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Our aged brother of the Advocate
 is evidently pretty mad.

Those Missouri republicans will feel
 a little out of place when they come to
 take their official seats.

The two states where Col. Bryan
 did his heavy campaign work—Ne-
 braska and Indiana—turned in their
 biggest republican majorities.

There was no objection to the as-
 sessment by the railroads during
 either Governor Holcomb's or Gov-
 ernor Poynter's administrations.

The Independent brought the rail-
 ing accusation against Dr. Gilligan
 that he was a railroad tool. The
 voters elected Dr. Gilligan by over
 nine hundred majority.

The St. Louis exposition has at least
 made enough money to pay the gov-
 ernment loan of five millions
 of dollars. The last installment
 was handed over thirty days previous
 to the close of the fair.

Let the good deeds of Carry the
 Smasher be known. She has opened
 homes for drunkard's wives at Kansas
 City, Kan., and Topeka. This is a
 far better occupation for the esteemed
 old lady than wielding a hatchet.
 Let the good work grow.

The division agitators say they are
 "disappointed but not disheartened."
 Perhaps by the time the deficit in the
 agitators' accounts is made up there
 will be a new crowd of "cheerful con-
 tributors" to help them out. Conduct-
 ing a division campaign every few
 years and never winning is rather ex-
 pensive business.

"So far as the head of the ticket is
 concerned I am just as confident as
 though the votes were counted that
 Mr. Berge will be the next governor of
 Nebraska," declared the Hon. M. F.
 the night before election. The result
 sustained Mr. Harrington's prophetic
 reputation—the reverse of what he
 predicts always happens.

Old Bill Cody has revived his divorce
 suit, reiterating his charges of cruelty
 and disrespect on the part of his wife.
 It is just as hard to believe, however,
 as when the proceedings were first insti-
 tuted that a man who has taken the
 scalps of innumerable red men would
 experience much "cruelty" at the
 hands of a decrepit old lady.

An error occurred in the publication
 of the supervisor vote in district
 seven. The vote for Ripp in Atkin-
 son precinct was given at 236. This
 was the total vote in both Atkinson
 and Stuart cast for Ripp. The Atkin-
 son vote was 98. The total appeared
 correct, but some way the figures
 were confused and those representing
 the total vote also credited to Atkin-
 son. Mr. Kramer had a majority in
 the district of 101 votes.

Socialism is propagating at the rate
 of about 500 per cent between presi-
 dential elections. This year the so-
 cialist candidate had about 600,000
 votes contributed to him. While
 these 600,000 votes show strenght and
 a rapid growth, they do not show it all.
 There are a good many voters with
 socialistic sympathies who were not
 quite ready to sacrifice their vote—
 they are just waiting for a little
 futher development. With a few
 concessions on the part of the so-
 cialists as they now stand and a little
 giving way on the part of the radicals
 among the democratic and pops and
 you will have a new party of formi-
 dable numbers in a few years. People
 desiring to take up the study of so-
 cialism can do no better than read
 the history of Rome during its socia-

listic period. Human nature is the
 same in all ages, and if socialism could
 debase the hardy Romans it probably
 would have a similar effect on Ameri-
 cans.

Tom Watson, late populist presiden-
 tial candidate, has demitted himself
 in New York for "the avowed purpose
 of beginning reorganization of the
 democratic party." What business
 has Watson, a populist, meddling with
 the democratic organization? is the
 query we fancy will arise in the minds
 of many bourbons. Mr. Bryan is the
 original "reorganizer" and it appears
 that Mr. Watson is going beyond the
 bonds of political usefulness in un-
 dertaking this task.

Nebraska Independent: In fifty
 years the democratic party has acquir-
 ed a character for betrayal of principl-
 es and for general infamy. That
 character will stick to it as long as
 the party endures. The man who
 hopes to give it a new character, to
 blot out from the memory of men the
 foul and infamous record that it has
 made, to clothe it in the robes of
 patriotism and honor, must found his
 faith on dreams and nightmares. No
 such idea would ever be entertained
 by any well ordered brain.

A politician will usually answer a
 direct question as to how he stands
 toward the railroad pass by saying
 they are a bribe and that the prac-
 tice of issuing them should be abol-
 ished. The Frontier does not question
 the politician's qualifications to judge
 whether a pass is a bribe or not.
 Every honorable and honest man
 believes that a pass calculated as a
 bribe is a bad thing. This does not
 follow that every pass is a bribe and
 every body who rides on one dishon-
 orable and dishonest. The pass ques-
 tion we view in this light: The rail-
 roads have very few favors to offer; if
 they tender you a pass, accept the
 courtesy with thanks.

Bro. Vic Rosewater creates a little
 ripple on the calm and happy surface
 of a great republican victory in Ne-
 braska by setting forth in Monday's
 Bee some things not to his liking that
 transpired at the state committee
 headquarters during the campaign.
 If the allegations and specifications
 are made for the future benefit of the
 party and can be substantiated, we
 are glad to see them. If, on the other
 hand, Mr. Rosewater has been a little
 huffed and takes this means of get-
 ting even, republicans will have no tears to
 shed. Probably all was not as smooth
 as a marriage bell around the Omaha
 headquarters, but then the victory
 has been won, so let us be charitable.

RAILROAD TAXES.

Concerning the rumor that Nebr-
 ska railroads had pooled to resist the
 payment of the increase in their
 taxes, this statement comes from
 Lincoln: "It developed today that
 the Northwestern and the Union
 Pacific railways would probably pay
 their taxes without a demur, owing to
 the activity of the Nebraska represen-
 tatives of the lines in making repre-
 sentations to headquarters. Accord-
 ing to the statement of an official, Ben
 White, on a recent trip to Chicago met
 with the management of the North-
 western and came away with the as-
 surance that the taxes would be
 paid. The same authority stated
 that the Union Pacific would probably
 relinquish its intention to contest the
 validity of the assessment made by
 the state board last stummer. Tax
 Commissioner Pollard of the Burling-
 ington is still at work out in the state
 making tenders of payment of less
 sums than are actually due under the
 assessment. It is believed that the
 Burlington will give up its intention
 of testing the law in the courts when
 the other roads refuse to co-operate
 with it."

The position is taken by the Burlin-
 ington that the assessment of railroad
 property has been increased while
 that of other property has not, and it
 is therefore unjust. This is true as
 regards the assessment; but the
 justice of it will be looked at in a
 different light by every body not in-
 terested in railroads. The trouble is,
 the railroad assessment has been too
 small all along, and now that they
 face a heavy increase it looks to them
 as if they had been discriminated
 against by the board of equalization,
 when in reality their property has

been brought up to some where near
 the level that other tax payers' prop-
 erty has been all along.

NEBRASKA NOTES.

Attorney General-elect Norris
 Brown announces the appointment of
 W. T. Thompson of Central City as
 his deputy.

Alex Gillespie husked 104 bushels of
 corn in eight hours and thirty min-
 utes in a field near Beatrice that
 yielded 30 bushels to the acre.

Fremont Tribune: The Nebraska
 supreme court delivered a scathing
 rebuke to ex-Senator Allen for im-
 pugning the motives of one of the
 members of the court in a brief. It is
 a pretty hard fate for the distinguish-
 ed gentleman to suffer thus at a time
 when his political party has also dis-
 appeared from the state.

An exchange notes that a Nebraska
 girl, Miss Marion Morton of Weeping
 Water, distinguished herself in Den-
 ver. She was attacked by a footpad
 and she landed on him with a terrific
 uppercut and gashed his chin with
 her engagement ring. The modern
 Nebraska girl is as proficient in the
 prize ring as with engagement rings.

President Roosevelt has carried the
 state by a plurality of 84,833 and Gov-
 ernor Mickey is elected by a plurality
 of 9,237. Unofficial but complete re-
 turns from all of the counties in the
 state shows that the vote on president
 at the last election was in the neigh-
 borhood of 225,000, or about 16,000 less
 than was cast four years ago. Of the
 votes cast President Roosevelt receiv-
 ed 137,513; Parker got 52,679; Watson
 20,522; Swallow 6,305; Debs 7,380.
 This gives Mr. Roosevelt a plurality
 of 84,833; and a clear majority over all
 of 50,626. A little more than sixty-
 one per cent of the vote of the state
 was given to the republican candidate
 for president. On governor the vote
 was nearly the same in total as for
 president. Governor Mickey received
 111,707; Berge, 102,470; Swander, 5,277;
 Vail, 5,087; Mickey's plurality, 9,237.

Mrs. Naomi D. Wells, 70 years old,
 for the last seven years has kept a
 light burning at night in the window
 of her humble cottage on Seward
 street, Omaha, in the hope that her
 son, Frank D. Wells, who disappeared
 from his home seven years ago, may
 return to her. She is in distitute
 circumstances, and every effort has
 been made to induce her to go to the
 old ladies' home, but despite her ex-
 treme poverty she stubbornly refuses
 to leave the little home, to which she
 expects her lost boy to return. In 1897
 the son, then 20 years old, with two
 companions, set out for a journey
 down the Missouri river in a house-
 boat. His mother gave him \$400
 before he left home. Soon after he
 went away the mother received word
 that he had been killed in St. Joseph.
 She went to St. Joseph, had the body
 exhumed, declared it was not that of
 her son, and returned home.

A Chance for Mr. Berge.

Omaha Bee: The Nebraska Inde-
 pendent, which assumes to speak as
 the official organ of the populist party
 in this state, covers the post mortem
 election statement of the late fusion
 candidate for governor with this
 caption: "George W. Berge—He
 issues an address to the people of Ne-

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J. P. GALLAGHER

braska—Still believes that a pass is a bribe."

If, as his statement indicates, he still believes that a pass is a bribe, here is a chance for Mr. Berge. The obstacle against which he had to combat as a candidate was that he was known only by his professions and not by his works. There are laws in this state against bribery and if a pass is a bribe the offer and acceptance of a pass constitutes a violation of the law. Mr. Berge is a lawyer and can fight his own battles in the courts, whereas other citizens have to hire lawyers to fight for them. Why not have a test case whether a pass is a bribe and find out whether the present criminal laws do not reach this evil?

Should there be a fear that such action might be denounced as purely partisan let it be prosecuted at the same time against a democratic official pass holder, a populist official pass holder as well as a republican official pass holder, for there will be no difficulty in finding pass holders in office of all political persuasions. If we have to wait for pass holding officials to institute these proceedings against themselves we will have to wait in vain.

If Mr. Berge was in earnest in his denunciation of the system of pass bribery and is in earnest in his promise to continue to work for the reforms he has been advocating he will lose no time in making a practical move upon the citadel of pass bribery in official life.

Disastrous Wrecks.

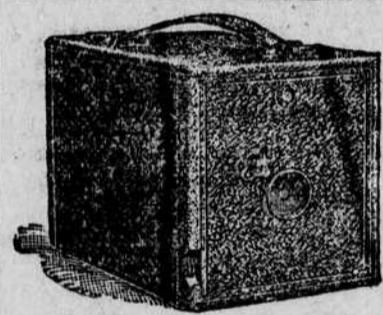
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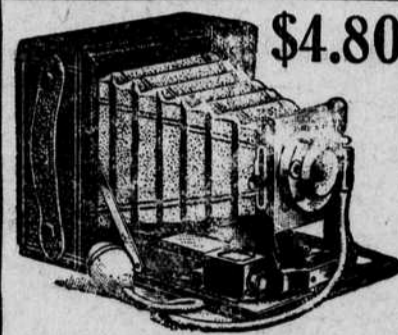
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