

corporations through republican officeholders have been in complete control of the legislative and executive branches of our state government. Look at the record! Bartley, the biggest grafter of the old regime, pardoned. Shameless extravagance in the expenditure of public money, so that the floating indebtedness of the state has been increased \$300,000; whereas, under fusion control we had reduced our debt over half a million dollars in four years.

Then to provide against further deficits and to pay up arrears they pass the infamous revenue law which leaves the railroads untouched, but will result in a great increase in the taxes of the farmer and business man in town. The supreme court, as now constituted, stands as a bulwark against the aggressions of these corner-men of power. The fusion district judges over the state have established business methods of clearing their dockets of business, instead of the old drag-along-delay style which used to prevail.

Will the people surrender the judicial branch of our government into the hands of the beet sugar, elevator, and railroad corporations? The question will be answered next Tuesday. If our men stay in the fields and neglect to go to the polls we will be beaten. If they will get up and hustle we can re-elect Judge Sullivan and most of our candidates for district judges.

J. N. CAMPBELL.

Fullerton, Neb.

J. M. EASTERLING.

Editor Independent: The voters of this county are more interested in the issues of this campaign than at any time since 1896. Indications are that our vote will all be polled.

Our people are for Judge Sullivan because they realize that he is a platform within himself in the interest of the whole people and not a class or particular interest. His record on the supreme bench is an inspiration to our voters. I believe I am correct when I say that he will carry a larger vote than the fusion strength in this county.

A large number of republicans with whom I have talked are dissatisfied with the action of the last legislature and especially the part the railroads took in the nomination of Judge Barnes. Some of them will not vote at all and many of them will emphasize their dissatisfaction by casting their votes for Judge Sullivan. If the balance of the state does as well by Judge Sullivan as Buffalo county, he will succeed himself.

J. M. EASTERLING.

Kearney, Neb.

M. B. SLOCUM.

Editor Independent: Last year the republicans carried this (Dakota) county by a majority on state ticket ranging from 67 on governor to 157 on land commissioner; but I think we will return Judge Sullivan a majority of 100 this year—losing the county on the rest of ticket. This is because of some disclosures affecting Judge Barnes' record as a lawyer in this county, which have no doubt come to your notice recently.

M. B. SLOCUM.

South Sioux City, Neb.

FRED A. ALLEN.

Editor Independent: The readers of The Independent will go to the polls and cast their ballots for Judge Sullivan. They can be depended upon to do this because they know the issues involved. They know that his opponent was selected and agreed upon by a class interest. They know that should Judge Barnes sit upon the supreme bench he will at all times be conscious of the fact that he owes his position to the railroads, and whenever he passes judgment upon a matter in which the interests of the railroads clash with those of the people, he cannot be an impartial judge; furthermore, being the candidate of the railroad interests, both for the nomi-

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..MERE MENTION..

Some Comparisons for the Benefit of Chairman Harry Lindsay.

The Lincoln Daily Star quotes the republican state chairman, Harry Lindsay, as uttering the following inartistic falsehood:

"The people seem to be satisfied with conditions and attribute them to the republican party. Accordingly they are going to vote for the republican candidates this fall, for why continue in power a representative of the two parties whose administrations of the states affairs are but seldom referred to, and then not by the two parties themselves."

Chairman Lindsay is either very reckless in his statements, or a very careless reader of populist and democratic papers. For his benefit The Independent will repeat, in big, plain type that can be read without spectacles, what it has been saying time and again.

THE STATE DEBT

This statement includes state bonds and general fund state warrants outstanding, up to the time when Treasurer Meserve paid off the last dollar of bonds. Today the debt is wholly of warrants.

Created by republican extravagance up to the close of business, Nov. 30, 1896.....	\$2,385,540.35
Reduced under populist administration up to the close of business, Nov. 30, 1900 to.....	1,727,447.72
Increased under republican administration up to the close of business, May 31, 1903, to.....	1,997,671.98
Populists in four years, reduced the debt.....	658,092.63
Republicans, in 2½ years, increased the debt...	270,224.26

How do you like that "reference," Mr. Lindsay? Ought the people to be satisfied with that condition? Every dollar of that debt is of republican origin—and it grows in spite of a 35 per cent increase in state taxes. Do you want to know why? Because your party today is more extravagant than ever before—even in the palmy days of Tom Benton and Joe Bartley. Let us see what the legislatures have appropriated the past five sessions:

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Ses-sion.	Politics.	Amount Appropriated.
1895—	Republican	\$2,784,684.60
1897—	Populist	2,335,843.40
1899—	Republican.....	2,591,373.60
1901—	Republican.....	2,875,289.51
1903—	Republican.....	3,740,280.70

How does that strike you, Mr. Lindsay? And you too Mr. Taxpayer, who must foot the bill? The republican session of 1901 wasn't so very economical, but it pulled through with about \$855,000 less than this last one. Your session of 1903 made provision for spending over \$1,400,000 in excess of what the populist session of 1897 allowed the populist state officers to spend. And that isn't all, either, for the populists did not use \$212,000 of the 1897 appropriation and let that much lapse into the treasury. But it looks as though "Holy John" and his associates will have no trouble in spending all of that \$3,740,000 if they are kept in office until March 31, 1905—which is hardly likely to happen. But they'll have the bulk of it gone by the first Thursday in January, 1905, when the populists again take control.

And, by the way, do you remember the statements some of your Christian republican campaigners made last fall, that the republican state officers would "close the books without a deficiency"? Will you kindly note in the Auditor's statement of appropriations for 1903, page 24, this item:

"For Miscellaneous Deficiency Claims, \$121,287.76."

The people have a right to attribute such conditions to the republican party—for it is responsible for such reckless spending and still more reckless lying—but if the "people seem to be satisfied" and "are going to vote for the republican candidates" on that account—well, that would tend to prove that Alexander Hamilton understood human nature better than Abraham Lincoln did—for it would then seem possible to "fool all the people all the time."

nation and the election, it is to be presumed that he is in sympathy with their efforts to shirk the burden of taxation upon the other interests of the state, to maintain excessive rates for transportation, foster elevator trusts, etc. It matters not though he be honest in the belief that some people were born booted and spurred to ride the rest of the people, holding that view, the greater his sincerity the more dangerous he will be. Certainly the railroad interests would not be so unanimous in his favor if they were not either sure of his sympathy or of their ability to control his actions.

The readers of The Independent also know that Judge Sullivan is an honest, able and upright judge without either class prejudice or class control and that all interests will be safe in his hands. The knowledge of these facts will take the readers of The Independent to the polls; but unfortunately there are too many voters who, though they have as much at stake, are not so well informed, and many of them will not go to the polls at all except through the persuasion of others. The citizen's duty is only partly performed when he goes and votes his convictions himself; he must also see that his neighbors who can be shown the right shall go and do likewise. If the candidate of special interests gets a seat on the supreme bench it will be because too many citizens have not done their full duty.

FRED A. ALLEN.

David City, Neb.

M. T. WOODS.

Editor Independent: The entire fusion ticket in Nebraska should be elected this year as an index to a sturdy fight next year. To show the republicans that we want reform of their rotten rule, and the aristocratic

democrats that the thoughtful rank and file intend to control the democratic party. It should be elected because the extortion and the tax dodging of the railway corporations of the state are becoming unbearable; and as our last two governors and legislatures have been republican we have no hope for them to remedy the deplorable condition into which they have allowed affairs to slip.

County assessors particularly should be fusionists, as the last revenue bill, having been passed by a republican railroad legislature, must be a railroad measure, and the people surely do not want a railroad man to assess them. The only way to take the government out of the hands of the railroads is to elect fusionists.

M. T. WOODS.

Hartington, Neb.

SENATOR W. A. WAY.

Editor Independent: I do hope that the voters of the fusion forces will get out and vote this fall. There is no doubt that they can elect Judge Sullivan and nearly all the district judges if the full vote is cast.

You cannot make it too strong. With a financial panic staring us in the face, we should be prepared to take the reins of government and so organize the financial system that panics will be a thing of the past.

W. A. WAY.

Columbus, Neb.

HASON TURNER.

Editor Independent: We deem it the bonded duty of every earnest, honest citizen to get himself to the polling place and vote next Tuesday. Don't flatter yourself with the "don't make any difference about my one vote" idea and remain away; and then register a kick afterwards about railroad domination, trusts and the like.

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