TO THE REPUBLICANS OF NEBRASKA:-

The platform adopted by the Republican State Convention, held at Lincoln, August 22, makes the following distinct promises of state legislation in the interest of the people:

- 1. Laws to compel the railroads to pay their taxes at the same time and in the same manner as a private individual.
- A direct primary law for the nomination of all state, county and district officers, including congressmen and United States Senators.
- 3. A law prohibiting free passes in all forms, except to bona fide railway employes and their immediate families and care-takers of live stock.
- 4. Laws fully empowering the new State Railway Commission to prohibit rebates, discriminations and special rates to corporations, persons or localities, and to see to it that any and all abuses are corrected and equitable freight and passenger rates obtained for the people.
- 5. In event of failure of the constitutional amendment or its being declared invalid, laws giving the people of this state the same advantages congress has already given the nation under the railroad rate bill in matters of interstate commerce.
- 6. A law along the same lines as adopted by congress touching the liability of employers to their employes, permitting recovery for injuries notwithstanding the negligence of a fellow servant.
 - 7. Legislative appropriations to meet current expenses of state government only under the most rigid economy.
- 8. A law providing that railroad property in cities and villages shall be assessed and taxed the same as other property for city and village purposes.
 - 9. A law insuring inspection and uniform tests of dairy products.

As the republican nominees for our respective legislative districts, we hereby pledge ourselves, if elected, to support and vote for measures that will carry out each of these promises.



LETTERS FROM BEE READERS

Editor Olive of Weeping Water on the Omaha Grain Warket.

HOMECROFTERS ARE NOT TAX SHIRKERS

Editor Pry of Nichtara Takes Cognisance of John O. Yelser's Flan and Suggests the Utilization of the Land.

Contributions on timely topics are invited from readers of The Ree. Communications abould be written legibly on one side of the paper only and accompanied by the pame and adress of the writer. The name will not be used if the writer asks that it be withheld. Unused communications will not be returned. Correspondents are advised to limit their letters to 30 words



or they will be subject to being cut down to that limit at the discretion of the editor. Publication of views of correspondents must not be taken to commit The Bee to their endorsement.

Cass County and Smann Market. WEEPING WATER, Neb., March II.-To the Editor of The Bee: In a recent issue of The Bee I notice you reprinted an article from the Weeping Water Herald regarding the On aha grain market, and redit the same to the Weeping Water Resublican. The publication had the effect to the Omaha Grain association, who mailed the same to the editor of the Republican.

tary's letter that the business of the com-Nebraska's grain crop is finding a market second and Nebraska third. At the same time we will not recode from our position taken, that our elevator men have not been treated fairly, knowing that we are backed by the words of men who know their business as well as the professionals employed by the grain dealers of Omaha.

who ships to Omaha. hat if the shippers are not satisfied with the grading they can utilize the "appeals" nachinery of the exchange and call for inspection by the grain committee. Very well, but in the meantime the car of grain is in Omaha; to return it costs added draw out a letter from the secretary of freight, to secure justice calls for loss of time, and the result general dissatisfaction It is not in a spirit of malice that the Herand also sent the letter to The Bee. Being ald printed the article referred to, but we personally responsible for the notice pub- think that if the managers of the Omnhe ished in the Herald, which has caused the Grain exchange will investigate, that they secretary of the association to take such will find there is truth in our statement of nterest in the company's behalf, and not low grading. As to short weights, we have wishing the editor of the Republican to be heard no complaints, and that an injustice ensured through the mistake of The Bee has been done, and that unless absolute in not giving proper credit, I haster. to honesty is observed with every shipper. set the matter right and take the biame they will loss the prestige they claim they for any injustice to the grain dealers of have gained and will turn the grain ship ments to other places. Omaha is not grain market, only as a middle man corner in for profits. The market is for the most pany is increasing, and that so much of part south, and while the exchange may divert the flow of grain and store their in Omaha. We are for home first, Omaha elevators full, yet the south will find it coming their way eventually, GEORGE H. OLIVE.

Publisher the Herald. Homecrofters, Not Tax Shirkers. NIOBRARA, Neb., March 12-To the Editor of the Bee: I was interested in Mr.

reason they say we will ship south. One Like New Jersey and Delaware, the temptaown on the land." Mr. Maxwell's plan is
grain man says that from Walton, along the Missouri Pacific road south, he does Yeiser and others out of the creative list
into believe there is a single grain buyer to the pleasure of more Drydens and Duponts. Then there would be gnashing and away when Nebraska farms, instead of entire state. The large parlors to which The letter published in The Bee and walling. But "carpelbagging" died a num-signed by E. J. McVann, secretary, states ber of years ago, and the free air of intensification resorted to by the small enough to hold so many. We must have Nebraska could not hold it long. The farmer. big corporations, the outgrowth of the Cities very policy Mr. Yeiser would inflict still more grievously, have had to retire their well advanced in manufacturing, must some political managers, though they die hard I am constrained to think that Nebraska is now advocating. It will broaden the residence in Omaha to be so far away

> the legislature might enlarge the duties of periods and destroy the growth of child those already in existence and provide for labor. more clerical and expert assistance when required. My reason for this suggestion of population in our state-for those very the recommendation in Mickey's message that the office of deputy and town. Instead of encouraging more labor commissioner should be abolished or at least its chief clerk be dispensed with. lots, thus burdening the people with overbecause of its statistical and sociological taxation to keep them regulated, let us interest. I think it could be made one of the most useful bureaus in the executive villages"-and give the wageworker and separtment of the state and carry out some his family a chance at God's fresh air. of Mr. Yelser's suggestions, except the Sum these up for ten years and the labor very act of encouraging the principle of condition and the political atmosphere will tax evasion, without burdenseme legisla- he better off than an influx of a lot of tax tion beyond provisions for its proper main- shirkers who would do no more for us than tenance. The pure food law is in point. I have been interested in the past year

in an effort being made by George H. Maxwell, who was foremost in agitating government assistance to trrigating the arid west by means of great national reservoirs. to organize what he pleases to term "Home-It is stated on reliable authority that as good corn as was ever raised in Case county was shipped to Omaha and there graded as No. 4 or below its actual grade. A number of just such cases have been reported by grain men in this locality, and for that croft Settlements." His plan is to unload

Cities like Omaha, Lincoln, Fremont, Beis getting pretty well loaded down with horizon and the thought of the laborer, and among strangers. It was indeed a auxiliary helps. Instead of creating more, stay the ravages of want during panicky

I am enthusiastic for the healthful spread "additions" to our cities in the sale of encourage more homecrofts-"Homecroft for their own. ED A. FRY.

Omahans in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 8-To the Editor of The Bee! Omaha stood out in bold relief Thursday evening, March 7. I had occasion to be at the Alexandria hotel.

exceeded 166. Some were of fifteen years' residence here, many of only a short while. atrice and others that have already so The majority were, however, only spending

the winter here. I felt something akin day provide for the very thing Mr. Maxwell to homesickness after my twenty years' gladdening sight to meet such a splendid gathering of thoroughly democratic Ne-

Los Angelans speak well of Omaha (as well they may) and one must needs go away from home to find out its real worth. EL GANSTER, 714 Fay Building, Los Angeles, Cal.

MUNGERS DECIDE ON WORK Two Federal Judges Adopt Bule Which Will Be of Interest

to Attorneys. Judges W. H. Munger and T. C. Munger of the United States court held a conference Tuesday evening relative to the procedure of the federal courts under the new judicial district law for the Nebraska districts and adopted the following rule for

fore the federal courts:

United States District Judge Thomas C. Munger exercised his first judicial act enough to hold so many. We must have Wednesday morning by approving the sppointment of Henry Allan as deputy United States district clerk for the Grand Island

> California Railroad Merger. Californis Railread Merger.
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> BAN FRANCISCO, March II.—The directors of the Northwestern Pacific railroad have authorized that the stockholders will shortly approve a bond issue in the amount of \$35,000,000. The new corporation, which represents a consolidation of five railroad properties under the joint ownership of the Bouthern Pacific and Eanta Fa, is capital ized for \$35,000,000. In addition to the \$35,000,000 of honds, and when these bond are formally authorized, at a meeting o stockholders on April 29, the total capital laxtion of the company will be brought up to \$70,000,600.

