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Republican Legislative Ticket.

For Senator—
HENRY F. BARKER,
of Isanti county.
For Representatives—
EMMET MARK,
of Mille Lacs county.
H. E. CRAIG,
of Sherburne county.
T. G. McLEAN,
of Anoka county.

PRIMARY election September 16.

THE State fair was a record breaker.

THIS might be termed the land age.

DON'T forget J. Adam Bede next Tuesday.

THE weather will soon be making the fur fly.

THERE will be a cross time of it on the sixteenth.

ONE trial of the primary election law will suffice.

THE life insurance agents have given way to the office seeker.

THE Minnesota spud is not wearing patent leathers or tuxedos this fall.

THE little red school house is again doing business at the same old stand.

C. B. BUCKMAN seems to have virtually no opposition in the Eighth district.

LET us have harmony in the Rum River legislative district—after next Tuesday.

THE president put the coal miners' strike up to the gentlemen from Pennsylvania.

THE young idea will now proceed to shoot while the old idea will try and take root.

VOTE for fair representation for each of the four counties of the 45th legislative district.

THE summer tourist is almost a faded memory but the hired girl looms up on the horizon bigger than ever.

AS between brains and boodle the UNION favors brains every time, hence we favor the candidacy of J. Adam Bede for congress.

ACCORDING to our way of thinking a postmaster or the principal of a public school has as much right to take a hand in the game of politics as any other citizen.

THE Democrats of Wisconsin have nominated a man by the name of Rose for governor. It is a case of Rose from the dead, but with a hitch in the resurrection proceedings.

"THE Holy City," one of the most beautiful of sacred songs, is now one of the musical attractions at vaudeville shows and roof gardens. Such is the spirit of the age.

THE Wisconsin and Iowa Democrats got through their state conventions without endorsing the Kansas City platform, while the Democrats of Ohio could not pass the old friend up.

THIRTEEN bears have been killed within the village limits of Duluth the past few weeks. A little wild and woolly as it were. The president will need no invitation to visit Duluth.

AMERICAN manufacturers are going to load a vessel with American-made goods and make a tour of the world exhibiting the goods and expanding the trade of this country. A capital idea.

HERE is a weighty editorial by Grandpa Pease of the Anoka Union which we take pleasure in reproducing: "The Eight congressional district should have a Republican represent it in congress. Therefore vote for Edson."

If the Republicans of the 45th legislative district should deem it best to nominate Frank T. White for the senate and Lewis Erickson for the house the UNION will cheerfully acquiesce in the verdict.

SPACE in the advertising columns of the UNION is always for sale, but no living man can purchase a line in the UNION's editorial columns. Space in the editorial columns of this paper cannot be purchased at any price.

FOUR years ago Mille Lacs county Republicans stood loyally by Sherburne county's candidate for the senate, and next Tuesday Mille Lacs Republicans will stand by Sherburne's farmer candidate for representative, bluff old H. E. Craig.

EMMET MARK is entitled to the solid support of his home county and it should be accorded him ungrudgingly. There is no man who has done more to build up the business interests of Princeton and Mille Lacs county than Emmet Mark.

MILLE LACS county Republicans should not overlook the fact that Emmet Mark is Mille Lacs county's only candidate for the legislature. Mr. Mark deserves well of the business men and farmers of Mille Lacs and the adjoining counties.

PERPETUAL motion and a successfully and satisfactorily revised tariff will employ the time of experts and theorists for some time to come. We are doing business right along and all are getting a bite while some take the bakery, and as long as Coxe's army and the free soup house remain with the ancient brie-a-brac all's well.

J. ADAM BEDE is the candidate of the plain common people. He is a poor man and cannot afford to hire newspapers and politicians. Poverty is inconvenient but it is not a crime. Although Mr. Bede is poor, he is bright and brainy, and if he is elected to congress every Minnesotan will be proud of him.

THE manner in which electric cars were overloaded at the State fair last week beats all former records that were bad enough. It is nothing short of a criminal act to allow street cars to be overloaded as the twin city cars are overloaded during fair week. The practice will go on until there is a serious accident sometime, and then it will be "I told you so."

THE UNION stands for fair play and fair representation for each and every county comprising the 45th legislative district, hence we favor the candidacy of H. F. Barker, Emmet Mark, H. E. Craig and T. G. McLean—a senator for Isanti and a representative for each of the counties of Mille Lacs, Sherburne and Anoka. It would be grossly unfair and unjust to apportion a senator and representative to any one of the four counties.

IN St. Paul an attempt was made to get the name of one A. L. Miller, a buggy washer, on the primary ballots to injure the chances of Coroner Miller of Ramsey county, who is a candidate for re-election. The buggy washer was paid \$75 for the use of his name by unprincipled parties, but the matter was brought before one of the district court judges who compelled the county auditor to strike the name from the ballot. This is one of the possibilities under the primary election law. The law will need a whole lot of patching before it is just the thing.

WHY should political marplots in the counties of Anoka, Mille Lacs and Sherburne select a candidate for Isanti county. The people of Isanti county are the best judges of who they want to represent them in the State legislature. The Republicans of our sister county of Isanti have said in unmistakable terms that they desire Hon. H. F. Barker. At the Republican county convention in Cambridge on the 20th of June the candidacy of Henry F. Barker was endorsed by a unanimous vote. Why disregard the plainly expressed wishes of the Republicans of Isanti county.

HELEN KELLAR, the remarkable deaf and blind girl who has just completed a very beautiful story of her life in the Ladies' Home Journal, concludes the last chapter of the story of her life with abiding faith and sweetness. She says: "Silence sits immense upon my soul. Then comes hope with sweet, sad smile, and whispers, 'There is joy in self-forgetfulness.' So I try to make the light in others eyes my sun, the music in others ears my symphony, the smile on others lips my happiness." Faint hearts, with eyes to see and ears to hear, there is a grand lesson in Helen Kellar's life.

THE Mille Lacs county fair will be held on next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 18th, 19th and 20th. The management are sparing no pains to make the fair a great success. The best lot of premiums, liberal purses for racing events, and attractions of all kinds have been secured. Prof. Thos. Shaw, of the Minnesota college of agriculture, will address the farmers on Friday afternoon, Sept. 19th, and every farmer who can should attend. Prof. Shaw always has some good sound practical advice for the farmers. Farmers of Isanti, Benton, Sherburne and Mille Lacs counties should all join in making this fair a great success.

HOUSTON county took first prize this year at the State fair, scoring 91 per cent, with Wabasha county second and scoring 90 per cent. Aitkin, Pine, Beltrami and Itasca counties were the only northern Minnesota counties in the exhibit. Aitkin scored 75 per cent, Pine and Beltrami 59, and Itasca 52 per cent.

AS a general rule a man who conducts his own business successfully is a safe man to intrust with public business. T. G. McLean, one of the Republican candidates for the legislature in the Forty-fifth district, stands in the front rank of Anoka's leading business men. Intelligent, level-headed, practical men of the T. G. McLean stripe are needed in the legislature. Mr. McLean is Anoka's only candidate and there should not be a single vote recorded against him.

IN the current number of the National Magazine Frank Putnam inquires, "How long will the American people, otherwise fairly intelligent, permit a group of cold-blooded, bull-headed capitalists to operate a great national monopoly—the coal mines—on the public-be-damned basis?" President Baer says that God in his infinite wisdom placed the controlling interest of the coal mines in the hands of such men as himself, and we presume that after the fuel is gone from the earth and Mr. Baer rides a flying machine "over there," that Baer's descendants will be asking God in his infinite wisdom to let them have a small graft on the air for the poor man's sake. Ah, how nice 't would be.

THE editor of the UNION served in the house in 1895 with Hon. H. E. Craig, candidate for the primary nomination as representative from the Forty-fifth district, and we can say without the slightest exaggeration that Mr. Craig was one of the most conservative and one of the most wide awake members of that body. He was not a member given to frequent outbursts of eloquence so often intended for the galleries, but he was a quiet worker and his opinion and judgment were not born of the moment but were the result of careful consideration and investigation. Mr. Craig was counted one of the leading farmer members of the house in that session. The farming communities want such men as Mr. Craig to represent them and the farmers of this district will not miss it by nominating Mr. Craig at the forthcoming primaries.

THE Anoka Herald must be hard pressed for material in the guerrilla warfare it is waging against Hon. H. F. Barker, otherwise it would not delve into ancient history. The Herald alleges that the UNION criticized Mr. Barker rather severely anent the Fletcher-Giffillan congressional contest almost a generation ago. The editor of the Herald is a law student and he ought to know that such evidence as he attempts to adduce to prove Mr. Barker an unfit person to represent the 45th district in the State senate is incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial, besides it is barred by the statute of limitations. In voting for Mr. Giffillan Mr. Barker voiced the sentiments of an overwhelming majority of the Republicans of Isanti county, as the result at the subsequent election amply demonstrated. We can assure the editor of the Herald that we are now and have been for years heartily ashamed of the articles denunciatory of Mr. Barker that appeared in the columns of the UNION during the memorable campaign of 1884, and we have made the amend honorable to him many times since.

FAIR PLAY FOR SHERBURNE.

AS Isanti county has nearly double the Republican vote that Sherburne county has, we look to see the UNION reverse its position in next week's issue and use the same arguments in behalf of Sherburne county it used last week in behalf of Isanti county. The indications now are that the smallest county in the district is in more danger of not being represented in the legislature than any other county. We plead for justice to Sherburne county, and feel confident the UNION will join in the plea.—Elk River Star-News.

THE UNION will not reverse its position. The UNION heartily favors the nomination and election of Hon. H. E. Craig, Sherburne county's candidate for the house. Furthermore, we believe Isanti county Republicans to a man will stand by Sherburne county's sturdy farmer candidate. Certainly Mille Lacs county Republicans are for Mr. Craig. More than that, every old soldier in the district is enthusiastic for Comrade Craig. We renew our prediction: Hon. H. E. Craig will receive the largest number of votes of any candidate on the Republican ticket. It is absurd to suppose for a moment that a district which is mainly composed of farmers would turn down the only farmer candidate on the Republican legislative ticket.

UNCLE SAM'S LAND.

According to Hon. Paris Gibson, U. S. senator from Montana, the public land acts of the United States need to be radically changed if the remainder of the public land of this country are to become the property of the actual homeseeker and bona fide settler. Senator Gibson gets pretty close to the truth in his views. He is not an individual whose vision has been limited to a small area, for he has almost crossed the broad continent in his progress westward. It was not many years ago when he was a resident of Minneapolis, then a small city just beginning to grow. Later on Gibson went to Great Falls, Montana, and has helped make that city what it is. He has therefore seen Uncle Sam's domain develop in a marvelous manner, and his views on the land question are pretty close to the mark. Senator Gibson says that the balance of Uncle Sam's lands are limited almost entirely to the semi-arid and arid country, which embrace approximately 525,000,000 acres, much of which is covered by the Rocky Mountains, and is given over to mining industries. Under the desert land act private individuals and corporations have secured possession of a vast amount of these lands for grazing purposes. These lands have not only been secured through the desert land act, but also through the homestead act with its commutation provisions, and also with the aid of the forest reserve scrip. Senator Gibson thinks that unless our public land laws are radically changed it will not be many years before the agricultural lands of the western part of our country will all be in the hands of the rich and powerful stock growing companies.

THE government has been very generous with its people in making it possible for all to obtain a portion of the public lands, but in the passing of the public lands into the hands of the settler and the speculator there has been the greatest extravagance and loose methods made possible by the laws. The rich pine lands of the government all went for a song, and lumbering syndicates and speculators got control of much of the pine in a manner that should never have been allowed, and the lands in the semi-arid and arid region that by irrigation can be converted into rich and productive farms have been going in pretty much the same manner, though a halt has been called in this way of doing business and the recent act of congress providing for a system of irrigation, shuts out the land baron and real estate hog.

Senator Gibson thinks the commutation provisions of the homestead act, permitting the settler to prove up by paying \$1.25 an acre, should be repealed, and if a settler wants the land he can remain on the same five years and acquire title. It was not the intention of the government to allow any wild and extravagant speculation in the disposal of its lands, and the land laws were intended for actual and bona fide settlers. Mr. Gibson thinks that congress should repeal the desert land act and the commutation provisions of the homestead law, and should permit no more land scrip to be issued. He says: "In twenty-five or thirty years the population of the United States should not be less than 130,000,000, providing we can furnish homes for our people by preserving and reclaiming the arid domain, and not compel them to cross our northern boundary line, as they are now beginning to do, and to establish their homes under another flag."

FROM the editorial columns of the St. Paul Pioneer Press: "Senator Henry F. Barker of Isanti county, who has represented the Forty-fifth senatorial district, comprising the counties of Isanti, Anoka, Sherburne and Mille Lacs, in the legislature since the apportionment of 1899, is well known and highly esteemed as one of the most capable and useful members of the State senate. His experience in that body has rendered him still more useful to the State and to the large district of it which he represents. He is a candidate for renomination by the Republicans of the district, and his wide and deserved popularity ought to insure both his nomination and his election."

THE island of Martinique seems to be doomed, and as far as this age of the world is concerned it is a thing of the past with an appalling record of death and disaster left behind it. Mount Pelee has finished the job of ruin and desolation by blotting out Morne Rouge, and the rest of the settlements on the island. The horrible cataclysm in this matter-of-fact age of commerce is given but passing thought and consideration. There is a sigh, a few relief boats, and the awful event is gone forever.

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