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The Leader had not expected to live to see the republicans carry Platte county, but they did it last fall and it really looks as though they would do it again this fall and elect the entire republican ticket.—Genoa Leader.

In Holland when you want an automobile you ask for a "snellpaard-omzondeerspoorwegpietrolrijtuig," which means literally "the rapid-horseless-without-rails-driven-by-petroleum thing." Or you can walk.—Harpers Weekly.

The little Biene Bee buzzed a lot of little buzzes last week. But it is a poor duffered little drone that was born without a sting, poor thing. It buzzed about three columns on the one monotonous note, "lugner," which in English means "liar" and then it retired to the hive where the workers had set aside for it 25 per cent of the honey which they had stolen from the fields of the tax-payers of Platte county.

The office of county judge is little less important than that of judge of the district court. The probate of all wills and settlement of all estates in Platte county must pass through his court. The rights of the widow and orphan are determined by him. Whether they shall have and enjoy in peace the property left them by the parent, or be subject to endless law suits in years to come, often depends on the legal proceedings in his court. The title to lands rest on his records. This is not an office that a justice of the peace can fill, it should have the very highest legal ability. The lawyers see these errors being made and only await their time for a "fat" lawsuit. Why take any thing less than the best services you can get for the same price?

TALK TO THE POINT.

Of course we take "pardonable pride in having the Telegram point us out as the wittiest individual in the 'kingdom' by referring to us as the 'king's fool.'" But what the devil has that to do with the Howard-Ernst-Bonder combine in the court house? That hardly explains why the Telegram company furnished a two year's supply of county blanks at \$15 a thousand and then offered the next year to do them at \$3.75 when it knew there were none to do, in order to skin the Humphrey Democrat and other competitors out of the job. And it does not quite explain Judge Ratterman's pledge to disregard the wishes of his patrons and place legal notices only in the Telegram and other democratic papers to pay his personal political debts. And it is hardly complete on the 25 per cent paid out of the tax-payers' pocket illegally for county printing. And while as a literary effort the "King's Fool" article might win a prize as a literary gem, it would scarcely command on the market the \$526 which Ernst and Bonder got away with in one year illegally for supervisors' services. It would not bring enough even to pay Sheriff Carrig what he saved in railroad fare to San Francisco by having that detested pass. Those "King's Fool" articles are pretty long poles, but they won't knock the pernicious this fall, not this fall.

LEAVY'S RECORD.

"One day the educated editor of the Columbus Journal picked up a school document prepared by Superintendent Leavy, and discovered therein a sentence which was not in strict accord with the rules laid down by the grammar text books. Immediately the educated editor announced to the world that Superintendent Leavy was unfit, because of ignorance to hold to the office of superintendent of schools."

This silly fabrication from the Telegram was based on the simple statement in the Journal that "Supt. Leavy's record proves that he is not qualified to supervise the all-important work of education in Platte County." And the Platte Center Signal refers to the same statement as "malicious and slanderous" and not founded on evidence.

While it is true that Supt. Leavy lacks the educational qualifications necessary for the most efficient service in the office he holds, his educational deficiency is the least objectionable of all. University men are broad enough and others should be broad enough not to quibble about grammatical blunders as a test of fitness for the office of county superintendent. But all voters who have children of school age will agree that if there is one county office, which more than all others, demands a man of culture and high moral ideals, it is the office of county superintendent.

Supt. Leavy has his strong points. This paper has always given him credit for providing good institutes for his teachers. But as to his culture and moral ideals, qualities more essential than all others combined, let the record speak for itself. When you have read that record voters, judge for yourselves whether the Journal was wrong when it said that L. H. Leavy was not qualified for the office.

Supt. Leavy is an agent of the "book trust," recommending only the trust's books for use in the schools of Platte county. His work for the trust has driven practically every competing company out of the field. Competition in the text book business is absolutely essential to securing the best text books.

Supt. Leavy is doing his part to crush competition and thus indirectly to place inferior books in the hands of the boys and girls of Platte county. If Supt. Leavy is not getting a "rake off," will he explain why he is crippling the schools of Platte county by recommending only the trust's books?

Supt. Leavy plays a smooth game with the teachers of Platte county. Within the last three years he gave the teachers a reception at the beginning of the institute, treating them to ice cream, etc., presumably at his own expense. But as a matter of fact the tax-payers footed the bill for which Leavy got the credit and a great many votes the next year. He worked it in this way. One of the institute instructors was to get \$50 a week. At the close of the institute Leavy said to him in substance: "I want to raise some money to pay for my treat to the teachers. You sign this receipt for \$65 and I'll pay you \$50." And the deal was made.

This is a part of the record on which the Journal based its statement "Supt. Leavy is not qualified for the office." Every school director and teacher in Platte county can verify our charges with reference to the book trust, and we can produce the evidence on the second charge.

We say to the Telegram that the boys and girls of Platte county had better have for county superintendent a man who never saw a grammar than a man like Leavy, though he had all the degrees from the greatest universities in the world.

We defy the Telegram or the Signal or Sup. Leavy publicly to deny the charges contained herein. And we appeal to the voters of Platte county simply to follow the record in voting for superintendent.

A man and woman said to be a Mr. and Mrs. Riley were hanging about the depot park and Kaufman's Lumber yard so drunk that neither of them could walk. The woman fell down in attempting to cross the tracks just east of the Union Pacific depot, and was assisted to her feet by some one and after leaning up against the shed for some time staggered into the lumber yard and lay down. They had a little girl with them that looked to be about 8 or 9 years of age. Such parents are unfit guardians for little children, and it seems as though the children should be taken away from such parents and placed in a home.

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THE RECORD.

The democratic press of Platte county says: "Let the democratic candidates stand on their record." And for very obvious reasons it fails to give the record.

Here is the record:
Judge Ratterman is pledged to publish the notices of his office in certain democratic papers, disregarding the wishes and convenience of those whose interests he is under oath to serve. He and Sheriff Carrig who works under a similar pledge, constitute the hub of the wheel of the "spoils system" in Platte county which rolls up a constantly increasing burden of taxation. Remove the hub and the wheel will collapse. Sheriff Carrig in serving notices on groups of people in Monroe, Platte Center and other places where the service has all been made in a single trip, has collected more than the "necessary mileage" permitted by law, charging almost the total mileage on each individual service. While doing this work he has ridden on a pass which was condemned in the county convention which nominated him, and he permits the Telegram to deceive the voters of Platte county by asserting that no democratic candidate uses a pass.

John Graf, following the practice of his predecessors, has fostered the democratic printing trust by making "fake" estimates for county supplies instead of supplies actually needed, as required by law. The people pay the freight and the "printing trust" works for the election of the officers who feed it.

Superintendent Leavy is devoting the most of his time and energies to his private drug business, and collecting a salary as superintendent from the taxpayers of Platte county.

Becher, whose official record has been above reproach, is being secretly opposed by the Howard-Ernst-Bonder crowd because he places official duty above party loyalty.

THE RECORD SAYS:—"The court house gang must go."

Judge Letton's Acceptance.

Gentlemen of the Convention:

I am not in any temper of mind at the present time, or have the power of voice to make a speech. I am not an orator at any time. I want to say that I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this nomination. I think no higher honor can be paid to a citizen of your state than to be nominated for the office of justice of the supreme court. That court carries with it the power of life and death, the disposition of property of any man in the state and it is the most responsible position that can be tendered or given to any man in the state. I appreciate the responsibility of this position.

I want to say, too, that if elected, which I expect to be, I shall know neither rich or poor, neither corporation or individual, and that so far as in me lies, I will dispense justice with even hand to every man within the borders of the state.

I am told that your committee on resolutions will report to this convention, declaring against the issuance of free transportation by the railroads in this state. I want to say to you that I am in hearty accord with that declaration.

Further, I understand that they have endorsed our president, and I stand firmly with them on that proposition.

Further, I understand they will report in favor of a direct primary. The closer you get to the people the better for the interests of all.

I wish to thank the convention for this nomination; I want to thank my friends who made the magnificent fight upon this convention floor for me. I thank you all, gentlemen.

The Republican State Platform.

- 1.—Endorses the administration of Roosevelt and supports his efforts to control corporations engaged in interstate commerce.
- 2.—Demands immediate relief through existing laws or legislation from rebates and discriminations.
- 3.—Endorses the declaration of Roosevelt that corporations engaged in interstate commerce should be under the supervision of some branch of the executive government.
- 4.—Demands that Nebraska representatives in congress support the policy of the president in the correction of corporate abuses.
- 5.—Declares for the direct primary system.
- 6.—Commends the economical administration of state offices by republican officials.
- 7.—Declares against the free pass system, and recommends a law to prohibit it.

TRY A CHANGE.

This is regarded as an "off year," that is, it is not a presidential election but it is a great mistake to think it is not important. The fact is, that it is far more important to the property owners and tax-payers of Platte county than any presidential election.

This is the time to look after our own affairs, to see what we are paying taxes for and what becomes of the money. Now listen—Did you ever look at your tax receipt, that the bulk of the taxes you pay are for county and local expenses? Do you know that a few hundred dollars lost or squandered in the county, costs you more than stealing a million from the national government? You would never consent to be taxed by the men you elect to office for the expense of their political campaign, if you knew it, but that is just what has been done. The taxes levied for county purposes include such expenses, but they are covered up under the head of "supplies," "printing," "services," etc., so you don't see them. You would not continue to employ a man in your personal affairs, simply because he was a "good fellow."

It is high time that we teach the men we elect that the office is not for their personal gain. There have been enough taxes collected in Platte county in the past ten years to pay off our debt and build a steel bridge over every stream if properly expended.

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