

Getting Down to Brass Tacks

To the Voters of Nebraska:

A STATE government can show its patriotism only through deeds. It can not talk.

The people of Nebraska have done nobly in men and money, but the Nebraska STATE government is not being used to help President Wilson protect the people against the unscrupulous profiteer.

The recent democratic state convention at Hastings, composed of one thousand democratic delegates, was unwilling to mention the name of the present governor of Nebraska in the platform resolutions for several reasons:

First.—Because Governor Neville was opposed to pledging the democratic party to any resolution that would put an end to the reactionary element in politics or that would pledge the party to stop the profiteer, who is the special interest bulwark behind the reactionary element of the democratic party.

Second.—Because the would-be dictator of the democratic party who organized the democratic convention at Hastings was opposed to putting anything in the party platform that would cause the special interests, especially the national wet interests, to give "hesitating, halting or negative support" to his candidate.

Third.—Because the governor co-operated with the state senate in the special session of the Nebraska legislature in defying the will of the people as expressed by thirty-thousand majority, and because he was opposed to a ratification resolution at the recent Hastings convention, and is still opposed to ratification.

No action has been taken by the STATE government and none promised to protect the people of Nebraska from what President Wilson calls the "unconscionable profiteer." Why? A state trade commission could protect the people.

A Nebraska man who made a fortune last year selling flour and substitutes for flour to the mothers, sisters and wives of our soldiers is an appointee of Governor Neville, and yet no action has been taken by the STATE to curb his greed, and the governor promises no relief. Why?

The grain elevator combine is robbing the farmers of millions of dollars each year by buying their corn and wheat at one grade and selling it as a higher grade. Governor Neville is doing nothing to protect the Nebraska farmers, and promises nothing. Why? A state bonded grain commissioner could protect them.

The packing house combine is robbing the farmer of millions of dollars according to the federal government reports, and the federal government suggested that the farmer should have a representative at each livestock market. Governor Neville has done nothing to protect them and promises nothing. Why? A state bonded livestock commissioner could protect them.

Secretary of Interior Lane has been urging the development of the water power of our rivers and and heat to the people and release the large quantities of coal that are so badly needed in war industries. Our governor has made no move to develop the water power and promises nothing. Why?

The federal government last summer investigated some wholesale produce dealers of Nebraska, and found that by cornering the market on foodstuffs, they made enormous profits amounting to more than a hundred per cent on the companies' capital stock. The federal government recommended to the STATE government that it start criminal prosecution under the state anti-monopoly act known as the Junkin law, but no effort has been made by the STATE government to protect the people in Nebraska against organized plunder by the food dealers, and the governor promises nothing. Why? A state trade commission is the remedy.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston has recommended the establishment of public markets to bring the producer and consumer closer together so as to reduce the cost of living; municipal markets to handle vegetables, produce, fish and meat the same as our allies are providing to protect their home folks. Our governor has taken no action to protect the consumers against the high cost of living, and promises nothing. Why?

Sec'y Lane has been trying to interest the public in making provision for the care and employment of our soldier boys when they return home. The state government should make provision for vocational training schools for maimed and crippled soldiers and provision for finding employment for all returning Nebraska soldiers. Our governor has taken no interest in this humane, patriotic and urgently needed work. Why?

The legislative program outlined by me is not experimental. It is all being used in some states or in some countries to protect the people against grafters. Will Governor Neville tell the people what part, if any, of my legislative program the people of Nebraska are not entitled to or what part of the program, if any, would not be good for them to have?

Will he dare tell them that President Wilson

does not want the state of Nebraska to help him protect the people against the profiteer?

Will Governor Neville tell President Wilson why the STATE government has given him no help against the profiteer during the past two years or why he was opposed at the recent Hastings convention to promising the President any help during the next two years?

The answer to the above "WHYS" is that the carrying out of this specific legislative program to help President Wilson throttle the profiteer would bring the OCCUPATION of the chief lobbyist of the democratic party under the "useless and unnecessary" employment act.

Blank records and meaningless platforms are not evidences of efficiency.

As governor, I would drive out of the state house at Lincoln what President Wilson termed the "insidious lobby."

As governor, I would not permit the profiteers to get a monopoly on the flag and attack everyone's patriotism who objected to being plundered.

As governor, I would prevent the state employees from taking part in politics, who now, to the number of upwards of fifty men, are going up and down the state of Nebraska on the state's time and at the state's expense urging the reelection of their chief.

The state employees holding subordinate positions and doing expert work should be put under civil service. They could then discharge their official duties without injury to the state or to their own consciences.

A daily paper in Lincoln, owned and edited by an appointee of Governor Neville, recently falsely and maliciously printed and credited to a German a letter and an editorial suggestion which was written and sent out by a Bohemian publisher.

This deception was practiced for the purpose of trying to prejudice the people of western Nebraska against me before they could learn of the deception.

This Bohemian, who is president of the Associated Foreign Language Press of Nebraska, compelled the Lincoln daily paper to publish an article branding the story in said paper as an "absolute falsehood," and demanding, "on behalf of the foreign language newspapers whose native countries are allies of the United States," that the said Lincoln newspaper, which is owned and edited by an appointee of Governor Neville, "cease its treasonable attacks on these allies of the United States who are fighting in France, Italy and Russia with the legions of freedom and liberty."

The same appointee of the governor published in the same issue of his paper what purported to

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Governor Neville

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be a synopsis of a campaign circular which was said to contain an endorsement by the Nebraska Dry Federation of my candidacy for governor. Said newspaper then published a purported interview with W. T. Thompson, former chairman of the dry federation, saying that the federation had endorsed no one for governor; that he had not signed his name to any endorsement or authorized the use of his name.

The facts are that the newspaper story was another fraud and deception practiced upon its readers.

The circular in question does not contain any endorsement by the dry federation of me or of anyone else.

The circular DOES contain a severe censure of Governor Neville, and the Nebraska Dry Federation and all the allied dry organizations of the state signed the censure, and the name of W. T. Thompson is among the signers, and none of them will deny that the use of their names was authorized.

The circular is signed by the organization that published and circulated it and contains no deception or attempted deception, and its author has challenged the said Lincoln paper to publish the circular and let the people see what it contained and also let the people see to what extent the paper owned and edited by an appointee of Governor Neville has practiced deception upon its readers.

Is dishonesty the badge of patriotism?

The people of the state are warned to be on their guard against attempted deception in the closing days of the campaign by the unscrupulous special interest press.

Waving the flag and oratorically pulling the tail feathers of the American eagle are not complete evidence of one's patriotism.

LET'S GET DOWN TO BRASS TACKS. A public official can not tolerate special interest domination in war time and at the same time prove that he is helping President Wilson win the war.

A candidate can not have the support of the profiteer during the campaign and be in a position to protect the people after election.

Every candidate on every ticket is enthusiastically supporting President Wilson and the war