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A CORRECTION

By JOHN W. THOMAS, Editor

I have learned to not pay much attention to "roorbacks"—false or misleading statements sprung on a candidate just before election, too late in the campaign for him and his friends to reach the voters concerned with a correction before election.

However, I have information regarding a political stunt that has just been pulled off to misrepresent Lloyd C. Thomas, candidate for State Representative from the 73rd Nebraska district, composed of Box Butte and Sheridan counties. The "roorback" referred to reverses the positions that have actually been occupied by Lloyd and his opponent, Mr. W. R. Harper. I suppose some voters in the two counties will be misled by it, and I do not suppose I can reach all of them with a correction before election, but think I ought to let as many of them as possible know the facts regarding the issue involved.

The matter referred to relates to the adoption of the proposed prohibition amendment to the constitution of Nebraska and the attitude of the two candidates for the legislature from this district. To make the matter clear, and fair to both candidates, and to undeceive voters who may have been misled, we go back to the beginning of the campaign:

Last winter, before the primary election for the nomination of candidates had been held, Archie Gregory, secretary of the Box Butte County Dry Federation, wrote to the candidates for nomination to the legislature from the 73rd representative district and the 28th Senatorial district, requesting that they state their position on the proposed prohibitory amendment.

The replies were open to inspection of persons who might wish to read them. It was generally understood in Alliance, where both candidates for Representative reside, that Mr. Thomas made a plain declaration in favor of the prohibition amendment, and that Mr. Harper's reply was evasive.

How the "Roorkback" Was Worked

Notwithstanding the above facts, there was published in The Alliance Semi-Weekly Times of Friday, Oct. 20, a statement that Lloyd C. Thomas had been "wriggling around" on both sides of the "wet" and "dry" question. About the same time, perhaps on the same day, Mr. Harper wrote the clergy of the north part of Sheridan county, where the prohibition amendment will carry strong, stating that he was for it. Then the statement in the Times regarding "Lloyd" was clipped and sent to the papers of that part of the district with the request that it be published. Mr. Harper may think this was smooth work. Opinions differ. I think it was rather coarse. One thing that is hard for me to understand is how men who are honest in ordinary business transactions will use unfair means in politics in order to gain a point over an opponent.

Letter of Lloyd C. Thomas

Under date of February 28, Thomas replied to Mr. Gregory's inquiry. I wish to call attention to the fact that this reply was made with the understanding that it was for public inspection and could be published at any time by any one who cared to have it printed; and that it was written seven weeks before the primary and more than eight months before the election. Here is the letter:

Alliance, Nebraska, February 28, 1916.

Mr. Archie Gregory, Secretary,
Box Butte County Dry Federation,
Alliance, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Gregory: I am in receipt of your letter of inquiry of the 26th and in reply am pleased to state that I am in favor of the proposed prohibitory amendment and that I expect to vote for the same at the election. I thank you for your kind letter and for the opportunity of expressing myself plainly on these questions.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) LLOYD C. THOMAS.

W. R. Harper's Reply

In a lengthy letter dated February 29, Mr. Harper replied to Mr. Gregory's inquiry as to how he stood on the prohibition amendment. This letter was also open to inspection and has been read by quite a number of persons as well as copied, but after it was received by Mr. Gregory the writer of it requested him to not publish it. To this request Mr. Gregory consented with a promise to not print it without his (Harper's) consent, altho no promise was made to not leave it open for inspection by any one who wished to see it.

After the misleading statements had been sent out from Alliance concerning Lloyd's attitude on the issue involved, I wished to print the two letters together, but in view of Mr. Gregory's promise to Mr. Harper, I would not print Harper's letter without Gregory's consent. He gave his consent on condition that Harper would consent to it. In company with Mr. Gregory, Dr. Geo. Hand and C. A. Dow, I called on Harper and requested that he give his consent to having the letter printed. This he flatly refused. I then told him that I had read the letter carefully and that, while in deference to Mr. Gregory's promise, I would not publish it in full, I would exercise my prerogative as a newspaper man and tell some things that it contained. He requested time to consider the matter further, which was given him. Within a few hours, I was notified that he gave his consent for the publication of the letter, but before it had been put into type he notified me that he had decided to withdraw his consent.

There was much in the letter that was neither here nor there regarding the issue on which he was asked to state his position, but among other things he stated that it would be impossible for him to pledge support to that which was not a law, that he could support and help enforce the laws after they were made, but that was all. I could not help smiling when I read that part of the letter, altho I really felt sorry for Mr. Harper when he was crowded into a corner where he had to either "fish or cut bait" or else make himself ridiculous in trying to get out.

Mr. Harper should be informed that he was not nominated for governor or sheriff or some other office connected with the executive department of government, but that he has the republican nomination for the LEGISLATURE and that the official duty of a legislator is not to "help enforce the laws" but to help make them. I submit to any intelligent person that he ought to go to school, a few days at least, before going to the legislature, and learn what every schoolboy knows before leaving school. He ought to know, too, that instead of it being improper for a candidate for a legislative position to declare his position on proposed legislation that everybody is interested in, it is eminently proper for him to do so BEFORE ELECTION.

Mr. Harper also stated in the letter that his saying at that time that he would support the amendment would be entirely out of order inasmuch as it had not been made a law. I am informed that he has recently stated in conversation that the reason he did not declare in favor of the prohibition amendment in that letter was because it would hurt his business. Do the people of these two counties want to be represented in the state legislature by a man who is so afraid of hurting his business that he will not give a straightforward answer to a fair question? Do they want to be represented by a man who has so little conception of the duties of a legislator as to say that he could help enforce the laws after they were made but that was all?

I am of the opinion that a large majority of the voters of Box Butte and Sheridan counties prefer to be represented in the legislature by a man of more frankness and better informed regarding the duties of public officials.

Fair Play for All

In making the above statement, I have earnestly endeavored to be perfectly fair with all parties concerned. After the election is over, whether Mr. Harper is elected or not, he will be my neighbor, and I shall then be able to look him in the face as I can now and say, "You know I gave you a square deal." After he had tried all summer to get "wet" democrats of Alliance and Box Butte county to bolt the democratic nominee and vote for him, then for him to try to line up the "dry" voters than three weeks of time for statements regarding his opponent within less than three weeks of time for election, is not right and it is only fair to the people as well as both of the candidates that a correction be made as far as it is possible for me to make it before the votes have been cast.

When I asked Mr. Harper for his consent to publish his letter, he offered to write another and give it to me for publication, but that was so unfair that I would not consent to it. To publish the letter of his opponent, written at the opening of the campaign more than eight months before election, then permit Mr. Harper to conceal the contents of his letter written about the same time but write another just before election and publish it, is not only unfair to his opponent but also to the voters who have a right to an honest expression of their attitude towards proposed legislation that the

next legislature will have to deal with.

I asked Mr. Harper whether he had changed his attitude on the prohibition question since writing the letter to Mr. Gregory last February. He said that he had not. That being the case, he has no right to try to influence one class of voters by the fact that he refused to state his position in that letter, and then try to influence another class of voters by writing another letter now. And I do not believe that a majority of the voters of Sheridan and Box Butte counties want to be represented in the legislature by that kind of double-dealing.

RESUME OF DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Pursuant to promise previously made in these columns, we give a statement concerning democratic candidates for state and county offices at the election to be held next Tuesday. The object is not so much to tell voters more regarding those prominent candidates about whom all are posted, as it is to give helpful information concerning the candidates that have not been so much in the limelight during the campaign.

At every election there are many voters who know nothing as to the qualification of some candidates for or against whom they vote. We can render a better service by giving needed information than by rehearsing matter that all are already familiar with.

At the head of the state ticket is Ed Neville, nominee for governor. So much has been published regarding the attitude of gubernatorial candidates on statewide prohibition that other qualifications have been overlooked to a great extent. Mr. Neville is a business man, interested in ranching and farming. His word is as good as his bond. This is the reputation he has among his acquaintances, republicans and democrats, "wet" and "dry", in North Platte and Lincoln county where he has spent practically his entire lifetime. While not a politician in the common acceptance of the term, he is a successful business man and competent to continue the "business administration" of the present governor.

Lieutenant Governor

Edgar Howard is editor of the Columbus Telegram, one of the leading weekly newspapers of the state. In the early days of southwestern Nebraska, he was engaged in the newspaper business in that part of the state. He has been more of a politician than the democratic candidate for governor, that is, has participated in politics more, but has always been classed as "progressive". He is one of W. J. Bryan's strongest supporters. Two years ago he strongly supported the adoption of woman suffrage and attracted statewide attention by his able advocacy of the measure. He favors the adoption of the prohibition amendment to the constitution and of adequate laws for its enforcement. With both candidates for governor pledged to the enforcement of prohibition, if adopted, and as the lieutenant governor is ex-officio president of the upper house of the state legislature, there is a possibility of a contingency arising under which his attitude may have a vital bearing upon the issue.

Secretary of State

Honesty, efficiency and fairness, these are the things that are needed in the office of secretary of state, and these are the things that Charles W. Pool, present incumbent, has brought to the office. He is an old-time newspaper man, and within the last few years has become a homesteader in Grant county. It is commonly conceded that a state officer who serves one term well should be honored with a second term. We do not know what more the people of the state could want in the office of secretary of state than they have been given by Charles Pool and his efficient assistants. He ought to have another term.

Auditor of Public Accounts

This is an office to which the majority of people give little attention, but it is one of the most important in its relation to the finances of the state and the honest expenditure of its funds. Wm. H. Smith of Seward, another newspaper man, has given careful attention to the arduous duties of his office and has made a record of efficiency in all the details of his work that entitles him to a second term.

State Treasurer

Some months ago there was quite a "tempest in a teapot" in the state capitol building down at Lincoln, caused by friction between George E. Hall, state treasurer, and some employees of other departments, caused by differences of opinion on some legal questions arising in the administration of his office. We never gave the matter sufficient attention to understand clearly and fully just what the differences were, but all the while we had the impression that Mr. Hall was honest in his convictions and that the differences were due largely to the rapid pace at which he tried to institute some radical reforms in the conduct of the office. Be that as it may, it is noteworthy that those who disagreed with him then in the matters at issue are now supporting him for re-election.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Prof. W. H. Clemmons has not been before the public eye, in a political way, as much as some other schoolmen of Nebraska, but he is one of the leading educators of the state and without doubt one of the best qualified. His experience in normal school work especially fits him for the office of state superintendent of public instruction.

Attorney General

Willis E. Reed, the present incumbent, is a man who believes in doing things. His aggressiveness during his first term of office has made him some enemies, but it is a question now whether that will not help him more than injure him in his candidacy for re-election. He has the reputation of being a man of his word and of strict business integrity. He promises to continue to faithfully enforce the laws that are now on the statute books of the state or that may be put on while he holds the office of attorney general.

Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings

If the voters of western Nebraska, regardless of party, wish to see this end of the state recognized by the election to this office of a man well qualified to fill it acceptably, they have the opportunity to assist in the good work by casting their ballots for G. L. Shumway of Scottsbluff. He has a "hard row to hoe" from the fact that he resides in the extreme western part of the state, while his opponent is an eastern Nebraska man. We wish to warn readers of The Herald against making a mistake in marking their ballots as there are two Shumways on the ticket, the first is H. P. Shumway, republican candidate for lieutenant governor, running against Edgar Howard; the other is G. L. Shumway, the democratic and people's independent nominee for commissioner of public lands and buildings.

Railway Commissioner

Victor E. Wilson is the nominee of more political parties than any other man on the election ballot, being the democratic, people's independent and socialist candidate for railway commissioner. As their nominee for a state office he is an honor to the parties that have honored him. They could not have selected a more competent man for the very important office of railway commissioner or one more worthy of the office. He is a man of affairs. He has the education of a lawyer and training in the school of experience of a successful business man. He is radically for the rights of the common people, but no one need fear that he will consent to the needless crippling of railroads and public enterprises in order to gain public applause. Mr. Wilson is a brother-in-law of A. G. Brice of Alliance and has visited in this city a number of times. The Herald sincerely hopes to see Alliance and Box Butte county pay him the well-deserved compliment of a rousing majority.

Regents of State University

The board of regents of the Nebraska State University have an important work to perform in managing the affairs of that great institution, and the ability are needed. Two regents are to be elected this fall. The democrats have two able men in their two candidates, Dr. P. L. Hall and H. D. Landis.

Congressman, 6th District

We admit that the candidate who runs against Moses P. Kinkaid in the "Big Sixth" is up against a hard proposition, one of the difficulties of the situation being the immense size of the district making a thoro canvass by a new man impossible. Ed. B. McDermott is an earnest and talented young man of progressive principles and with an ability that will, no doubt, put him to the front in this part of the west in the years to come.

State Senator

George M. Adams of Crawford is well known to the voters in the counties of Sioux, Dawes, Box Butte, Sheridan, Cherry and Brown, comprising the 28th senatorial district, having been a candidate before for the same office, besides having served some years ago as representative in the lower house of the legislature. He is popular in his home county, which he carried by an overwhelming majority two years ago and will no doubt carry again this year.

State Representative

Indications point to the election of Lloyd C. Thomas as representative from the 73rd district, composed of Box Butte and Sheridan counties. He has made a fair and square campaign which seems to be appreciated by voters generally in the two counties.

Box Butte County Candidates

Usually a good share of the democratic candidates for county offices in Box Butte county are elected, even when the county goes republican on national and state candidates. The year with the county going strong for President Wilson, it is probable that a goodly number of democratic candidates for county office will be elected.

Only a brief mention can be made here: Jno. J. Mason heads the county ticket as candidate for county clerk. He is the son of a well-known Box Butte county farmer, is well qualified for the office and popular among his acquaintances.

Fred Mollring has served before as county treasurer for which office he is a candidate. When in office before he was faithful, obliging, honest and efficient, a guarantee of what he will be again if elected.

We feel that we ought to say a little more concerning the office of county superintendent. We have for a long time taken the position that the superintendency of public education as well as judicial positions ought to be nonpartisan. As we have not yet secured the nonpartisan nomination of county superintendents in Nebraska, it is still necessary to make party nominations. However, voters can overlook party name and vote on the merits of the candidates and as the circumstances indicate is best for the cause of education. Miss Opal Russell is finishing her first term as county superintendent. We have never heard an intimation that her work has not been efficient and satisfactory to school patrons, teachers and school district officers. Under these circumstances we believe it would be a serious mistake to make a change in the office now. It will be fine compliment and one that is merited if republicans and democrats will unite their votes and give Miss Russell the endorsement that she deserves, a big majority.

Sheriff Cal Cox doesn't need anything said about him to help in his campaign for re-election. He is known to almost every voter in the county, his

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A department devoted to the interests of the Volunteer Firemen of the state of Nebraska.

Edited by Lloyd C. Thomas, state publicity chairman.

North Platte, Nebr., Oct. 20, 1916.

We, the members of the North Platte Fire Department, fellow townsmen of Keith Neville, candidate for governor of Nebraska, wish to pay tribute:

AS CITIZENS, to Mr. Neville's wise conservatism, absolute integrity and business acumen, we owe much;

AS MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, unitedly we give him the full measure of our confidence, earned by unswerving fidelity and devotion to our interests.

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AS NEIGHBORS, we testify to his ideal home life, his simple character unspiced by great wealth, his many charities tendered unobtrusively and with finest courtesy. Born and reared in our midst we have had ample opportunity to observe his development from the eager, inquiring youth to the level-headed man of affairs.

We earnestly ask you to support him at the polls, believing as we do that it is a privilege to elect to office a man of such exceptional character.

G. R. TIGHE,
J. R. BASKINS,
F. H. SULLIVAN, Committee.

election by a good majority was a foregone conclusion early in the campaign, and now since the absurd attack was made upon his official record in a vain effort to defeat him, his majority will probably be increased by a hundred or perhaps two or three hundred.

Joe L. Westover, son of District Judge Wm. H. Westover, is well read in the law. He has the talent and the experience necessary to fill the office of county attorney acceptably if elected.

As railroad man, farmer and ranchman, P. H. Dillon has had observation and experience that will be helpful to him in discharging the duties of county assessor if elected. He has a large circle of acquaintances in the county and looks like a strong candidate.

We haven't paid much attention to the "mud slinging" that a few persons have done as usual. Often that kind of tactics helps the candidate against whom used. It ought to be so in the case of Anton Uhrig of Healdsburg, candidate for county commissioner. He is an industrious, hard working, honest citizen and has the respect and confidence of his neighbors and acquaintances. A half truth is some times worse than a lie made out of whole cloth. One of the meanest things about the slander of Mr. Uhrig is that the figures used are juggled in such a way as to cast a reflection upon the integrity of a man whose absolute honesty is unquestioned by persons familiar with the facts referred to. If fair minded voters will make it a point to favor the candidates who are unjustly attacked for political purposes in the closing days of a campaign, it will help to put a stop to the unfair practice. Under the circumstances, voters ought to favor Cal Cox for sheriff and Anton Uhrig for county commissioner, as a rebuke to unfair political methods. Every man who votes for Cal Cox for sheriff ought to vote for Anton Uhrig for county commissioner, and every vote for Uhrig ought also to go to Cox.

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C. T. KNAPTON IS NEW MANAGER AT HADDORFF

It was with great surprise that L. L. Covington, manager of the Alliance store of the Haddorff Music House, received the news from the general manager that he had been promoted and starting the first of the month would hold down the position of assistant general manager of all the company's retail stores. He will have offices in Omaha. Here but four months, Mr. Covington has made for himself a host of friends, has developed the business at the local store to such an extent that the Alliance store has been able to stand ahead. For the last month the local store ranked first with over forty sales, showing what a well-known line of instruments coupled with genuine salesmanship ability can do. Mr. Covington is succeeded by C. T. Knapton, who comes here from the Oklahoma City store of the company. He is a man experienced in all phases of the piano business, is a man of pleasing personality, a salesman, and a man whom Alliance delights to welcome while bidding the departing friend goodbye. Mr. Knapton has already assumed his new duties while Mr. Covington has gone to Omaha to take charge of his office.

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