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RELIABLE (?) INFORMATION.

The Plattsmouth Journal in its issue of a few days ago told the public that the institutions of Nebraska had not been run at a loss the past year, but that of the other hand had been run much more economically than in previous years and with greater profit to the state. It attempted to show that the farm in connection with the Grand Island institution had produced greater revenue to the state than under previous administrations and to prove that fact produces the "record." The Journal's figures are as follows:

1906	.....\$5,270.64,
1907	.....6,694.99.
1908	.....5,725.41.
1909	.....8,404.90.

We do not know where the Journal got its authority, but we do know that it is not correct. The editor of this paper was connected with the office of Commissioner of Public Lands & Buildings during most of the time covered by the figures given above. That office had charge of the public institutions of the state in connection with other officials. All reports from state institutions passed through that office and in nearly every instance through our hands before going to the governor. Those reports as made by the Commandants of the Grand Island institution show the following receipts from the farm in connection with that institution for the following years:

1903	.....\$ 6,253.14
1904	.....8,616.83
1905	.....9,628.75
1906	.....9,646.52
1907	.....10,268.80
1908	.....10,456.14
1909	.....(Journal figures).....8,404.90

Please compare them with the figures given by the Journal in the first table published above and note the difference. That paper claims that there is a difference in favor of the democratic administration of \$2,538.22, when the facts in the matter are, figuring the same years that the Journal did, that there is a difference in favor of the republican administration of \$1,618.92.

It should also be remembered that during the past year prices for farm products have been soaring and better prices have been received during the democratic year at that institution than in previous years. Another thing that probably the public does not know and that is that up to a year ago the farm lands of that institution, notably that portion used for garden purposes has been subject to overflow when there has been an unusual heavy storm, and at times the crops have been greatly damaged. Since that time the railroad company had sufficient culverts placed under their track so that the overflow has been taken care of and the crops have not suffered on that account.

Another thing that the public should remember that during the republican administration \$2,000 was paid out for blooded cattle and hogs. Since the advent of the democratic administration those blooded animals have been disposed of which of course would add to the receipts of the farm for the past year.

The "special correspondent" from Lincoln which sent in the Journal dope should be more careful in his statements and be sure that he gets the records right. The Journal knowing the tendency of its party to running things so that the wrong side of the ledger gets the benefit should be very careful, for when something appears so greatly different that the

record of its party, it ought to investigate very thoroughly and not "rush blindly in where angels fear to tread."

About the richest part of the "special correspondent's" article in the Journal was this: "The board was compelled to make a finding showing that Commandant Barnes' management of the institution was honest and straight forward, and now the commandant comes forward with a statement which absolutely refutes the finding of the board."

The "special correspondent" again volunteers the information that the last legislature passed 200 laws and that all of them are in effect except three which were declared unconstitutional, and that three have been declared all right and have stood the test of the courts, viz: the eight o'clock closing law, the corporation tax law and the law changing the name of the institution formerly the "Home for the Friendless" to "state Public School." We are indeed glad to learn that the legislature did get through a bill of so much vital importance to the tax payers as that of changing the name of the Home for the Friendless to that of the State Public School. How the tax payers will draw a breath of relief when they find that that burden has been taken off of their shoulders.

There are many things sent in by that "special correspondent" which are deeply amusing and the Journal should at once dramatize the effusion under the head of "A Comedy of Errors" and have it copyrighted and placed upon the stage. It would be a winner.

WHAT CANNON SAID

A great deal of criticism of Speaker Cannon has been made over his speech at Kansas City on the 7th of last December, but to our way of thinking the old man put it in pretty good shape, though at the time he might have been feeling rather vexed.

He said: "When Lincoln found an army marching on the national capital from the south and a body of sympathizers in the north encouraging that army, he said it was difficult to determine which was the most threatening to the welfare of the nation. History repeats itself, and when Senators Cummins, LaFollette, Bristow and the so called "progressive" following joined hands with Mr. Bryan in waging war upon the republican members of congress, who passed the tariff bill and upon President Taft, who signed it, in that contest I know of but one way to treat them, and that that is to fight them just as we fight Mr. Bryan and his followers."

That may be pretty strong language to apply to the progressives, but at the same time there is a great deal of truth in the argument. No man would have in his place of business a clerk or other employee who was working against the management. No farmer would have a hired man who was doing all he could to coax the weeds to grow in the cornfield instead of joining hands with the farmer to destroy them. President Taft was nominated by his party for the presidency. He was elected president by a large majority, popular and electorally. Before he has hardly taken his seat up rises a lot of men who imagine they can make themselves solid with the people by opposing Mr. Taft and thus make their way more sure for a second nomination. These fellows are doing just exactly what

the democrats are doing, they are obstructing republican legislation. The difference if any is in favor of the democrats who do not claim to be anything only democrats, while these so called insurgents claim to be republicans and are fighting their own kind with democratic weapons. In time of war they would not only be called insurgents, but buswhackers and some other names which would not sound quite as nice but which would be more expressive. We do not claim to be much of a Cannon admirer, but the old man knows where he is at and says just what he thinks, and a man knows just where to find him. With all his faults, Joe Cannon as speaker of a republican congress is much more desirable than a conglomeration of insurgents, buswhackers, knockers and democrats trying to run the government when the facts of the matter are that they cannot run themselves. Where was Moses when the light went out? Just exactly where the obstructionists will find themselves before this congress adjourns.

The opposition papers are attempting to make a great deal out of the attitude of President Taft against the insurgents in congress. They try to make out that he is trying to punish the men who are for legislation of a progressive nature. Such is not the fact. There is a whole lot of difference between a "progressive republican" and an "insurgent republican." One is for results accomplished through the republican party and the other is for results any old way, even to the disruption of the republican party and the defeat of President Taft. One has confidence in the republican party and believes that at this time as in the past the party will meet the problems of the present time and solve them and solve them right. The other believes that the republican party has outlived its usefulness and the only thing for them to do is to feather their own nest by getting what glory they can for themselves by opposing the

president and posing as martyrs to the insurgent cause. There is a whole lot of difference between an insurgent and a progressive, and time will show it. As we understand it President Taft has no fight on the progressives, but he has on the insurgents. Both are contending for the same things. The latter however prefers to win out only on the condition that it brings political glory to themselves, even at the price of victory for the democrats.

Congressman Hitchcock owner of the World Herald, and the editor of that same World Herald should get together right away. Somehow or other the owner of the paper at Washington puts up a different story than the owner's editor does in Nebraska, and the two opinions don't track at all. According to the editor in Nebraska the country is going to the dickens on account of the robber tariff and the Aldrich bill and a republican congress, but just read what the owner of the paper says down at Washington: "Nebraska is all right, the state never was in better condition and if given a few more years of general rainfall where needed, we will be among the richest, most prosperous and happiest state of the federal union."

It is indeed hard luck for a new state like Nebraska which after years of hard work had just begun to have some prestige at Washington, to be compelled to fall back on account of electing a democratic set of electors, and on top of that have a few muddleheads down there who think that they can help the state by opposing the president and thus throw to the winds what little prestige may have remained after the state cast its vote for the great runner who has run more races and won less prizes than any other man on the political race track.

One thing is certain and that is that a man cannot be classed as a regular republican, entitled to the

privileges which he should have at the hands of republican voters, if he opposes the president and thus obstructs his pathway at every turn. Such men should not be classed as progressives, but as obstructionists. They may think that there is glory for them in thus opposing President Taft, but they will find it of short duration, and when they come to ask for the votes of republicans this coming fall they will find that the road is rough and rocky and mighty little hope for them reaching shelter before the storm breaks.

The editor of this paper has faith in President Taft. The editor of this paper has faith that he knows what he is doing and that it will be shown before congress adjourns that the so called insurgents instead of saving the country as they probably think they will be able to do, will find their political air ship high in the air this fall with the motor busted and the rudder failing to do its duty.

The "special correspondent" to the Plattsmouth Journal, from Lincoln among other valuable information discloses the fact that the late lamented legislature passed three laws which have been declared all right by the courts, one of them was a law changing the name of the Home for the Friendless to the State Public School. This is important legislation which should not be allowed to go unnoticed. It means a whole lot to the tax payers to know that in the future this institution will be under another name. Just think of the item of printing alone. In the former name there were twenty letters and by changing the name there are now only seventeen. Just think of the saving to the tax payers in the cost of ink in writing and printing those extra three letters. When the Governor signed that bill he should have done so with a diamond pointed pen and presented it to the historical society as something worthy to be placed among the valuable relics of that institution. All glory to the last legislature. For that act alone

it should have a place in the hall of fame. No matter if every other law it passed had never seen the light of day after reaching the supreme court, the fact that the Home for the Friendless is now known as the State Public School, and that a democratic legislature changed the name should be argument sufficient to entitle them to another whack at the tax payers. Maybe another session they might change the name of representative hall to "squabble house."

The Lincoln Star says that "Senator Burkett is not an insurgent but a trimmer," and then goes on to try and prove its contention. We do not believe that the Star at this time can be considered reliable authority in the matter. A man who is prejudiced one way or another is never considered a fit judge to weigh matters in the case of a trial and would never be allowed on a jury. The fact of the matter is that Senator Burkett is neither an insurgent, neither is he a trimmer. Senator Burkett is at Washington in close touch with the affairs which are to be settled. He is in a position to know better than any man here in Nebraska what is best for the state of Nebraska. He does know, and knowing this he is the best man to judge of the fitness of things. Has the Star seen anything in the past life of either of the opponents of Senator Burkett, which would lead him to believe that they could go to Washington and accomplish any better results than has Senator Burkett? Is it not a fact that Shellenberger, Hitchcock and Bryan have shown themselves to be the worst political trimmers the state of Nebraska ever saw?

The result of the recount of the ballots for mayor of the city of Lincoln has demonstrated that Mayor Love is still entitled to hold his job. While there was some change the result was not so much different as would warrant the expense. The official count last spring gave Love a majority of forty six. The recount gives him a majority of 77.

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