

Republican Management.

Books of the Auditor show the State's Finances.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, Office of Auditor of Public Accounts, Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 18, 1904.—Hon. John H. Mickey, Governor, Lincoln, Neb.—Dear Sir: Complying with your request of October 17, 1904, I transmit herewith a certified copy of the condition of the floating debt of the state on January 2, 1901, and on September 1, 1904. Amount of floating debt, January 2, 1901, \$1,748,822.70. To this floating debt should be added the amounts of house rolls No. 437, being the miscellaneous deficiency bill, and No. 478, being the miscellaneous claims bill, these being debts incurred by the former administration, and amounting to \$182,785.97; making a total of \$1,931,608.67.

Amount of floating debt on September 1, 1904, \$2,083,295.66; being a net increase of \$151,686.99. In addition to the above deficiencies there were wolf bounty claims to the amount of \$19,000 on file in this office, for which the twenty-seventh legislature failed to make an appropriation. These were subsequently paid by the twenty-eighth legislature. These claims are also a legacy from our predecessors and are properly chargeable to the former administration.

During the years 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1904, we have made appropriations for permanent improvements, a list of which is hereto attached.

For 1901:

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| New treproof wing at Hastings                    | \$50,000.00         |
| For purchase of state fair grounds and buildings | 25,000.00           |
| Standpipe at Norfolk                             | 3,500.00            |
| Hastings asylum, new kitchen                     | 5,000.00            |
| Hastings asylum, new waterworks, pump, etc.      | 500.00              |
| Geneva waterworks construction                   | 1,200.00            |
| Boys' industrial school, new barn                | 400.00              |
| Rebuilding penitentiary                          | 75,000.00           |
| Normal school, waterworks construction           | 3,400.00            |
| State capital waterworks construction            | 4,500.00            |
| Purchase of land, Beatrice                       | 15,000.00           |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>\$193,500.00</b> |

For 1903:

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|---|---------------------|
| New normal school at Kearney  | \$50,000.00         |
| Building at state fair grounds  | 3,000.00            |
| New chapel building at Peru   | 43,500.00           |
| Additional land at Hastings asylum  | 15,000.00           |
| Inmate hospital at Norfolk  | 100,000.00          |
| Hospital at Lincoln, building barn  | 5,000.00            |
| Soldiers' and sailors' home, Grand Island, erection of store building, quartermaster's building, laundry building, etc. | 15,000.00           |
| Soldiers' and sailors' home, Milford, new hospital  | 20,000.00           |
| Institute for feeble minded youth, cold storage plant   | 2,500.00            |
| Institute for feeble minded youth, new kitchen  | 1,000.00            |
| Deaf and dumb institute, Omaha, waterworks construction   | 6,500.00            |
| Board of public lands and buildings, street paving adjoining capitol  | 10,000.00           |
| Penitentiary building, furnishing same and erecting 240 steel cells and sewerage  | 126,563.00          |
| Soldiers' and sailors' home, Milford, power house, etc.   | 13,500.00           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$411,563.00</b> |

This makes total permanent improvements for the four years of \$605,063.00. State of Nebraska, Office of Auditor of Public Accounts, s.s.: I, George Anthes, deputy auditor of public accounts for the state of Nebraska, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing, to which this certificate is attached, is a true, complete and correct copy of the outstanding floating debt of the state of Nebraska on January 2, 1901, a true correct and complete copy of the amounts appropriated under house rolls No. 437 and 478 during the Twenty-seventh session of the legislature; also a true complete and correct copy of the outstanding floating debt of the State of Nebraska on September 1, 1904; and also a true and correct copy of appropriations made for permanent improvements by the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth legislatures, as the same appear on the records and files of this office.

Witness my hand and official seal this 18th day of October, 1904. (Signed) GEO. ANTHES, Deputy Auditor Public Accounts. (Seal)

The way to assist Roosevelt is to elect congressmen who will uphold his policies; and elect a legislature that will select a Roosevelt United States senator. Half-way measures will not do.

**INVITE COMPARISON.** Much of the discussion of the comparative expenses of the different administrations is childish because the real merits of the matter are not reached. The people of Nebraska are less concerned over the total amount of revenue collected than they are over the honesty and skill of its administration. They do not expect their public institutions to be run on the scale of expenses that prevailed during the hard times period. All they ask is that the work be done well and without extravagance. If the wards of the state increase in number, they are willing to meet the additional outlay. They only insist that the tax collections be limited to necessary expenses, and that the institutions be conducted without lavishness or scandal. In this respect the record of Governor Mickey's administration is so much superior to that made by the fusionists that no direct comparison is possible. The state could not afford to return to the disorganization and turmoil that prevailed from four to eight years ago if the support of the institutions were made as a free gift. A comparison of cost that does not include an estimate of the quality of the service is virtually worthless as a guide to the voter.—State Journal.

Candidate Berge, in a speech at Omaha, declared that he was in favor of taking the railroad terminal tax away from the counties and school districts of the state, where it is now distributed, and giving it all to the city of Omaha. How do the people like to have their revenues traded off for Omaha votes?

The way to vote for Roosevelt is to vote the republican ticket straight. One cross at the top of the ballot will do it, and you will make no mistake.

A Love Letter.

Would not interest you if you're looking for a guaranteed Salve for Sores, Burns or Piles, Otto Dodd, of Ponder, Mo., writes: "I suffered with an ugly sore for a year, but a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me. It's the best Salve on earth. 25c at P. C. Corrigan's drug store.

A Tax Payer on Divison.

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How does the voter like such manipulation of figures, to bolster up a cause that can not be sustained by truth and honor?

It is true that the levy in Holt county has been high, very high, but the valuation has for several years been very low, and the taxes have been therefore low, much lower than the counties of Knox and Antelope on the east and fully as low as the sandhills, known as Rock county, on the west.

One should remember, however, that a great amount of money was necessary to build bridges over the Niobrara and Elkhorn rivers all of which are permanent improvements, and will not have to be built again, and Antelope county has no Niobrara river and Rock county has no Elkhorn river to bridge.

I now have before me the necessary figures obtained from the records of Holt county and Rock county to make a comparison of one township in each county, as to the taxes in such townships.

Township 31 range 16 is in Holt county and just across the line in Rock county is township 31 range 17.

The tax for 1904 is as follows in Rock: NE 1/4 1-31-17, \$5.80; SE 1/4 1, \$8.02; NE 1/4 12, \$8.37; SE 1/4 12, \$11.63; NE 1/4 13, \$8.76; SE 1/4 13, \$5.14; NE 1/4 24, \$4.02; SE 1/4 24, \$4.82; NE 1/4 25, \$6.02; SE 1/4 25, \$4.02, or a total of \$66.60 for all the quarter sections (excepting the school sec. 36) in township 31, range 17, Rock county, which joins Holt county in twp. 31, range 16. Joining the above lands the tax for 1904 is as follows: NW 1/4 6, \$3.23; SW 1/4 6, \$3.23; NW 1/4 7, \$9.92; SW 1/4 7, \$9.92; NW 1/4 18, \$4.86; SW 1/4 18, \$4.86; NW 1/4 19, \$4.86; SW 1/4 19, \$3.93; NW 1/4 30, \$3.93; SW 1/4 30, \$2.48, or a total tax on all the quarter sections joining those given in Rock county of \$50.99, a difference of \$15.61 less in Holt county than in Rock county, or more than 30 per cent greater in Rock than in Holt.

The comparison in the above townships is very fair for the reason that nearly all the lands on both sides of the county is unimproved and therefore the value of improvements are not included.

I will now give a brief summary of what has been proved in this article.

1st. The taxation on real estate of the same quality and value is less in Holt than in either Rock or Antelope counties.

2nd. The statement of those who favor divison that small counties can be conducted at less expense per capita is untrue.

3rd. Holt county's financial condition is first class and there are no deficits or debts against the county.

4th. In the event of the county's division the new counties will have to issue a large amount of bonds to establish themselves, transcribe the records, build court houses, buy furniture, books etc.

5th. That the cost of transcribing the records for Meadow county will be not less than \$40,000 and for Elkhorn \$20,000.

6th. That the statement made in the Atkinson Graphic as to comparing Holt county with Rock and Antelope counties is false and libelous in giving the salaries of the officers, total expense, deficit and the amount of tax on 160 acres in Holt county, and also false as to the salaries of officers, levy, rate, surplus, total expense and the tax on 160 acres in Rock county. In fact there is nothing whatever true in a certain circular called "Some reasons for dividing," or the table in last week's Graphic, excepting the valuation of the three counties and the levy and rate for Antelope and Holt.

And now in conclusion, I wish to say to the voters, that if I was a man without property excepting town lots in Atkinson or Ewing or had an assurance of getting a county office in one of the new counties, or being a capitalist with the hopes of dickering or trading in county bonds and depreciated county paper, I probably would favor divison.

But I am none of these, I have no money to speculate with. I hold no office and will hold none. I have no town lots in Atkinson or Ewing. I have however, real estate in the territory which is sought to be named Meadow, also property, real estate and personal, in the proposed Elkhorn county, and I would consider it a irreparable calamity to myself as well as to every other disinterested taxpayer in Holt county, to have a division of the county at this time and more particularly on the lines as proposed.

If it is the desire of the voters of Holt county to severely injure the northeastern part of Holt county for some real or fancied wrong they have been subjected to, of course they have the power, but it is not the part of wisdom to bring ruin on yourselves and your neighbors in inflicting that punishment.

A Tax Payer.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment.

The following proposed amendment to, and convention for the revision of, the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, as hereinafter set forth, in full, is submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska, to be voted upon at the general election to be held Tuesday, November 8, A. D. 1904:

(SENATE FILE NO. 114.)

A Bill for a Joint Resolution recommending to the electors of the state to vote at the next election of members of the Legislature for or against a convention to revise, amend and change the Constitution of the State of Nebraska in accordance with Section 2, Article 15, of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

1. That it is deemed necessary to call a convention to revise, amend and change the Constitution of the State of Nebraska.

2. That the electors are recommended to vote at the next election of members of the Legislature for or against a convention to revise, amend and change the Constitution of the State of Nebraska.

3. That at such next election of members of the Legislature on the ballot of each elector voting at such election, shall be printed or written in such manner that the elector can indicate his preference under the law the words: "FOR calling a convention to revise, amend and change the Constitution of the State of Nebraska," and "AGAINST calling a convention to revise, amend and change the Constitution of the State of Nebraska"; and if a majority voting, at said election shall vote for a convention, the Legislature shall, at its next session, provide by law for calling the same.

I, Geo. W. Marsh, Secretary of State of the State of Nebraska, do hereby certify that the foregoing proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, and providing for a Convention for the revision of said Constitution of the State of Nebraska, is a true and correct copy of the original enrolled bill passed by the Twenty-eighth session of the Legislature of the State of Nebraska, as it appears from said original bill, on file in my office, and that said proposed amendment and revision of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska is submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Nebraska, for their adoption or rejection, at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, A. D. 1904.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska. Done at Lincoln this 5th day of July, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four, of the Independence of the United States the One Hundred and Twenty Ninth and of this State the Thirty Eighth. (GREAT SEAL) GEO. W. MARSH, Secretary of State.

BRIDGE NOTICE

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the County Clerk, O'Neill, Nebraska, until 12 o'clock noon, November 8th, 1904, for the building of a pile and stringer bridge 24 feet long and 16 feet roadway across Dry creek, on the line between section 33 and 34 Township 27 Range 16 west of the 8th P. M. Bidders will be required to furnish their own plans and specifications. All bids to be sealed and marked "proposals for bridge." The board of supervisors reserve the right to reject any or all bids. R. S. GILMOUR, County Clerk. J. O. HARNISH, Deputy.

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