

GRAND ISLAND TICKETS

The Money That Paid for the Transportation of the Mid Road Delegation was Donated by somebody Outside of the State

When free tickets began to be offered to every one in Lincoln who would agree to go to the fuzzie wuzzie convention at Grand Island, it was first thought that the railroads were at the bottom of the business.

Chapter 16, "Corporations," Compiled Statutes of Nebraska for 1899, page 374. (ASSISTANCE AT ELECTIONS.) That it shall be unlawful and a misdemeanor for any corporation organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, or any corporation organized under the

laws of any other state or territory, or under the laws of the United States, or under the laws of any other nation and doing business in the state of Nebraska, to give or contribute money, property, transportation, help or assistance in any manner or form to any political party, or to any candidate for any civil office, or to any political organization, or committee or to any individual to be used or expended for political purposes.

As parties who had been given these tickets continued to exhibit them, declaring that the said tickets had been presented to them as a gift, the management of the Independent made some inquiries about the matter at the local ticket office and then applied to the general passenger agent of the B. & M. railroad for further information.

Lincoln, Neb., July 20, 1900. Dear Sir: I just called at the city

ticket office in this city to see Mr. Bonnell and find that he is out of town and therefore take the liberty to address you instead. There has been handed to me ticket B No. 3870 good from Lincoln to Grand Island and return until July 22. It is stamped on the back "Burl. & Mo. River R. R. in Nebraska, July 13, 1900" in three places and in one place "limited extended July 22, 1900, J. Francis." The party who handed me the ticket states that it was issued to him free in consideration that he would attend the middle of the road populist convention at Grand Island. Upon the face of the ticket there is nothing to show that it is a pass, in fact it is an exact duplicate of the regular round trip form in use in this state.

in the conduct of the Independent to deal in exact fairness with the railroads and I do not care to misrepresent them in this or any other matter and therefore write to you in order that you may let me know if the charges made are untrue. Of course, to charge the railroad company with the issuance of free transportation to delegates to a political convention is to charge them with a violation of the statutes and in such cases I always make considerable investigation before publishing the charges.

To this inquiry the following reply was received: Omaha, Neb., July 23d, 1900. Dear Sir:—I have your favor of the 20th inst. in regard to free transportation. The charge is untrue. The ticket described in your letter was sold at the usual price.

The facts here presented are all beyond contradiction. The ticket which is here reproduced is in the Independent office and any one interested in the matter can call and see the original.

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THAT ENGLISH ALLIANCE

The Bureau of Education Sending Out British Documents to Influence the Election

Caught in the Act—English Anti-Boer Tracts Mailed by the Department Clerks at Washington

Washington, D. C. July 24. Editor Independent:—All Washington democrats are startled. There was wrath in the eyes of men about democratic headquarters at the Metropolitan hotel yesterday and today but one subject is discussed in the hotel lobbies. Representative Richardson, the chairman of the democratic congressional committee, had sent his clerk to the Bureau of Education, requesting certain documents all decrying the cause of the Boers in South Africa, which were furnished him, Chairman Richardson read the documents through and carefully stowed them away in his roomy desk, and prepared a statement for the press in which he said that the committee had discovered a smooth little trick that was being perpetrated by the republican campaign managers. The charges are of a very serious nature, politically speaking, and involves the employment of clerks in the Bureau of Education for the disbursement of Anti-Boer, or Pro English literature, to the school teachers and others in the middle west, where there are many doubtful states in this campaign.

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FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Twenty-Four Subscriptions to the Independent Free. A gentleman interested in the cause of reform has left at the Independent office \$30.00, which will pay for 24 subscriptions during the campaign. He wishes the papers sent to populists too poor to pay for the paper or to doubtful voters seeking light on the great economic questions upon which they will cast a vote at the coming election.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE

National Headquarters Opened at the Lincoln Hotel—Secretary Edgerton Arrives. The populists are now lined up for battle. Headquarters of the national committee have been opened at the Lincoln Hotel of this city, and Vice-Chairman Edmiston and Secretary Edgerton are ready to push forward the campaign work.

Mr. Edgerton arrived in the city last Tuesday from Denver, Colorado, and will remain here until the votes are counted in November. Senator Butler may open the office also in Washington, but nothing has been heard from him for some time.

Mr. Edgerton has kept in touch with populism all over the country ever since the nominations were made at Sioux Falls and brings cheering news of the progress of reform from the various states.

In regard to the vice-presidency, Mr. Edgerton, who has the official copy of the proceedings at Sioux Falls, says that there is a general misunderstanding as to the action of the Sioux Falls convention. That convention, as the records show, nominated Mr. Bryan for president and Mr. Towne for vice-President, and then passed the usual resolution giving the national committee plenary power to fill vacancies. Mr. Bryan and Mr. Towne are therefore the candidates of the party for president and vice-president and the committee has no authority to take any further action at the present time.

Mr. Towne was notified by the committee at its session in Kansas City of his nomination and he withheld his reply. He has sent no reply since and undoubtedly has the matter under advisement. The populist national committee can do nothing further until Mr. Towne signifies his intention to them. If he declines, then the committee will have plenary power to name another candidate. That seems to be the situation in regard to the vice-presidential candidate of the populist party. Mr. Edgerton is looking well. His residence in the mountain country has been beneficial to his health. He is as thorough a populist as ever and will devote all his time from now on to the work of the campaign.

If you wish to have the jolliest kind of a time, take a day off and come to Lincoln Tuesday, July 31. The grand public parade of the Forepaugh and Sells Brothers shows that will be here that day is alone worth the time and expense of the trip.

White—Cole. 1. P-K 4. 2. Kt-KB3. 3. B-Kt 5. 4. O-O. 5. Kt-Q 3. 6. Kt-P. 7. R-Kt ch. 8. B-Q 3. 9. Q-Kt-B 3. 10. P-Qt 3. 11. B-Rt 2. 12. Q-R 5. 13. Q-KtP. 14. BxP ch. 15. White mates in two.

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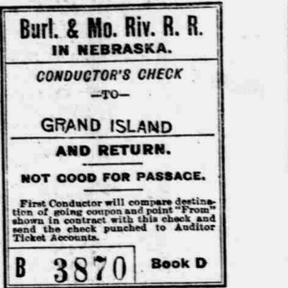
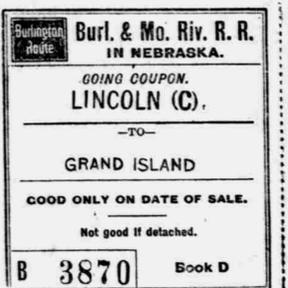
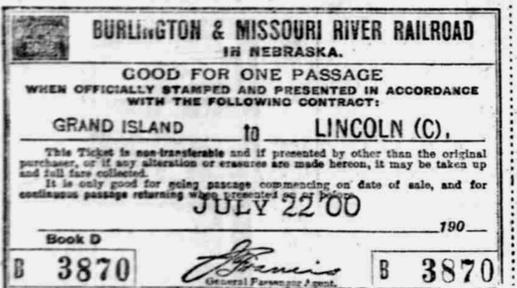
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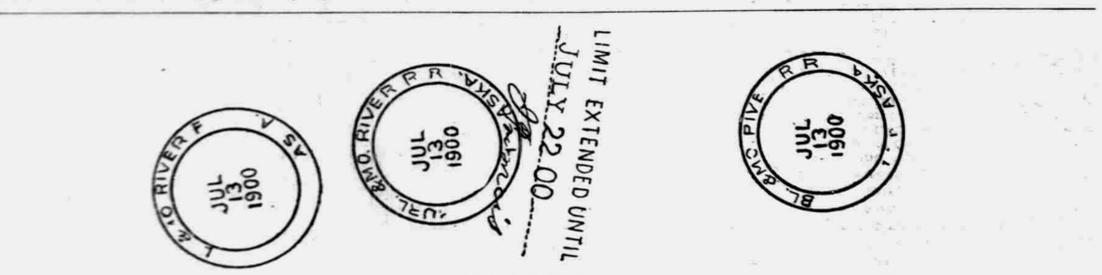
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The ex-Hon. Jerome Shamp, of this city, who was chairman of the convention, confessed to the distribution of as many as twenty among his particular friends.



Fac simile of Railroad ticket furnished FREE by mid-road populist politicians to ALL persons who would promise to attend the Grand Island Convention. Original ticket is in this office and may be seen by anyone who desires.



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Hail in Lancaster County

A hail storm July 19 totally destroyed the corn crop in the southern part of this county in a strip seven miles wide and fifteen miles long. It is estimated that 20,000 acres of corn was totally destroyed, or a total loss of 600,000 bushels, estimating that the crop would have averaged 30 bushels per acre, which is a low estimate for the average yield in this part of the state. At 25 cents per bushel the loss due to the storm would figure \$150,000 for corn alone.

It is interesting to compare the loss due to hail with the loss from fire and lightning. The total losses by fire and lightning on farm property in Lancaster county for the next fifty years will not equal the loss incurred in this single hail storm. Nearly every farmer in the county carries insurance against loss by fire, but hardly one in a hundred carries insurance against the far greater danger of loss by hail storms. Of the 20,000 acres destroyed less than 1,000 were covered by insurance. The adjuster of the United Mutual Hail Insurance Association reports the storm as by far the most disastrous of any that has occurred in the state this season.

All losses covered by insurance in that company have been adjusted to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Coming to Bryan

Every day sees the announcement that some paper which was for McKinley in 1896 will support Bryan this year. We have mentioned some of these papers. The New York press was almost solidly against the democratic ticket four years ago, now only the died-in-the-wool republican organs, or trust papers like the New York Times, are heartily supporting

McKinley, and that great moulder of opinion, the World, which was against Mr. Bryan in 1896 is advocating his election now.

In Chicago the contrast is even greater. Four years ago the democratic ticket had no English newspaper support in that great city, while now it has three powerful newspapers fighting its battles, the Chronicle, Record and Mr. Hearst's new paper, the American.

In Buffalo but one English paper, the Times, was supporting Mr. Bryan four years ago, now he has the support of three, the Times, the Courier, and Enquirer, while the Demokrat and Volksfreund among German papers are supporting him vigorously.

In view of such facts there is every reason this year for Democrats to take heart and work with confidence and enthusiasm for the election of Bryan and Stevenson.—Buffalo Times.

State Board of Equalization

The State Board of Equalization completed its labors yesterday, having fixed the rate of taxation for state purposes upon the various counties. The grand assessment roll for 1900 shows an increase in assessed valuation of all property as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Valuation, Amount. Total valuation, 1900: \$171,747,392.75. Total valuation, 1899: 169,105,963.19. Increase: \$2,641,429.56.

Inasmuch as the roll for 1900 has not been completed, the exact amount of state taxes charged against the counties cannot be ascertained; but it will be considerably less than last year, because the levy for sinking fund was not made this year. Only three funds are included

in the levy this year: General, school and university. The general fund levy was made the full limit of five mills on every county, inasmuch as that will produce (if all paid) only \$568,737.96 taxes or considerably less than half of the amount appropriated from the general fund by the legislature of 1899.

The university levy is by law fixed at one million in every county. Hence, the only possible attempt at equalization was through shifting the school fund levy, which cannot be less than half a mill or more than one and one-half mills. That this sliding scale of one mill is insufficient to permit the board to do justice in equalization, must be apparent to those who have studied the question.

At the time the question of railroad assessment was being discussed, those who upheld the board in its action insisted that assessment of land values in 1900 would be lower than in 1899, and this is proven now by an inspection of the grand assessment rolls for the years mentioned.

A decline of 2.8 per cent in improved lands and 8 per cent in unimproved lands; yet it is doubtful if farm lands in Nebraska have fallen in actual value. However, the increase in total valuation comes from an increased assessed valuation placed on personal property, which in the past has never borne its share of the burdens of taxation. And it is probable that personal property and lands, with reference to each other, are more

Table with 2 columns: Assessed valuation per acre, Amount. Improved lands, 1899: \$3.56. Improved lands, 1900: 3.46. Decline: \$.10. Unimproved lands, 1899: \$1.22. Unimproved lands, 1900: 1.19. Decline: \$.03.

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Nance County Frauds

Editor Independent: If the delegates to the middle of the road convention at Grand Island from the different counties of the state are composed of the same timber as the one from Nance county it will be the greatest aggregation of soreheads and political renegades ever congregated together.

The leaders of the gang here are fellows who have been chronic office seekers, one of them having failed in securing a nomination for county clerk, before populist conventions here, and another one of the gang having been discharged from a state institution by ex-Governor Holcomb.

They have knifed the ticket every fall for two or three years and now with two or three others who for the pleasure of a free ride on the railroad they have induced to accompany them, go to Grand Island for the purpose of putting up a state ticket in hopes of deceiving a few honest populists and thereby electing the state ticket.

The populists of Nance county will not go to this convention, riding on transportation furnished by the treasurer of the republican campaign fund, but will roll up the usual fusion majority this fall.

Fullerton, Neb. POPULIST.

Popular at Home. After an energetic and well conducted campaign by his friends, Theodore Griess, county treasurer of Clay county, was triumphantly nominated by acclamation for the fusion conventions in Lincoln last week, for the responsible position of state auditor of public accounts, one of the most important offices in the state house. This recognition of Mr. Griess' excellent qualities as a public official is not only very gratifying to himself and to his friends, but is also a matter of congratulation to the fusion forces and to the people of the state of Nebraska as well, because his fitness for the position for which he has been nominated is most marked, and is admitted by all who are acquainted with him and with his work as county treasurer of Clay county.

As was stated in this paper several weeks ago, when Mr. Griess' candidacy was announced, his private character is without spot or blemish, and his honesty and integrity unquestioned by even his most bitter political opponents. His steadfastness to populist principles is unshakable, and in his duties as auditor he will always be found first upholding the dignity and honor of the great state of Nebraska, and second, so conducting himself that the party to which he owes his election will never have cause to regret his choice.

His nomination strengthens the state ticket; and his election will be a credit to the party. Clay county is proud of Mr. Griess and his character. Let us show our pride by giving him a rousing majority, and also by seeing to it that the rest of the fusion ticket and the congressional, senatorial and county tickets receive a big majority in Clay county.—Clay County Patriot.

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The Nebraska Independent

Fifteen Cents for the campaign and a valuable premium to those who send in clubs.

Fifteen cents for the Nebraska Independent for the campaign is the lowest offer made by any reform paper. Besides that a valuable premium is given for those who get up clubs. See "Premiums for Everybody" on page 6.

The testimony of all the county committees and campaign workers is that the sending of the Independent is the most effective and lasting campaign work that can be done. It keeps all who read it informed. It furnishes the facts and figures upon which the arguments of public speakers are based. Its readers know the progress of reform everywhere. It fires the hearts of every member of every family where it is a weekly visitor. It constantly pushes ahead into new fields of thought and its readers are the most enthusiastic fighters in the whole allied armies of reform. Make up a large list of names and send them in. In six weeks every one of them will have their war paint on. Only fifteen cents for the whole campaign.

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