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Report of the People's Independent and Democratic Judicial Conventions at Valentine, Nebr.

The people's Independent Party and Democratic Judicial conventions which were held at Valentine on the 18th inst. were the most enthusiastic, and, in numbers, the largest ever held in the fifteenth judicial district. The present presiding judges, Hon. W. H. Westover of Rushville, and Hon. J. J. Harrington of O'Neill, were nominated by acclamation. There was not, out of all the delegates present, a dissenting vote. Each county, in both conventions had a full representation, which were made up of the best citizenship of their respective counties. The Populist convention was organized by the election of T. V. Golden as chairman and C. F. Biglin as secretary. The Democratic convention was presided over by Judge C. Patterson and J. J. Carlin reported the proceedings. After the conventions were properly organized, a conference committee of five was named by each convention. O. F. Biglin was the chairman of the Populist committee and Wm. Mitchell of the Democratic committee. The committees in a short time reported that the conventions were unanimously in favor of nominating the present judges. They were promptly nominated in each convention as before stated.

The following resolutions were adopted:
 "We heartily endorse the able, impartial and just administration of the laws by our present District Judges. Their impartial decisions, speedy trials and general conduct has been such as to merit the approbation and respect of all persons believing in law and order. We especially direct the attention of the electors of the district to the fact that prior to the election of our present judges, Hon. W. H. Westover and Hon. J. J. Harrington, this district was the home of the cattle rustler. That little or no effort was made to suppress cattle stealing and that lawless bands fattened off the cattleman. That prosecutions against these and other law breakers were continued from term to term, which practically amounted to an evasion of justice. Because our present judges have faithfully, promptly, fearlessly and justly enforced the laws against this crime, as well as all others, they have banished the cattle rustler, and established law and order in this district. In the past, because of the lax system of enforcing the laws the Fifteenth Judicial District of Nebraska has had the reputation of being the lawless district of the state. These conditions were brought about by the failure of the courts to properly enforce the laws, and by a feeling among our citizens that the courts did not enforce the laws as they should be enforced. Now the people have regained confidence in our judicial tribunal. We call attention to the important fact that during the time these judges have been on the bench of this district not a single act of mob law has occurred; that the vigilance committees have entirely disappeared, and at this time the district stands first among the judicial districts of the state in so far as law and order is concerned. For these reasons we invite the co-operation of all parties who wish to see the laws promptly, honestly and fearlessly enforced to join with us in re-electing these faithful judges, and we pledge the

electors of the district that if these candidates are elected they will pursue the same policy in the future as in the past."

The candidates were called before a joint meeting of both conventions and delivered addresses which were enthusiastically received.

You don't have to live in our town if you don't like her ways. There's other towns perhaps to your liking.

There never was a person more ungrateful than the one who has received the most favors and continues to expect them or howl about it if disappointed.

Some people wouldn't be satisfied unless they could get in their kick. Now, why not stop your quarrelling and say a good word for the boat that carried you safely over the stream? Say you like it or shut up, and don't howl like a full rat, that the wheat's bitter. Don't be an ungrateful cur.

A gentleman of considerable note makes the statement that the time is coming that saloons and whiskey will not be advertised in newspapers in the United States and that the people are to blame for allowing many of the evils of the day. He asks if the people are dependent upon those who derive revenue from the liquor traffic or if they do not dare to say anything against the saloons for fear of it hurting their business?

Each person is dependent upon the members of a community for the position he holds among them and should not forget that he is one of the community as soon as he engages with the community and that he is responsible for his part in every action of that community. This does not mean that he is his brother's keeper anymore than he is kept by his brother. It means that each owes to the other members for his position among them and includes a lot of kickers as well as a lot of those kicked but each belongs to the circle and morally owes his mite for the benefit of humanity in the degree that he is benefited by his association with the community. It is true that some contribute but little, but they also receive little in return and do not always receive in the measure they give. It was a hard blow to the people who have lived in this town for years and have not grown tired of the town nor spoked out against it. It was also a blow to those who have property here and have allowed these conditions to prevail. To those who have no interest in the town and have stayed here it also appeals. To all, might arise the question, "why have I remained here to build up my fortune in a place where by reason of its proximity to the post, it has been the trading point of soldiers who may be here only for a short period of time and is reckless with his money, and social conditions are on the money level with him?" These conditions we cannot change. They are a part of the reckless life that he lives and though all are not so reckless, the more quiet ones we do not see frequently and judge by those we see too often. There are many people in our town making a good living and laying up money. Also some who are dependent upon some of the existing conditions. Others who have made a fortune by reason of the existing conditions and have never ceased to kick because they were here. They knew then that there was a roughness in this western life and know now that if they do not move Valentine away from the post that they can expect these conditions to continue. Since they cannot move Valentine and know what her conditions inevitably must be, they would do themselves credit by getting out of the town or stop kicking about the town being so bad that people of other towns look upon us as a tough people and say that our town is bad. It is not helpful to the growth of a town to have a lot of kickers continually

This is on the Flea.

Some one wrote a poem grand about the pesky fly,
 Declaring him the vilest thing an earth;
 Now all such accusations wild we're right here to deny
 We do not think they've given him his worth.

We know he is a nuisance a torment and a tease,
 We know that nothing else he'll ever be,
 We can associate with him and be at perfect ease,
 Unless he is accompanied by the flea.

When Mr. flea gets after you, you'll know you're not alone,
 He'll let you know he is not far away;
 He will nip and sting and bite you until you want to groan
 And pester you at night as well as day.

Unlike the fly when night comes on he does not go to rest:
 Then is the time that he begins to eat.
 And when he gets his stomach full he'll try his very best
 To imitate the cakewalk with his feet.

You cannot leave him in your room when you go out on biz,
 But have to take him with you on the street;
 He'll tell you very silently your time is mostly his,
 Though older friends and dearer you may meet.

He'll stick his beak into your flesh out on the thoro'fare,
 When everybody seems to look your way;
 You can't even turn him over until you get somewhere
 But keep a going, giving him full sway.

Now if there's anything on earth that is a vile abuse
 It's the torment of this pesky little thing;
 He's a pest from start to finish, he simply is no use,
 And yet we always find him in the ring.

I think for his sole benefit, yet it's a sin to say,
 In order to express our thoughts more plain,
 Some modest little cuss words that would not be out the way,
 Might be whittled out to show him our disdain.

kicking, (to be recognized in many cases or for their share of the trade) nor is it beneficial to trade. We do not mean ministers for that's their business, and they'd be out of a job if everything was all right and everybody as good as they ought to be.

JUNIOR NORMAL

Their Farewell Jubilation.

When to-morrow's sun shall have set the Valentine Normal of 1903, will have passed into history. It is needless to say that this experiment has proved a success and our legislative solons made no mistake in inaugurating this supplemental work in the educational system of the state. But as "the thoughts of men are widened with the process of the suns", it is not a matter of wonder that this provision for the training of teachers should have been made, and doubtless, when our next legislature meets, more liberal appropriations will be made for these summer schools.

In the selection of Valentine, certainly no mistake was made and much credit is due to Representative Hanna and others who were instrumental in placing the school here. In the words of Judge Westover "the teachers of Western Nebraska are heroes all" and deserve all the assistance they can get. Our people have shown their appreciation of the normal and have opened their doors and their hearts to the teachers during their sojourn with us. The latch string has always been on the outside and always will be whenever the pedagogues come this way. They will not only carry away with them the kindest wishes and God speed of Valentine, but also the keys of its gates which were presented to them by Judge Walcott in behalf of Mayor Elliott when they arrived.

After nine weeks of hard and profitable work the school marm relaxed somewhat from their arduous labors and began during their final week to make things merry with the melody of their voices. Their enthusiasm for the town, the people and the school which had been confined by professional dignity, could not be restrained any longer and on Tuesday night they opened wide the throttle and let her go.

Ladies and gentlemen of the Junior Normal, your songs and yells, your cheers and happy smiling faces will linger long with us after you have returned to your various fields of labor and when you return in 1904 we will open

wide the door. No, Tuesday night will not soon be forgotten, for your merriment made us all feel that the little we have done to make your stay pleasant has been fully appreciated. Under the leadership of Profs. Gregory and Magee the school paraded the streets, stopping at a number of points and giving an olio concert, consisting of melodies, rag time songs (improvised by Prof. Gregory) and the following class yells:

Valentine, Valentine, Rah, rah, ree!
 Valentine Normal, 1903!
 Rah, rah, zip boom bum!
 We are the people who make things hum.
 Out for a good time? Well I guess!
 Valentine Normal? Yes, yes, yes.

At Davenport's corner Senator Coffee, of Boyd county, was called upon for a speech and responded happily. The school then rendered the following:

Prof. Coffee came down the street,
 Good-bye my lover good-bye,
 He gave us a speech, hard to beat,
 Good-bye my lover good-bye.

Reversing order they marched to the Red Front and rent the air again with their medleys and cheers. Judge Westover happened to come in contact with the procession at this point and overcame his bashfulness sufficiently to make a pleasant talk. The normalites then rendered the following:

The ladies opened their hearts to the Judge,
 Good-bye my lover, good-bye;
 Who said he was bashful and would'nt budge,
 Good-bye my lover, good-bye.

Thus ended a delightful evening for both the Junior Normal and our town people.

Normal of Valentine,
 Adieu, adieu,
 Our hearts will pine,
 For you, for you,
 Don't forget.

When next year
 with us you abide,
 We'll greet you with a cheer,
 And open our doors wide,
 Don't you fret.

Here's to Prof. Greg!
 Drink her down, drink her down,
 Who will soon move a peg,
 Drink her down, drink her down.

Here's to Prof. Magee!
 Drink her down, drink her down,
 With heart so light and free,
 Drink her down, drink her down.

Here's to the teachers, all!
 Drink her down, drink her down,
 Who sometimes make the children bawl,
 Drink her down, drink her down.

When the Profs. next come to town,
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 We will do it up brown,
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