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Herbert G. Myers, Editor and Publisher

Political Announcement.

Being prompted by a desire to lead and direct the educational forces of the great county of Custer, in whose schools I was a pupil nearly 20 years ago, I hereby formally announce myself a candidate for the position of County Superintendent of Public Instruction. I have advocated republican principles for 15 years and am thus asking the distinguished honor of being its nominee at the coming election.

WALTER W. WATERS.

LET HIM PROVE IT.

The Custer County Beacon in its issue for last week states that it believes in the policy of a man who makes an allegation proving his statement. The Beacon has on several occasions made the charge that the present County Assessor was appointing men to assess precincts where they did reside.

If the Beacon believes that a man should always prove the charge that he makes, then he should practice what it preaches and sight his evidence to show that the County Assessor is appointing assessors for precincts wherein they do not reside.

WON'T ACCEPT AFFIDAVIDS.

The Beacon in its last weeks issue calls upon the Republican to show that a special session of the County Board was held last year to re-equalize the taxes. The records in the County Clerk's office show sworn statements of the members of the board through which they received pay for a two days session for fixing up their job of equalization. The records show that the members of the board received \$86.40 for this work.

The records of the board are open to the public and the Editor of the Beacon may look them over if he chooses to do so. He says that his experience has proved to him that you cannot depend on the statement of a rank, parti-

san, Republican paper. We ask him, can you depend upon the statement of a rank Democratic paper which refuses to acknowledge the truth of the sworn statements of its Democratic representatives on the board of supervisors.

COUNTY ASSESSOR'S WORK.

The Custer County Beacon has on various occasions told how useless it believed the county assessor was and has stated that he was simply a burden of expense on the county. Brother Beal in his editorial work does not like to appeal to the records to prove any of his statements and for that reason perhaps he has not consulted the tax records to find out what the influence of the county assessor has been on the tax question. The abstract of assessments on notes, mortgages, bonds, moneys, book accounts, judgements, tax certificates, and other credits which are looked after by the county assessor and to which he gives his special attention in order to see that no part of it escapes its just proportion of the tax, show an astonishing increase in 1904, over the amount for 1903.

1904 was the first year under the new revenue law enacted by the Republican Legislature and was the first year in which we had a county assessor. For the year 1902, the total amount of the credits mentioned above was \$7371.00; the total amount for 1903 was \$16,114.00; the total amount for 1904 was \$17,129; the total amount for 1905 was \$125,416. The figures for the above years are the assessed value.

In 1902-3 the assessed value was one-third of the actual value so that the actual valuation of these credits will show a great deal larger per cent of increase in 1904 than is evident on the face of the figures for the assessed value. The figures show an increase of about 133 per cent in 1903 over the amount for 1902. The figures for 1904 are almost 800 per cent greater than the figures for 1903 under the old system for which the Beacon stands. The figures for 1905 show an increase of about 8 per cent or one-hundredth of the increase of 1904 over 1903. This remarkable increase in 1904 is due to the vigilance of the county assessor in ransacking the records in the Court house to ascertain the amount of credits on record there in favor of an individual in the county and to the more careful assessment under the new revenue law.

This additional amount of property which is brought in for its full part of the taxation

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under the new law and under the administration of the county assessor, it will be noted is owned by the men who are the most able to pay their taxes. It does not in any way increase the burden of taxation on the man who is indebted, but compels the holder of mortgages; the holder of your note; the holder of the tax sales certificate on your farm; and the man who has money in the bank to pay the proportion of the tax which he should pay. The law increases the burden of taxation on the rich men and not the poor man.

Now, as to the question of the county assessor's salary, the figures show that there was an increase of over \$100,000 in the assessed valuation of these credits in 1904. This increase of \$100,000 will in itself yield \$800 on the 8 mill county levy for 1904.

This is an increase then of \$100 more than the total amount of the county assessor's salary, on simply the county levy.

Consider for a moment the great benefit to be derived by the poor tax payer, when you levy an average for the county of fifty mills on this \$100,000. Fifty mills for one year on \$100,000 would be \$5000 for over seven times the amount of the county assessor's salary.

If the county assessor makes the county \$5000 a

year on property that would escape taxation if the office was abolished, he must after all be a half way decent sort of a fellow and not exactly a burden to the poor tax payers as the Beacon says.

TWIN NECESSITIES.

The reader of a newspaper will readily agree that it is necessary for a merchant, with any pretension to progressiveness, to advertise. Yet this would not be true if it were not equally true that it is necessary for the reader of the newspaper, if he or she have any progressiveness, to read and answer the ads.

These are twin-facts, twin necessities. Whatever is of enough importance for the merchants to pay for the privilege of saying is of too much importance for the reader to overlook. And just as advertising is the way of the progressive store, so is the reading of advertising the way of the progressive person. Measure your progressiveness by this standard, and you will not go far wrong.

HOUSE ROLL 496.

House roll No. 496 which has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Col. Bates of Plattsmouth, places the libel laws of the state on a basis which is much fairer to the newspaper man.

The Bill of Rights of the Nebraska constitution provides, that the truth when published with good motives and justifiable ends shall be a sufficient defense in libel suits. This places the editor of a paper when on trial before a jury in a hazardous sort of a position. The bill introduced by Col. Bates provides that the complaint shall be made within a certain time and that a retraction or correction of an article published shall be constructed to show the motive of the writer.

GEORGETOWN NEWS.

Willie Spurgin who has been attending school at Kearney, returned home Friday to help his father with the spring work.

Wm. Spry and C. E. Smith were taking in the sights at Oconto on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Campbell were Broken Bow visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. D. Woodruff went to Broken Bow Saturday to see her mother Mrs. Kinkaid who is reported on the sick list.

P. P. Beck transacted business with the merchants of Oconto on Friday.

Uncle Johnnie Myers went to Broken Bow on Friday and returned Saturday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Cuckler who have been employed to assist in the work of the ranch this season.

Mrs. Herman Campbell spent a few days recently visiting with friends at Broken Bow.

S. S. McConnell has moved onto his own farm, which is located about two miles south of the Crookham ranch, where he has been living the past three years.

Robert Frits moved this week onto one of D. Woodruff's farms.

Mrs. P. F. Campbell has been on the sick list recently.

Rev. H. Wheeler, of Aida, Neb., preached at Georgetown on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. He returned home on Monday.

Grandpa Frits has been suffering from an attack of Quinzy, but at this date is rapidly recovering from it.

John A. Devine died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Jos. Bary, of Oconto, Thursday evening, Feb. 25. The funeral services were held at the Catholic church, in Oconto Sunday Feb. 28 at 2 p. m. Mr. Devine leaves a large circle of friends, five sons, three daughters and a companion to mourn his death.

Zumbrotta Zephyrs.

Emira and Billy McComas have the mumps.

E. B. Birber bought three dozen hens at the Thomas Adams' sale.

Miss Belle Sands has been having a siege with the La-grippe.

Oscar Tappan's Sundayed with Ed White and wife.

Mr. Small of Pawnee county arrived here Sunday morning with his car, and is hauling his farm implements, household goods, etc., on the Martin farm, that he bought last summer. Mrs. Small and children will come in a few days.

M. D. Stone's were at Lanterman's last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W. W. Bishop and daughter, Mrs. J. O. Heaps were calling on Mesdames Callen and Koozer last Monday.

Miss Loy Ream of Ormsby was the guest of Miss Madge Bishop over Sunday.

Frank Routh has moved on the L. L. Sharp farm. We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Routh to our neighborhood. Butler Sands and A. I. Routh helped to get Frank's household goods moved last Monday.

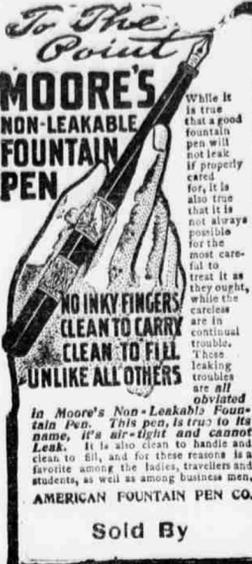
J. T. Cole and wife, and Mr. Cole's sister and husband of Ohio were entertained at J. Koozer's last Friday evening.

W. W. Bishop has been quite sick. On last Thursday, he had Dr. Farnsworth extract 16 troublesome teeth. The after effect of the chloroform has been very disagreeable and its just the last few days that Mr. Bishop has been able to be out of the house.

Mason City Items.

Roads have been very bad for the past week.

To The Point
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Sold By



T. J. Wood took a buggy ride in the country Saturday and had the misfortune to have his buggy tipped over.

George Nulvany will have a horse and cattle sale the 6th of March.

W. F. Davis the well, man is kept busy repairing wells and windmills since the storms.

The pool hall is receiving a new coat of wall paper. C. Weimmer is doing the work.

George Nulvanz and Wilbur Humes went to Grand Island this week to attend a horse sale.

The case of James Ambury, against the Principle of the school for whipping one of his children has been dismissed by the County Attorney which seems to be very satisfactory to most of the school.

JUST A MINUTE

The Miller & Kennedy Way

Spring Time is Clean Up Time.

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A new lot of Celebrated Moore Glass Oven Door Ranges. They are beauties.

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Everything in Cooking Utensils. Make your kitchen up-to-date, and save time and labor.

New Dust Pans

The new Dust Pan saves time. Don't fail to see them, they are up-to-date.

Don't Fail But

Look over our lines you can not help but see something that you will want.

Washing Machines

A new line of Washing Machines. Come take one home with you, try it, if not satisfactory bring it back.

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Our new line of Granite Ware will be in soon, wait for a bargain, every piece warranted. The finest line in the city and at prices that will astonish you.

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Beginning Saturday, March 6, 1909. We will have on sale the following:

- 50, 5x7, 6x8 and 7x9 Picture Frames. Choice 25 cents.
- 100 Framed and Matted Pictures. Choice 25 cents.
- 100 Sheet Pictures and 25 Matted Pictures. Choice 10 cts.
- Any other Framed Picture in our stock. Choice 25 per cent discount.

Just received the largest line of Mouldings in Broken Bow.

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We will give free a discount of 20 per cent and we will give free a handsome Matted Picture.

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