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BE LOYAL TO PRINCIPLE.

What has the republican party done that you, as a republican, populist or democrat can admire it or vote for its nominees? The record of the past six years has been a continued increase of taxes and expenditures and also permitted higher freight rates by non-enforcement of the laws which also has permitted corporations to combine in restraint of trade. Six years ago the republicans wanted to redeem Nebraska. From what? We have seen how they redeemed Nebraska and who it was that did the redeeming in the name of the republican party. Then, the people thought they had some rights that even the railroads and corporations were bound to respect. Through the efforts of the democratic and peoples parties our state was becoming the center of attraction for the advancement and bettering the condition of the farmers and the whole people. Nebraska passed the most favorable laws for the common people and our state government was wrenched from the monopolistic railroads and corporations. We reduced that state debt and reduced the taxes. We reduced freight rates and reduced the republican party until the campaign of 1900 when millions was spent in Nebraska to redeem the state from its friends, turning Joe Bartley free for fear that he might disclose some of their former methods and robberies for which he was made to suffer imprisonment. What excuse can they give for his freedom? Have you ever heard any?

What did they do to their Governor Savage who was elected as lieutenant governor and succeeded the rascal Dietrich, who went to the U. S. senate and came near going to the pen? What are they proud of? Their record? How did they win? Millions of dollars for campaigning, buying votes, keeping people in the state to vote, sending every republican home on a pass to vote and sending pops and democrats away on a trip at election time. Leading populists were led astray by such men as D. Clem Deaver with great promises of reward. Many populists were led to the assistance of the republican party by treachery and deceit. Dissensions were stirred up in the ranks of the populists and they were led to believe that the democrats were treacherous and that they were being led by them. Their prejudices were worked upon and many republicans went into the party for the sole purpose of stirring up dissensions, animosities and discord. They were besieged on one hand and ridiculed on the other. No wonder that some of the weaker ones, who so loyally at one time floated the ribbons from their coat lapels: "stand up for principle," gave way and sank in despair as soon as the republican

party regained power. Loyalty to principle waned and they were ready to shout for a republican victory. They were not loyal to the principles which they professed to stand for, and the wave of McKinleyism and a big campaign fund swept them off their feet never more to be trusted as good and faithful servants who might enter into the joy of their own conscience in a glorious victory over treacherous traitors and the sinful and shameful methods of the republican party to buy, force or steal the election of both McKinley and Roosevelt.

Had the republican party failed in their attempt then, it is most likely that the populists who followed D. Clem Deaver would never have been cast adrift but would have found their way back into the paths of principle, and it was their giving away when they were needed that lost us the battle in Nebraska.

The same issues are at stake now in principle as when they went into the "middle of the road" as they chose to call it then.

Do you see the mistake they made?

The world has recorded that blunder and, as history is written, there will be enough good, honest republicans to take their places in the democratic ranks if they fail to return to be counted on the right side of this great question.

Stand up and be counted on the right side, brother. If you were wrong then, show to the world that you meant to be right by getting right now. If you made a mistake then, make it right this fall by going to the polls early. Call on your friends and brothers who sailed away with you into a foreign sea. Come over onto the right side now while there is an issue before the people; when you can help to do what you once failed to do. Do not vote to please any person or party but vote once more that time honored principle: "By the People." Vote for what is to your interest and that of your posterity. Don't let some spieleser josh you into disliking the name or phrase, but vote for principle—for what concerns you. Get together with your neighbor who will work with you, whose interests are identical with yours, and they were led to believe that the democrats were treacherous and that they were being led by them. Their prejudices were worked upon and many republicans went into the party for the sole purpose of stirring up dissensions, animosities and discord. They were besieged on one hand and ridiculed on the other. No wonder that some of the weaker ones, who so loyally at one time floated the ribbons from their coat lapels: "stand up for principle," gave way and sank in despair as soon as the republican

When hearts were loyal brave and true:
There's yet a work for us to do;
We may have voted wrongly when
We thought 'twas duty led us then;
But if the power guides us right
We'll make and keep our record
bright.
In future when our way we see,
Producers should not disagree.
Their aims and objects are the same,
Then break old ties, "What's in a name?"
The grand old party may not prove
To be the same. If not we'll move
To pastures green where we may roam
In freedom and protect our home.

BROWN'S HOME TROUBLES!

In Buffalo county, the home of Norris Brown, the republicans have formed a coalition with the democrats and populists, and an anti-Brown republican has been nominated for the legislature. Those republicans who have been

led to believe that Brown was the proper man to send to the U. S. senate will have a hard matter explaining the extreme dissatisfaction which exists in Buffalo county among the republicans who have known Brown for many years and who lived there as his neighbor.—David City Press.

METZGER OR ELLIOTT?

Geo. Elliott is the republican nominee for state representative. He lives in town and caters to the trade as a soda water dispenser. George was a county clerk several years and is considered a fairly good mixer and you think of meeting him that he has taken particular liking to you. Perhaps for this reason and because he has always had a hankerin' for an office that he was permitted to name the delegation to nominate him down at Norden.

Mr. Metzger is a stockman and a producer of wealth, instead of a caterer. His life on the ranch is intermingled with that of his fellowmen and he is in touch with the people who have braved the rigor of ranch life and borne the brunt of civilizing and utilizing the country. He has not been here as a vulture to gather in the spare change that his neighbor has accumulated. He has stood shoulder to shoulder with the stockmen to settle and build up this country and make it what you now see, instead of the barren sand hills and swamps as it was. Mr. Metzger belongs to the class of people who have paid the great bulk of Cherry county's taxes, and has cost the least in expense. They have asked no favors—not even that the county seat be located nearer them, and have been content to be counted as an asset to the county without expense.

The stockmen and farmers are entitled to representation in our state government. They have agreed without partisanship upon Albert H. Metzger for representative in whom they have confidence and will support him. He is capable and will have more influence, and place our county on a higher level than to send some caterer to or some sodawater dispenser down to Lincoln to be rebuilt into a law-maker or for the selfish purpose of assisting him to find a new location for a soda water stand.

Which will you have? A stockman or a drug store man? A wealth producer or a caterer? A stock raiser or a soda water dispenser?

Albert H. Metzger or George Elliott?

CAMPAIGNS AGAINST TAX DODGING.

Plattsmouth, Nebr., Sept. 24.—Citizens of Cass county are a good deal amused at that part of Mr. Sheldon's campaign for governor in which he denounces the railroads for tax dodging. This is not so much because he belongs to the party which permitted the railroads to dodge their taxes, as it is due to the fact that he and his family are recognized as tax dodgers on a large scale themselves.

The history of Mr. Sheldon's tax dodging is as follows:

Something over a year and a half ago, Sheldon's father died without a will, leaving his six children some 3,500 acres of land, mostly in Cass county, valued at about \$80 an acre, and a considerable amount of personal property as well. In other words, he left an estate of over \$300,000. Under the laws of this state, this property descends to the children, and, under the inheritance tax law of the state, when this estate is probated and the property divided by the court, one per cent must be paid into the county treasurer's office as an inheritance tax. This would be about \$3,000, but the treasurer of Cass county has waited in vain for this money, because Mr. Sheldon and the other heirs have refused to have the estate probated. Instead of doing so, they have been dividing the property among themselves by agreement without bringing it into court at all.

Under the state law, if the tax is not paid within five years the statute runs and outlaws it and it cannot be collected.

The people of Cass county are glad to have Mr. Sheldon attack the railroads for shirking taxes, but they feel that when he does so he should at least do so with clean hands and contribute his share under the law to the county which has made him rich.—World-Herald

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SHALLENBERGER AND SHELDON.

Mr. Shallenberger is the fusion candidate for governor. Mr. Sheldon is the republican candidate for governor. Mr. Shallenberger represented the fifth congressional district for one term and Nebraska never had a better congressman. He was entitled to more credit than any other man in congress for the passage of the oleomargarine bill. That has driven the beef trust out of its fraudulent practices of taking lard and tallow and manufacturing it so that it looked like butter and selling it for butter. As a result of it the people get real butter now and the farmers are getting a better price for their butter. Score that for Shallenberger. When the irrigation bill came up in congress the general disposition was to let the state control the water within the state. Shallenberger led the fight against it and declared that the national government must control the waters. Many even in Nebraska thought he was holding the movement back but Shallenberger was right and even President Roosevelt finally took his side in the contest. If the other view had prevailed, Colorado could drain the South Platte dry with irrigation works and Nebraska would not get a drop of water. Wyoming could have drained the North Platte dry and Nebraska would not have gotten a drop of water. But as it is now the water will be divided equitably, and the use of these waters will make homes for thousands and thousands of people and add millions of dollars to the taxable wealth of the state. Score another for Shallenberger.

But some of the republican newspapers that certainly know better, are claiming that the railroads are favorable to Shallenberger. Nothing could be farther from the truth. In this county Mr. Dickson is the acknowledged railroad leader. He is whooping it up for Sheldon and fake reform. Dr. McDonald is another active railroad heeler and he likewise is whooping it up for Sheldon and fake reform. Billy Coates, another railroad stool-pigeon, is hollering for Sheldon and fake reform. And so it is all along the line in this county. Hall, Weekes, Akin and all of the other pass grabbers are whooping it up for Sheldon and fake reform. Every man in Holt county who rides on a pass is

against Shallenberger. Every railroad heeler in this county is for Sheldon and fake reform. That tells the story. Whether such silly stories will be believed in other parts of the state we don't know, but up in Holt county we are too wise to be fooled by the railroad stool-pigeons and the fake reformers.—Holt Co. Independent.

WHY THE LEDGER ROLLED OVER.

1. The abuses that the republican ticket promises to correct are products of republican legislation.
2. The leaders have adopted a reform plank, not because public sentiment demands reform. The democrats have been demanding reform for years, when there were not a hundred red cents in it. The republicans want reform because there are millions in it for the bosses. One platform is honest: the other is dishonest.
3. Norris Brown is not a candidate of the people. He got his nomination by his Northwestern backers playing possum and keeping in the background. He is a fake candidate. His platform is a fake. His logic is buncombe.

Mr. Dickson, the leader in Holt county, has always been a railroad man. He is attorney for the Northwestern and he works for the men who hire him. He was for Norris Brown, not openly. He played double and pulled strings that packed the convention with Brown delegates. At the county convention Mr. Dickson, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Coates and Mr. Gilligan all had passes in their pockets. They put in the anti-pass plank. They retired Coates and Gilligan, because they knew their railroad records in the state house would defeat the party. The county platform is a fake. The leaders know it is a fake.

The leaders are not sincere and their candidates can not be trusted. They will owe their election to the bosses.

When a party is in power too long, it becomes rich and powerful, and attracts as leaders disreputable men, who use politics to be-fog voters, loot the public and fill the private purse of bosses and office holders.

Therefore, the Ledger rolled over to the lesser of two evils.—Stuart Ledger.

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