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**DEMOCRATIC TICKET**

- JUDGES SUPREME COURT.**  
 James R. Dean Broken Bow  
 Willis D. Oldham Kearney  
 William L. Stark Aurora
- RAILWAY COM. TO FILL VACANCY.**  
 Clarence E. Harmon Holdrege
- REGENTS OF UNIVERSITY.**  
 J. E. Miller Lincoln  
 Charles L. Anderson Oxford  
 Charles T. Knapp Lincoln
- JUDGE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.**  
 Harry S. Dungan Hastings
- COUNTY JUDGE.**  
 A. D. Ranney Blue Hill
- COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**  
 George E. Coon District No. 4  
 A. H. Bright District No. 1
- COUNTY CLERK.**  
 William H. Bailey Red Cloud
- COUNTY TREASURER.**  
 Oscar A. Arnold Blue Hill
- CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT.**  
 Edith L. McKeighan Red Cloud
- COUNTY SHERIFF.**  
 James McBride Cowles
- COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.**  
 Gertrude Coon Red Cloud
- CORONER.**  
 Peter Merton Blue Hill

The county Democratic ticket well represents the entire county. With two candidates from the north, two from the south and one from the middle we feel that the distribution is just and equitable. Every man on the ticket is worthy of support and will make an excellent official. Democrats have reason to congratulate themselves on this condition and will have a sweeping victory at the polls in November.

Last week in our article on the advisability of forming a county commercial club we inadvertently omitted the city of Guide Rock, which we regret extremely. In proof reading we overlooked the omission and consequently that place did not appear. However we feel that the good people of Guide Rock will understand and will not take umbrage. While we are on the subject we might say that we have received a number of letters of encouragement from over the county which shows that the idea will be a popular one.

In two weeks our schools will open. A good start is a battle half won. The busy season, harvest feasts, reunions and fairs will be past. The golden opportunity meets you at a most opportune time. You have had a rest from your labors and been refreshed by pleasant associations, and now feel ready for duty. You are impressed that life requires a fitness to get the most out of it, and your aspirations lead you in seeking for that which will mete out to you a full recompense of reward for endeavors put forth. Our schools have wisely and carefully considered you and your desires and have made special provisions to meet these demands, and cordially invite you hither. You will find here good society, pleasant associations, and a most hospitable people. Come and see us, learn our school advantages and know they are not excelled by any town of its size in the state.

If this city is to hold a fall festival it is time that arrangements were being made. So far as we are concerned, we see no reason why an affair of this kind could not be made very entertaining and profitable. As a matter of fact this city owes it to the surrounding country to furnish amusement and we should not neglect the opportunity of doing our very best. There are a number of really first class carnival companies which can be secured for a moderate figure and they furnish good, clean attractions. But if other towns in the state can get the flying machines, the man birds, so can Red Cloud. A flying machine would draw thousands of people to this city. Everybody wants to see the marvel of our own times and if the merchants and citizens want to confer a real favor upon the people in this territory they will secure a flying machine to operate three or four days here this fall. Now let's get down to business and begin preparations for a great big fall festival celebration something on the order of the successful Fourth of July celebration, only bigger and better.

During the primary campaign and since, we have had the opportunity of talking with a great many people in regard to that law and we have found but few defenders. Yet nearly all agree that it may work out to the best advantage of the people. We might say that the composite opinion of politicians and citizens is to change the primary law, if we must have such a law, so that there shall be but one campaign, letting any one file for any

office just as it is now but not affiliating with any party. Then one campaign would be sufficient and the results would probably be the same. There are a good many reasons why this arrangement would be satisfactory, chief among which is the matter of cost. At present the cost of holding two elections is considerable. The candidates lose a good deal of time and spend considerable money. The people as a whole spend many days of their time discussing the various candidates and hence are away from their usual labor, which represents a loss. If this were all added up we would find that our elections cost us thousands of dollars. Another thing is under the present system the candidates themselves do not feel as tho they had a party behind them or anyone responsible for their candidacy and many a good man hesitates to come before the public asking for political honors. It is a safe prediction that our present law is not going to remain long in its present provisions. We do not feel warranted in saying that it is not better than the convention system because at this last primary there were 1765 people who voted, and that is a larger number than ever attended the caucuses and conventions.

**Primary Election Webster County**

The following are the names and votes received in the county at the primary election by the various parties:

|   |     |
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| <b>Judges of Supreme Court—Republican</b>               |     |
| John McFarland  | 188 |
| Francis Hamer   | 255 |
| Chas. B. Letton   | 349 |
| Joseph E. Cobby   | 277 |
| William B. Rose   | 306 |
| Jesse L. Root   | 193 |
| Ambros C. Epperson                                      | 195 |
| Samuel P. Davidson                                      | 177 |
| <b>Democrat</b>   |     |
| John Everson  | 196 |
| James R. Dean   | 304 |
| I. L. Albert  | 267 |
| Willis D. Oldham  | 226 |
| William L. Stark  | 179 |
| Joel W. West  | 181 |
| <b>Peoples Independent</b>                              |     |
| James R. Dean   | 95  |
| I. L. Albert  | 70  |
| Willis D. Oldham  | 60  |
| William L. Stark  | 82  |
| John Everson  | 68  |
| <b>Prohibition</b>                                      |     |
| Henry C. Bettenbender                                   | 4   |
| Geo I. Wright   | 6   |
| <b>Socialist</b>  |     |
| James Campbell  | 14  |
| James R. Burlleigh                                      | 14  |
| <b>Railway Commissioner to fill vacancy Republican</b>  |     |
| H. C. Beebe   | 91  |
| James McGrew  | 301 |
| Joseph S. Langer  | 58  |
| Thomas L. Hall  | 118 |
| E. Z. Russell   | 90  |
| Earl O. Eager   | 73  |
| <b>Democrat</b>   |     |
| William J. Furse  | 242 |
| Clarence E. Harmon                                      | 205 |
| B. M. Simms   | 59  |
| G. S. Upton   | 72  |
| <b>Peoples Independent</b>                              |     |
| William J. Furse  | 79  |
| Clarence E. Harmon                                      | 62  |
| <b>Socialist</b>  |     |
| Emory D. Moody  | 14  |
| <b>Prohibition</b>                                      |     |
| S. O. Jones   | 6   |
| <b>Regents of University—Republican</b>                 |     |
| Victor G. Lyford  | 645 |
| Frank S. Haller   | 625 |
| <b>Democrat</b>   |     |
| Clarence F. Knapp                                       | 274 |
| J. E. Miller  | 324 |
| Otto Kotouc   | 141 |
| <b>Peoples Independent</b>                              |     |
| J. E. Miller  | 100 |
| Otto Kotouc   | 48  |
| Clarence F. Knapp                                       | 100 |
| <b>Socialist</b>  |     |
| Elbert J. Morrow  | 13  |
| George Clark Porter                                     | 15  |
| <b>Prohibition</b>                                      |     |
| Geo. E. Fitch   | 4   |
| T. B. Frazer  | 6   |
| <b>District Judge 10th Judicial District Republican</b> |     |
| W. P. McCreary  | 260 |
| Elmer U. Overman  | 527 |
| <b>Democrat</b>   |     |
| Harry S. Dungan   | 577 |
| <b>Peoples Independent</b>                              |     |
| Harry S. Dungan   | 142 |
| <b>County Judge—Republican</b>                          |     |
| A. A. Cressman  | 387 |
| Daniel M. Garber  | 383 |
| <b>Democrat</b>   |     |
| A. D. Ranney  | 433 |
| I. W. Edson   | 252 |
| <b>Peoples Independent</b>                              |     |
| I. W. Edson   | 89  |
| A. D. Ranney  | 76  |
| <b>Socialist</b>  |     |
| Wm. J. Lippencott                                       | 14  |
| <b>County Sheriff—Republican</b>                        |     |
| O. E. Ramey   | 123 |
| O. D. Hedge   | 399 |
| Wm. Wolfe   | 296 |
| <b>Democrat</b>   |     |
| Frank Huffer  | 141 |
| John T. Rutledge  | 60  |
| E. W. Coplen  | 99  |
| James McBride   | 225 |
| Joseph W. Crow  | 158 |
| <b>Peoples Independent</b>                              |     |
| James McBride   | 43  |
| Joseph W. Crow  | 23  |
| E. W. Coplen  | 43  |

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| John T. Rutledge                               | 14  |
| Frank Huffer                                   | 29  |
| <b>Socialist</b>                               |     |
| L. O. Chapman                                  | 14  |
| <b>Coroner—Republican</b>                      |     |
| Ed Amack                                       | 711 |
| <b>Democrat</b>                                |     |
| Peter Merten                                   | 41  |
| <b>Socialist</b>                               |     |
| F. Houchin                                     | 1   |
| Frank Henderson                                | 2   |
| Geo Fentress                                   | 2   |
| <b>County Treasurer—Republican</b>             |     |
| R. W. Koontz                                   | 414 |
| W. H. Caulk                                    | 157 |
| J. O. Butler                                   | 243 |
| <b>Democrat</b>                                |     |
| H. C. Wright                                   | 201 |
| G. W. Lindsey                                  | 134 |
| Oscar Arnold                                   | 332 |
| <b>Peoples Independent</b>                     |     |
| H. C. Wright                                   | 56  |
| Oscar A. Arnold                                | 55  |
| Geo. W. Lindsey                                | 49  |
| <b>Socialist</b>                               |     |
| Henry Rathjen                                  | 14  |
| R. W. Koontz                                   | 1   |
| <b>County Clerk—Republican</b>                 |     |
| V. B. Fulton                                   | 176 |
| E. W. Ross                                     | 322 |
| W. G. Shannon                                  | 103 |
| Jas. A. Burden                                 | 215 |
| <b>Democrat</b>                                |     |
| Geo. Hadell                                    | 203 |
| William R. Bailey                              | 293 |
| G. W. Davis                                    | 140 |
| <b>Peoples Independent</b>                     |     |
| G. W. Davis                                    | 36  |
| Geo. Hadell                                    | 46  |
| William R. Bailey                              | 70  |
| <b>Socialist</b>                               |     |
| G. S. Perry                                    | 14  |
| W. G. Shannon                                  | 1   |
| <b>County Surveyor—Republican</b>              |     |
| Geo. H. Overing                                | 722 |
| <b>Democrat</b>                                |     |
| Geo. H. Overing                                | 2   |
| <b>Peoples Independent</b>                     |     |
| Geo. H. Overing                                | 1   |
| <b>County Superintendent—Republican</b>        |     |
| Anna L. Richards                               | 236 |
| Stella Ducker                                  | 556 |
| <b>Democrat</b>                                |     |
| Gertrude Coon                                  | 346 |
| Ruth E. Johnston                               | 340 |
| <b>Peoples Independent</b>                     |     |
| Ruth E. Johnston                               | 73  |
| Gertrude Coon                                  | 85  |
| <b>Socialist</b>                               |     |
| Mayme Waskom                                   | 14  |
| Gertrude Coon                                  | 3   |
| <b>Clerk District Court—Republican</b>         |     |
| Charles W. Cowley                              | 218 |
| Chas. E. Reigle                                | 565 |
| <b>Democrat</b>                                |     |
| Edith McKeighan                                | 577 |
| <b>People Independent</b>                      |     |
| Edith McKeighan                                | 147 |
| <b>Socialist</b>                               |     |
| Mary Danelson                                  | 3   |
| <b>Commissioner of 4th District Republican</b> |     |
| E. S. Fittz                                    | 93  |
| Paul Storey                                    | 211 |
| <b>Democrat</b>                                |     |
| George E. Coon                                 | 148 |
| <b>Peoples Independent</b>                     |     |
| George E. Coon                                 | 21  |
| <b>Socialist</b>                               |     |
| Joseph L. Herburger                            | 11  |
| <b>Commissioners 1st District—Republican</b>   |     |
| T. J. Chaplin                                  | 113 |
| <b>Democrat</b>                                |     |
| A. H. Bright                                   | 99  |
| <b>Peoples Independent</b>                     |     |
| A. H. Bright                                   | 40  |

**Guide Rock I. O. O. F. Picnic a Big Success**

The Odd Fellows picnic held at Guide Rock yesterday was, in many respects, the best ever held in the county. There were between two and three thousand people on the grounds and from all appearances every individual enjoyed himself to the utmost. It was a good natured crowd that gathered at the speaking and attended the ball games and other sports. The Guide Rock brethren had every detail well in hand and the entire program was carried out with promptness and dispatch.

In the morning the Red Cloud band called the people to the speaking stand by rendering several selections of excellent music, after which I. W. Crary, platform manager, introduced Fred Flembach, who, in well chosen sentences, extended a cordial welcome to all visitors and gave a short resume of the doings of the Guide Rock lodge. After this welcome everyone felt that he had been personally invited and consequently made himself at home. Rev. E. N. Tompkins of this city gave the response in his easy, fluent style. He made the people of Guide Rock fully understand that it was a pleasure and an honor to accept such a kind invitation and assured them that all the visitors were delighted to mingle with such a hospitable people. A. A. Cressman, by request of the management, entertained the audience the remainder of the time before dinner and did himself full credit. Then came the basket dinner, the like of which probably has never been equalled in this part of the state. There was enough and to spare, and then some. After dinner Past Grand Master Corrick was introduced and for thirty minutes he depicted the doings of Odd Fellowship in such a manner that all present would have been pleased to become members of the order. His ad-

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dress was given the very best attention and was a dignified, able effort. E. J. Overing, Jr., the next speaker, showed the relation that Odd Fellowship holds among the other great organizations of the world in an interesting way and succeeded in dwelling upon themes not touched upon by the other speakers. Paul Storey, the present grand master, informed the audience that it was a pleasure for him to be present, but that he would refrain from delivering an extended address on account of the fact that the ball game was about to begin and he did not wish to disappoint a single fan. The ball game was played by the teams of Guide Rock and Inavale, the latter carrying off the honors by the score of ten to eight. In the horseshoe pitching contest Fred Bright and Al Decker were the

champions. Withal the picnic was an unbounded success. There was not a hitch or a single thing to mar the entire day and the crowd was a big one. Red Cloud furnished between two and three hundred and each and every one returned home well pleased with the courtesy and entertainment of the Guide Rock people. E. J. Overing Makes a Hit as an Orator. E. J. Overing Jr. is rapidly developing into a sensational orator of the first dimension. At his last performance, at Edison, Thursday, the excitement was raised to such a pitch that one woman fainted and a man broke his leg. This is a better record than the aeronauts have made. While their exhibitions are attended with thrills

and accidents, they themselves are generally the victims, save in the isolated case where an aeroplane ran into the premises of France and his cabinet. Orators sometimes hurt themselves, but it is seldom that one creates sufficient emotion to cause women to faint. That, however, has been known to occur before, but we believe that there is no record of a man breaking his leg from the intensity of passion excited by an orator's eloquence. Mr. Overing, as speaker, and Paul Storey, as Grand Master of the Odd Fellows were at a picnic at Edison Tuesday, where a fraternal day was celebrated. The A. O. U. W. and other fraternal orders were represented, and this city made a really good showing in the persons of its representatives. Apples for Sale. 400 bu. of sprayed summer apples. On the D. G. Norris farm 5 miles west and 1 south of Red Cloud.