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DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

For Governor, John Sparks of Washoe County.
Lieutenant Governor, D. S. Dickerson of White Pine County.
Congressman, George A. Bartlett of Nye County.

Justice Supreme Court, James G. Sweeney of Ormsby County.
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Superintendent of Public Instruction, R. H. Mitchell of Ormsby County.

State Printer, Irwin Lewis of Carson.
District Judge, First district, Frank P. Langan; Second district, S. J. Boninelo, Jr.; and W. H. A. Pike; Third district, Hon. Peter Breen; Fourth district, George S. Brown.

Regents State University, long term, C. B. Henderson, Austin; short term, C. R. Lewis, Reno.

DE LAMAR DEMOCRACY.

Throughout the county the Democratic primaries indicate an interest that means victory for the noble old party—a party that conveys the safeguard, the very pathway for free institutions.

The primaries were well attended with the following result for delegates and alternates: George T. Bonovitch, George A. Williams, H. P. Hennings, W. E. Reeder, John Roeder, Alternates, John Dolan, Ed Lemons, S. W. Chandler, W. A. Allen and William McDonald.

Immediately after the primaries the enthusiastic and battling Democrats organized a Democratic club with a membership of forty-five. Geo. McEvany was elected president; George A. Williams, secretary. These Democrats for good government, like the sentinel before a battle, assure a victorious result and promise that the machivellian tactics of a McNamee shall not prevail and that Delamar will give a Democratic majority this time. It is good work and the laurels of the victorious will be with these Democratic warriors.

SPLENDID WORD FROM PIOCHE.

The democracy of the county seat polled sixty-three votes at their primaries and the Republicans only fifteen. A straw that shows more than which way the wind blows. These Pioche Democrats are there every time with the goods. They know no such thing as fail and when the tides of November have come the Republicans' hides will be skinned and in the hands of the tanners for proper use. The spirit of democracy is unconquerable and the Pioche brand with its weather beaten brand will cheer the democracy of state and county with a result that forecasts four votes democratic to one vote plutocratic Republican. Well can our informant jubilate. Pioche is strongly democratic.

The war horses who are to represent Pioche at the Caliente convention are J. A. Clark, James A. Nesbitt, E. F. Freudenthal and J. B. Wheeler well tried and true citizens.

All along the line comes the same word and from present indications it will be a Democratic year, state county and precinct. Let the good work go on.

DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES.

The Democratic primaries were largely attended last Saturday. There was no opposition. All was smooth and harmonious, but with it all the untried showed such interest in the cause of democracy as to respond to the tune of '96 to cast their ballots for the following named gentlemen to represent Las Vegas democracy at the convention to meet at Caliente next Monday.

The delegates are Al James, W. E. Hawkins, E. T. Maxwell, F. L. Reber, C. A. Rucker.

REFUND THE COUNTY DEBT.

So much has been said of the proposed refunding of the Lincoln county indebtedness and of the governor's veto of the bills passed by the recent

legislature for this purpose, that the publication at this time of a few of the facts in regard to the matter will no doubt be of interest to the taxpayers of Lincoln county.

The indebtedness against Lincoln county is represented principally by four judgments in the United States circuit court for the state of Nevada.

The total amount of these judgments on January 16th, 1905, was \$619,210.50, of which amount \$165,700 bears interest at ten per cent per annum.

In addition to the judgments there is an outstanding indebtedness represented by old bonds and accrued interest, amounting to \$28,000, making a total indebtedness against the county of \$672,210.50.

Of this amount the sum of \$180,200, which represents the original bond issue in 1873, draws interest at ten per cent per annum.

The first bill passed by the legislature and vetoed by the governor was general in its terms and applied to all the counties in the state. There was no limitation upon the amount for which the indebtedness could be refunded by the board of county commissioners.

The first bill was an exact counterpart of a bill which has been a law in the state of Utah since 1896, and under which over a million dollars of indebtedness has been refunded by the different counties in that state, and yet the governor saw fit to veto the bill because it was general in its terms and applied to all the counties in the state, and because, as he put it, it gave the county commissioners too much authority.

The second bill, which was passed unanimously by the legislature, was drawn to meet the objections of the governor to the first bill and applied only to Lincoln county and to the indebtedness created under the act of 1873.

This bill limited the authority of the county commissioners to refund this indebtedness for \$400,000. We are reliably informed that arrangements had been made under which the holders of the judgments had agreed to take an amount which would have enabled the county commissioners to refund the entire indebtedness, amounting to \$647,210.50, for the amount authorized, viz, \$400,000.

The arrangement with the present holders of the judgments against Lincoln county for this reduction was made by the representatives of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad company, which company is the heaviest tax payer in Lincoln county and therefore more interested than any one else in securing a reduction of this indebtedness, because the railroad company will ultimately have to pay the largest share of this indebtedness and interest in taxes levied upon its property in Lincoln county.

The annual interest on \$400,000 of bonds at 5 per cent per annum would be \$20,000, which is \$1,800 in excess of the interest which the old indebtedness now draws. The second bill provided for the issuance of thirty-year bonds redeemable any time after ten years and provided for a sinking fund commencing in ten years, so that the entire indebtedness would be paid off in thirty years. This additional interest for thirty years amounts to \$54,000 so that the county would in fact be benefited by the transaction to the amount of \$193,210.50, and the tax payers of Lincoln county could well have afforded to pay the slight increase in interest and consequently in taxation in order to effect the saving to the county of approximately \$200,000.

This indebtedness against Lincoln county is in the form of judgments and must be paid at some time. There is absolutely no escape for the taxpayers of Lincoln county from this burden and the sooner this is realized and some effort is made to begin paying off this indebtedness, the better it will be for all the taxpayers of the county and for the general welfare of the county, because naturally capital and enterprise will be reluctant about going into a county which is so heavily burdened with debt.

The intimations and insinuations of a graft on the part of the railroad company or its representatives in regard to this refunding proposition are as false as they are absurd, because if one will stop for a moment to think of the matter it is only too evident that the railroad company is more deeply interested than anyone else in securing a reduction of this indebtedness, and it is hardly likely that the owners of this railroad are fools enough to rob themselves and to do so thinking they are being benefited thereby.

With the refunding upon the basis indicated the resident taxpayers of Lincoln county would be benefited as stated. This fact is of sufficient importance why all citizens, irrespective of party, should unite in an effort to establish a basis that will give soundness and confidence, as well as a calculated method that will relieve Lincoln county of the unstable financial condition under which it rests now.

More than anything else needed now is security and that confidence that will invite capital to develop our great national resources.

To those Republicans who find fault with the Times for its aggressive advocacy of the cause of Democracy, the Times will simply say that in the language of the proverb, "A wicked messenger falleth into mischief, but a faithful ambassador is health." The Times is no messenger of mischief, but of health from fact that the Republican party is a device of evil and because it knows the spirit of Republicanism is oppression to the poor and honest and a support of the great rogue.

Frank Hall has taken a number of miners to R. R. Pass to do real mining work on the mining property of the Las Vegas Mining & Development company, a lead-silver property that bears evidence of making good money for the owners.

Dave Ball, an old-timer in Vegas, returned here Saturday, after an absence of four months in the hills around Lyons. He has several claims showing good values in gold and copper.

G. E. Horton and M. J. McDonald, both formerly employed at the round-house of the S. P. L. A. railroad, left here for Frisco on Monday evening's train. Both are good fellows.

One of the keen men of the Republican gathering was Judge McIlvane, from Searchlight. He perceived where strength lay, but—well, the proxies tell it.

Judge Thomas and H. M. Case are the chosen for slaughter by the convention from Las Vegas. Good men gone wrong.

J. W. Brown had no boss collar on. He typically battled for strong, popular candidates, but the proxies, too, bested him.

Good Springs will be represented in the Democratic convention by that able representative, Hon. Frank Williams.

Ferdinand Smith left for his claims at Lyons Monday.

RESENTED EVEN WISE ADVICE.
Legend illustrating Superstition of Russian Peasant.

An almost superstitious value is attached to the possession of land by the poor Russian peasant. There is a parallel in the old eastern story of Nasr Eddin Hodga. He met a peasant one day with a donkey, over whose back hung two sacks, one filled with stones, the other with wheat, the stones having been added to balance the wheat. "Why not divide the wheat into two parts instead?" Suggested Nasr Eddin Hodga. Delighted with the idea, the peasant did as he was advised, and hung the two sacks of wheat over the donkey's back. "And where are your lands, O wise stranger?" he asked, humbly. "I have no lands, then, and your palaces?" inquired the peasant. "I have none," said the other. "Then your houses, your gardens, your orchards?" persisted the man, amazed. "What!" cried the outraged peasant. "Do you, who have no lands and no possessions, presume to give advice to me?" and he unloaded the donkey, rearranged the wheat and stones as before, and proceeded on his way.

To close out I will sell occidental whims for \$75 each, f. o. b. Salt Lake. Scores of these whims have been sold in Butte. That counts. Apply to Globe Mining Machinery Company, West Temple, Salt Lake.

TRUTH WAS OUT OF PLACE.
Insane Man Sure It Was Not Wanted in Paris Law Courts.

The Paris law courts witnessed a strange spectacle yesterday evening. One of the officials, after the day's business was over, was astounded to see approaching him in a corridor a man who was quite naked, and who carried his clothing under his arm. "I am Truth," explained the apparition, "as you see by my costume. I understand that truth is sought in the Dreyfus case. Will you take me to the Court of Cassation." The official was about to lead him to the chief of police office, when the man exclaimed, "You cannot deceive Truth. The name of the police office is written over the door. Ah! Truth is not wanted here," he cried, and was in the act of flinging himself through a window, when the official caught him by the left leg, as somebody once caught Old Harry Longlegs, who would not say his prayers. Then the official gave himself up to the spirit of his visitant's madness, offered to show him the court, but took him instead down a staircase to the stores department, where he was cared for until the police arrived.—London Globe.

H. W. TURNER
REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

Transparent.
"The bride and groom made perfect spectacles of themselves on their wedding trip."
"No wonder everybody saw through them."—Cleveland Leader.

ROMAN RELICS IN SCOTLAND.

Bronze Vase of Fine Workmanship and Collection of Armor Unearthed.

One of the most interesting contributions to the Scottish Historical Review deals with the excavations of the Roman fort at Newstead, Melrose, which are being carried out under the auspices of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. Owing to the nature and variety of the finds, and the care with which they are being recovered and preserved, the work may well be considered one of national importance. James Curie, of Melrose, a distinguished border antiquary, who contributes notes on some recent finds, says the most striking result of the work lies in the collection of objects from the Roman period which have been brought to light.

The finds, for the most part, have been made in clearing out what would appear to be disused wells or rubbish pits. These have been found outside the fort, as well as within the ramparts. In depth they vary from 12 to 30 feet, and all of them are more or less filled with decomposed animal and vegetable matter, which has a marked preservative influence.

Mr. Curie gives a detailed description of a finely preserved specimen of a bronze vase with a single handle. It stands 11 inches high, and, it is conjectured, dates from the first century. The vase is undecorated, except for the handle, which is of fine workmanship. No fewer than 14 pits have been cleared out in the field known as the Fore Ends, lying to the south of the fort. In one of these two chariot wheels, three feet in diameter, were found, also a human skull, cleft by the blow of some sharp weapon. From another pit came a most valuable collection of armor, including a Roman brass helmet. The helmet is in a wonderfully good state of preservation. Mr. Curie considers it the most perfect object of the find. It covers the head and neck, and has a high, projecting peak in front. The whole of the crown is covered with an embossed design and an inscription, presumably the owner's name, is punctured on the rim.

UPSET CLAIM OF DOCTOR.
Hallucination Proved, but Other Evidence Was Too Strong.

Chloroform, it appears, begets strange visions which may be libelous. A story comes from Paris that a doctor's wife has been petitioning for a divorce on various grounds. The evidence on her side included the statement of a servant girl employed in a friend's house. The doctor was called in to attend to the maid during an illness. A surgical operation was deemed necessary and the girl was put under chloroform. On awakening after the operation the first thing she saw was the doctor kissing her mistress—that is to say, his wife's best friend—and, of course, she told the wife. Respondent has met this evidence with a learned lecture on the effects of chloroform.

To attach credence to the girl's story argued ignorance of the peculiar properties of the drug. The doctor called Professors Brouardel and Debove to support him and both authorities agreed that chloroform is well known to produce such oscillatory hallucinations. These are not only frequent during an anaesthesia, but often persist after the return of consciousness. The servant girl had been dreaming of kisses, and on awakening imagined that she saw the doctor kissing her mistress. It was a mere hallucination, and the doctor had never thought of kissing the woman, either then or at any other more favorable time. The court was convinced by the two learned professors and rejected the servant girl's evidence. Unfortunately for the doctor, other grounds for a divorce brought forward by the wife were proved to be not hallucinatory, but substantial, and she has won her suit.

Merry England.
Times and manners change. The customs of London, ancient and modern, greatly differ. Says the London Times, regarding medieval days: "Dancing was a passion with everybody. From the queen to the milkmaid, all the women danced; from the king to the craftsman, all the young men danced. They danced in the streets whenever it was possible, which was one of the reasons why May day was so joyous a festival. The more courtly people had dances dignified and stately, such as the Danse au Virlet, in which each performer sang a verse, and then they all danced around, singing the same verse in chorus; the Pas de Brabant, where every man knelt to his partner; the Danse au Chaplet, where every man kissed his partner; they danced together, singing minstrel songs, they danced in the garden, they danced in the meadow, they went out at night to dance, with tapers in their hands; they danced to beautiful music played by an orchestra. Where is the dancing spirit now? Where the mixed kissing? When did Merry England die? When did it begin? Was it ever so?"

Complacency of Modern Genius.
"Ben Franklin was practically the discoverer of electricity."
"Yes," answered the traction magnate; "but he wasn't smart enough to see the money that could be made from it."

Professional Handicaps.
"There is no meat in that fellow's arguments; nothing but dried bones."
"That, probably, is because he is a medical student and used to the articulation of skeletons."

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