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Thursday, July 24, 1902.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

State Ticket.

For Governor—**J. H. MICKEY**, of Polk.
For Lieutenant-Governor—**E. O. MCGILTON**, of Douglas.
For Secretary of State—**GEORGE W. MARSH**, of Richardson.
For Treasurer—**PETER MORTENSEN**, of Valley.
For Auditor—**CHARLES WESTON**, of Sheridan.
For Attorney-General—**FRANK N. PROUT**, of Gage.
For Commissioner Public Lands and Buildings—**GEORGE D. FOLLMER**, of Nuckolls.
For Commissioner Public Instruction—**WILLIAM K. FOWLER**, of Washington.

Congressional Ticket.

For Congressman, Sixth District—**M. P. KINKAID**, of O'Connell.

Representative Ticket.

For Representatives 5th District—**A. H. COPSEY**, of Westerville.
S. C. WALDRON, of Over.

County Ticket.

For County Attorney—**A. R. HUMPHREY**.

Broken Bow Township Ticket.

For Supervisor, Third District—**G. H. THORPE**.

For Township Clerk—**A. D. BANGS**.

For Township Treasurer—**J. M. KIMBERLING**.

For Township Assessor—**W. M. 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**.

Republican Senatorial Convention.

The Republicans of the Fifteenth Senatorial District of Nebraska are hereby called to meet in a convention in the city of Ord, in said District on Monday, September 1st, 1902 at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for State Senator and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before said convention.

I. A. RENNAU,

Chairman Senatorial Committee.

If there is any enthusiasm over the late fusion nomination for congress in this district it has not yet made itself visible or evident. The convention itself was small in numbers, and the only earnestness of purpose shown was in the effort several times repeated to nominate a man who wouldn't have the nomination and refused it every time it was passed to him. The convention gave Mr. Barry, whom it finally nominated, the marble heart until in the course of events he was the only person left who wanted the nomination that had any sort of reputation or acquaintance in the district.—Kearney Hub.

Attorney General Prout has given it as his opinion that Gov. Dietrich's veto of the bill passed last session of the legislature relating to constitutional amendments did not effect the bill and has recommended the secretary of state to proceed to have the amendment submitted as ordered by the legislature. The bill in question is one which provides for amending the constitution by a majority of votes cast on a proposition rather than a majority of all votes cast. In his opinion setting aside the Governor's veto, Attorney General Prout quotes a Supreme Court

decision on that point, by Judge Maxwell that holds a similar bill passed years ago did not require the Governor's signature to become operative.

Had Ex-Senator Allen have said that W. H. Thompson, the fusion candidate, was better than his party, he would have been nearer the truth, and it would not have been much to say either. But when he said, J. H. Mickey was better than his party, it was saying a great deal more than wiley ex-senator intended. Republicans accept the assertion as a great compliment, as we regard the success of the principles of greater moment than that of any man. But when you come to look upon Mickey as an old soldier, a pioneer homesteader, farmer, successful business man and christian gentlemen we are not surprised that his political opponents are compelled to acknowledge his superiority as a man.

W. H. Thompson, the fusion candidate denies being a railroad attorney and says that "he has never been at any time engaged by any railroad corporation directly or indirectly as attorney or otherwise and never received one cent of fees." A man fifty years old who has been engaged exclusively in the practice of law all his business life in the vicinity of rail roads must be below the average if he in all his practice has not been able to get one case from a railroad corporation. We had given Mr. Thompson credit of being a better lawyer than he makes himself out to be. It is no discredit to J. H. Mackey because he has never been employed by the railroad corporations as he is not a lawyer. It is still safe to vote for Mickey if you want a man of the people for governor.

Jesse Gandy, who is now regarded first in democratic knowledge, is authority for the statement that there are two Harringtons in the Sixth congressional district that had been regarded as good congressional timber for the fusion nomination, and that the one who figured so conspicuously in the Grand Island convention and succeeded in delivering the pop party over to the democrats is not the Harrington who was nominated by the democratic convention at Kearney and rejected by the pop wing. As Jess should be well posted, and no doubt is on the demopops or popodems of the district, we stand corrected. Now if we could have some pop vouch for there being two Jesse Gandy's, we would have no farther trouble in solving the apparent inconsistency of him being a pop today and a democrat tomorrow.

We should like to have had the chance of supporting for congress so good a democrat as Judge Westover who really would have been a credit to the district as its representative in congress, but for reasons best known to himself he refused to stand for the nomination which changes the situation. The nomination of P. H. Barry—populist—practically insures the election of Judge Kinkaid. Barry has been a life long republican and quit that party to secure an office. With democrats it is a choice between a good republican and a bad republican and while a great many democrats will refuse to vote for either, those who do vote will no doubt decide for Judge Kinkaid who is a gentleman of ability and intellectual attainments who will not destroy his usefulness to the district by continuously denouncing men capable of materially aiding the district as enemies of the people. Deliver us from a republican populist.—The Pioneer Grip. (Dem.)

Agricultural Nebraska.

The 1900 census contains much of interest on Nebraska agriculture.

The total area of improved

farm land exceeds 18,000,000 acres, and the number of farms in the state is 121,525.

The counties which lead in the number of farms are these four, together with the estimated value of their farms:

County	No. of farms	Land acreage	Estimated value
Lancaster	3,558	514,419	\$20,218,080
Gage	3,394	539,749	18,525,270
Custer	3,366	1,251,728	9,399,580
Saunders	3,141	473,365	19,126,130

Compared with them, Douglas county is as follows:

County	No. of farms	Acres	Value
Douglas	1,999	167,744	\$12,829,910

As will be seen, the estimated value per acre is about \$60 in Douglas, \$39 in Lancaster, \$36 in Saunders, \$34 in Gage and \$7.50 in Custer.

These figures exhibit a wide divergence in size of farms and value per acre. Four-fifths of the land in Lancaster, Gage and Saunders county is improved; but only half of that in Custer county is so described, yet on account of its great size, Custer county is credited with more acres of improved land than any other county.

The total value of live stock under the census is \$145,349,587. Of this value Cherry has the greatest at \$4,667,692; Custer has \$3,850,009; Holt, \$3,221,299; Sheridan, \$3,059,730; Saunders, \$2,876,855; Gage, \$2,774,662; Cumming, \$2,620,948; Deuel, \$2,568,165; Buffalo, \$2,543,903. No other county has a value of \$2,500,000. Thurston \$369,523, which is the least. Douglas has \$1,493,889.

The total expenditure for labor on farms in 1898 was \$7,399,160. Of this, Dodge shows an expenditure of \$496,610. This is larger than any other county in Iowa, Kansas or Nebraska. Saunders expended \$207,810; Gage, \$201,200; Lancaster, \$193,140; Douglas, \$191,880; Otoe, \$190,210; Burt, \$175,560; Washington, \$159,800. No other county expended more than \$150,000. Banner expended \$7,140, which is the least.—Alliance Herald.

Farmers Attention.

Custer county Fair matters should attract attention from every live farmer within its borders. Do you know what a good county fair means to you? It means a display of every kind of grass, grain, fruit and vegetable that grows in the country and an exchange of ideas and methods to produce them to the best advantage. It means a display of your stock and what kinds are most profitable to breed. In fact it is an educational system that no intelligent farmer will overlook. It is your business and for your interest. If you will interest yourselves and bring in your products the Custer county Agricultural Society will take them to the State Fair and make a creditable showing; thus will Custer county once more come to the front and attempt to carry off the first prize as we have done before. This will advertise our county far more than any other method that can be adopted because it will bring in farmers who have wealth to purchase and settle among us which will increase property value to a great extent. What is to be done? Commence right now by taking up by the roots the different kinds of grasses and grains making them into nice little packages and bring them to Broken Bow and place them in charge of Chas. Martin with whom I have made arrangements to store them away where they will be protected from the weather, sun and flies and kept in shape for display when the time comes. To secure these things will perhaps take you one or two days all told and will be the best investment of time ever spent. Went you put your shoulder to the wheel and let us make this the best display Custer county ever had? E. C. House—Broken Bow will furnish you with any needed information.

J. J. Wilson, President.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Town lots and a few five acre lots in this city, for cattle, horses or farm land.—Allen Reyner.

THE ISLAND OF GUAM

BY H. H. HIATT.

Agana, Island of Guam, May 2, 1902.—REUBLICAN—The sun is now a little north of the Zenith at noon, and the hottest of the year is at hand. The weather is quite dry and breezy. We do not notice the heat and even doubt that it can be as hot as last September when we came here. School is closed for one month, and my wife and I are taking all kinds of trips to recuperate for the next term. I can't see but that we are as healthful as the natives and stand the climate just as well. When Americans have colds and coughs so do the natives. This is a busy day with the natives, for a small kind of fish has just appeared by the millions inside the reefs. Nearly every Chamorro women was out in the Ocean long before daybreak with nets and came back at noon loaded with fish. These little fish come regularly each year at this time and remain for three months. They are about two inches long and are fried and eaten without any cleaning, which is quite an object with these natives. On the terrace between our house and kitchen we have started vines and flowers, as balsams, morning glories, horn flowers are in full bloom and remain so all the year. Frederica palms are most beautiful and plenty everywhere. The coffee plant is beautiful and in full bloom and looks not very unlike the choke cherry bush. In no place, can a home be more delightfully ornamented with flowers, ferns and shrubbery. I still think that this "man hated" island has no serious faults, that the American Agriculturist can not overcome. Cotton, coffee, Cocoa nuts, oranges, lemons, bannanas, etc. will do well on the rocky land and sugar cane, corn, sweet potatoes, pumpkins, squashes, melons, tobacco, etc. do well on the best land. These things will grow all the year. The dry season is not to dry to produce abundantly if the soil were properly tilled. Custer county would grow 50 bushels of corn to the acre with such dry weather. I do not believe a colony of twenty good American farmers would be lonesome here after they became acclimated. I think anyone could do quite a reasonable days work now, each day. This must be a healthy place for chickens for every where we have gone we find them in the brush. How the rightful owner of these chickens is known is a puzzle. The Iguanas, rats and cats are the only enemies to chickens, and these might easily be destroyed. Harmless snakes, toads, anteaters, quails, birds ought to be sent here to destroy insects. The ants are our worst pest. They are small but everywhere. The other night I awoke with a sense of a raging "prickly heat." I was sure of an attack of fever, but it was found to be the festive ants. They had come not only to share my board, but also my bed. They instinctively try to carry off anything they like and after sampling me they seemed to be trying to pull me out of bed. Kerosine is our refuge from ants.

I was much amused while reading the report to Congress of the

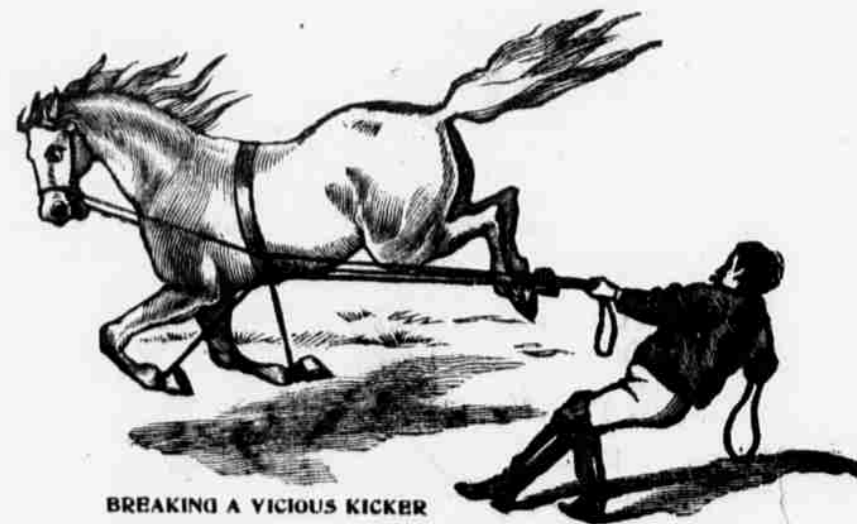
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three republicans and three democrats. It was strictly a political report and the strangeness to me is that a party will so recklessly bump its head so willingly against facts as the democratic end of that committee did. You can rely on what the republican members stated as the plain truth. No one going to the Phillipine Islands, or here, could possibly in so short a time have an exaggerated opinion favorable to either place. It requires acclimation to understand what American possibilities are. The fact is the republican party has a wonderful opportunity in the Orient and democrats know it and would rather see a national calamity than republican success. More patriotism and less party blindness is needed just now. I was at Asan a few days ago and revisited the Presidic, where Aguanaldo's best men are, I talked with them and tried hard to recognize Bryan's George Washingtons and Adams and Jefferson among them, but it was a failure. I thought I could trace some

features of Capt. Staley in Mabini, Aganaldo's private secretary. Beyond this my fancy refused to act, but memory recalled the line, Distance lends enchantments and Bryan is more poetic than practical. Nearly all the leaders of insurrection in the Phillipines are men who have gathered considerable wealth by defrauding the simple toilers. They want power and authority to continue this kind of life. They see an honesty and equality before the law in America rule, which they fear. Right here it became necessary for Judge Pressey to show his American spirit and his closest counselor of Spanish law was sent to jail. It will be hard for all these oriental people to comprehend the fact that every man is equally responsible before the law and that office is not a cloak for public corruption. Too much of the Filipino's love of independence is a love of power to do as he pleases. H. H. HIATT.



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