

DEMOCRATS LINE UP TICKET

Big Chiefs Parade a Few Aspirants for Private Inspection.

WHERE NOMINATIONS WILL LIKELY GO

Smyth May Have Support for Governor and Shields for Congress, with Other Places Scattering.

Local democrats are getting busy in contemplation of their county convention, a week from Saturday. According to the call this convention will not only select delegates to the state, congressional and judicial conventions, but it will nominate a full county ticket and determine whether the populists are to be given any representation thereon. So far the democrats have given the pops no invitation to climb in with them, but it is probable that some kind of a fusion arrangement will be made before the election comes in November. Whether the Douglas county delegation will fall in line for fusion on the state ticket depends on the outcome of the local primaries of next Thursday. If the Douglas County Democracy controls the delegation to Grand Island there will be a mild protest against doing business with the populists, although even these straight ticket advocates themselves take it as a foregone conclusion that the majority of all the delegates to the state convention will be for fusion.

In any event the Douglas county delegation will probably stand for awhile for the nomination of C. J. Smyth as the gubernatorial candidate. It has even been suggested that Mr. Smyth be permitted to name the state delegates. The suggestion has not met with kindly consideration from all quarters. It happens that Mr. Smyth leans strongly to the Jackson wing of the local democracy, and the Douglas Countyites are unwilling to take chances on getting a fair representation on any delegates to the county convention. A strong Bryan sentiment pervades the democrats of Douglas county, and despite the announcement of Mr. Bryan that he will not be a candidate for governor, there is a disposition to drop Smyth and flock to the standard of "the peerless" if his name is presented to the convention. "If Bryan's name is presented to the convention we will expect Mr. Smyth to withdraw," is the way one of the leaders expresses it.

As the democratic congressional committee has not yet issued its call with the apportionment of delegates, the county convention will have to work in the dark to the extent of providing for representation in the congressional convention, which is not expected to be held until September. The only scheme so far suggested is for the appointment of a committee with power to name the delegates to the congressional convention after the call is issued. This proposition will go through provided no one but George Shields wants the nomination, but if there is to be a contest for the running of the committee arrangement will be objected to on the ground that it will give altogether too much power and opportunity to a few men.

So far the only avowed candidate for congress among the democrats is County Attorney Shields, but his deputy, I. J. Dunn, and G. M. Hitebeck are said to be in receptive mood. It isn't likely, however, that anybody will coax either Dunn or Hitebeck to take the nomination. "I say an unopposed democrat. Frank T. Ransom, the stock yards statesman, who quit being a silver republican as soon as he got of politics went out of fashion, intended to get in the congressional race, but is now staying out of the race, and is so thoroughly that he will not be a candidate. The only contest to be fought out at the democratic primaries next Thursday, aside from the always present scrap between the Douglas Countyites and the Jacksonians, both of whom want to have the most delegates in the convention, is that between Lyle I. Abbott and James P. English, for county attorney. As Mr. Abbott has many supporters in the Jacksonian club, as well as the almost unanimous support of the Douglas County Democracy, he promises to be the winner, no matter which of the organizations secures control of the convention. Mr. English is the favorite of the leaders of the Jacksonians, but he has not been making an active canvass among the rank and file.

Legislative candidates are scarce among the democrats of Douglas county, the prospect of election being not at all alluring. However, W. H. Green, president of the Real Estate Exchange, is out for a nomination for senator. J. H. McIntosh is also being mentioned for the senatorial ticket. His recent fight in the tax case against the franchise corporations is supposed to have left him some political capital and he may be induced to invest it in the democratic ticket. Senator John Liddell is not a candidate for re-nomination.

For county commissioner in the Third district there are two democratic candidates—W. H. Olmsted of Union precinct and Henry Bull of Chicago precinct. "Uncle" Peter Hofeldt, who now represents the district on the board, says he has had all of it he wants and has withdrawn as a candidate for re-nomination, throwing his strength to Mr. Bull. Mr. Hofeldt expects to visit his old home in Germany next summer.

In the Fifth district Councilman C. O. Lubeck is the only man yet mentioned in connection with the democratic nomination.

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CANDIDACY OF W. H. A. M. STUEFER

What the Republican Papers of Nebraska Said About His Questionable Bond Deals Last Winter.

Elected for Better Things. York Republican: The Omaha Bee expresses in detail two bond deals of Treasurer Stuefer, one in Burt and one in Cumming county, by which the two counties of the permanent school funds have been wanted to the tune of \$5,000 and \$2,000. Treasurer Stuefer was out in yesterday's Journal with a denial, which is in effect a denial of the Bee's allegations. Instead of promptly bringing an action for libel against the Bee he weakly points to his record and says "he thinks it compares favorably with those of other officials." One of them is in the penitentiary who he belongs, and his last predecessor admits to having milked the permanent school fund cow into his own bucket. Treasurer Stuefer was elected for better things. His bond was paid for by the state on the promise that the state should have every cent of interest to be made out of the funds in his care. The Bee's article shows conclusively that the promise is not being kept. Interest on moneys in bank is not accounted for, and, worse than all, bonds purchased by state funds are being sold at a loss to the state.

Disappoints Republicans. Tekamah Journal: In Tuesday's paper State Treasurer Stuefer makes a denial of complicity in defrauding Burt county or the state school fund. From the evidence adduced Mr. Stuefer was either so ignorant of business methods that he was used as a tool by unscrupulous bond brokers, or he shared in the spoils; in either event he is not the kind of a man the republicans thought they were electing as state treasurer. Enough of Bartley Style. Superior Journal: The Bee has the courage of its convictions and will not shield a man simply because he is a republican. The man has to be more than that. He has to be an honest republican to be worthy of protection. The Bee has had enough of the Bartley style of politician and the Bee seems to have a determination to root them out wherever they appear. Not a Private Snag. Stanton Picket: Why are so many men dishonest? Why do they as soon as elected to public office begin to plot and scheme to increase their worldly possessions at public expense? Why can they not accept public office as a public trust, and be honest? When a state or county pays a man for his time they are entitled to that time. More than that, they are entitled to the best talent he possesses, and judgment, but all of it. The man who is not willing to thus devote his time, talent and energy is not a fit person to hold public office. He is not one in whom the public can safely repose their trust. The man who looks upon public office as a means to an end, and never elects to an office, Treasurer Stuefer was elected by voters of Nebraska who were tired of bogus reform. His sagacity as a business man was never called in question. His reputation was that of an honest man. If, as is now appearing, he has been dishonest, it is a disgrace to him, and should at once resign and give the public yet another man to handle the funds of Nebraska. If he is innocent, then he should do something more than enter a general denial. He should state in plain English never had in his possession bonds before being to the state of Nebraska, as is charged. As matters stand it looks bad for Mr. Stuefer.

Party Cannot Be Hampered. Tecumseh Chieftain: It is to be hoped that no odium will attach to Mr. Stuefer, but if his proceedings have been irregular he should resign his office at once. The republican party cannot afford to be hampered with the questionable transactions of those whom it has honored with office. Merits Condemnation. Grand Island Independent: It is plain that either Burt county and permanent school fund is loser by just so much as the third and superior party in the transaction is the gainer. It might be difficult to show that Mr. Stuefer himself has made any profit. But the disclosures point strongly to the fact that it is not nearly \$4,000 on the deal or that the Burt county officials have paid \$4,000 more than necessary. Mr. Stuefer's explanation doesn't fully explain. In the meantime let us hear again from the Burt county officials. A Timely Exposure. Hartington Herald: The Omaha Bee is engaged in exposing a bonded bond deal, charging State Treasurer Stuefer with questionable conduct with regard to the purchase of bonds issued by several counties as investments for the permanent school fund. It must be admitted that the Bee seems to have made a strong case against Mr. Stuefer. The Herald, however, in a matter of grave importance, has the opportunity to make a strong case against the treasurer. Why do men of such excellent reputation thus risk their all?

Pays to Be Honest. Chappell Register: The Omaha Bee is after State Treasurer Stuefer with a hot foot and Mr. Stuefer will undoubtedly find that it pays to be honest. If he has acted fairly in the matter of purchasing bonds for the permanent school fund and in the investment and deposit of the school money he should have made a statement, as requested by the state convention. If he has been dishonest he had better make a clean breast of it and make matters right. Nebraska is safely republican and the republicans of the state are determined to keep it so if honesty and a proper administration of the affairs of state will do it, and any one not thoroughly in accord with this principle of republicanism had just as well give the populist funeral procession. Not for Keeping Quiet. O'Neill Frontier: The Bee has the fairness to publish Mr. Stuefer's statements and at the same time give the state and the public a similar transaction in Cumming county, the home of the state treasurer. The Bee may be a little bitter against Mr. Stuefer for refusing to comply with the resolution its editor had inserted in the republican platform, but if the treasurer is milking public funds the Frontier has no inclination to "keep quiet."

Governor Must Act. Callaway Courier: Unless Mr. Stuefer can set himself right with the people beyond doubt or cavil, a searching and honest investigation should be made. If it be found that he has been acting otherwise than squarely and honestly with the people, it is to be hoped that Governor Savage will take prompt measures to make an example of him. The republican party of Nebraska cannot afford to take the chances of assuming responsibility for any more Bartleys. Turn on the light. Sit it to the Bottom. Central City Enterprise: The Omaha Bee makes some ugly charges against State Treasurer Stuefer. The charges would seem to be excellent material for an investigation and should be sifted to the bottom. Stories Do Not Tress. Lyons Sun: Mr. Stuefer makes an explanation in which he states in effect that he has purchased the bonds without the (Stuefer's) knowledge and entirely on his own responsibility and afterward offered them to the state treasurer as an investment, which offer was accepted, and that therefore the profit of Mr. Neligh was legitimate and the vice-treasurer had done

his best in the investment of the school fund moneys. However, the stories in detail do not appear to track when compared with records and other substantial evidence. The Sun hopes that the whole matter will be sifted to the bottom and justice meted out to every party. If Mr. Stuefer is guilty, as appears, of allowing the people to be fleeced in the pockets of private parties, he should be summarily dealt with. If he is innocent, let it appear from a complete sifting of the facts in order that the people may know that their interests are secure.

Explanation Does Not Explain. North Platte Tribune: The "explanation" offered by State Treasurer Stuefer does not explain several points in the Burt county bond case and there are a good many people who look upon the transaction as a suspicious one. We believe that a thorough investigation should be made. A fact that should think Mr. Stuefer would demand such. If everything is straight the result of the investigation would only tend to strengthen Mr. Stuefer in the estimation of the people.

Through with Defending Stuefer. Oneida Republican: It has not been many weeks since the Republican was defending State Treasurer Stuefer's administration, but we will need a little more light thrown on some of his transactions relative to the investment of the permanent school fund before we can make a final pronouncement in his defense. W. T. S. Neligh, one of his most intimate friends, was allowed to make a nice rakeoff on some Burt county bonds sold to the state for the school fund and the same gentleman also raked in a few dollars on the same kind of a deal in Cumming county. It is to be hoped that Mr. Stuefer's explanation of the course it is taking in exposing these transactions, for if Treasurer Stuefer has been guilty, as charged by that paper, he is certainly not worthy of a longer receipt of the support or endorsement of the republican party. It was the rascality of a few republican state officials that made it possible for populism to sweep the state in 1896 and that party's exposure of the rottenness of the previous republican administration is what made it possible for us to elect a ticket until last fall; therefore, if Treasurer Stuefer is guilty as charged we think it is the duty of the republican party to turn him down hard in order to show the people of Nebraska that our platform promising reform is made to be kept and not for the sole purpose of electing men to office.

Charges Are Serious. Answorth Star-Journal: The charges are of a serious nature and, if borne out by the facts, call for the early resignation of Mr. Stuefer and the restoration of the ill-gotten gains to the state, if indeed action be not brought against him on most serious counts. It is to be hoped the party and good government, be able to clear his skirts of any taint of suspicion in this matter.

Not Anxious to Change Places. J. Sterling Morton's Conservative: The Conservative withholds any comment as to the honesty or dishonesty of State Treasurer Stuefer in this matter until further testimony has been advanced. At the present writing the Conservative is disposed to prefer not to be in the position occupied by Stuefer. Nor can it conscientiously give any mitigating reasons as to why Stuefer ought not to be immediately indicted for malfeasance in office.

Unenviable Notoriety. Tilden Citizen: State Treasurer Stuefer has gained unenviable notoriety through the columns of The Omaha Bee during the last week. From indisputable evidence it appears that he is a man of no high character. Mr. Stuefer, purchased bonds issued by Burt and Cumming counties, but that the bonds were paid for by checks drawn by the treasurer on the permanent school fund. Mr. Neligh, who is now in the hands of the treasurer of his purchase, suggesting that the bonds were a legal investment for part of the idle school fund. The treasurer bought the bonds at the terms offered by Mr. Neligh, who, however, first charged the treasurer with the purchase of the aggregate nearly \$5,700. It seems that Mr. Stuefer had formal notice of the intended sale of the bonds in ample time to make the purchases direct from the county boards. Failure to do this and the subsequent deals place him in a position which is creditable to himself and embarrassing to the republican party. There is no matter upon which the people of the state are more sensitive than the safety and proper investment of the school fund and the republican "on the inside" that the present treasurer should persistently refuse to account for all the money constituting this fund. The political party to whom Mr. Stuefer owes his election went out of state and afterward purchased the same bonds at a decided loss to the state, said loss going to middlemen. This seems to have been done in three or more instances, and it is not strange if he should be charged with collusion. The republican party must be made to understand that republican officials must be like Caesar's wife—above suspicion.

Should Relieve the Party. Blair Courier (rep.): The Omaha Bee calls upon State Treasurer Stuefer to resign and others less radical ask a thorough investigation of the Bee's charges. If Mr. Stuefer can stand the light of an investigation, well and good, and none will be better pleased than the republicans of the state who call for an investigation. If he cannot be shown as soon as possible of the odium he has already brought upon it. If republicans do not attend to their own self-interest the opposition party will do it for them at the next election. Cannot Afford to Wait. Kearney Hub (rep.): The Central City Nonpareil thinks that State Treasurer Stuefer's explanations have been very unsatisfactory and have "failed to clear the recent Burt and Cumming county bond deals of the appearance of jobbery which they bear upon their face." This is very much the sentiment of a majority of the republican newspapers of the state. This being the general view, the governor and other state officials who are associated with the state treasurer on the Board of Educational Lands and Funds cannot afford to postpone their investigation until formal complaint has been lodged by some citizen. Unbusinesslike at Least. Holdrege Citizen (rep.): There is considerable criticism of Treasurer Stuefer's bond transaction. There is nothing on the face of the transaction to show that the treasurer has personally gained by these transactions or that he has been dishonest in the handling of the bonds of Burt, Cumming and Douglas counties. Still, the way he has handled these bonds seems to the outsider unbusinesslike and that the state treasurer ought to have found some way to have dealt directly with the county authorities instead of dealing with third parties, who were able to make nice fat things in buying up these bonds and selling them to the state. It is not fair to condemn a man without a hearing, but so far

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Robes Are Not Clean. O'Neill Frontier (rep.): Treasurer Stuefer's explanation does not exactly wash his robes of suspicion in connection with those bond deals. He should either unquestionably clear himself or make room for another treasurer. Out of Escuse Business. Clay Center Sun: State Treasurer Stuefer is charged by The Omaha Bee with committing a bona fide business friend, if not a partner, profited to the tune of \$3,200 at the expense of the state. Mr. Stuefer vigorously denies. It was necessary during the late campaign to make excuses for Mr. Stuefer and the republican party should get out of that business altogether, leaving such unwise things to the demopops.

Pitifully Weak Excuse. St. Paul Republican: Corruption in high places deserves the prompt condemnation of every republican newspaper, no matter by whom committed nor by whom exposed. There is too much of an inclination shown by the republican press to excuse the misdoings of their business associates. The republican newspapers of the state, which have been tried by fire in the past, ought to be too good for such a petty policy. The evidence which The Omaha Bee has introduced against Mr. Stuefer is unimpeachable. It is to be regretted that the state treasurer permitted several issues of county bonds to pass unnecessarily through the hands of stock jobbers, who clipped interest coupons aggregating thousands of dollars before depositing them in the state treasury as an investment for the permanent school fund. Mr. Stuefer's published explanation is so pitifully weak as to amount to a practical confession of collusion at the very apparent fraud. He says the reason he failed to make a direct offer for the various issues of bonds was because he is prevented by the constitution from offering a premium, yet in the next breath he admits paying a premium on state warrants. He makes a bad matter worse by comparing his record to that of his predecessors, one of whom is in the penitentiary and the other in a bank which he was enabled to start with funds accumulated during his four years' term. There should be no anti-Roosewater foolishness in dealing with the case of Mr. Stuefer. The concerted action of the republican press can bring about his resignation if nothing else can. A prompt resignation upon demand is the least reparation which an unfaithful public servant can render an outraged constituency.

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No Offer from State. Tekamah Journal: "Will someone explain why the Burt county officials refunded their bonds at 93 per cent when the state has offered to take them at 75 per cent? Does it not look as though someone in Burt county was looking for a rakeoff?"—Blair Pilot. The reason the Burt county officials refunded the county bonds at 93 per cent was because they judged that they would sell better at that rate when placed upon the market. There was never any offer made by the state to take them at 75 per cent. True, the state treasurer told several Burt county citizens that he would take them at that rate, but when verification of this was sought from the state treasurer and an attempt made to close the deal no word could be got from him.

Commissioner Rork went to Lincoln to see the treasurer regarding the bonds and was promised that he would write forthwith to Mr. Everett, chairman of the board. This he never did. It was the wish of the board to float these bonds at the lowest rate at which the state would take them at par. Personal interviews nor letters availed to get a proposition from the state treasurer. If it were true, as the Pilot says, that the state offered to take the bonds at 75 per cent, how is it they could not have made it 84 per cent when the treasurer afterward purchased them of his friend at that rate? Again, what better are Dodge county bonds that he can take them at 3 per cent, as he did \$26,000 last week?

Defense of the treasurer is all humbug. The state school funds have been used for private gain and there is no use of denying it. There are but three propositions to this matter: Either Stuefer, the state treasurer, was a tool of Neligh's or Neligh was a tool of Stuefer's, or they worked in conjunction and divided the money.

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our state treasurer has not given very satisfactory replies to the questions put to him regarding these transactions. There are many who would like to know the facts about the matter. If under our present laws the state treasurer is obliged to purchase bonds through bond brokers, a counter issue bonds that will command a premium in the commercial market, the laws ought to be changed so that he can compete with the bond brokers.

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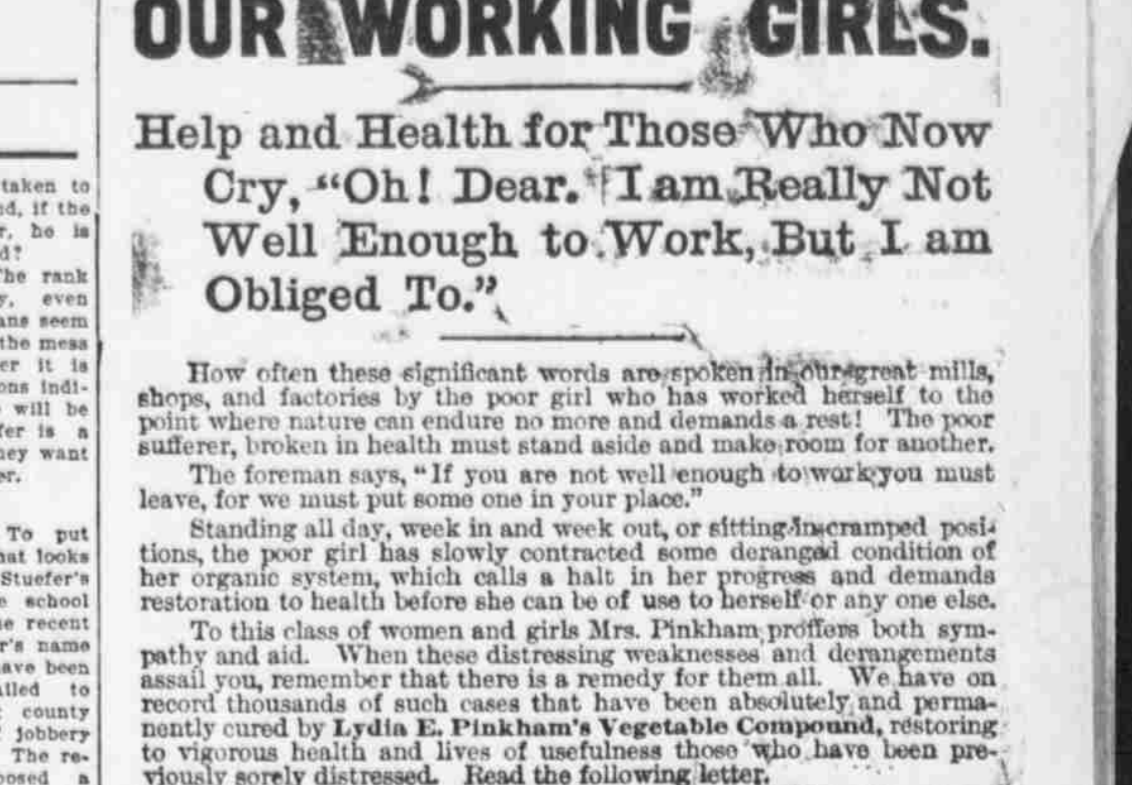
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