

Official Directory.

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COUNTY OFFICERS.
Commissioners—R. C. Cooper, chairman, John Høgenesen and Ole Halvorson.
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Constables—J. H. Aitchison, Allan Pinkerton, C. H. Johnson, M. L. Michaels.

The following call appears in the Hillsboro Banner:

"A delegate Republican convention for Traill county is hereby called to convene at Blanchard, in said county of Traill, on the 9th day of October, 1886, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting delegates to the 18th Council and Legislative District Republican convention under basis of representation, time and place hereafter to be adopted and fixed by the central District Republican committee."

In reference to the call, it is editorially remarked in the Banner:

Elsewhere in this issue appears the call of the republican county committee for a convention to nominate county officers, and one to select delegates to a legislative convention, to be held at such time and place as the central committee may designate.

If the same county central committee whether its claims be just or fraudulent, is to call a legislative district convention for the counties of Traill, Steele and Griggs, it will assume powers never before considered as belonging to a county committee. As to the district central committee, it met some months since, and called its convention for Oct. 2d, so that delegates elected Oct. 9th will be somewhat late. Griggs county was represented by its member of the late 9th district central committee, while Steele and Traill counties were represented by the committeemen appointed at the 11th district convention of 1884. We know of no other committee. Certainly, Griggs county has no representation on any other. The prime movers in this new departure cannot claim but that the district convention has been properly called at Mayville Oct. 2d, and that they have had a fair chance to be represented.

There are two new commissioners to be elected Nov. 2d. Who shall they be? Charley Mosely we believe, can be returned from his district if he wishes; Ole Halvorson, will be fought in his district, although we have heard no specific charge against him, and he has been a very economical officer; while in the Willow district, no candidate has been advanced as yet. Come boys, get to the front. If your real desire is to do good service to your county, you must admit that the commissioners are the county fathers, and that the office of commissioner, is responsible and honorable. Here is a chance to serve the people, and without the suspicion that it is for filthy lucre. Why do you not get to the front? Is it possible, that spoils, only, are what you are after?

A member of the Farmers' alliance claims that the only thing the farmer can look for in the next legislature is regulation of the freight tariff on wheat. He claims that here it is exorbitant, which claim is certainly correct. If the freight rate can be legally regulated by law, it should certainly be accomplished. The history of the Potter, and other laws, will afford a valuable study for the members of the next legislature.

The original wheat bill provided that the railroad commission should regulate the freight tariff. As amended the proviso was stricken out. Hon. Julius Stevens, the member from Griggs, was one of twelve to vote against the amendment, while the farmers' favorite legislative candidate worked for the amendment, because he was brought up in the same town with Odell.

The Republican is having some fun with Major Edwards, over the nomination of Gifford; but you see, such a result has been extremely probable and

the probability conceded from the start. It looks a little more courageous to make a bold showing, even if you are the underdog in the fight; and, after all, the Republican must admit that Gifford was not its candidate, and that nobody in the north is rejoicing over the result.

Phased Him at Last.

"You don't want to vote for that man, Grubb!"

"What's the matter of Grubb?"

"Why, he was in penitentiary in Missouri for a horse transaction."

"Well, he always said he was an unlucky cuss with horses. Warranted the boss, I presume."

"No, he stole the horse—not one horse, but a dozen horses."

"Well, they all steal horses down in Missouri. He ain't go worse than the rest of 'em, I guess."

"And there is more than that against him; he poisoned his wife."

"Arsenic or strychnine?"

"Strychnine."

"Well, she couldn't have suffered much. She might have been an ornery cretur, anyhow. I ain't goin' to mind a little thing like that. He has gin me his fall plow'n', and we've sort o' combined."

"What, are you running for office?"

"About same thing. I'm goin' to be deputy."

"Well, you will get fooled. He has promised his deputyship to Jim Ogelby, Peter Krouse, Hans Peterson, and Bill Murphy, already. And another thing: Old man Snort, has three teams on that fall plowing, this morning."

"Well! Well! Well! The horse-stealin', lyn', wife-murderin', jaw-hawkin', son of a gun of a jail bird! He shan't have a cussed vote in this precinct, if I have to stand at the polls with a shot gun."

"Ye Editor."

The Casselton Blizzard finds nine exchanges in one week mentioning "ye editor," and yells "chestnuts." We are afraid the COURIER was among the number. We have watched our contemporaries this week and find the expression used by thirteen different journals, and it is difficult to see how we can spare that chestnut. If we say "the editor" it argues that there is only one editor extant, and the paper wherein the words are written is its prophet or profit. "Ye editor" is a kind of modest personal apology from the man at the helm for endeavoring to conduct such a mammoth and influential journal, for \$2 per annum, and disclaims all personal credit. It means "the humble individual who presides over the destinies of this brilliant sheet, a specimen copy of which is before you." Should Col. Wm. McGlory announce through the columns of his newspaper that "Col. Wm. McGlory" had gone fishing, Col. Wm. would be in danger of finding his title in quotation marks in his alleged contemporaries. Should he write, "Bill McGlory has gone fishing," it would suggest that his office was run by the devil, and that Bill had packed off and taken his jug with him.

For a change, a new stereotyped form might be refreshing, e. g.: "The worthy citizen, who is the leading spirit in the enterprise of conducting a first-class county paper at this point;" or, "the recipient of garden sass and cordwood in Bugleville;" or, "the mortgagor of this office;" or, "the editor of this unsubsidised organ of the people, whose office is adjacent to the boodle side track;" or "this proprietor of an enormous unpaid subscription list;" or, "the individual who gets credit for all he says, and no credit for what he suppresses."

A Hard Case.

"Ah, my good boy," said the candidate, "how does you father enjoy this cool weather?"

"Dumfino. Old man died fore I was born. Probably he enjoys it."

"Yes, yes, I had forgotten the circumstance. What was the cause of your bereavement?"

"The which?"

"The—the bereavement—the death of your estimable parent?"

"Humph! I commence to tumble. He died in a—er campaign."

"Ah! he was one of our country's noble defenders; just so. Army of the Potomac?"

"No, the army of Kankakee county, state of Illinois. There was a fellow running for office down there, and he got the old man up agin the barn, just as I am now, and I allow the old man was talked to death."

"Well, good day. My regards to your good mother."

"Hain't got no good genooin mother; but I'll tell my wife's mother what you say. Better come in and see the old gal. She'll be powerful glad to see such a fine young man. That's her over there with the hump back and bare legs, chasin' the pigs. What, you won't come in. Well, good bye."

From every part of the county comes reports of a determination to oust the plunderers who have made the court house in this city their headquarters, and raids on the county treasury their objective point. The ringsters must go, and every one allied with them for "combination support." The people's will at the polls will not be ruled by King Caucus, and the slates which may be put up in caucuses or the politicians will be broken by the voters at the polls.—Valley City Times.

Speaking of court house rings, it will be difficult for the Times, or any other paper, to expose the membership, without stepping on the toes of nearly every man now running for office. Both candidates for the shrievalty have done business at the court house for some time; one candidate for register has been a county commissioner for years, and helped whirl the tax list over to Sanborn, and refunded tax title moneys; another has been in office since 1878, and has never failed to draw his pay in some capacity or other, in addition to demanding a swindling commission from a book firm for introducing a certain line of text books into the public schools, and presiding over a school debt of \$100,000; another candidate collected, from the county, moneys he had expended in void tax titles, with a high rate of interest; one treasurer has always held office, and, to put it mildly, has been present when a great deal of money was unnecessarily expended; another treasurer has always held office under the city or county, and has not grown poor in the mean time; the clerk of the court has just built him a magnificent block, which had he opposition, might foolishly be attributed to plundering of the tax payers, although it would be difficult to show how the pint measure was made to hold the quart; both candidates for auditor are spending their happy hours at the court house; and, take it all in all, the Barnes county court Louse ring is such a double and twisted affair that it will require a Philadelphia lawyer to distinguish its membership. Moreover, all of them wear white shirts, and the devil only knows what the outsiders will do when they get installed in the court house.

Proof Reader: Hum—hum—hi! What's this? "Hon. James Bangs lies at the point of death, from accidentally shooting himself next Monday."

Comp: It's copy, sir.

Proof Reader: Idiot, can't you read writing? "From accidentally shooting himself in the neck, Monday."

Comp: Oh! I thought you were getting even with the old snoozer.

Hon. Oscar S. Gifford, republican nominee for delegate to congress, was born at Watertown, N. Y., Oct. 20, 1842, and is consequently, 44 years old. He received a common school education; served in the Union army as private, in the Elgin, (Ills.) battery in 1863-65; studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1870, and has followed that profession ever since. He was elected district attorney for Lincoln county in 1874; was mayor of Canton in 1882; was a member of the constitutional convention which convened at Sioux Falls Sept. 7, 1883, and was elected to the forty-ninth congress, receiving 71,597 votes against 15,124 votes cast for his democratic opponent. He will be re-elected at the coming election.—Ex.

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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., September 6, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Joseph Buchheit, D. S. No. 15842, for the ne 1/4 of sec 10, twp. 148 n. r. 60 w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Gideon Sheldon, Harrison Clark, Elijah S. Hamilton, Peter Cameron, all of Willow, P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Geo. B. Clark, Judge and ex-officio clerk of probate court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 18th day of October, A. D. 1886, at his office.

HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Glass & McLaren, atty's. 34 40

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Aug. 17, 1886. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before John N. Jørgensen, clerk of district court for Griggs county, D. T., at Cooperstown, D. T., on October 2d, 1886, viz: Hans O. Voll, D. S. No. 16,228 for the sw 1/4 sec 26, tp. 147, r. 58.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Syver Syverson Soll, Martin Johnson, Andrew Anderson, Brent Olsen, of Rosness, Griggs county, Dak. 31-36

HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Brown Bros. & Co., attorney for claimant, Mayville, D. T.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Aug. 20, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Anton Pederson, D. S. No. 15,421 for the sw 1/4 sec 4 of sec. 6 and w 1/2 ne 1/4 of sec. 7, tp. 148 n. r. 60 w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Harrison Clark, A. D. Ellis, Boie H. Leine, Joseph S. Hope, all of Willow, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Geo. B. Clark, Judge and ex-officio clerk of district court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 9th day of October, A. D. 1886, at his office.

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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Aug. 26, 1886. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and secure entry thereof: Adeline R. Johns, H. E. No. 13184, for the (sw 1/4) southwest quarter of sec. 22, tp. 144 n. r. 62 w. and names the following as her witnesses, viz: George Wright, Daniel A. Langworthy, George W. Vennum, A. Harold McKechnie, all of Stutsman county, D. T.

The testimony of witnesses to be taken before Hon. W. H. Francis, or Charles T. Hills, clerk of the district court at Jamestown, Stutsman county, D. T., on the 11th day of October, A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

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