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The supreme court decides the Ramsey elevator law constitutional. What will Mr. Hand rant about now?

Under the iniquitous(?) new revenue law, E. H. Kittell, populist candidate for representative is to pay a state tax of \$5.66 as against \$6.07 last year. That awful revenue law!

The increase in the total assessed valuation of railroad property in the state is 69 7-10 per cent. Total on all other property, 54 per cent. Increase on railroad above all other property, 15 7-10 per cent. Farmers, don't let the opposition's "jugglery" with figures fool you. They should keep history straight.

The total amount of state tax levied for the year 1903 in this county was \$8,341.14, and the total amount levied for 1904 is \$8,701.11, or an increase of \$359.97 over last year. The railroad tax in this county in 1903 was \$1,669.71, and in 1904 is \$2,093.61, making an increase of \$423.90, which is \$263.93 that the railroads pay over the total increase in the whole county. So much for one of the bows that the railroads are escaping taxation under the new revenue law.

Look here! An examination of the new revenue law shows a decrease in the average valuation of cattle of 97 cents per head; of hogs 19 cents; of sheep 6 1/2 per cent; of sewing machines 23 4 per cent; on wagons 6 per cent, etc. The small property owner seems in no danger of being "ruined" by this law. On the other hand monies, stocks, bonds, etc., the "plutoeratic" class stuffs, so to speak, have an INCREASE OF 317 PER CENT. Keep history straight.

The opposition in Sherman county is busy these days gathering up names of those who may have any increase in their assessment this year over last year, on the hypothesis that in touching the pocket by the assessment route you touch a vital spot and by said touch-down score a point against the republican party, by laying it to the new revenue law. But they forget(?) to state that the increase is due to the county board (populist, if you please) to raise money for county levy, (not state levy) and for county, township and school purposes, and not for state, and cannot be placed to the discredit or responsibility of the new revenue law. In fact the state levy has been reduced from 8 1/2 mills to 6 1/2 mills, or A REDUCTION OF TWO MILLS ON THE STATE LEVY THIS YEAR. Don't forget that. Keep history straight.

The New Revenue Law.

It provides for taxing all the property in the state equitably among all property owners.

It provides for the collection of all the taxes.

It prevents the heavy property owner from escaping his fair share of the burdens of taxation.

It has made it possible to ascertain the true value of railroad property.

It has raised railroad assessments 71 per cent throughout the state, or about nineteen millions of dollars.

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ED. NORTHWESTERN: I am informed there is an erroneous idea afloat regarding the modus operandi followed by me in making the 10 per cent raise on the taxable property of this county, as ordered by the State Board of Equalization this year, and to correct any errors that may exist, I would say that I merely made a mathematical calculation of the amount the state exacted from Sherman county, which was \$8,698, then proceeded to ascertain the levy in mills it would require to raise this amount on the value as returned by the assessors and equalized. I did not raise the value of the property one penny, but raised the state levy enough in mills to get the required amount. I would like to say further, regarding the new revenue law, that it is a peach and a thorough understanding of it will convince any one. If your taxes are higher than last year, it is not the fault of that law; there is some other reason which can be assigned, and heretofore the new revenue law is condemned, let us find the real reason and be convinced.

Geo. H. Gibson.

This editor has had an acquaintance with the governor ever since he was a boy of eighteen. We served our country in the same regiment during the civil war. We lived in Polk county for over fifteen years, all of which time we had a close friendship with our old comrade and we are emphatic in our declaration that in all these many years of our acquaintance with the soldier, citizen, business man, church man and governor, we have never known one single act of his that would warrant anyone in denouncing him as a hypocrite. The statement is malicious, contemptible and mean, and the dem-pop papers that are taking up this vile stuff and rolling it under their tongue as precious morsal of political rot, then giving it out to their readers with hellish partisan glee are not adding any strength to their cause and only breed contempt for themselves and their papers.—Bradshaw Republican.

The unfair, unwarranted and ungentlemanly attacks upon J. S. Pedler, accusing him of being responsible for increase of taxation in Ashton and Oak Creek townships, does not meet with the approval of the people of those townships, and the party making such unwarranted assertions was pertinently asked if he thought the people were fools and didn't know the county attorney did not have anything to do with the plan of equalization. The supervisors have certified that no legal question was involved and J. S. Pedler was not asked, neither did he give nor offer any advice as to plan or otherwise. What is the matter with the opposition? Why not keep history straight?

A friend handed us a circular, just before going to press, gotten out by the opposition, one paragraph being in part as follows:

"The populist party has always reduced taxes in state and county," etc.

Considering the fact that they have in this county raised the county levy this year from 24 mills to 24 1/2 mills, thereby raising the taxes some eight or nine thousand dollars, the statement is pretty good. Wonder why the circular picked out a tax showing from a certain few townships only? Why this partiality?

Today is what may be termed fine Republican weather.

TRUTH VS. FICTION.

In answer to a challenge to debate with Mr. Berge, Gov. Mickey has written a letter which refutes many of the fusion slanders against the Republican administrations. It would be impossible for the governor to answer all of the wild charges which have been circulated of late by fusion candidates, speakers and writers, but he has found time to show how carelessly Mr. Berge and others act when they are delving in what they are pleased to call statistics with regard to the state debt, appropriations, the revenue law and other important topics.

Governor Mickey makes but one argument, the argument of figures taken from the official records, properly substantiated by the official in charge of those records. The governor very properly points out that these figures are either true or untrue and that therefore there is no room for debate. If fusionists wish to prove their good faith and actually believe a tenth of the wild statements they have made, let them go to the records and show wherein Governor Mickey is wrong when he says that the "enormous increase" in the state debt under Republican rule is just \$151,666.99, that a goodly portion of this has gone to pay fusion deficiencies, and that many times the increase has been unavoidably expended in rebuilding the state buildings which burned, enlarging institutions which had become over-crowded, and repairing the damaged buildings which had been allowed to go to ruin under the fusionists, in order that they might be able to make a fake showing of "economy."

Gov. Mickey backs his word with a sworn statement from the auditor's office, which is in part as follows:

Complying with your request of Oct. 17, 1904, I transmit herewith a certified copy of the conditions of the floating debt of the state on Jan. 2, 1901, and on Sept. 1, 1904.

Amount of floating debt Jan. 2, 1901.....	\$1,748,892 70
To this debt should be added the amount of H. R. 487, being the miscellaneous deficiency bill, and H. R. 478, being the miscellaneous claims bill, these being debts incurred by the former administration, amounting to...	182,735 97
Making a total of.....	\$1,931,628 67
Amount of floating debt on Sept. 1, 1904.....	\$2,083,295 66
Being a net increase of....	151,666 99

Reference is then made to the \$19,000 of wolf bounty claims allowed to accumulate by the fusionists under a law which they had passed, and the auditor shows, too, that \$605,063 was expended by the Republicans in permanent improvements, a considerable portion of which were imperatively necessary and ought to have been attended to by the fusionists. Had these investments (not expenditures) not been necessary, the state debt would have been largely decreased in the past four years, and today there is not the slightest doubt that should existing conditions be maintained the debt will melt away rapidly and within a few years will be a thing of the past. Continuing, Gov. Mickey quotes Auditor Cornell (fusion) with regard to the growth of the state debt under the rule of the opposition, and says:

"The only mistake made by Mr. Cornell was that he did not estimate his 'deficiencies' large enough. The figures as shown by the auditor's statement herein given, should have been \$182,735.97, instead of \$125,000, increasing the total indebtedness at that time to \$1,965,321.08. In this connection it is also proper to state that both Gov. Holcomb and Gov. Poynter called the attention of the legislature, in their biennial messages, to the growth of the floating debt during their respective terms, and urged a revision of the revenue law to the end that the income of the state might be made adequate to its expenditures. You must agree with me that the state's floating debt has received very considerable impetus during fusion administrations and that the showing made by republicans during the three and three-fourths years since their advent to power in limiting the increase to \$151,666, despite the provision for over \$600,000 of permanent improvements, is a record which we may be permitted to view with reasonable satisfaction."

Gov. Mickey then explains that the republican saving has been effected by a careful administration of the affairs of every public institution, and refers doubters to the records, promising to assist them in the work of verification. He also inserts a thorn in the side of the fusion combination by explaining that their opposition to the new revenue law is built up because of the mistakes or deliberate misdoings of local assessment boards.

All in all, the letter is a clearing up of the rumors, musty charges, half truths and deliberate and inexcusable falsehoods circulated by the opposition for months past, and every contradiction made by the governor is backed up by the records and the opposition must either accept them or show wherein they are incorrect.

It is up to Mr. Berge.

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