

A PARCELS POST

A General Demand From the People, but Can't Have it Because the Express Companies Won't Let Them

One of the demands of the farmers' alliance was a parcels post and the people's party from the very beginning has sustained that demand. But there is no prospect, as long as the republican party is in power, of the people ever getting it. The express companies have too many senators and representatives like Platt and Loud looking after their interests. In this matter the United States trails behind all Europe and even Japan. Every once in a while some republican newspaper comes out with a demand for it and then when election day comes around supports the republican party which is a sure way of eternally defeating the demand. Even rural delivery was forced upon an unwilling congress by a populist, Tom Watson, who fought for it until he got it started. In commenting upon our "way behind" postal service Leslie's Weekly says: "Rural delivery, which we are just now introducing, has been in operation in the British Isles, in Norway, Sweden, and other European countries for many years. All these nations, too, and Japan besides, have had a parcels post system for the transmission of small parcels at a moderate cost to domestic and foreign points. But our postal department has not only refused to adopt the parcel system in co-operation with European countries, but is actually throwing obstacles in the way of its introduction here by imposing a fee of 25 cents upon each package from abroad passing through the customs office. Our postal department seems to proceed upon the assumption that it should never do anything to interfere with the parcel business of the private express companies, but should allow the latter to enjoy a monopoly of this branch of the carrying trade. We fail to see the justice and good sense of this idea, or why the American people should be longer denied a privilege freely granted to citizens of most other civilized lands. It seems to us that our postal officials have been altogether too solicitous to prevent alleged abuses of the mails in matters of weight and bulk, while they have neglected methods for the extension of the postal business and the accommodation of the people whose servitors they are."

"No Deficiencies"

Readers of The Independent who read republican papers during the past campaign, and who attended republican meetings, doubtless remember the statements made by Deputy Attorney General Norris Brown and Candidate Mickey relative to republican stewardship. After calling attention to the fact that the legislature of 1901 appropriated \$149,000 to cover "populist deficiencies," these gentlemen would solemnly tell their hearers that the present republican administration would "close the books on January 1, 1903, without a deficiency." That was before election. Since the election Auditor Weston has completed his compilation of the estimates submitted by state officers and the heads of institutions of the amounts necessary to maintain state government for the two years beginning April 1, 1903. The total asked is \$3,184,308, divided up about as follows:

Salaries	\$1,292,238
Supplies	925,455
Construction	585,050
Other expenses	381,565

Total\$3,184,308

New buildings are wanted at the following places:

State university	\$259,500
State normal school	75,500
Girls' industrial school.....	10,000
Soldiers' home, Milford.....	27,300
Industrial school for boys....	12,000
Institute for feeble minded....	31,000
Asylum, Hastings	31,500
Institute for deaf and dumb..	29,500
Penitentiary	86,000
Hospital, Lincoln	51,750

Total\$585,050

And now comes the barefacedness of the whole matter, after the speeches made by Brown and Mickey. See State Journal for November 12, 1902—nine days after election:

"The auditor's statement allows only \$75,000 for estimated deficiencies, much of this being at the penitentiary. The estimated cost of publishing the constitutional amendment submitted at the last election is \$6,300. Not included in deficiencies is \$35,000 for bounty on four-footed wolves. A large pile of unpaid claims is now heaped up in the auditor's office."

Two years ago the estimated amount

for deficiency claims was \$125,000, yet before the legislature got through with the matter it appropriated \$149,000. If Weston's estimate is as close as was Cornell's, then the legislature of 1903 will have to appropriate about \$90,000 for deficiencies, notwithstanding the fact that the legislature of 1901 appropriated for current expenses \$327,000 more than did the legislature of 1899. The real facts are that a fair comparison between the present republican administration and the fusion one that preceded it may be summed up about as follows, eliminating items of extraordinary expense and for buildings.

For a fusion state government the republican legislature of 1899 appropriated for two years' current expenses\$2,591,373.60
Add deficiencies of..... 149,000.00

Total\$2,740,373.60
For a republican state government the republican legislature of 1901 appropriated for two years' current expenses\$2,875,289.51
And there will be def. 90,000.00

Total\$2,965,289.51

The present republican administration will cost the taxpayers of the state about \$225,000 more than did its fusion predecessors, yet the people permit themselves to be humbugged about the matter and drink in republican lies without investigation.

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Advice to Hide Shippers

In an interview with Mr. Thos. McCulloch, the oldest established hide dealer in this city, some valuable suggestions relative to the shipment of hides and furs was obtained. For the benefit of our readers we reproduce them.

In shipping hides they should be tied securely—in such a way that they will not come loose. The tag should be attached to the hide either at the nose or tail and in such a manner that it cannot be easily torn off. Loose tags frequently make it impossible to identify and determine from whom it was received.

Never put more than one hide in a bundle. Railroads will deliver only the number of bundles called for in the bill of lading. If two hides have been tied in one bundle and get broken apart that makes two bundles; the railroads will deliver but one bundle and retain for themselves the largest hide. Last winter twelve hides were sold by one railroad in Lincoln at one time as "uncalled for," made necessary on account of the poor manner in which they had been tied for shipment and the illegible and insufficient addresses on the tags.

Always write a letter of advice to the hide house to which you make the shipment. Enclose with the letter railroad receipt and describe in detail how the hide was marked. It is frequently a good plan to even describe the color of the hide, and size, as nearly as you can estimate it. The age of the animal from which it was taken is frequently a valuable piece of information.

Always salt the hides well as soon as they have been removed unless the weather is freezing cold and likely to remain that way. A bucket full of salt should be used for a hide that weighs 50 or 60 pounds; a smaller hide would require less salt. Spread the hide out for a few hours, or over night, after salting before tying into a bundle.

A little care in the shipment of hides will generally secure prompt remittance and full pay to the shipper. It is more frequently the shipper's fault than any other when the return is not prompt and entirely satisfactory.

Treasurer-elect Mortensen has selected Otis Paist, assistant cashier in Mr. Mortensen's bank, for an important position in the state treasury.

Republicans are artists in the matter of coining catch phrases. Two years ago they "redeemed" the state. This year Mr. Mickey "rescued" it.



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A Methodist Bartender

The Wesleyans gave a "blow-out" last week in honor of Governor-elect Mickey—which was certainly a proper thing in view of the active part the governor has taken in behalf of the Wesleyan university. The Independent would not deny that institution any pleasure the faculty and students might take in ratifying Mr. Mickey's election. But they rather overdid the thing in one particular. We quote from the Lincoln Daily Star:

"A burlesque on the attitude of the saloons in the late campaign gave flavor to the reception of Governor-elect Mickey last evening at Wesleyan university. W. W. Hughes, a student in the university, felt his way to the rostrum in the course of the speaking, garbed in the white apron of the German bartender. He was padded to a literal Falstaff girth. In language and the substance of his speech he neatly caricatured those saloons which are alleged to have been against Mr. Mickey in the campaign."

In view of the cordial support given Mr. Mickey by certain of the Omaha brewers, and the threats made against the saloons generally if they didn't fall in line and support the protege of John N. Baldwin, it required considerable of that commodity known as gall for Mr. Mickey to watch the antics of the pseudo Dutch beer-slinger. "Alleged to have been against Mr. Mickey in the campaign" is good. The Star is cautious. Perhaps it knows that it is only an "allegation"—and a weak one at that.

Chancellor Huntington averred that Mickey had been elected "in spite of the devil"—a sentiment fully as inspiring as the "aricatures" by Mr. Hughes. It would seem that these gentlemen had been doing some Parkhurstian stunts and wanted to "show off" before company.

John M. Stewart, one of the board of trustees, of which Mr. Mickey is president, as well as chairman of the county republican committee, made the hit of the evening. He is a born humorist, but doesn't know it. "He felt," says the Star, "that the state is in a condition identical to that of the Wesleyan university several years ago. Mr. Mickey came to the rescue of that institution and did nobly. He had now come to the rescue of the state and will do likewise."

If The Independent has the proper recollection, a former management looted the Wesleyan university treasury and somebody burned one of the buildings. Well, republicans looted the state treasury and burned state buildings. Yes, those are "identical conditions." But the funny part is that after employing a detective to find the man who burned the college building, Mr. Mickey allowed the culprit to leave the state unprosecuted. Will he compound felonies and let criminals go unpunished when he reaches the governor's chair. Rather peculiar, too, that Mickey "has come to the rescue" of a state that was "redeemed two years ago."

Mr. Mickey "expressed profound gladness" that he is a Methodist and told about a Presbyterian who voted for him "because he ran like a steer." He really didn't want the office, but took it because the "people" (John N. Baldwin and conferees) "wanted him to serve" and he couldn't resist.

It is rather hard lines for the State Journal's Omaha correspondent, now that election is over. His latest feat is to run Dave Mercer for mayor next spring, and to start a Hill-Harriman republican paper in Omaha.

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CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of October, 1902, at a meeting of the Korsemeier Plumbing & Heating Company, duly and regularly held at its general office in Lincoln, Nebraska, and all of the shares of stock of said company being present at said meeting and voting for the amendment hereinafter referred to, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried, and thereupon declared adopted, to amend the Articles of Incorporation of said company by changing the name thereof to KORSEMEYER COMPANY, under which name the company will accordingly hereafter do business.

L. W. KORSEMEYER, Sec'y. F. A. KORSEMEYER, Pres.

J. C. McNeerney, Attorney, Burr Block.

NOTICE OF ATTACHMENT.

James E. McGillivray will take notice, that on the 20th day of October, 1902, Fritz Westermann, a justice of the peace in and for the city of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska issued an order of attachment for the sum of \$69.58 with interest at 8 per cent from October 18th, 1902, in an action pending before him wherein William C. Shinn is plaintiff and James E. McGillivray is defendant; but the following property has been attached under said order, viz: One steam engine and tubular well machine with derrick complete; one table rigged with pulleys, belts, etc., and five buzz saws; one iron windmill complete; one wooden windmill complete; also harrows with attachments and fixings. Said cause was continued to the 11th day of December, 1902, at 9 o'clock a. m., at which time the aforesaid defendant is required to appear. Lincoln, November 1st, 1902.

WILLIAM C. SHINN, Plaintiff.
By J. C. McNERNEY, His Attorney.

Horace F. Bishop, Attorney, Lincoln, Neb.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANT

In the District Court of Lancaster County, Vera A. Hurley, Plaintiff, vs. Dennis J. Hurley, Defendant.

Dennis J. Hurley, defendant in the above entitled action is hereby notified that on the 15th day of November, 1902, said plaintiff Vera A. Hurley, filed her petition in the District Court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, against the said defendant, the object and prayer of which is to obtain a decree of divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony between the plaintiff and the defendant on the grounds of willful abandonment and desertion without just cause for more than two years, last past, and grossly, wantonly and cruelly failing to provide for the wants of the plaintiff.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the twenty-ninth (29th) day of December, 1902.

Dated this 18th day of November, 1902.
VERA A. HURLEY, Plaintiff.
By Horace F. Bishop, her Attorney.