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DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

It is the policy of The Herald to not express preference for candidates for nomination for office unless there are strong reasons for so doing. An open field, a free for all race and let the most popular candidate's name go on the official ballot at the November election, is our rule. But we make an exception to the rule in the case of Charles H. Tully and Earl D. Mallery, candidates for delegates from the Sixth congressional district to the democratic and republican national conventions.

We recommend and request that democrats residing in this congressional district, who read The Herald, make an X opposite the name of Mr. Tully on their primary ballot, a week from next Tuesday, and that republicans do the same for Mr. Mallery. There are two principal reasons for this request: They are representative men of the two political parties, and western Nebraska is entitled to such recognition.

There will be sixteen delegates from Nebraska to each of the national conventions, two from each of the six congressional districts and four from the state at large. With the large and growing population of western Nebraska, this part of the state has a right to representation among the nominees for state offices and in the delegations to the national political conventions. This right will, no doubt, be conceded by voters farther east when their attention is called to it. A. Barnett of McCook may be elected as one of the republican delegates from the Fifth congressional district. With that exception, it is doubtful whether there will be another delegate to either of the two national conventions from the west half of Nebraska, unless Mr. Tully and Mr. Mallery are elected, as we hope they will be.

The Herald especially requests of its readers who reside in the Sixth district, but at a distance from Alliance, that they remember the suggestion and recommendation above made and call the attention of other voters to the same before they cast their ballots at the primary election on the 18th inst.

In this connection, we wish to mention that A. B. Wood, editor of The Gering Courier, is a candidate for alternate delegate to the republican national convention and deserves to be elected.

Keith L. Pierce of Hemingford is a candidate for delegate from the Sixth congressional district to the national convention of the progressive party, but as there are two delegates to be elected from this district and there are only two candidates, he has a cinch on being elected, which is as it should be. Mr. Pierce was one of the organizers of the progressive party in Nebraska and is a leading business man of this end of the state, and deserves the honor of being delegate to the national convention.

DO YOU TAKE AN INTEREST IN POLITICS?

The Omaha Nebraskan of March 16 contained the following timely article by Richard L. Metcalfe:

"I never take any interest in politics. It is too corrupt." How often nowadays we hear that expression. And it often comes from men who really are well-meaning citizens. They "do not take any interest in politics," yet when election time has passed and they discover that an unfit man has been chosen to represent them in some high office or that some coterie of political leaders have gained absolute control of the government of the state, they start complaining because "the people do not rule," or they put up the cry against the "special interests" corrupting "our" politics. It is the duty of everyone to take a greater interest in politics. True it is, that our ballot is a long one and perhaps a difficult one to cast intelligently. Perhaps not one man in one hundred casts his vote exactly as he would if he were better informed but with the facilities we have to gain information concerning politics there is small reason for the lack of interest in elections. It is the duty of the business man who pleads that he is so enthralled in his commercial activities to set aside a little time to become better informed as to the political conditions, as regards issues for the welfare of the people and men aspiring to represent the people. It is the duty of the laborer, for whom there is perhaps more legislation than for any other class, to put forth an effort to know politics better. The same is true of the farmer and the professional man. They say politics is corrupt, but they do nothing to correct the evil. They stand on street corners, in clubs and in the home and assail men whom they call politicians. They shout "graft" but they do nothing to eliminate it. They denounce public officials but at election time they do not take any interest in politics. They object to or demand certain legislation and yet when they are given the opportunity under the initiative and referendum to have a voice in the governing they haven't the time to bother, or they do not want to besmirch their name by having anything to do with politics. "Let the people rule" is a popular phrase. "Opprehunity" has knocked on the door of the dear common people until it has beaten in the panels and is still urging that they take advantage of the chance they have to take part in governing themselves. We would have far better men in office and legislation of a more beneficial nature for the masses would be accomplished if we would all set aside a part of the time we consume in solving the European war and the political affairs of the nations involved therein, and devote it to becoming better acquainted with political conditions in our own community.

BOTH SIDES

As is often said, there are two sides to every question. There is always another side from the one that is being presented in a one-sided discussion. It is the constant policy of The Herald to open its columns to the discussion of both sides of every public issue, in that respect giving both sides the same privilege.

We maintain that truth has nothing to fear in an equal contest with error. Given equal publicity, truth will win. It will be accepted and endorsed by a majority of the people, unless biased in their opinions by personal interests. For the advocates of either side of a public issue to attempt to suppress an open and fair discussion is an indication of weakness on that side.

Whatever may be the attitude of The Herald on any issue involved in the political campaign now opening, the columns of the paper will continue to be open to contributions, of reasonable length, on both sides. Such contributions will not necessarily represent the views of any one connected with the publication of the paper, and we do not think there will be many people so unreasonable as to want to hold any one except the writers of the articles responsible for the sentiments expressed in them.

READY TO FIGHT WHAT?

One of the items appearing in the jingo press of this country within the last few weeks stated that Anthony Drexel J. Biddle had called for recruits and 2,300 young Philadelphians were "members of Biddle's brigade and ready to fight for Uncle Sam." Ready to fight what or whom? We see no foreigners that Uncle Sam needs to fight

now, except a few Mexican bandits, and we hardly think Colonel (?) Anthony Drexel J. Biddle's brigade of Philadelphia kids will be needed for that. There is need, however, for the level-headed, common sense citizenship of this country to give expression in some way to their disapprobation of the schemes of munitions and armament manufacturers and cheap politicians, itching for notoriety, to burden the country with a burden of debt to raise money to be worse than wasted.

THE PEOPLE COMPETENT TO DECIDE

With a well informed citizenship, the rank and file of the people, are competent to decide public issues, and are entitled to the privilege of doing so. In America we do not need political dictators any more than we need a king or an emperor or a czar.

True democracy favors giving to the common people the right to decide questions of government in as direct manner as practicable. While we may need experts to work out some of the details of running the government machine, the intelligence and conscience of the common people in a civilized country are better qualified to decide upon right principles than are the representatives of minority factions or special interests, whatever may be their claims to superior intelligence and educational qualifications.

Political Advertising

Would Loan \$10,000,000 on Nebraska Farms

I believe that the permanent school fund of \$10,000,000.00 should be loaned on Nebraska farms on long term and low rate of interest. If elected

Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings

I will work for a law that will make this possible. If you favor keeping Nebraska money working in Nebraska, vote for me for that office in the republican primaries April 18, 1916.

H. L. COOK,
30 Years a Nebraska Taxpayer. Lincoln.



MISREPRESENTATIONS REBUKED

The campaign of misrepresentation, launched by the liquor interests against the adoption of prohibition in Nebraska, under the false name of The Nebraska Prosperity League, was given the reception that it deserved in the municipal elections of the state this week. Evidently the voters are not as easily deceived as the brewers and distillers thought they would be.

Look at North Platte, gone dry for the first time in the history of the city. Look at Sidney, changed from wet to dry, and Bridgeport, Chadron, Valentine, Fairbury, with the largest vote ever polled, giving a hundred dry majority; Gilmer in Hamilton county, changing from wet to dry, thus making Hamilton county all dry.

TWO GOVERNORS TESTIFY

Any intelligent citizen will prefer to take the word of Governor G. W. Clark of Iowa and Governor Arthur Capper of Kansas to the anonymous statements of a nondescript organization located somewhere in Omaha. Below is a letter from Governor Clarke to Rev. J. B. Carns, D. D., of Alliance, and an extract from a letter from Governor Capper to Archie Gregory of Alliance. The latter is too long to publish in full at this time, hence only a part of it is given now:

From Governor Clark of Iowa
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IOWA

Des Moines, March 28, 1916.

Rev. J. B. Carns,
Alliance, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter with reference to the clipping from the Des Moines Daily Capital which you enclosed, I have to say that on taking the matter up with the Mayor of the city I was advised by him that the following were the results that have followed within the last eleven months in the city of Des Moines. I do not know of any one more competent to answer your letter than the Mayor is.

He says that it is a fact that arrests for intoxication, for assault and battery, for disturbing the public quiet and for petty larcenies have been reduced in number forty to fifty-five per cent each within that time; that forty per cent fewer persons have been sent to the State Hospital for Inebriates; that commitments to the State Hospitals for the Insane have decreased very materially within that time; that demands on the poor fund have been greatly reduced; that practically all of the merchants in the city report that collections on sales have been very much improved. He also advises me that it is a fact that shipments of intoxicants into the city have been reduced so that there are not more than from one-tenth to one-eighth as many as there were a year ago, so that it may be said that the slipping does not state the facts that really exist at all.

Very truly yours,
G. W. CLARKE,

From Governor Capper of Kansas
STATE OF KANSAS

Arthur Capper, Governor

Topeka, March 29, 1916.

Mr. Archie Gregory,
Alliance, Nebr.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of March 24th, enclosing copy of an advertisement which is being used by the liquor interests in your prohibition campaign.

The best index to the prevalence of crime in a state is the commitment to prison. The United States census report for 1910 shows that the rate of commitment to prison in Nebraska is 482 per 100,000 population, while the rate in Kansas is but 196. These are the last available official figures from the government records, but it is likely that practically the same percentage exists today.

Very respectfully,
ARTHUR CAPPER.

Box Butte County Dry Federation
Publicity Committee



W. F. STOECKER

STANDS FOR

State Regulation of Brewers.
Tax all Liquors by Revenue Stamps issued by commission.
Higher Tax on Whiskey to go in GOOD ROADS fund.
Balance of money to be distributed proportionately among ALL public schools.

W. F. STOECKER

Nebraska's Democratic Candidate
FOR GOVERNOR



JUDGE JAMES B. DEAN

(Former Judge of Supreme Court)
BROKEN BOW

Candidate for Judge of Supreme Court

Custer County Chief: Judge Dean was appointed judge of the supreme court by Governor Sheldon in 1909. He made a splendid record on the supreme bench.

His decisions and written opinions disclose a high order of merit. Not many judges or lawyers are better or more favorably known in Nebraska, where he has lived 25 years.

He is in life's prime.

Ask about Judge Dean, his record and his standing as man, citizen, lawyer and judge and you will include his name among those for whom you vote for supreme judge. His Election Will Be No Experiment. Pass the word to your friends.



CHESTER H. ALDRICH

(Former Governor)
Republican Primary Candidate
for Nomination for
United States Senator
The Logical Candidate

"Nebraska republicans look to the record of Governor Aldrich with some degree of pride when they remember that he has been a man who has accomplished something for the people of this state by way of legislation. It would require almost a column to fully enumerate the reforms and many points which he has accomplished in this direction. Suffice to say, that almost everything looking to a lower passenger, freight or express rate bears the imprint of the efficient work of Governor Aldrich."—Friend Telegraph.

"Governor Aldrich possesses many qualities to make him a popular candidate. He never fails to state definitively where he stands on all public questions. He has the courage of his convictions and stands ready at all times to defend his position."—Albion News.

Governor Aldrich is the logical candidate to nominate because of his strength with the common people, and the fact that the large majority of the voters in Nebraska are familiar with his record and know just where he stands. Republicans who have no axes to grind know that Mr. Aldrich is no experiment as an effective and efficient public servant.

McKELVIE FOR GOVERNOR.

His Legislative Experience.

Of all the candidates for governor it is generally admitted that S. R. McKelvie is best fitted for the place in point of legislative experience.



He served one term as a member of the house of representatives and one term as lieutenant governor. This gives him a practical knowledge of both the legislative and executive branches of state government. Not only that, but his record in both places

was entirely above reproach. He was found at all times active in the interests of the people. This is one of the many reasons why he is usually referred to as The Popular Candidate.

Two additional Welcome signs were received this week when the Royal Neighbors subscribed \$5, and the P. E. O. subscribed \$10.



For County Clerk

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for County Clerk of Box Butte county, subject to the will of the voters at the Primaries to be held Tuesday, April 18, 1916.

I will appreciate your vote.
GEORGE FLEMING.



Vote for Mayor Wm. Madgett, Republican Candidate for Governor, and smash the political and big money machines. It means clean government and a saving of money. Look up his record as Mayor of Hastings.

First to file for Governor. First to come out for State-wide Prohibition and forced the other candidates to take a stand on the liquor question. The candidate who spends his own money in making his campaign and is not under obligations to political machines and special interest. "A machine Candidate means a machine Governor." Mayor Madgett is a friend of the common people and laboring men and has received their endorsement in the city and community where he lives. His opposition can be traced to the door of big machines who know they cannot control him. Vote for Candidates for all offices who are free from big money and political machinery.

ARE YOU A REPUBLICAN GOING TO VOTE FOR A REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR WHOSE CAMPAIGN IS BEING MANAGED BY A DEMOCRAT WHO IS GOING TO VOTE FOR CHARLEY BRYAN FOR GOVERNOR?

DO YOU THINK A BRYAN DEMOCRAT WANTS TO SEE THE STRONGEST REPUBLICAN NOMINATED FOR GOVERNOR?

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Bids will be received by the city of Alliance, Nebraska, for man and team for the water sprinkler. Bids close at 8 o'clock p. m. April 11th, 1916. Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

CARTER CALDER,
City Clerk.

Stop at the Atlas. Rooms 50c and up. 15-41-6733