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REPRESENTATIVE CONVENTION.

The Democrats of the 52nd District Hold a Convention and Nominate a Strong Candidate for Representative.

STOCKMAN IS CHOSEN.

A. H. Metzger, a Member of the Firm of Metzger Bros., is Placed in Nomination for Representative.

The representative convention for this district, which was held in the district court room last Saturday, was organized by the election of I. M. Rice as chairman and E. B. Quible as secretary. The delegates were all of one mind and it did not take long for the convention to confer a unanimous nomination on A. H. Metzger, the well known stockman. Mr. Metzger expressed his thanks for the honor conferred and said that he would go home and spend a week finishing up his hay harvest and would then go out and make a vigorous campaign for election. He said that he had no interest in politics other than to secure the best possible management of public affairs and he pledged himself, if elected, to work and vote at all times for the interests of his constituents. He said he believed the railroads had unfairly discriminated against the shipper, and had placed unnecessary restrictions upon the shippers of live stock; that they had not paid a fair proportion of the taxes and by their pernicious activity in politics had built up a political machine that afforded them protection at the expense of the public. He said if he were elected he would favor the enactment of laws that would remedy these evils, and for the management of state institutions he favored a business system in place of the present political graft.

Those who know Mr. Metzger know that he is just the man to do what he says. The path of the stockman has not always been an easy one in the sand hills and he has been over its entire length. He was among the first to establish a permanent ranch of any size in Cherry county, and, together with his brother Will, he has been in the stock business, about forty miles south of Merriman, for nearly twenty years. As a result of their years of thrift and industry they have one of the largest and best equipped ranches in Nebraska. To this business Mr. Metzger has given his constant attention. He has been progressive in the adoption of new methods of management and as the years have gone by he has increased the yield of his land by sowing tame grasses, and by digging drainage ditches he has reclaimed hundreds of acres of marsh lands. He is still a young man on the sunny side of life. He was favored with a thorough education in his youth and this, together with his natural business ability, his long and intimate acquaintance with the district, and his own experience as a raiser and shipper of live stock,

makes him an ideal representative for a district that produces more cattle than any other district in Nebraska.

It is proper that we should elect a man with ability to take front rank among the state's legislators and who has helped to make this county and district what they are—a man truly representative of the district, and—A. H. Metzger is just the man.

R. M. Faddis was elected chairman of the legislative committee and the convention adjourned, feeling that it had put up a candidate whose fine business ability and sterling character must appeal to men of all parties.

G. L. SHUMWAY.

G. L. Shumway, democratic candidate for congress from the Sixth Congressional district, was born in Illinois, March 7, 1865, and was raised upon a farm, attending common and high schools at Oxford and New Windsor until 18 years of age. In 1885 he came to Nebraska, and, after spending a winter upon the ranch of Hall & Evans of North Platte, located in Banner county, then a part of Cheyenne county, and engaged in stock raising. A few years later he acquired a county paper and identified himself with the growing farmers' alliance and actively in political work. He was married in 1890 to Gertrude Ashford, and they have one daughter, who is now 13 years of age.

Industrious and persevering, Mr. Shumway possesses an inexhaustible fund of information on a wide variety of subjects. What he lacked in school and college is made up by earnest search and study. When he left school his understanding of the fundamentals of language, grammar and rhetoric was only average, but now in his correspondence, writing and address are frequently classic gems. His best literary production is the "Troglodyte," a philosophical thesis of the "Conquest of the World." For several years he was a traveling salesman, selling groceries and pottery, and is known by many commercials and merchants over the state, but at present he resides upon a homestead near Scotts Bluff, and, with his brother, conducts an abstract and land business, with offices at that place. He is a farmer and a business man, and has extended acquaintance and experience with people engaged in all classes of industry in the Sixth congressional district, and is in close sympathy with their needs.

Mr. Shumway is a most enthusiastic advocate of irrigation, being one of the originators of the North Platte Valley Users' association, which co-operates with the federal government. He has advanced ideas for increasing forage capacity of the range, having conducted some private experiments, looking to introduction of new grasses, range culture, etc.

He is a deputy grand chancellor of the Knight of Pythias and is a Master Mason, an Elk, a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and M. B. A. and Illinois Commercial Men's association, president of Scotts Bluff's Commercial club, executive chairman of the American Irrigation Feder-

ation and Nebraska members of the executive committee of the national irrigation congress.

This is the first time he has ever asked for the suffrage of the people.—From World-Herald.

AN OPEN LETTER TO

DR. GEO. L. MILLER

O'Neil, Neb., Sept. 11.—Dear Doctor: In the Bee of Sunday you addressed an open letter to Edgar Howard on the question of public ownership. It is evident that the letter is not intended merely as a communication to Judge Howard but as an assault upon those who favor the public ownership of railroads. So believing and having been an advocate of this great principle long before either Judge Howard or Mr. Bryan I take the liberty to reply to you, using the same means of publicity that you have used.

The only thought which you suggest and which might cause real democrats to hesitate, is that Jefferson's ideas are opposed to public ownership. Jefferson's ideas would indeed be quite potent with democrats. We recognize him as the great democrat of the nineteenth century, just as we recognize Bryan the great democrat of the twentieth century. But doctor you cannot possibly quote Jefferson against the public ownership of railroads, for there was not a railroad in the United States when Jefferson died. But Jefferson's teachings, his avowed views, have a distinct bearing upon the issue.

In Jefferson's time the means of communication and transportation in the United States were over lakes, rivers, canals and the ordinary highways. There were no railroad highways in those days. Jefferson sanctioned the taking of money from the national treasury for the purpose of constructing canals and building highways to transport persons and property between the canals and other bodies of water. If it was right, Doctor for the national government to take money to build canals for the public use and to build highways connecting the canals with lakes and rivers, is it wrong to take money from the national treasury to build the highways of commerce today, which means the steel railed highways? Jefferson advocated the public ownership of the only means of transportation known in his day, and I believe it is quite logical to say that the man who believed in the public ownership and operation of the only means of transportation in his time would likewise believe in the public ownership and operation of our modern means of transportation. If you deny Doctor, that Jefferson advocated this principle I have just stated, I will furnish you the proof. The trouble is, Doctor that those so-called democrats who oppose public ownership do not know what Jefferson did teach, or knowing it, purposely conceal it. They never practice what Jefferson practiced. They hate and despise Jefferson's ideas. No man who believes in the teachings of Jefferson can or will oppose public ownership. Every Jeffersonian democrat in the nation will stand with Bryan, who is only advocating the ideas of Jefferson.

Those who talk of Jeffersonian democracy so glibly are mistaken as to the author of their so-called democracy. The men who believe that private parties should own our highways whether they be canals, rivers, lakes or railways are not followers of Jefferson at all. The men who believe in granting special privileges to private men and in giving to them a monopoly of the modern public highways are not followers of Jefferson; they are the followers of so-called democrats like Grover Cleveland, William C. Whitney, August Belmont and Roger Sullivan.

In a letter such as this, Doctor, I cannot discuss one-hundredth part of the arguments in favor of public ownership. For the purpose of this letter I shall suggest but a few

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For Railway Commissioners—DR. A. FITZSIMMONS, of Johnson county.
GEORGE HORST, of Polk county.
JOHN DAVIS, of Fillmore county.
For Congress Sixth District—G. L. SHUMWAY, of Scotts Bluff county.
For State Senator 14th District—S. S. JOICE, of Gordon.
For Representative 52nd District—A. H. METZGER, of Merriman.

COUNTY TICKET

For Surveyor—JOHN W. McDANIEL.
For Commissioner First District—J. W. STETTER.

reasons why we are not afraid of the bogey man called centralization. In the first place a proper civil service would protect the railway employe and he will cast his ballot free from coercion just as he does in New Zealand.

But doctor let us find out what the private owners of the railed highways are doing in this matter of centralization. I do not intend to go into all of them. That would take a letter that would fill many newspapers. But before the discussion is over in the next two years the defenders of the present system will have all these arguments dinned about their ears, for Bryan has aroused, by this great issue, the young men of the country as Jefferson did a century ago. There are countries in Europe—many of them—which own and operated their own railroads. Let us contrast their exercise of power with that of the dukes of the steel railed highways, who manage our modern railroads. In 1895 every man in the United States who would agree to vote for William

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A Sunday school convention will be held at Arabia, Oct. 6 and 7. The program is as follows:
SATURDAY EVENING, 8:00 o'clock. (In the school house.)
Lecture on the Holy Land; "Bethlehem, the Birth Place of the World's Redeemer," by State Supt. Rev. J. D. Stewart.
SUNDAY MORNING, 10:00 o'clock. (In Benson's grove.)
A. Sermon.
11:00 a. m.—Regular Sunday School Session and Lesson, conducted by a superintendent, or by Missionary L. O. Pearson.
BASKET DINNER, 12:00 M.
2:00 p. m.—Reports from Sunday Schools and Brief Addresses by Messrs. Benson, Bunn, Deihl, Phelps, Reese
3:00 p. m.—Songs and Exercises by the Children and Schools, with a Drill Exercise on "Good Habits."
SUNDAY EVENING. (In the school house.)
8:00 p. m.—Lecture on "In, and around the Holy City." Rev. Pearson will conduct the exercises. All are invited.
J. D. Stewart.

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Taken Up.
This is to certify that I, S. Dotson, has this 23rd day of July taken up in Cleveland precinct one light bay 4 year old gelding, branded diamond with short bars on upper and two sides on left shoulder, weight 650.
S. DOTSON.
Subscribed and sworn to before me a Justice of the peace for Cleveland precinct, Cherry county, Nebraska, this 23rd day of July, 1906.
375 S. Q. Spauld, Justice of the peace.