

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 popes 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 been suggested that Mr. Smyth be permitted to name the state delegates, but the suggestion has not met with kindly reception from all quarters.

It happens that Mr. Smyth leans strongly to the Jacksonian wing of the local democracy, and the Douglas Countyites are unwilling to take chances on getting a fair representation any delegation that he might select.

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 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. Hitchcock are said to be in receptive mood. "It isn't likely, however, that anybody will coax either Dunn or Hitchcock to take the nomination," says an unprejudiced democrat. Frank T. Ransom, the stock yards statesman, who quit being a silver republican as soon as that cut of politicians went out of fashion, intended to get into the congressional race, but it is now stated on the best of authority that he will not be a candidate.

The only contest to be fought out at the democratic primaries next Thursday, aside from the eleven precincts between the Douglas Countyites and the Jacksonians, both of whom want to have the most delegates in the convention, is that between Lytle L. 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 campaign among the rank and file.

Legislative candidates are scarce among the democrats of Douglas county, the prospect of election being not at all aluring. 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 renomination.

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 "Uncle" Peter Hofeldt, who now represents the district on the board, says he has all of it he wants and has withdrawn as a candidate for renomination, throwing his strength to Mr.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

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

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CANDIDACY OF WILLIAM STUEFER

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

Elected for Better Things.

New York Republican: The Omaha Bee exposes in detail two bond deals of Treasurer Stuefer, one in Burt and one in Cuming county, by which the two counties or the permanent school fund have been worsened to the tune of \$5,000 or \$6,000. Treasurer Stuefer was out, in yesterday's Journal with a denial, which is in effect not 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 his predecessors." One of them is in the penitentiary where he belongs, and his last predecessor admits to having milked the permanent school fund 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 short of their coupons by way of commission to Stuefer's business associate. Every decent republican in Nebraska heartily endorses the action of The Bee and every decent republican will join in the demand that the state's attorney at once bring action against Stuefer's bond to recover the coupons short from the bonds purchased with state money. The people of Nebraska will stand for it and if the attorney fails to do his duty he must answer for it. The feeling is strong that Stuefer ought to be impeached. The road which Joseph Bartley has trodden with bleeding feet and weeping eyes is broad and easily found and he who tampers with the trust funds of the state of Nebraska should be made to walk it.

The last republican convention showed the temerity of the republicans of the state and Joseph Bartley is a monument to the danger of tampering with it. The promises made by the party must be kept, and if any man tries again to saddle onto the republican party a second edition of the Bartley reproach he should be broken without mercy. His name should be made a byword in the land and another should take his place.

Disappoints Republicans. **Tekamah Journal:** In Tuesday's papers North Plate 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; in fact, we 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.

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Argument for Resignation. **Norfolk News:** It is regretted by all that occasion for such a disclosure should be made, but inasmuch as there was a shady deal, republicans are pleased to know that it should be exposed virtually by the republican party, whose demands, made in state convention, Mr. Stuefer has persistently refused to comply with. The treasurer, by ignoring or but partially complying with the demand of the state convention, has practically read himself out of hope for further honor at the hands of the party and this disclosure is a lamentable failure of their ideal they want him out. And the sooner the better.

Explanation Does Not Explain. **Central City Nonpareil (rep.):** To put charitably, there is something that looks very shady about State Treasurer Stuefer's methods of converting the state school funds into bond investments. The recent exposures have placed Mr. Stuefer's name under a cloud. His explanations have been very unsatisfactory and have failed to clear the recent Burt and Cuming county bond deals of the appearance of jobbery which they bear upon their face. The republicans of Nebraska have reposed a solemn trust in Mr. Stuefer. When Joe Bartley betrayed his trust the republican party suffered for it, and not unfairly, for a party must stand sponsor for the man it elevates to high places. A public official is not above the public welfare and his own conscience, but of his party's honor as well. The man who betrays them all for a few paltry thousands of dollars is worse than the thief who breaks in at night and robs at the expense only of his own conscience and his victim's purse, and deserves punishment more severe. William Stuefer owes it to his state, to his party and to his own good name to explain away these charges that have been made against him. If he can't do this he owes it to common decency to resign an office he has disgraced.

Explains or Resigns. **Through with Defending Stuefer.**

Oscceola Republican: It has not been many weeks since the Republican was defending State Treasurer Stuefer's administration but we will need a little more time to see what of his transactions relative to the investment of the permanent school fund before we will have anything more to say in his defense. W. T. S. Neigh, 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 Cuming county, which was Stuefer's home prior to his election as state treasurer. The Omaha Bee is to be commended for the course it is taking in exposing these transactions. If Treasurer Stuefer has been guilty, as charged by that paper, he is certainly not worthy to any longer receive the support or endorsement of the republican party. It was the rascality of a few republican state officials that made it possible for popularism to sweep the state in 1896 and that party's exposure of the rotteness of the previous republican administration made it impossible for us to again 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. **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 receive Bee protection. The state has had enough of the Bartley style of politician and The Bee seems to have a determination to root them out wherever they appear.

Enough of Bartley Style. **Alma 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 permanent school fund to the state, if indeed action is to be taken against him on most counts.

Rather Suspicious. **Plenty of Honest Men for Place.**

Wakefield Republican: There are plenty of honest men in the state to look after the state school funds without harboring one who is liable to go wrong. A thorough investigation should be made at once and if the treasurer is wrongly accused he should be vindicated; if he is guilty he should suffer the consequences.

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. **Tilden Citizen:** State Treasurer Stuefer should not be upheld in any underhanded method of buying bonds. The republican party in Nebraska has suffered enough from dishonest state officials. The state treasurer of all others should be above suspicion. Mr. Stuefer may not be guilty of doing anything dishonest in his Burt and Cuming county bond deals, but these transactions appear rather suspicious at least.

Give County the Benefit. **Nebraska City Tribune:** The point made is this: If Mr. Stuefer had state funds to invest at 3% per cent he should have let Otoe county have this \$50,000 last spring, instead of forcing us to pay 4%, with the state the first legatee after the treasurer. The man of the interests we are paying, was not thought such a bad sale at the time as the best terms the county ever secured was 4 per cent, some three years ago. But we could have made \$5,000 by getting some of Mr. Stuefer's 3% per cent money.

Looks Decidedly Shady. **Ponca Journal:** State Treasurer Stuefer is having an airing just now on account of the fact that he is accused of milking the state school funds of a few thousand plunks in some bond purchases he made from Burt and Cuming counties. The transaction looks decidedly shady at this distance, judging by the published accounts. We might add that Mr. Stuefer denies the charges in toto and claims to be able to prove his innocence.

Merits Condemnation. **Tecumseh Chieftain:** It is plain that either Burt county or the permanent school fund is loser by just so much as the third and superfluous party in the transaction is the gainer. It might be difficult to show that Mr. Stuefer himself has made any profit. But the discreditors point strongly to the fact that the state has lost 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 an alleged 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 such grave importance, feels impelled to withhold judgment until the evidence, pro and con, is all in. Of course Mr. Stuefer denies having done anything wrong in the transaction. The Herald believes with The Bee that when republican officials go wrong the exposure should come from the republican press rather than from the opposition, in order for the party to retain the confidence of the people.

Party Cannot Shield Him. **Wayne Herald:** The republican party of this state is firmly determined to rid itself of bachelors in public office and we are pleased to see that it is the republican press which has been taking the lead in calling Stuefer to task. The party at the last state convention adopted the publicity resolution with regard to state, county and municipal treasurers it was not shooting into the air or making a play for political effect. There was an actual determination to demand conscientious service from public officers and notice was thereby served upon all that political affiliation would not serve as a protecting mantle for questionable methods. In trying to enrich himself at the expense of the state Mr. Stuefer has shown himself entirely unworthy of the adherence of his partisans and they will have no hesitation in manifesting the fact.

Why a Middleman at All? **Central City Nonpareil:** The Bee's statement that Mr. Stuefer refused 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 before 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.

Sift 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.

Not for Keeping Quiet. **O'Neill Frontier:** The Bee has the fair news to publish Mr. Stuefer's statements and at the same time gives dates and figures in a similar transaction in Cuming 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."

Stories Do Not Track. **Holdrege Citizen:** There is considerable criticism of Treasurer Stuefer's handling of the permanent school fund. The Bee, answered by an "explanation" that will be unsatisfactory to every one who reads it carefully, the disclosures made, is of course of the demand that at least the charges be officially investigated. Moreover, with charges of such gross manipulation as have been made by The Bee, if his denial merely reduces the amount of which the school fund was milked from \$2,000 to \$2,650, which his friend Neigh received the benefit of, a mere denial or the shifting of blame does not prove anything, and his explanation is far from satisfactory. We think it is about time republican state treasurers learned to be careful in financial deals between their friends involving state funds and we think it time to have an investigation of the treasurer's office to set at rest

these irregularities so freely talked of by the two leading Omaha dailies, for the fact should not be lost sight of that any maladministration of the treasurer's office will be a stab to every good republican in the state.

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