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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

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CITY TICKET. For Assessor, E. R. DOUGLAS.

"If there is any one who believes the Gold Standard is a good thing, or that it must be maintained, I warn him not to cast his vote for me, because I promise him it will not be maintained in this country longer than I am able to get rid of it."—W. J. BRYAN, at Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 16, 1896.

Redeem Custer county. Redeem Nebraska by voting the republican ticket.

It is time for a change in Nebraska and the indications are flattering for it next Tuesday.

Col Walter Moore, the King of the whiskey trust in Nebraska is Colonel of Gov. Poynter's staff and is for Poynter's re-election.

This is the year to redeem Custer county and the way to do it is to vote the republican ticket straight from McKinley electors down to township officers.

A vote for M. P. Kinkaid will be a vote for a man of morality and ability that will be a credit to the state and an honor to the Sixth congressional district.

The republican rally, in Chicago Saturday was the largest political demonstration ever held there. It took the procession six and a half hours to pass a given point.

A victory for McKinley and a republican legislature, in Nebraska will give the state the greatest boom it has ever had. Will you help to boom your own state?

SLANDERS REBUKED

Citizens of Hastings Protest Against the Vile Slanders Circulated on their Fellow Townsman.

Charles H. Dietrich Endorsed by His Neighbors as a Man of Splendid Character.

Hastings, Neb., Oct. 30.—The people of this city, irrespective of politics, are incensed and indignant over the cruel falsehoods put in circulation by the crafty mongers of the fusion party concerning the character of Charles H. Dietrich, Republican candidate for governor, and for more than 20 years a beloved and highly esteemed citizen of this town.

Whereas, Reports have been circulated for the purpose of influencing voters against our fellow townsman, Hon. C. H. Dietrich, candidate for governor, charging him with being addicted to the use of liquor, and also saying that his reputation is that of a notorious gambler, we the undersigned citizens of Hastings, Nebraska, desire to make the following statement: Mr. Dietrich has lived in Hastings for 22 years. We are thoroughly acquainted with him and we embrace this opportunity to repel the vicious attacks on his character.

- REV. HENRY SIEKMAN, Lutheran Minister. REV. C. A. FRITZE, Lutheran Minister. REV. C. WILLIAM WERSCHMIDT, Lutheran Minister. REV. A. WICHMANN, German Evangelical Minister. REV. J. B. WRIGHT, German Evangelical. REV. A. C. STARK, Presbyterian Minister. REV. WILLIAM McDONALD, Catholic, St. Cecilia. REV. A. BRAUCHLE, Presiding Elder, German Evangelical Church.

The following are a few of the many citizens, business and professional men who have signed the above statement: Oswald Oliver, Mark Leys, Joseph Hahn, John H. Flynn, Harry Klein, F. A. McDonald, H. A. McElhaney, C. R. Lawson, H. E. Benedict, Geo. R. Knibball, J. A. Campbell, Win. Magdoff, H. C. Kerr, Geo. A. V. Cole, Harvey Bras, Frank Leary, C. B. Higelow, C. A. Tisdall, G. S. Slaton, W. H. Ferguson, J. M. Eaves & Son, E. C. Webster, Mrs. M. Marquis, A. H. Cramer, H. A. Bleckiron, H. S. Brown, Carl Kauf, H. W. Main, Arthur M. Edwards, Ezra Langreth, lat. Lieut., Wm. M. Lowman, Adam Breed, John M. Hiner, Harance J. Miles, John M. Ragan, J. J. Cassa, Jacob Bailey, J. J. Capps, S. C. Hilecox, T. H. Fleming, J. B. Barnett, H. A. Perkins, M. D. John Slaker, M. C. Havesly, M. H. Cutter, A. E. Overidge, A. Moug, C. W. Ramsey, G. S. Wilson, C. W. Staley, A. W. Richardson, C. W. Wanzor, Chas. Rich, Mulford Haynes, E. F. Haynes, C. W. Wilson, Jr., E. J. Siekmann, Henry Ralsenburgh, J. D. Slaton, J. J. Lewis, Frank Leary, Wiley Williams, T. S. Ingles, C. N. Arts, J. B. Sims, E. K. Hoagox, Geo. B. LaMonte, C. W. Wilson, O. F. Rowntree, Percy E. Gould, Ed. Barton, W. F. Buchanan, T. L. Johnson, Jacob Bailey, C. E. Walker, E. B. Margata, J. R. McLaughlin, S. D. Mines, J. C. F. Milliken, John M. Boyd, Frank White, W. S. Boughtling, Silas Clark, Wm. Croft, B. J. Pease, W. B. St. John, Harry Heartwell.

Senator Hanna Nails a Falsehood. Chairman Hanna of the Republican national committee pinpoints another fusion campaign falsehood in the following dispatch to the press bureau of the Republican state central committee: Chicago, Oct. 29, 1900.—My attention has been directed to a statement published in democratic newspapers of Nebraska that I had during my recent visit to that state expressed a preference for the election of United States senators in Nebraska. This statement is utterly false and without the slightest foundation. My only desire is for the success of the whole republican ticket in Nebraska. M. A. HANNA, Chairman Republican National Committee.

A. R. Humphrey's speech against division is said to be a "cracker jack." Humphrey is one of the public speakers who always has something to say and knows how to say it.

A vote for Poynter will be a vote for the whiskey trusts and the continuation of Col. Moore on Gov. Poynter's staff, to dictate the appointments as he has in the two years past.

Custer county has, for lo these years been under the control of the fusion element, who have taxed the people all this while beyond reason, in order to enrich a few office holders and political lobbyists.

Are you tired of tax extortion and a flagrant use of the public money in Custer county? Then vote for the republican nominees for supervisor in their respective districts and witness a genuine reform in finances.

The republican nominees for supervisor are G. H. Thorpe, of Broken Bow; C. O. Lind, of Wayne; H. P. Savage, of Sargent, and G. Hiser, of Elk Creek. A vote for these men will be a vote for a reduction in the county levy and an honest administration of county affairs.

Currie and Lambertson.

As the question of preference for United States senators submitted on the ballot next Tuesday, we would suggest that Custer county cast a solid vote for Hon. F. M. Currie of Sargent and Hon. G. M. Lambertson of Lincoln, by writing in their names on the blank lines and place an X opposite. They are men who would be a credit to the party and an honor to the state.

Douglas and Lancaster county candidates for the legislature, who are pledged for E. Rokewater and D. E. Thompson have signed an agreement to go into a republican caucus and abide by the vote of the majority, on candidates for United States senators. This is fair and there is no farther cause to fear the result. The thing to do is to vote for the republican candidates for the legislature and let the majority select the best men they can.

The fusion crowd started out with the idea of but one term, but they have evidently changed their policy. H. Lomax, who has been holding some office at their hands for the past ten years is their nominee for supervisor in Broken Bow township. It is not a year since he was forced to let go the public seat by statute limitation. Personally we respect him but we regard G. H. Thorpe his equal in ability and character and is worthy of the office. He has never held office and has not been an office seeker.

A vote for fusion candidates is an endorsement of the shameful and unparalleled procedure of the last fusion legislature, which threw out five of the regularly elected members of the legislature from Douglas county in order to give it the necessary majority to count in two members of the supreme court. The voters have not yet forgotten their bold attempt to defraud the ballot in the recount, which was only defeated by republicans. A vote for one of the fusion candidates means a vote for democratic legislation and two democrats for United States senators. Vote them down.

Next Tuesday will determine whether we are to have four more years of increased prosperity or a financial panic. Custer county will help to determine this important question. Every republican has a duty to perform that can not be delegated to some one else. It is your duty to be at the polls early in the day and cast your vote for the entire republican ticket. Then see your wayward friend who has not been able to comprehend the situation and convince him how he should vote. Should any of your republican neighbors fail to show up by noon, see at once that he is reminded of his duty. The chances are good for a republican victory in Custer county, if every republican will make himself a committee of one to see that every vote is cast for the ticket possible and that every vote is counted right.

E. R. Douglas has been nominated for city assessor in place of P. A. Walton, declined. The selection of Mr. Douglas is a good one and will meet general approval at the polls. He is in every way competent and worthy of the position. We predict for him a big majority. E. C. House is the fusion nominee.

The Cold Facts.

In 1899 the fusion majority on Holcomb for judge of the supreme court in Custer county was 590. The total vote on judge was 4,072, while the total vote in the county was 4,372. There were 800 that did not vote on supreme judge. Whether they were republicans or fusionists is not known. But the vote is liable to be 4,500 this year, and in order for the republicans to carry the county for the republican ticket, an average gain of 30 to the township must be made. This is not an impossibility, but good work will be required. Should the fusion vote not be larger than last year, 2316, a gain of 25 votes to the township will do the work. It is not safe to deduct our gain from the total fusion vote last year, as our gain will be largely from those who did not vote last year, or did not vote on judge of the supreme court. This estimate applies to the candidates for the legislature and for county attorney. To carry the state, a gain of 5 to the precinct is estimated sufficient, but as there is likely to be an increased vote over the state, it is better to work for 10 and make the election sure.

The New Ballot.

Be careful how you vote. We have a new ballot. It is similar to the ballot used years ago, but it differs in some important particulars. It also differs materially from the ballot used four years ago. Then a cross in the circle at the head of the ticket was a vote for all the nominees on it. It is now arranged, as may be seen by referring to the sample we print this week, on the opposite page, so as to make it necessary to make a cross opposite each name you desire to vote for. This is true in each case except presidential electors. In case you place a cross in the circle opposite the republican electors, it is counted as a vote for each of the eight McKinley and Roosevelt electors. Be careful in your haste, that you do not mistake "silver republican" for "republican." The name republican stands alone opposite each republican nominee, while silver republican is included in the brace with people's independent and democrat. Examine the sample closely that we publish this week, and be sure you understand it before you go to the polls. Call the attention of your neighbor to the form of the ballot, an explain to him that he should place an X in each square opposite the word republican, except after the republican electors, where it is only necessary to place an X in the circle opposite the eight republicans, as indicated on the sample, which is a vote for the eight electors. We have every reason to believe that there are enough republican voters in Custer county this fall to carry the ticket for every republican candidate if no mistakes are made, and the vote is honestly counted.

Attempt to Mislead Firemen.

An anonymous circular has been issued, addressed to the "Firemen of the State," appealing to them to vote against F. N. Prout, the republican candidate for attorney general, for the reason, as alleged, that "he was the introducer of Senate File No. 139, which meant to repeal the occupation tax now taxed on insurance companies to maintain fire departments."

This circular is a miserable ruse, calculated to deceive voters on the eve of election. Volunteer firemen will not be misled by a cowardly circular. The official records of their last annual meeting at Norfolk are the best evidence. The annual report of President John L. Schick was unanimously adopted by the State Association, and in that report, printed on page 10 of the official proceedings, the president discusses the insurance bill as follows: "It is but fair to say in this con-

nection that this bill, with a large number of others, was prepared by parties interested in the compilation of the statutes, and were what was known in the senate as "curative measures," and were represented to be bills to correct inaccuracies in the statutes, and to conform to decisions of the supreme court in construing them. A number of these, including No. 139, were introduced by Senator Prout without investigation on his part, and upon the assurance that it was a curative measure only. As soon as Senator Prout's attention was called to the bill, and the section it repealed, he at once made a statement of the matter to the senate, and had the bill recommitted to the committee of the whole, where on his statement and motion it was indefinitely postponed."

The report of the legislative committee was also unanimously adopted by the firemen at their state convention, and is printed on page 43 of the proceedings. It says that Mr. Prout agreed, and very gladly, to ask that the bill be withdrawn, which was done. And the matter was brought to the attention of several other senators, and by unanimous consent the measure was withdrawn, and so far as the law that was enacted in 1895 nothing was done."

The state firemen will accept their own records in preference to an unsigned circular on the eve of election.

What Wilson Hewitt Says About County Division.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN: I see from reading the CHIEF that the question of County Division is again up for the coming election, and having been greatly interested in keeping Custer county with its present boundaries in the past, I am constrained to give you my views on the question, now that I am away and have no interest in Broken Bow, or anywhere else in Custer county, that would in any way effect me, financially or otherwise, whether divided or not.

When I left Custer county in 1896 and located in Hooker county, I experienced a marked contraction of political domain, and have become an ardent expansionist in the matter of county affairs and territory,—that is, I believe in having a county large enough to give its residents a good government. I know that a large county can be run more cheaply than a small one and give better satisfaction to the people.

A large county yields an influence in state politics that a small one does not, and cannot have. Custer county has furnished to the state and national government men who would never have attained to the position had not the county exercised an influence in the state which political parties dared not ignore. What chance has a man from a small, weak county of getting into congress, or even our state government? To divide Custer county as proposed will serve to snuff out some of the great lights that now blaze brightly in the track of the wheels of state. It may not be that any serious wreck will be the result (to the state) should the county be divided, but old Custer will surely furnish no more statesmen when once the division is made.

I understand that the same influences that were brought to bear for division years ago are still being brought to bear in this campaign, i. e. the county seat argument, Callaway, Sargent, and I presume Ansley being the chief hotbeds, and for the sole purpose of increasing the value of town lots in the hands of some of the principal workers. But let the people stop and consider what their interest will be in this division. While it might add a little to the convenience of a few farmers in the immediate vicinity of the various county seats, there are so many disadvantages by reason of increased expense to the taxpayers that any person who will thoroughly consider both sides in an unbiased way will decide for a large county and against division.

I have become more thoroughly an anti-divisionist in the last four years residence in Hooker county than I was while a resident of Custer, for I now see and feel the inconvenience of a small, weak county by actual experience. We in Hooker have once tried to annex territory to our county from Cherry county. In 1897 a vote was taken in Cherry and Hooker counties on the question of whether or not enough territory should be transferred from Cherry to Hooker to make Hooker twice its size. This did not carry, as the taxpayers of Cherry were, as a rule, stockmen of good circumstances, who did not have the county seat craze, and who would not cast their vote to join their fortunes with ours. Even a majority of those in the territory to be transferred

ed voting against the proposition of the stockmen here, were in a county 40 or 50 miles square. No action of theirs would ever divide it.

To think of Custer county being divided with the unfavorable condition of more than half her land being used for agricultural purposes; with the certain necessity of the erection of court house, jail and other public buildings, new sets of books, and the necessity of voting bonds to accomplish all this! And then the great expense of \$75,000 for transcribing the records, which will take years to accomplish; a full set of officers for each new county, with an attorney and county superintendent in each one salaried, which salary must be paid by the county, and not by fees;—taking all these things into consideration, I cannot see how the farmers, who have their own financial affairs to look after, can take this ruinous step.

As I have said before, I have no property in Broken Bow, or anywhere else in Custer County. But if I had, and it was even located in any of the prospective county seats of the new counties, I would surely vote against the proposition. Yours truly, WILSON HEWITT, Mullen, Nebr.

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