

# Custer Co. Republican

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## REPUBLICAN TICKET.

- For Governor, CHAS H DIETRICH, Adms.
- For Lieut. Governor, E P SAVAGE, Custer.
- For Secretary of State, G W MARSH, Richardson.
- For Auditor, CHAS WESTON, Sheridan.
- For Treasurer, WM STEUFFER, Cuming.
- For Attorney General, FRANK N PROUT, GAGE.
- For Com Pub Lands and Bldg, G D FOLLMER, Thayer.
- For Supt Pub Instruction, W K FOWLER, Washington.
- For Congress, MOSES P. KINKAID.

JOHN F. NESHITT  
 R. B. WINDHAM  
 EDWARD ROYSE  
 J. H. HAGG  
 S. P. DAVIDSON  
 JACOB JACOBSON  
 JOHN L. KENEY  
 JOSEPH L. LANG

J. H. Edmisten is still doing his best to kill off Governor Pointer politically and has been sending out letters all over the State advising against a re-nomination. Some one did not just fall in with Mr. Edmisten idea and made the matter public. The result is a big uproar in the fusion camp and in the end it will probably be found that Mr. Edmisten will have done himself more harm than he has done anyone else. If he really desired to hurt Governor Pointer he should have come out in support of the latter's candidacy.—North Platte Telegraph.

Edgar Howard, of the Papillion Times, who has been an avowed candidate for the nomination for state auditor on the fusion ticket, was neatly side tracked at Omaha last Saturday by the fusion congressional convention giving him the empty honor of a nomination for congress against Dave Mercer, the republican nominee. Bryan was on hand directing the action of the convention. Howard hasn't a ghost of a show of being elected. He was only given the nomination to get him out of the way of the state house bosses so they would have less difficulty in nominating some one more friendly to them than Howard has been.—Seward Blade.

The fusionists claim that Bryan is a man of pronounced convictions which he expresses fearlessly. Either the one statement or the other must be untrue. The Sioux Falls convention recently took action that vitally concerned Mr. Bryan's political welfare, but either he had no convictions regarding the action taken or he was afraid to express himself. Few will believe that he formed no opinion, but many will believe that he feared to state them because he must lose some support and he desired the assurance of the Kansas City nomination before committing himself in regard to the action of the populists at Sioux Falls. If Mr. Bryan is entirely fearless he should have stated his opinion on this question as readily as he has on others, even though it lost him a nomination and election.—Norfolk News.

The railroad assessment made by the present state board of equalization is two million dollars less than it was in 1893, when depreciation and shrinkage were doing their worst. The assessment of 1893 was made by a republican board and was roundly denounced by the populists as a gross undervaluation of the railroad property of the state. What then shall we say when it has shrunk still a couple of million dollars more, while values have been returning, railroads are prosperous, and there is a great deal of new mileage and many hundreds of

thousands of dollars invested in depots, rolling stock and other improvements. The Hub is not prepared to say that the assessment was too high seven years ago or that it is too low now, but one thing is nevertheless quite clear, that Governor Poynter's administration has put the reform party of the state in an embarrassing position from which it can not well be extricated.—Kearney Hub.

## Republican National Convention.

For President, Wm. McKinley. For Vice President, Theo. Roosevelt. The Republican national convention at Philadelphia on the 19 inst. did not conclude its work until Thursday the 23, which made it too late to give the result in our last issue. The work of the convention was most harmonious throughout and the result highly satisfactory to a large majority of the voters of the union. The only question of the convention was in selecting a candidate for vice president to run with William McKinley. Several candidates had their supporters among whom was Roosevelt, Governor of New York and Congressman Doliver of Iowa. The sentiment was quite unanimous in favor of Governor Roosevelt, but he was not a candidate and in respect to his wishes a number of his friends tried to turn the tide against him. But as the date drew near for making the nominations the sentiment had grown so strong for the New Yorker that those who opposed his nomination went to work with a will to get him to stand for the nomination. When his consent was secured all other candidates with drew and his nomination as well as president McKinley's nomination was made by the unanimous vote of the convention. The convention was one of the most enthusiastic ever held. The platform adopted meets squarely the issues of the day and offers solutions for the questions under agitation. The following comments of the press gives an intelligent idea of the opinion of the public upon the principles it embodies:

There are no great surprises in the platform. Its every declaration has been long foreshadowed. It points to conditions and results and promises a continuance of such blessings as the country has enjoyed during the last four years if the the people will vote the republican party another four years' lease of power.

The republican platform squarely faces the problems of expansion and offers for their solution principles which all loyal and intelligent Americans will approve. The republican party counsels no shrinking from national duty and presses forward to fulfill America's destiny. With such a platform and led by a president whose administration has made the nation victorious in war, prosperous at home and respected abroad as never before, the republican party will win.

The platform on which President McKinley stands for re-election is a pledge for good government in the United States and its new dependencies. It is a pledge for a sound currency, for prosperity in business and for the successful administration of the nation's affairs. It is a promise that under republican guidance there shall be no tampering with the nation's money or credit, that unprincipled monopolies will be combated, that legitimate enterprises will be protected and fostered and that the duties and pledges of the nation to its island dependencies will be fulfilled. On the old issues and the new alike it maintains the high and honorable attitude of the party of constructive progress. It is a platform that voices the sentiments and convictions of an overwhelming majority of the American people.

The framers of the platform of the republican national convention showed cleverness in one thing. They placed the money question in the forefront and dwelt upon it at length. They declared the party squarely in favor of the maintenance of the gold standard as established

by law by a republican congress. They denounced the democratic party for its adherence to the cause of free silver coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1. They flouted the issue in the faces of their opponents, seemingly daring them to stand by the position taken at the Chicago convention in 1896. In this the republican platform makers were shrewd, for the more they can center interest in the money question as an issue in the coming campaign the stronger will the republican ticket be with the voters.

The platform adopted by the republican national convention tells its own story. It is a story of promises fulfilled in a golden harvest of national blessings far beyond the measure of reasonable expectation; of achievements for the wellbeing of the American people, for the national honor and the national glory, for humanity and for liberty without a parallel in American history or in the annals of the world. It is a story of duty wisely and bravely performed in steadfast reliance upon the common sense, the common conscience, the patriotism and the benevolence of the American people—of a statesmanship whose beneficent triumphs in dealing with the conditions of prosperity at home outshine in their untarnished splendors even the victories achieved in the generous war for the liberation of the oppressed people of other lands.

## The Mid Roaders Defended.

The Search Light turned on Judge Rhodes, by J. G. Painter.

Editor REPUBLICAN:—Our attention has been called to a letter in the issue of the Custer County Chief of June, 15th, under the flaming headlines of "a letter from J. R. Rhodes."

After a careful perusal of the epistle emanating from the massive brain of the Ex-County Judge(?) Johnny Rodent Rhodes, we are constrained to believe that the "judge" in fumbling over his manuscripts, that he unintentionally exhumed his speech of acceptance, that was written some time since, ostensibly to spring upon the Senatorial Convention in the event of his nomination, but not as a literary production.

No doubt but that the "judge" has fallen into the fatal error of talking too much. Whether or not the "judge" was dreaming, we are not advised; it may have been that he was only soliloquizing and looking for some pretense; for not allowing his name to go before the senatorial convention as the embodiment of all that is good and pure in the populist party of Custer county.

The "judge" says "that we middle-of-the-roadsers, are political Hessians of wall street" "ignorant and vicious" "a party of false pretenses" "McKinleyites," "superannuated office holders," "political demagogues" "politicians out-of-a-job" and that "we draw our inspiration politically from the barrel of Hanna and Co."

Let us take a retrospective glance at the "judge" and his checkered political career, since he has turned the search light of public opinion and scrutiny toward him. We find in him one who has been honored by the party that he now seeks to destroy. by his vile epithets and abuse. It was never necessary, however, to take an x-ray nor a search warrant to find out the "judges" political antecedents, which were democratic of the "Molly McGuire" type, and that his only manifestations of populism was for "revenue only" and for all the "traffic" would bear.

His manifested and pretended populism lasted only up to and including his tenure of office, and before he became "superannuated office holder", he was the first man to betray, besmirch and revile the character of a man whose populism was without question, his official record was above reproach, his many manly qualities, christian charity and benevolence shone out with ten fold more brilliancy and exceeded those of this great apostle

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By WILLIS CADWELL, Broken Bow, Neb.

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- KENEY—120 acres, rough grass land, 30 acres cultivated half mile to school house fair soil, \$400.00 cash five miles from Broken Bow.
- MILLER—160 acres rough grazing land, good soil and grass, small amount in cultivation, I bought this cheap and will sell for \$500, cash only 5 miles from Broken Bow.
- MORSE—160 acres, 90 acres in cultivation, 70 acres pasture, rolling land, black loam soil, well and windmill, frame house 14 x 22 feet granary 18 x 18, hog lots, 5 1/4 miles from Broken Bow \$1200, cash will sell crop and cattle also.
- BEAL—160 acres three and one half miles from Ansley Nebr., 110 acres in cultivation, 50 acres in pasture, well and pump, frame barn and hen house, sod house, black loam soil, \$1000, one half cash balance three years 10 per cent interest.
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WILLIS CADWELL, Broken Bow, Nebr.

Rhodes. And we find him entrenched with malice aforethought, marshalling his hosts and employing the arch enemies of reform, entrenching them behind the breastworks of populism and made a cowardly assault upon the first and only candidate that it was our misfortune to lose, solely and purely for the gratification of his morbid desire to injure the party irreparably in this county, that had honored him twice for the honorable position of county judge; and that he (Rhodes) flinching out that he was no longer to be feared nor respected by the rank and file of the party, did and was accessory to and by the aid of certain democrats and republicans, was a party to the betrayal of the first candidate of the populist party that was ever defeated in Custer county, and at that time used his influence and vote for J. A. Armour, the republican candidate. We have no means of finding out, whether or not Mark Hanna's "barrel", had anything with the "judges" conspiracy at that time or not, the "judge" may know. If Mark Hanna's "barrel" didn't have anything to do with the "judges" flank movement, will the "judge" kindly tell us what "inspiration" of "hunch" he did receive, that prompted him to one of the atrocious and dastardly political tricks that was ever sprung upon an unsuspecting people. "The judge" at that time sought to, and did sink into the lowest depths of political pollution and besmirch the "judicial ermine" that was foisted upon him by the very men that he today calls "vicious and ignorant eat."

Many very many of us have supported the "judge" upon his past party affiliations, he assured us that his entire anatomy bore marks of populism, populism, such as that exemplified by the Hon. Peter Cooper, Solon Chase, Daniel Campbell and John Jefferson, et al., whom he now traduces and calls "political shysters." The tatooing upon a more closer examination we found that he had the "hands of Esau and the voice of Jacob," and that his masquerading as a populist was for "revenue only."

The "judge" further says, that we "middle-of-the-roadsers in our opposition to Bryan, is false pretense." "Principle least concerns us" and classifies us with "McKinleyism and Co.," and the "judge" says to assume such an admixture is mistaking honesty for ignorance and viciousness and that we were fusionists as long as we were kept in office, and that as soon as we were reduced to the ranks we came the party's deadly foe," and the "judge" further says, that the fusionists have given us the best county governor we ever had."

When did the populists of Custer county ever have a fusion on County officers, save and except the time the judases betrayed us and we lost our candidate for County judge? That was not "fusion" it was political treachery and you was a party to it. There may have been fellows who have held positions of trust and honor who are now fusionists because they want an office and can't get it, and if my memory

serves me correctly, (and we think it does) that at the time the "judge" made his debut in politics as a candidate for county judge, that the republicans and democrats "fused" in the formation of a ticket that was christened "A Citizens Ticket." And by reason of the unholy alliance and the opposition to the principle of fusion the "judge" was elected by the largest majority that it was possible to give him, and the "judge" says "shame on such ingratitude and blatant demagoguery."

The "Judge" says that Mr. Bryan represents all there is in reform. It 16 to 1, is all the reforms that we populists demand, possibly Mr. Bryan stands for that, but "Judge" did you ever know a populist that was ever in favor of a redeemable money? Mr. Bryan's platform declares for coin redemption. Does the "Judge" believe that 16 to 1, with a string to it, is the great panacea for all our political ills?

The "Judge" says "reform from the mouth is faith without works." Now the "Judge" puts us in mind of the Irishmen's frog, he is all head and mouth and has as little to his credit as a true reformer as any "superannuated office holder" that ever came down the pike. And he further says that "the only inspiration of the mid-roadsers will be what they draw from the Hanna barrel, and that they will not lack funds to bring speakers from the distant clime of Alabama to Custer county to preach the gospel of discontent and opposition to Bryan. That their impractical and visionary schemes will be hocked all over the country with a view of deceiving the people.

Yes "Judge" we have had the Hon. M. W. Howard, of Alabama, "a speaker from a distant clime" to speak in Custer county, and if the "Judge" is doubtful as to where we draw our inspiration, we will gladly show him our expense bill for the same. We are solely responsible before a Custer county audience, and up to date we have paid the freight, and have not as yet, nor neither do we intend to draw upon Mark Hanna's barrel for our inspiration either.

The straw man that the "Judge" put up and labels "Barker," and attempts to give him a knock-out blow by striking him in the solar plexus, with vile epithets and abuse, such as "busted banker" and attributing to him purported and pretended interviews, availeth nothing and is a striking resemblance of the political "bushwaking" that the "Judge" is an adept to.

The middle-of-the-roadsers in Custer county and of the United States, are the men who have been in the vanguard of reform for many years past, and have been consistent reformers and not reformers "for revenue only," nor have they been chasing after political phantoms and every false God of reform that in the past has masqueraded for votes, with only a reform table as an insignia. Our candidate for president, Mr. Barker, is a tried and true reformer and was a delegate to the convention that nominated the Hon. Peter Cooper, and was a member of the committee on resolutions. Ignatius Donley, our

candidate for the vice presidency, was and is the man who wrote the Omaha Platform, which you "Judge" got onto with both feet when you was a candidate for County Judge.

Instead of we middle-of-the-roadsers being the "deadly foe" and the worst element that you fusionists will have to contend with, will depend largely upon the attitude and the "longtoms" and small bore political shysters that infest the fusion ranks.

The intention of the mid-roadsers, is the open door, policy, so that the vilest sinner may return, and that the prodigal son of populism may have a place where he may lay his head without leaning up against the democratic party for his support, and after the Kansas City convention, we will welcome your return to the populist fold—with hospitable hands upon the bosom of your pants, that you may make amends for your political short comings and the error of your way and that the "bushwhacking" brand of politics, that now covers the broad part of your anatomy will be effaced to such an extent, that you will not be a standing candidate for State Senator, "or any other old office," but instead, will stand up for the principles of populism, because it will be more comfortable for you to stand than to sit.

Yours for Principle,  
 J. G. PAINTER.  
 P. S. This article was offered and presented to the Custer County Chief, for publication, also to the Custer County Beacon, which has been refused and passed up for reasons best known to themselves; hence we are compelled to go to the opposition press and accept their courtesies for space to defend populism from the attacks of its enemies in its own ranks.

As time and experience is accumulated the interest in the Broken Bow Creamery grows in interest with those who patronize it. Three months ago it started in with only a few hundreded pounds of milk, only two or three times a week. Besides the public generally had but little faith in it and its patrons were not sanguine of it being a success to them financially. But as time passes patrons grow more a genuine and new advocates are telling of its advantages. Said one man to the writer, after receiving his monthly check from the creamery of less than a dozen cows. "It is just like finding it." I am out nothing, but a little extra labor each day in milking my cows. I get the milk back and make general use of it the same as we would had it not been separated. The one tenth retained by the company for delivery is nothing as the remainder comes to me as clear profit. The labor of cooling skimming churning, working and marketing the butter which cost all we get out of it is done away with. The evidence that others are beginning to appreciate the advantages of the creamery is manifested in the increase of the daily receipts which now averages nearly 4000 pounds.

A Religious Senator.  
 Senator Platt, of New York, is a religious man, and a member in good standing of the Presbyterian church. He joined the Madison square church when he first came to New York, more than thirty years ago, and was a member of the choir for twelve years. Senator Platt is also a licensed pharmacist, and used to put up a prescription as well as anybody.