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Thursday, October 30, 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 Hitchcock.**
 For Treasurer—**PETER MORTENSEN, of Valley.**
 For Auditor—**CHARLES WESTON, of Sheridan.**
 For Attorney General—**FRANK N. PROUT, of Gage.**
 For Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings—**GEORGE D. FOLLMER, of Nuckolls.**
 For Commissioner of Public Instruction—**WILLIAM K. FOWLER, of Washington.**
- Congressional Ticket.**
 For Congress-man, Sixth District—**M. P. KINKAID, of O. C.**
- Senatorial Ticket.**
 For State Senator—**M. L. FRIES, of Arcadia.**
- Representative Ticket.**
 For Representative, 5th District—**A. H. COPSEY, of Westerville.**
S. C. WALDRON, of Over.
- County Ticket.**
 For County Attorney—**A. R. HUMPHREY.**
- Supervisors Ticket.**
 For Supervisor, First District—**F. S. MORRIS.**
 For Supervisor, Second District—**G. H. THORPE.**
 For Supervisor, Third District—**J. H. MCGUIRE.**
 For Supervisor, Fourth District—**G. HISER.**
- Broken Bow Township Ticket.**
 For Township Clerk—**A. D. BANGS.**
 For Township Treasurer—**J. M. KIMBERLING.**
 For City Assessor—**W. S. BOYCE.**
 For Township Highway Commissioner—**W. M. VANNICE.**
 For Road Overseer, District No. 1—**L. CUSHMAN.**
 For Road Overseer, District No. 2—**JOHN KENNOY.**
 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 REIDER.**
 For Road Overseer, District No. 7—**J. N. WEST.**

Attention Voters.

It is absolutely necessary that each republican candidate for supervisor this fall be elected to retain a majority on the county board. Do not let any personal matter deter you from voting for the republican candidates in your respective districts. Should one of the fusion candidates be elected it will give them a majority. A fusion majority means that the county will have more tax executions returned to him for collection against the parties who have been gone from the state for years, for which the county will have to pay 13 1/2 cents a mile for having them returned to the treasurer again uncollected. The recent verdict of the jury in effect is that the sheriff can charge for each execution from the county seat and return at 5 cents a mile. The sheriff, like every body else, likes soft snaps. With a county board of his political complexion he would get hold of more executions again and the county would have to pay the fiddler. Vote for the republican nominees.

Vote for Hiser for supervisor.
 Vote for J. H. Mickey for governor.
 Do not fail to vote for A. H. Copsey for legislature.
 G. H. Thorpe's election for supervisor is a foregone conclusion.
 Stand in with the majority and help increase Judge Kinkaid's majority for congress.

Vote the republican ticket straight next Tuesday.
 A vote for Morris for supervisor will be a vote in the right direction.
 Vote for M. L. Fries for the state senate and you will never have cause to regret it.
 John McGuire will be elected supervisor in the south-west district by a big majority. Watch the vote.
 A vote for S. C. Waldron for the legislature will be a vote for the farmers friend and a conservative business man.
 It is estimated that W. J. Taylor lost not less than 100 votes in Valley county last week by his personal assault on John Wall.

Those who contemplate voting for Arthur instead of Morris for supervisor, should first investigate the county records when Arthur served with Geo. Carr.
 Vote the state ticket straight without a scratch. The republican candidates are all able and worthy men for the positions for which they have been nominated.
 The verdict in the Armstrong case against the county last week, demonstrated the necessity of electing a republican for county attorney. Vote for A. R. Humphrey and you will make no mistake.
 Next Tuesday the voters of Custer County will have an opportunity to vote to sustain the party that brought about this period of great prosperity. No personal preference for a man on the opposition ticket should tempt anyone to vote for one whose party's success means a return to the soup house days.

Tom Wright and Arthur Barks in combining their efforts on one paper are getting out one of the best papers in Custer county. It is well filled each week with local news and editorials and the citizens of Ansley can well afford to patronize the Chronicle-Citizen liberally that its present excellency may be maintained.
 M. L. Fries is making an active canvass of Custer county in the interests of his campaign for state senator. There is where the most good can be done for the cause of progress and good times. He rightly assumes that Valley county will be for him by a good majority without stumping the county any. Valley county knows a good man when they have him and we will give him a vote that will be a credit to him and us.—Ord Quiz.

The nomination of John H. Mickey was a victory over rail road dictation in state politics. It was won only after one of the most determined contests in all the history of this state. Mr. Mickey was made the republican candidate without promises and without obligation to any corporation or party faction. He will take with him into the executive office the record of a life that has been clean and open. He is no battle scared and worn politician. He will go to the State House clean handed from an active life in political and benevolent affairs. There'll be no taint of brewer money on his election and no liquor or other evil element will have its thumb on him. The school man, the church man and the common citizen can approach him with the assurance that no malevolent influence is behind the scenes to control his action.
 J. J. Tooley fusion candidate who is making his campaign principally upon his desire to have law changed, regulating the apportionment of the state school fund, calls our attention to a mistake in our figures last week on that subject, which made the one fourth share of the state read \$134,000, instead of \$104,000. Corrected it would give only \$15.56 to each school district for

its 1/4 share instead of \$20, as we had figured. While it would increase the per capita to 83 cents instead of 75 cents it still leaves Broken Bow district short of the amount it received from the apportionment, notwithstanding he claims it would give it the sum of \$6,000 more. He takes exception to the numbers of school districts in the state as we gave them last week. The figures were furnished us from the office of the state superintendent which makes them official. But next Tuesday will settle the controversy and in our judgment the law will remain unchanged whether Tooley or a republican is elected.

A Champion of Right.

Now that the smoke of battle has practically cleared away and the bad effects produced by the coal strike have been effaced, it is only right and proper to marshal all the facts in the case and give credit to whom the credit is due. From the very beginning of the deplorable but inevitable struggle, the leaders of the Republican party have sunk all idea of partisanship and have endeavored night and day to adjust matters in the interest of a suffering public. Success finally crowned these efforts, and there is not a voter in the land, with the welfare of his country at heart, who does not unite in a shout of gratitude for the intrepid men who would not rest until they had achieved success. Today the name of Theodore Roosevelt is emblazoned firmly on the scroll of fame as the fearless leader and champion of the downtrodden. He will go down in history as one who dared to do right for the people's cause, notwithstanding the fact that his motives were being questioned and criticised by an army of political orators, who sought to spread disaster by an appeal to the passions of unthinking men.

No Strings on Mickey.

From Address Delivered by J. H. Mickey at Grand Island:
 "I have noticed that in some newspapers it is charged that my nomination was brought about by an agreement among the railroad interests of the state, based upon an arrangement with me previous to the meeting of the state convention. This is a serious charge. The people have a right to know if it is true. A man who would consent to be used by one class at the expense of the others would not be worthy of support.
 "I desire to say most emphatically that under no circumstances would I place myself in such a position.
 "Let me go further and say I received the nomination for governor without making a single pledge as to what I would do if elected.
 "I am still entirely untrammelled and will remain so, only saying, that if elected, as far as I have the ability, I shall do what I think is for the welfare of the whole people of the state. I confess that I have an ambition that it should be said of me 'He made a good governor,' and it shall be my purpose so to conduct the affairs of the state that this may be truthfully said."

Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

A proposition will be submitted to the voters of the state next Tuesday to amend the constitution in reference to the majority that shall be necessary to adopt an amendment. The constitution requires that there shall be a majority of all votes cast at the general election for a proposed amendment in order for it to become a law.
 The proposed amendment provides that "If a majority of the electors voting at such election on such proposed amendment shall vote to adopt such amendment, the same shall become a part of the constitution.
 The proposition to amend the

constitution in that respect is a matter of justice.
 There are always a large percent of voters that do not read up on the issues and when they are confronted with an amendment proposition on their ballot they simply ignore it and do not vote on the question. As the constitution now requires a majority of all votes cast to carry the proposition the man who puts a ballot in the box and does not vote on the question of the amendment practically votes against it. His ballot is one of the number over which there must be a majority.
 A neutral vote counts the same as a negative vote, yet the neutral voter expressed by not voting that he knew nothing of the matter at issue and declines to decide for himself.
 The proposed amendment seeks to let the result rest with those who are intelligent and interested enough to express his preference. It requires a majority vote of those voting on the question to determine the will of the people.
 Those who have not read the proposed amendment will find it in this issue of the REPUBLICAN. If we have not been able to satisfactory explain it to you, read it for yourself so you may be prepared to vote on the question intelligently.

Republican and Pop Expense in County Compared.

The fusion press frequently has asserted that republicans are more extravagant than were pops when in office. We have paid no attention to these statements in the past, taking for granted the public knew better. But we understand that notwithstanding the fact to the contrary, some people have been lead to believe it. This statement we are prepared to refute and establish its falsity by the records. One instance is suffice, to show not only that such statements are false, but that the republican county officials are doing more business for less money and making more money for the county than their predecessors.
 The office of register of deeds under pop administration last year, for first, second and third quarters, amounted to \$2,667.70. The expense of the office for the first, second and third quarters, were as follows:

Clerk hire	\$ 488.50
Deputy's salary	525.00
Register's salary	1 125.00
Recording for county	22.00
Postage	38.36
Excess fees	468.84
Total	\$2 667.70

Under the present administration of that office, by C. O. Lind, the total fees for the first, second and third quarters of 1902, amount to \$3,345.35. The expenses of the office for this first, second and third quarters are:

Clerk hire	\$ 488.90
Deputy's salary	513.84
Register's salary	1 101.00
Postage	26.00
Recording for county	1.30
Excess fees	1 213.70
Total	\$3 345.35

From the above it will be seen that the office of register of deeds has done \$677.65 more business than was done in the corresponding time last year. The figures further show that the work has been done for less money than last year, and that Mr. Lind has \$744.86 more money to turn into the county treasurer as excess fees than was turned into the

office last year.
 What is true of the office of deeds, fairly indicates the advantage a republican administration is to the county over the fusion reform we have been having for ten years previous. In the light of the facts and figures stand up for Custer county and vote the republican ticket straight next Tuesday.

That County Case

Judge Sullivan states that we misquoted him last week in his ruling in the Armstrong case, and that he did not hold that the sheriff could charge for each individual execution from the county seat and return. As we did not hear the judges instructions we accept his correction. But we maintain that the law does not warrant the verdict in that case. In our opinion somebody is at fault. If the law means what it says when it specifically provides that the fee shall be five cents a mile "actually and necessarily travelled," it does not mean that a sheriff can start with ten distress warrants on parties five miles apart, the farthest one being fifty miles from the county seat, round trip 100 miles and legally charged therefor 550 miles even at 2 1/2 cents a mile. By that method it would cost the county \$13.75 for travelling 100 miles, when at five cents, for the miles actually travelled, it would cost but \$5.00.
 When a court and jury reaches such a verdict somebody is at fault. It may have been in the prosecution, if neither the court



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nor Jury were at fault but we insist that from our process of reasoning a mistake was made. The case should be appealed to the supreme court, if the prosecution has any grounds left to stand on.
 The claim, by some that it makes no difference as the mileage will be returned to the county treasury, in excess of fees from the sheriff's office. Not for your life. The sheriff does not account for the mileage fees but shoves them down in his jeans' as one of the perquisites of the office. The County has not received any account of the sheriff's mileage fees in the past and we do not look for anything from that source under the present sheriff's administration. We insist that there should be

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