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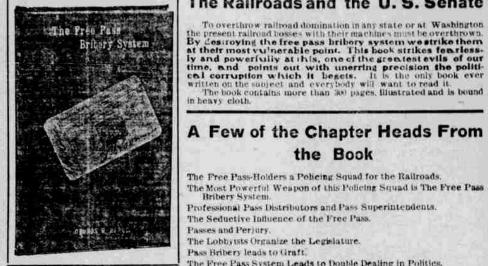
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#### The Issue in Nebraska

Mr Herze was the Democratic and Populist candidate for Gov-emorof Nebraska in 1904, and would have been elected by an over-whething majority except for the Roosevelt landside. He made the railwal question the issue of his campaign. In seathing terms be denounced the professional lobby and the free pass bribery sry-tem. He masted that these were the instrumentalities through which the railroads procured the government away from the people which the railroads procured the government away from the people that by these means they maintain their extortionate freight and passenger rates and betray the people whenever railroad in-terests are involved. The campaign was without a parallel in the state. Mr Berge has kent on battling since that campaign against the victoris bribery system, and it is evident thenext registrations will told its death knefl.



A New Book by Geo. W. Berge

The Betrayal of the People by Pass-Holding Officials Candidate for Governor of Nebraska in 1904

No Hope for Railroad Regulation From the National Congress Until the Free Pass System is Destroyed in the States. Serving Two Musters.

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The Lobbyists Organize the Legislature

Passes and Perjury.

Pass Bribery leads to Graft

The Railroads and the U.S. Senate

A Few of the Chapter Heads From the Book

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THE REPUBLICAN. SPRINGFIELD, MASS. SPRINGFIELD. MASS. "The Free Pass Bribery System" is a book of Nebraska production and consists of various addresses, newspaper editorials and chapters in vigorous denunciation of the free pais evil. The author is George W. Berge, a lawyer of Lincoin, and editor of the independent newspa-per, who ran for governor of the state in 1964 on the fusion ticket. Mr. Berge speaks strongly, and his handling of the politicians who necept thease little bribes is scathing as it ought to be. It is his opinion that the people will never se-cure through their legislative agencies an ef-fective control of the railroads as iong as the free pass control of politicians is tolerated."

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#### THE COMMONER.

George W. Berge, of Lincoln, editor and pub-lisher of the Nebraska Independent and fusion candidate for Governor in 1904, has published a book entitled "The Free Pass Bribery System." Mr. Berge deals with the pass bribery evil in plain language, and points out with unserring 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 ef-fect upon the great masses of the people. Rali-

road 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 abcad of his ticket shows in a measure the deep interest the people of Nebraska are taking in this plasse of Laerall-road problem. "The Free Pass Bribery System" is a vaimable 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. of the people

#### Eminent Educator Endorses It

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#### Ex-Lieutenant Governor Endorses It

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Endorses It York, Nob.-Hon. George W. Berze. My 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 inter-eiting and instructive exposition of the influ-ence of the pass in defeating wholesome rail-rond legislation and in maintaining a most de-testable railroad domination in this country. Your book is a timely and valuable contribu-

tion to the discussion of the paramount issue of the hour and will, no doubt, have great infla-ence in centering attent on upon the most po-tent and demoralizing agency of corruption in existence. Everybody ought to read it. E. A. GILBERT.

#### Candidate Seeks Information

Jeromeville, O.--I have always looked upon the pass as a police by be. I am sure your book will interest me. Please send a copy to my ad-dress and I will remit you the price of your book whatever it is. We are hoping to elect our gov-ernor (Pattison) and wemay have a majority in the logislature and I am hopeful of getting some legislation on this subject at the coming session if re-elected. DAVID ELEY.

#### Values The Book Highly

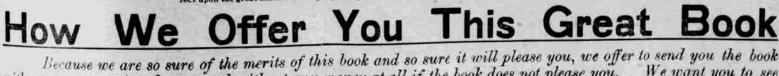
Bridgeport. Neb.--I think that every voter in Nebraska should read it. I would not be with-out it for four prices of it. G. E. CADWELL Former Land Commissioner's View

Normal, Neb.--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 eventry. To all it will be found full of interest and to many it will prove a verifable reveia-tion. J. V. WOLPE.

#### Fighting the Pass Evil Weatherford. Fez.-l am making a light down here against this evil. R. L. STENNIS.

#### Texas Legislator Needs It

Waxohachle, Tex.-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 next seesion. J.M. ALDERDICE.



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