

The Scrap for the Different Offices Will Soon be Over---Pick Your Candidates Now, and Loyal Support Them.

The Democratic Nominees.

The Democratic nominees for the various county offices, also the nominee for district judge, are making a clean, active campaign for votes, based on the service they have rendered in the positions to which some have aspirations for a second term, and those who have not previously served the people, on the basis that they can successfully conduct the affairs they ask to be placed in charge of.



W. P. FEDER.

Mr. Feder, candidate for re-election as representative, is making a campaign for his second term on the record made in the session of the house in 1909. He invites your closest scrutiny of each and every act of his in that body, and is ready to abide by the results of the election which will indicate whether or not he served the people of this county in a way that they desired to be served. Look up the record.



C. F. YOUNKIN.

Charles Younkin, who seeks a second term as county clerk, has served the office well and has always been at his post. He is a careful and painstaking official, who will be pleased to receive the support of the voters again.



E. E. EPPERSON.

E. E. Epperson, who aspires to again serve his county as register of deeds, has been described as being one of the very best men who have ever filled this office. He keeps his work up and is always ready to answer any questions or to offer any service.



ALOIS SCHWAGER.

This is the first campaign in which a county assessor is elected, and however we may feel towards the law, the law is there, and an officer must be provided. Formerly he was appointed, but the last legislature provided for his election and so we are doing it this year. Mr. Schwager, our nominee, has given entire satisfaction as deputy assessor, and if chosen county assessor will fill that office with equal ability and industry.



CHAS. CARROLL.

Charles Carroll, candidate for county attorney, is one of the wide-awake young men of the county. He is honest, industrious and qualified for the services he seeks to perform for you, and will make an excellent official.



H. A. HALL.

There is nothing to be said concerning the candidacy of Harry Hall for a second term. His work in that office speaks for him and the kind words that are spoken in his behalf by friends and foes alike, insure his reelection by an overwhelming vote.

C. F. FOLEY.

Mr. Foley, the candidate for district judge, has been in this county for several days and has made an excellent impression upon those who have formed his acquaintance. He is an able man, and one who will be an honor to the bench.

F. L. McCAULEY.

While there is, as a rule, but little work for the coroner, yet when there is work it should be entrusted to competent hands and that was what was done by the people of this county when Dr. McCauley of Hoisington, was elected. He is a candidate for a second term and will be supported with a winning vote.



JENNIE B. MOMYER.

The office of county superintendent is one of the important offices in the county. The Democratic candidate, Miss Momyer, has the qualifications prescribed by law. She is a teacher of some twelve years experience in both country and city schools, and always has given the very best of satisfaction. She is the daughter of an old soldier, is in every way competent for the place, and if elected will fill her office in a highly satisfactory manner.



FRANK WELLS.

Frank Wells, for district clerk, is a young man of integrity. He has never before asked for an office, but he is worthy of the confidence he is asking the people of this county to place in him and he is qualified for the work. A vote for him will be a vote to place in a position of honor and trust a young man who is making every honorable effort to get ahead in the world.



M. DAILEY.

As sheriff Mike Dailey has performed his duties as he saw them. This is one of the hardest offices to fill there is, but Mike has been giving universal satisfaction and is deserving of a second term.



ROY CORNELIUS.

Roy Cornelius, of Hoisington, is a candidate for county printer, to succeed himself. He has had the work only one term, and that has proven that the county printing can be done away from the county seat as well as at it. He will receive a large vote from the communities who know him best, and while papers outside of the county seat are always boosting for the county, this is the first time that one of them has had a chance to get the county printing, and they are entitled to a second whack at it.



J. W. SODERSTROM.

Will Soderstrom, candidate for treasurer, needs no words of commendation. His ability to fill his job is known and appreciated by the taxpayers of the county.

...ATT DICK.

We present for commissioner of the 1st district, former commissioner Dick, whose record is such that it is not necessary to say anything for him. He was always an economical officer, and will fill the bill in that important position.

Hodges' Reply To White.

George H. Hodges, Democratic candidate for governor, has given out the following statement concerning his position on public questions in reply to a criticism by William Allen White in the Emporia Gazette.

"As governor of Kansas I will veto any enactment that tends to violate or repeal any of the square deal laws. Particularly, the anti-pass law, the primary election law, or any other measure that has been of such blessing to Kansas.

"I favor the enactment into a law of a two cent passenger rate law introduced in the last session of the legislature and in the railroad committee the square dealers voted to report it adversely. As a progressive Democrat I stand for the strict enforcement of all laws. Our party will countenance no tampering, no enactments that will stave the growth of honest reform. We are against any and all combinations in restraint of trade. We are against trust pools, and had I the power I would stamp out most effectively all industrial pursuits that control or corner food stuffs, making it harder for the wage earner to live and lessening his now meagre comforts of life. I stand exactly as all my votes in the senate record for honesty, de-

centy, and equity, both in politics and business.

"The statement that the Gazette refers to—namely that an honest man of affairs or an honest business co-partnership or corporation is entitled to a square deal exactly as the more humble wage earner or individual is entitled to the same square deal I have made at all times, particularly emphasizing it in a speech at Hutchinson last April. At that time you did not know but that Wagstaff would be nominated, and your square dealers said you would bolt him in a body if he was. Do you now find fault with the honest, square statement which you made then? Now that Mr. Stubbs is nominated you purposely distort the ideas to suit your purpose. Further at Osawatimie Mr. Roosevelt made exactly the same statement and you endorsed it—funny—coming from a Democratic candidate for governor it sounds so different and has such an opposite meaning.

What Hodges Has Earned.

"If the Democrats stick to Hodges, of course I'll be beaten." The above was said by Governor Stubbs in Topeka, as well as other places in the state. He made the admission above quoted in the very words, but he added: "But ten per cent of the Democrats, and perhaps more, will support me."

And why should a Democrat vote for Stubbs? Geo. H. Hodges has been advocating the very things all his life that Stubbs has been advocating for the last two years. Senator Hodges secured the passage of the anti-pass bill, the primary election bill, of the bill reducing freight rates, and voted for every other progressive law today on the statute books which has been passed since Mr. Hodges was elected to the state senate in 1904.

Why should a Democrat turn from a man like Hodges, whose whole life is a testimonial of sincerity in the support of legislation for the whole people, and vote for a eleventh hour recruit like Stubbs?

Should a Democrat vote for Stubbs on the score that his character is better than the character of Hodges? Surely not. The life of George Hodges has been that of a moral, temperate, sober religious man.

When Stubbs was breaking the ten commandments, G. H. Hodges was obeying them, and later, while Stubbs was endorsing all of the corruption of the Republican party, voting its ticket and sharing the ill-gotten gains of its patronage Hodges was a young Democrat of Johnson county, upholding the examples of personal conduct and advocating the highest ideals of the Democratic party, declaring to the people that they should have reform railway legislation, direct primaries, the election of United States Senators and judges by the people, a revision of the tariff downward, and laws that would put the trusts out of business.

Today Stubbs is the leader of, and at the head of a state administration in Kansas, the most extravagant ever known in the history of the state. He has in two years increased the state office thirty per cent, and he has raised our taxes from ninety cents per capita for state purposes to \$1.54 per capita. He helped to enact a new tax law that increases the assessed value of every farm five times what it was under the old law, and increased the assessment of the railroad companies and other corporations only three times what it was before the passage of the new law known as the Stubbs Tax Law.

Now, in view of all these things, The Western Spirit says in all candor and sincerity, Mr. Democrat, George H. Hodges has earned your hearty support. He has stood for the things you stood for, and he has fought for the things you have fought for ever since he was twenty-one years old. He is a life-long Democrat of pure morals, true courage and high honor. Can you, will you turn him down to vote for a man like Stubbs? Dare you with due regard to your character do such violence to the party you believe in when your vote for Hodges will elect him?

"If the Democrats stick to Hodges I'll be beaten," says Mr. Stubbs. Did you, Mr. Democrat of Kansas, ever have a better opportunity? Will you ever have a better opportunity to cast your vote where it will do good for your family, as it will do in the year 1910, if you "stick to Hodges" and put him at the head of Kansas affairs in the governor's chair with a Democratic legislature to back him? It is for you to answer, Mr. Democrat.

The Democrats of Maine stuck to their ticket from top to bottom in the year 1910 and they elected the governor, the legislature, and nearly all the offices, county and state. Think it over, Democrats of Kansas. Go thou and do likewise.—Western Spirit.

"I'm bitterly against the 'inflammers of public prejudice' that so wrought up certain people to a frenzy that caused the blowing up of a newspaper office at Pittsburg, Kans., a short time ago, that was fighting for right. The Los Angeles Times suffered the same way, causing an appalling loss of life and the death of one of my boyhood friends.

"The inflamer of public prejudice caused the death of President McKinley. The rabble rouser is not a safe man for any community. The specious plea of the politician who hopes to gain a personal political advantage by reason of his preaching does not have the welfare of Kansas at heart. Mr. Bryan has just finished a short tour through Kansas and I am proud to know that he publicly endorses the speech that you willfully distort. The insurgency of Kansas, if they believe what their platform says, have everything in common politically with us Democrats.

"If the Insurgents are right now, we Democrats have been in the right for twenty years for you are now advocating measures in our platform and such measures that we have been preaching for twenty years. You do not have the courage of your convictions or you would be in the Democratic party. In the end the national platform prevails. I find nothing of great moment in your Kansas Insurgent platform that you have in your national Republican platform.

"The Roosevelt of Osawatimie is the embodiment of Kansas in surgeness against the Payne-Aldrich tariff law and the Taft administration. As chairman of the New York Republican convention elected by 111 majority, the temporary chairman appointing the committee on resolutions, that insurgency of New York controlled by Mr. Roosevelt, endorses the Payne-Aldrich tariff law and set its seal of approval upon the administration of Taft.

"Is the insurgency of New York under your Osawatimie leader right? Is it insurgency, or is the insurgency in Kansas under the same Osawatimie leader? Both can not be right for they are exactly opposite. The Democratic party which has borne the ridicule, scorn, and abuse of you insurgents when you were members of the majority party has no intention of forsaking those principles we have been fighting for, for years past. You insurgents are rebelling against a condition of affairs that as members of the majority party you have helped to bring upon this state and nation.

"You can not mould your part to your changing political ideals. You should be with us Democrats who have always stood for things you are just now beginning to advocate.

"Again to emphasize—I stand for every progressive reform now upon the statute books and as governor will veto any enactment that tends to repeal or weaken the enactments."