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A Representative of the Live Stock Business for Sheriff

The campaign of 1907 is now drawing to a close. Before another week rolls around we will know the result. Already the candidates are beginning to relax their efforts, feeling that the voters have made up their minds how they will vote and that further effort is unnecessary. The campaign has been conducted with push and vigor on both sides. Rival candidates have lost no opportunity to meet the people and the public must be pretty well acquainted with the men who are seeking their suffrage.

Perhaps no candidate has made a more thorough canvass than Clyde A. Rosseter for sheriff. He entered the race with a wide acquaintance on the west side and he closes the campaign with friends in every corner of the county. Wherever he went he made a good impression and made friends. People who have met him during the campaign now understand why it is that his neighbors are throwing their party feelings aside and rallying to his support. Though not of the effusive sort, he is pleasant and agreeable, easy of approach, with a pleasant engaging way about him. When you meet Mr. Rosseter you are impressed with his frankness, his sincerity and his earnestness of purpose. You see, too, that he is a man of ability, and, as one of his republican friends in Merriman precinct put it, "If he is given a warrant for a man he will get him and it will make no difference how big that man may be." This is just another way of saying that whatever comes in his official way to do will be done—and it will be done promptly and efficiently. There is no foolishness about him. He is active physically and mentally. He is a product of the western plains and is typical of the best manhood of Nebraska: open handed and free hearted and willing to work for what he wants. When he went into the cattle business, he went determined to make a success of it, and he has. When he went into this campaign, he went in determined to make a success of it and we believe the returns next week will show that he has won the confidence of the people, and a majority of their votes. One thing is certain, if Mr. Rosseter is elected sheriff every man will get a square deal. He has no political debts to pay and no political enemies to punish. He is just the right age to make a useful sheriff. This county is larger than some of the eastern states and the man who is sheriff of this county must be of that energetic disposition that is not afraid of hard long drives.



Clyde A. Rosseter

Mr. Rosseter has been used to out door work and to long hard rides in his business as a stockman. If a warrant is placed in his hands to serve he will not think of the tremendous distance it is from the county seat to Pullman, to Mother Lake precinct, to Steen precinct or to any other of the outlying districts. He has been over the county and will know how to go and his push and energy will make it easy for him to go. Being in the live stock business himself, he is representative of one of the chief industries of the county and it is highly appropriate that a representative of the live stock business shall be elected to this office. This being a big county, located along the Indian reservation, it is subject to raids from cattle and horse thieves, and the approaching opening of Tripp county to the north and the great influx of strangers that will come next summer will make this county more liable to raids from cattle and horse thieves than ever before. There never was greater need to elect a sheriff that will always be ready and able to respond to emergency calls than now. If Rosseter is sheriff he will always be ready when called and you can depend upon him to go to the end of the road.

Are You the Son of a Veteran? Or a Daughter of a Veteran?

M. F. Clynes, the old soldier candidate for county judge, has been discussed in these columns for weeks, and we trust every voter has satisfied himself as to Mr. Clynes' honesty, sobriety, industry and ability. During the twenty-five years he has resided in this county, he has formed so many acquaintances and become so well

known to the people that it seems unnecessary to further discuss his qualifications. He is the only old soldier that is running for office this year, and it is safe to say that only a few more years and no old soldier can be found to run for office. The national commander of the G. A. R. made a report in 1905 in which he showed that in 1890 four hundred thousand veterans were enrolled, and that that grand army which successfully withstood four years of warfare had so melted in fifteen years of peace that it counted less than twenty-five thousand. No more pathetic tale was ever told in figures than this. Of course, not all the veterans are members of the G. A. R., but these figures show how fast the grim reaper is calling them home. Only a few years and you will look back to the time the veterans were a vital force in the community and then you will think what a pity it was that while some of them still lived you did nothing to show them that they were appreciated. Every day of your life you will have the opportunity to sing their praises. Each memorial day you may lay flowers on their graves, but would it not be better to sing these songs of praise to ears that can hear, to hearts that can respond, than to wait "till each soldier sleeps in honored rest, his truth and valor wearing." The old veterans are rallying to the support of Mr. Clynes, but what are you, the son of a veteran doing? What are you, the daughter of a veteran, doing? If you are the son of a veteran will it not be a handsome thing to deposit a ballot for the man who marched with your father to the sea? If your father still lives, just vote for his old comrade and then tell that father that you did it on his account and see his eyes sparkle. It will do the old gentleman more good than if you wait till he is dead and lay a blanket of flowers on his grave. If you are the daughter of a veteran you have no vote, but there is not the daughter of a veteran in Cherry county that cannot control a vote. If you have a husband tell him that your father and Mr. Clynes "drank from the same canteen" and that husband will vote right. If you have a sweetheart remind him that your father and Mr. Clynes stood under the shadow of the apple tree with Grant at Appomatox, and that sweetheart will vote right. Then, the first time the young man stays a little late and the old gentleman "makes a kick about it," tell him that he voted for M. F. Clynes as a compliment to him and then watch that battle scarred veteran run up the flag of truce and consent to the young lover coming as often and staying as late as he chooses. But if your father be dead and you can no more gladden his heart and quicken his pulse beats, you can at least pay this practical tribute to his memory and feel "a glory in your bosom that transfigures you and me."

County Assessor.

During the past week we have learned that certain highly interested parties have put out the report that the office of county assessor was strictly a political one; that it held more political influence than any other and that the office enabled the assessor to build up a machine through his deputies by which he can control the county. The people who have been responsible for this report have done so for the mere purpose of drawing attention from Mr. Young's well recognized fitness for this place and are seeking to appeal to party prejudice where they know an appeal to a man's better judgment would not avail them. It has been said that the county assessor has the appointment of a large number of deputies and these will be given to the democrats. No doubt many people who have heard these statements believe they are true because they have had no opportunity to look into the question, and this sort of claim seemed so ridiculous that Mr. Young and his friends never thought about it. On page 1285 of the statutes of Nebraska for the year 1907 you will find the law relative to the appointment of deputy assessors and this shows that no appointment can be made without the consent of the board of county commissioners. The board of county commissioners is republican and will be so; and Mr. Young could not, if he tried, build up a machine in the interests of his own party. He cannot appoint any man who is not approved by the county board.



P. H. Young

We mention this to refute the silly story that there is great political power and influence attached to this office. If you are a republican let us ask you, are you afraid that Mr. Morris and Mr. Russell, both of whom will be on the board, and both of whom are republicans, will form a pool with Mr. Young and name a lot of political tricksters to manipulate the affairs of the county? This report is sent out for the simple reason that no other form of attack could be used against Mr. Young. They could not deny his good character and his splendid qualifications so they invented this report. A few designing men first whispered it around, well knowing that it was not true. Finally it reached the ears of well meaning, honest men who heard the story and believed it, and all in good faith told their neighbors. If you do not think we have quoted the law correctly look it up. Ask Mr. Cole, the present county assessor, about it. Ask any justice of the peace to turn to the law covering the appointment of deputy assessors and satisfy yourself.

The County Board, County Contracts and County Business.

We publish elsewhere in this paper a letter written by a number of taxpayers of River precinct, in which they complain of the way contracts were let by the county commissioners to C. E. Sherman for road work. They are responsible people living in the neighborhood where this work was done, or rather where they say it ought to have been done, and we give their article space because
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