

# THE CANTON LEADER

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## FOR PRESIDENT 1908 THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By Will of the People.

For United States Senator  
O. E. CRAWFORD.  
For Governor  
R. S. VESSEY.  
For State Treasurer  
C. H. CASSILL.

The primary law is a boss killer. No wonder Kit and his followers hate to recognize the power of the people.

Stalwart reform was practised at Pierra every time the legislature met. The reform program was led by the railroad agents with plenty of wine, whisky, cigars and free passes.

When the Kittredge crowd went out of office they left a square, open, deficiency of \$250,000, and the Crawford administration had to meet this debt by a one mill levy.

Major A. W. Edwards, a prominent figure in territorial days, died at Fargo on the 8th. He weighed 360 when the writer last saw him. The old timers who attended conventions before statehood will remember the great big genial politician.

George Grigby, son of Col. Melvin Grigby of Sioux Falls, has just been nominated for United States Attorney for Alaska. It is a well deserved honor for a worthy gentleman.

Congressman Parker of Deadwood, has been just selected as a member of the national republican campaign committee for South Dakota.

### How The Show Was Got Up.

Burke, Gregory County Gazette: "Stalwart managers agreed to pay the expenses of any who would go to the Kittredge meeting at Mitchell. But no one in this county seemed anxious to attend even at that."

### Good Men and True.

Hudsonite: With Gov. Crawford in the U. S. senate and Senator Vessey in the governor's chair South Dakota will have two representatives in high places that it will ever be a pride to point to.

Kit and Tom Roberts, his private secretary, are both drawing pay from the government and both have deserted their posts at Washington and are doing their best to fool our people into the belief that Kit is no corporation servant. Kit and Tom, a nice pair. How they do love the primary! Kit used to sit in his office at Sioux Falls and give orders. How the mighty boss has fallen, and he has some more falls coming.

### Schaber Likes Vessey.

Hudson Hudsonite: We had the pleasure of meeting Senator Vessey of Washington, our choice of the candidates for governor, at Watertown last week, and we were immediately impressed with his personality. He is an older man than we thought, but his honest countenance shows plainly the staunch integrity of the man, his capability, and his intellectuality. His record stands for itself and as our highest state executive he will make good in every particular, for he has the ability, the dignity and the firmness of character which will insure an honest, fearless business administration of affairs of office, and the people of the state will be certain to elect a man who believes in a square deal to all, if they make him governor.

### Shows Up Chamberlain.

Editor Schaber of the Hudson Hudsonite says he hates a "knocker." As Chamberlain, who is running the state institute meetings and fireless cooking combination, jumped on to the Gurney's of Yankton for having worthless corn, during his recent meeting at Hudson, Editor Schaber got hot, knowing the Gurney's to be honest, reliable men. Schaber hates a knocker in any shape.

Editor Schaber wrote to Mr. Gurney and said that what was the matter with the Gurney's explanation of the corn was from the Minnesota experimental station, and guaranteed. Gurney has offered to pay Chamberlain's expenses if he would come and examine the corn he condemns. Chamberlain wouldn't go—he is not interested with corn knowledge.

It is true that President Ericson and the state board of regents was getting the state institute work in the hands of professional corn men and dressed through the Agricultural college instead of having it run on a private basis.

Mr. Chamberlain has seen fit to denounce corn sold by Gurney of Yankton, and yet Mr. Gurney says he has never seen it, and won't investigate. Mr. Chamberlain is not a corn man and the state is fooling away good money in the experiment. The institute work ought to be in the hands of a man expert in the field.

We commend Bro. Schaber for exposing a "knocker" who is drawing money from the state for a class of work that is not satisfactory to people who are interested about corn.

Senator Kittredge has a great deal to say about Smoot and Bristol in his speeches according to reports as published. It is easier to talk about Smoot the Mormon and Bristol the prosecutor of timber thieves, than it is to discuss his own record, yet Bristol, whom he refused to confirm, is prosecuting timber thieves in Oregon. Mr. Kittredge's record in the Bristol case is the most rotten bit of corruption work he ever performed. The corporation senators refused to confirm Bristol after the President appointed him three times, because Bristol was after the big timber thieves of Oregon. All fair minded people will believe that President Roosevelt knew what he was doing in the interest of justice. The other fellows didn't want justice—they wanted protection and Mr. Kittredge and his other friends did all they could to keep Bristol from prosecuting the timber thieves but the president is bound they shall be prosecuted in spite of the men who refused to confirm Bristol's nomination. Mr. Kittredge had better give our people plenty of Smootism and keep silent on Bristol, but the "corporation puppets have to dance when the strings are pulled."

Kit should drop Smootism and Bristolism and give us a dose on the canals in Mars.

Kittredge and the Land-Thieves  
Sioux Falls Press: John H. Hall, former United States district attorney for Oregon, was convicted of conspiracy against the government in the land frauds of that state.

Hall is the man ousted from office and indicted by Francis J. Heney, special prosecutor sent to Oregon by the government.

Senator Fulton had contemplated the reappointment of Hall. He and Mitchell gave Hall such assurances after George C. Brownell, who had been promised the place, had been involved in the investigation of land frauds.

It was at Senator Fulton's behest that Senator Kittredge prevented the confirmation of President Roosevelt's appointment of W. C. Bristol of Oregon as Hall's successor.

It was at the suggestion of Heney, who has now convicted Hall, Fulton's friend and political associate, that Bristol was appointed by President Roosevelt.

It was Heney who appeared before the subcommittee of which Kittredge was a member and explained away the fake charge brought against Bristol to give Kittredge and Foraker an excuse to hold up the appointment to accommodate Fulton.

The secret conspiracy of the land grabbing and thief protecting corporation agents to indict Governor Crawford for entering land according to law and relinquish the same, as thousands have done before, has no parallel in political depravity.

The old corporation gang are buying reform clothes and are so awfully scared that they don't take for reformers that Kit deserted his canal work and came home to help the other fellows damn the primary.

### Notice of the Color of Official Primary Ballots.

Notice is hereby given that the color of the official primary ballots of the respective political parties of Lincoln county, South Dakota, are as follows:

Republican party, White.  
Democratic party, Yellow.

CHAS. L. KUNDERT,  
County Auditor.

### INCREASE IN RAILROAD TAXES.

Table showing the amount of Railroad taxes paid to Lincoln county and to the City of Canton during the several years mentioned.

### STATE TAX FIGURES

We herewith give the amount levied for state taxes in and for Lincoln county for the years named:

Year 1901—Stalwart rule \$20,390.79

Year 1903—Stalwart rule \$30,673.03

Year 1905—Stalwart rule \$28,185.64

Year 1907—Republican rule \$21,108.24

The twine plant tax voted by the people amounts to, in this county \$8,785.10

In the face of this showing we hear of people who claim to be honest and patriotic citizens, denouncing the reform administration for causing higher taxes and seeking to prejudice the voter by willfully misleading and switching the real issue, which is shall the corporations be restored to power in this state? Ch! shame, where is thy limit?

Kittredge met with an awful frost at Alexandria not with standing the presence of his Mitchell friends who did all the shouting and furnished a bouquet. Kit has mighty few friends at Alexandria or any other town, because the people don't know him and they do not like his record.

### PEOPLE CRY FOR ROOSEVELT.

#### POLICE IN PHILADELPHIA HAVE TO DISPERSE EXCITED ROOSEVELT PETITION CROWDS.

Philadelphia, Feb. 8.—An endless petition from the voters of this state asking President Roosevelt to accept another term should be the professed choice of the delegates to the national convention to succeed himself was started here.

The petition was displayed at Eleventh and Chestnut streets. In one hour there were 2,500 signatures, and later in the day the police were called out to disperse the excited crowd.

The petition reminds the president that his refusal to accept the nomination is stopping the work of reform he has inaugurated. It tells him the benefit to be derived by the country, for his continuance in office outweighs his personal obligations as to another term, and that his office should be held in trust for all the people until his work is completed.

#### No State Tax Increase in Lincoln County

Argus Leader: "It will be observed," says the Canton Leader, "that the railroad tax for 1907 under the Crawford administration has increased amazingly." It will also be observed that the state tax which the farmers will have to pay has increased amazingly.

We publish a table in this issue which the Argus Leader editor might read and be convinced if he desires the truth.

The Argus Leader has no use for the truth and no desire to tell the truth, for the truth makes a liar stutter. The state taxes in Lincoln county for 1907 are lower than they were in 1901, 1903 or 1905, years in which the legislature met, and the only way to make an honest and fair comparison is to compare one legislative year with another.

It is well known that the lands in the west and northwest part of the state east of the river were assessed at from \$3 to \$4 an acre and farmers and real estate men complained of the injustice because prospective buyers judged that the land thus assessed couldn't be worth much. The cheap lands all over the east side of the state were raised in value by county assessors and such lands today are not assessed at more than one quarter their selling price.

The Lincoln county farms are as good as any in the state, and their tax valuation is just about one quarter of the selling price, and few of the farms enumerated in the list published in this issue, one from each township, could be purchased for four times the assessed valuation.

The state tax in Minnesota can be no higher in assessed valuation than in Lincoln and the Argus Leader lies cannot change the result.

The machine campaign in this state is based on falsehood for the purpose of deceiving the people, but fortunately the people are able to detect the fraud and do their own thinking.

The machine followers are willing to resort to anything that may aid the return of Kittredge to the senate to continue his corporation tactics, but Kit's hopes will never be realized. The Argus Leader's long suit is figures and any kind of figures suits its purpose, and the more untruthful the better, and its reputation in this direction has become so notorious that fair minded people no longer consider its statement on taxation as worthy of notice.

### Correspondence

#### Fairview.

February 11.

Friday is Valentine Day. If you don't receive one or more ugly valentines, you evidently have no rivals and no one is jealous of you.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Engebretson have rented out their farm and will move to Sioux City in the spring. Ed figures on going into the carpenter business with his uncle down there.

O. Ekls shelled corn for Nels Pederson and T. Rikansrud this week.

Joe Erikson of Fairview has sold his hardware store and business to Martin Overseth who will soon take possession and become the Fairview hardware merchant.

O. O. Rikansrud, jr., is visiting old friends in these parts this week. He says he is going to enjoy his one month's vacation just as much as he can.

There will be services at Trinity church on Sunday morning.

James Overseth, one of Eden township's most industrious young farmers, visited with T. Rikansrud Friday afternoon. Torkel and James figure on investing in stock.

T. Rikansrud, George and Andy Johnson and a few more, from these parts attended the auction sale up at Highland Canton Feb. 6th. The boys say John Steensland made a whooping good auctioneer, so just call on J. J. Steensland when you want to have a sale.

Your scribe received a copy of the new Norwegian paper edited by Mr. Opland at Sioux Falls and called the Sioux Falls Posten. This is a most excellent paper containing a good portion of Lincoln county news besides other good reading and every Norwegian should subscribe, especially those who don't read much English.

How we miss the Riverside scribe! Did he take offense at the picnic? If so I beg your most gracious pardon.

Dear Riversider, and if you'll be good you'll get a pretty valentine from—  
The Fairview Bachelor.

#### East Lincoln.

Feb. 12, 1908.

Mrs. Hall of Centerville has been visiting Mrs. Jazies Tate the past week.

Presiding Elder Shepherd held quarterly meeting at Cottage Grove Sunday. A large crowd attended and appreciated the fine sermon.

Misses Anna and Addie Voverka and two gentlemen friends came up from Hawarden, and were guests of Mrs. John Warner.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. Clay Johnson last Thursday. Mrs. Anton Thompson will entertain the Society Thursday Feb. 20th.

Mr. John Zimmerle and family were callers at the home of S. S. Manning Sunday afternoon.

Miss Anna Penniston has returned home from Canton having finished her work in sewing at Mrs. Fowler's.

There is no school at Cottage Grove on account of the sickness of the teacher, Miss May Brown.

They say one of the "old maids" lost her hat Saturday evening. We hope she'll find it so that she can wear it to the Kinsley school house Friday night.

A pleasant party was held at the home of Ort Eastman Saturday evening.

Miss May Tate visited the Kinsley school Friday.

J. D. Hicks has returned home having been in Canton the past week on duty as one of the jury.

Mrs. Ole Rust, who is at the hospital in Sioux City, is much better and will soon return home.

#### Grant Township.

Feb. 12.

Oscar Sather and Olaf Stubein boarded the train at Worthing last Wednesday, bound for Spink county where the boys intend to visit for some time among friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sundvold were down in Grand Valley Friday visiting with the family of B. Torberson.

Mrs. Sander Brynjulson and daughter from Highland were out this way for several days last week visiting old time friends.

Ed Johnson took a trip down to Highland township last Friday and brought home a load of wood. That puts in mind of years ago when we used to haul wood from the Gus Linderman place.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Engebretson of Worthing were callers at K. O. Nelson's last Saturday.

Ole Lier sold a bunch of fat cattle to Iowa parties and drove them to Worthing Saturday.

Theodore Gedstad has a bad cold and as a consequence has been hugging the stove for several days.

Last Saturday evening Lewis Larson's young ladies invited several of their friends and schoolmates to spend the evening with them and all had a very pleasant evening with games and music. The amusements concluded with a fine oyster supper and the young people departed for their homes happy.

Ed Noethlick was visiting with Odin Larson Saturday and Sunday.

Pete Peterson from Lyman county came down with a car load of horses and household goods last week. He has rented the K. O. Gedstad farm and is busy now getting things in shape for spring work.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Fodnes received the sad intelligence Friday morning that Mrs. Fodnes' youngest brother at Luverne, Minn., had died from an operation performed at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Fodnes took the train the same day to be present at the funeral.

Mrs. Mary Hanson was a caller on Mrs. Severt Hanson Saturday.

Frank Neumann and family and Miss Anna Gunderson were visiting at H. Stubein's Sunday.

John Slocumb and family were over at Wilson Ostrander's Sunday to see how he was getting along after his accident. It was reported he suffered considerable pain at first, but he is getting along very well at present.

Anton Haugen left Monday for Spink county where he will visit for a time.

### Figures Taken From the County Records.

The following table shows the amount of State Taxes paid for the past four years following a session of the legislature, on a 160 acre farm taken at random from each township in Lincoln county. After reading and comparing the figures for the several years you will note that the tax for 1907, the Crawford year, is the lowest since 1901, for a legislative year, and if the twine plant tax and the state tax were united they would about equal the machine tax of 1903 and 1905, for state purposes alone. The howl about taxes and extravagance was made on purpose to cover up the corporation record of the crowd who are seeking to put the corporation bosses in charge again and thus secure a reduction in railroad and other corporation taxes. The records in the County Auditor's office do not lie but the machine press do.

Township	Name	Year 1901		Year 1903		Year 1905		Year 1907	
		Value	St. Tax 3-1-5 m	Value	State Tax 4 m	Value	State Tax 4 m	Value	State Tax 3 m
Eden	G G Dokken	\$2 140	\$8 85	\$2 310	\$10 39	\$2 330	\$9 32	\$2 345	\$7 03
Norway	Erick Jacobson	2 460	7 87	2 405	10 82	2 380	9 52	2 295	6 88
Pleasant	Jacob Voegehl	2 120	7 78	2 090	9 40	2 185	8 74	2 125	6 37
Brooklyn	Phillip Foy	2 225	7 12	2 235	10 06	2 005	8 02	2 235	6 70
Fairview	Sven Olson	2 350	7 52	2 285	10 28	2 425	9 70	2 255	6 76
Highland	Paul J Eneboe	2 005	6 41	2 090	9 27	2 155	8 62	2 190	5 97
Lincoln	H C Johnson	2 140	6 85	2 215	9 97	2 190	8 76	2 215	6 94
Delaware	S L Whitlow	2 445	7 82	2 410	10 84	2 880	11 52	2 550	7 65
Canton	F M Beck	2 340	7 49	2 350	10 58	2 410	9 64	2 325	6 98
Lynn	C B Kennedy	2 060	6 59	2 095	9 23	2 240	8 96	2 140	6 42
Grant	M Bennett	2 050	6 56	2 115	9 52	2 215	8 86	2 145	6 43
Dayton	Ole Hokenstad	2 130	6 88	2 195	9 88	2 280	9 12	2 210	6 63
LaValley	Bert Clark	2 090	6 69	2 225	9 99	2 190	8 76	2 085	6 25
Springdale	Ole A Lee	2 035	6 51	2 175	9 79	2 200	8 80	2 170	6 51
Delapre	T G Perry	2 030	6 56	2 085	9 40	2 160	8 64	2 090	6 27
	G Dutsman	2 080	6 66	1 930	8 68	2 130	8 52	2 070	6 21

When the eight o'clock passenger went down Wednesday morning it had been having trouble or was looking for it.

A number of men from this part of the neighborhood attended the Hanson and Collins sale near Beloit Tuesday.

Dayton. Feb. 12, 1908. Garfield Goodwin returned from Sioux Rapids, Iowa, Saturday, where he has been visiting with his sister, Mrs. John Snyder.

Mr. Frank Painter and Mr. Abbott drove up to Sioux Falls and back Tuesday.

Mr. Rempley is recovering slowly from a cold he had on his lungs.

Frank Bankson is back on the farm looking after the chores while his brother Paul is attending college.

Bessie Bainbridge who has been sick with a cold is much better and will soon be well again.

Mr. Leifer marketed hogs Monday and Tuesday.

The school in district No. 9 has been very small lately owing to sickness. Miss Nelson the teacher is very sorry to have so many absent.

A number of our farmers attended the Berner Hanson sale and most all of them brought home something. Daytonites know good things when they see them.

Will Kennison started for Fairview with a load of corn Tuesday. We have not heard whether he got there yet.

Martin Peterson had corn shellers Monday.

Joe Gillen of Canton has been digging a well for James Mitchell this week.

Nels Knutson's family have had a stage of sickness for over a week, five of the children being sick at once, two of them being seriously sick with pneumonia. Martin, the oldest, was so bad it was necessary to have a trained nurse. We are glad to note they are all improving. Martin, of course, is not yet out of danger.

Obed Olsen delivered five head of cattle to Butcher Stein of Canton Friday.

West Canton. February 12, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Schlosser visited at Clarence Oliver's Sunday.

Mrs. G. Berg has been quite seriously sick.

Mrs. Kaffar and son John visited with Mrs. Moulton and Mrs. Knutson Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. Evans drove out from Canton Tuesday and spent the day with Mrs. Moulton.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd were visitors at Roy Millage's Saturday.

Mrs. Chris Thompson, who was operated on for appendicitis at a Sioux Falls hospital recently, is recovering and will be able to be home in a few days.

Mrs. Ethan Kinsley and two little daughters visited with relatives in this neighborhood last week. Mrs. Kinsley returned to her home in Sanborn county Monday. She reports a fall of eight inches of snow accompanied by a high wind drifting it badly and making the roads almost impassible in some places.

Mrs. Knutson entertained a number of friends Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Moulton's birthday. The afternoon was spent in a social way and at five o'clock Mrs. Knutson served a fine lunch, after which the guests departed wishing Mrs. Moulton many happy returns of the day.

Our esteemed contemporary, J. E. Holter, has laid before us the plan for nationalizing the grain elevators of the country, and as he desires the opinion of his countrymen, we shall deliver our views gladly. Without discussing details we say the system is ideal, fair as any poet's dream and entirely practicable. Yet how dare we? Are not governments established among men that private enterprise may flourish? Has not our Uncle Samuel monopolized our postal service and are not our cities gobbling up the light and water systems? Dare we trust our people with another draught of this intoxicating nectar? Nay, Private monopoly must not be obstructed or the toiler would rise to the level of his master. Human nature can not endure that. The people must never come to their own.

Olaf Gilbertson has been hauling corn from this neighborhood.

Albert Lorenson has joined the Yeoman and has first experience with the goat last week.

The Misses Carrie Brynjulson, Laura Holter and Mr. Aslek Larson sought optical treatment by the specialist, Stevenson, Wednesday.

Ed. Coombs bought a horse at the sale Tuesday and has now a well matched team of snowy white.

Valdemar Nelson has been employed around the corn sheller the past week.

A. M. Hunter is back to the farm after an extended visit with friends in Illinois and Iowa.

The Collins and Hanson sale was well patronized and Berner's little stock farm fairly swarmed with pork loving humanity.

John Wallquist shelled corn at Hans Brynjulson's and O. E. Holter. Mark Hunter and J. H. Ovre are next in order.

Miss Mabel Monson has been visiting with Mademoiselle LaGrippe but the stern visitor did not require our charming and accomplished teacher to give up her duties in the school room.

"What are you hauling, Helge Johnson?" we inquired, as we passed our good neighbor on his second trip out from Canton on Tuesday afternoon. "I'm hauling a veterinary surgeon," responded that young gentleman, and we concluded something was ailing at Johnson's.

While the enthusiasts of national politics are shouting for their presidential candidates and our shrewd politicians are manipulating their senatorial campaigns, we desire to modestly begin at home by again urging the candidacy for a legislative position of Lincoln county's favorite son. We take special pride in presenting the name of Sander Brynjulson as a candidate to succeed himself in the lower house of legislature.

W. E. Greene was in Canton on business Monday.

Adolph Brandhagen was in town on business last Tuesday.

James Kennedy will hold his auction sale Feb. 25th. Mr. Kennedy owns some very fine young horses. As he intends to retire from the farm everything as advertised will be sold to the highest bidder.

Lizzie Mausbach was a Canton passenger Monday morning.

Grace Kuhns visited Saturday and Sunday with her parents. Miss Kuhns is teaching at Harrisburg.

Geo. Sweetser marketed hogs here last Saturday.

J. P. Henrich of Lennox was in town Tuesday evening. Mr. Henrich is interested in the Lennox Telephone Co. and held a conference with the officers of the Electric Co. concerning a connection.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bradshaw accompanied by Mrs. Moyses, Mrs. Bradshaw's mother, returned from Independence, Iowa, last Friday. The many friends and acquaintances of the late John Moyses are sorry to learn of his death which occurred at Independence recently. The deceased was 81 years of age, and during his visit here several years ago made many close friends. How well we remember him as a kind, sociable, fatherly man. Such as he pass away but never die in the hearts of those left. To his widow and family we impart sympathy.

Mrs. T. J. Martin was a Sioux Falls and Canton visitor recently. We hardly think Tom "bached."

Cottage Grove school has been closed for several days owing to the illness of Miss May Brown, the teacher.

Prof. Damon's colored minstrels pleased a good sized crowd last Wednesday evening. Thursday morning at the hotel three of the called ladies mixed and for a few minutes hot air and nigger fur contaminated the atmosphere. Hat pins and canes were used as weapons. Mrs. Damon, the Manager's wife received severe wounds which required the attention of Dr. Kerr. Prof. Damon took the matter good naturedly and said: "You just ought to see dem wemon fight, 'twas too comical for anything!"

Mat Solso returned from North Dakota last week after proving up on his homestead.

Ed Sogen, our merchant informs us that a certain competitor has been doing him an injustice. Mr. Sogen comes here well recommended as a fair and square business man and any sneak who tries to do a fellow competitor dirt, deserves to be criticised.

Sam Keller came out from Canton Tuesday and drove out to his farm south of here.

The many friends of Rev. Thompson worked a surprise on him last Saturday evening by gathering at the Congregational parsonage and taking possession. The evening was an enjoyable one to all present. His friends presented him with a neat sum of nearly \$25 as a token of their brotherly love.

This being Leap Year, several old maids, young maids and middle aged maids demanded us to