FERGUS COUNTY DEMOCRAT.

LEWISTOWN, MONTANA .....October 23, 1906.

SUBSCRIPTION:

Per Year $2.50
Six Months 1.25
Three Months..... .75

TOM STOUT..... .....Publisher and Proprietor

Democratic Ticket

For Representative in Congress—
T. J. WALSH.

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court—
J. B. McCLERNAN.

COUNTY TICKET

State Senator—
B. C. WHITE.

State Legislature—
CHARLES FASEL.
H. L. DeKALB.

County Commissioner, Six Year Term—
JULIUS PETERSEN.

County Commissioner, Four Year Term—
J. D. MALCOLM.

County Commissioner, Two Year Term
J. M. PARRENT.

County Sheriff—
EDWARD MARTIN.

County Attorney—
ROY E. AYERS.

County Clerk and Recorder—
C. L. MYERSICK.

County Treasurer—
B. F. GORDON.

County Assessor—
JOHN S. MARSHALL.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—
ORPHA NOBLE.

County Surveyor—
A. T. GOODSPEED.

County Coroner—
J. B. ATCHISON.

Public Administrator—
A. DAHL.

Justice of the Peace of Utica Township—
S. E. HAYCROFT.

Justice of the Peace of Big Spring Township—
GEORGE BELCHER.
MATTHEW REGAN.

Justice of the Peace, Maiden Township
J. S. KELLY.

Justices of the Peace of Maginnis Township—
D. H. LINEBARGER.
WHITEFIELD SHIPLEY.

Constable Big Spring Township—
C. E. WILLIAMS.

Constable Utica Township—
GEORGE SMITH.

Mr. Smith's Position

On another page of the Democrat appears a communication from Mr. Frank E. Smith, republican candidate for county attorney, in which the gentleman takes severely to task for the "insinuation" that he will not enforce the anti-gambling law in case of his election.

The Democrat maintains the position taken in our previous issue. We have never stated that Mr. Smith has made any promises to the gambling element.

We very readily believe Mr. Smith's assertion that he has not "been asked to make any promise or pledge" that he will not enforce the laws against gambling.

We do not believe that the green cloth fraternity thought it necessary to exact any such promise from Mr. Smith.

We believe that the gamblers "knew their man" so far as Mr. Smith is concerned.

At any rate, they are supporting him almost to a man.

We simply ask, Why in all reason are they doing this if they do not believe Mr. Smith will be a better man for them in their illegal business than Ayers?

Mr. Smith says that he proposes to "give every man a square deal."

In the absence of anything else the gamblers will doubtless be satisfied with a "square deal." Most any kind of a "deal" will look good to them now.

If we remember correctly, Mr. Smith did not consider that everybody was getting a "square deal" when the city council, two years ago, passed an ordinance requiring saloon keepers to give bonds which they were to forfeit in case they violated the gambling law.

That ordinance was intended to close gambling in this city. Mr. Smith was unalterably opposed to that ordinance.

There is nothing to indicate that Mr. Smith was particularly opposed to the crime of gambling when he was county attorney on former occasions.

The last time he served in that capacity, the present anti-gambling statute was in force.

People who lived here at that time distinctly remember that the Tiger pursued his way uninterrupted by Mr. Smith.

The records of the district court do not show a solitary prosecution under that law by Mr. Smith.

Promises made under the stress of a heated and close campaign carry little weight when set up against past performances.

The friends of Mr. Smith are basing claims of his election upon the support which he is going to receive from the gambling elemnet.

The gamblers of Fergus county are not fools .

They are not voting directly against their interests.

If they were, they would be supporting Roy E. Ayers instead of Frank E. Smith.

It is said that the "faithful" are happy. John A. Drake's bar'l has arrived and there is rejoicing among the hungry ones of the G. O. P.

Frank Smith and his supporters are resorting to abuse and misrepresentation, sure indications of a desperate outlook.

The week just ended was a bad one from a republican standpoint. They lost ground every day and the retreat threatens to become a rout before the day of election.

Judge Henry C. Smith of Helena, the republican candidate for the associate justiceship, was nominated in the republican convention by a gentleman who was once disbarred from the practice of law in the state of Montana for being guilty of a felony.

The Argus says that Roy E. Ayers has permitted gambling in Gilt Edge while suppressing it in Lewistown. Why is it then that four out of five of the Gilt Edge gamblers are working tooth and nail against the election of Mr. Ayers?

Matt Regan's election as justice of the peace is another assured fact. Matt promises to poll the largest vote in this township. Arne Dahl is not worrying any over that office of public administrator and Charlie Williams is certain to be chosen constable of this township.

Charlie Myersick appears to have Paul Smith on the run. Charlie has been making a splendid, clean, fair campaign. He is a "home grown" boy, a product of Fergus county and numbers his friends among the voters by the hundreds.

The republicans have given up the office of sheriff although Baker is working right along. Ed Martin is now out rounding up his friends of which he has thousands in Fergus county and it is merely a matter of how great his majority will be. The republicans have attempted to do a little dirty work in connection with this campaign but it is now reacting on their candidate.

The election of Miss Orpha Noble ti the position of superintendent of schools seems almost assured. Miss Noble, being a Fergus county girl and known to be especially competent, appears to be entitled to the place. The unfortunate insinuations of the Joke Sheet (unfortunate for the paper's reputation for fairness and gallantry) has materially helped Miss Noble along in her race.

For county assessor John Marshall is daily gaining strength, Samuel Anderson, the independent republican candidate, is expected to draw some votes from the other republican nominee, Edwards. Evidently the party organ, the esteemed Joke Sheet, has quit Mr. Edwards for Mr. Anderson and with such a division in the party, Marshall's chances of election are very bright indeed.

Of the legislative ticket Charles Fasel and H. L. DeKalb have both made excellent impressions wherever they have gone. These energetic young men have visited about every part of the county, openly and eloquently proclaiming their attitude on public questions, whereas their opponents, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Greene, have not even taken the trouble to leave their homes. About all the voters of Fergus county know about the republican candidates for the legislature is that they are both owners of ever so many thousands head of sheep. They have not made known their position on one solitary issue in this campaign. For these reasons, the democrats are in the lead so far as the legislative ticket is concerned.

The republican papers are crying that Hon. T. J. Walsh is a corporation attorney. An examination of the records of this state will show that Thomas J. Walsh has won more cases for individuals against large corporations than any other attorney in the state. He has built up a great law practice principally because of his ability to successfully cope with tht best trained attorneys which the railroads and other big corporations always have on their side.

State Examiner Ray has been heard to say that Edward Martin who has been keeping the books of the sheriff's office while acting in the capacity of under sheriff, has kept the neatest set of books to be found in all the sheriffs' offices of the state. The late "Buck" Hudnall, who preceded Mr. Ray in the office of state examiner, said the same thing. Few people realise that there is some important clerical work connected with the office of sheriff. Ed Martin has shown his ability both as an outside and an inside official.

Rufus Thompson and A. C. Greene consider their election assured facts and are not maknig any campaign. Neither of them has taken the trouble to tell the voters their attiude on a good many very important subjects. The democratic candidates for the legislature are visiting every section of the county declaring publicly their position on issues of the day. Come, Mr. Greene; come, Mr. Thompson, speak up, not through the very unreliable columns of the Joke Sheet, but tell the people with your own tongues what you stand for.

Henry Rae is making absolutely no headway. He is admitted to be a good single-handed campaigner, but the people of Fergus county are too well educated to the situation to be impressed by his palaver. They know that his residence here is of a very temporary nature, that he was nominated by the republican leaders simply to furnish the "substance" for the campaign, that he is absolutely unacquainted with the needs of Fergus county and Montana and that he represents the great monopolistic interests of this country.

In the special edition of the Joke Sheet issued last Friday it said concerning the rally at Moore and the democrats: Charlie Myersick and John Marshall were present but could not be induced to face the audience." At the republican rally a few evenings later Henry M. Rae was also present and could not be induced to face the audiince. Mr. Rae is a candidate for the state senate and is supposed to be a spellbinder. From all indications, he is doing the greater portion of his spellbinding with a big roll of greenbacks furnished by—that is earned as an humble laborer in the employ of Trust Magnate John A. Drake.

For county commissioners the republicans are making a desperate fight. Waite, von Tobel, Belden and others of the old gang are co-operating with the central committe in this fight, and it is said that everything with he possible excepon of Frank Smith will be sacrificed to get Billy Neill re-elected. They want Billy especially. The old leaders know that they can depend upon Billy to do just about as they want him to do because they have tried him.

They believe that Billy, if elected, will be amply able to handle either Imislund or Ross.

But the people of Fergus county are weary of being jobbed and the sentiment is in favor of a change in the commissioner ticket. Petersen, Malcolm and Parrent are all working hard and effectively and it looks very much like a clean sweek for the board.

It is the policy of the great trusts of this country to get as many friends as possible in public positions. For instance, Mr. Henry Rae is sent to the state senate of Mantana from Fergus county. A measure affecting the interests of some great railroad or other corporation might come up . In looking over the list of state senators, the attorneys will come to Mr. Rae. "Who is he," will be asked. A little investigation will reveal that he is a brother-in-law of John A. Drake. Now Mr. Drake is one of the organizers of the greatest trusts in existence, the United States steel trust. He is connected with various railroad corporations. Is, in fact, one of the very men responsible for the trusts. Therefore, because of Mr. Rae's connection, the men looking after the interests of the great corporation will set down Mr. Rae as one of their friends and supporters. And Mr. John A. Drake, in whose employ Mr. Rae admits himself to be, will show Henry where it is to the interest of all to stay with their friends, the corporations. Mr. Rae will be governed by Mr. Drake's suggestion in that matter. By electing Mr. Rae, the people of Fergus county are sending to court another friend of the corporations and trusts. Instead of upholding the hands of Roosevelt, they are upholding the hands of Roosevelt's foes, Aldrich, Foraker and other members of the trust oligarchy. It is a matter which the people of Fergus county should ponder well, this election of a state senator. The Democrat has endeavored to be fair at all times to Mr. Rae and with all the earnestness at our command we urge the defeat of Mr. Rae.

Several months ago it was stated by a certain saloon man that he and others in the same business would raise a fund of $2,000 to defeat Roy E. Ayers and elect Frank E. Smith to the office of county attorney. As a usual thing saloon men are good business men also. Those of them who run or desire to run gambling as an adjunct to their business want a man in the office of county attorney who will not disturb them in this little side issue. Without saying whether or not Mr. Smith has promised them immunity, we submit that Mr. Smith is receiving the support of what is commonly known as the gambling element. We do not believe that they are supporting Mr. Smith for sentimental reasons. We believe that they believe, in fact, know, that with him in the office of county attorney, they will have a better opportunity to ply their gambling vocation.

For treasurer, B. F. Gordon has E. P. Chandler guessing. The last election, Mr. Chandler got in by a scratch. He was then living in Kendall and because of his residence there, polled a few more votes than his party and those votes elected him. This year Gordon will get a great majority in Kendall and he is going to run well all over the county. There is much dissatisfaction with the manner in which Mr. Chandler has handled the county funds in his possession and as a result of this dissatisfaction, he is going to lose many votes. Then, too, the people would like to see some interest collected on the county monies and converted into the county treasury. The valued opinion of the Joke Sheet Constitutional Lawyer to the contrary, this can be done and will be done if Mr. Gordon is elected to the office of treasurer.

The hottest contest of the campaign is for the office of county attorney. Be it said to the credit of Fergus county that Roy E. Ayers is decidedly in the lead in this race. The supporters of Mr. Smith are resorting to about every sort of politics, but the people of Fergus county who believe in the strict enforcement of the law are not being fooled by any such work. They have never yet heard or seen where Frank Smith has said that he will, if elected, enforce the gambling law. He has promised to enforce all laws but the people want something more specific and even if he does make such a promise now, it will be taken with much salt, as Mr. Smith's attitude on the gambling question is too well known to the voters of the county. Ayers is especially strong in the country precincts and is gaining daily in Lewistown, Kendall and Gilt Edge.

Hicks predicted a hard freeze last Friday night and the republican orators who went over to Forest Grove can testify to the correctness of the prognostication. Oliver W. Belden, J. C. Huntoon, Henry Rae "and others," went over to Forest Grove in a bunch but the faithful of that part of the country refused to be stampeded. The crowd was small and would have been a great deal smaller had not Frank Millsap widely advertised a grand ball immediately after the speaking. A lot of young folks went to the dance, few to the speaking. The audience was manifestly nervous while Belden and Huntoon were saving their pieces. As usual, Mr. Rae got busy after the speaking and burned up some United States Steel corporation dividends. Although it is considered a republican precinct, there are a number of democrats who are conceded good majorities at Forest Grove.

The republican campaign meetings are proving frosts of the most killing sort all over the county. It is the same old story wherever they have appeared, small crowds and absolutely no enthusiasm. Henry Rae's minstrel stories have failed to cause much merriment and Frank Smith's sonorous promises are really more mirth provoking than the funniest of Henry's jokes. The meeting at Kendall was an especially hard freeze for the republicans. In the second largest town in the county, a town which has a voting population of four hundred, the republican spellbinders were able to rout out just 47 voters by actual count. They had all of the big guns of the party up there. Wyllys A. Hedges made a speech in which he intimated that there are certain connections between the sheriff's office and the horse thieves who have been operating in this county. Mr. Hedges said this to knock Ed Martin, democratic candidate for county sheriff. It was the dirtiest piece of work heard of during the campaign and did more to knock Dick Baker than to boost him. The republicans would better keep Hedges in the land office. Von Tobel also made a speech but did not arouse a solitary ripple of applause. Henry Rae's effort was of the usual minstrel variety. There was something doing, however, after the speaking was over. Mr. Henry Rae of Chicago, Ills., had evidently just heard from Brother John Drake and proceeded to distribute. It is estimated that the bunch spent over three hundred dollars around town during the night, Rae handling the bulk of the cash.

For over two weeks past there has been abroad persistent rumors of a sale Fergus County Argus. Although the rumor is flatly denied in the last edition of that paper, the Democrat is reliably informed that there are negotiations in progress which may ultimately result in a change of ownership of the republican sheet. According to the rumor, which is confirmed somewhat by an editorial in the Inland Empire of Moore, there is some dissatisfaction among the republicans of the county in general and the leaders, Waite, Eldridge, Hobson Croft and von Tobel in particular, as to the past conduct of the party organ. The "old gang" is, therefore, considering the purchase of the property, Jeems Croft being the gentleman who is conducting the negotiations. One vary reliable rumor has it that Senator Jack Waite is anxious to get absolute control of the paper in order that he may use it as his personal organ in his campaign for the governoship two years hence. Just why it is necessary to purchase the paper for this purpose does not appear, as Senator Waite and his fellow leaders of the G. O. P. in this county have had no trouble, especially since the last county printing contract was let to the Argus, in absolutely dictating the policy of the paper. Brother Vrooman has personally assured us that there is nothing to the rumor. It has been said, however, that the scheme is to nominally transfer the property just about election time in order that it will not be an issue. The Democrat does not pretend to speak with authority on the subject, but simply give the rumors which appear to have some foundation in fact.

DANGER FROM THE PLAGUE.

There's grave danger from the plague of coughs and colds that are so prevalent, unless you take Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, coughs and colds. Mrs. Geo. Wells of Forest City, Me., writes: "It's a Godsend to people living in a climate where coughs and colds prevail. I find it quickly ends them. It prevents pneumonit, cures la grippe, gives wonderful relief in asthma and hay fever, and makes weak lungs strong enough to ward off consumption, coughs and colds." 50c and $1.00. Guaranteed by Phillips Drug Co. Trial bottle free.

Edward Brassey

Late register of U. S. Land Office

LAND ATTORNEY

Real Estate and Commission, Loans Negotiated. Inquiries Promptly Answered

SETTLERS LOCATED

Office in Lang Building, Next Door to Land Office.

Lewistown, - - - Montana.

For the finest imported wines and liquors go to the Mint. J. O. Gilkerson, proprietor.

HERMAN OTTEN, President — *GEORGE J. BACH, Cashier*
DAVID HILGER, Vice-Pres't — *HARRY YAEGER, Ass't Cashier*

....THE....
First National Bank
OF LEWISTOWN

SAVINGS DEPARTMENT

A FEW FACTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

First. That systematic saving pays. A deposit of $1.00 a week for five years, with 5 per cent. interest compounded semi-annually, will yield you $297.05, while in ten years you would have $675.05.

Second. The safety of your money, The well-known character and ability of our board of directors is a sufficient guarantee of honest and capable management.

Third. That we take any amount from $1.00 upwards.

Fourth. That your money is payable on demand.

Fifth. That we pay 5 per cent. interest on Certificates of Deposit and Saving accounts crediting the interest on the Saving account on the last day of June and December in each year.

Sixth. That we extend to our patrons every courtesy and accomodation in our power, consistent with good banking, and

Seventh. That we are under Government inspection.

We respectfully solicit your business.

GEORGE J. BACH, Cashier.

THE PHILLIPS DRUG CO.

...WANTED...

1,000,000 squirrels to be poisoned with Woodlark squirrel poison. Now is the time to poison your squirrels and free the ranch from the pest. Satisfactory results only obtained from use of Woodlark poison.

For sale by
PHILLIPS DRUG CO.
The Corner Drug Store.

THE PHILLIPS DRUG CO.

THE NEW IDEA — THE ORIGINAL LAXATIVE — COUGH SYRUP

KENNEDY'S LAXATIVE HONEY AND TAR

Moves the Bowels — Best for Children — Red Clover Blossoms on Every Bottle

SOLD BY PHILLIPS DRUG COMPANY