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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Sometime ago I have announced myself a candidate for sheriff of Custer county to the central committee, and I will come before the republican county convention for the nomination subject to the will of the republicans of Custer county. I have worked for the success of the republican party 23 years in Custer county and have always taken pleasure in doing so, knowing I have been in the right. I have been a central committeeman some 16 years, and never before have I come before a county convention asking for anything, and I hope you can give me the nomination and I will be elected your next sheriff of Custer county. Very respectfully,
 J. O. TAYLOR, 397f

Editor Republican:—Several of my friends have been insisting on my coming out for sheriff, and after looking over the field I have concluded to announce myself a candidate for the nomination for sheriff of Custer county, on the republican ticket, subject to the will of the people. While I feel my incompetency, I will try to make a good sheriff and do my whole duty as my conscience dictates. Respectfully,
 J. M. SAVIDGE, 371f

I desire to announce that I expect to come before the republican county convention as a candidate for nomination for the office of clerk of the district court subject to the will of the republicans of Custer county. For fifteen years I have to the best of my ability, upheld the standard of the republican party in this county, through times when it would have been to my financial advantage to otherwise, giving my services, such as they were, without money and without price, supporting its candidates through victory and through defeat. During these years I have never been a candidate for any office, and trusting I am not now presumptuous in asking favorable consideration of my claim.
 Very respectfully,
 GEO. E. MAIR, 371f

The Ohio republican convention last week endorsed President Roosevelt for re-election by a unanimous vote. Senator Hanna withdrew his objections before the convention convened.

President Roosevelt has concluded his tour of the country, having arrived in Washington last week safe and well. He was gone over two months. The enthusiasm with which he was received everywhere emphasizes his popularity with the rank and file of the American people.

The democratic mayor of Dwight, Ill., in introducing President Roosevelt to the



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ple he said: "I consider you, Mr. President, the ideal American citizen. I am in favor of the course you have pursued, and I will support you for re-election." There are several democrats in Broken Bow that we have heard make similar statements.

Col. Bixby of the State Journal has been sustained in the Porter case. W. F. Porter was at one time, when the pops had control of the state, secretary of state. By virtue of that office he collected \$900, fees for the marks and brands commission. In his final settlement Mr. Porter failed to account to the treasurer for these fees. Col. Bixby insisted that Porter should put the money back, but Porter declined. Finally the case reached the supreme court. The court said as the state paid Mr. Porter a stated salary, the money was not his but belonged to the state and Mr. Porter should put it back. As Bro. Beal of the Beacon says the court "is right about it," the REPUBLICAN extends congratulation to Bro. Bixley that he has the court and the Beacon with him. Who will now dare say Bro. Bixby was not right?

M. F. Knox, The Theorist.

This office acknowledges the receipt of a copy of the "True Word" a Mental Science Journal published at Seattle by M. F. Knox, formerly of this city. Mr. Knox has a scheme on foot to build a Mental Science College costing in the aggregate including homes \$1,000,000. Hollon Parker of Walla Walla, Washington has offered him forty acres of land within twelve blocks of the post office on which to locate the college. Mr. Knox or Prof. Knox as he calls himself has a committee in Chicago with the view of raising \$50,000 to buy from 500 to 1000 acres of land in one tract for industrial purposes. Mr. Knox claims that there are 200,000 Mental Scientists in the United States, Canada and Australia, who will contribute the necessary \$1,000,000 to erect the buildings. Should "Prof. Knox" succeed in his scheme he will rival Dowie in working the people for his own personal benefit under the guise of bettering humanity. Knox has persuaded himself to believe that health, wealth and perpetual life is a matter of thought and his mission is to get people to think that wealth, health and life are theirs and the end will be attained. Unlike Dowie he denies the Divine Authorship of the Bible, yet uses such portions of it as suits his purpose. Along with impractical and visionary theories he advocates just enough that is commendable to good government and the laws of health, business and science that many are deceived by him and become contributors to his support and his financial projects.

OUR STRENUOUS PRESIDENT.
 Product From One Mold, and the Mold Was Then Broken.

While this issue of the Times is in preparation the president of the United States is making a record horseback ride of sixty miles, climbing the mountains and skimming the plains from Laramie to Cheyenne in Colorado's northern neighbor.

What a halo of romance, courage and whole-heartedness this man is weaving into this life's history. Born of millionaire parents, scions of aristocrats, if there are such in America. The vim and adventure of the old Viking courses through every vein and

thrills every nerve. He plodded through college, dropped its shackles and nailed the mighty west for his temporary home. He passes from the free life and stirring adventure of a cowboy to the nation's commercial metropolis to grapple with its sins and crime and put them under curb. He enters the navy department, imparting his bold spirit to those charged with the work of constructing a nation's resistless navy. He responds to the stirring call to unloose the haughty Spaniard's grip from the throat of Cuba's suffering millions. He plows through the stony fields of red tape and at the head of his gallant Rough Riders places fresh immortelles in the crown of American valor. Made governor of New York, forced against his will into the vice-presidency, the black heart and red had of an assassin made him president.

And he is president. Such a president the country has not known since the days of Jackson. He has looked into the frowning mouths of the enemy's cannon. He has faced as unflinchingly the frowning faces of the coarse bosses of his party. He is Roosevelt! He was produced from a new mold and the mold was then broken. He copies no man and there is no man great enough to imitate him.—Denver Times.

STATE CONVENTION.
Official Call for Nominating Convention to be Held in Lincoln.

The republicans of the state of Nebraska are hereby called to meet in convention in the city of Lincoln, on Thursday, August 18, 1903, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following offices, to be voted for at the next general election to be held in the state of Nebraska, November 3, 1903, viz:

One judge of the supreme court; two regents of the university of the state of Nebraska, and for the transaction of such other business as may regularly come before said convention.

The basis of representation of the several counties in said convention shall be the vote cast for Hon. John H. Mickey for governor, at the regular election held on November 4, 1902, giving one delegate for each 100 votes or major fraction thereof so cast for the said John H. Mickey, and one delegate at large for each county. Said apportionment entitles the several counties to the following representation in said convention:

Adams.....	17	Johnson.....	14
Antelope.....	13	Kearney.....	10
Banner.....	2	Kimball.....	3
Blaine.....	2	Knox.....	4
Boone.....	13	Lincoln.....	2
Box Butte.....	5	Loup.....	2
Boyd.....	9	Lancaster.....	5
Brown.....	5	Lincoln.....	10
Buffalo.....	38	Logan.....	7
Burt.....	10	Loup.....	2
Butler.....	14	McPherson.....	1
Cass.....	13	Madison.....	17
Chadron.....	12	Merriel.....	2
Chase.....	4	Nance.....	10
Cherry.....	8	Nebraska.....	10
Cheyenne.....	6	Nemaha.....	13
Clay.....	17	Nebraska.....	50
Colfax.....	9	Pawnee.....	15
Conrad.....	12	Perkins.....	2
Custer.....	19	Pheasant.....	11
Dakota.....	7	Pierce.....	9
Dawes.....	6	Platte.....	11
Dawson.....	13	Polk.....	10
Deuel.....	4	Red Willow.....	11
Dixon.....	12	Richardson.....	22
Dodge.....	20	Rock.....	2
Douglas.....	92	Salt Lake.....	21
Dundy.....	4	Sarpy.....	8
Fillmore.....	17	Scott's Bluff.....	5
Franklin.....	10	Scott's Bluff.....	5
Frontier.....	8	Seward.....	17
Furness.....	8	Sheridan.....	6
Gage.....	33	Sheridan.....	6
Gardner.....	3	St. Louis.....	2
Gosper.....	4	Stanton.....	16
Grant.....	12	Thayer.....	2
Greely.....	5	Thomas.....	1
Hall.....	15	Thurston.....	7
Harrison.....	14	Valley.....	9
Harlan.....	9	Washington.....	16
Hays.....	4	Wayne.....	10
Hitchcock.....	4	Webster.....	13
Holt.....	14	Wheeler.....	3
Hooker.....	1	York.....	22
Howard.....	9		
Jefferson.....	17	Totals.....	1051

It is recommended that no proxies be allowed in said convention, but that the delegates present thereat be authorized to cast the vote of the county represented by them.

Notice is hereby given that each of the even numbered senatorial districts in the state is to select a member of the state committee to serve for the term of two years.

It is also the sense and request of the state committee that at the time delegates are chosen to the coming state convention, the several counties proceed to complete their county organization for the campaign of 1903, by the selection of road district helpers, precinct committees, and regular officers of such county committees.

By order of the state committee.
 H. C. LINDSAY, Chairman.
 A. B. ALLEN, Secretary.

July Bargains.
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 St. Paul, Minn., and return, \$18.10, July 19 to 21.
 Ask the ticket agent for particulars.

County Assessor.

The question of County Assessor or is being discussed more or less of late, and incidentally candidates for the position.

At the last session of the legislature a law was enacted which provides for a County Assessor. The term of office is for four years, the salary being regulated by the population of the county. In this county according to the provisions of the bill the salary would be \$700. As the work of the county assessor will not exceed four months a year the office from a financial view will be tempting and doubtless there will be no lack of candidates.

There is no office within the gift of the county of greater importance than that of County Assessor and great care should be exercised by the republican convention in making the selection. The first mistake to be avoided is the nomination of one against whom the public might be prejudice because of his business or reputation. The nomination of one against whom the question of partiality or his integrity would be waged would mean defeat of the candidate and the party.

It is not every one that is capable of filling the position. While a good business education is a necessary requisite it is not all that is required to assure an election or an efficient officer.

He should be one whose integrity would be above reproach, a man of good judgment and one who has courage of his convictions. The selection of deputies for the several townships will not be the least of the perplexing questions with which he will have to deal. The great question will be adjusting the inaccuracies that will appear in every township. The professional tax shirker will be in evidence in every township and if he does not succeed in beating down his valuation with the deputy assessor or will have him to deal with. Should he succeed in standing the deputy off for about half what he is worth the County Assessor will have a duty to perform that will require judgement and firmness.

Not only are educational qualifications business and executive ability, integrity for a successful and efficient candidate but be a man of good judgement of values. The object of the new law is not only to list every article of value that is subject to assessment but it also seeks to have every dollar's worth of property equally assessed. This will require good judgement on the part of the deputy and county assessors.

The inequality that has previously been made in valuations in the several counties in the



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state in stock emphasizes the great need of a system of uniformity and of men who will listen to nothing short of a fair, just and equitable division of the taxes of the county and state commensurate with the actual value of the property of each.
 To show the inequality that has been practiced for years past we print a few comparisons.

Here are the counties of the First Congressional district and the average assessment of their horses, hogs and cattle, in 1902:

	Horses	Cattle	Hogs
Richardson.....	\$ 7.32	\$5.97	\$1.27
Pawnee.....	10.42	4.09	1.13
Nemaha.....	9.07	8.15	1.35
Johnston.....	9.11	4.38	1.14
Osage.....	8.14	4.12	1.38
Lancaster.....	6.97	4.20	.98

Here is another group of counties in the Sixth District and their average assessment.

	Horses	Cattle	Hogs
Holt.....	\$ 3.21	\$3.13	\$ 36
Keya.....	6.71	4.65	3.89
Boyd.....	6.02	5.76	3.80
Brown.....	10.24	6.99	1.72
Rock.....	5.83	5.46	1.17

On the value of horses in other counties we have Perkins \$2.05, Duell \$2.30, Dawson \$3.89, Custer \$4.40, Chase \$8.06, Thurston \$11.66, Lincoln \$4.69, Sioux \$8.66. In most of the counties the numbers given in for assessment are much less than the facts warrant.

The same discrepancy that is shown in counties has existed between townships of the same county. On horses, cattle, hogs and sheep where one man fixes the value for all his deputies values will be more equitable. Land values can be closely estimated and equalized. The



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greatest task is to be the listing of town property, merchandise and cash. Nothing short of an invoice of goods and the inspection of the deposits in the several banks will reveal the whole truth.

Such discrepancies certainly demands correction. In the counties of Lancaster and Douglas the discrepancy between the bank statement and the assessors report amount equal to ten times the value of Custer county. With one assessor at the head in the county and the county under the assessor of the state board

	Cash	Debt
Pawnee.....	\$ 80,700	\$ 825,728
Nemaha.....	98,113	1,066,425
Johnston.....	128,445	1,810,942
Cass.....	94,232	1,628,411
Lancaster.....	48,895	3,200,825
Douglas.....	212,207	17,034,515

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