

Stop the Extravagance

APPROPRIATIONS.

By Republican Legislature in 1903 - \$3,740,280.70
By Populist Legislature in 1897 - - \$2,335,843.40

EXTRAVAGANCE—Rep. Increase - \$1,404,437.30

Have you ever tried to discover why taxes have doubled in the last few years? Is there any reason why the state government should expend so much money? When you pay your taxes next time you will find that they have been almost doubled and that you will have to pay nearly twice as much as ever before. Should you not make some effort to stop the extravagance? Will not the small amount of time required pay you great returns? If your taxes heretofore have been \$20, hereafter they will be nearly \$40.

You have been a reader of The Independent and know that it has continually protested against the senseless extravagance of republican legislatures and state officials, but it has been of no avail because the voters generally have not known the "facts" that have been familiar to you. Now that the day has arrived when they must put their hands in their pockets and bring forth the money to pay for this extravagance, they will begin to realize the truth. They are thinking more than they have ever thought before. They are willing to investigate the cause of the enormous increase of real estate and personal taxation. You can present the facts to them now and they will be willing to listen.

The last republican legislature appropriated \$3,740,280.70 for the support of the state government for two years, which is nearly a million and a half dollars more than there was any just reason for expending. The last populist legislature (1897) appropriated only \$2,335,843.40 for two years. This shows an increase in appropriations of \$1,404,437.30 made by the republican legislature, over what it cost to run the state government under the populist administration. Note the enormous difference. It costs the people nearly a million and a half more to run the government for two years under republican rule than it did to run it for the same time under populist direction. This is waste—extravagance amounting to an average of \$15,604.85 for each county (according to size.) Are you ready to aid in stopping this extravagance? Will you join with The Independent in spreading the truth among the voters of the state and do what you can to remove the unnecessary burden of taxation that will press so heavily upon all of us who have to earn the money by toil of brain and hand?

A change of only two voters in each precinct will put the "redeemers" out and insure an economical and business-like administration of the state's affairs.

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Encouraging Words

Editor Independent: Enclosed please find trial subscriptions; will try and send you some more soon. Your paper is doing a great work in the reform movement. It should be read by everybody. We have been trying to preach the word in our weak way for a long time; yet are not altogether discouraged. We were an old-time greenbacker of the Brick Pomeroy school. Yours in the cause.

Auburn, Neb.

A. C. LEEPER.

Willing to be Counted

Editor Independent: Please find trial card with 25 cents. This man was once county chairman of the people's party. I saw him a few days ago and asked him why he did not join the Vanguard or Old Guard. He said he was just as good a pop as he

ever was, but he did not know anything about the organizing, but was willing to stand up and be counted and willing to contribute his share.

J. C. ANDRE.

Logan, Neb.

Only a Word Needed

Editor Independent: By a word spoken in the presence of a stranger, he was prompted to second my expression and I asked him if he would take the Nebraska Independent for five months for 25 cents. He said, Yes, and gave me the quarter. Name and stamps are enclosed.

J. S. MAXSON.

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JOHN G. PURIFOY.

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List of 15 From Texas

Editor Independent: Enclosed find 15 five months' trial subscribers and money order for \$3.75. I would do anything in my power for our principles, but I am 76 and can't get around.

D. C. McCAIN.

Grand View, Tex.

In One Hour

Editor Independent: You will please find enclosed subscription lists that you sent me and P. O. money order to pay for same. I got those four names in about an hour's time and could get some more if I had the time. Will try again when I get through with my busy work. Populists don't say much here, but they think a good deal. I have voted straight since Peter Cooper's time in '76 and expect to as long as I live.

WM. LEE.

Roll, Ind.

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Nellie Ranster, Plaintiff, vs. Frank Ranster, defendant.
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NELLIE RANSTER, Plaintiff.
By J. C. McNeerney, her Attorney.

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