## Concerning the Tie Vote for Sheriff.

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In order that the Republican party in Snyder County may not make a mistake in its efforts to elect a Sheriff, I have from a sense of duty to my party decided to submit a few thoughts and suggestions, relative to the embroilment into which we have unfortunately fallen, by the casting of a tie vote.

As is well known, there are but two recognized systems of making party nominations, viz. the Delegate and the Crawford county systems. The Republican party of Snyder county, has adopted the latter, and makes its nominations only through a direct vote of each individual. Therefore nominations made by the party in any other way, would be irregular and contrary to the decision of the party; and the only way for the party to make nominations for the general election, as the rule now stands, is, by the ballots of the individual Republican voters being cast for their choice.

In case of a tie between two Sheriff candidates "A" and "B", it would be irregular, and no true expression of the voters, if these two candidates with the approval of the Standing Committee, were to decide, which one of the tie candidates should be placed on the party ticket for the general election. We have shown above why such manner of choosing would be irregular, because contrary to our system. It would be no true expression of the voters; for if it should be agreed between the said A and B, with the approval of the Standing Committee, that A should be the nominee of the party, then the voters who supported B, might say: "We were willing to vote for B, but instead of casting our votes for A, we would have cast them for C and D. We gave B no authority to take the votes we gave him, and cast them in favor of A, thus making a choice without our consent. Nor could we, under our system, have given him that authority. The only way, is for us to decide for ourselves, and that by the Crawford County system, by voting direct for our choice."

But there may arise a much more serious question; and one which mi[illegible] jeopardize the succe[illegible] our [illegible] d [illegible] t unagement [illegible] Alaska, [illegible] publican party, and be [illegible] the general election ticket; and [illegible] the election receive a greater number of votes than his Democratic opponent, thus claiming an election as sheriff, what would there be to prevent the Democratic candidate from contesting the election of Republican A on the ground that he was no candidate at all, because unlawfully and irregularly placed upon the general ticket? What would there be to prevent this question from arising? What would prevent such a case from being tested in the courts? Would it not be wiser not to run any risks? No one should take it for granted that the Democrats are asleep, or suppose that they are blind.

It would be well to seriously consider the above. To us it seems that the only safe way to insure Republican success on the Sheriff question at the Fall election, would be for the Standing Committee to meet at once; and order and arrange for a new election on the Sheriffalty, between those who are the regular candidates.

There should be no new candidates, because we are to decide between those who are the candidates now. The election should be held in the shortest time possible; because the candidates have already made an ample canvass, and should not be put to any additional canvass if it can be avoided. Therefore the new committee, which is the only one in existence, should meet at once; on a Monday; and if possible have an election on the following Saturday.

The foregoing is not written in the interest of any one; for we would be perfectly satisfied with either of the tie candidates; but it is written with a view of having a Republican Sheriff elected in the Fall; of whose election there can be no question or technical contest. We must believe we are right in saying that it would be well for the Standing Committee to meet at once; organize, and take this question in consideration. All power in directing the affairs of our government has been delegated to them. They are the rulers, and executive power; and it is for them alone, to act in this matter.

After due consideration we believe that the foregoing suggestions, will open the only safe and correct solution of the present difficulty.

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