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**Fusion State Ticket.**

For Judge of the Supreme Court—  
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 DR. E. O. WEBBER,  
 Of Saunders County.  
 For District Judges 15th Jul. Dist.—  
 W. H. WESTOVER,  
 Of Sheridan County.  
 J. J. HARRINGTON,  
 Of Holt County.

The nomination of Judge J. J. Sullivan by the fusion forces to succeed himself as judge of the supreme court meets with unanimous approval of the rank and file of both the democrats and populists. He has made a splendid record on the bench, and every honest man concedes that he has the ability and integrity to justly interpret the law without fear or favor. Nebraska never had a better judge and the state will do well to re-elect him.—Papillion Times.

Preachers find much fault with the way editors run their papers. Editors see all kinds of flaws in the way preachers run their churches. Old maids and childless wives administer advice and fault finding to mothers who are raising children. The devil's biggest business is to kick at the way Almighty God runs the universe, and here we are finding fault with the fault finders. When will people learn to attend to their own business?—Douglas Tribune.

In the Lincoln State Journal (rep) Editor Bixby has the following to say of Judge Sullivan: "A two-for-a-cent politician writes to find out why we don't jump onto Judge Sullivan and give him hell? The answer is easy for two reasons: First, we have no occasion to abuse the judge; and, second, no disposition. He is a clean man and a just interpreter of the law. The color of his politics is not to our liking, but that is no reason for treating him with discourtesy."—Papillion Times.

Referring to the platform adopted by the Nebraska republican state convention, the Sioux City Journal, a republican paper, says: The Nebraska document is characterized by pomposity and it has verbosity and irrelevance a-plenty. It is more than half stump speech, and it is studded with the excuse of oratory. It was obviously written to the purpose of boosting a candidacy for the vice presidency, and however worthy the candidacy the employment is to be set down as a sign of vanity and of that poor judgment which is usually the accompaniment of peacock exhibitions.—Crawford Bulletin.

**ASSET CURRENCY.**

Outside of the bankers there are very few of the voters in the United States who understand the asset currency now advocated by the gambler in stocks on Wall street. Ignorance has made every slave that ever wore the chains of physical, religious or commercial bondage. The truth, we are told, shall make us free. The dishonesty of those who require an asset currency for gambling operations, to rob and impoverish the general public and the dense ignorance of the masses, makes possible the enactment by law, of the most villainous financial system ever imposed upon a civilized nation.

The Aldrich and Fowler bills

**The Democratic State Platform.**

Following is the platform adopted at the state convention at Columbus: We, the democrats of Nebraska, in convention assembled, reaffirm our faith in the principles of the party as enunciated in the last national platform, adopted at Kansas City.

We denounce the national republican administration for its failure to carry out its promises heretofore made and its subservience to special interests at the expense of and to the detriment of the interests of the public at large.

We are unalterably opposed to any form of asset currency legislation and to any legislation of the character of the Aldrich bill.

We demand that the attorney general of our state shall make application to the supreme court of the United States for permission to put the Nebraska maximum freight law into immediate effect, in accord with the suggestion of the court. In the campaign one year ago the democracy of Nebraska charged that the election of a republican legislature would be a victory for the railroads and other corporate interests which presume to dictate in state affairs.

We call attention to the faithful manner in which republican officials have championed the corporations, enacting and applying statutes to the injury of the home owners, farming and business interests to the profit of the railroads and other public corporations. We charge that the late republican legislature deliberately substituted the Ramsey bill intending thereby to deny to the farmers of this state all relief from the grain trust, the most burdensome and exacting combine now operating within this state.

We arraign the republican party of Nebraska for the failure of the last legislature to keep its ante-election promises; to provide a just and equitable revenue law, and charge that it surrendered to corporate influence and dictation, discriminated in favor of the railroads in the taxation thereof.

We arraign the republican state administration for its extravagant expenditures and for burdening the state with an immense floating indebtedness as a direct result of such action and we demand a more economic handling of the public funds. The shameful interference by Governor Mickey in the efforts of his deputies to properly and honestly enforce the provisions of the oil inspection law should meet the severe condemnation of every lover of law. His notorious and successful attempt to permit the Standard Oil company to sell in this state a grade of oil condemned by his deputies as dangerous to the life and property of consumers must be construed as evidence of woeful ignorance or criminal collusion.

We believe the judiciary to be the corner stone of American government, both state and national. Upon its ability, independence and integrity rests the future of American institutions. We therefore demand that the judiciary of this state be kept free from partisan bias and the undue influence of special and corporate interests.

We commend to the voters of Nebraska the record of John J. Sullivan as embodying our ideas of the high character the judiciary ought to entertain.

We invite all citizens, without reference to their political affiliations, who agree with us in the foregoing principles and who believe in an independent judiciary to support the nominees of this convention.

which are now pending in congress, provide for radical changes in our national banking laws; and yet every republican organ and politician has repeatedly affirmed that the money question was settled; settled right; settled to stay. When will the people ever wake up to the glaring dishonesty of the republican party?

The Aldrich bill authorizes the acceptance of state, municipal and railroad bonds as security for deposits of government money in national banks. This means in and of itself that these classes of securities are to be the basis for the issue of bank notes. The Fowler bill provides for a still wilder, wild cat currency. It authorizes banks having a capital of \$25,000 to issue notes to the amount of 25 per cent of their capital, WHICH SHALL BE BASED SOLELY UPON THEIR ASSETS.

This is now the republican party policy. The most extravagant populist in his desire for more money never had the temerity to advocate such a cut-throat financial policy.

The question was asked by an Oklahoma populist of the Kansas City Journal: "Why may we not have an asset currency issued by the government, based on asset which thieves cannot steal, nor moths and rust corrupt; the only asset considered good enough for trustees of savings to accept, namely, the real estate of the country?" The Journal's reply must impress every intelligent reader as the acme of dishonesty and we print it as the evidence of our statement. The Journal says: "We have no doubt the same question has occurred to thousands of superficial reasoners in all parts of the country, and that it will present itself in one form or another, and have to be answered hundreds of times before the present currency discussion results in any safe and substantial reforms. The answer to the question is, of course, obvious enough to anybody who knows anything about economics. The banks could issue currency based upon their assets because they own their assets. The government could not issue a currency based upon the real estate of the country because it does not own the real estate of the country. The real estate of the United States does not belong to the nation, nor to the people simply as citizens of the nation. It belongs to the people as private individuals. The state can take private property for certain purposes; but those purposes are particularly and distinctly specified by the constitution, and the government cannot put its foot up-

on or even touch private property except for one or more of those purposes. The constitution says nothing about seizing the real estate of private individuals for the purpose of redeeming its issue of paper money. But if the government could not give real estate for its notes when their redemption was demanded, how could it be said that they were based on real estate? Can a thing be both based and not based upon another thing at one and the same time? If a bank which had issued asset currency failed, its assets could be seized and its notes redeemed with them. An asset currency "based" on the real estate of the country would not be redeemable in anything. It would not, therefore, be based on anything and would not be worth the white paper it was painted on. It would be simply another species of that inconvertible paper which has already cost this and other countries more than floods, pestilence and panics combined."

How could a bank without assets, and it is no uncommon occurrence for banks to lose their assets, redeem its issue of paper money. To say that the real estate of the United States does not belong to the nation, is such a dishonest proposition that we are amazed at the statement.

What makes the colored paper called U. S. bonds such a sale investment? Because they are the obligation of the nation; and economists have always told us that the entire wealth of the nation was pledged for their payment. The government has absolute control of the wealth, real and personal, of the nation; and by means of taxation extracts from the people all the money it may require for any purpose at any time. At its option it transfers at pleasure the wealth of the nation to its own use and service.

The Journal refers to the dangerous tendency of excessive and incontrovertible issue of paper, and yet advocates a system more dangerous to the nation than the old state bank which required the inspection of a detector for every bill received; and made a good bill at evening worthless in the morning. No man could count upon the value of the money in his possession. When gold was at \$2.85 during the civil war, the legal tender notes of the government made them so.

After advocating a wild cat currency based upon uncertain securities, the Journal repudiates itself as follows: "General Francis Walker took the high ground that it never paid to issue paper money

which was not practically based dollar for dollar on an equal amount of metallic currency. This is probably going too far in the direction of curtailing credit money. We cannot possibly go too far, however, in making certain that every dollar of paper money issued by banks or government shall be redeemable in gold the instant it is presented for that purpose, and that not one cent shall be issued in excess of the actual demands of legitimate business, and we must keep constantly and clearly before every class of the people both of our own and other countries that no other kind of plan is seriously contemplated here, or ever will be." Walker used the work metallic, not gold, and the Journal says every dollar of paper issued by banks or government should be redeemed in gold. While it says Walker goes too far in wanting a metallic basis, it goes farther and and says gold. The Journal knows that if the Aldrich and Fowler bills are enacted into laws, that there will be an issue of paper money in excess of actual legitimate demands of business, and that it will not be based upon gold or a metallic basis, which means gold and silver. The contradictory if not dishonest treatment of the money question by the Journal is unfortunate and should induce the people to watch closely the gamblers and politicians who are scheming to bunko the people.—Manhattan (Kan.) Mercury.

Some time ago we accused the Pioneer Grip of being republican in politics. The reader may judge from the following articles:

Isn't it about time for the President and the Attorney General to get busy in the matter of prosecuting the anthracite coal trust? Or are these robbers to escape scott free, after all of our big talk? The winter season is coming on and the trust is at its old tricks of raising the price of coal, anticipating some very nice pickings from a powerless public. There has been too much leniency shown these robbers and it is about time for something to be done in the interests of the general public. Pioneer Grip.

Some of the opposition journals say there is constant danger apprehended lest President Roosevelt should do something that would bring on a financial panic or a war with some other nation. It seems strange that the press of this country is so ready to find fault with public men, whether those faults exist or not. Some of the criticisms passed on the President are wholly without foundation and are apparently the result of almost criminal malice. In no country on the face of the globe is the chief executive so vilified and insulted as in the United States. The liberty of the press in such cases is carried to a dangerous extreme.—Pioneer Grip.

Our highly esteemed and moral contemporary, the Times, is truly endeavoring to make the unsophisticated believe that the editor of the Pioneer Grip is sailing under false colors in claiming recognition at the hands of the republican party. \* \* \* We believe, notwithstanding the few desultory remarks made by the editor of the Times, that the rank and file of the grand old party fully recognize the Grip as being republican in politics and republican in spirit. \* \* \* The Pioneer Grip is a republican newspaper edited by a republican and will support the republican party. Further remarks are unnecessary.—Pioneer Grip.

Order of Hearing on Petition for Appointment of Administrator. In the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska. State of Nebraska, County of Cherry, ss. To the heirs and to all persons interested in the estate of Charlotte Folsom, deceased: On reading the petition of Gardner A. Folsom praying that the administration of said estate be granted to himself as administrator. It is hereby ordered that you, and all persons interested in said matter, may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county, on the 19th day of September, A. D. 1903 at 9 o'clock a. m. to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Valentine Democrat a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing. Witness my hand and the seal of said court, this 2nd day of September, A. D. 1903. W. R. TOWNE, County Judge. Walcott & Morrissey, attorneys.

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