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Notwithstanding, there are several  
Nebraska patriots left yet who think  
they could give the administration  
satisfaction.

The strongest advocates of public  
improvements and government owner-  
ship of public utilities are the ones  
who pay the least taxes.

The state of New York has author-  
ized the expenditure of \$50,000,000 for  
good roads. Western states might  
put some of the money that now goes  
into normal schools and expositions  
for the benefit of the big towns into  
work of this kind. It would be a real  
benefit to the rural districts, from  
whence comes a large portion of the  
revenues.

While the rural free delivery may  
be considered a pretty good thing, yet  
many believe it would be a better  
thing to expend the millions going  
into that work in fixing the roads of  
the country. Many farmers say they  
wouldn't mind spinning down the  
pike to town after their mail if there  
were good roads.

Attorney General Moody has in-  
structed all of the United States  
district attorneys to vigilantly enforce  
the provisions of the Elkins law  
against rebates and discriminations  
by transportation companies. In  
view of the recent lightning flashes  
among the federal servants we may  
look for some attention to be paid to  
the attorney general's orders.

Railroads in this section of Nebras-  
ka are doing their duty by the govern-  
ment by paying their taxes as assessed.  
The Burlington is still unwilling to con-  
tribute a 3 or 4 per cent raise on their  
taxes for 1904 and 1905, while the  
common tax payer in some counties  
through which that road passes cheer-  
fully walks up to the treasurer's office  
and pays 10 or 15 per cent more on his  
personal property. There is no reason  
why a corporation, like an individ-  
ual, should not pay its taxes when due  
and there should be the same recourse  
to recover from a railroad by levying  
on the property as in the case of the  
individual.

Judge Cunningham R. Scott, the  
former cyclone of the Omaha district  
court and an aspirant to the supreme  
bench in 1898, has joined the silent  
majority. Judge Scott was as eractic  
an individual as ever presided at a  
court of law, but withal was an im-  
partial judge and treated high and low  
alike who came before his court.

It is rumored from Valentine that  
a move is on foot to utilize the un-  
limited supply of "sandy loam" in the  
sand hill district by putting in a glass  
factory and that local capital is busy-  
ing and interesting itself in the enter-  
prise. There are a number of lines of  
industry that might be developed in  
the sand belt that will come sooner or  
later.

The time must speedily come when  
a more limited authority is reposed in  
the clutches of federal judges. By  
the injunction granting power, cor-  
porations are defying the laws of state  
and nation. The constitution should  
be amended so that federal judges  
may be elected by the people for a  
term of years, when less opulency  
would be manifest on the federal  
benches.

The Kearney Democrat takes up  
the plea for equality in freight rates  
on coal. Though 200 miles nearer the  
Wyoming coal fields than Omaha, it  
says the latter place continues to have  
its coal hauled right through Kearney  
at a rate of a dollar or two less a ton  
than Kearney is compelled to pay. This  
is a universal complaint over the  
state. If the railroads do not elect to  
remedy it in their own way they will  
be compelled to do it in the people's  
way some day.

A healthy change is coming over  
the political sentiments of the Amer-  
ican people. A few years ago a stick  
or two of "taffy" dealt out from the  
stump in florid prose or bonied lies of  
rhythm sufficed an audience of voters.  
Now the man who aspires to public  
honors must come out square-toed on  
a definite platform. The day is also  
past when demagogue or devil can  
hold out on fluent and alluring oratory.  
Not the man who talks but the one  
who does things counts just now.

Speaking of Nebraska's needs in the  
executive office the Albion News very  
sensibly says: "A man big enough  
and strong enough to be elected  
against the opposition of the corporate  
trusts and combines, and yet who is  
big enough and strong enough to  
give them a strictly square deal. We  
want no retaliatory program. No rea-  
sonable man wants to cripple in the  
slightest degree the railroads or other  
corporations. We want more railroads  
in Nebraska, and we want more  
monied corporations. But we want  
them to come and take their chances  
on the same terms and conditions as  
the rest of the people.

A bill is before congress to discon-  
tinue the office of receiver in the  
United States land offices. It is  
argued that the office can be abolished  
with crippling the efficiency of the  
department and effect a large annual  
saving to the government.

The Bee observes that that the Kin-  
kaid act may be a breeder of land  
frauds, but so is every act of congress  
that has opened the public domain  
for homestead entry. Had the Kin-  
kaid act been passed by congress as  
originally drafted by its author there  
would be less opportunity for fraud.  
Eastern statesmen undertake to blue  
pencil proposed legislation for the  
west without understanding the west.

Some of our weekly contemporaries  
have been coming out with a four-  
page illustrated magazine section and  
tooting their horns loud and long  
about being the "only twelve-page  
paper," etc. The supplements are  
planked down at the editorial door  
every week "free of charge." The  
wily have been suspicious and now  
the mouse is smelt. It transpires  
that a syndicate representing eastern  
plutocrats are furnishing weekly  
papers these illustrated magazine  
sections in which are thinly veiled  
attacks on proposed legislation for the  
masses in general and President  
Roosevelt's railroad program in par-  
ticular.

Taxpayers of Nebraska have under-  
stood as a sort of foregone conclusion  
from the beginning that eventually  
they would have to stand the heavy  
loss which Joe Bartley heaped to his  
shame upon them. The decision of  
the supreme court releasing the bonds  
men from liability in any sum con-  
firms this conclusion. Bartley stole  
\$600,000 of the people's money and  
was pardoned out of the pen through  
the efforts of those who are disposed  
to make heroes out of bandits and  
martyrs of prison convicts. The men  
who bound themselves to pay to the  
state of Nebraska in good and lawful  
money any defalcation of Bartley's  
are now released from their pledge.  
Now let some active Bartley sympa-  
thizer start a subscription fund and  
rear him a stately mansion beside the  
state house.

Webster Davis, assistant secretary  
of the interior under President Mc-  
Kinley, who left the republican party  
because of sympathy for the Boers,  
has announced his return to the re-  
publican party in the following lan-  
guage: "I am an admirer of Theodore  
Roosevelt. In my opinion, he is the  
greatest president in the history of  
the American republic, because he and  
his policies are closer to the masses.  
President Roosevelt opened the doors  
of the republican party for my return.  
His position in the late Japanese-Rus-  
sian war was the identical attitude I  
urged President McKinley to take con-  
cerning the Boer war. I, therefore,  
am back within the republican fold  
and not only indorse President Roose-  
velt's attitude in settling the war, but  
I approve and admire his course on all  
other questions now before the Amer-  
ican public."

Something of a surprise and sensa-  
tion was perpetrated when the an-  
nouncement came from Washington  
of the removal of T. L. Mathews,  
United States marshal for the district  
of Nebraska. The grounds on which  
the president removed Mr. Mathews  
are said to be the marshal's failure to  
execute the order of the federal court  
in detail in the Richards-Comstock  
illegal fencing of public lands suit, al-  
though there are probably other causes  
not generally known by the public.  
The president's course in the removal  
of negligent or delatory officials can  
be commended in the highest term  
by all persons in sympathy with the  
principles of a "square deal" to every  
man. Richards and Comstock were  
legally found guilty of breaking the  
federal law. They were fined in the  
sum of \$300 cash and committed to the  
custody of the United States marshal  
for a period of six hours. The mar-  
shal, it appears, instead of commit-  
ting them to jail left them in the cus-  
tody of their attorney. The adminis-  
tration is endeavoring to impress upon  
those who are appointed to execute the  
federal laws that it is their business  
to aid and cooperate with the depart-  
ment of justice in bringing criminals  
to justice, not merely to sit in their  
offices and draw their salaries.

"Three Great Statesmen."  
Columbus Journal: M. F. Harrington  
for Governor, P. E. McKillip for  
Congress from the third district,  
Edgar Howard for some high office,  
perhaps State Senator, a newspaper at  
Fremont to help elect them, and the  
"public ownership" pole to knock the  
persimmons. This is the democratic  
program announced in the last issue  
of the Telegram.

Harrington writes to Howard and  
compliments him for coming out  
"squarely and without evasion or  
dodging for the public ownership and  
operation of railroads" and "welcomes  
to our ranks so able and honest a pub-  
lic spirited citizen as Edgar Howard."  
This recommendation is intended to  
qualify Howard for the state senate.  
And in order that no man may have  
the temerity to question the strength  
of this endorsement, Howard hastens  
to feel "complimented by the approv-  
ing words of such a political economist  
as M. F. Harrington" who, he declares  
is "in the front rank of students of the  
railroad question," which qualification  
is supposed to fit him for gubernatori-  
al honors this year and for the United  
States Senate in 1908, the date fixed  
for the democratic millennium.

Then in another editorial the editor  
of the Telegram brings out McKillip  
for Congress and tells things about  
dissension over the republican nomi-  
nation in the Third district and about  
"Post office brigades" that the Al-  
mighty Father himself has not yet  
learned, which "dissension" is sup-  
posed to be able to elect McKillip.

As a corollary to these "big plans of  
big people," the announcement comes  
that the Telegram company has in-  
vested its surplus in a great democratic  
daily in Fremont in response to  
Harrington's appeal "to help us to get  
the people to understand the little  
piece of 'two for a cent' railroad regu-  
lation that the President proposes?"

Thus reads the political program of  
three you-tickle-me-and-I-tickle-you  
statesmen. As a piece of political  
humor it is excelled only by those two  
little stories which have been written  
in Platte county politics, namely,  
"How Howard Saved the Democracy  
of Platte County" and "How Howard  
Resolved that the Carrig Should Sur-  
render His Railroad Pass, with a sho. t  
essay on How Carrig Resolved Not to  
Do It."

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