

# Our Governor



**JOHN H. MOREHEAD**  
Nebraska's Business Governor  
Candidate for Re-election

### CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

Governor Morehead has never side-stepped a responsibility nor shirked a duty.

Governor Morehead's re-election will be a favorable answer to President Wilson's appeal for the aid and counsel of all patriotic and forward-looking men.

Governor Morehead's stand for judicious legislation has **SAVED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ANNUALLY** to the people of Nebraska.

### STATE FINANCES

Nebraska has **TEN MILLION DOLLARS** in its Permanent School Fund. Has the best school system in the Union. Owes no public debt. And there is no reason why the State should ever again be in debt.

## A COMPARISON OF RECORDS

Let us compare the record of Governor Morehead with that of his predecessor of two years ago:

**THEN:** The 15 big penal and charitable State Institutions were in a run-down, "out-at-the-heel" condition.

**NOW:** All are in first-class condition.

**THEN:** Practically every State Institution and department was financially embarrassed. All the funds appropriated had been spent and heavy debts were being incurred.

**NOW:** All these old debts have been paid, each building is in an excellent state of repair, and the expenses of operation are being reduced. No debts. No deficiencies. A clean record.

The legislature of 1913 was obliged to make rather heavy appropriations for the state penal and charitable institutions, not only to cover deficiencies incurred by the preceding administration, but also to purchase additional land, to erect additional buildings, and to repair those already in use. The tables following show in concise form the cost of maintenance under the Aldrich administration, 24 months, and the cost for maintaining the same institutions during the first 17 months of Governor Morehead's term:

#### ALDRICH—REPUBLICAN

Total amount appropriated by the 1911 session of the legislature for salaries of officers, employees' wages, and maintenance; including also the amounts appropriated by the 1913 session to cover deficiencies incurred during the biennium beginning April 1, 1911 . . . . . \$1,732,811.00  
Less appropriations unexpended and lapsed . . . . . 11,840.92

Amount actually used . . . . . \$1,720,970.08  
Dividing this amount by 24, the number of months in the biennium, gives an average monthly expenditure for all institutions, under the Aldrich Republican administration . . . . . \$71,707.08  
Dividing the monthly expenditure for all institutions, \$71,707.08, by the number of inmates, 3,808, gives a monthly cost for maintaining each inmate . . . . . \$18.83

#### MOREHEAD—DEMOCRAT

Total amount expended by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions during the 17 months which have elapsed, for the same institutions included above . . . . . \$1,155,488.00  
Dividing this amount by 17, the number of months during which this amount was expended, gives an average monthly expenditure under this board, the sum of . . . . . \$67,969.88  
Dividing this amount by the actual number of inmates, 4,023, gives a monthly cost for maintaining each inmate . . . . . \$16.89

#### SAVINGS

Saving in cost per inmate per month . . . . . \$1.94  
Saving in cost of caring for 4,023 inmates per month . . . . . 7,804.62  
Saving in cost of caring for 4,023 inmates for 17 months . . . . . 132,678.54  
Total saving for 24 months under Governor Morehead's administration will be about . . . . . 187,310.88

Certainly this showing, compiled from the official records at the Capital and correct in every detail, ought to forever silence the cry of extravagance directed toward Governor Morehead by his opponents. And let it be remembered that this saving has gone hand in hand with better service, for the inmates are better fed, better clothed, better housed—better cared for in every way—than they have ever been before.

#### A CLEAN MAN AND A CLEAN RECORD

Governor Morehead is essentially a man of action, yet without resort to the fuss and feathers and the little dramatic tricks which give some men the appearance of greater activity than they actually possess. He is a quiet, earnest man, giving every duty immediate and painstaking attention. He is not hasty in action, yet never procrastinates. To quote the words of one of Governor Morehead's Republican admirers—and there are many of them: "He takes plenty of time studying each proposition as it is presented, and in nearly every instance his decision is the right one."

Governor Morehead's record as public official and private citizen is, to use a homely expression, "as clean as a hound's tooth." Neither he nor his friends have ever claimed for him any remarkable powers as an orator; and yet, because of his intense earnestness and his manifest sincerity, there are few campaign speakers more effective than he is on the stump.

#### ASKS SUPPORT ON BASIS OF MERIT ONLY

Governor Morehead's appeal for support at the polls is made purely on his record as Nebraska's Business Governor. He has no egg-throwing marginism to relate; he has no get-rich-quick bond schemes to exploit; but he has an enviable record as Governor, which every thoughtful voter will consider when he comes to mark his ballot on November Third. Let us hear his own words in this matter:

#### WHAT GOVERNOR MOREHEAD HIMSELF SAYS

"Let me assure you, Mr. Voter, that it is not my intention to beg of you to vote for me. Let this question be settled on the basis of merit, just as every question must be settled when settled right. Consider my administration and compare my fitness, after these two years' trial, with that of any other man for whom you are asked to vote. If you hire a man to work for you and he makes good, you do not 'fire' him, in order that you may employ an untried man, do you? It is just the same with the State's business—I believe you feel that I have made good as Governor, and upon that basis I expect to be re-elected."

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### UPHOLD PRESIDENT WILSON

And Approve the Splendid Administration of Governor Morehead By Electing the Entire Democratic Ticket.

"Men's hearts wait upon us; men's lives hang in the balance; men's hopes call upon to say what we will do. Who shall live up to the great trust? Who dares fail to try? I summon all honest men, all patriotic, all forward-looking men to my side. God helping me, I will not fail them, if they will but counsel and sustain me."—President Woodrow Wilson.

To the Voters of Nebraska:  
With a sense of peace and good will toward men, we view the close of our state and congressional campaign, knowing that the inherent honesty and patriotism of the people of Nebraska will impel them to vote right. During the entire campaign we have refrained from indulging in mud-slinging and those vitriolic and pyrotechnic displays which at times in the past have marked and marred the campaigns of all parties.

Campaigners of the old school, accustomed to the froth and fury and fireworks of former days, have deplored the quietness of the present campaign, and have called it dead; but those who have kept up with the progress of things political and economic in recent years, see beneath the quiet surface a fixed and unalterable purpose to support the splendid administrations of President Wilson and Governor Morehead.

A bit of homely but helpful philosophy admonishes us that it is "never wise to swap horses in the middle of a stream." This is by no means the same as the republican advice to "stand pat" and to "let well enough alone," which is simply a modern way of saying what the legion of devils told Jesus in the country of the Gadarenes, as reported in the eighth chapter of St. Luke.

The greater portion of the world is today engaged in a war so stupendous that up to the present time it has no specific name to distinguish it from other wars. Yet the United States, guided by the master mind of President Wilson and his cabinet, is at peace with all the world. His policy of watchful waiting averted war with Mexico; his masterly management of affairs international has kept us free from becoming involved in the present world war. Isn't it the part of patriotism for every American citizen to give the aid and counsel he asks for?

And how can the average man, unconnected with the public service, "counsel and sustain" President Wilson? Manifestly by helping to elect the candidates of the democratic party, of which President Wilson is the head, always provided that these candidates are themselves worthy of election. If perchance an unfit man by accident has received a democratic nomination, and is not one of the "honest, patriotic, forward-looking men" which President Wilson summons to his side, then such a man deserves defeat. It is an act of patriotism to defeat him.

It is with a feeling of gratitude that we present as managers of the democratic campaign, such men as Congressmen Maguire, Lobeck and Stephens for re-election; such men as Rhodes, Shallenberger and Taylor to represent the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth congressional districts; and such men as Governor Morehead and his fellow state candidates to fill the state of fices. Not a man of these has ever been tried and found wanting; all of them have filled with credit to themselves public positions, and all of them are held in high esteem in their respective neighborhoods—which, after all, is the supreme test.

We have no word of condemnation for the candidates of other parties opposing the democratic party; but they are seeking political preferment at a time when, through no personal faults of their own, they are destined to defeat. The United States is face to face with a grave situation. It can be met successfully under the national leadership of President Wilson, and the state leadership of Governor Morehead, by electing six democratic congressmen and the entire democratic state ticket. And we rest our case, and leave it in the hands of a jury composed of the patriotic electors of Nebraska, supremely confident that a right verdict will be rendered on November 3rd.

W. H. THOMPSON, Chairman.  
P. L. HALL, Vice Chairman.  
A. P. SPRAGUE, Secretary.  
Democratic State Central Committee.

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