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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

Governor A. B. Cummins, Lieut. Governor John Herrriott, State Superintendent J. F. Riggs, Judge Supreme Court Chas. A. Bishop, Railroad Commissioner D. J. Palmer.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

Representative A. W. Buchanan, Sheriff J. H. Cremer, Treasurer R. P. Dana, Superintendent Miss Emma Nye, Surveyor C. R. Allen, Coroner F. W. Mills, Supervisor John McElroy.

VOTE THE STRAIGHT REPUBLICAN TICKET.

"Vote the republican ticket straight this fall and thereby put men in office to manage your state and county affairs, who belong to the party that has always championed the cause of humanity, that has always stood for equal rights and justice to American citizens, whether white or black. Vote the republican ticket from top to bottom and thereby assist in keeping Iowa the proud leader of republican majorities among the states. In this way demonstrate that you endorse the just and fearless administration of President Roosevelt and that you propose to see to it that Iowa rolls up a big majority for him in the national election next year. This was the gospel of republicanism preached by Hon. Geo. H. Woodson at a meeting of the colored voters of Ottumwa held at the colored Baptist church last evening and received by his hearers with unusual enthusiasm.

There was no room for doubting the sturdy quality of the republicanism of Mr. Woodson and the forceful manner in which he set forth policies of the republican party greatly impressed his hearers. He brought forth unquestionable proof that the republican party, throughout its management of the affairs of the national government, has always been the friend of the workman and has always stood for policies that conserved the interests of the whole American people. He vividly contrasted the conditions of the country under republican rule with its resulting prosperity and employment at good wages of all the working men, with the destitution, idleness and want that has invariably followed the inauguration of democratic policies in the national government. He reminded his hearers that during the last administration of Grover Cleveland millions of American citizens were without work. Forced to walk the streets of our cities depending on charity for the little they could get to eat. He called to mind the fact that right here in Iowa the mines at many of our now thriving coal centers near Ottumwa were shut down or run with two days work per week, that through this fair state of Iowa, with all its natural abundance, marched an army of destitute workers, thrown out of employment by the working of democratic policies.

He showed how the democratic party has deceived the voters of the country in 1892, making them believe that it was not a good thing to have a surplus in the national treasury and content to mind how a few months later President Cleveland prepared an issue of bonds to provide for the running expenses of the government. How the democratic party was a party of promises, but how it had failed to make any of its promises good with the exception of the one contained in those Bible words, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you REST."

Mr. Woodson exposed some of the misrepresentations that are being made by the democratic party in Ottumwa and effectively impressed upon the minds of his hearers that it is of vast importance that every voter in this city should be sure to vote right by casting his vote for the republican candidates.

Never was more earnest or sincere tribute paid to candidates for political office than the words of this eminent colored speaker in referring to the nominees selected by the republican convention of Wapello county. "Men of the highest integrity and ability have been placed upon the republican ticket of Wapello county and they merit the vote of every citizen of Ottumwa in favor of preserving the prestige of the county and the economical government of its affairs."

THE RAILROAD VS. FARM TAX IN WAPELLO COUNTY.

The misrepresentations of the democrats of Iowa regarding the relative tax levy on farm and railroad property is but a sample of the misstatements made by them on other questions. So far as Wapello county is concerned the democratic contention, that the taxable value of farm property has been increased during the past years by a larger per cent than the taxable value of railroad property is absolutely false, according to records of the assessors' returns in the county auditor's office. Prominence given this question by democrats in their canvass of last year will make inquiry into this question affect Wapello county.

a matter of unusual interest to the voters of Wapello county. The taxable value of the railroad property in Wapello county appears on the records at the court house as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Value. 1901: \$622,011; 1902: 680,636; 1903: 764,548.

A little subtraction shows that in 1903 the taxable value of railroad property in this county was \$83,912 greater than in 1902 and \$142,537 in excess of the taxable value in 1901.

The taxable value of farm property as returned by the township assessors for the past three years follows: 1901: \$2,215,800; 1902: 2,258,286; 1903: 2,160,135.

Here is shown a decrease of \$68,151 from 1902 and of \$55,665 from 1901 in the taxable value of farm property in Wapello county for 1903 as shown by the assessors' reports.

In considering the returns of the assessors of the various counties for the purpose of fixing the tax levy for 1903, the state executive committee raised the taxable value of farm property in Wapello county 5 per cent. This fixes the taxable value of farm property for the county at \$2,268,141.75 for 1903.

By comparing this sum with the values for the past two years it is at once seen that the increase for this year amounts to \$39,855.75 over 1902 and \$23,417.75 over 1901.

By a comparison of the figures given above it is seen that the taxable value of railroad property in this county has increased more rapidly during the past two years than has the taxable value of its farms.

IMPORTANCE OF PRESENT CAMPAIGN.

Citizens who fail to vote at the coming election will not only forfeit their voice in the management of county and state affairs, but will work injury to the party which stands for the national policies in which they believe. Congressman B. P. Birdsall in his opening campaign address at Green summed up the importance of this matter in the following brief statement:

"While the pending campaign in its immediate results affects only the administration of the state government, it is perfectly apparent that in its wider scope it involves great important questions affecting national affairs and in particular the prosperity of all the people of our country. In truth, the campaign so far as its affects local issues is to be submerged in the greater national policy and national issues, for the sake of the administration of state affairs is practically unchallenged, because the democracy of Iowa has come to acknowledge that of all the governments within the United States none can present a cleaner or better record than Iowa. That the republican party in Iowa has presented a clean and faithful record of its stewardship, that under the leadership of our able governor the administration of the laws and policies of the state has been in the interest of all the people, are facts affording a source of confidence as well as gratification to all. Albert B. Cummins has met the expectation of his friends and of the people in his administration of state affairs and has grown in their confidence and love. Aloof from the sordid occurrences of life and unswayed by its intercourse with the world, he has presented a public question a man rich in resources and a heart in touch with all that is best, purest and noblest in public and private life. To say that there is any danger of his re-election is to doubt the good judgment and sound common sense of the people of Iowa. No such hope is entertained by the democracy of Iowa and the earnest battle that they are waging is not only for the purpose of success, but only for the purpose of influencing the national campaign next year."

Here is the situation in a nutshell. The democrats of Iowa have absolutely no hope of being successful in the present campaign, but are pushing their battle this fall for the purpose of gaining what prestige they may in the canvass of next year. In this however, they will deceive no republicans, who propose to declare themselves by voting the republican ticket from top to bottom.

WHY NOT RESPONSIBLE NOW?

The democratic fallacy that the protective tariff is responsible for what ever trusts may exist in the United States is being emphatically discredited by the almost daily announcement that various trusts are going to pieces. There have been many charges made against the protective tariff. It has been held responsible for almost everything but the utter falsity of the charges against it was never more apparent than the one of its being the originator and protector of trusts. The Cedar Rapids Republican succinctly shows up the rotteness of such an argument. It says:

"If the protective tariff laws a few years ago were responsible for the formation of trusts or sheltered the trusts as alleged, is it not now by the same reasoning, responsible for the trusts going to pieces. If it sheltered them two years ago, why doesn't it save them now to the extent of their existence? As a matter of fact there was never a more rotten proposition advanced in American politics than that tariff is the shelter of trusts. The tariff has been held responsible for almost everything, but

it has been able to survive all its accusers and defamers until today, it is being advocated even in England, which for sixty years has been experimenting with free trade until it is now sorely reduced."

As the Cedar Rapids Republican suggests, England has been struggling along with free trade for the past sixty years. Its markets have been open to the world. During the early part of this period England was not harmed by the competition in her own market inasmuch as the factories in other countries were not putting out sufficient goods to do a large export business. In recent years, however, the business of the protection countries of the world, including Germany and the United States have increased so rapidly that England has been driven to desperate straits and is now considering turning to the protective tariff policy as a means of relief.

Trusts have been doing business in England for many years, and in the consideration of the protective proposition question of its being a shelter to trusts is receiving absolutely no consideration. This is evidence worthy of consideration that a protective tariff is not necessary for the growth of trusts.

It is now up to the democrats to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the voters of the country why the tariff does not prevent trusts from going to pieces before they can expect the voters to believe that the tariff is responsible for their growth.

RAILROAD THROUGH THE COUNTY FARM.

Wapello county is \$200 ahead and has the right of way of the Milwaukee cut-off 400 feet farther away from the county buildings as the result of the work of the republican board of supervisors since J. M. McElroy, republican candidate for re-election, has been a member thereof. At the time the survey for the line was made a condemnation jury visited the county farm and after carefully going over the land they fixed its value at \$2,800. The board of supervisors however, did not believe that the sum awarded by the jury was a just consideration for the land given up by the county and steps were at once taken to open negotiations with the officials of the Milwaukee line. The efforts of the board of supervisors were successful and after listening to the statement made by the representatives of the county, the officials of the Milwaukee agreed to pay \$3,000 for the right of way privileges through the county farm. This sum was paid into the county treasury on December 10, 1902, through the county auditor's office, as the records at the court house will show.

But the board secured other concessions from the road in the shape of a new survey for the right of way through the county farm. By this survey the road is 400 feet farther distant from the county buildings than it was in the first survey and thereby is of benefit to the property of the county.

It is plainly evident that it is to the interest of the county and taxpayers to have a board of supervisors in charge of the county affairs that in its discharge its duty to the public.

BIG GAIN IN CIRCULATION.

This seems to be a year for establishing new records. It is with considerable pride that the American people have witnessed the men behind the guns of the navy demonstrate their ability as marksmen. It is with great interest that these people have witnessed American bred trotters and pacers establish new world records for the mile. All of these are well enough in their places and are matters in which the people of the country may rightly take marked interest.

There has been a record established recently that is of more substantial benefit to the people of the United States, and which cannot fail to arouse universal interest. It is the amount of the country's cash. At the beginning of October there was in circulation, according to the figures of the treasury department, \$2,404,617,069. Estimating the population of the country at \$0,831,000, this a per capita circulation of \$2.75. This is the highest actual circulation and the highest in proportion to the population ever experienced in this country. Previous to this record, the highest circulation per capita was on June 1, only a little over four months ago, which amounted to \$2.64. Judging from the increase noted it is probable that the per capita circulation will reach \$3.00 before the end of 1903.

According to the figures presented by the treasury department the aggregate circulation of the United States has increased during the past twelve months approximately \$129,000,000 and the per capita has shown a gain of \$1.11. In 1896 the per capita circulation was \$21.10. In 1880 it was \$19.41 and in 1879 it was \$16.75. In that year a business activity was stimulated to a degree never before known and it seems reasonable that the present proportionate circulation will prove adequate for all legitimate needs of the country's business.

LACEY'S GREAT SPEECH.

The American Economist refers to the speech of Congressman John F. Lacey delivered at Allerton, October 13, as a "fine, old-fashioned straight-away republican speech." It classes this address of the sixth district congressman as one of the great group of speeches, including the opening speech of Governor Cummins and the address of Senator Allison delivered at Clinton. That Mr. Lacey's speech should be associated with the efforts of these other prominent Iowans and classed as one of the great political efforts in Iowa is a compliment to the ability of the sixth district congressman in political affairs. The Economist says further of Mr. Lacey's speech:

"Mr. Lacey devoted himself wholly to the practical issue of the republican tariff making versus democratic making. He sketched in bold outlines our tariff history from the organization of the government up to the present day, and clearly demonstrated the invariable value of the protective policy and the invariable blight and curse attending out occasional lapses into or

toward free trade. That is the point to be kept in view: Under whose scheme of tariff making, that of the protectionists or that of the free traders, is this country prospered most? That is the issue even now, just as it has been the issue every time the democratic party has undertaken to regain control of national affairs, just as it is going to be the issue next year. It is well that men of Congressman Lacey's great ability should make genuine, orthodox republican speeches. The country needs them. "Lest we forget."

FIRST DUTY OF CITIZENSHIP.

The duty of every citizen to vote is one of the cardinal principles of the great American party. Whatever may be the tenets of the various political organizations that have existed in the United States the foundation of the life of this great republic is the jealousy with which they exercise their franchise. It was the desire of our forefathers, who brought into existence this free nation that its citizens should have a voice in the management of its affairs. It was, therefore devised that the officers to execute the laws and the legislators who make these statutes, should receive their authority from the mass of people.

The right to vote, therefore, is not a matter to be exercised or disregarded at the pleasure of the voter. It is a sacred duty, transmitted to the people of today from our forefathers, through each succeeding generation, and is one that we of today must preserve inviolate for succeeding generations. Republicans have a duty to perform on election day they must not forget.

THE "CHEAPEST MARKET."

Here is what the system of "free trade," or "free imports" means: For the man with money in his pocket the advantage of "buying in the cheapest market," but for the man who lives by the labor of his hands—the risk of loss of employment and wages.

What is the benefit of buying in the cheapest (foreign) market to you, voters of Iowa, if you are thrown out of work or put on half time?

Voters throughout the county who have been misled by the misstatements and misrepresentations of democrats regarding the administration of J. M. McElroy as county supervisor, are learning from facts and figures in the county records that Wapello county never had a more faithful or efficient supervisor. Citizens who believe in a business administration of the county affairs propose to repudiate these false accusations at the polls on election day and return Mr. McElroy to his present office.

Hon. Ellsworth Rominger of Bloomfield addressed the republicans of Kirkville last night to a pitch of enthusiasm for the state and county republican ticket. Kirkville voters are not thinking that a change in the administration of the state or county would be of any benefit to the people and are desirous of polling a big republican majority as an endorsement of the election of next year.

From every part of the county comes words of appreciation and commendation for the capable manager in which Sheriff Cremer has conducted the affairs of his office for the past two years. The voters of Wapello county like J. H. Cremer, the man, and are more than pleased with the record of J. H. Cremer, sheriff. They believe that he should have another term in that office and propose to insure it to him by casting their vote for him.

Republicans of Wapello county should realize that in its wider scope the campaign this fall is but preliminary to the national contest of next year. Therefore, it behooves every republican voter to allow no discontented one to deceive him, but to vote the republican ticket from top to bottom. Every candidate is worthy of loyal support.

Mr. Woodson's reference to the county republican ticket was one that brought forth unbounded enthusiasm among his hearers. The voters of Wapello county realize that they have nothing to gain by a change in the county administration and they propose to put the republican candidates in office with a big majority.

Hon. Charles Emory Smith said in his speech at Independence that "Every republican in the land takes his hat off to Iowa." That's because Iowa republicans refuse to go daft on tariff republicanism and other democratic fads and fims—Keokuk Gate City.

The Gate City has well said: Democrats are attempting to show that the republican policy creates discontent among the American people, but they forget that the democratic policy of free trade put in force causes desperation among all classes of citizens.

Every indication points to the fact that all republican soldiers in Wapello county realize that they have not so rapidly deserting the army of Gen. Apathy and are enlisting in the forces of "Old Business."

Voters of Wapello county acquaint yourselves with the names of the candidates at the head of the editorial column, and you will not miss it by voting for them at the coming election.

Republican farmers of Wapello county (and the majority of the farmers in this county are republicans), are planning to attend to the matter of getting out the vote this fall.

A FALLING MARKET.

Des Moines Capital.—Business will be transacted during the entire year 1904 on a falling market. One set of men will complain about this and say that it is caused by a high tariff. Others will complain and say that it is because of the agitation relative to a new tariff schedule. Neither statement

will be entirely correct. The fact is that speculation and high prices had gone so far there had to be a halt. The Northern Securities suit, ordered by the President, if it causes such a halt in speculation, did a good thing and prevented a greater calamity than that of the season of liquidation which it may have helped to bring. There had to be a halt. The Northern securities suit is a convenient thing to charge it against. But since the investigation concerning the steel trust and the ship building trust, there has been such a halt in speculation, did a good thing and prevented a greater calamity than that of the season of liquidation which it may have helped to bring. There had to be a halt. The Northern securities suit is a convenient thing to charge it against. 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