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## REPUBLICAN TICKET.

- State Ticket.
- For Congressman, Sixth District—**M. P. KINKAID,** Of O'Fall.
- County Ticket.
- For County Attorney—**R. HUMPHREY.**
- Broken Bow Township Ticket.
- For Supervisor, Third District—**G. H. THORPE.**
- For Township Clerk—**A. D. BANGS.**
- For Township President—**J. M. HUMBERLING.**
- For Township Clerk—**W. J. VANNICE.**
- For Road Overseer, District No. 1—**L. CUSHMAN.**
- For Road Overseer, District No. 2—**JOHN KENNOYER.**
- For Road Overseer, District No. 3—**L. McCANDLESS.**
- For Road Overseer, District No. 4—**LEONARD HERSH.**
- For Road Overseer, District No. 5—**C. E. RECTOR.**
- For Road Overseer, District No. 6—**HENRY REEDER.**
- For Road Overseer, District No. 7—**J. N. WEST.**

## OUR TWENTY-FIRST VOLUME.

The REPUBLICAN has reached its majority. With this issue it starts out on its twenty-first year of usefulness. It is with no small degree of pride we look back over the history of the past twenty years and recall the work that has been accomplished in that period in this vicinity where the REPUBLICAN has played an humble part. In one particular at least the REPUBLICAN has fulfilled a prediction made in the initial number. We then stated "That the REPUBLICAN would live and was here to stay."

Since that date the REPUBLICAN appeared every week. Some times prospects have not been the brightest from a financial point of view, but it has been able to overcome every adversity and today it is enjoying a liberal share of republican prosperity. With a mere handful of type and old army press it began its existence in a sod house on the corner which is now occupied by the Broken Bow State Bank. The plant now consists of four double and one single racks of well filled type of variety, sufficient to turn out all classes of work required in a country office, a cylinder press and a Gordon jobber, run by a gasoline engine and all other necessary equipments for a first-class office. It is comfortably located in a good substantial two story building to which it was moved from the sod in the summer of 1887.

Politically, it has remained steadfast in its advocacy of the principles of the republican party. Since March, 1887, the writer has been associated with it, and for several years we have been the sole proprietor, manager and editor.

The history of Broken Bow is contained in its files, all of which are neatly bound and preserved. Its columns give the history of the first inhabitant, the plating of the townsite. The first merchants, lawyers, doctors, blacksmiths, hotels, feed barns, were chronicled. The fight of the REPUBLICAN transferred the county seat of Custer county from Custer to Broken Bow in the fall of 1882. Until after the location of the county seat here, the REPUBLICAN was the only newspaper published in the town. Several have

risen since in competition and many have failed to keep up with the procession. From the kind treatment which has ever been accorded us, and the liberal patronage of the business men of the city, we feel encouraged to renew the prediction of the paper in its first number, "That the REPUBLICAN will live and is here to stay." Personally, we have had our financial reverses, but physically we have continued to improve. Our avoirdupois has increased from 140 pounds in the past twelve years to 185. Politically, for a decade fortune was against us; but for the past five years conditions have been more favorable. Politically and financially, as well as physically, there has been a steady gain, and we are pleased to note that we are able to provide three meals a day for our family and enjoy the association of the best society the community affords. We have a large number of patrons, who have been patrons of the REPUBLICAN all these years, having subscribed for the first number. Others, who have joined our happy fam-

manliness in all his walks. He has that diplomacy and persistency in his make up that will make him a successful worker in national legislation. Two years ago he carried Custer county by 34 majority, when Bryan carried the county over McKinley by 11. We predict for him 150 to 200 majority in Custer county next November.

### The Sargent Leader is Not Republican.

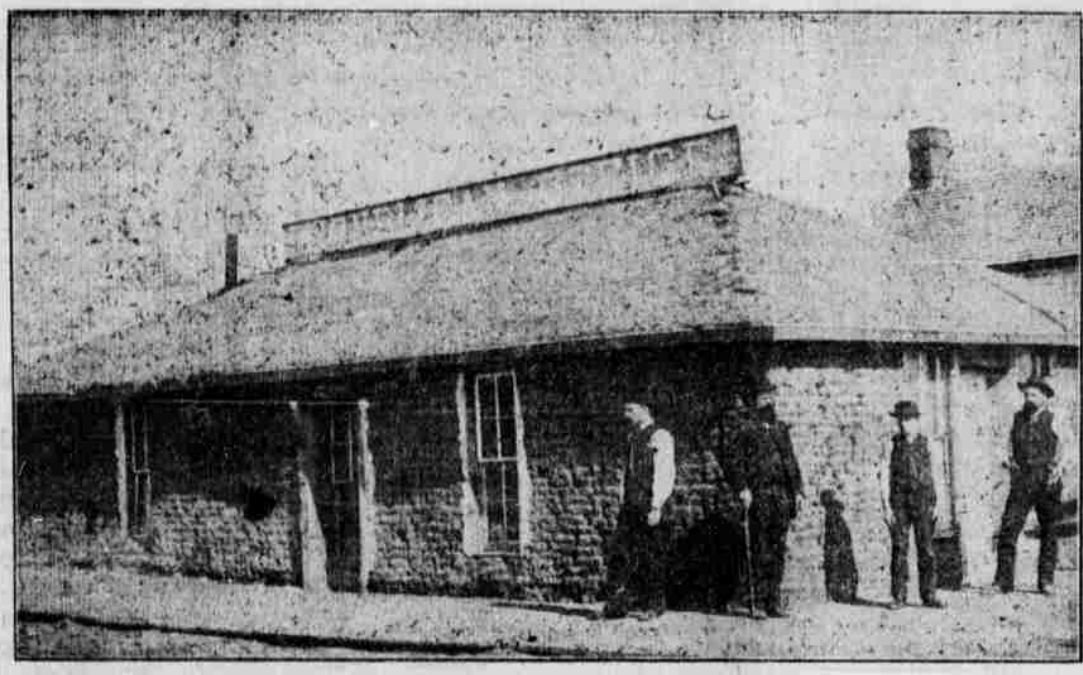
Bro. Wisely's article refuting the charge of the Loup County News, in which the News charges Mr. Wisely with running a socialist and republican paper at Sargent, is highly gratifying to the republicans of the vicinity of Sargent, as well as the republican press of Custer county.

We now see we were laboring under a mistaken notion all this while. We were aware that the Leader for several months had not given forth any evidence of being republican. But as we had not seen an announcement to the contrary, since Mr. Wisely purchased the Leader, we had supposed it was yet republican. He then stated it would con-

whether it would be political wisdom.

The republicans of Valley county as well as the republicans of Custer county have no desire to enter into an arrangement that will defeat the party ends. The republican convention in Valley county endorsed M. L. Fries of Arcadia, for the state senate. Probably no better man for the position in either of the four counties of the district could be selected. We believe Mr. Fries to be eminently qualified and worthy of the high honor. He has been a loyal republican all these years and a faithful worker. His location being near Custer county line, no doubt, gives him a wider acquaintance in Custer county than any other Valley county man has, which would be to his credit were he the candidate.

But there is a question whether any republican can win the race this fall. Valley county can be put down with 100 majority against us. The republican majority last fall on county officers in Custer county ran as low as 29. While it is



The above represents the office first occupied by the REPUBLICAN. The building was located on the corner where the two story brick block of the Broken Bow State Bank now stands. The building was photographed in 1887. Those standing in front of the building are: A. R. Humphrey, Al. Auterson, Charley West, who were employees of the office at that time, and ye scribe.

ily, have been just as loyal. It is to them, as well as our patrons of the city and political friends, we owe our present condition and future prospects. May they ever enjoy the riches of earth's blessings and prepare to enjoy an eternal bliss beyond, is the sincere wish of your humble servant.

The county board of equalization has been wrestling with the unequal taxation of the county for the past week.

The republican representative convention has been called to meet in this city Saturday, June 28th, 1902.

The editor of the Omaha Bee has again demonstrated his popularity with the republicans in Douglass county by securing the delegation to the state convention.

In an interview as published in the State Journal a few days ago, Governor Savage practically conceded the justness of Rosewater's injunction suit to compel the state board of equalization to increase railroad assessments and to assess their franchises.

While we did not help to nominate Judge Kinkaid, but urged the nomination of Senator Currie instead, we have no hesitancy in giving him our loyal support for the high position to which he aspires. We think in Custer county, if not in others, Mr. Currie would have been the stronger candidate. But in his old judicial district the Judge is very popular, and is doubtless stronger than any other man that could have been selected in that territory. For twelve years he was district judge, and was elected twice to that position when the district had a majority of populist. While he is not a fluent speaker he is regarded as able. He bears a high reputation for honesty, sobriety and

tinued the same political policy as it had formerly.

Mr. Wisely now says: "I do not publish a republican paper in Sargent. I am publishing a socialist paper and also a non-partisan. Never since I became editor of the Sargent Leader has it advocated republican principles, defended the republican party or supported republican candidates."

I have said a hundred words against the republican and democratic parties, where I have said one against the populist."

Bro. Wisely is to be complimented for his honest confession. We had been thinking that way for some time. Since Bro. Wisely frankly declares that the Leader is not a republican paper there should be nothing farther in the way of the republicans of Sargent and vicinity to prevent them from taking such steps as may be necessary to secure for Sargent a paper that is republican in politics. Every town, where republicans are in the majority, can and should have an organ that will stand up for the principles they advocate. Do this and it will enable Bro. Wisely to consolidate his socialist and non-partisan paper. A consolidation of the two would serve Bro. Wisely's purpose fully as well and bring in equally as much business as the two do now.

### "Abide in the Ship."

Paul's advice to the Centurian on their voyage to Italy appears to us is applicable in the matter of the senatorial nomination in this district this fall.

The opinion has generally prevailed both in Custer and Valley counties, that in case Senator Currie was not a candidate for renomination that Valley county was entitled to the candidate for the senate this year from this district.

To the question of political courtesy and right we heartily approve. But we question

true we elected the county superintendent by 520 majority, it must also be remembered that the populist sheriff was elected by 479. The vote on the supreme judge is probably the nearest the party vote of any of the candidates. That gave the republican candidate a majority of 125.

Custer county has about 2 1/2 times more votes than Valley. Should the fusionists nominate one of their most popular men in Custer county for their candidate his personal acquaintance at home would overcome the 125 majority in this county and give him a balance of 100 votes to his credit from valley county.

The only safe way is for the republicans to "Abide in the Ship" through another voyage at least. We have heard of no candidate in Custer county for the place and we have no personal axe to grind. But our advice would be to select from Custer county someone who is known and stands well with the public. One who stands for principle and is in no sense of the word a machine politician. One that is not a professional office seeker. We believe such a man can carry Custer county with a large enough majority to overcome the

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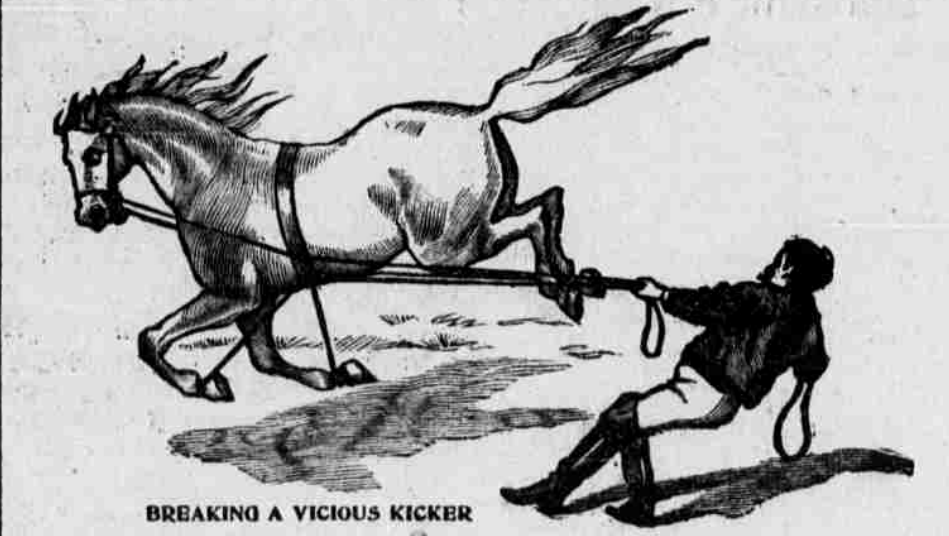
100 opposition in Valley county against the best man in the pop ranks. But no man outside of Custer county can do it. There is always a certain local pride in any county that knows no political bonds. That element is proportionately large in Custer county. It is an unsafe quantity to count on when the margin is small. If both candidates are from Custer county that obstacle will be removed. When it is safe to do so we are in favor of the other counties having their turn. But we feel now is not the time. Old Custer is the ship that has carried us safely into port in the past and we are of the opinion that except Valley county con-

sents to "Abide in the Ship" through the voyage we are now about to enter, we cannot enter the harbor safely.

### In the Sixth District

The nomination of Moses P. Kinkaid as the republican candidate for congress in the Sixth Nebraska district ought to insure the redemption of that district to the republicans in the next national house of representatives. Judge Kinkaid went into the nominating convention as the leading candidate and held his strength without diminution through 176 ballots and won out by the steadfastness of his supporters. Having twice made the race under adverse conditions, it was no more than fair that he should be made the candidate again, when everything points

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