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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

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F. H. ABBOTT.....

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J. D. STIRES..... County Judge
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O. H. SMITH..... Superintendent
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A Columbus lady remarked the other day that there were some fine looking horses at the woman show in Omaha last week.

Reduced to its simplest form and the last analysis the past is a rebuke, and the railroads themselves agreed with the public that rebates of all kinds and everywhere should be cut out.—Fremont Tribune.

Edgar Howard says that Judge Hastings has a national reputation as a jurist while Judge Letton is known down around Fairbury. Mr. Howard makes so many queer statements that we are sometimes frightened about him.—Bixby.

Judge Letton's speech of acceptance backed by the terse and progressive republican platform, is inspiring the confidence of voters in all parties in Nebraska. It rings true to the Roosevelt spirit which swept Platte county last fall and there is no reason why every man who voted for Roosevelt last fall should not vote for Letton.

The republican county candidates stand on the platform of a square deal to the county, and transaction of the business on the same basis as that of a private individual. This will mean less to be paid out and a consequent decrease in the amount of money to be collected as taxes. A change in the court house is a business proposition.—Monroe Republican.

V. G. Lyford, republican candidate for regent of the university should carry Platte county by 500. In Humphrey where he conducted a mercantile business for years, he left a reputation that will give him almost a solid vote. Since the office of regent is non-political, the voters from the other parts of Platte county should fall in with the Humphrey people.

Our contemporary devoted a column of space last week to an eulogy of the human brute who threatened to put out the eyes of an innocent child. The week before the same space was devoted to painting as a criminal, the chancellor of one of the greatest universities in the world, who is engaged in inspiring three thousand boys and girls to better and more useful lives.

The Journal begs to suggest a means whereby Julius Ernst may have his name written on the scroll of fame with the Rockefeller and Morgans who have made themselves illustrious by donating back to the public the proceeds of their illegal transactions. Let him buy an adding machine for Treasurer Becher's office and then devote the balance of his illegal collections from the county to reducing the interest on the present deficit in the county general fund which deficit he helped to create.

A cruel and soulless individual the other day charged that Supervisor Clotcher of Platte Center never did anything but sleep during the sessions of the board. The Journal rises to say in the gentle language of the illustrious Bismarck: "That man is a great and common and malicious and infamous and low-lived liar." Once, several months ago Supervisor Clotcher woke up to vote with Ernst and Bender to save those gentlemen from prosecution in a court of law and he woke up with a sudden start last week in time to move to turn down Treasurer Becher's request for a ten-dollar mailing list to be used by him in sending notices to delinquent taxpayers to save the expense of a trip by the sheriff. (C. = 100-1000-10)

VISIT THE COURT HOUSE.

The Telegram which has gained its chief notoriety by defending Ernst and Bender and Bob Drake, president of the "bridge trust" and in falsely claiming that Sheriff Carrig does not ride on a pass, last week dodged every single charge made against the democratic office holders in Platte county, and devoted its space to an extended eulogy of Pat Crowe, the man who for money threatened to put out the eyes of an innocent child, and to a series of essays on the courteous manners and accurate book-keeping methods of the people in the court house.

No one has ever accused John Graf or Judge Ratterman or Sheriff Carrig, or Peter Bender or Julius Ernst of being discourteous or poor book-keepers. On the other hand they are entitled to credit for possessing the qualities claimed for them by the Telegram.

The officers of the robber insurance companies under investigation were good book-keepers. Their records were models of neatness. Their manners were courteous—so courteous indeed that the policy-holder who chanced to "drop in" was so thoroughly hypnotized that he forgot to foot up the figures in the well-kept books which told the story of extravagant salaries and \$1,000 plates at wine banquets.

No man is more courteous than John Graf. But when you call at his office and have seen the pre-historic records of Platte county as suggested by the Telegram, ask him to show you something modern, for instance, the last two printing contracts entered into between the county and the Telegram. Ask him if he made the estimate for supplies as required by law, for supplies actually needed, or if the estimate was a "fake" to fool the Telegram's competitors. Then copy the contract and go through the Telegram's bills on file and note how many items named in the contract are not used at all, and how many items named in the bills and paid for at a good fat commercial rate, are not named in the contract. When you have done that, ask John Graf, "were you elected to serve the tax payers according to law, or were you elected to serve the Columbus Telegram at the tax payer's expense?"

Judge Ratterman is also courteous and a good book-keeper. But when you have shaken his hand and looked through his neat books, say to him: "Judge, I have a notice here. The parties interested all take the Journal. I want the notice published in the Journal." The Judge will scratch his head and say: "Sorry, but it must go in the Telegram. You see, the Telegram helps to elect me. You know, I am not a lawyer and am not really qualified to handle the complex matters that will later involve the rights of widows and orphans. I could not be elected, you see, if my own papers told the truth about my qualifications."

Sheriff Carrig has a bigger handshake than any of them. But when he is through shaking hands, ask him for a look into his fee book, which should tell the story of his collections from those groups of people about Monroe, Lindsay, Platte Center and Humphrey, upon whom he has served notices of various kinds. He will likely tell you that he doesn't keep a fee book. He will admit, however, that he has charged more than the law allows for "necessary mileage," but he will explain that it doesn't come out of the tax payers, but out of the individuals. If you happen to be one of the "individuals" who has paid one of those fees, what do you think about it? Then ask him if this illegal mileage is not covered, so far as railroad travel is concerned, by a pass? And he will admit it. But he will add that the editors all ride on passes, and ask you to vote for him just because he is a good fellow.

All the officers might be visited with profit by any tax payer, but it is hardly necessary to go farther than the treasurer's office and learn that a deficit of over \$10,000 exists in the general fund, resulting largely from the control of these officials who are good book-keepers and "good fellows" but who are parts of the machine that is grinding thousands of dollars a year out of the tax payers of Platte county illegally.

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Dare Not Deny It.

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-Bender 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.

A tax-payer the other day asked: "Which one of L. H. Leavy's three vocations brings him the largest income, his drug business, the county superintendency, or his booze-selling?" The question stumped us and we turned him over to the democratic committee.

Stires Announces Platform.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—The Republican convention has honored me with the nomination of County Judge, and as I was not present, to express my views upon the issues that have been made prominent, I take this method to announce some of the principles that will govern my official conduct, should I be elected.

I have noticed, with much satisfaction, your efforts to correct some of the abuses that have grown up in the management of our county affairs, and I hope the people have been aroused to the danger of this tendency to squander public funds and prostitute officials position to personal and political advantage.

The "Railroad Pass" question: While a railroad pass may neither be given nor accepted as a bribe, more than any other form of courtesy or favor from an individual, yet it is a growing evil with a dangerous tendency, and to avoid any possible undue influence, and hold "the scales of justice" impartially between the rich and poor, I propose to refuse such favors during the campaign and my term of office if elected.

Legal Printing: I regard it an injustice to litigants and an abuse of official prerogative, as well as a corrupting political practice, to give the publication of all legal notices and official proceedings to some party paper, as a compensation for political services, regardless of the wishes of interested parties or value to the public; but I believe that the party requiring such service should have the right to select the paper, and, if elected, I shall comply with all such requests; provided the paper selected fulfills the letter and spirit of the law.

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