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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1901.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

- State Ticket.**
For Judge Supreme Court—**S. H. SEDGWICK**, Of York.
For Regents—**H. F. GOOLD**, Of Ogallala.
C. J. ERNEST, Of Lincoln.
- County**
For County Judge—**J. A. ARMOUR**
For County Treasurer—**W. A. GEORGE**
For County Clerk—**G. W. DEWEY**
For Register of Deeds—**C. O. LIND**
For County Superintendent—**J. G. W. LEWIS**
For Sheriff—**R. D. SULLIVAN**
For County Surveyor—**F. E. VANANTWERP**
For County Coroner—**A. E. ROBERTSON**
- Township Ticket.**
For Justice of the Peace—**J. J. SNYDER**
For Clerks—**JOHN KENNOYER**
For Treasurer—**J. M. KIMBERLING**
For Assessor—**W. M. VANNICE**
For Constables—**W. M. KENNEDY**
For Road Overseer, District No. 1—**L. CUSHMAN**
For Road Overseer, District No. 2—**F. A. BERTRAND**
For Road Overseer, District No. 3—**L. McCANDLESS**
For Road Overseer, District No. 4—**JOHN BOYSE**
For Road Overseer, District No. 5—**FRED ARTHUR**
For Road Overseer, District No. 6—**HENRY REEDER**
For Road Overseer, District No. 7—**J. N. WEST**
- City Ticket.**
For City Assessor—**W. S. BOYSE**
For Justice of the Peace—**E. G. SCHWIND**
I. D. GLAZE
For Constables—**L. E. COLE**
P. M. TOWSLEY

All agree that Judge Armour is going to have a rousing vote for his re-election.

Jesse Gandy presents himself in last week's Beacon in his true light—headless.

The southwest, where C. O. Lind is personally known for his ability and moral worth, will return a big majority for him.

Favorable reports come from every locality for the republican candidate for treasurer, and we are predicting that Walt George will be our next county treasurer.

Had it not been for Eli Armstrong withdrawing his patronage from the mid-road paper in Callaway last fall, in all probability, that locality would have a populist paper now.

The people probably have not forgotten that the pop candidate for county clerk is the man who last fall used his official position to prevent the mid-road candidates from going on the ticket.

Are the democrats going to allow the pop candidates to fool them into voting for them, after they accepted their nominations in a pop convention that unanimously adopted a resolution against fusing with the democrats?

No honest man will support the pop ticket now. Either the pop candidates were dishonest when they accepted a nomination under anti-fusion pledge, or, they are dishonest now in their efforts to effect a fusion with the democratic voters.

F. E. VanAntwerp will get his largest vote in the southwest part of the county, where he has a great

deal of surveying. He is popular with his neighbors and those for whom he has done work.

G. W. Dewey is a very popular man in the northeast quarter of the county, where he has made his home for the last 15 to 20 years. He will get a big vote.

No democrat, who is worthy of name, will forsake his own ticket, and support the pop nominees since they pledged themselves in open convention against fusing with the democrats.

People are now divided as to whether Judge Armour or Prof. Lewis will lead the republican ticket. That is a matter of little concern to us, as we feel that either will have several hundred majority.

Every pop nominee is a creature of the political machine that has for years dominated the party. Some of them may be good men, but they like the poor dog tray have got into bad company and the only safe thing to do is to retire them to private life. The best interest to every tax payer demands it.

Bryan's mission to Custer county was to induce the pops to support Hollenbeck, the democratic candidate for supreme judge, and in turn trade the democratic vote of the county to the pops in exchange. We wonder how many of the democrats and pops can be thus traded as so many cattle?

Because the Callaway Independent opposed fusion last fall, Eli Armstrong refused to let it have its share of legal patronage, after it had helped elect him. Notwithstanding that fact he accepted a nomination of the convention that pledged itself against fusion. It looks like Eli is anything for the "coon."

In a number of localities we hear of an increased vote for Darr Sullivan, the republican candidate for sheriff, who makes friends where ever he goes. His election is now assured if every republican in the county remains loyal to his ticket, and we do not know of one who will not. The ticket is a strong one, and there is no excuse for any republican, this year, to vote for a pop sheriff.

The pops who made so loud a profession of being against fusion in convention have joined with the democrats in getting W. J. Bryan, the wind broken politician and leading apostle of fusion, to come to Custer county. Were they dishonest when they accepted and adopted that anti-fusion resolution in the county convention, or, are they dishonest now, and only hope to fool the democrats again to get their votes to help them in office. Echo answers which?

The Albion News Says: "Among the most conspicuous endorsements of Judge Sedwick from Democratic sources is that of the editor of the Kearney Democrat, who states that after an acquaintance with him of 25 years he is firmly convinced that Judge Sedwick should be elected to the high position to which he has been nominated, concluding his remarks as follows: "We not only believe him to be an honest, conscientious, honorable man and citizen, but we know he is. Dishonesty within his party or any other party cannot hope to obtain any soothing salves or poultices from him. Judge Sedwick is an able lawyer, a fearless defender of honesty in public office, and will make one of the best supreme court judges the state of Nebraska has ever had."

The Beacon's attitude with the Farmers Bank the last two weeks, and the week previous, is about as consistent as its politics. One week it lauded the cashier of the Farmers Bank as being one of the few honest bankers. The past two weeks it has been claiming that the shortage of the bank had existed for months, and insinuates that the cashier was allowed to continue a reckless system of banking, simply because he was a member of the governor's staff. The facts seem to be, that the Beacon blows hot and cold, just as somebody dictates. If

J. A. Harris was the honest banker that the Beacon said he was three weeks ago, its more recent statement that he was dishonest all along, and was protected by a political pull, can have only one effect, and that is, to satisfy the public that a statement in the Beacon can not be relied upon.

Recently the World-Herald raised a big commotion by claiming that H. L. Goold, Republican nominee for regent of the State university, was one those who had borrowed money of Treasurer Batley and had not paid it back. The amount claimed to have been thus borrowed was set down as \$1000. As soon as the report got aboard there was no little consternation in republican ranks, notwithstanding the fact that few people have faith in the truthfulness of the World-Herald. At once Mr. Goold sent in his resignation of the nomination to the secretary of state and notified the chairman of the republican central committee. With the letter to the central committee he gave the full history of the transaction which shows that the charge against him was groundless. He says that the money was deposited with the bank of which he was a stockholder and a certificate given to Mr. Bartley. The certificate was never presented for payment till after the failure of the bank. Mr. Goold says that he and his wife were the heaviest depositors but, though he has been the receiver of the bank since its failure, he has paid nothing to himself and wife but had put in all his personal wealth to paying up other depositors. Among these payments was one of \$500 to state treasurer Bartley. His statement shows that he had acted perfectly honorably in the matter and the facts as stated had been public property all along. But his resignation was handed in rather than embarrass the party or hurt the chances of the rest of the ticket.—Ord Quiz.

Republicans to the front. The victory is ours if you will stand by your colors. Let no monk sulk behind at the last moment. We have a ticket composed of men of ability and honor. They stand for the grand principles of protection and prosperity. It is not only your duty to join your brethren who are forging to the front with banners unfurled to the breeze, but is your opportunity to encourage others to fall in line and strengthen the column. For more than ten years we have been routed with but few exceptions and some of the weaker have fallen captives to the enemy. Now is our opportunity to route the invaders and occupy the field. The people no longer have confidence in them. They promised reduction in salaries and did not do it. They promised economy but increased our burdens by excessive and illegal taxes. Where they promised retrenchment they have increased expenses. No republican county clerk ever demanded \$400 a year for acting clerk of the board. When republicans were in control, they did their own janitor work, but the pops at once had to have a janitor at the expense of the county. There are scores of other ways that the populist administration have unnecessarily added to your burdens. It is no wonder that they increased the general levy to 18 mills. Their extravagance demanded it. We have not forgotten that their sheriffs would charge ten cents a mile, where the law only allowed five cents; nor how they charged full mileage from the county seat for every summons on their route. There are a thousand and one of these little irregularities practiced in every office from surveyor up, that will never be exposed in detail until there is a complete change in all the offices now occupied by those whose interests it is politically to keep them hid from the gaze of the public. For years the whole pop machinery of the county has been controlled by a court house ring. All the officers, at all times, have not been, and may not be, members of that ring now. But the ring exists, and every one who holds a position, or is nominated for a county office is debtor to

that ring. Everyone knows that the pop convention last summer was dictated by a ring. Now is the time for every true populist, and every democrat opposed to ring rule, to join with the republicans and rid the county of this cancerous sore that has been feasting off of their political trickery. Let everybody fall in line, close up the ranks and stand shoulder to shoulder, and their defeat will be marked by hundreds.

The True Situation.
"Close Observer" in the Chief last week, makes the assertion that the seven mill levy of 1900 was used to meet the expenses of 1900, and that the republican board is not entitled to the credit of keeping the expenses of 1901 within the bounds of the receipts.

Now, let us see, it was December, 1900, when the pop board cut the 14 mill levy, made in June of that year, to seven mills. The tax of 1900 became due and payable January, 1901, and delinquent February and May, 1901. The tax of 1900 was not completed and put on the tax books until after January 1st, 1901, when the time of the majority of the pop members of the board had expired. Not a cent of the tax was collected until after January, 1901. While it is true that warrants are drawn on the levy in anticipation of the tax, the facts are that the pop board exceeded the levy of 1900 nearly twenty thousand dollars, and was compelled to provide for the shortage by transferring funds from other levies to replenish the sink funds on hands for other purposes which they had been compelled to use. Had it not been for Frank Young coming to their rescue in buying up nearly \$40,000 of delinquent taxes on real estate, the county finances would have been in a most deplorable condition. Even with that large sum of money, it was but a very short time until it was practically gone, it was like pouring water in a rat hole.

The republican board, when it came into power the first of January, had but little, comparatively speaking, but the delinquent tax list that the pop board had been unable to collect and the revenue to be derived from a seven mill levy to meet the current expenses of the year. Realizing the situation and knowing the attempt of the outgoing board to embarrass them, they determined on making the best of the situation possible. All know the result. The republican board has proven equal for the task. By economy and good judgment it has kept the expenses within the receipts, and will close the year out of debt. Continue the republican power by voting for republican candidates, and thus keep down extravagance and the misappropriation of the county's finances.

Why You Should Support the Republican Ticket.

In asking the support of the republican candidates this year, we feel justified from more reasons than one.

In the first place, we regard them as exceptionally well qualified for the several positions for which they have been selected, and they are men worthy of the confidence of the public. They are pledged to a just and economical administration of affairs, and they are men, who will not only keep the pledge for the sake of their honor, but they are men who are interested in the welfare of the county, and will take pride in maintaining its good name.

Another reason, that should appeal to every republican is, that they represent the principles of the republican party. No true republican, who believes in the perpetuity of the principles of their party can afford, for personal reasons, to allow his prejudice to induce him to lend his assistance to the enemy. No party can hope for success in state and national affairs unless it succeeds in local matters. The republican party stands for protection to home industry, home products and remunerative wages to all classes. Its policies have always brought prosperity in promoting confidence, increasing prices and

furnishing employment for laborers. The history of the last seven years only has to be recalled to convince every unprejudiced mind of the truth of the assertion. We venture the assertion that there is not a voter in Custer county, regardless of his political persuasion, that wants to see another period of financial distress and want that was experienced from 1893 to 1897, when we had free trade, free soup and popocrats in every office in our county, state and the nation.

There may be times when one can serve his party better by defeating on or more of its candidates than by electing them. If a bad man is forced upon a ticket or should a party become corrupt by being dominated by a ring, as is the case today with the pop party in Custer county, one is justifiable in asserting his rights as an American citizen by voting against its candidates. Fortunately for the republican party, such conditions do not exist in Custer county. The candidates selected were not obnoxious office seekers, but were chosen for their superior qualifications for their respective positions. They are men of whom the party may well feel proud. They are men which every republican can support without doing injustice to his conscience. They are men that will be elected if every republican does his whole duty on the 5th of November. There have been more than enough changes in the county to overcome the small majority of the populists last fall if every republican votes his ticket. There is not a precinct in the county but what there has been republican gains. We know of more than one precinct where there have been enough gains to overcome the majority of 11 that Bryan got in the county over McKinley last year. Let every republican remain true to the ticket and the victory will be ours for the entire ticket.

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