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A FEW REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE IT

From The Democrat of Oct. 14.

In looking over the candidates for county offices at the coming election, the voter is respectfully referred to those on the democratic ticket, and if the fitness for position, honesty and general qualifications are taken into consideration, these men cannot fail to receive your support.

At the head of the ticket is the name of William A. Metzgar, and we are proud of him. A young man, well qualified for the position of county clerk to which he aspires, educated, a good penman, pleasant and accommodating, he will make an ideal official, one of whom Cherry county can be and will be proud. If elected he will enter upon his duties unhampered by any entangling alliances, political or otherwise, and that fact alone should insure him a big vote. The office of county clerk is the most important one in the county, and the man who occupies the place should be a man of ability. Mr. Metzgar did not run after the nomination—it came to him by virtue of his friends', not his own, exertions. He does not seek the office for the money there is in it, therefore he will not be tempted to indulge in dishonest practices for private gain; he is a stock raiser in business, hence will be in sympathy with the best interests of the county; he is a heavy taxpayer, so will seek to keep down the expenses of the county; he comes from a section of the county which is too often ignored, the southwest, a section which has no other candidate. When Geo. Elliott leaves the clerk's office Cherry county will lose a good official—see to it that she does not retrograde but advances, by voting for Metzgar.

If there is one office in the county which more than any other needs a good, clean, honest, business man it is the office of treasurer. For this place the democrats have a man who an-

swers every requirement, and that man is W. G. Ballard, of Dewey Lake precinct. Mr. Ballard is not a stranger to Cherry county or her people, being one of the county's oldest residents, and has grown with the county until now he is one of our most prominent and prosperous stockmen. Who is there in the county who has not at one time or another heard of 'Bill' Ballard? The name is a synonym for honesty, integrity, firmness and good business management, and without these qualities no man is a good treasurer. We ask your support and vote for Mr. Ballard not on account of sectional prejudice, not alone on account of party, but because he is a man of the people, in sympathy with the best interests of the county, and is the best man for the office. He is before the people as the unanimous choice of his party, not as a compromise candidate. Treasurer Crabb has filled his office in a very acceptable manner for the last four years, and if elected we promise the people as satisfactory an administration from Treasurer Ballard.

For sheriff the democrats offer the name of James A. Childers, of Cody, Boiling Springs precinct. A thorough democrat, a gentleman, full of pluck and energy, an uncompromising foe of evil doers, yet gentle and unprejudiced in his dealings with his fellow men, well acquainted with the county of which he has been a resident for the last thirteen years, a stock buyer in business, a better man for our next sheriff could not be found. We have nothing to say against the administration of Sheriff Strong. He is a republican and a candidate for re-election, but if our people desire a change in the office, they can do no better than to vote for Childers. To the best of our knowledge Jim hasn't an enemy in the county. Sober, honest and industrious, he makes a friend of everyone who meets him. When you go into the voting booth on election day, place an X after the name of James A. Childers for sheriff.

It is with positive pleasure that we this week put the name of Miss Lillian

U. Stoner on the democratic ticket as a candidate for the office of county superintendent. Miss Stoner is the present county superintendent of this county, and her administration of the office for the last four years has been such as to leave little room for criticism. She was first nominated by the populists and her endorsement by the democrats is but a fitting tribute to her ability. During her two terms of office she has placed the schools of the county upon a higher basis than they ever before occupied, and has made them the pride of every friend of education. That her work has been good is evidenced by the fact that the state teachers' association twice elected her to the position of secretary, and though she made no canvass for the place was second in the race for the nomination for state superintendent on the populist ticket last year. The voters of the county will do well to retain her in the position she now occupies.

When Walcott resigned his position as county judge last fall for the purpose of accepting the more lucrative office of county attorney, it became the duty of the board of commissioners to fill the vacancy thus caused by appointment. This they did, and W. R. Towne received the unanimous vote of board for the position. "Uncle Dick" has filled the most sanguine expectations of his friends in the performance of his duties. Upright and conscientious, knowing neither friend nor foe when sitting as judge, his decisions have always been promptly and impartially given. He has been a terror to evil doers, but the innocent need not fear him. In recognition of his ability the populist county central committee has endorsed his candidacy and his name will appear on the ballot as their nominee, as well as ours. A vote for Towne is a vote for justice.

Dr. J. C. Dwyer is the democratic nominee for coroner, and is endorsed also by the populists. This office is usually regarded as one of little importance, but it sometimes happens that the position is one of great mo-

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