

**As Burr Views It**

The real truth is that while our caused gained among the laboring men in the towns, the recent rise in the value of farm lands caused many farmers to doubt whether their financial interests lay with the opposers of trusts and the money power and created an apathy which did not extend so largely to the republican voters and which resulted in their victory. It was indifference on the part of fusionists in the country precincts; in some cases a careless indifference, in others a deliberate indifference that caused them to stay at home and let their party go to defeat.

The men who have done this no doubt maintain that there has been no change in their political convictions and regard it as a case of suspended judgment being willing to give the republican party a longer lease of power to see if they can maintain present prices for lands and farm products, but it amounts in each case to a half vote for the republican party with all that it means, both now and in the future.

The editor of this paper is convinced that Nebraska has made a colossal blunder. We make no objection to the personality of many of the men who have been chosen to office, but feel that the public must prepare for a continuation of national and state extravagance and mismanagement and that taxes must be raised and trust exactions increased to pay for the error and inaction of last Tuesday. Time will tell whether these predictions are fulfilled.

The candidates of the fusion party in Nebraska made a brave fight, they had much loyal support. Every one who is defeated can afford to be a private citizen much better than the people can afford to have him one. We offered good men, just legislation and faithful observance of the interests of the masses. This is something the candidates elected have not promised and could not give even had they pledged themselves to do so.

We have never seen an election in which there was so little personal chagrin and disappointment on the part of defeated candidates and so little exultation on the part of the great mass of their opponents. Many republicans as well as fusionists are in doubt whether they have been voting wisely, consider the tariff and trust politicians of their party as on probation and are more tolerant and liberal in the hour of victory than they have heretofore been while in the minority. Very much mistaken is the politician who misinterprets this light vote as an expression of confidence. It is born of doubt and a doubt not wholly confined to one party or locality.

Personally the writer has never felt less inclination to turn back or condone policies of which he cannot approve. No matter if the race for wealth has made some well meaning people callous and the vast and growing power of combination has made others cowardly. As long as he thinks there is a possibility of achieving results in the matter of better legislation he will go to the utmost limit of his strength and ability to continue the contest and, taking into consideration what the triumph of republicanism will mean to Nebraska and the nation, we can but feel that it is a thousand times preferable to be Thompson, Stark, Peterson, Neptune, Kirk, or any member of the state or national ticket, in defeat than to receive an election as a result of the efforts and campaign contributors of the combinations that prey on the people. The fusion nominees, state, congressional and county, have fought a good fight and whether or not they have finished their course, have certainly kept the faith.—Geo. L. Burr, in Hamilton County Register.

**An Excellent Opportunity**

The Omaha Bee says: "No issue has ever been settled unless it has been settled right. The Bee does not belong to that class of weathercock newspapers that advocate reforms before election and drop them immediately after election. Hereafter, as heretofore, it will continue to battle for tax reform through a revision of the revenue laws that will make it impossible for railroad corporations or any other class of property owners to evade their just share of the burden of local and state taxation."

The republican party has an excellent opportunity this winter to do something along the lines suggested by the Bee. It has the governor and the legislature to enact any laws which may be considered needful. Will anything be done? The Independent believes not. According to the Bee's own figures the railroads are shirking from half a million to a million dollars a year in taxes. Can any relief on this score be expected from the republican governor? Ask John N. Baldwin and his conferees. Can any relief be ex-

pected from the republican auditor? Find out by reading his second answer in the tax case. Can any relief be expected from the republican legislature? Look over the list of names and find out how many travel the length and breadth of the land on railroad passes.

The legislature this winter will do nothing of importance in revising the revenue laws. Half a dozen bills will doubtless be introduced looking to a complete overhauling of the taxation question, but they will all die in the sifting committee's hands.

There may be an attempt to prescribe heavy penalties for failure on the part of assessors to assess property at "fair cash value," but these will come to naught. There may be an attempt to enlarge the powers of the state board of equalization so that it may equalize by raising and lowering valuations—but the bill will be doomed to defeat. About all that may be done will be to raise the limit for general fund state levy to about 7 mills—but even there the members will be afraid to do anything for fear the heavier taxes resulting will cause a loss of votes in the future.

The state board will still continue to assess railroad property, and the assessment next year may be raised half a million dollars or so, but the chances are that no substantial increase will be made, because every man on the board is under heavy obligations to the railroads for support in the campaign just ended. This support did not come from railroad employes, however, but from the thousands of political workers in every part of the state who ride on some sort of a pass.

The Independent will stand by the Bee in supporting any measure that will insure more equitable taxation, but it has little hope of accomplishing much during this administration.

**Booted and Spurred**

The railroads are in the saddle in Nebraska today, booted and spurred, and during the next two years they will ride rough-shod over the people of the state. The election issue was clear and plain. On the one side stood a set of candidates pledged to increase railroad taxation. On the other side a set of candidates nominated by the railroad attorneys. There can be no mistake about what the people voted for last Tuesday. The railroads won a victory, and the republican party will pay the cost of that victory and tax it up to the people of the state. Never, even in the days of Tom Benton, were the railroads in more complete control of Nebraska than they will be during the ensuing two years. They will have every state office, and a brutal majority in both branches of the legislature. They can and will enact laws to make lighter their own burdens, and heavier the tax burdens of the farmers and small home-owners. The only consolation a democrat can draw from the situation is recognition of the fact that the farmers who voted the railroad ticket will be compelled to bear just as large a share of the burden as the ones who voted against it.—Judge Edgar Howard, in Columbus Telegram.

**Listen Reorganizers!**

Gentlemen reorganizers, listen! You have had your innings. You boasted what you could and would do if given control. In this state you shouldered your way to the front and by ways best known and oftenest practiced by men of your kind you obtained control of the party organization. The result is before you—before the country. You have succeeded in demoralizing the party—temporarily. Thousands of democrats stayed away from the polls Tuesday—thousands who voted and worked for the principles avowed in '96 and 1900. Are you pleased with the result of your attempt to Clevelandize the party? Are you satisfied now that you have been so signally successful in again securing democratic defeat?—H. in American Standard, Frankfort, Ind.

**Insurance Convention**

From the Chattanooga (Tenn.) News we learn that next May the national association of co-operative mutual insurance companies will be held in that city. The prospects are good for a largely attended and enthusiastic convention. Chairman Roberts announces that in addition to insurance managers and agents who will attend the convention, he has assurances from four or five prominent insurance commissioners who will attend and deliver addresses. Here is the opportunity of a lifetime. Why can't the mutual companies here in Lincoln get Attorney General Prout and Deputy Babcock to attend? It would be a treat to hear them commend mutual insurance. Prout could explain to them why he prefers old-line insurance for school houses.

**Anarchists**

Your real anarchist is the man who despises and defies law, unless it suits his pleasure to do otherwise. The Independent has been criticised for accusing republicans of anarchy, but still maintains that it is none too severe. What but anarchy was Secretary Shaw's open violation of the law requiring a certain reserve in banks? What but anarchy was the open defiance of the Nebraska depository law by republican state treasurers? What but anarchy was Secretary of State Marsh's "instructions" to county clerks to violate the ballot law?

Whenever it suits the convenience of a republican official to violate or defy the law, he excuses himself by saying that it is "archaic and absolute." But occasionally he does not deign to do that much. Out in Colorado it looked for a time as though the republicans could not control the legislature and Associated press dispatches contained this cheerful information:

"Denver, Nov. 6.—Nearly complete returns show that the republicans have elected their entire state ticket with the possible exception of superintendent of schools and two of the three congressmen, and that the democrats will have a majority of sixteen to eighteen on joint ballot in the legislature unless the republicans obtain control of the lower house and unseat the entire Arapahoe county delegation. The republican leaders frankly announce that they will carry out that program if it be in their power. In such an event the senate, consisting of twenty-five democrats and ten republicans, probably will refuse to organize the legislature with the house, and the houses will block the election of a successor to United States Senator Teller. On the face of the returns the house membership appears to be thirty-three democrats and thirty-two republicans, but the republicans claim that the official count will reverse these figures."

Isn't that an inspiring sentiment in a country where we boast about the "will of the people?" The Independent freely admits that the republicans are not alone guilty of such practices, but they have set the example oftener than any other party. Here in Nebraska the fusion legislature of 1897 unseated the Omaha delegation and suffered reverses ever afterward because of it.

**A Rock Island Victory**

The election of Mr. Hinshaw in the Fourth district marks the advent of the Rock Island railroad in Nebraska politics. Heretofore this road has kept out, and the result is that it has been more heavily taxed than other better paying and more valuable roads. With Mr. Hinshaw representing it at Washington, his pull with the republican state board ought to be sufficient to secure a reduction in its assessment. After all the excellent work Congressman Stark has done for the Fourth district, this is the way the voters treated him election day:

	Hinshaw.	Stark.
Butler .....	1,239	1,453
Fillmore .....	1,649	1,575
Gage .....	3,151	2,034
Hamilton .....	1,267	1,255
Jefferson .....	1,782	970
Polk .....	924	1,325
Saline .....	2,038	1,442
Saunders .....	1,966	2,026
Seward .....	1,655	1,559
Thayer .....	1,477	1,289
York .....	2,070	1,572
	19,218	16,500
	Hinshaw's majority, 2,718.	

Edwin S. Eves trotted out his full-page rooster in the Holt County Independent to crow over the result in Holt.

The entire republican state ticket is elected. Two years from now the republicans ought to nominate Joe Bartley for governor, Charley Mosher for secretary of state, Gene Moore for auditor again, Bill Dorgan for treasurer, Tom Dennison for attorney-general, Bud Lindsey for superintendent of schools, and others. They probably would appreciate a vindication.—R. O. Adams, in Grand Island Democrat.

The railroads have foreclosed their mortgage on Kansas, Nebraska, and every other western state except Nevada. When will the holders of the equity of redemption avail themselves of their rights?

The Independent is pleased to note that Alex Shepherd was elected county commissioner down in Jefferson. This gives the fusionists control of the board for the first time in the history of the county.

Although the republicans carried Dixon county by 200 to 300, the fusionists elected C. A. Kingsbury county attorney and S. P. Mikesell representative.

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David B. Hill's popularity is like that of Mickey. The counties nearest his home gave the biggest majorities against him. Those who know these two men the best are the ones who won't vote for them. The democratic vote fell off terribly all around where Hill lives and from there came the majorities that elected Odell, the republican candidate.