

FREE PASS SYSTEM

George W. Berge's Book on Railway Bribery Is in Great Demand.

People from all over the United States are wanting this book. Those who have read it are pleased with it. It is proving to be a veritable revelation to many. Every reader of The Inde-



pendent should read this book. The price of the book alone is \$1.00 postage prepaid. The Independent one year and the book \$1.50. Send along your orders. Read what others say about it:

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Endorses It

York, Neb., Oct. 12.—Hon. George W. Berge, Mr. Dear Sir: I am reading your book, "The Free Pass Bribery System," and hasten to assure you of my high appreciation of it. It is an able, interesting and instructive exposition of the influence of the pass in defeating wholesome railroad legislation and in maintaining a most detestable railroad domination in this country. Your book is a timely and valuable contribution to the discussion of the paramount issue of the hour and will, no doubt, have great influence in centering attention upon the most potent and demoralizing agency of corruption in existence. Everybody ought to read it.

E. A. GILBERT.

Eminent Educator Indorses It

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 11.—Hon. George W. Berge, My Dear Mr. Berge: I have just finished reading "The Free Pass Bribery System," and I close it with the conviction that it will have a career. It is the clearest and completest explanation of current western politics that I have ever seen. Your style is terse, brilliant, and effective, you have avoided partisanship, and you have expressed yourself with great moderation and self-restraint. Although the book deals with Nebraska conditions, it will, no doubt, attract attention outside the state. I hope you will not fail to send a copy to the Hon. James Bryce, author of "The American Commonwealth," who always appreciates realistic studies of American politics. With the best wishes for a hearty reception of your book, I remain.

EDWARD A. ROSS.

Former Land Commissioner's View

Normal, Neb., Oct. 11.—To the Editor of The Independent: I had noticed with pleasure the announcement of a coming volume by Hon. G. W. Berge, treating on the "Free Pass Bribery System." It is now out, and I have scanned its pages with much satisfaction. It treats the subject in all of its phases and leaves no point unexhausted. It ought to be read by every voter in the whole country. To all it will be found full of interest and to many it will prove a veritable revelation.

J. V. WOLFE.

Fighting the Pass Evil

Weatherford, Tex., Nov. 6.—Hon. George W. Berge, Dear Sir: I have noted a favorable comment on your book, "The Free Pass Bribery System," and I shall be obliged to you if you will

send me a copy at once. I am making a fight down here against this evil.

R. L. STENNIS.

Texas Legislator Needs It

Waxohachie, Tex., Nov. 6.—Hon. George W. Berge, Dear Sir: Noticing a reference to a work by you entitled "The Free Pass Bribery System." I write to ask you for a copy of it. As a member of the last two legislatures of this state I have striven for anti free pass legislation, and I desire to read what you have to say, inasmuch as I expect to renew my efforts in the next session. I will be glad to remit the price when I know what it is.

J. M. ALDERDICE.

What the Commoner Says

George W. Berge, of Lincoln, editor and publisher of the Nebraska Independent and fusion candidate for governor in 1904, has published a book entitled "The Free Pass Bribery System." The book contains editorials from the Independent and extracts from speeches and letters by Mr. Berge during the past two or three years. Mr. Berge deals with the pass bribery evil in plain language, and points out with unerring precision the evils that follow in the train of this form of political corruption. He is not content with showing how politics is corrupted, but shows beyond dispute the demoralizing effect upon the great masses of the people. Railroad methods are exposed in scathing terms.

Mr. Berge made his campaign for governor upon the railroad pass issue and the fact that he ran many thousands ahead of his ticket shows in a measure the deep interest the people of Nebraska are taking in this phase of the railroad problem. "The Free Pass Bribery System" is a valuable contribution to current political discussion and should have a wide circulation among those who are interested in making the railroads the servants, rather than the masters, of the people.

Candidate Seeks Information

Jeromeville, O., Nov. 5.—Hon. George W. Berge, Dear Sir: I notice in the Commoner that you have published a book entitled the "The Free Pass Bribery System." As I have always looked upon the pass as a polite bribe, I am sure your book will interest me. Please send a copy to my address and I will remit you the price of your book whatever it is. We are hoping to elect our governor (Pattison) and we may have a majority in the legislature and I am hopeful of getting some legislation on this subject at the coming session if re-elected.

DAVID ELEY.

Values the Book Highly

Bridgeport, Neb., Oct. 26.—To the Editor of The Independent: I received your book in due time and have read a part of it and I am well pleased with it. I think that every voter in Nebraska should read it. I think it is all right and would not be without it for four prices of the book. I have been on the sick list for some time but am getting better and as soon as I can I will do all I can for your book and paper.

GEORGE E. CADWELL.

Sees Change for the Better

Carlville, Ill., Oct. 26.—Hon. George W. Berge, My Dear Sir: Having been a reader of "The Independent" for several years I would naturally notice the great change brought about under your management since you became its editor. Some six months ago I had made up my mind to drop "The Independent" when my time expired, but have lately changed my mind. Enclosed please find (\$) for renewal of The Independent, the Commoner and your book on the railroad pass evil. Wishing you and our cause every success, I am yours truly.

WILLIAM SURMAN.

Mt. Pleasant, Tex., Nov. 3.—Hon. George W. Berge, Dear Sir: I notice that you have published a book called "The Free Pass Bribery System," and I write to ask the price of it, as I want a copy of that book.

GEO. M. ROBERTS.

Parsons, W. Va., Nov. 6.—Hon. George W. Berge, Dear Sir: I notice that you have published a book entitled "The Free Pass Bribery System," and I would like to read the same. Send to me a copy and I will return to you price for same.

J. P. SCOTT.

Greenville, Tex., Nov. 4.—Hon. George W. Berge, Dear Sir: I notice that you have published a book entitled "The Free Pass Bribery System." I wish to order a copy of this book. Please quote me price.

J. P. YATES.

Greenville, Tex., Nov. 4.—Hon. George W. Berge, Dear Sir: I read a notice of a book written by you entitled "The Free Pass Bribery System." Please send me a copy with bill for the price and I will receipt to you the amount.

B. Q. EVANS.

Royalton, Minn., Nov. 6.—To the Editor of The Independent: Please find enclosed \$1.00 for "The Free Pass Bribery System." Most Likely I will take the agency for it. I can tell more about it when I get the book. Mail to Royalton, Minn.

J. V. RAGAN.

Lisbon, O., Nov. 6.—Hon. G. W. Berge, Dear Sir: I notice that you have published a book entitled "The Free Pass Bribery System." When can I get it and what is the price?

W. G. WELLS.

Northfield, Minn., Nov. 8.—Hon. George W. Berge, Dear Sir: I desire to obtain a copy of your book, "The Free Pass Bribery System," and will be pleased to have you advise me the cost of same.

J. S. TRIPP.

Bennett, Neb., Nov. 6.—Hon. George W. Berge: Enclosed please find one dollar in post-office for "The Free Pass Bribery System."

GERHARDT KOLLOSTER.

Minden, Neb., Oct. 30.—Hon. George W. Berge, Kind Friend: Find enclosed two dollars. One for the "new book", remainder to apply on my subscription to The Independent.

J. S. CANADY.

Letters

Seeks Light on Money Question

Chippewa Falls, Wis., November 7.—To the Editor of The Independent: Believing that the power of our government is sufficient to govern this nation, assuming that we are a government "of, by and for the people," the following questions are a few of the many "that rear their querulous heads."

1.—Shall our government govern, or shall wealth in a few hands be the controlling and compulsory force to govern and rob 80,000,000 of their fellow men and deprive them of justice and equal rights?

2.—Why should this government at the behest and command of the few who now control the wealth of this great nation, delegate to and empower national banks (not government banks as many people, without stopping to think, imagine them to be) with almost unlimited special privileges to issue a currency arbitrarily called money, when the power to create money and regulate the volume thereof (the volume controls its value) is a government function that should only be used for the benefit of all the people?

3.—Can any man honestly deny that the power of our government is equally as great to issue a currency direct for the people to use as money, whether that currency be gold, silver, or paper, as its power is to issue interest bearing bonds, as a basis for the banks to use in publishing and promulgating a currency which has no excusable or redeeming quality except that of the bonds upon which the national currency is based?

4.—Does not this system, which was invented by cunning and devilish ingenuity, add to the burden of the people, the unnecessary payment of interest, which rapidly accumulates by being compounded and paid in advance every six months, thus swelling the coffers of the few rich and enabling them to gather in, not only this well manipulated interest on their investment, but in addition to that, supplying them with another equal amount at half of one per cent only, to again loan to the people at a rate more than ten times as great as they have to pay, and also, by this method of short time loans, again com-