

POLITICAL BODYSMEN.

The Board Finds a Way to Relieve Them of All Responsibility.

In Vol. 38 of Neb. Supreme court reports, on page 638, the case of the State of Nebraska vs. John E. Hill et al. is reported. This case was tried in Douglas county before Judge Davis. It was a suit by the State of Nebraska to recover from the bondsmen of John E. Hill, who had been treasurer of the state of Nebraska, the sum of \$236,361.60, which he, as treasurer, had deposited in the Capital National bank of Lincoln, without requiring a good and sufficient bond as prescribed by law. Many of the bondsmen resided in Omaha and Douglas county, some of them in Lincoln and others in other parts of the state. The attorney general commenced the suit in Douglas county, where he was able to get personal service upon many of the bondsmen. When the case was called for trial the bondsmen all made special appearance to object to the jurisdiction of the court on the ground that the action was improperly brought in Douglas county. They fought the case upon this point to the supreme court of the state, where they had their men in the majority and were able to effectually and forever prevent the state from recovering from the bondsmen of John E. Hill the amount which it had lost through his negligent acts. The decision was made by Chief Justice Norval and Judge A. M. Post, over a dissenting opinion of Justice Samuel Maxwell. This opposition of Maxwell to the ringsters set them all strongly against him and they have fought as a unit ever since any attempt by the people to again gain control of the highest court in the state. His dissenting opinion was splendidly written. He points out in our own state in the case of the state vs. Keim (in the 8th Nebraska, 67), where a former state treasurer had deposited \$2,000 in a bank at Falls City and the bank failed and an attempt was made to settle the loss on the state. The court in that case held that the treasurer and his bondsmen must make good the loss. This decision was made in the early days, before the banks and railroads had learned the value and advantages to be had by owning and controlling the highest court in the state. Norval and Post succeeded in this case in protecting the ring. Norval now expects the ring to protect him. When they made this decision they well understood that it made no difference if Maxwell did dissent for there would be no opportunity in this case as there was in the case of Thayer vs. Boyd to take the case to the supreme court of the U. S. and their determine which was right and which was wrong.

To Populists.

Every populist in Nebraska should work for the election of Maxwell from now till the close of the campaign. He should see that every liberal republican, every honest democrat, every prohibitionist and every friend of good government in his precinct is converted to the right side. He should see also that all these men go to the polls; that he himself and every other populist in his precinct gets out on election day. This latter is all important. We have been frequently defeated in this state because of stay-at-home voters. It must be remembered that there are over two thousand voting precincts in Nebraska, and one populist stay-at-home in each precinct will make a difference of over two thousand in the state and the result of the election frequently turns on an amount no larger than this. Populists have two duties to perform in this campaign. First, to get everyone they can to vote for Judge Maxwell; second, to see that every populist and every possible Maxwell vote is at the polls on election day.

Democrats Should Support Maxwell.

When the citizenship of Gov. Boyd was before the supreme court in 1891, the majority of that court, in a partisan spirit, voted to deprive him of his office. Judge Maxwell, too great to lend himself to such an act of injustice, wrote a dissenting opinion.

That dissenting opinion was upheld by the United States supreme court.

All free silver democrats especially should vote for Maxwell. Nearly two years ago he came out unqualifiedly in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1. There is no chance of Mr. Phelps' election; there is no chance of Mr. Mahoney's election. The only way the democrats of Nebraska can defeat the railroad republican candidate is to vote for Judge Maxwell.

It is argued in some quarters that the various factions of democrats should vote for their own

candidate in order to make a good showing to get into the democratic convention next year. This fact, however, ought to be plain to everyone. If the gold standard element controls the next national convention, the gold standard delegates from this state will be seated; if the free silver men control it, the free silver delegation will be seated, and this will be true, whatever may be the vote for the various democratic candidates this fall. No purpose can be served by democrats voting for their own candidate for judge, except it be to help elect Norval.

This result certainly no honest democrat desires.

Republicans Should Support Maxwell.

All anti-monopoly republicans should support Maxwell for supreme judge. For the good of the state, for the benefit of the taxpayers, they should rise above all question of party, even as he has done. They should do this to rebuke the railroad domination of their own party, which caused the grand old jurist to be turned down. They should do it because Maxwell is the best, the ablest, the most industrious and the fairest supreme judge we ever had.

They should do it, because their own candidate, Norval, is controlled by the B. & M. railroad; was an attorney of that road before he went on the bench; was nominated through the influence of that road to defeat Judge Reese whom they could not use, and has decided every important case that has come before him involving B. & M. interests in favor of that road; and farther because he is nowhere recognized as an able jurist. Republicans can never break the railroad domination of their own party until they teach the railroad satraps a few wholesome lessons. One of those lessons can be given this fall, by the triumphant election of Judge Maxwell to the supreme bench, from which he was driven at the dictation of Czar Holdrege, of the B. & M.

The issue is plain. It is Maxwell and the people, or Norval and the railroads.

Nineteenth Century Advice.

My young friend, whatever you do, do it according to law. If the law don't allow you to do what you want to, you can have it changed when you get money enough. The laws are made by the rich and for the rich, so that nothing is needed but to get into the ring. It is better not to violate law, at least openly, because people have a curious reverence for what they call order. They make a fetish of it; but that is just as well, for we can use their fetishism to stir them up against the under class if they struggle too hard when we squeeze them.

Get all the money you can, because society will judge you by what you own. Do not give much attention to cultivating your brain, at least that part not concerned with "business" methods. Society does not go much on that sort of thing.

Never steal unless you see a chance to get a million. If you take less, you will be arrested, and that is inconvenient. It interrupts your work, and may lose you social position. A big steal is all right. The laws are made for it. It is a good thing, though, after having stolen ten millions, to found a college. It costs only half a million, and people will call you a philanthropist. It pays. Gould made a mistake. He didn't start a college. Haven't you noticed how the newspapers criticised Jay, and how the preachers warned their audiences against following suit? Compare that with the praise showered upon Rockefeller by editors and preachers. That is because Johnny founded a college and Jay didn't. Beside, Johnny understood the law better. He stole as much as Jay, but he owned more judges. Jay was not up in all fine points. He was some at it, though.—Edgar James Swift in Commonwealth.

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Errata.

In "Another Case" line two should read 354 instead of 351. "Mr. Bignell Writes a Letter" line two should read 879 instead of 874. Article "With and Without Maxwell" line 40 should read Vol. 57 instead of 59. "A Railroad Can Defy the Law," line three should read 849 instead of 49, and the name of defendant should be Hale instead of Hall.

POPULIST HANDBOOK.

A Populist handbook has just been published and is now ready for distribution. This is the most complete and valuable populist campaign document we have yet seen. It gives the whole history of republican rottenness in a nutshell. No campaign speaker or committee can afford to be without it. Following is the table of contents:

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It is now Maxwell and the people or Norval and the railroads.—Wealth Makers.

Those desiring Maxwell's opinion concerning the famous rate case and a general account of the frauds of the republican officers in this state should write the populist state committee for handbook.

MADAM GOSSIP SAYS.

Bishop Bowman, of St. Louis, denounces progressive eucure as "progressive damnation."

The latest figures on the debts of the prince of Wales place the aggregate at \$1,700,000.

Walt Whitman is inclined to think that the four greatest men that this country has produced have been Washington, Lincoln, Grant and Emerson.

Lawyer Wm. N. Cromwell, of New York, received \$280,000 as assignee in settling the business of Decker, Howell & Co., an unprecedented fee for eight weeks' work.

Senator Cullom has leased the house in Washington owned by ex-Secretary Bayard, which since the latter's departure from the capital has remained unoccupied.

Prof. Nathan P. Seymour, who has been connected with Adelbert college, Cleveland, for fifty years, removes to New Haven this summer to make his home with his son, Prof. Thomas Day Seymour.

A pamphlet, attributed to one of the friends of Prince Bismarck, has caused a sensation in Berlin. It deals with the probability of a war close at hand and the inevitable return to power of the great chancellor.

The grave of Brigham Young is covered by a plain and inconspicuous slab of granite. It lies in an inclosed city lot in Salt Lake City, surrounded by a low, iron fence. A few of the prophet's wives lie buried near by.

Annie Louise Carey, among the greatest of contraltos, is a large blonde woman, in whose handsome countenance beams the benevolence of her heart. Domestic affairs and charity work now engage the greater share of her daily time and attention.

RAM'S HORNS.

The devil never makes any flank movements for which God is not prepared.

Put a pig in a parlor, and its first question will be, "Well, where's your mud?"

There are a good many things the devil can't do without the help of a hypocrite.

Whoever gives as God prospers him, will never have to stop giving for lack of funds.

Until we are willing to do all in our power to answer our prayer, we do not pray.

The man who can learn from his own mistakes, can always be learning something.

Whenever God's chariot comes to a standstill, it is because there are obstacles in the way that human hands can remove.

Before we try to lead others, we ought to be sure that we are closely following Christ.

Many are willing to do what God wants them to do, who don't want to be what he wants them to be.

The man who puts the bottle to his neighbor's lips, first puts a nail through the hand of Christ.

The devil's work in this world has always been most hindered by those who were most like Christ.

No matter how large the gift, or how bright, it means nothing, unless behind it there is a heart that worships.

A revival is badly needed where the people who try the hardest to run the church never go to prayer meeting.

Christ never authorized anybody to make a prayer for the salvation of men, that could be measured by square miles.

No matter what a man says in church, you know what kind of religion he has when you know what kind of company he keeps.—Ram's Horn.

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