

THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT WILL NOT ABANDON THE FORT

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 1906.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION CALL

The democratic county convention is hereby called to meet in the court house at Valentine, Neb., on Saturday, August 4th, 1906, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following offices:

County Attorney.
And the delegates present from the First Commissioner District will nominate a candidate for the office of Commissioner for said district.
And for the purpose of electing delegates to the following conventions State convention, 6.
Congressional convention, 6.
Senatorial convention, 6.
Representative convention, 6.
And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The basis of representation for the several precincts will be two delegates at large for each precinct and one delegate for every ten votes or fraction thereof cast for Hon. George W. Berge for governor in Nov. 1904.

The various precincts are entitled to representation as follows:

Barley	3	Bolling Springs	6
Buffalo Lake	4	Cleveland	4
Dewey Lake	3	Eli	4
Enlow	4	Georgia	3
German	4	Gillaspie	3
Goose Creek	3	Irwin	4
Kennedy	4	Kewanee	3
Lavaca	5	Loup	6
Merriman	6	Mother Lake	3
Minnehaduzza	4	Nenzel	4
Pleasant Hill	3	Steen	5
Sharps Ranch	4	Sparks	5
Schlagel	4	Table	4
Valentine	10	Woodlake	7

It is recommended that the precinct caucuses be held Saturday, July 28, and that a precinct committeeman be selected by each caucus.

I. M. RICE, Secretary. A. M. MORRISSEY, Chairman.

The republicans are sending out notices for a popular subscription to the campaign fund this year and expect each man who is wanting a republican victory to contribute a dollar. They expect to rally around the great achievements of "Teddy" Roosevelt and what congress has done. Roosevelt is to be a central figure and his achievements a central thought during the campaign. We wonder if, after the campaign is over, an itemized statement will be made of the donations and the names of the donors published, or will the dollar be shoved down in the pockets of a few who control the republican party.

If the republicans wish to be fair they should call upon the people to criticize that party in the next election for what they had an opportunity of doing and failed to do. The laws of our country have been in their hands for execution and they are entitled to some credit for what was done along that line, but the miserable failures that have characterized the majority of that party should be remembered against that majority as a lesson to them in the future execution of laws; that all men should meet their just fate alike, and that punishment should be meted out to rich and poor without discrimination. Heretofore those who blamed the democratic party as hindering the making of laws, effective for control of the railroads and corporations, will have no trouble in finding what they stood on all public questions during the last congress. They will also notice whom it was that tried every effort and scheme to foil the railroad and rate commission bill that was

finally amended to admit of a court review which counteracts the effect of the bill, and by taking the shorter course the court review would not necessitate a commission review and leaves us where we were before, excepting to be burdened by an extra law that President Roosevelt and a republican congress is to be the central figure and thought as a campaign argument this fall.

The democratic county convention to be held Saturday, August 4, 1906, should have a good attendance, but if people should be too busy haying to get away, they should know that their precinct has one representative if they possibly can send it or in some way communicate their wishes. J. W. McDaniell, our present county surveyor, will probably be nominated to fill vacancy as county surveyor.

Who will be nominated for county commissioner of the 2nd district? As yet we have heard no candidates mentioned. Then another important matter to be looked after is the nomination of county attorney. A good citizen, farmer, stockman or business man can be nominated if we have no attorney to nominate. The statutes do not require a candidate for county attorney to be admitted to the bar but may employ a deputy to do the work the same as other county officers do. We should have a full ticket in the field and no one who is selected to make the race should shirk the responsibility. What we want is good officers of the law and if the republicans fail to put up the proper material as candidates, the democrats should nominate someone in whom the people have confidence and give him loyal support at the polls. It is time that our people take a hand in the affairs of our county and break up a few rings.

WESTOVER NOT A CANDIDATE

THE DEMOCRAT has heretofore announced that Judge Westover would accept the nomination for congress in this district, but the Judge has concluded that he would prefer to remain on the bench and has written that he cannot become a candidate this fall. This is to be regretted for Westover would surely be elected.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

The democratic electors of Valentine Precinct are hereby called to meet at the office of the county Judge, at 8:00, o'clock p. m., August 3rd, 1906, for the purpose of selecting ten delegates to attend the county convention to be held August 4th, 1906.

A. M. MORRISSEY, Chairman.

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(State Journal.)

O'Neill, Neb., July 28.—It has been published extensively that Fort Niobrara was to be abandoned as a military reservation. Some color was given to this report by the recent removal of the troops there to the south. Congressman Kinkaid is in receipt of the following letter from the secretary of war which shows that it is not the intention of the government to abandon the fort:

Washington, July 15, 1906.—My Dear Judge Kinkaid: There is no truth in the statement that Fort Niobrara is to be abandoned as a government military reservation. On the contrary, it will be retained for military purposes, especially that of encampment. I have just directed the allotment of about \$300,000 for an addition to Fort Niobrara.

Very sincerely yours,
WILLIAM H. TAFT.

We hope the above article is true and that the reports to the contrary heretofore circulated have been idle talk. However, the operations at present indicate that Fort Niobrara is being dismantled and that the William H. Taft article is a campaign story, calculated only to deceive the people and let them down easy. We are not willing to believe the story in the face of operations to the contrary, confirming former reports that Fort Niobrara was on the list for abandonment.

If Mr. Taft can find \$300,000 that can't be used elsewhere, we think he might feel disposed to spend it on an addition to Ft. Niobrara. This may occur during Mr. Taft's present term of office as secretary of war, but since the government is at present straining a point to dig the Panama canal and keep up the tremendous expense of the soldiers in the Philippines, together with other large expenditures and appropriations which will run the government expense higher than McKinley's war administration, it is more likely that the allotment of \$300,000 will be slow in coming to Fort Niobrara and our government will be on the verge of another stamp act or issue of bonds, by the time Mr. Taft has spent all the money he has planned to spend. Also, the demand elsewhere for money, so far, exceeds the supply that the government is now burdened with expense that means so little for internal improvements and so much as a constant drain in running the government, because of a want of these improvements and necessary equipment for a saving of mountains of expense.

REPORTS SHOULD BE VERIFIED

The troops were moved from Ft. Niobrara Monday night. It is said that the hardest things to load for this moving were the colored soldiers. They filled up on "bug juice" and painted the town in a bright red color. The report further says that many Valentine families were terrorized by their hoodlum actions. The people of that city ought to rise up in thankfulness for this good riddance.—Ainsworth Star Journal.

We feel sorry that such reports as the above would find space in the Star-Journal of Ainsworth. In the first place it would reflect on the officers as not being in control of their troops, and second, that the general conduct of the army was more dangerous to the peace and safety of citizens during their presence with uncivilized Indians.

The report and the soldiers

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were not brought to Valentine until about 9:30 o'clock p. m. and then marched down Main street in orderly manner and were not disorderly or drunk. Hundreds of Valentine citizens were at hand near the depot when the soldiers were marched up from Fort Niobrara, and knew that they immediately boarded the trains upon their arrival, and that they did not leave the trains after their arrival to roam about town—and further, a large number of our citizens left their homes unguarded, and with doors open or unlocked to go down town to see the soldiers depart and stayed four or five hours until they departed.

Leg Without Body Bides Prairies.

Rushville Aug. 1.—With a human leg dangling from the stirrup of a saddle, a horse was captured yesterday thirty miles north of this place, galloping over the prairies.

An effort was made to find the man, but up to the present time without success.

It is believed the horse came from some distance and that it has been roaming over the prairies for a long time.

The foot was firmly fastened in the stirrup, and there are many conjectures as to how it parted with the body.

Some believe it was wrenched off after the owner had been dragged to death; others are of the opinion that the man was struck somewhere by a train and that the horse escaped fatal injuries.—Omaha Daily News.

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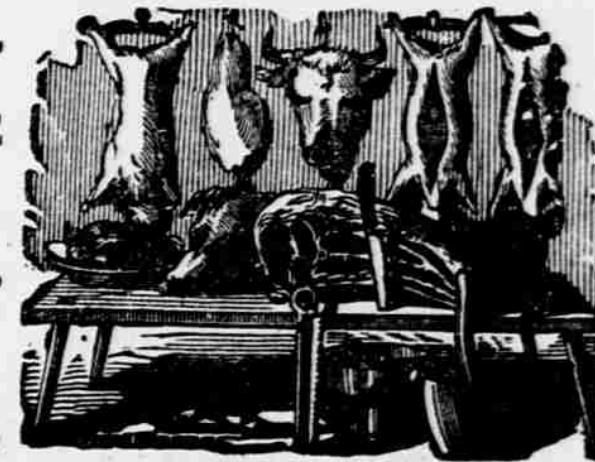
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ROBERT DYER, Rosebud, S. D.

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Strayed or Stolen.

From my range on Gordon creek, north of Simeon, Nebr., in 1905, one three year old steer, branded —11— on left side, dehorned; also, four head of young horned cattle branded on right side.

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