

# THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1905.

## Democratic State Ticket

Supreme Judge... W. G. HASTINGS, of Saline county.  
Regent... LOUIS LIGHTNER, of Platte county.  
Regent... D. C. COLE, of Polk county.

## Democratic County Ticket

Treasurer... ERNEST B. QUIBLE, of Merriman.  
Clerk... A. G. WARD, of Woodlake.  
Sheriff... P. F. SIMONS, of Valentine.  
Judge... W. R. TOWNE, of Valentine.  
Superintendent... LOTTIE CRAMER, of North Table.  
Coroner... DR. A. N. COMPTON, of Valentine.  
Surveyor... JOHN W. McDANIEL, of Woodlake.  
Com 2nd Dist... DAN BARNES, of Newton.

A. G. Ward, candidate for county clerk on the democratic ticket, is receiving many compliments upon his splendid penmanship. His cards are on exhibit in many places and never fail to attract attention to the penmanship.

Overtures made to the populists as the spider to the fly by certain wily persons seeking to create a prejudice against the democrats will have little effect. Republicans, populists and democrats, we believe, will support the best men for office this year regardless of party.

Dan Barnes is being supported by people, regardless of politics, for commissioner. Don't forget that the whole county votes for commissioner. Mr. Barnes is an old resident of the county and his judgement and experience here ought to be considered in voting for that office.

John W. McDaniel is known to be a careful, painstaking man who has the confidence of his neighbors as a surveyor and bears an excellent reputation as a good citizen. He owns about the best set of surveyors instruments that have been used in our county, and having been here a long time has familiarized himself with the characteristics of the surveys here.

Do not forget that the office of coroner is important, though the salary amounts to but little. Many cases of murder that have to be passed upon by the coroner and his jury depend largely upon them to establish the facts early in the case and upon their acts much reliance can be placed as they are first upon the scene to investigate. Dr. Compton has a good record and is worthy your support.

People are thinking this year about who will make the best county officers and are the most deserving of the place. They are not forgetting that P. F. Simons has worked hard for twenty years in Cherry county and has been in Valentine the past fifteen years, during which time he has always been a faithful worker and has enjoyed a large circle of friends at all times. Valentine people recognize in Mr. Simons a capable man and will give him loyal support.

The old story is again being resurrected that Judge Towne had said that he didn't want or didn't care for republican votes. It is being circulated for the purpose of deceiving the people, as no one has ever claimed to hear the Judge say this and Judge Towne emphatically denies ever saying so. Republicans and democrats alike are united in the support of Judge Towne for re-election, and fake stories will avail nothing to instigators.

P. F. Simons and E. B. Quible drove out to Simeon last Monday and attended the stock sale of Bennett & Lord Tuesday. These gentlemen are making lots of acquaintances among the people and are deserving of recognition. They were selected by the people as candidates for the office of sheriff and treasurer, respectively, and are doing their duty in going where they can get better acquainted with the people and give the people a chance to know them.

We hear cheerful news nearly every day for Mrs. Lottie Cramer as candidate for superintendent. Mrs. Cramer was in this county years ago when there wasn't very many children and but two schools established in the whole county. She has stayed here and taken an interest in the schools and has been an active worker at all times for the upbuilding of Cherry county schools. She has earned a place in the hearts of the people for her earnestness in educational work and can do more good in our country schools the next two years than anybody. We hope the people will look upon the right side of this question and vote for the one who can and will do the work to earn the county superintendent's salary.

## Vote for the Best Men.

A republican remarked the other day that if the democrats had a majority in the county they would not be so careful in the selection of their candidates. This is just the point we have been endeavoring to make. Year after year we have urged the voter to exercise an independent will, to break away from party moorings and to vote for the most deserving man. It is a matter of common knowledge that majorities beget arrogance. When a party has a sure majority and a nomination means election political barnacles are sure to fasten themselves upon the party. They realize that their fitness for the place will not serve to carry them to victory but they count on party fealty. If they succeed in winning the favor of the local ring, they care nothing for the people in general. The rank and file of the party may object to them, may even say that they are not the people to be entrusted with public office, but along comes the boss and whips them into line, or if they will not respond at the crack of his whip, he sends his lieutenants, as the police put it, "his plain clothes men," and they say, "Oh yes, his nomination was a mistake. We ought to have nominated some one else, but you know we cannot all have our own way all the time and some other time will be our

inning. Now, the proper thing is for all of us to get into line this year and vote the ticket straight and some other year we will get our men on the ticket." This kind of talk is just what the leaders figure on and they have been through it all before and they know that promises are easy and that two years must elapse before the promises are to be made good and then they can appeal once more to party loyalty. On the other hand, when a party is in the minority it realizes that the best material within its ranks must be put forward. The inferior men know a nomination means defeat and they therefore refrain from pushing themselves before the public. If we had a majority and a nomination meant election it is entirely possible that some inferior men would succeed in landing nominations. It may even be that in time we would develop a town ring and a political boss. But it does not matter what we would do if we had a majority and a boss. What we have done under present circumstances is the question before us now. When the opposition concedes that we have selected the best material we are satisfied with the concession and it does not concern us what we might have done under different circumstances.

It was the intention to nominate candidates whose characters would be a guarantee of faithful service, if elected. Candidates whose standing in their home precincts insured the hearty support of their neighbors. The commendation that our ticket has received shows that we succeeded in our desire to secure the best. We are free to say that in putting forward good men we expected to appeal to the members of all parties. The spirit of independence is growing throughout the United States. Only two years ago the republicans of New York state endorsed the democratic candidate for supreme judge because of his recognized fitness for the place. The present year William Randolph Hearst, the proprietor of the greatest democratic papers in the country, is running for mayor of New York on an independent ticket against Mayor McClellan, the democratic candidate. It may be that some of the tools of the New York machine come around to Hearst and whisper in his ear that he ought to withdraw from the race and support the regular ticket. Perhaps they say to him that the convention did not do just the right thing but that he must forget that and vote the ticket put up by the bosses. If they do, their appeals fall on deaf ears for Hearst and his great papers continue to fight the regular organization and to assert their independence. It is this spirit of independence that is giving our opponents so much trouble. Since the convention adjourned they have heard from the people and the responses to their appeals to vote the ticket straight have not been so hearty as in former years. Three or four men may get together and parcel out the nominations but they will find that the voters are going to be heard and if their voice is choked in the convention they will seek a hearing at the polls. It is notorious that the convention was dominated by a few men who had selfish interests to serve and that trades and bargains were freely made, and that men who have served the party loyally for twenty years had to make way for raw recruits who attended the republican convention this year for the first time. The boss will attempt to line the voter up once more with a promise that next time will see a change, but this kind of talk will not work. The voter has discovered that just as long as he responds to the party lash just that long will the party machine run things to suit itself; that if he is to receive recognition and the best men in the party are ever selected to carry the party standard he must first assert his independence and vote for the most capable and deserving candidate regardless of party lines.

## Commissioners' Proceedings.

Valentine, Oct. 3, 1905.  
Board met in regular session with the following members present: J. L. Roseberry, chm., A. E. Morris and Arthur Bowering.  
Commissioners inspected the steel lining in the jail.  
On motion the board transferred the s<sup>t</sup>, tp. 32, r. 30, from Sharps Ranch precinct to Cleveland precinct; also the s<sup>t</sup>, tp. 26, r. 25, and sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, tp. 25, r. 25, from Pleasant Hill precinct to Goose Creek precinct.  
On motion the petition of Hugh Boyer et al to submit proposition to transfer territory to Hooker county was rejected for reason that petition was defective and did not give sufficient facts to warrant the granting of the same.  
Whereupon the board adjourned to Oct. 4, 1905.

October 4, 1905.  
Board met as per adjournment, members all present.  
The board spent the forenoon in viewing the road south of the Hanson bridge.  
The board selected sixty names from which to draw jury for November term.  
Commissioners appointed John Ormesher road overseer of district No. 25.  
Official bond of John Ormesher, road overseer, approved.  
The following claims were allowed on road fund:

Kroter & Hall, lumber	\$ 28 85
Middleton & Weaver, lumber	21 83
G. E. Tracewell, appraising road	4 50
H. S. Savage, appraising road	4 50
W. T. Bullis, appraising road	4 50
Road work:	
Chas. Lower, 111 00 Jas. Irwin	6 00
Jno. Hill, 3 00 M. Froberger	3 00
Jno. Wolf, 6 00 Sam Burgett	7 50
Dave Archer, 6 00 J. L. Ashburn	3 00
Jacob Martin, 129 10	
Damage new road:	
F. Nollett, 10 00 Jas. Hughes	50 00
Lewis Archer, 10 00 Dave Archer	10 00

Bridge fund:  
Boswell Hook, work on Hook bridge... 30 00  
C. Pratt, work... 24 00  
General fund:  
R. Robinson, sal June to Sept, fees, etc... 181 50  
C. S. Reece, half fee making tax list... 250 00  
John M. Tucker, sal July, Aug, Sept... 174 99  
L. N. Layport, boarding prisoners... 199 00  
Lulu Kortz, sal June 21 to Aug 21, exp... 177 12

Commissioners authorized treasurer to transfer \$1,000 from bridge fund to general fund.  
Commissioners canceled contract with Dr. C. V. Holsclaw, county physician, to take effect October 1, 1905.  
Whereupon board adjourned to October 5, 1905.

October 5, 1905.  
Board met as per adjournment, members all present.  
Commissioners ordered the county clerk to strike from tax list personal tax of George T. French for year 1899 in Merriman precinct the same having paid in Irwin precinct.  
The commissioners applied claim of James Irwin, amounting to \$6, on delinquent personal tax.  
The commissioners accepted work done on lining jail. The following claims were allowed:  
E. T. Barnum, steel lining for jail... 148 00  
Ed Holsclaw, cementing jail floor... 62 00  
Road petition of A. K. Kuskie et al, accepted, and road granted as asked for.  
Road petition of E. Bowden et al, accepted and road granted as asked for.  
Whereupon the board adjourned to Dec. 29, 1905.  
J. L. ROSEBERRY, Chm.  
Attest: C. S. REECE, Clerk.

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