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REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

For Mayor..... ED ROYSE
For Clerk..... W. W. COWLES
For Treasurer..... S. H. HOYT
For City Engineer..... E. F. McCLURE
For Police Judge..... EMIL G'SCHWIND
FOR COUNCILMEN:

First Ward..... W. J. WOODS
Second Ward..... ALPHA MORGAN
Third Ward..... I. A. RENEAU

REPUBLICAN CITY PLATFORM.

RESOLVED—That we congratulate the present city government upon its economical administration of the affairs of the city and commend the principle adopted by the present administration of making the revenues for each year pay the running expenses of said city for the year.

2nd. That we favor economy whenever it may be practiced in city affairs and recommend that the present system be continued.

3rd. Resolved, That we hereby pledge the nominees of this convention to abide by the vote cast in the city upon the question of license.

BROKEN BOW, NEB., March 10, 1900.

The republican county convention of Custer county is hereby called to convene at the north side Opera House, Broken Bow, Neb., at ten o'clock a. m., Saturday, April 21, 1900, for the purpose of placing in nomination one county atorney and to elect 18 delegates to the state convention to be held at Lincoln, May 2, 1900, at 2 p. m., and 18 delegates to the congressional convention at Kearney, April 26, 1900. Also delegates to the senatorial and representative conventions. Time, place and representation not yet fixed, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention. Basis of representation, one delegate at large for each township and one for every ten votes or major fraction thereof cast for Hon. M. B. Reese for Supreme Judge at last general election. The several townships are entitled to representation as follows:

Algernon	9	Hayes	2	Kilfoil	10
Anale	13	Arnold	7	Berwyn	6
Broken Bow	28	Cliff	5	Custer	9
Delight	9	Elm	3	Douglas Grove	8
Elk Creek	6	Grant	6	Garfield	5
Lillian	7	Loup	9	Myrtle	5
Sargent	8	Triumph	4	Victoria	11
Wood River	10	West Union	6	Westerville	7
Wayne	6				
		Total			199

It is recommended that township primaries be held Saturday, April 14th, that no proxies be admitted and that the delegates present cast the full vote of their township delegations. By order of Committee.

E. Royse, Chairman,
E. G'Schwind, Sec.

THURSDAY, MARCH, 29, 1900.

The statement that General Mills promised free trade to the Porto Ricans is not true. He made no such statement.

February's export figures indicate that protection does not prevent us from getting into the markets of the world.

In the last eight months to March 1st the total custom receipts of the government amounted to \$375,302,074. The total expenditures in the time was \$340,679,776. Who wants to go back to free trade, which created a deficit every month?

Those who are favoring free trade laws for Porto Rica doubtless do not know that the exports from that island for the next year or two will be accumulated merchandise of the rich speculator. They alone would reap the profit and not the producer. A tariff upon the Porto Rican products imported to this country until the new business is revived and the producer has something to export, would be a wise provision as it would make those who have bought up their products at low prices, contribute to the \$2,000,000 found that the United States has voted for the relief of the Porto Ricans.

There seems to be three prominent republicans who are candidates for national committeemen for Nebraska. They are E. Rosewater, D. E. Thompson and R. B. Schneider. They each possess an element of strength but neither would be entirely satisfactory to all the republicans of the state. Whether it would be better to select one of these men because of their known ability, even if they are objectional to some, or a new man entirely, is the question to be considered. Of the three we would personally prefer Mr. Rosewater, but in the interest of harmony would suggest that the matter should be referred to the state convention as the choice of the delegates would be more likely

to meet with the approval of the leaders of the party. If there is likely to be any dissatisfaction in the selection of the chairman of the state central committee, we believe he also should be elected by the convention.

In 1898, the first year of President Cleveland's second term, there were 598 bank failures in the United States, with liabilities of \$170,295,678, as compared with 105 bank failures and only \$20,664,500 of liabilities in 1897, President McKinley's first year as President. In 1896, Mr. Cleveland's last year of office, there were 197 bank failures with liabilities of \$56,679,370. Last year, 1899, there were only 37 such failures, the liabilities being \$24,504,570. The following, striking comparison, taken from Bradstreet's figures, shows the average annual number and liabilities of bank failures in the four years of Mr. Cleveland's administration, and the annual average under Mr. McKinley:

Administration	Years	Bank Failures	Average Annual Number	Average Annual Liab. \$
Democratic	1893-96	253	253	\$50,927,409
Republican	1897-99	94	94	\$20,664,500
Annual Democratic Excess	1893-96	159	159	\$30,262,909

The following appeared last week in the Sargent Era, (demic-pop):

"Statesmen here are looking forward to the time when this country will be the financial center of the world. Its recent expansion in interests and territory has brought it closer to the rest of the globe in many ways, not the least among which is that Russia has recently sent here to borrow \$25,000,000 on one of her railway systems. That the Czar ignores the great banking centers of Europe and comes straight to America for a loan is also evidence of the immense amount of business we are doing with Russia. She is buying ships, rails, locomotives and bridges of our great manufacturing and construction concerns at an astonishing rate. What will seem strangest to laymen is that all the cash to be paid by the syndicate, no disturbance will be caused in the exchange markets. None of the money need be transferred to Russia, but will be deposited in New York in payment of the balances with Russia is incurring with American ship builders, iron manufacturers, and construction companies."

Had the Era had the courage it would have acknowledged that the expansion of business and influence this country is now enjoying is the direct result of the policy of the republican party under the management of the present administration. And as the republican administration in its domestic and foreign policy has been and is still being opposed by the opposition, only makes it more plain that demopops are wrong and the republican policy is good for the country.

UNEQUAL ASSESSMENTS.

Last week we called attention to the unfairness of assessments in this county as a result of not complying with the law which provides that all property should be assessed at its cash value. The following, which is the order adopted by the assessors of Scotts Bluff county, helps to establish our theory of the case:

"Irrigated land will be assessed from \$1 to \$4 per acre; land under Gering canal from 50c. to 75c. per acre; under the Farmers canal 50c. per acre; dry land, 25c. per acre. Horses were divided into three classes and will be valued as follows: First—\$100 to \$150; second \$5 to \$15; third \$2 to \$10. Two year old steers will go from \$7 to \$10 per head, two year old heifers from \$5 to \$7 per head, and one year old steers at \$4 to \$5 per head. Sheep will be listed from 75c to 31.25 per head and hogs as usual will figure at a cent a pound. The assessors will allow themselves the usual latitude in property not under the above classifications."

When once a county undertakes to establish valuations of its own in violation of law all restraint is removed and there ceases to be a fair and equitable assessment of counties for state purposes. Every county has a standard of its own. No state board on earth can possibly equalize the taxes for the several counties. The land in Scotts Bluff will be assessed at from 25 cents to \$4 per acre, while in Custer county it will be valued at from 75 cents to \$18 per acre. Horses in Scotts Bluff will be valued at \$2 to \$10,

while in Custer county they will range from \$20 to \$400. Two year old heifers in Scotts Bluff will range from \$5 to \$7.00, and Custer county the value is fixed at \$16 and other cattle in the same ratio. If the cash value was uniformly adopted as the law requires such a difference could not exist and each county as well as each individual would pay his proportionate share of the state tax, no more, nor no less. And as we before said taxes would necessarily be no higher as the levies would be reduced in proportion to the increased valuation. Under the present system there is probably no two counties in the state that will fix the same values upon its property for assessment purposes, yet our pop attorney general, and pop state board works at the open violation of the law and allows the work go on as it has for the past ten years.

REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

The city ticket nominated by the republican caucus is one that commends itself to the voters. The nominees for mayor, treasurer, engineer and councilman of the second ward were so satisfactory to the "citizens" that they in their caucus endorsed them.

The administration of affairs the past year has been so economical, conservative and the town so orderly that nearly everybody is well satisfied. It has established in the minds of the people that a republican administration is a good thing to have even in a city government. The only opposition to the ticket is for city clerk, police judge and councilman of the first and third ward. In each of those positions the "citizens" convention nominated opposing candidates. But in two instances republicans were selected. For councilman in the first ward, O. H. Conrade, a republican was nominated against W. J. Woods, the republican caucus nominee, and J. J. Snyder, present police judge, another republican, was nominated against Emil G'Schwind, after Mr. G'Schwind declined to be a candidate on that ticket. In both instances republicans were preferred, the only question being personal preference. For city clerk and also for councilman in third ward, pops were nominated in opposition to the republican candidates. But in both cases the republicans had nominated men of moral stability, good citizens and in every way highly capable of filling the positions they seek, so no good republican need support a pop to do better. W. W. Cowles and I. A. Reneau are so well known that they need no commendation of ours, as the vote will show when counted next Tuesday night. They are both deservedly popular and will each be elected with a good majority. W. J. Woods and E. G'Schwind against whom the opposition has placed republicans have the advantage of being the regular nominees of the republican caucus. Mr. Woods has for eight years faithfully and fearlessly served the first ward in the position for which he has been re-nominated. The city has never had a more economical and careful officers. For several years in the time, he has been honored with the position of president of the council. His rival is as good a citizen, and as good a business man, but lacks both the experience and his party backing to make him equally entitled to the party vote. But it can be said, to Mr. Conrade's credit that he did not seek the nomination on the opposition. Mr. G'Schwind not only has the honor of being the party nominee but he is a lawyer by profession and is especially qualified for the position. Mr. Snyder has filled the office faithfully and as far as we know, satisfactorily, which is to his personal credit as well as to the credit of the republican party which gave him the position, but in the caucus he failed of nomination and Mr. G'Schwind became the regular nominee. Take the republican ticket as a whole and the record the party has made the past year in the administration of affairs, it is not surprising that the voters are so near unanimously in favor of retaining the party in power. Even the Chief is led to

remark that "there is no city politics this year."

Upon the question of license, there is a greater difference. The voters differ not so much upon the question of principle but upon the question of business policy. All concede that a license saloon is an evil and works injury to the public. But some argue that a saloon helps the business of a town while others who are in business hold that they receive more money in their business, when there is no saloon. As to the facts of the case in that particular we have no data and cannot speak. But let that be as it may, the great question is whether the license of the traffic of rum is right. Whether it will be sold to as great an extent without license, from a moral standpoint cannot be considered. "We are our brothers keeper." We may abridge his rights when we take the knife from his hand to prevent him from committing suicide, yet we have only done our duty. We may differ as to what is right but every voter should let the question of right rather than policy dictate his vote. Then let the result be as it may, as loyal citizens submit to the will of the majority and we have done our whole duty.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

The republican electors of Broken Bow Township are hereby called to meet at the court house Saturday, April 14, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing 28 delegates to the county convention to be held at Broken Bow March 21st, the election of a precinct committee and to place in nomination a full township ticket and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

E. ROYSE, Com.

Republican Caucus.

The republican electors of Loup precinct are hereby called to meet Saturday April 14 at the Downey school house at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing nine delegates to the county convention and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

J. F. BRYSON, Com.

Republican Primary—Douglas Grove.

There will be a meeting of the republican electors of Douglas Grove precinct at Wescott, at two o'clock p. m., Saturday April 14, 1900, for the purpose of electing eight delegates to the county convention to be held at Broken Bow Saturday, April 21, 1900. And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

D. C. KOKKEL, Com.

Republican Primary—Elk Creek.

The republican voters of Elk Creek are requested to meet in primary convention at the Cad's school house on Saturday, April 14, 1900, at 3 p. m. for the purpose of selecting six delegates to the county convention, the selection of a township committee man, and the transaction of such other business as may be in order.

T. J. HARRISON, Com.

Republican Caucus—Garfield.

The republican electors of Garfield township are hereby notified that a caucus will be held on the 14th of April, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the Swiss Valley school house, for the purpose of electing five delegates to the county convention, the nomination of township officers, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Jules Haumont, Com.

Republican Caucus—West Union.

The republican electors of West Union township are hereby called to convene at the Walworth school house on April 14, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m. to elect six delegates to the republican county convention, to be held in the city of Broken Bow on April 21st, and to transact any other business that may properly come before the convention.

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