publish the challenge of Fred Cummings. The ring of which the Chief editor is one of the principal members was afraid to furnish the REPUBLICAN with a copy of the challenge and never came near the office with a copy. It was different with Judge Armour. He presented the Chief with a copy of his reply the same week he did the REPUBLICAN. A sample of the Chief's fairness was displayed in the Hamer matter. After publishing lengthy complaints against Judge Hamer in 1889 made by the REPUBLICAN it has positively declined to publish Judge Hamer's answer to complaints of the same dates. In this case the Chief had no excuse as a copy of the letter was offered to the Chief before it was brought to the REPUBLICAN and the Junior editor declined to publish it at all. The Chief proyed that it did not want to be "fair," and it was "afraid to lay the whole matter before its readers."

Republicans do your duty. The day of election is drawing close. You may be very busy as everybody is under the present administration. Prosperity is with us. But it will not stay with us if you stay at home on election day and allow the opposition to triumph at the polls. Under a republican administration confidence has been restored times are good and business activity is phenomenal throughout the nation. Do not be deceived. The present conditions are not a mere matter of chance. They have been brought about by a conservative, wise and able administration and the enactment of a law of protection to American workmen and American products. But this condition of affairs will not continue if Bryanism prevails this fall. It is not a local question as some would have you believe that we are to settle. The opposition has combined for "Bryan's sake." The question is whether McKinley's policy

shall be endorsed at the polls or Bryan's. Should the latter prevail, distrust will again enter business and the repetition of '93 to '97, can be expected. See to it that you get to the polls and that your neighbor goes. One vote may turn the tide in Custer county. Vote for every man on the republican ticket, otherwise you may defeat your party and its principles.

As an illustration of the contract in conditions generally and especially the price of farm products now as compared with a few years ago we will just relate a transaction that occurred between Eli Armstrong candidate for county sheriff on the pop ticket and Mr. D. S. Kopp an old gray headed man living down in Rose valley, "an honest old farmer." It appears that a few years ago Eli, the farmers friend contracted with Mr. Kopp to put down a well for \$100.00. Mr. Kopp paid him \$40.00 and gave his note for the balance and interest also a mortgage on five head of cows and there increase as security with the understanding that Mr. Armstrong was not to crowd him in case there should be a failure of crops. The crops were a failure however that year (1894) but Eli wanted the money just the same and sent an officer after the cattle which had increased to seven instead of five head. Mr. Kopp was persuaded to wave the legal twenty days published notice and allowed Armstrong to sell the cows at private sale which was done. Eli getting one or two of them and the balance distributed among his neighbors. The price realized for the seven head of cattle lacked twenty or twenty five dollars of being enough to pay the \$60.00 note and interest. Voters of Custer county, let us ask you what would those 7 head of cattle bring now. At a very low figure for cattle at this time.

The five cows should bring \$20.00 a piece.....	\$100.00
Two calves should bring \$15.00 a piece.....	30.00
Total	130.00
Amount sold for under democratic administration of five cows and two calves.....	\$40.00
difference in favor of republican administration in price.....	\$90.00

We will ask our populist friends if they can see any difference between a popocratic panic and McKinley prosperity. In which can you see the widest diversion from the facts from that which was promised you by the Republican in 1896 if McKinley was elected or that which Mr. Bryan and his followers told you would happen if McKinley was elected. Just stop and consider those matters for a moment before casting your vote this fall and see if you haven't been misled by advocates of most any old thing to catch your vote to ride into office and ride all over the country on Rail-road-passes.

The Chief's Attack on Judge Hamer Answered.

Last week the Chief published an article in which it endeavored to cast a reflection on Judge Hamer, but as is the custom with populist journals, it failed to present the entire case. The article in question was printed in Nov., 1889. At that time Chas. A. Cook was editor of the Republican and was imposed upon by those who later became attorneys for loan companies, and who today are opposing Judge Hamer's election on the ground that he did not permit mortgages to be foreclosed fast enough to suit the loan companies when he was judge of the district. Judge Hamer answered the article at the time, but the Chief did not have the fairness to publish it. The answer, however, must have been pretty satisfactory to the farmers of Custer county, when we consider that although Kem received a majority of 1100 over his opponent in 1890, Judge Hamer lacked only five votes of carrying Custer county for judge, over Holcomb, in 1891. At the time the article was printed the judicial district was much larger than it is to-day. To-day it includes only Dawson, Buffalo, Sherman and Custer counties. At that time it included Buffalo, Dawson, Custer, Lincoln, Logan, Sherman Keith, and Cheyenne counties and the unorganized territory west of Logan. The buiness had grown to such proportions that no one judge could do the work and a short time before the article was printed Judge Church of North Platte had been ap-

pointed and his duties in the district were the same as Hamer's. In the REPUBLICAN of Dec. 5 1889 Judge Hamer answered the article quoted in the Chief which answer is in part as follows:

November 27, 1889.
 EDITOR REPUBLICAN:

"The statute authorizes the judges to exchange with each other and it is a common practice to do so. All the Judges exchange. Judge Harrison is an able judge, and at my request he came to relieve me two days. Judge Church is my colleague and by right entitled and by duty bound to hold court in Custer county at least half the time required to do that county's legal business. This brings the sole question in the case down to whether I had a right to cause an adjournment from Friday night until Tuesday morning. Trains do not run out of Broken Bow or into on Sunday. On Friday it was for me to determine whether I should have it adjourned until Judge Church should come from North Platte, where he was holding a term which he could not finish because disqualified to try many cases on account of having appeared as counsel in them. I had agreed to go to North Platte and Judge Church had agreed to go to Broken Bow. If I should go to Broken Bow on Friday and hold court Saturday I would have to leave on Monday to get to North Platte, and Church would be all day Monday coming from North Platte, so on Sunday and Monday there would be a lot of jurors doing nothing, I concluded to adjourn the court and let the jurors spend Sunday at home with their families and save one day's expense—Monday—to the county. I may be mistaken, but I think I saved the county \$100 by the adjournment. The murder cases were all tried and defendants found guilty and sentenced. These murder cases alone would have occupied a court conducted in the usual way six weeks. I did the work in about one-third of that time by working 16 or 17 hours a day. It was absolutely my duty to hold court at North Platte, which is a part of the district. Judge Church could not remain there, and try the cases, as we were forced to change places, as an obligation to one locality is as strong as it is to another. We could not exchange without losing Monday because no train runs to or from Broken Bow on Sunday. I was petitioned by a large majority of the lawyers of Custer county to wholly adjourn the August term. I refused to do it on the ground that the county should be relieved from keeping any prisoners in jail that might be tried and sent to the penitentiary, and that the persons who wanted to be naturalized should have a chance so as to enable them to prove up on their homesteads. I held one week and week and then adjourned at the request, of all parties, and allowed the jurors to go home to their harvest and their fields. I staid at Broken Bow until 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the last day, Saturday, so as to do all the business possible. I worked right along all summer and tried murder cases at Broken Bow and elsewhere when my brethren of the bench are enjoying their well earned vacations. When an overflow of crime crowds out civil business I call adjourned or special terms at additional expense to myself, and labor hard to do the whole business. In conclusion I want to say that I am doing a large amount of judicial work as well as I know how; that I am careful, laborious and persistent in the discharge of my duties as I understand them; that I work more hours in a day, according to the best information I can obtain, than any judge in the state, except Judge Gastin and my colleague; that I have had eight murder trials, in the last year, more I think than have been tried in all the other districts of the state combined; that I have saved Custer county thousands of dollars in the expeditious and economical manner of her criminal trials alone; that if Custer county, through the request of her lawyers and needs of her farmer jurymen, had not asked and obtained an adjournment at the expiration of the first week in August session, the judicial work of Custer county would have been completed in the months of August and September. One word more. This letter is written for the people of Custer county, for those who, like the writer have been raised on farms, and are not ashamed of it, but who may some times be temporarily deceived by dust and noise, but who always intend to be fair and know what is right when they can get at the facts. To you I want to say that I have done my best to serve you faithfully and well, to make the court efficient in protecting your rights, and in punishing those who violate the law. Thanks to honest jurors, we have together succeeded in making crime odious in Custer county, and murder there receives its just deserts."

F. G. HAMER.