

At the meeting of the Republican County Central Committee last Saturday the date of the Republican County Convention was fixed for Saturday, September 9.

The basis of representation for the several townships is one delegate for each ten votes, or fraction thereof cast for President Roosevelt. It was recommended that the primaries be held on Saturday, Aug. 2.

The meeting of the Central committee was well attended and a general feeling of confidence was expressed in the success, if a good ticket is nominated.

J. F. Brechbuhl of Victoria township, W. S. Turnbull of Custer and Will Davis of Loup, were elected committeemen to fill the vacancies in their respective townships caused by removals. In the absence of the Secretary Paul Haumont of Elton was elected secretary pro tem of the meeting.

Alliance authorities took an advance step on the Fourth by prohibiting the explosion of large fire crackers, rockets or other noisy or dangerous explosions on the principal streets between the hours of 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. This was a wise precaution and should be followed by all other citizens.

The late date of the Republican State convention has given the counties an opportunity to shorten up the fall campaign, if they desire. The central committee of Custer county decided to hold the county convention on the Saturday previous to the state convention. This will give candidates for the several offices ample time to size up the situation.

The jury in Senator Mitchel's case brought in a verdict Tuesday of guilty. The Senator has been a senator from Oregon for 22 years and he has been very popular with his constituents. The charge against him was for accepting pecuniary compensation for practicing before the federal departments in Washington. The statute provides for both imprisonment for not more than ten years and a fine of not more than \$10,000. His attorney's have moved for a new trial.

The republican convention of the First congressional district held some weeks ago sounded the keynote of future republican campaigns in Nebraska by the adoption of the following resolution: "We favor legislation that will prohibit the giving of free transportation to all public officials and that will prohibit officials receiving and using the same, believing that the pass system is an evil, a burden on the transportation companies and against public interest."—North Platte Tribune.

The investigation of the strike problem in Chicago, should furnish the members of the union labor some food for thought, according to the evidence brought out in the investigation that has been going on for some time before the grand jury. If properly reported would indicate that the leaders have been working a graft for their personal benefit, when ever an opportunity presented itself. For money paid them they would order a strike and

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when a satisfactory sum was put up they would call the strike off. The interest of the members of the union has only been a secondary consideration.

Gov. O. A. Abbott For Judge

At the fall election the votes will be called upon to elect a member of the Supreme court to succeed Chief Justice Holcomb whose term expires with this year. There are several aspirants for the position from the eastern part of the state. But as yet we have not seen the name of a western man. This vacancy comes from the west and it is but justice that the western part of the state should be represented on the supreme bench.

Ex-Lieut. Gov. O. A. Abbott of Grand Island, is one of the best equipped men in the state to fill the position. He is a man of mature years and ripe experience intellectually strong, able and honest. In the opinion of the REPUBLICAN he would make an ideal judge of the Supreme court. We present his name without his knowledge or consent, but knowing him intimately as we have for more than thirty years, we know him to have been loyal to his country's call in the early sixties as a soldier in the Union army and will not refuse, should the republicans of the state demand his service as a member of the Supreme court.

A National Obligation.

"If there was ever a time when human intelligence should be energetically exercised in solving an economic problem it is now, and the question that of improved highways, and how best to quickly procure them. This question is universal in its application. That policy which will distribute fairly the cost of construction is the one to be considered; all others are impractical as well as unjust. It needs no argument to persuade the average American citizen that better country roads are a national necessity, therefore a national obligation, to delay the discharge of which is a national shame. The farmer needs better roads to enable him to market his products at all seasons or any season.

With the wagon roads in present condition the farmer must rush his products to market in the late summer and early fall, congesting the supply in sight, thus forcing low prices. At this juncture in steps the speculator who buys and stores for the assured season when bad roads prevent added receipts of products from the farm, and when he forces exorbitant prices on all he holds, to be paid by the consumer in town and city. Here we have the reciprocal interest of the agricultural classes and the manufacturer, the merchant, the mechanic and all other consumers of farm products. It is a strange thing that town and city people cannot see their own immediate interest in national aid to good roads. We all must live on that which comes from the farm. The rivers and harbors that have been so liberally fostered by the government do not produce a mouthful of food, except fish. It must all come from the farm. The railroads cannot produce a mouthful of food. The farmer must supply it all. The price of farm products is controlled by middlemen, because the primary man—the farmer—is not permitted to hold his products until a convenient season, but is forced to sell when road conditions will allow him to deliver. If the roads were good at all seasons the cost of the necessary food products would be materially lessened to the consumer in town and city.

Not only is this a fact, but with improved highways and naturally lessened cost of living, there would be fewer disturbances

among the laboring classes; fewer demands for higher wages forced by the increased cost of living; socialism would not progress as it is progressing, and agitators would find it impossible to make the social fabric tremble with discontent in labor centres, as they now are able to do. You must make the people comfortable if you would have them contented, and you must make them measurably contented if you would have stability in business affairs. The late Senator Hanna spoke with almost the spirit of prophecy when he declared not long before his death that danger was standing not far away from those who were indifferent to social conditions. Were he here to-day, I am not afraid to say, he would be ready to tell the American manufacturer and all labor employed in industrial enterprise that the greatest of all economic propositions was that embodied in the Brownlow-Latimer bills (practically the same), providing for national aid to good roads. This because Senator Hanna was one of the wisest of all American statesmen who would have blessed—as William McKinley would have blessed—the entire human family.

The proposition is absolutely sound that the consumer in town and city is as deeply involved in the question of improved highways as is the farmer himself, because of the fact that he must pay to speculators high prices for food-products when bad roads prevent the farmer from reaching the market with other products that would hold prices down to a decent living level."

The Biennial Law Unconstitutional.

The decision was written by Chief Justice Holcomb and as his term would have been extended for a year had the law been sustained, it is evident that his decision is based upon his judgment rather than his personal interest. There seems to have been two bills passed one of which extended the time of electing the County Assessor to 1908 and ever four years thereafter and county supervisors in 1906. This law was not considered by the Supreme court, as neither of those officers were provided for by the constitution.

The court holds that where an office is provided for by the fundamental law and the date fixed for its beginning and termination the legislators has no authority to propose the election of such successor until the next general election.

The offices which the fundamental law fixes the term of and time of beginning are the following to elect this fall.

One Judge of the Supreme court, two Regents of the University; County Clerk, County Treasurer, Sheriff, Judge, Coroner, County Superintendent and Surveyor.

The decision leaves it clear that there is no way to save the expense of an annual election only by changing the constitution.

A constitutional convention should be authorized, by the voters of Nebraska at their first opportunity to draft a new constitution. It not only needs revision in its election laws but in many other respects where the state has outgrown it.

Mr. Bryan On Conscience.

"The president has recommended legislation which will place railroad rate-making under the supervision of public officers. Success to his efforts in this direction! But the necessity for conscience becomes the greater in proportion as the temptations to wrong-doing increase (and temptations increase as greater power is placed in the hands of officials,) and while we seek to make rates reasonable and to prevent those forms of discrimination which can be detected, we may well hope for the advent of a business conscience which will make railroad managers spurn as wrong the issue of fictitious stock, and regard as immoral the running of a railroad with an eye single to the advancement of their own personal and pecuniary interests."—W. J. Bryan, in The Commoner for June 16th.

It would be interesting to know, in the face of this statement, whether Mr. Bryan would be willing to place in the hands of public officers, whose business conscience would be an unknown quantity, the power to regulate the great commerce of this country rather than to leave it as it now stands, under laws framed for its control and to courts open to all.

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Wheat	76
Barley	20
Oats	25
Rye	52
Corb.	40
LIVE STOCK—	
Hogs	4.75
Steers	\$4.45 @ 4.50
Cows	\$3.75 @ 3.25
POULTRY—	
Spring Chickens	.05
Chickens, per pound	.05
Turkeys, per pound	.08
Produce—	
Butter	.15
Eggs, per dozen	.12 1/2
MISCELLANEOUS—	
Potatoes, per bushel	.20
Onions, per bushel	1.50
Hay, per ton	8.00
Straw, per cwt.	.20
Sugar, granulated, per cwt.	\$5.50 @ 7.35

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300 head of Horses and Mares, which will include the Company's best haying teams for Rakes, Mowers and Sweeps, Saddle Horses and some Mares with colts by their side. This number will also include 50 head of young native Mares and Geldings (by pure-bred Percheron stallion raised on the Company's ranch) running from yearlings upwards.

Also their best Wagons, Mowers, Harness, and a large assortment of various kinds of Farming Machinery. In addition to the above Auction Sale the Standard Cattle Company will hold the following sales:

At Pass Ranch - - - - - Friday, July 7
At Big Creek - - - - - Monday, July 10
At Carver Ranch - - - - - Wednesday, July 12

At these sales they will offer for Cash to the highest bidder all of their haying and farm machinery not included in the Mullen sale. Sale at each Ranch will commence at 10:30 a. m. on dates mentioned.

W. E. Hite assisted by George Lucewell will conduct the Mullen sale and George Lucewell the three sales on the 7th, 10th and 12th of July.

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