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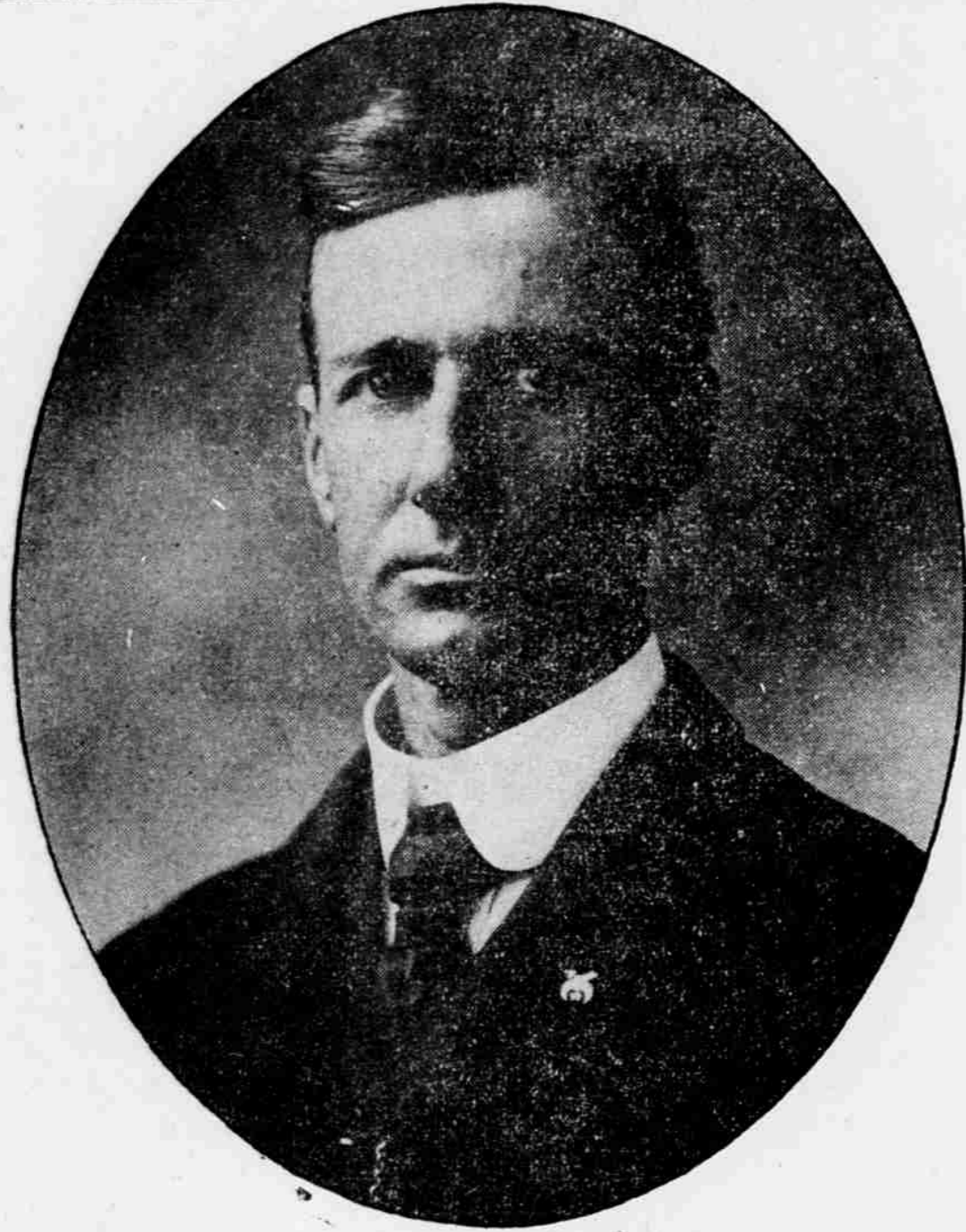
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1906.



A. H. METZGER.

Democratic Candidate for Representative 52nd District.

The above is from a recent photograph of Mr. Metzger, the democratic candidate for state representative of the 52nd district. He grew to manhood in eastern Nebraska and came to Cherry county when houses were almost unknown. What few people were here lived in tents, sod shanties or dugouts. Buffalo and deer roamed over the hills and valleys with the few native cattle and wild western bronchos. Horses and cattle were rounded up in the fall and the young stock branded and turned loose to find their own shelter and feed or perish in the storms that swept over the country in the winter months. Spring often found the remnants scattered or driven away by pirates or "rustlers" as they came to be known, as they picked up their herds from the prairies without regard to ownership. It was these conditions that confronted the Metzger brothers and other settlers of honest intentions as they drove their herds into the then western wilds to settle and civilize, fight wolves and coyotes and guard their herds against cattle rustlers and the ravages of severe winters. The stockmen banded together for mutual protection and preservation in those days and they have not so far forgotten each other yet as to work at logger heads and each try to pull in opposite directions.

It is men, not party, in this campaign, though many republicans say they have been too often deceived by their party leader's lash to stand in line to elect a republican U. S. senator and be robbed both at home and abroad of the laws that were to their interest.

Mr. Metzger is a plain, honest stockman who will vote for the interests of Cherry county people, for lower freight rates, for two cent railroad fare and for W. H. Thompson of Grand Island for U. S. senator.

## SHELDON FLOPS

He Now Declares Himself as Against Two Cent Fares.

## FAVORED IT LAST WEEK

His Record Inconsistent on Railroad Matters—Shallenberger a Brilliant Orator.

From Lincoln Herald, Sept. 28.

Candidates Sheldon and Shallenberger discussed the political issues from the same platform at Syracuse Thursday. The Herald editor heard the discussion and is very free to say that Mr. Sheldon is not in the same class with Shallenberger for gubernatorial timber, by any means.

Mr. Shallenberger made a clean, clear and forcible speech on state issues and declared himself in favor of government ownership as the only solution of the railroad question. He is a bright, brilliant, fluent orator, no quibbling about his position on any question, no stuttering; no waiting for words and no hollow, high-sounding sentences. In point of brilliant oratory, Mr. Bryan must yield the laurels to Mr. Shallenberger. On the matter of passes, on which the republican papers have been making so many charges, Mr. Shallenberger made a proposition to Mr. Sheldon. Each gentleman was to state when he had last used passes and the one who had last traveled on passes was to withdraw from the canvass. Mr. Sheldon admitted that he rode on passes after he was elected to the legislature four years ago, but not in the last session, but he was not going to withdraw. Mr. Shallenberger had not used passes for five years. Mr. Sheldon had used them within three years. But he would not accept the challenge to withdraw.

Last week at Tekamah Mr. Sheldon said: "Let us abolish free transportation and reduce passenger rates." Thursday at Syracuse he declared himself unequivocally opposed to reduced passenger rate law and gave as his reason that a little road up in the northeast part of the state only earns \$85 a mile while the Burlington earns \$2,600 a mile and the reduced rate would be an injustice to the little road.

Mr. Sheldon attempted to deceive his hearers. He knows there is not 10 miles of railroad in the state that is not a part of one of the five great systems of roads in the state, and that the earnings of the systems all go into the general fund of the roads. Evidently the bosses "called him" and he flopped.

Mr. Sheldon declared himself squarely against the government ownership of railroads, wants to regulate them and wants to load the people down with three railroad commissioners at big salaries, and while he does not like the proposed amendment because it does not prescribe the powers of the commission, leaving it to the legislature to do that, still he stands for its adoption.

It will be recalled that at the last session of the legislature when the proposed amendment was before the senate, of which body Sheldon was a member, Cady offered an amendment which clearly defined the powers and duties of the commission to be created under that amendment, and Sheldon led the fight in the committee room and on the floor to kill the Cady amendment, and when the final vote was taken thereon, Sheldon was one of the four senators who voted against it, out of thirty-three republican senators.

The only supporters that Sheldon had in his attempt to kill the amendment were Griffin of Dawson, Thomas of Douglas, and Wall of Sherman, all three of whom are branded by the Sheldonites as Union Pacific tools, while Sheldon is held up as a reformer.

It was well known then, and it is well remembered now, that Sheldon used every device at his command to render the railroad commission amendment useless, and had he succeeded in defeating the Cady amendment he would have succeeded in accomplishing his purpose.

And what has changed him? Simply because he is a candidate for office. Mr. Sheldon is a prince of floppers.

Mr. Shallenberger wants the people to own the railroads. Mr. Sheldon wants the capitalists to own the roads and thus own and oppress the people. Both gentlemen so declared themselves from the same platform at Syracuse, Thursday. The lines are thus clearly drawn. The Herald must work and vote for Mr. Shallenberger.

## HOW SHELDON VOTED

The Democrat has been telling its readers the kind of a reformer Candidate Sheldon is, and now it is going to tell how he acquired his standing as a sham reformer.

It will be recalled that at the last session of the legislature when the proposed amendment to the state constitution was before the state senate, of which body Sheldon was a member, Cady offered an amendment which clearly defined the powers and duties of the railroad commission to be created under the amendment, and this man Sheldon led the fight in the committee room and on the floor to kill the Cady amendment, and when the final vote was taken thereon, Sheldon was one of the four senators who voted against it, out of the thirty-three republican senators.

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What has he done since to convince you that his heart is not still on the wrong side of his body?

Shallenberger has always been right. Sheldon has always been wrong.—Kearney Democrat.

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## EATON AND SEARLE VOTED "NO."

A comparison of the 1905-1906 state taxes levied by the state board of equalization shows an increase of \$60,125.13.

State Taxes, 1906	\$2,191,421.85
1905	2,131,296.72
	60,125.13

Of this increase the railroads contributed \$2,949.17; all other property \$57,175.96. These figures show the extravagant republican appropriations are being paid for, not by the railroads, but by the other owners of all other property. When it is remembered that the state tax forms about one-sixth of the general taxation, it can be readily seen what the general result is.

Railroad taxes increased.....\$17,695.02

All other property taxes increased.....343,055.76

In making the 1906 assessments Mickey and Mortensen voted to increase the Union Pacific and Northwestern railroad assessment. Searle, Eaton and Galusha voted "no." Had these three gentlemen voted "yes," the state would have received \$20,214.62 more in taxes from these two roads. The counties and school districts approximately \$100,000 more.

The "no" of Searle, Eaton and Galusha consequently cost the taxpayers \$120,000 and saved the railroads a corresponding amount. Railroad passes to this trio and

their friends are a good investment on the part of the railroads.

Votes cast by the loyal members of the g. o. p. for the ticket, no matter who is on it, come high. They should pay their increased taxes and look pleasant or vote more intelligently.

## STATE TICKET

For U. S. Senator—  
WILLIAM H. THOMPSON,  
of Grand Island.

For Governor—  
A. C. SHALLENBERGER,  
of Alma.

For Lieutenant Governor—  
WILLIAM H. GREEN,  
of Creighton.

For Secretary of State—  
CARL GOUCHER,  
of Saunders county.

For Treasurer—  
FRANK C. BABCOCK,  
of Adams county.

For Auditor—  
J. S. CANADAY,  
of Kearney county.

For Attorney General—  
LYSLE I. ABBOTT,  
of Douglas county.

For Land Commissioner—  
JACOB V. WOLFE,  
of Lancaster county.

For Supt. Public Instruction—  
R. H. WATSON,  
of Valentine.

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.

Judge Walcott is in Omaha this week.

J. W. Stetter shipped several loads of cattle to Omaha Monday.

The Keney Stock Company will present the four act melo-drama "A Flag of Truce" at the Opera House Monday night Oct. 22.

You can get a case of 24 bottles of Webb's soda for 75c, delivered to your house. Try a case. Telephone 117. 31

Now is the time to do your fall painting. If you paint your house or barn use nothing but Patton's Sun Proof Paint. It goes the farthest and lasts the longest, and is sold only by the Red Front Merc. Co. They also carry a large stock of carriage paint, wagon paint and paint sundries. If you want anything in the paint line go and see them. 302

The U. S. Weather Bureau report for the week ending Oct. 17, 1906.

The daily mean temperature was 57° and the normal 49° showing 8° warmer. The highest temperature 90°; the lowest 36°. The precipitation for the week was 0.22 of an inch and the average 0.21 nearly balancing each other. The total precipitation since Jan. 1, to date 22.11 inches and the average to date 17.98 inches showing a gain of 4.13 inches.

## Fort Niobrara Abandoned.

Fort Niobrara will be formerly abandoned next Tuesday, Oct. 23, when the last detachment of the 25th Inf. leave here to join their regular army. A sale of the condemned buildings, harnesses and wagons and coal will take place Saturday, Oct. 20, at the fort.

## OBITUARY.

Mrs. Lydia Ann Steele was born at Cadiz, Ohio, Nov. 22, 1831, where she grew to womanhood, and was married to Daniel Steele in 1850. She moved with her husband to Illinois and from there to Iowa and then to Nebraska. The family lived at Valentine until 3 years ago when Mrs. Steele moved to Cody with her daughter, Mrs. Pettycrew, where her death occurred last Wed., Oct. 10, 1906.

The deceased was the mother of six children, three of whom survive her. Her husband died in the early days in Valentine.

The funeral was held at the M. E. church last Friday, conducted by Rev. Connell, and the remains laid to rest in Mt. Hope cemetery.

## To Whom it May Concern:

My wife, Anna Lawless, has left my bed and board and I, the undersigned, will not be responsible for any debts or bills she may make or contract from this date.

(Signed) JAMES LAWLESS,  
Valentine, Neb. Oct. 17, 1906. 49 3

## Order of Hearing and Notice of Probate of Will.

In the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska.

STATE OF NEBRASKA,  
COUNTY OF CHERRY.

To the heirs and to all persons interested in the estate of Ella Welch, deceased: On reading the petition of William Welch, praying that the instrument filed in this Court on the 21st day of September, 1906, and purporting to be the last will and testament of the said deceased, may be proved and allowed and recorded as the last will and testament of Ella Welch, deceased; that said instrument be admitted to probate, and the administration of said estate be granted to William Welch, as executor.

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 3rd day of October, A. D. 1906, at 10 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 17th day of October, A. D. 1906.  
SEAL  
W. R. TOWNE,  
County Judge. 40 3

Don't Fail to Hear Ex-Attorney General C. J. Smythe in Court House on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 3:00 P. M.