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WHO THEY ARE, AND WHY SHOULD BE SUPPORTED AT THE POLLS.

To Know Them is to Like Them, and to Like Them is to Vote For Them.



WHILE we believe that the candidates on the democrat and peoples tickets this fall are pretty well known to most voters of the county, a little biographical

sketch of each may be of interest to all in enabling them to the better know who the men are for whom they will vote. None of our candidates are tenderfeet; all have been residents here for a number of years—some of them among the first settlers of the county. Each and every one is well qualified to fill the office for which they are nominated with credit to themselves and honor to the men whose votes will elect them.

JUDGE C. F. FOLEY,

The candidate for Judge of this district—composed of Barton, Stafford and Rice counties—is a resident of Lyons, Rice county. He is an able jurist and stands highest in his own county where he is known best. We have not been able to give his exact age, but we would judge him to be close to 30 or 40 years old, a man of family; careful in his habits; always plain spoken but courteous; well versed in the law, and in close touch with the masses of the people. We have known of him since 1890, and know that he has been an earnest and consistent populist since that time. He has served Rice county as county attorney, has not been offensive in politics but gave most enthusiastic support last fall to the ticket headed by Bryan and Sewall; has given his efforts towards a uniting of all the elements of the common people against the power of eastern money, and will be, if elected, a just and impartial Judge, laying aside party when on the bench, and giving all decisions in strict accordance with law.

E. C. DAVIS,

The candidate for County Clerk, needs little introduction to our people. Mr. Davis was born in 1861, near Salem, Indiana, and is therefore in his 36th year now. He received a common school education, and also took a course in the Eikosi Academy at Salem, afterwards taking up the profession of school teacher in his home county, where he taught for four years, holding the best grade certificates. He spent one year teaching in north-eastern Kansas, coming to Barton county first in 1885. Went back to Indiana and was married, and then returned to this county in 1886, locating on his present farm in Liberty township, south of the river. Mr. Davis has a wife and two interesting children; has always been industrious, and square dealing with his fellow men. He served two terms very satisfactorily as trustee of Liberty township. In politics he has always been a democrat, as we of the west understand democracy. He grew tired of the dominance of the eastern wing of his party, and in 1890 joined his efforts with the thousands of dissatisfied democrats and republicans who made up the peoples party movement. At all times he has advocated the cause of the masses, and although a populist today there is no man more enthusiastic in support of Wm. J. Bryan and the principles which he as a leader represents than is Cliff Davis. In 1895 he was the populist nominee for county clerk, and made a clean, manly canvas of the county, running close to his successful opponent in the three cornered fight. His qualifications for the office of county clerk are excellent, and the public affairs of the county will be well looked after should he be elected.

ELMER S. BRODIE,

Is the nominee for Register of Deeds. He was born in Indiana in 1870, being now 27 years old. When 12 years old—in 1882—he came with his parents to Kansas, locating in Dickinson county, where they lived for three years, before locating in Barton county. Since that time he has lived in Beaver town-

ship on the farm, or attended college in Great Bend. Mr. Brodie is an excellent penman, a good scholar, a straight-forward affable young man, and of just such a temperament as is needed in the office where the records of the county are to be kept neatly, exact and with business promptness. In politics he is a populist, having cast his first vote for the nominees of that party in 1891, and has been an earnest supporter of the democrat and populist nominees since that time. When elected he will treat everybody alike, knowing no friend or foe when it comes to performing an official duty, and the people of the county will, we hope and believe, rejoice that the young men will have such an excellent representative in the court house.

D. C. LUSE,

For Sheriff, is an exceptionally good selection. He is of German parentage, is in the prime of life; was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, in 1850, and is now 47 years old; strong and vigorous, and full of that determination needed to make an efficient officer of the law. Mr. Luse came to Kansas in 1879, locating first at McPherson where he conducted a livery business, at the same time running a livery stable at Canton, McPherson county. A part of 1880 and '81 he was in Ness county in the livery business, and while there was a deputy sheriff under Sheriff Caldwell, the one-armed man who afterwards lived in Great Bend a few years. In 1881 he located in Barton county, buying his home place in Great Bend, where he has lived ever since. He was married in 1887, and has a wife and three children to whom he is very devoted. In the early 80's he was in the livery business in Great Bend, and has a thorough knowledge of this and surrounding counties. Of late years he has given his attention to the ice business in this city, and to the lighting rod business in Barton and surrounding counties and in neighboring states. The men with whom he has done business are among his strongest supporters. He has satisfactorily filled the position of game and fish warden, has served on the city council and school board at various times, and is at present president of the city board of education. In politics he has always been a democrat, was chairman of the county central committee in 1888, and last year was captain of the Bryan marching club of this city. Although a democrat, he has time and again had the satisfaction of being supported by a majority of the people of his ward, (regardless of the fact that it is strongly republican) and has never been defeated for a local office. He has not before sought a county office. We know that no mistake will be made in selecting D. C. Luse for the next sheriff of Barton county.

EDWIN TYLER,

Candidate for Commissioner of the second district, was born in 1842 in Richfield, Adams county, Ills., where he grew up, obtaining a common school education. At the first call for volunteers, when bloody rebellion broke out, he was one of the first to respond, although under age. His mother went after him and brought him home, but he again joined the army and this time remained, serving three years in the cause of his country, making a clear record in the field and a good hospital record. He suffered with fever while in the service and as a result lost the sight of one eye, and his general health was shattered by reason of the many hardships incident to army life. After receiving an honorable discharge from the army he returned to his old home at Richfield, and was married there in 1865. In 1871 Mr. Tyler and his little family arrived in Great Bend. They came overland, mostly for the husband's health, he being hardly able to sit up during the long journey. Having a strong, healthy and very careful companion in the person of Mrs. Tyler, he reached the new land, but for a long time was pretty near overcome by the hardships incident to pioneer life. He has remained a resident of Great Bend since that time, excepting while proving up on a claim in Liberty township. Mr. Tyler has been honored by the people of this city, having been a member of the council and school board, and serving three terms as city assessor. He has been a life-long republican, but never unreasonable in his partisanship. Last year he had the manhood to stand by his convictions on the silver question, which he consider-

ed the all important issue, and although every effort was made by his old party associates to win him over to support the gold standard, he stood solid as a rock for his principles which were those represented by Wm. J. Bryan and the platform on which he ran. Mr. Tyler has never asked for a county office—did not seek the nomination for commissioner; but if he be elected the voters can rest assured that his action on the board will be fair, honorable, and to the best interests of the tax payers.

HENRY SCHWIER,

The former candidate for County Treasurer, is so well known by our people that it hardly seems necessary to tell you about him. Mr. Schwier is 54 years old, having been born in Germany in 1843, emigrating to America in 1861. He located on a farm in Dearborn county, Indiana, near Lawrenceburg. For 15 years he was on the farm, and one year was in business in Cincinnati, O. In 1877 he came to Kansas, buying the place where he now lives, in Buffalo township, from the railroad company, moving his family out in 1878. At that time all that country was a barren stretch of buffalo grass, but Mr. Schwier dug into work with the rest of our sturdy farmer pioneers, and for 20 years has encountered the ups and downs of the agriculturalist. He and his faithful wife have raised a family of sturdy boys and girls who are recognized as among our best citizens. From 1879 to 1882 Mr. Schwier served as trustee of Buffalo township, and in the fall of 1883 was elected a member of the board of county commissioners for the west district. He filled that office most satisfactorily for six years, retiring in January 1891. He was one of the organizers of the Heizer Creamery Co., the first creamery established in the county, and served as president of that company from 1889 to 1896. His oldest son, Wm. Schwier, is now secretary and manager of the creamery company. Conscientious in all things, earnest and pains-taking, and a man upon whose acts both public and private no blemish can be found, Henry Schwier will be a safe and competent man to succeed Mr. Bosse in the treasurer's office. He is an ideal farmer candidate—a man whom the office is actually seeking—and whom we confidently believe it will find.

DR. P. J. BARTLE,

Candidate for Coroner, was born in Steuben county, New York, June 4, 1874, and came to Kansas with his parents in 1885, locating at Larded. His father, Rev. Bartle, was a Methodist minister and he has served the people in that capacity at Garfield, Dodge City, Pawnee Rock and Kinsley. Dr. Bartle graduated from the Kinsley high school May 6, 1887, and immediately began the study of medicine, taking his first college course beginning in Sept. 1893, at the Keokuk Medical College, Keokuk, Ia., where also a second course of lectures was taken. He began the practice of medicine at Albert, Barton county, March 1, 1895, where he practiced until Sept. of that year, when he went to the Barnes Medical College at St. Louis, and received the degree of M. D. March 17, 1896. He practiced his profession at Larded for a short time, and then removed to Hoisington in June of that year. He was married in Keokuk, Iowa, August 12, 1896. He remained at Hoisington until May, 1897, when he removed to Great Bend, being associated in practice with his brother, Dr. Ira B. Bartle. Change of plans and residence of the brother made it necessary for Dr. Bartle to remove to Pawnee Rock, where he now enjoys a good practice and is liked by the people. He was for some time collaborator to the "Medical Messenger," a medical journal published at Fort Madison, Iowa. Dr. Bartle has been exceptionally successful in his practice, and is a young man deservingly of position and encouragement. Vote for him for coroner and you will have an able and careful official.

Voters, these are the candidates the democrat and peoples parties have placed in nomination and ask you to support at the polls. Unlike their opponents, they are not nearly all selected from Great Bend and vicinity. They are representative of all parts of the county, and all gentlemen against whom we have heard not one word of criticism. Vote for them, and you will never have cause to regret it in a single instance.

EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

VOTE the democratic or populist ticket from top to bottom, and victory is assured.

THE A. T. & S. F. railroad refuses to contribute to the building of a big convention hall at Kansas City, while other roads are putting up liberally. It would seem this is a very shortsighted policy on the part of the Santa Fe.

ON THE sample ballots you will observe that the cross is to be made at THE RIGHT of the name you wish to vote for, instead of in front of or to the left as heretofore. Keep this in mind when you go to the polls to vote.

THERE is probably not an "independent" newspaper in the 20th judicial district, as the name of the only "independent" nominee for judge fails to show up in any of them. Independence in politics and journalism is a "fake" intended to catch "suckers" but we don't think it will be a success in this instance.—Sterling Democrat.

"IS CAPITAL PUNISHMENT right?" is being discussed by leading Kansas men. Inasmuch as the whole state of Kansas has long been suffering from "Capitol" punishment—the punishment that comes through the bogishness, offishness, and regular dampishness of a set of cranks who have run affairs in the state Capitol—it must be right.

IT SEEMS "confidence" has returned in Indianapolis, Ind., Ex-President Harrison's home. In 1896 the city gave an overwhelming majority for McKinley, but on Tuesday of last week the democrats carried the city by between 3,000 and 5,000. The issue was plainly drawn, the republicans endorsing the gold standard and the democrats the Chicago platform and Wm. J. Bryan.

THE Sterling Democrat of last week presented the appearance of being a sure-enough democratic paper again; having opinions and plainly expressing them, and carrying the silver ticket at the head of the editorial column. The secret of this very appreciable change is the fact that W. P. Morrison, the old editor and proprietor, has again taken charge. Glad to see you back, Bro. Morrison.

EVERY man who desires a fair election should make it a point to see that not only himself but his neighbors get out to the polls on election day, and that all understand how to properly mark their ballots to make their votes count. Make a cross (x), two straight marks, in the square to the RIGHT of the name. Use a black lead-pencil, and do not make double marks. Cut out the sample ballot in this paper and study the tickets and the instructions there given.

VOTERS, do not neglect to go to the polls and vote, this year the same as any other year. While there is no national or state ticket to vote, there is as much reason why you should express your political sentiments this fall as any other. The success of our county ticket means a building up of the forces favoring the free coinage of silver, in preparation for the next great national struggle. By voting for candidates on the republican ticket you help to put a club in the hands of the gold standard, high protection fellows with which to beat out the brains of yourself and those who believe as you do.

THERE is no reason why any candidate on the republican ticket should receive the vote of a single democrat, populist or free silver republican. These three elements—combining the whole of the forces opposing republicanism as now constituted—have a ticket composed of gentlemen against whom not one word of condemnation has been uttered, and that ticket is deserving of the votes of every man who desires to see the cause for which we are all fighting, honestly and conscientiously, prevail. Begin with Judge Foley and place a cross in the square to the right of every name on either the democratic or peoples party ticket, and by so doing express to the

world your loyalty to the glorious cause so ably championed by Wm. J. Bryan and the other great common people of the land. Prove that you are as earnest as ever in your advocacy of bi-metalism—the only permanent remedy for the grasping plague of the goldites.

Acknowledges the Steal.

We were mistaken in supposing, as stated last week, that Judge Townsley had a conscience that was eatin' on 'im. He is not bothered with anything of the kind. In an attempt to reply to our charge that he last year virtually robbed the taxpayers of the county out of \$300 by charging \$413 dollars for printing the ballots when he this year offers to do it for \$26. He lies about the size of the ballots in an attempt to make a "case", which proves that the truth as well as his conscience has departed from him. He is certainly welcome to all the profit he makes at \$2 a thousand. Our criticism is of his course last year, and the course of his party in other years, in systematically putting his hand into the pockets of the tax payers and pulling out fancy plums whenever he happens to have a chance.

In this connection we want to call the attention of the tax payers to another place the republican paper has robbed the people. Last year the Tribune was the official paper, by the grace of two republican commissioners, and got paid for printing, all the miscellaneous acts of the board, as did the Register the year before. Neither the DEMOCRAT nor Beacon at any time they have had the official printing, have charged for or been paid for such publications. The law has been construed by both democrat and republican boards that the publication of only the list of bills allowed, statements of county officers, road notices, and tax lists are to be paid for—when any but a republican paper does the printing. But a republican board decides that ALL the commissioners proceedings are to be paid for—when published in a republican paper. By this peculiar method of shoveling pap to their two papers in this city the editors thereof have been enabled to rob the tax payers of about \$1,400 dollars during the two years last past. And Townsley will not deny this either.

We believe, however, that it will be a long time before the voters of Barton county will turn county affairs over to the party responsible for these things again.

Some Timely Dons'ts.

Don't buy any patent rights. Let somebody else play the sucker.

Don't drink more than a gollan of beer at a sitting—and don't mix your drinks.

Don't let another week go by without getting your name with the crowd—on our subscription list.

Don't worry about the wheat crop. It has to be killed and brought to life again several times before it is harvested.

Don't keep the boys and girls out of school any longer. You can better afford to hire more help to finish fall work.

Don't look for dollar wheat until we have the free coinage of silver and consequent increased prices on all farm products.

Don't try to farm more land than you can properly attend to. A little farm well tilled means a pocket-book well filled.

Don't blame your postmaster if our friends or relatives do not write as promptly as they promised to. He has troubles of his own.

Don't think you can hold your share of business without advertising. People will trade with the men who make inducements for their trade.

Don't put up that stove and start a big fire in it without first examining the flue to see if it is all right. The fire boys are not aching for a run in the mud.

Don't cuss Kansas any more. The old state has now caught her second wind, and under the efficient treatment of Dr. Leedy and his corps of assistants is in good health.

Don't neglect to vote the straight democratic ticket from top to bottom. If the republicans win in the county this fall they will claim it as a victory for the gold standard.

Don't buy spectacles from the tramp peddler. One of them told us last Saturday, when we asked him where he got them, that "he stole them." He was doubtless telling the truth, but wanted us to believe he lied.

Don't neglect to get out to the polls early on election day and put in the whole day in earnest work for the ticket that represents the principles of the free coinage of silver, abolishment of trusts and combines of capital, and a government for the people, by the people.

"A Pretty Bride."

Under the above heading we clip the following from the Wichita Daily Beacon of the 16th inst:

"D. W. Birchfield, of Seneca, Ok., and Ethel M. Barrows, of Barton county, Kansas, were joined in marriage last evening by Judge Glenn. D. W. Birchfield is a young man, 22 years of age, and his fair bride was only 16. They brought their license along with them from Barton county. They appeared to have been regularly issued by Judge L. C. Breeder, Barton county, but the tender age of the proposed bride caused Judge Glenn to suspect that there might be something wrong. He did not know whether he ought to join them or not. Birchfield was an honest-appearing farmer boy and the bride was pretty. These two facts touched the heart of John Davis, Sedgewick county's ex-County Attorney, and he told Judge Glenn to marry them anyhow. John said that if anybody was to blame it was the Probate Judge of Barton county. Then Judge Glenn said if the young people would both swear that Ethel's parents had consented to let their little girl get married he would perform the ceremony. They both did that, and to-day the happy couple are in Oklahoma, where they will make their future home on a farm near Seneca.

Last Thursday evening W. M. Gunnell drove his horse and road cart up home, hitched the horse in front of the house and went in, to his supper. When he came out, horse and cart were gone. The halter had been un-snapped, showing the horse had been unhitched. He found nothing of the rig that night, but found a boy, who saw a man driving the horse west. The next day the rig was found west of town, and from all appearances had been driven a long distance. Judge Gunnell says he would rather have hired the fellow a livery team, as it cost him about \$5, telegraphing and hunting for the rig. What's the matter with organizing a vigilance committee, so that we may be prepared to handle such fellows? An example or two would stop the horse stealing trade, which has been worked quite frequently of late in this neighborhood.

In the beginning God created heaven and earth. Then he made the editor, the liberal patronizer, prompt paying subscribers and it was good. The next day a blizzard set in, and he created a man who didn't take his home paper, and another who didn't believe in advertising and then he rested. The devil got into the moulding room and he created the fellow who takes the editors paper for years and then fails to pay for it. The devil then rested, but the editor hasn't had any rest since.—Cimarron Jacksonian.

The sample ballot, which appears in this paper, is a duplicate of what the official ballot will be in the arrangement of the tickets and the names of the candidates. The man who is printing the ballots, however, is using less space than the law requires—crowding the lines together to save paper—at \$2 a thousand. Study it, and keep in mind the fact that the squares you mark in (with a black pencil) are at the RIGHT of the name, in the same column.

New subscribers are being added to the DEMOCRAT list every day. The people who see the paper and compare it with the others of this county are of one mind in saying that it leads all others, is most reliable, has more local news and can be depended on to be found promptly on time. If you are not a subscriber, try the paper. \$1 1/2 year, 50 cents for 6 months, or 25 cents for 3 months.

Capt. Lewis, manager of the opera house, has made dates with a number of good attractions to be here the next few weeks. It is hoped the house will make enough money to enable the owners to repair the ceiling, provide plenty of coal, have the halls and stairways swept out. A little money expended that way will be a strong inducement to the play-going public to attend.

The county is full of peddlers, with all sorts of new schemes to catch the dollars of the farmers. If every man who invests money in some new-fangled article or machine would spend a dollar for their home paper a year they would be doing their families and themselves a deal more good. (The DEMOCRAT is \$1.00 a year.)

The Rev. Albert Mathias, Archdeacon of Western Kansas, will hold Episcopal services in this city, in the German M. E. church, on Sunday, Oct. 25th, both morning and evening at the usual hours. All are cordially invited.