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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

- For Judges of the Supreme Court—
Charles B. Letton.
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Victor G. Lyford.
Frank L. Haller.
- For Railway Commissioner—Thomas L. Hall.
- For Congress—James C. Elliott.
- For County Treasurer—Daniel Schram.
- For Clerk of District Court—Christian M. Gruenther.
- For County Clerk—John S. Hayes.
- For County Judge—T. DeWitt Robison.
- For County Superintendent—Gideon Braun.
- For County Surveyor—F. W. Edwards.
- For Supervisor, District 4—George C. Anderson.

"Because."

It is a matter of common repute that about one half the human race, including one hundred per cent of the sisters and daughters of men, like to have the last word in an argument. The same thing is about equally true of the brothers and fathers of the entire feminine population. More frequently than not, however, if she can think of nothing else to advance, she simply repeats one word, "because", and that settles it? Not for the reason that that word carries any conviction to her masculine adversary, for indeed it means nothing further than to make a sensible man realize that the argument must be considered at an end; but for her it contains a world of meaning—a meaning that takes in the whole universe, sun, moon, stars, the glories of heavens and the horrors of the other place.

But there is another word, in use among certain classes of men, more indefinite even than the feminine "because". A compound, whose meaning can be made to serve any purpose from the complete reformation of the world in a day by a fanatic, to the enforcement of a point by a political desperado. That word is "mud-slinger".

If we were to define this word, we would say that it is "an effort to expose to the public gaze the wrongs and shortcomings of a political adversary, as seen from the view-point of that adversary." We would add, also, a fact that has become patent in politics, as witness the statements of our friends of certain democrats in Platte county, that it is never applied, except in cases of extreme distress. Distress? No; rather of abject despair.

Here we have the picture; realizing their utter failure to answer the argument of the republicans in this county campaign, including the absolute proof of wrongdoing in certain offices, they have fallen back on the meaningless, non-convincing term, "mud-slinging"—the "because" of effeminate politics. Why? Because knowing that they have no sound argument or defense to offer for the delinquency of some of their candidates, who are seeking re-election, they tear their flowing locks and stamp their pretty feet and wail "because," (spelled m-u-d-s-l-i-n-g-e-r.)

The republicans are likened to the boys who don't know how to swim; no boy ever swam till he learned how. And a boy whose swimming experience is confined to a concrete tank, scrubbed every morning, will be up against it if he should one day be compelled to paddle his way out of one of God's natural rivers or lakes. Besides, a goose has no laugh coming on the American hen; she can't swim, but she is onto her job. A few days ago County Attorney McElfresh wrote a very pointed letter to Judge Ratterman. In answer, his Honor signed a com-

munication, in which the sole argument may be summed up in two words, "you're another"—his way of saying "because." He wails that the county attorney had not filed his report in the matter of the inheritance tax earlier, but is exultant that he has been successful in warding off the final result of the investigation until after the election.

One more thing that hurts him; he had expected to waddle through this campaign, and receive a re-election without an effort. He had become used to it. Now he is mad, because, as he says himself, "now I have to get out and spend my money." Too bad, too bad. Especially after the board last winter jarred him loose from \$246 of marriage ceremony fees, which he had not turned in for two years, "because" of something nobody understands.

Ask John Hayes' friends why he should receive your votes for county clerk, and they will say "Because he is competent and can and will earn his salary. Because he will not ask to be supported for life in his position. Because he will save the county hundreds of dollars annually in office help alone in not putting a son in for a third man when there is not a reason to warrant it. Because he is sober and industrious. Because he insists that he himself and one deputy must do the work of the office." Ask the friends of his opponent the same question regarding their candidate and the answer will be something like this: "Because—eh—oh—ah—well—because."

Because why, indeed? Because Platte county owes it to him, after adopting him as her child many years ago, and caring for him tenderly ever since? Because when Platte county taxpayers who have occasion to drop into his office occasionally, like to be sociable with three men, and are glad to pay several hundred dollars each year for that privilege, when two men can be secured to do the work? Because, why?

Why should the people of Platte county remain in the rut of not applying new blood into the office of county superintendent? Why should we remain wedded to the fossilized theory that the only man fit for our superintendent must be an imported product, teach a couple of years in a village school, then be thrust into the office and kept there by abjectly bending to the will of the powers that be? Or, how would it be to try a product of our own county once? No man dare question the qualifications of Gideon Braun; and no man, woman, imp or angel ever saw him bow to mortal thing or being.

Do you suppose Otto Heuer can, if pressed for a good and sufficient reason, follow up his "because's" in explaining why he should be elected county treasurer? A democratic organ, two weeks ago, enumerated a number of virtues of this pet of a system of political machinery, but any man possessing less than all the qualifications enumerated would not be fit for any office. Why should Platte county continue to support him? When a man has been in the service of a county for a dozen years, he should have outgrown his swaddling clothes and be man enough to try earning his living without public support. The republicans present as his opponent a man who has made good in his private business career; a man who you can go and see in his office without fear of being offended; a man who will be absolutely safe in handling public money. Why not apply business methods to politics as well as to private business? If you, Mr. Business Man, needed a business manager, just ask yourself the question, in all candor and seriousness, with the applications of Daniel Schram and Otto Heuer lying before you, which would you select? And why. Will a thoughtless "because" answer that question, or can you think of another reason?

And now, with these last words, we close our plea for the republican county ticket. We have been accused of mud-slinging, and other things, but it is a good thing to watch the fellow who cries "pick-pocket" in a crowd. And, if the efforts of the Tribune-Journal, conducted as they have been, with a view of giving the people the facts in regard to their public servants, are truly mud-slinging, then we are proud of the appellation. The people have their case; they must decide it. But, let reason enter into the decision, and not a row of vague and vast "because's"

The "Check Book" Manager.

A most remarkable fact has come to light. It is nothing more nor less than the statement, properly verified, of the campaign expenses of P. E. McKillip in the campaign of 1904, which shows, according to a statement in the state press this week that Mr. McKillip spent almost \$40,000 in his race for a seat in congress in that year. More than that: the campaign manager for P. E. McKillip that year was Dan V. Stephens, who is now the



1912 Electrical System

Starting :- Lighting :- Ignition

THE electrical plant in the new Cadillac not only accomplishes what heretofore has been accomplished in a less efficient manner by separate systems—ignition and lighting—but goes further and includes in its functions a feature to which motorists have long looked forward, an automatic starter which obviates the necessity of cranking by hand. The plant consists of a compact and powerful dynamo operated by the engine of the car. The dynamo charges the storage battery. For starting the engine, the dynamo is temporarily and automatically transformed into a motor, the current to operate it being furnished by the storage battery. To start the engine, the operator after taking his seat in the car, simply retards the spark lever and pushes forward the clutch pedal. This automatically engages a gear of the electric motor with gear teeth in the fly wheel of the engine, causing the latter to "turn over," thereby producing the same effect as by the old method of cranking. As soon as the engine takes in charges of gas from the carburetor and commences to run on its own power, the operator releases the pressure on the clutch pedal, the electric motor gear disengages its connection with the fly wheel and the car is ready to be driven. The electric motor then becomes a dynamo or generator and its energy is devoted to ignition and to charging the storage battery. The storage battery has a capacity of 80 ampere hours and as soon as that capacity is reached, automatically ceases. Practical tests have shown that the storage battery is of sufficient capacity to operate the starting device and "turn over" the engine about twenty minutes, although it seldom requires more than a second or two. In fact, the Cadillac engine so frequently starts on the spark that the use of the electrical starter is not always re-

quired. The storage battery also supplies the current for lighting. The car is equipped with two Gray & Davis electric head lights with adjustable focus, two front side lights, tail light and speedometer light. The dynamo also supplies the current for ignition. Up to 280 to 300 R. P. M. the ignition current comes from the storage battery; above that speed the current is direct from the dynamo through the high tension distributor to the spark plugs. For ignition purposes the dynamo performs not only all of the functions of the most highly developed magnetos, but possesses even greater efficiency, having more flexibility and a greater range of action. When compelled to drive slowly in crowded thoroughfares, over very bad roads or on hills, with the usual magneto, the driver may stall his motor because the magneto is not being driven fast enough to generate current, and it becomes necessary to switch to the battery—if he has one. With the Cadillac system, if it becomes necessary to drive so slowly that sufficient current is not generated the battery automatically cuts in. When the speed is increased the dynamo again automatically takes hold. It wholly obviates the necessity of the driver's keeping constantly on the alert to prevent stalling the motor. In addition to the ignition before described, the Cadillac is provided with the auxiliary Delco system with dry cell current which has proven so satisfactory in the past. The extra system is separate and distinct, with its own set of spark plugs and in itself is thoroughly efficient for running the car, entirely independent of the main system. The entire electrical plant has been designed with a view to compactness and efficiency. It is designed with the idea of simplicity and positiveness. It is designed to obviate to the greatest possible degree, the necessity of attention. Above all, it does what it is designed to do.

This car is now on exhibition at and being demonstrated by the DISCHNER AUTO CO.

democratic candidate for congress to succeed the late James P. Latta.

Mr. Stephens was also the campaign manager for Judge Graves in his race for congress in 1906, and later for James P. Latta, in 1908 and again in 1910.

Shortly after the campaign of 1904, Mr. McKillip went bankrupt. A number of farmers and others are still mourning the loss of large sums of money which disappeared with Mr. McKillip. The creditors have, so far, received twelve and one half cents on the dollar of the money they allowed their banker-lawyer-stock-raiser-farmer-broker friend to handle for them.

And Dan V. Stephens handled McKillip's campaign with \$38,054.29.

Congressman Latta told people himself, that after drawing all of his salary, he would still be short of what the campaign cost him. A Congressman receives a salary of \$7,500 per year. Mr. Latta in serving two terms would draw \$30,000. So the Latta campaigns cost considerable money.

And Dan V. Stephens handled both the Latta campaigns.

The following is taken from the Omaha Bee of Wednesday of this week, and places Mr. Stephens in the attitude of answering some questions he would rather not hear. Listen:

Dan V. Stephens, stand up. You are running for congress in the Third Nebraska district.

In a letter to voters you say the people "have a right to know and should know" about their candidate.

Information has just been made public that in 1904, when you were sole manager for P. E. McKillip for congress, the colossal sum of \$26,054.29 was checked out of McKillip's bank account to pay his campaign expenses and an additional \$12,000 spent for which no checks were issued—a total of \$38,054.29.

Dan V. Stephens, you made no public accounting of this tremendous slush fund and palpably violated the corrupt practices law.

In 1908 and again in 1910 you managed the campaign for the late James P. Latta for congress and he has told people that after drawing all his salary he would still be short of what it cost him to be elected. If so, you must have spent for him more than \$30,000 and repeatedly violated the corrupt practices act.

A great scandal has been produced in Wisconsin because Senator Stephenson expended \$107,000 to get to be senator, yet at the rate you used the check book for McKillip a state-wide campaign in all the six districts of Nebraska would have called for \$156,325.74.

Dan V. Stephens, how did you expect McKillip to get his money back in congress?

Dan V. Stephens, you are spending money like water in your present campaign.

Whose money are you spending? Is it money left over from the unfortunate McKillip's check book?

Is it money that can be traced to Latta's check book?

If you use a check book for your self now as lavishly as used for McKillip, how do YOU expect to get the money back in congress?

Dan V. Stephens, tell us about the check book.

Then there is the following from the Norfolk Daily

News, one of the strongest newspapers in the state, and by all odds the largest in the district affected by the matter. Hear this:

Dan V. Stephens, democratic nominee for congress, is posing as the simon pure champion of democracy, as a friend of the "masses," as the champion of purity in politics and of "reform" all along the line. yet as a politician who seeks votes by the extravagant use of enormous sums of money, Stephens' record is enough to cause the "masses" of "common people" to sit up and question Mr. Stephens' right to any claims about the fundamental principles of democracy.

Dan Stephens was chairman and campaign manager for P. E. McKillip when McKillip ran for congress against J. J. McCarthy in 1904. McKillip is now a bankrupt and his financial affairs are being aired in bankruptcy court. Some astounding facts are brought to light in this connection.

An investigation, for instance, shows that in his 1904 campaign McKillip gave checks for campaign purposes amounting to \$26,057.29 and spent in addition to the amount represented by checks the sum of \$12,000, making a total expenditure in that campaign of \$38,057.29. This enormous use of funds undoubtedly contributed to Mr. McKillip's financial downfall. And Dan Stephens was McKillip's political manager.

In the campaign of 1904 William Jennings Bryan, then the "peerless leader" as now, swept over the third district, as he is sweeping over it this year, and told the "pee-pul" how they ought to vote. He threw his arm affectionately around McKillip's this year and told the people how long he had known McKillip and what a model he was. He failed to refer to the fact that McKillip was spending \$38,000 in his democratic effort to get votes.

This year Bryan is again with us. He is again in affectionate mood toward the candidate. He is telling his audiences what a genuine "common people's" democratic democrat Dan Stephens is. And he is not referring to the fact that Stephens was political manager for McKillip in the campaign that cost McKillip \$38,000.

As an interesting little sidelight it might be noted, too, that in the last campaign of the Hon. James P. Latta, whose position Stephens now seeks, Mr. Latta is said to have spent some where in the neighborhood of \$68,000. Dan Stephens was Latta's political manager in that campaign as he had been in McKillip's.

Is it any wonder that Edgar Howard, that fearless Columbus democratic editor, turned loose his rapid fire guns a year ago in protest against Stephens' extravagant and indefensible use of the check book to such astounding extent?

Is it any wonder there is a growing protest among people all over the Third district, democrats and republicans alike, against sending to congress as a representative of this district, a man who has conducted campaigns on such an extravagant check book basis?

In addition to the immense fortune Mr. Stephens has spent for others in congressional campaigns, successful and otherwise, another fortune is being spent in his behalf. Today a great special train, bearing Champ Clark, speaker of the national house of representatives,

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MEMBERS OF THE ELECTION BOARD.

Under the present law, all members of election boards in the various Wards and Townships who were appointed last August must report for duty and serve at the general election next Tuesday. This applies to all election board officers who served in the primary last August except those who have since been nominated for some township or other office.

C. M. Gruenther, Clerk of the District Court.

Estray Notice.

Strayed to my farm seven miles northwest of Columbus, on September 30, one red calf, about six months old. Owner can have same by proving property and paying all charges.

JOHN SCHARFF.

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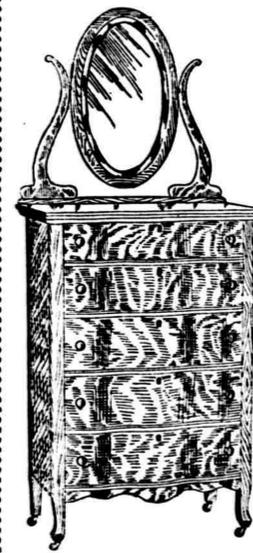
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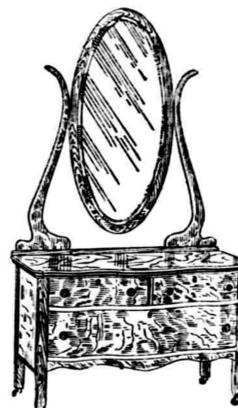
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