

WHERE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES STAND

- 1. We favor municipal home rule in its broadest sense. 2. We favor municipal ownership of public utilities... 3. We stand for equal and just taxation of all classes of property...

The undersigned candidates of the Republican party duly nominated for the several offices as hereinafter set forth at the Republican City Convention held in this city of Omaha April 11, 1903...

Frank E. Moore, Candidate for Mayor; J. G. W. Hennings, Treasurer; C. G. Wahlstrom, Building Inspector; P. M. Back, Ward 1; Fred H. Hoye, Ward 2; Hugo Crawford, Ward 3; Robert H. Dyball, Ward 4; P. L. Johnson, Ward 8; Chas. A. Huntington, Ward 9.

Here, for instance, is Thomas & Goss' addition. (Where all the plucked geese congregated.) Just south of Hancock park, only two miles from the court house. Just 176 beautiful residence lots. Events are shaping themselves that will make these lots an investment of sure profit...

cannot pull himself up by his bootstraps. For the next eight years every almanac and reference directory will continue to advertise Omaha as the only city west of the Mississippi that is on the down grade...

Confidence in Moore's Election. "I am very much amused by the boomer and their fake organ. They are trying to make themselves believe that I am badly scared over the prospect of Benson's election today...

Mr. Benson now poses as the champion of tax reform and is supported for mayor on the platform of pledging to pay taxes as levied by the Real Estate exchange. Now, the exchange made a very creditable fight for equitable taxation, but at no stage in that campaign was Mr. Benson drafted into active service by the committee...

The gentleman who is now chairman of the Benson executive committee and one of our most prominent merchants was invited by the exchange to a confidential meeting at which a proposition was being considered for compromising the assessment of the real estate...

What Bensonites Forget. "Now, these are the gentlemen who are trying to array the taxpayers against Frank E. Moore. They seem to have forgotten that he appointed the board of review, that not only voted to sustain the tax commissioner in his assessment of franchised corporations...

In the Wake of the Boom. "When the boom collapsed completely ten years ago, thousands of men and women who had followed the advice of the Amblers, the Maynes, and the Bensons by investing their earnings and savings on the installment plan were wrecked and ruined...

Another of the Gold Bricks. "Here is one of the sample gold bricks. The whole page is taken up by the picture of a locomotive and an announcement in Stud-Horse type of a description to the B. & O. Park addition, with this notice: 'Free ride to and from the Park for intending purchasers on Saturday and Sunday...'

Boomer's Park Plans. "In 1887 George W. Linsinger, then state senator, secured the passage of the first charter for a city of the metropolitan class with the specific provision that the railroad property should be assessed the same as all other classes of property. That charter also contained another section giving the city the right to acquire land for parks by eminent domain condemnation...

Effect of the Padded Census. "About the worst black eye that Omaha received at the hands of the boomers was the padding of the census of 1890, which strikingly illustrates the fact that a man

OVATION TO MAYOR MOORES

Citizens of Omaha Turn Out in Force to Cheer the Mayor. EDWARD ROSEWATER DISCUSSES ISSUES Brings the "Business" Record of Bolter Benson Under the Searchlight for Inspection by Interested Citizens.

upon the conscience of those participating therein, in short do what the Benson boomers are attempting to do, and in the door to may form of political trickery and deception. The will of the people, as in the case of equal taxation, which seems to be the universal demand today, will be oftentimes thwarted by confounding the voter with the means by which the vote is to be induced to run by skillful playing upon their vanity, ambition, pride, vindictiveness, venality or mistaken sense of duty.

The Primary Fight. "In a clear-cut, well-defined contest between Moore and anti-Moore delegates Frank Moore carried five out of nine wards and seventy-three out of 143 delegates. Arrived against him was the most complete political organization ever formed in this city, including every franchised corporation, the railroads, the board of fire and police commissioners with its powerful club, all the members of the last legislature, the solid city and county republican central committees, the World Herald, the News, all the leading democratic politicians. They gerrymandered the city in a way they deemed most disadvantageous to him. The mayor was divested of all influence on the fire and police board. He was made powerless to hire a man on the public works without the approval of both the board of public works and the city council, a majority of the latter body being adverse to him. The city central committee refused to permit him to name a single judge of election and but three clerks in the city of Omaha were tempted to desert the public by calling him a "machine" candidate, although they had taken possession and were themselves using every wheel of the machine. His success under such circumstances proves that the people were with him.

Unprecedented Parliamentary Rules. "When the chairman of the city committee, a lawyer and politician, made the unprecedented ruling that delegates having credentials from the judges and clerks of election were not entitled to vote on the question of temporary chairman of the convention; when this ruling was supported by such skilled lawyers and parliamentarians as Messrs. W. W. Hennings, Mr. Burbank, it was manifest that the passions aroused at the primaries were not allayed and that an attempt would be made to defeat the will of the people as expressed in the primaries, right or wrong. When the chairman ordered his vote all by himself each individual delegate instead of under the usual practice of a call of wards, his motive was suspected. When this delegate from the Eighth ward voted practically to unseat himself and the colleagues who voted with him, he was acting in collusion with the chairman of the board of review on the part of the chairmen of the treachery of the delegate became apparent and his motive was explained.

"Then a great and truly American scene illustrated how public opinion punishes a dishonest politician. The minutes of the ball was filled with cries of 'Traitor!', 'Bought!', 'How much did you get?' 'You bought you!' 'Show your face!' 'Judas Iscariot!' Even his friends smiled and entered the predicament of their hireling. The poor culprit was in the end humiliated by his chair. His head hung on his breast and his eyes seemed searching for a knot hole in the floor. The poor man was receiving a lesson in the ethics of politics.

"Later, when the vote was being taken for the board of review, the chairman of the Second ward delegation announced the entire vote of that ward for Frank E. Moore. Not a single delegate from that ward challenged the correctness of the announcement. After the vote was taken the chairman of the Ninth ward, Mr. Breckenridge, Mr. Goss and others not in the Second ward delegation called for a poll of that ward. Their own chairman, Mr. Herring, had a few minutes before been called to the floor by a delegate from another ward who could not complain. The chairman followed this precedent and in this was sustained by every writer upon parliamentary practice and the universal custom of conventions.

FRANK E. MOORES FOR MAYOR

FRED BRUNING For Tax Commissioner FRED H. HOYE For Councilman

CHARLES ANDERSON FERDINAND HAARMANN CHARLES HOUBA JOSEPH KAVAN FRED O. KUNZ JOHN LYNCH MOSES LOGASA SAMUEL MORRIS JOSEPH NEJEVINSKY GEORGE NICKLAS H. J. PETERSEN EDWARD RICHE OTTO WAACK

voted for Frank E. Moore would have been a violation of instructions, a breach of trust, an act most contemptible and treacherous. Surely, with the object lesson in the Eighth ward before him, no man can blame Mr. Haarmann for refusing to call for a poll of his ward.

"I do not wish to be severe with Mr. Benson, or with the two delegates who like himself, were not educated in political ethics, but call attention to the public to the fact that a man who would allow himself to be tempted to do what he is doing is selling himself in the hands of unscrupulous counselors. From a political standpoint every man who desires the success of the republican party; every man who regrets the factional strife that is destroying our party, every man who desires to punish treachery and corruption, every man who believes that the will of the people as expressed in a primary or election should prevail in Omaha as well as in South Carolina or New York City; every man who believes that fair play in primaries, conventions and elections will accomplish the best results, should support Frank E. Moore.

"What caused this? I am not an apologist for the faults of Frank Moore and will not endorse his appointments in years past, but call your attention to the fact that his first appointee to the Board of Review who showed a bias in favor of the corporations and against the people are today, I believe, without exception, fighting Mayor Moore. But it is the present and not the past conditions that have created these great issues. When Mayor Moore was elected, the Board of Review was prosecuting proceedings in the supreme court to compel the taxation of railroad property the same as other property, appointed Victor Rosewater, his son, and Mr. Hunter as members of the Board of Review. Owing to the policy which they pursued, the committee, the Board of Review, simply takes cognizance of the existing fact that the people of Omaha are demanding home rule and equal taxation.

"Let me call your attention to a few facts: In the democratic convention as the committee that drafted the home rule and equal taxation platform there was not one who voted for Ed Howell. It is well known that these corporate interests are in all parties and have no regard for any issue save the one that affects their pecuniary affairs. In the democratic primary all of these corporate interests favored Ed Howell. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners favored Ed Howell, and when Ed Howell was nominated a shout of joy went from every man who is opposed to home rule and equal taxation. In the republican convention the men who nominated Frank Moore are the men who drafted the platform and the men who did the acts that forced home rule and equal taxation as a living issue before the people. I do not wish to name men, but you all know the able and influential politicians who are always found on the side of corporations, assisting them to evade taxes, justifying their conduct and receiving their favors. If you do not know them inquire of any politician who knows and he will name them for you. I challenge you to find a single corporation politician in the city of Omaha who is supporting Frank Moore, either in the primaries or the election. I challenge you to find a single opponent, either of home rule or of equal taxation, who is supporting Frank

E. Moore or did support him in the primaries. "Self-interest is a constant force and its results can be foretold with reasonable accuracy. The mayor elected will either be influenced by the highest and most unselfish motives or he will be influenced by self-interest. If the policy of a candidate, if dictated by self-interest would be absolutely the same as if dictated by the highest and most unselfish motives, then that candidate is the safest one for the people to trust. Such is the position of Mayor Moore. He rules his constituents by the people that were fighting for home rule and equal taxation. If elected he will be elected by such people. Self-interest will compel him to give publicity to the acts of the fire and police commissioners when they attempt to curb voters into line for corporate interests. He is the one candidate who would have such a motive, as all the others are receiving assistance from this board. Self-interest would prompt him to carry out the reform of equal taxation which originated under his administration. He is today the only source of strength. The other candidates will be embarrassed should they attempt to antagonize the men and interests that are their counselors and source of strength today.

Issues of the Campaign. "Be not deceived! The issue of this campaign is home rule and equal taxation. An attempt is being made to persuade good citizens that Mr. Benson is a member of the real estate exchange, stands for equal taxation; but the corporate influences that are backing him are not sentimentalists, but practical politicians. They seek results. They are willing that a good moral citizen should be drafted and by voting for Benson call one-half a vote for Howell, but they themselves will make their whole vote count. They know that a great moral uprising cannot be based upon political treachery.

Mr. Rosewater's Remarks. "Mr. Edward Rosewater spoke as follows: 'Mr. President, Fellow Republicans and Fellow Citizens: I am profoundly impressed with this demonstration. I take it that it is not so much a demonstration of your appreciation of what I have done for the city of Omaha and the republican cause as it is your enthusiastic endorsement of the ticket nominated by the republican convention. At the very outset I feel impelled to announce to you that the Mayor I mean of course the Mayor who formerly figured conspicuously in the boom days of Omaha and who now lives at Joplin, Mo. That great boomer was at one time intimately linked with the gentleman who came very near being thrown over the transom by the board of review. I mean the purifier who walked out because they could not carry a convention, and are now trying to apologize for the conduct of their candidate, who during that period of Omaha's prosperity—the boom period—when cornfields and cow pastures away out from ten to twenty miles from the city limits commanded fabulous prices.

Moore's Clean Winner. "It has been stated here tonight very clearly and truthfully that the convention that nominated Frank E. Moore represented a majority of the republicans of Omaha. But the gentlemen who left the convention hall in dismay insist that the ticket nominated there represented a minority. They take a square look at the truth as anything that has been said in extenuation of their retreat or in commendation of their candidate. Less than three days after this candidate had his name presented another convention was held in this city and the names of Frank E. Moore and his associates were placed on the ticket. This is the candidate of Omaha populists, but in order that they might be assured of an insertion on the official ballot, and fearing that it could not be shown that the populists of Omaha cast 2 per cent of the total vote polled in 1902, they got up a petition containing the names of people representing all shades of political opinion and filed that petition with the city clerk. That whole proceeding shows that this is a campaign of deception and imposture on the part of the anti-machine purifiers.

Remon's Omaha Advent. "Now, most of you perhaps were not in Omaha five years ago, but many of you doubtless remember the man known as Remon candidate. These people came here to exploit the town. They found the city to cover an area of about fifteen square miles. They began immediately to take options on cornfields and cow pastures and gulches many miles from the court house and the postoffice, and by paying a few hundred dollars for options had these lands platted and put on the market as additions to Omaha. C. E. Mayne, the head boomer, had the fastest team in the city, and people who came to inspect Omaha were invited to drive out with him. He had a motor car, a suburban lot. The trip out required perhaps ten minutes, but the same persons found later, when they hired teams and made the journey for themselves, that it took them an hour or an hour and a half. The boomers were like the woman who in the character of the Omaha years ago pulled teeth without pain. She did this in the streets. There was a brass band with her, and whenever she pulled a tooth the band struck up and no one ever knew whether or not the subject uttered a cry. It was with the boomers. They had brass bands and other diversions to keep the people hypnotized while they pulled their eye teeth." (Laughter.)

"Now, my friends, I really cannot comprehend how anybody conversant with the history of Omaha can join the Benson boom without apologizing for his foolishness. The greatest curse Omaha ever was afflicted with was the invasion of Omaha by estate boomers. Everybody that has lived in Omaha for the last fifteen years will remember to his sorrow the rise and collapse of the boom and the havoc it played with Omaha, and it will take us many more years to recover fully. Before the advent of the boomers Omaha covered nine square miles of territory, and a large part of that was sparsely occupied, but the boomers laid out first additions, second and third additions and suburban towns in every direction, over hill and dale, from the Platte river to Calhoun, and from the Missouri river to Elkhorn. Almost every day a cattle pasture, a cornfield or a whole farm was staked out and platted into town lots. Fabulous fortunes were to be made on the get rich quick plan and by speculation in dirt.