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Pointed Questions for Voters

It seems to be an unprofitable task to ask questions of the Bulletin, although it might reasonably have been expected that as the recognized organ of the silver-republican ring, it would be prepared to defend the principles and candidates named by the ring. The Bulletin has seen fit to ignore these questions and we leave it to the voters to decide why it has done so. Has it not been because to answer the questions truthfully would show the inconsistencies of democracy too plainly, and would display the weaknesses of the candidates in too white a light for the voters to stomach? Is it not true that if these questions could be answered favorably to democracy they would have been answered long ago? Is it likely that the Bulletin would have missed such a glorious opportunity to strengthen its party and its ticket? Is not its silence therefore an admission of weakness, is it not an admission that to answer would be harmful to democracy? In fact is its silence not paramount to saying that the charges as contained in the REVIEW's questions are true and correct?

Voters should think a long time before voting with a party whose leaders are unable to defend it, or for men for whom their party paper is unable to find a reasonable defense.

Having failed to elicit any reply from the Bulletin, we wish to ask the voters a few questions which we hope to have answered on election day:

Questions for the Voters.

Is not competence the first thing to be considered in selecting county officers?

What difference does it make to the average voter whether a county officer is a republican, a democrat or a populist?

Is a man any more of a man because his father was German or Irish or Swedish or American?

Who are you voting for, the candidate or the candidate's father?

Is not the main question before the people who are the best men, rather than what is their nationality or to what party do they belong?

Mr. Blume was elected to the legislature as a democrat, now we would ask the democrats to point to one single act of his legislative career that would tend toward the advancement of democratic or of any other kind of principles?

Was democracy one whit better off for having Mr. Blume in the legislature?

Was not Mr. Blume an absolute nonentity in the legislature?

Would not the people of the county, democrats and republicans alike, have been better off if they had been represented by a live active man, who would have made friends among the other members and who would have had some influence upon legislation?

Did Mr. Blume make any motion, speech or other utterance during the entire session that would be helpful to the people of Crawford county?

Is it not true that Mr. Blume did not introduce a single bill of a general character?

Is it not true that the only measure introduced by Mr. Blume was a simple legalizing act which could have been introduced equally as well by any member?

Is it not true that Mr. Blume made but two motions during the session—one that the house vote on the legalizing act, and the other—to move the previous question?

Do you consider these services worth \$500 and mileage to the people of Crawford county?

Does one poor term deserve another? Is not C. E. Price one of the best equipped men in Crawford county for treasurership?

If you had a business large enough to demand the services of a bookkeeper and treasurer would you not select a man who had had special training and experience in those lines, rather than a man who has had no special training?

Are you not perfectly sure that if Price were elected the books of the county would be neatly and accurately kept?

Are you not perfectly sure that the monies would be kept with absolute honesty?

Is not A. C. Beers a perfectly reliable

honest, trustworthy and fearless man?

Is not the almost unanimous endorsement given Mr. Beers a sufficient proof of his fitness for the office?

Does not his record as a hardworking, industrious citizen entitle him to this recognition?

Has Geo. Myers the educational equipment to be a good county superintendent?

Would not E. S. Plimpton with his fine education, his well known philanthropy and proven honesty make a better superintendent?

Now honor bright, if you had, or were apt to have law suits involving large amounts would you retain an attorney who had never tried a law suit?

Would you not go to an experienced attorney, especially if you could get his services at the same price?

Can the county afford to pay for educating a young lawyer, just because he is a good fellow?

Is it not true that if Mr. O'Hare is elected the county will have to pay out easily as much more as the salary amounts to, to pay for the services of an experienced attorney to try the cases now pending?

Do you wish the county to pay \$600 or \$1,000 extra during the next year, simply because Mr. O'Hare is a good fellow?

Would it be a good, sensible business proposition?

Is the county so rich that it can afford to give Mr. O'Hare a pension, because he is a good fellow?

Would it not be a better plan to elect Cyrus Beard who has had twenty-five years' experience, who has been the legal representative of many large concerns, who is an experienced criminal lawyer, and who has tried cases before federal, supreme and district courts?

Who is the best and most experienced surveyor in Crawford county?

Has Mr. Rhodenbaugh done anything for the city of Denison since his residence here?

Has he been a public spirited citizen of any community?

Was he not the ring leader in unnecessarily raising the salary of the county attorney one year ago?

Has not the board recognized the unwisdom of that act by since reducing the salary?

Is it right that the whole southeastern portion of the county should be unrepresented on the board?

How far would a man living in Iowa township have to go in order to personally explain to a member of the board about needed road or bridge work?

Who would you prefer to have manage the large interests of the county—Gustav Rabe or William Flaherty?

Would it not save expense to the county to have a physician for coroner, or is it cheaper to have the coroner employ a physician to go with him whenever he has a call?

Do you know the facts of Mr. Smith's record and do you approve the same?

Are not these plain, sensible business propositions?

Do they not appeal to your good sense and to your pocket book?

Are not your good sense and your pocket book better election guides than partisanship or favoritism?

Are you one of the men who vote for the best man regardless of party?

If so, are you going to do it at this election, or are you going to be dictated to by the Gary-Romans-Burch-Juxtaposition outfit?

CAPT. HULL AT VAIL.

The Gallant Congressman Makes a Splendid Presentation of the Issues.

All who heard Congressman Hull at Vail last night declared it to be one of the fairest, cleanest arguments ever given in the county. Mr. Hull took it for granted that all the people are anxious for the common good of the country and are willing to do what is best for the nation as a whole. His speech covered the whole range of political discussion, he spoke of the bug-a-boo of an English alliance and read Secretary Hays specific denial that any such alliance was in existence, or was or even had been in contemplation. As chairman of the committee on military affairs, Mr. Hull was able to give much valuable information as to the standing army and the democratic scare crowd of "imperialism."

A Great Opportunity.

The Des Moines Leader contains a lengthy editorial this week telling of the states financial status. The showing is very satisfactory to all the friends of the state's progress. The Leader states that the estimated income for the next two years is over \$4,000,000 and the estimated expense \$3,000,000, thus leaving more than one million dollars which may safely be expended for state institutions without running the state into debt a single penny.

This showing would indicate that the state is better prepared than ever before to make improvements and additions to its educational system.

One of the greatest demands is for additional normal school facilities. For this great branch of education, which is so important to the interests of our public schools, but one educational institution has been provided.

The Cedar Falls school is now crowded beyond the capacity for the best work and it has become imperative that one or more additional schools be provided at once.

Aside from the feature of overcrowding, Cedar Falls is so located that young people living in Western Iowa must travel at least 200 miles in order to reach the school.

Under the circumstances it can hardly be doubted but that the next legislature will provide for one or more new normal schools.

It cannot be doubted but that the new school will be located in Western Iowa.

The choice of location will probably be largely determined by the railroad facilities, the location in the state, what inducement the city has to offer, and the amount and effectiveness of the work done by the citizens and friends of the town among the members of the legislature.

Taking all these things into consideration Denison is prepared to enter the contest for the location of a state normal with the most favorable chances for success if no mis-steps are made and the matter is pursued with earnest and united vigor. In another year Denison will have railroad facilities surpassed by few cities in Western Iowa. The main line of the Northwestern, the Boyer Valley and Mondamin branches reaching into north-western Iowa, the Illinois Central tapping all the territory north and the Milwaukee making easy connections but seven miles distant all combine to make Denison easy of access from almost any point in western Iowa. Nor can it be doubted but that if Denison were to secure the state normal the Rock Island would find it convenient to go through Denison with its Sioux City extension. Denison has to offer the state a property valued at at least \$50,000, two large buildings and as sightly, healthy and convenient a site as could be found anywhere.

Denison will have an active friend in Des Moines next winter in the person of Gov. L. M. Shaw, and no one doubts but that he would use every legitimate and proper means to favor what he is pleased to call "the best town in Iowa."

If with our natural advantages we shall have the assistance of a live active man in the legislature, a man who can make himself felt and heard among his fellow members and if our people shall make a united and determined effort Denison and Crawford county stand the best possible chance of success.

While it is a fact that Denison would primarily be the place most benefitted by an institution which would add at least 2,000 to its population and increase its income by not less than \$250,000 a year, the whole of Crawford county will be benefited thereby. Every acre of land in Crawford county would increase in value from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per acre, Denison would furnish a splendid market for all the small products of farm, and the young people of the county would have right at their door one of the best of educational institutions.

We ask the people fairly and candidly if this is not a matter worth looking to. Is it not for the interest of the whole county? Is not every farmer interested in a thing which will increase the value of his land, which will increase the assessed valuation of Denison to such an extent as to lighten the burden of taxation for every farmer, and which will place it within his means to give his children a splendid education at little cost. The normal school we have now has been of great benefit to all our people, how much more would we be benefited by the presence of a large state institution?

Chas. Sanstrom returned from Boone last evening where he had been attending the Baptist state convention. He reports an interesting session.

Miss Edith Wygant went to Council Bluffs this afternoon and will visit a week after which time she will be joined by Mrs. Wygant and they will go to Helena, Ark., to visit Mrs. Wygant's relatives.

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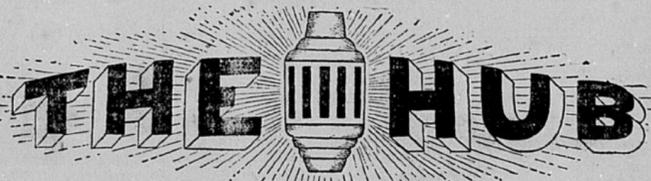
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PANSY BUTLER.

The democrats ought to be happy now, in their efforts to uphold the democratic majority in Crawford county they succeeded in getting the help of Ex-Congressman Walt Butler. Walter was in congress for two years, and his record there was much like Blume's record in the legislature, although Walt did introduce one bill, which brought him fame and gave him the sobriquet of "Pansy" Butler. The bill, on which his fame as a statesman rests, was one to have the stars removed from their field of blue in "Old Glory" and to have a pansy blossom in our flag instead. What an inspiration it would have been to our soldier boys to have seen the pansy waving proudly over them as they charged the heights of San Juan and sang as the national air of patriotism "Only a Pansy Blossom." Taking this act of statesmanship in connection with Walt's grand disappearance act, and one can see at a glance that he is just the man the sensible people of this county need to tell them how to vote and to criticize Wm. McKinley. However unless Walt has lost his cunning he certainly ought to know how to "draw" well.

THE LECTURE.

The lecture last evening by Russell H. Conwell on "Acres of Diamonds" was a splendid treat, and the people who had the pleasure of listening to his instructive talk left with a broader and more comprehensive view of the every day opportunities of life. His warning to observe the little things which are so great in their insignificance did, we trust, not fall on barren soil. That we are often in the habit of overlooking the good at hand, and seeking the phantoms of promises afar, was brought vividly to the minds of all by his apt and pointed illustrations. It was a practical, business talk on a practical subject, and from beginning to end was followed with the closest attention and interest on the part of his audience. Like the man of old we are apt to sell our possessions and go in search of diamonds in some foreign clime, where, if we had but known it, our wildest dreams would have been realized in the soil of our own farm. The speaker seemed to be more than favorably impressed with the splendid facilities of Denison and gave some good ideas concerning the manufacturing opportunities of the town.

The audience was large and the lecture course is assured of a success this season even greater than the last.

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