

THE CANTON LEADER

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And the city of Brookings went anti-machine, a sure indication how the county will go in May.

Lead went anti-machine, and the victory over in the second largest city in the state was followed by an anti-machine victory in Brookings. Opposition to the machine is growing fast all over the state.

The Progressive Republican campaign is sweeping the state. All the leading cities have gone anti-machine with the exception of Aberdeen. Lead the big city in the Black Hills, went anti-machine by 400.

A prominent citizen of Mitchell said the other day: "I am an organization republican but a firm and earnest supporter of Gamble. This side of the state is willing to give the Black Hills a congressman but not a senator."

The Cummins-Perkins debate over at Spirit Lake last Saturday must have been a hummer judging from the newspaper reports. The Iowa republican contest for governor is getting into the two minute class.

If the railroad property of this state had been assessed as high as it is in North Dakota the taxpayers of this state would have saved over \$350,000 in good money last year. It is awfully expensive to support a corporation political machine in South Dakota.

The railroad property in South Dakota is just as valuable, mile for mile, as it is in North Dakota or Nebraska, yet if our railroad property was assessed at the same valuation as it is in Nebraska our state would receive about \$1,000,000 in taxes instead of \$239,339.19, the amount paid last year, and that would be a saving of over \$750,000 to our people. The railroad political machine in South Dakota is an expensive one. Do the voters want to keep that machine in power any longer? You don't. Well vote it out by sending delegates to the state convention who are favorable to Crawford, Hall, Bentley, Cassill, McLaughlin and the other men who stand for a square deal. If you want this robbery to continue vote for the machine crowd.

It costs the taxpayers about half a million dollars a year to enjoy the luxury of a corporation machine in this state, basing the cost on the under valuation of railroad property as compared with adjoining states. The so-called machine stands to protect the railroads and this protection costs the tax payers about half a million dollars a year, if we place the valuation of railroad property about the same as other property. If our railroads were assessed the same as railroads in Nebraska our taxpayers would save a little over \$750,000 a year. You can readily understand from this why the railroads are so anxious and determined to control our state politics and why the terrific fight is now being made to defeat Mr. Crawford and his able lieutenants. If the railroads can renominate Elrod and men of their own selection for state offices it will be worth a great deal of money to them, because such men would continue the present assessment farce and make the tax payers put up about half a million dollars for the benefit of the corporations. We do not believe the people can be fooled any longer.

Mr. Cassill's Popularity.

Among the candidates for state office on the republican ticket, none, we believe, enjoys the confidence of the people to a greater extent than Hon. Charles H. Cassill of Canton, candidate for state treasurer. There are other candidates who have occupied prominent positions in the state for years, who are recognized champions of the people, men whom we can support with pleasure and pride, but in this degree of confidence brought about by appreciation of duty well performed, Mr. Cassill stands the peer of any. At home his friends admire him for his straightforward business life, and morally and socially the embodiment of all that tends to uplift and purify, and as a public official none won greater respect at Pierre. He stood squarely for what he believed to be right in the face of the bitter and relentless opposition of a "machine" that regarded neither the constitution or the demands of justice in its effort to thwart the will of the people. At Pierre Mr. Cassill laid the foundation for a political career that friends admired and the opposition respected. The arrogant machine was able to outvote Mr. Cassill and his valiant co-laborers in the senate but the machine was unable to intimidate or change the course of him who went there to perform a duty called for by nearly one tenth of the voters of the state. In the midst of corruption and subservience to corruption rule, it is indeed gratifying to note the service of men who are beyond the reach of corporate domination or corrupting influence.

Mr. Cassill will go into the state convention with the 48 votes of his constituents for a starter, and as he has no opposition under the Gamble-Davies banner, his nomination is assured. It is no longer a question of whether or not the state convention will control the state convention—a populist fancy in rainbow

POLITICAL HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Facts Which Prove How Merchants and Farmers and Laborers Have Been Robbed Through Undervaluation of Corporation Property.

The People Pay Half a Million Dollars for the Corporations.

The total taxes received from all the railroads in the state of South Dakota for 1905, was \$239,339.19

If the South Dakota railroads had been assessed as much per mile as the railroads in Wyoming, our railroads would have paid \$435,000.00

Or if assessed the same as North Dakota our railroads would have paid \$640,000.00 and the people of the state would have saved over \$400,000.00 of their hard earned money. How does that strike tax payers?

If our railroads had been assessed as much per mile as the roads in Nebraska, our roads would have paid and the farmers, business men and laborers would have saved about \$750,000.00 or about \$7.50 for every voter in the state.

How doth the average taxpayer like this beautiful system of taxation?

These figures are correct and easily obtainable. The amount of taxes paid in this state is from official figures, and the amount paid by other states is based on the increased valuation of their railroads as compared to the "skin game" assessment in this state.

There is not a machine paper in the state that will discuss this question. They howl pass, pass, pass, and every machine benchmark in the state is riding on a free pass while the people pay.

If the railroads in this state are bound to rob the people through the Kittredge-Martin-Burke-Elrod, combine then the railroads must be prepared to run up against a "square deal" at Pierre with Crawford as Governor, and a loyal staff at his back.

The passage of an anti-pass law will make up the difference between what the railroads pay now and what they will have to pay. A machine thumper is not any more entitled to a free pass than a farmer, in fact not half as much, as the farmer helps to maintain the railroads while the loud mouthed machine hireling raises nothing but trouble and a large crop of lies.

If the railroads run up against trouble in the future over these questions they can thank the arrogance and cussedness of their hired political agents in this state.

It may seem to some that the editor of the LEADER is unfriendly to the railroads, but such is not the case. The editor of the LEADER spent considerable time and money to get the first bit of road built in the territory from Sioux City to Yankton, and the editor of the LEADER has ever been and expects to be a friend of the railroads, but the LEADER will not cease its efforts to divorce the railroads from state politics or criticize them for maintaining an unscrupulous gang of agents whose chief ambition is to skin the people for their personal gain and buibonic ambition.

The railroads allow no man or set of men to meddle with their affairs either public or private and the people of this state demand that the railroads get out of our local and state politics. The demand is one any self-respecting independent people should enforce to the letter. You say it is customary for the railroads to meddle in the affairs of our people and it became a custom and grew to be a vested right, seemingly, for the officers of the great insurance companies to rob and plunder the policy holders. Then came a volcanic eruption. The insurance potentates; they were veritable money kings and waited upon by liveried flunkies; heard a voice demanding a square deal. These Wall street dictators heard more voices and then a shout that was heard over the ocean. Then they sought shelter from the wrath of the people, but that cry for justice found them behind their gilded doors living on the money belonging to thousands of widows and orphans. Alexander grew sick and resigned and tried to hide from that fearful voice, McCall died with that stern demand for justice ringing in his ears, and McCurdy is being sued for millions and may find a home in state prison.

The people are all powerful to right any wrong, and just so sure as the railroads continue to defy the taxpayers, and maintain a people robbing lobby at Pierre, and through infamous methods dictate state nominations, then will these transportation potentates hear a voice that will demand a square deal and that demand will begin at the ballot box.

South Dakota is not alone in this reform movement. Every state is demanding a square deal and every state will get what her people are asking for now in a spirit of fairness, but should the arrogance of wealth and power blind these watered stock kings, and keep them stiff necked and contemptuous of the rising tide then the other and more potent remedy of government ownership will spring into life clad in the raiment of justice and backed by the people of a nation. Ten years ago government ownership was a hiss and a byword of derision—a populist fancy in rainbow

colors—today it is hurled in the teeth of the corporation agents in the United States senate by many of the leading republicans of that body, men who are true and sincere republicans from principle; men who believe in a square deal like Dolliver of Iowa and Gamble of South Dakota.

The battle is on and every voter in South Dakota should do his plain duty on the 15th day of May, 1906.

The City Election.

Tuesday closed a spirited political period which began with the caucuses for mayor. Everything passed off quietly Tuesday, there being no excitement of any kind, even the fair ground and license questions failed to arouse special interest after all that had been printed pro and con.

W. C. Gemmill for mayor, W. J. Byrnes for assessor, Math Hanson for city treasurer, and H. H. DeLong for police justice. These gentlemen were elected without opposition. The only contest was over city justice, and Col. D. H. Hawn independent candidate, won out over W. N. Harmon, regular nominee, by 93 majority.

The license question was decided by a majority of 85 against.

The fair ground proposition which was decided against the city surrendering its interest in the fair grounds, whatever that interest may be, was rather a surprise, as many predicted that the vote in favor of the city surrendering its interest in favor of an opera house would carry by a good majority.

No one can tell what a ballot box will reveal until the last ballot is counted, and this proved true in this case. The vote in favor of the city holding onto its interest in the fair grounds was about 20.

The license question was not pushed and all seem satisfied that it is as it is. Some of the license men voted for no license because they wanted to make Mayor Gemmill's administration as troublesome as possible, but they will find that Mayor Gemmill will have no trouble on this score, because the blind pigs will have to go out of business mighty quick, and all other matters will move along smoothly under a sensible enforcement of the law.

The poll books from the several wards were sealed and returned in the ballot boxes, hence it is impossible to give the vote of each for the candidates. Besides the officers above named there were elected the following aldermen: David Brenner in the first, A. Repp in the second, Fred Ovre in the third, and L. L. Redfield and Peter Anderson in the fourth ward.

The following members of the school board were elected: Thomas Thorson and T. T. Smith in the first, Wilbur Kinsley in the second, Otto Hervig in the third and F. H. Treat in the fourth.

The vote on license in 1905 was 220 yes, 314 no, a majority of 94 against.

The vote on license Tuesday was 168 yes, 233 no, a majority of 85 against.

The total vote a year ago was 534, this year 421, showing that there was not much interest in the election.

Senator Gamble finds the people in hearty sympathy everywhere.

Yankton Press: The political sky is clearing more and more every day and the Gamble sun is shining brighter than the senator's friends ever hoped it would be able to do this early in the campaign.

Fairfax Advertiser: A few of the accredited rulers of Gregory county republicans, with its hot-bed in Bonesteel, promised Gregory county to Martin and the future disposition of the "common herd" was at that time fully decided upon. All they left for the rest of us to do, was to "read the directions" before taking. The "common herd," however, did not take kindly to the concoction and it is now proposed to make the bosses swallow their own dose, even though the sugar coating has been rubbed off.

Corn for Earthquake Sufferers.

Attorney Knudson suggested Thursday morning that it would be a patriotic and humane act if our farmers would contribute a car load of corn for the relief of San Francisco people who are homeless and suffering. Our business men could pay the freight. If not carried free. Do something for suffering humanity quick. Report your wishes at the Leader office immediately and storage will be provided.

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If there is one thing that is always desired in a home and always admired it is new, neat, dainty and beautiful lace curtains. This is the time of year when nearly every-

body is busy cleaning and decorating their homes and hence lace curtains are in great demand. Many people would like new curtains but think they can hardly afford them, others would like finer curtains than they have but hesitate to buy thinking they cost too much.

These objections will be wholly removed in our lace curtain offerings of Friday and Saturday. The quality is such as can not fail to please. The styles the very latest, the price so low that you can afford new curtains for every window. It is quality curtains we offer, but at very small prices.

The first lot consists of Nottingham and Muslin curtains, 3 yards and 3 1/2 yards long and from 42 to 54 in. wide. The styles are the newest, the quality good, some of the curtains in the lot being worth as high as \$1.75. The only reason we have for selling at these prices is that we bought them right and are going to sell them right and lots of them. The price is **98c PER PAIR**

The second lot is not only much larger but better in every way. This lot consists of Nottingham and Net Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long and up to 55 inches wide. Every curtain is perfect in every way and unusual values, many of them being worth up to \$3.50 per pair—More than a half more than our price for this sale.

Our price only **\$1.98**

Besides these two lots of curtains we have a big variety of fine Nottingham, Brussels Net and Arabian colored Nottingham, all priced at very much less than the usual price.

Don't miss seeing the values we are offering in lace curtains Friday and Saturday.

Special Suit Bargains.

\$16 Suits Now \$8.90.

We still have about a dozen of those special bargain suits, worth from \$12.75 to \$16.00. Our special price **\$8.90**

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Worthing Items

April 19, 1906.

It is said that economy is wealth, but not the kind that the groceryman will accept.

Jacob Slop of Hudson is taking Pete Ellason's place in the meat market during Mr. Ellason's absence caused by the death of his brother.

Joe Ballou was in our city last Saturday and returned home on the noon train.

Oliver Brown went out to his Lyman county home last Monday, and that reminds us that not long ago we saw at our depot, three sacks of grass seed the address tag on which read thus, "From Oliver Brown, Worthing, S. D. To E. H. Hell, Reliance, S. D." therefore Mr. Brown must have a "warm" tenant.

Mrs. Henry G. Gerber and children were passengers to the Hub this Wednesday morning.

Mrs. T. A. Davies is under the proficent care of Dr. Kerr, and progressing nicely.

Ben T. Whitlow was a west bound passenger Tuesday afternoon for Woonsocket.

Take good care of the quadrupeds, commonly called hogs, for they are worth six dollars a hundred at this writing. It pays to raise them, and good ones. For if they do raise your fences now and then, they are raising the price of your farm—all the time. See Frank C. Geppert for the best breed of hogs in the land. Anybody will tell you where Mr. Geppert lives, and about his fine hogs.

G. M. Beeler has bought the Sams house, and has moved his household goods and family therein.

Prof. I. K. Indseth of Canton, was in our city Tuesday morning in the interests of the Luther League Band of Canton. This band has twenty-five members and is composed of the musical talent of the Norwegian Lutheran church. Prof. Indseth organized and was director of the Worthing band, and is a musician of rare skill and talent and we wish him and his work unlimited success.

Ole Strand, one of the best stone masons in the state, has just completed two 60 barrel capacity cisterns, for Judge Davies, and Jonas Johnson "spouted" his house, and leisure moments now finds the Judge in his study looking over Mitchell for capital fame statistics on the rainfall of South Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Haak and George Mausbach arrived here Monday from their two weeks sojourn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mausbach near Kimball and this Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Haak leave for their former home in Wisconsin.

Albert Cox and E. O. Eddy loaded their household and other goods and shipped them to Lyman county, their new home, last Monday. Mrs. Eddy left here today, Wednesday, to join her husband and the Worthing colony.

Sockery Hill was a passenger on the early train Monday morning for the Hub.

James Clark went up to the Queen City Tuesday noon.

Nels Nelson of Nelson & Greenfield was a passenger to the Queen City Wednesday.

Miss Kerr returned to her home at Akron, Iowa, after a very pleasant visit with Dr. Kerr's family and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ingalls were over Sunday visitors in Sioux Falls.

Lee Klingler has treated his barber shop and residence to a beautiful dressing of paint, and Mr. Saunders did the Michael Angelo act.

Jack Devitt and wife spent Easter with their parents in Lennox.

About twelve of the dancing fraternity of Worthing went to Lennox Monday night and took part in the Lennox M. W. A. Easter fifty-eight number dance.

Miss Alta Brown, the versatile "hello" girl of the Dakota Central telephone office at Iroquois, came down to Worthing Tuesday noon to spend a few days with her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Whitlow have moved into the James Shanley apartments, lately vacated by Frank Woodley and family.

Mr. M. Albaugh of Canton was here on business last Saturday.

M. M. Gurnett, returned this Wednesday morning from a weeks sojourn in Lawler, Iowa, his paternal home.

Mrs. John Bjelland went out to Presho Tuesday noon to join her husband who went out there two weeks ago to arrange their future home.

A. G. Lundberg and A. M. Strand of Beresford took the morning passenger from here Wednesday morning for Sioux Falls, and report that Beresford went wet in spite of the weather man and technicalities.

Some here this morning claim to have noticed the earth vibration caused by the awful earthquake in San Francisco, as reported over the Western Union.

Miss Fodness and Miss Winger have had a large drop awning put on their display window, which will be very serviceable during both sunshine and rain.

See Rauch Bros about their horse that will be at James Huseboe's livery barn every Saturday.

Mrs. Will Anderson of Fairview, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Montgomery.

We regret to chronicle the death at Mitchell last Thursday, of Anton K. Ellason, brother of J. P. Ellason of Worthing. The deceased was in his 27th year and died of Brights disease. He enlisted with the 1st S. D. and served the term of enlistment in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war, and when discharged he enlisted in the 36th U. S. Inf. Returning to America, he settled in Alexandria, S. D., and got married. Besides his brother Peter who lives here, and two brothers who live in Alexandria, he leaves to mourn his death, a beloved and faithful wife and two children, two and three years old. The funeral was held at his late home in Alexandria last Saturday at two o'clock.

Merchant John Huseboe has had a large drop awning placed on the front of his store, and his carefully selected stock of new goods are protected from the beautiful sunshine, but more accessible to the careful buyer.

Chas. Kuhns, brother of the next county treasurer, is truly a hustler in his hardware line. He has already this spring "spouted" seven houses and still has Jack Noel's home to spout.

John M. Solso and family have moved into the E. Hufsmith house, formerly owned by Ben T. Whitlow.

Mr. and Mrs. Clai Haymond are now nicely located in the Will Jones house.

Mrs. Will Jones and children left here last Thursday for Willow Lake, S. D., their new home and we wish them the best of success and happiness. Mr. Jones will follow them in the near future.

Mrs. Frank Woodley and son Elmer and Mrs. Elmer Woodley and daughter, were west bound passengers last Wednesday noon for their new homes in Lyman county. The Messrs. Woodley joined the Worthing colony in Lyman county some time ago, and are now all nicely quartered and as happy and contented as an Editor, when you pay your subscription.

W. W. Collins, superintendent of the I. & D. division, and party passed through here today on number eight, and informed the writer that the Milwaukee bridge at Chamberlain is again in excellent condition, that work on the Chamberlain-Rapid City extension is progressing rapidly, that the large number of actual settlers bound for Stanley and Lyman counties, is taxing the excellent service of the Milwaukee to handle the passenger and freight traffic, and indications are that the great state of South Dakota is truly destined to be far greater.

Fancy dress skirts at a bargain, for sale by Martin Overstreet, formerly Opland's store, Main street.

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Hurley Herald: Is there a single machine man in the state who is supporting the present machine for purely patriotic motives, without a thought of political or financial gain for himself or friends, but is seeking merely the best good of the people and the state? Now don't all laugh. Is there one?

The "Star Crown" is a Canton made cigar. Good material and a good smoke.