

two candidates and the personal quarrels concerning who shall handle the campaign funds of the two national committees. There has not been a serious article concerning government policies published in one of the dailies since the campaign opened. After the election it will develop what all this is about.

MR. BERGE'S SPEECH

An immense concourse of people of all parties attended the monster barbecue at Lincoln on Saturday afternoon, September 17. A fifteen hundred pound ox was barbecued and fed to the crowds present, together with 400 loaves of bread and immense quantities of coffee. Farmers from every section of the county were present with their families as well as hundreds of business men from Lincoln and surrounding towns.

The speaking was heard in the great pavilion, at which meeting Mr. T. S. Allen, chairman of the democratic state committee presided. The immense crowd present attested their interest in the present campaign of the people against extortion and extravagance, by enthusiastic and tremendous applause at every point made by Mr. Berge in his masterful address.

Mr. Berge fully took the people into his confidence. He was not content to point out the extravagances of the "redeemers," the injustices of unequal taxation, the grafting of office hunters, and the iniquities that always follow in the wake of railroad passes to public officials, but he presented to the people of this state a well defined program of what he would do if elected.

He declared in favor of cutting out all needless expense in state administration of government. All useless officeholders, who are held to fat jobs solely because they help to pull political wires, all are to go. Political office is to be conducted on purely business lines. There is no excuse for the head of a department of government to fill his office with political hacks, simply because they "have to be taken care of," than there is for a business man to do so. And every such act is not only contrary to business principles, and a burden upon the people, but is a violation of public trust.

Mr. Berge also struck a popular note when he advocated the conducting of the state university, an institution in which he took great pride, upon such lines as would not incapacitate a student after graduation from following useful lines of industry. That the state university was not alone to turn out lawyers and doctors, but mechanics, artisans, businessmen and farmers as well. He desired the same consideration shown to industrial lines of occupation as were shown to professional lines.

Another popular note was his guarantee that every board meeting of which he may be a member shall be open to the public at all times. There will be no secret bids opened or received, no contracts for public work let clandestinely, but in all cases every act of every board must be open to the public at all times and in all ways.

He also made a strong point when he called attention to the iniquity of railroad passes. He referred to the farcical enforcement in Lincoln of a seven mile street car ordinance that had been a dead letter for years, simply because the police of Lincoln were denied further pass favors from the street car company. This was a strong illustration of what a free pass meant. This ordinance had remained on the records from the old days of horse cars, and nobody ever thought of enforcing it, but when the police could no longer secure favors from the company, they unearthed this ordinance, and thereby inconvenienced the people of Lincoln to that extent.

All laws and ordinances should be enforced, but when laws are allowed to become dead letters, and then only enforced when special favors in the form of passes are withdrawn it is a bald confession that public officials will wink at any violation if they are only favored with these passes. A pass is therefore a bribe, and the public official who takes it is a bribe taker. He promised to use every endeavor to have a law enacted to destroy the pass system of corrupting public officials. He would also make professional lobbying a felony, and favors the repeal of the present revenue law and the enactment in its place of a law to levy the burdens of taxation upon an equitable and just basis.

Mr. Berge's speech was reported in full. Every line of it possesses peculiar value. It is eloquent and teeming with facts and figures, and exhibits great pains in amassing much evidence of value. It should be read by every voter of this state. There is not a surplus line in it. It is not only a forceful arraignment of present meth-

ods in vogue in state affairs, but exhibits the fact that Mr. Berge is a statesman of much ability and foresight, in the manner in which he presents some of the reforms he champions.

FOLLOW ME

Come weal or woe, I am going to lead a revolt against these democratic leaders who have abandoned the true principles of democracy. I call upon all true democrats to support me. And

to every people's party man, north, south, east and west, I send forth the summons: "Throw off your discouragement; put under your feet all hesitation and fear; get up, get up, brother, and follow me.—Tom Watson.

It is the policy of the eastern dailies not to mention the people's party and that gets them very frequently into amusing situations. Recently a paragraph appeared in one of the New York dailies, of which the proof-reader evi-

dently had not taken a "revise." It reads as follows: "A poll of the state has been nearly completed by the democratic committee. It shows a return of some thousands of good democrats, but also a loss of Bryan democrats to." It is evident that the writer was about to say "to the populists" and then remembering that "populist" and "people's party" were on the index "expurgatorias," stopped and forgot to erase the "to."

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