

# Mickeyism In Nebraska

At last one of the state house employees, by the name of J. J. Roberts, has attempted to come to the relief of the Nebraska "redeemers" with the purpose of confuting the figures presented by George W. Berge in his campaign utterances. He starts out by admitting the correctness of Mr. Berge's figures, but confuses them by adding the resources in the form of cash in the treasury.

Mr. Roberts, "if you were honest and fair and not intending to deceive, did you not see" in the two pages of the 1898 auditor's report that a large part of your cash in the treasury was wind. It seems cruel to touch you on a tender spot, but do you know that of the \$7,729,627.30 shown as cash balance at November 30, 1896, and your \$907,210.43 forms part of this, that \$673,641.25 of this balance was practically wind? Did you ever hear of what is known as the suspense account and did you know that the fusionists charged this on, for which refer to the 1899 auditor's report. In case you do not care to look I give you it in detail:

**Busted banks.**

First Nat. Bank of Alma	\$ 40,312 48
Bank of Wymore	6,236 67
Capital Nat. Bank	245,290 73
First Nat. Bank of Orleans	20,000 00
F. and M. Bank of Lincoln	8,731 85
Globe L. & T. Co., Omaha	12,892 54
Buffalo Co. Nat. Kearney	4,499 00
And J. S. Bartley	335,878 08

Total ..... \$673,641 35  
 "Would you report on the condition of a bank" and call such a mess of stuff as this "suspense account," cash? That is what you have done. Would you "honestly and fairly, and not intending to deceive," say that there was \$907,210.40 of a cash balance at November 30, 1896, when it was discovered, January, 1897, that the republicans had watched so carefully over the state's money that \$673,641.35 had either been lost or stolen?

Mr. Roberts, "if you were honest and fair, and not intending to deceive," why did you add the claims left by the fusionists and paid for by the legislature of 1901, and forget to add the claims left by the republicans in 1896, and paid for by the fusionists in 1897—a mere trifle of \$93,125.05—and why did you forget to add in the miscellaneous claims filed in the auditor's office at June 1, 1904, and which will have to be paid by the next legislature?

"If you were honest and fair, and not intending to deceive," why did you use the comparative figures at June 1, 1904, instead of up to date? Do you not know that the heaviest payments of taxes are in May, June, December and January, and that if you would publish the October figures they would be largely in excess of the figures you quote. You state that the income now about equals the expenditures. Where is your proof, and who is your authority? Do you mean to tell us that a new clerk like you is better posted than Auditor Weston, who in his 1902 report says: "There will be approximately \$408,278.46 more money spent during the two years for which the legislative appropriations of 1901 were made than can be realized from miscellaneous sources and from the two annual levies made during those years," and again he says, "A comparison of these estimates of receipts and expenditures for the next biennium (ending March 31, 1905,) discloses the fact that there will be a general fund deficit approximating \$555,183.27?" Was Weston all wrong when he made this statement, or are you all wrong now?

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Do you know that the last two legislatures made appropriations as follows:

1901-1902	\$2,875,289 51
1903-1904	3,740,280 70
Total	\$6,615,570 21

And that to pay for these appropriations the various counties were taxed as follows:

1901	\$1,232,391 72
1902	1,131,124 61
1903	1,523,316 38
1904	1,768,675 24

Total ..... \$5,655,507 95

Cut out your school levy and add your miscellaneous receipts, the one practically offsetting the other, and will you please explain how the income can equal the expenditures, when the expenditures for the four years exceeded the income by \$960,032.26? Your four tax levies—1901 to 1904—exceeded that of the fusionists' four (1897-1900) by \$1,688,353.21. What did you do with it? We have a statement from the auditor's office stating that \$605,063 went for permanent improvements. Did you say that \$450,000 was for the relief of the drouth sufferers? What year was that drouth, and where was it? Two hundred and ninety thousand dollars lost to busted banks! What banks and what year?

"If you were honest and fair and not intending to deceive," why do you not tell the people that in the three items—state officers and employes, state boards and commissions and state institutions—your appropriations for four years were larger than that of the fusionists by \$1,566,934.40, as follows:

Officers and employes	\$ 20,545 00
Boards and commissions	164,944 19
Institutions	1,381,445 21

Total ..... \$1,566,934 40

Are you not aware that the increase in the item of state officers and employes is largely made up of increased salaries to political heelers, like you and your ilk?

Do you mean to say that this state could not be run without the aid of a lot of fool boards and commissions, costing over \$450,000, and created mainly for the purpose of providing snug berths for political parasites? And do you still further claim that the state institutions require \$1,381,455.21 more under republican administration than fusion? Anthes says \$605,000 went for permanent improvements. How about the balance?

"If you were honest and fair, and not intending to deceive," do you mean to say that taxes are higher only temporarily, when the levies for the four years are less than the appropriations by \$900,062.26? The people will be greatly interested in many of your statements. Here is a gem: "It remained for the republican party to pass legislation to control the people to be honest, to pay their taxes." Does this also apply to the railroads? Have you any authority to say that this state can not be run on appropriations less than \$3,740,280.70 for the biennium? If you have, then the issue is clear. The fusionists ran the state on \$2,335,843.40 during 1897-1898, and with probably slightly higher figures can do so again.—John M. Gilchrist, in the World-Herald.

The World-Herald is under obligation to Mr. D. W. Patrick, deputy county treasurer for Butler county for the following statement, making a comparison between 1903 and 1904 of the taxes on all farm lands in Butler county. The total increase in Butler county amounts to \$41,131.14. Of this increase, the farmers of Butler county are paying an increased tax amounting to \$30,542.40, which is in fact more than 70 per cent of the total increase. The statement follows:

Township	1903.	1904.	Increase.
Read	\$4,999.90	\$7,662.07	\$2,662.17
Ulysses	5,046.77	6,567.77	1,521.00
Plum Creek	4,839.13	6,188.60	1,349.47
Richardson	3,744.60	5,049.07	1,294.47
Reading	4,732.41	5,991.03	1,258.62
Union	4,818.67	7,230.73	2,412.05
Center	4,876.14	8,005.53	3,129.39
Oak Creek	4,458.61	6,598.89	2,140.28
Summit	4,478.77	6,299.60	1,820.83
Olive	4,270.33	5,526.69	1,256.36
Franklin	4,913.16	8,086.95	3,173.79
Skull Creek	3,948.20	6,962.28	2,914.08
Alexis	3,396.27	3,736.97	340.70
Savannah	2,785.49	5,050.12	2,264.63
Bone Creek	5,353.84	8,264.16	2,910.32
Inwood	4,193.54	5,120.83	927.29
Platt	1,767.03	1,870.98	103.95

Totals ..... \$73,572.86 104,115.26 30,542.40  
 Now, let us see how the railroads in Butler county are affected by this mag-

nificent piece of republican legislation known as the revenue law. The statement follows:

Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley—Tax 1903, \$13,504.89; 1904, \$13,689.11; increase, \$184.82.

Omaha & Republican Valley—1903, \$6,693.91; 1904, \$7,067.72; increase, \$373.81.

Lincoln & Northwestern—1903, \$5,595.79; 1904, \$5,449.27; decrease, \$551.64.

Omaha & North Platte—1903, \$2,635.79; 1904, \$2,230.67; decrease, \$551.64.

Total in county—1903, \$28,430.38; 1904, \$28,437.37; increase, \$558.63; decrease, \$551.64.

Total increase—\$6.99.

It will be seen that while the farmers of Butler county are required under this republican revenue law to pay an increase of \$30,542.40, the increase in taxes to be paid by the railroads in that county amounts to the enormous sum of \$6.99.

Another feature of this revenue law is worthy of observation. In Butler county, out of every \$100 of state and county taxes collected, the state received in 1902, \$27.02; in 1903, out of every \$100 the state received \$32; in 1904, under the republican revenue law, out of every \$100 the state will receive \$41.10. In this glorious year of 1904, under that magnificent piece of republican legislation known as the revenue law, out of all the railroad taxes in Butler county the state treasury will receive \$654.02 more than it received in 1903, and Butler county will receive \$2,317.09 less.

It will be seen therefore that under the practical operations of the republican revenue law, not only are the corporations relieved of much of the burden that should properly be borne by them, and not only are new and unjust burdens placed upon the plain taxpayers, but the revenues to be used for the purpose of building up the county are materially decreased, while the revenues to be used in maintaining the extravagant machine of Mickeyism are materially increased. While, in the case of Butler county, the county government receives of railroad taxes \$2,317.09 less, the Mickey machine receives \$654 more and when it is remembered that the increase in the railroad taxation in Butler county amounts to \$6.99, it will be seen that the republican revenue law, aside from its injustice upon the plain taxpayer as an individual, imposes marked injustice upon the plain taxpayers of the county as a whole and seriously embarrasses them in their efforts to push their county to the front.—World-Herald.

### Senator Allen Denies Rumor

Madison, Neb., Oct. 15, 1904. Fred G. Boeltz, Central City, Neb. My Dear Sir: I have your letter of the 13th inst., in which you say: "The report is being circulated here that you occupied a seat on the rostrum when Uncle Joe Cannon spoke at Columbus and that you are supporting Roosevelt and Fairbanks. Please let me know the truth in regard to the matter, as such reports are intended to injure the fusion state ticket."

I did sit on the platform with Uncle Joe Cannon, at Norfolk, not at Columbus. Mr. Cannon and I have been personal friends for years and when he asked me to sit with him it would have been a personal discourtesy not to have done so. I have made it a rule to occupy the platform with republican speakers in my town with whom I am personally acquainted and who invite me to do so. I can not afford to be personally discourteous to any friend. I am surprised that you are misled far enough to write a letter on the subject or that you should give credence to a report that I am supporting Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

If you will read a symposium article of mine in the October Arena, you will see that I am supporting Mr. Watson, and there has not been a time when there was the slightest doubt that I was loyal to Watson and Tibbles.

As between Judge Parker and Mr. Roosevelt I would, if compelled to choose, support Parker because he is the bigger man of the two, being conservative, in opposition to imperialism, strongly opposed to trusts, as his judicial record clearly shows, and, in other respects, in my judgment, eminently better qualified for president than Mr. Roosevelt. But Judge Parker is not on my ticket while Mr. Watson is. Mr. Watson believes in what I believe in. He is my party candidate. He is well worthy of my support and will receive it.

Some time ago I had occasion, in a letter in the Omaha Bee, to defend the memory of the late Senator Quay of Pennsylvania against an assault by a minister. I knew Mr. Quay, and, while disapproving his political views, always esteemed him as personally an

honest man; and I could not permit the assault to pass unnoticed. Possibly this has likewise given rise in the minds of suspicious men to the idea that I was supporting Mr. Roosevelt.

Mr. Roosevelt, while a very good man in my judgment, is not big enough to be president of the United States. He is too much given to display, to tinsel, to the spectacular; he loves the music of the life and drum too well and is too strong a believer in swords and guns and is too much imbued with the spirit of war and aggression to stand at the head of a great nation whose true policy, according to Washington and the fathers of the republic, is to stand clear of entangling foreign alliances.

Trusting that this is satisfactory, and all that I will have to say on the subject, I remain,

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