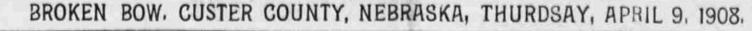
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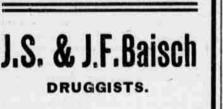
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That is the Description Given New Lines for County Division by Editor Pinch WHO HAS ADVOCATED DIVISION Now He is Against the Proposition As He Considers New Lines Unfairly Drawn.

Merna, in December, to draw conceding to the northeast new lines upon which to wage quarter, the west portion of west war for a division of Custer Union precinct, was voted upon. county. The lines agreed upon This was accepted by the comcounty. The lines agreed upon by a mere handfull of Custer -the one of course being Dick's county tax payers at that meeting met with hearty disapproval, not only by those opposed to division, but by a large majority of those who favor it, so Bulldozer lines on a map—that we paid for Brega conceived new lines and —that Dick handed to that man called another convention to meet at Ansley on Tuesday of last What the committee wondered at week.

A less number of adherents of division were present than at the Merna convention, and the new lines conceived by Brega with a view to getting votes for division -regardless of the hooks and crooks in the borders of the four proposed new counties-was carried, the Brega lines being submitted to the convention by a minority report of the committee.

F. C. Pinch, editor of the our people and the people Merna Postal Card, who has been throughout the county wanted one of the staunch supporters of straight lines, and if they were county division, was in attend- taken that way this year, there ance at the Ansley convention is no doubt as to what the outand argued in favor of fair play come would be, but when two or and against the gerrymander three land men, and one or two schemes of Brega, but a majority to cut us out a county that a of the fellows in attendance want snake could not get into as man the lines fixed so they, personal- crooked shapes as they outlined ly, will be benefitted regardless of then, we want to be counted out of it. the welfare of the other residents of the proposed new counties, a Marriage Licenses Issued. large number of those present be-Since Thursday of last week licenses to wed in Custer county ing real estate dealers and ownhave been issued as follows: ers of town lots in the anticipat-Albert E. Howell, Mason.....32 ed county seats of the new coun-ties. Walter A. Bryan, Merna 29 The report of the Ansley con-vention, written by Editor Pinch George A. Neve, Merna 21 and published in the Post Card Flora Conley, Merna.....19 last week, is undoubtedly just Chas. S. Corothers, Callaway. . 28 what occurred at the convention Ammie B. Pierce, Callaway ... 18 and as such is unbiased, there-C. S. Chesley, Mildale 24 fore it is published in full here- Maggie Whipple, Callaway ... 18 Ernest M. Bristol, Ansley.....21 with, as follows: Stella Phillips, Ansley 19 Tuesday morning we made a trip to Ansley where we expected Mr. Bryan's Surprise. to attend a county convention to be for, and presided over by, Mr. Bryan admits that he is the county divisionists, and the surprised that the New York rest of the delegation came down National Democratic club refused on the afternoon train. When to invite him to be one of its we arrived at Ansley we found speakers at the Jefferson banquet Dick Brega was on hand to take on April 13, and that it did not charge of affairs having brought invite him to be present as a along with him in his vest pocket guest until after several meetthe outlines of the map that is ings of the committee at which to be the future (?) cut of the the question was debated at some county. After arriving at Ans- length. ley we found the boys down there It is difficult to see why Mr. had not taken enough interest in Bryan should be surprised at the the question to even have a cau- action of the New York democus, and Dick got holt of a page crats. They have done nothing out of a tablet and after dodging to indicate a change since they about secured enough names on opposed him in 1896, in 1900 and the same to provide for a full kept him out of the race in 1904. representation of delegates from They do not take kindly to what the southeast quarter, after this they are pleased to term "Bryanwas done, Dick and his fellows ism" and have determined to rested easy until the convention oppose his nomination at the was called, and as the other pre- convention at Denver in July, cincts of this quarter did not see although they realize they are fit to come out, why, Dick had undertaking an almost hopeless us "skun" on votes, and was task. able to retard the division of the If Mr. Bryan is nominated at Denver, it is not probable that county another year. The convention was then call- the New York democrats will ed to order, with Mr. Sargent in make any extraordinary effort to the chair, and a committee of one insure his victory in their state. from each quarter was selected He has practically notified them for the purpose of conferring (?) that he wants all his enemies in on lines to present to the conven- front of him and they have, hontion (?)-we should have said to estly 'at least, declined to face Dick-for acceptance. Now, we about. There is really nothing want it understood that Dick did surprising in the fact that the not care what lines were accept-ed (?) by the convention. Oh, no. The committee (?) then re-tired to the basement room of feature is that he should care to the convention hall and just got talk to them, realizing their nicely to work when Dick rather feeling toward him .-- Omaha thought things were not going Bee.

as he wanted them to go and broke down stairs to see what was the matter-in the meantime Dick's outline of the lines wanted, and the map had, presto, changed from Dicks vest pocket, to their representatives (?) haud. As soon as they found the lines they sent to the committee room was doomed to distruction, then his followers from the southeast kept their man busy and interferred with the committee to such an extent that as one of the committee we proposed getting into another room and locking the door so that we could get to work and in about five minutes A convention was held at the straight lines as voted upon last year, with the exception of mittee by a vote of three to one man of the southeast who bro't in a minority report. As the committee came up stairs they found that Dick-no, rather his man Friday, had drawn the same

who was put on that committee. was that Dick, Friday and the man on the committee, had the same tho't and why was the committee was sent out? No one regrets that Dick and

his fellows over there have made it impossible for us and our people over here to support county division-we stated to the convention there at Ansley, we have stated it to our readers, and we say again, it is not the question of county seat with us-but the question of getting lines that are favorable to the masses of our people. The vote of last year demonstrated the fact that

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