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Proceedings of the County Central Committee.

On the first Saturday after the primary election, in accordance with the new law, the republican nominees for the county offices met in this city and selected the following gentlemen as the republican committeemen for the next year:

CHAS. MARTIN	W. R. SMITH	Ohio
G. W. DUEFELDT	LOUIS SUESS	Arauco
J. TIMMERMAN	CLEM DAVIS	Rulo
ELMER RAY	J. D. MCCOMBER	Jefferson
FRANK WITHEE	J. W. CROOK	Falls City, Pr
L. H. HOWE	P. B. WEAVER	Falls City 1 Wd
A. E. STALDER	H. A. PENCE	Falls City 2 Wd
H. E. BOYD	H. T. HAHN	Falls City 3 Wd
L. C. WILLIAMSON	Mc. C. HOOVER	Salem
M. RILEY	J. G. MCGINNIS	Nemaha
G. A. JORN	AL. BEUTLER	Spencer

On last Saturday the members of the central committee met in this city. There was a large attendance at this meeting, including the republican candidates, Messrs. Holt, Scott, Arnold, Coons and Reneker, and several other republicans who believe a vigorous campaign should be made this fall and that our ticket should be elected.

The committeemen elected the following officers:

JOHN WILTSE, Chairman
FRED SEBOLD, Secretary
J. E. LEYDA, Treasurer

They also selected P. B. Weaver as the delegate from this county to the state convention to be held at Lincoln on September 24th, at which time the state committee will be organized and the platform of the republican party promulgated.

The central committee also selected the following committees:

Executive Committee—

JOHN WILTSE P. B. WEAVER
G. J. CROOK G. W. HOLLAND
C. F. REAVIS J. E. LEYDA
FRED SEBOLD J. L. CLAEVER

Advisory Committee—

AL. TANNER R. ANDERSON
C. K. COOPER L. SHIRLEY
O. L. BANTZ

The republicans have formed a good organization which indicates that a vigorous effort will be made to elect the ticket, which is composed of strong men who, when elected, will fill the offices to our entire satisfaction.

George B. Holt, our candidate for county clerk, is a son of John W. Holt, ex-president of the First National bank of the city. George has lived in our midst many years and is well known and has a host of warm and influential friends who intend he shall be elected our next county clerk.

A. R. Scott, more familiarly known as Judge Scott, our candidate for county judge, conducted the office of county judge several years ago in a most satisfactory manner and he will, during his next term as county judge, be found the same accommodating, polite and efficient official as he was when formerly county judge.

Vincent Arnold, our candidate for county assessor, comes before us very highly recommended by the citizens of Liberty precinct, where he has resided during the past thirty years and where he has been assessor for the past seven years. The experience he has thus gained about assessments will be a valuable help to him when he is the county assessor and has charge of the assessments for the whole county. He is a genial, good natured, warm hearted man that every one likes.

F. W. Coons, our candidate for county superintendent, is

thoroughly equipped for the office as he is a graduate of the state university and has had several years experience as a teacher. His home being in Humboldt he is not very well acquainted in the east part of the county, but Mr. Coons intends to make a good campaign and he will see as many of the voters as possible before the campaign is over.

We have a strong ticket that calls for the best support that can be given by the republicans of the county.

Killed in B. & M. Yards

A man by the name of John Summers who was with Malon's grading outfit going from Fortescue, Mo., to Dawson, this county, fell from the top of a box car in the B. & M. yards here about 8 a. m. Tuesday morning. He was taken at once to Goolsby's Hotel where he died about 9 a. m. The man was intoxicated at the time and it was known he had been drinking steadily for several days. No blame could be attached to the railroad company for the accident as it was shown at the inquest that they were in no way responsible. After the inquest held by Dr. Reneker Tuesday at 4:30 p. m. the body was given over to Contractor Malon who says it is their custom to take their employees to Lincoln for burial, who have no relatives near and meet death while working for them.

Summers is from New York state but it is not known that he has any relatives in this part of the country.

The following is the report of the coroner, Dr. George W. Reneker.

VERDICT

The State of Nebraska, Richardson County, ss. At an inquest holden at Reavis & Abbeys undertaking rooms Falls City, Nebraska, in Richardson County, on the 17th day of Sept. A. D. 1907, before me, Dr. George W. Reneker, coroner of said county, upon the body of John Summers lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oath do say that deceased came to his death as the result of falling from the top of a box car in the yards of the C. B. & Q. Ry. Co. at Falls City, Neb., at about 8 o'clock a. m. on the 16th day of Sept. 1907.

J. E. Leyda,
W. H. Keeling,
F. P. Shields,
A. R. Scott,
N. T. VanWinkle,
D. D. Reavis.

In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

Attest: Dr. Geo. W. Reneker.

Coroner.

Another Good Contract.

M. J. Bohrer came home Sunday morning from Almena, Kans. where Bohrer Bros. have been building an opera house and school building. They have secured the contract for a \$14,000 school building at Merna, Neb., and M. J. left today to make the initial preparations for beginning the work. Bohrer Bros. are getting a wide reputation as contractors and their work always gives satisfaction.

Prof. W. R. Oliver and wife, who took such an active part in the Oliver meetings last summer passed through here Wednesday on their way home in Marion, Kans., from Mound, Min., where they spent the summer.

The Economy of William.

Bill McCray is busily engaged in telling the people of his district what a great and good man he is. Every other member of the board is dishonest but him, is the tale William is telling.

The truth is, and is generally recognized and acknowledged by those familiar with the history of the board of supervisors, that Bill is about the most expensive proposition this county has ever been inflicted with. It would take this entire page to enumerate Bill's costly mistakes, but as a fair sample take the following:

Bill was chairman of the bridge committee when the Constantine accident occurred. Chas. Santo, a member of the board, repeatedly asked Bill to repair the Schulenberg bridge. But William neglected it and the bridge went down. Mrs. Constantine was so crippled that she is ruined for life. Several other persons were injured.

Suit was brought against the county and, after some negotiations, an offer was made to settle for \$1200. Every member of the board wanted to settle, but William said nay. So William employed his friend Martin to help and the case was tried. The county paid \$3260 to settle the judgement, court costs and the fee of William's lawyer.

William's economy in this instance cost the county \$2060.

Bill, you know, was the fellow that located the Rulo bridge off the road and never found it out until after the bridge was completed. Then William had the bridge removed to its proper place at a cost of \$800. to the county.

As a money saver William is the whole cheese.

Bill went into the bridge business last summer, and ordered the steel for a bridge across a creek south of Humboldt. There was a steel bridge over the same creek within half a mile from where Bill had located this one but Bill wanted to build a steel bridge. He was forced to acknowledge before the board that the new bridge would be used by but two and possibly three families, but William wanted to show his ability to build a steel bridge better and cheaper than anybody.

But this bridge was worse than unnecessary as is shown by the following facts.

Bill bought this bridge of one Jack Sparks who was there and is now under indictment in Beatrice because of acts done in selling Gage County its bridges.

Bill paid a good price for new steel and induced the board to pay more than \$800. for the metal.

When the bridge committee went to see the material it was found to be old and rust eaten.

It was the worst kind of a second hand bridge that had been used some where else and then torn out, repainted, and dumped onto this county by the great money saver.

The present bridge committee has tried to sell or trade the junk but has found nobody who wants it. It lies today in the court house yard as a monument to Bill McCray's economy.

But why consume more space on William? He has never hesitated to get even with an enemy at the expense of the tax payer, or help a friend in the same cause? He is about the limit when it comes to spending money. His claim to re-election is the product of a fertile imagination. The necessity for his defeat is shown by the expenditures of the county made through McCray's procurement.

Society News.

A nuting party composed of Misses Gertrude and Grace Lyford and Messrs Fred Graham and Lloyd Shaffer spent last Saturday in the Bluffs. The day was ideal and they went with well filled lunch baskets target guns and fishing tackle. Infact everything to make an enjoyable day. They report a fine time.

Mrs. Al Spear entertained the Married Ladies Kensington Thursday of last week at her home on N. Morton street. This was the first meeting since July when the club meetings were postponed until cooler weather. On Thursday almost the entire membership was present and the afternoon was a delightful one. Mrs. Spear served delicious refreshments assisted by her sister Mrs. W. R. Holt. Great interest was manifest in this meeting and it was with regret that the guests met the hour of departure for their homes.

The Woman's Club held its first meeting of the year with Miss Cleaver and a very large attendance was present. A very interesting program had been prepared and aside from this there was the usual planing and discussion of the work and social side of club affairs for this year. The papers and discussion were interesting, helpful and a source of pleasure to all assembled. During the social half hour refreshments were served after which the club adjourned to meet October first with Miss Cade, when a full attendance is expected.

A reception was given to the new teachers and the juniors by the sophomores in the assembly room of the highschool last Saturday and a rousing time is reported. The juniors were given the names of animals they were to represent and the representations were very humorous, and caused great laughter.

There was an unusually large number, both new teachers and juniors to be initiated and the evening was one continual excitement from beginning to end.

Refreshments were served by the Sophs and a royal good time was the result of the evenings entertainment.

Miss Emma Leitzke was surprised by a large party of friends on Monday evening Sept. 16th, that day being her birthday anniversary. The time was passed playing all kind of games and in social conversation. Miss Emma received many beautiful remembrances as tokens of esteem from her friends. During the evening delicious refreshments were served. The occasion will be long remembered by those present for its many pleasures.

E. L. Fulton Elected.

The returns from the Oklahoma election show that E. L. Fulton was elected to congress over Ex-Territorial Governor Ferguson. Mr. Fulton overcame a republican majority in his district of 3000. Mr. Fulton will be remembered as the Pawnee county lawyer who ran against Frank Martin for the senate a few years ago. If a democrat had to be sent to congress, we are glad Fulton is it.

Married.

Houck-Fisher—Judge H. A. married Miss Ethie Houck and Lester Fisher of Falls City, Thursday afternoon—Hiawatha World.

These young people were rather quiet about their marriage for a time and not many of their friends knew of it until through the Hiawatha papers. We wish them health, wealth and happiness.

A Lie Nailed

The personal malice of the Falls City Journal against the members of this company has prompted so many vicious and untruthful attacks upon our business that we feel justified in asking space in your paper that we may answer the Journal's statements concerning the bridge known as the Blake bridge.

The Journal says that Hugh Pritchard ordered 8 14 foot piles for this bridge. This is untrue. Mr. Pritchard ordered nothing. He had no authority in the matter and did not attempt to assume any. The bridge committee made the order and it was for 8-16 foot piles instead of 14 foot as stated by the Journal.

The Journal says that the company sawed off all of these piles and charged the county for the waste. This statement is partially true and partially untrue, but in the inference sought to be drawn it is maliciously false.

The Blake bridge is on a main traveled road and on a mail route. The hard storm of several months ago that took out so many bridges, left this bridge in a deplorable condition. Being on a main road and on a mail route made it imperative that the bridge be put in shape at once. There were not enough 16 foot piles available to build the bridge, so the company took as many 16 foot piles as it had and made up the difference with 18 foot piles of which there was a sufficient supply. This was thought preferable to closing the road for the three weeks it would require to get the 16 foot piles here.

The Journal first said the lumber in this bridge could be purchased for \$80.50 and then changed the price to \$92.36. It gives Mr. A. Graham as its authority for this statement. For instance, in the Journal's itemized account it says that the 4 2x4-56 foot fir can be bought for \$1.10, this is at the rate of \$25 per thousand for fir lumber. It says again that the 2-2x4-24 foot fir can be bought for 89 cents which is at the rate of \$25 per thousand. This company hereby offers to buy of Mr. Graham all the fir we use at these figures.

This lumber costs wholesale laid down in Falls City more than \$30 per thousand, to which must be added the cost of unloading, hauling to the yards and piling.

We cannot believe Mr. Graham said this as on January 2nd, 1907, he had a lumber claim allowed by the county for fir lumber at the rate of \$35 per thousand, and since which time fir lumber has materially advanced.

On August 1st, 1907, after the advance, the Chicago Lumber Co., had a bill for fir lumber allowed at the rate of \$37.50 per thousand, which you will find upon inquiry is the prevailing retail price on fir lumber.

The Journal states what 14 foot piles are worth. Its price is wrong, but that cuts no figure for the reason that no 14 foot piles were used in the bridge and none were ordered.

The Towle lumber company was in June, 1907, allowed a bill by the county for 8-16 foot piles at the rate of 20 cents per foot, the prevailing retail price. The John Gilligan company was entitled to 22 cents per foot for its 18 foot piles, which is the prevailing retail price.

At the retail price the lumber and piles used by the company in this bridge was worth \$115.66.

The Journal says that the hardware in the bridge was

\$2.28. This statement is untrue. The company bought this hardware of W. H. Crook & Co., and paid \$4.60 for it, a statement that this firm will verify. This brings the total material bill for this bridge to the sum of \$120.26.

The Journal says the labor and hauling was worth \$30. This statement is likewise misleading, but accepting this figure as true it cost the company \$150.26 for the bridge, leaving a profit of less than 15 per cent, out of which to pay salaries, office rent and the many details of expense connected with our business in Falls City.

The Journal has never lost an opportunity of misrepresenting us. It has even had its representative in foreign counties to prevent, if possible, our getting work to do. It is making a studied effort to destroy our business and to ruin an institution that pays taxes on \$40,000 in this county and pays \$1,200 monthly to Falls City office and laboring men.

Long before the present company was organized F. E. Martin as county attorney rode the entire county measuring and inspecting bridges in hopes of making trouble for some one, but found nothing wrong.

This company, composed as it is, of some of the best and most honorable men in Falls City, asks the privilege of doing business in this town. We have never willingly wronged Richardson county nor any other county. We have never asked more than a legitimate profit. We are doing work in nine states and every dollar of our profit is spent in Falls City.

We may be wrong about it, but it seems to us that paying out more money to Falls City people than any other local institution would entitle us to fair treatment rather than to the constant assaults of a local newspaper that owes its existence to the very merchants who receive their full share of our monthly pay roll.

THE JOHN GILLIGAN COMPANY.

I. O. O. F. to Rulo.

About twenty-two members of the I. O. O. F. of this city paid a visit to the Rulo lodge last Wednesday night. They were delighted with the flourishing condition of the order in our neighbor town, the membership having doubled the past year. There was no special work on but the work of the regular session was transacted with Falls City officers in the various stations. After the adjournment an oyster supper was served at the hotel. All who were so fortunate as to be members of the party that accepted the hospitality of the Rulo lodge speak in highest terms of the fellowship and courtesy shown them.

City Council.

The Council met in regular session on Monday night but there was little doing. It was decided to push the sale of the bonds and it is believed this will be accomplished by Sept. 23rd. The time originally set as the limit. It was thought at one time the bonds had better be held over till Spring but the idea was reconsidered and they are now likely to be sold. The council adjourned after taking up the bond matter to meet Monday night, Sept. 23rd.

Dr. M. L. Wilson went to St. Joe Thursday afternoon in company with E. S. Cooper of Humboldt whose eye is to be operated upon. Dr. Wilson will assist Dr. Kenny, the St. Joe specialist in the operation.