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Before either democrats or their republican brethren allow themselves to become worked up over the election results in Maine, it is well to remember that Maine wasn't voting on presidential candidates, and that whatever the vote showed, it was no particular test of the popularity of either Harding or Cox. Maine gave the republicans a larger majority than usual, and even the republicans admit that the democrats had made no particular campaign. The real presidential campaign hasn't even started—in Maine or any other place.

We have done the city of Lincoln, the officers of the Lincoln chamber of commerce and maybe one or two others a great injustice. A week or so ago, when the state fair was on, we remarked upon certain notices carried in the Lincoln dailies to the effect that the city of Lincoln wanted to protect the state fair visitors from imposition, and requesting those who thought they had been unjustly treated to call upon the chamber of commerce to have their difficulties ironed out. When we read that notice, we sniffed. We have lived in Lincoln, and know about what happens during the state fair. A majority of the hotels, restaurants, stores and other places of business hike the prices all the way from 25 to 250 per cent. We suggested that the notices in question were plain bunk. But we were wrong. Right during the fair—or soon thereafter—we read that Mayor Miller held a heart-to-heart talk with the head of a Lincoln shoe shining parlor. The Greek had advanced his prices to 20 cents per shine during the fair. "You are making a great mistake," the mayor told him. "There's no excuse for higher prices during these big days. It's bad business." Can't you just picture the brave Mayor Miller hopping on the shoe shiner, when within the radius of a block there were half dozen real state fair profiteers?

Among the things that are hard to explain is the impression on the part of a number of editors that little Mac's code bill has saved the state money. McKelvie is getting a lot of undeserved publicity on that score. As a matter of fact, in salaries and administrative expenses alone, the six departments of the state government are costing about \$7,000 a month more than under the old plan, and to date there have been no indications of added efficiency. During the first seven months of 1920, the cost of running the state government, according to figures given out at the office of the state auditor, was over double that of the corresponding period two years ago, when Nebraska didn't have a code bill to promote efficiency and economy. From January to July, inclusive, two years ago, state warrants aggregating \$4,252,892 were issued. During the corresponding period in 1920 the total reached \$8,606,629. During the Neville administration, state government cost

ne taxpayers of Nebraska \$600,000 month. Under McKelvie's economical code bill, the cost is about \$1,000,000 a month. Let's bring the figures closer home. Here's what the taxpayers of this county have contributed to maintain state government. These taxes were collected from Box Butte county: In 1913, Box Butte county citizens paid \$16,003.95 in state taxes; in 1914, \$16,253.74; in 1915, \$14,256.97; in 1916, \$13,255.48. During these four years Morehead was governor. Note that there was a substantial reduction in the amount the last two years. In 1917, under Neville, Box Butte county paid \$19,597.81; in 1918, still under Neville, \$18,568.76; in 1919, when the economical McKelvie got the job, it cost Box Butte county taxpayers \$33,702.92; and in 1920, the bill will be at least \$33,000. An intelligent analysis of these figures will cause the average voter to wonder whether McKelvie may be wrong. Aren't we justified in doubting whether there is either efficiency or economy in the present administration?

ALLIANCE BRIEFS

The trial of Ev. A. Reek vs. Mrs. Brida Shimek took up the time of county court most of Monday afternoon. Reek sued Mrs. Shimek for \$858, alleging that she owed him this sum by reason of a transaction involving the purchase of 180 tons of hay, on which the sum of \$3,325 had been paid, leaving a balance due him of the amount claimed. The plaintiff admitted that she had received the property with the exception of 9 1/2 tons of hay, and declared that she had paid him the sum of \$557.50 at her ranch home, twelve miles northwest of Hemingford, on the 12th of September, and that that sum was the amount agreed upon as a full and final settlement between them. Under oath, Reek denied the payment of the \$557.50 or any part thereof at that or any other time. Mrs. Shimek took the stand and testified as to the payment. Her testimony was corroborated by her ranch

foreman, Harry V. Shuler, who testified that he was present, heard the conversation, saw the money pass and Mrs. Shimek, not having the exact change, had received \$2.50 from him to make proper change. Judge Tash, after listening to a lengthy argument by Attorneys O'Brien and H. E. Ganiz, the latter for the defendant, decided in favor of Mrs. Shimek and taxed the costs up to the plaintiff.

FALLER SHOT HIMSELF WHILE LAUNCHING BOAT
 While hunting with a small boat in one of the lakes on the Garwood ranch, six miles southeast of Alliance, last Friday morning, Henry Faller of Bayard, received the charge of a shotgun in his left arm. Faller was with a party composed of Chas. Fulk, Thos. Richardson, and Earl Stewart, who left Bayard on

Wednesday of last week to hunt ducks on the Garwood place. Contrary to reports in Alliance papers, which stated that the accident occurred while rowing on the lake, Faller shot himself while launching the boat, says the Farmers' Exchange of Bayard. According to an eye witness, the unfortunate man pulled his gun out of the boat by the muzzle, one of the hammers catching on the side of the boat and

releasing as he dragged the gun toward him. The barrel discharged into his arm, making it necessary to remove him to the Alliance hospital immediately where amputation was made by Dr. Slagle and Dr. Hershman. Faller is well known in this community, having lived here for about seven years, and has a large number of friends who will regret to hear of his misfortune.

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