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of the whole state as the relentless and uncompromising foe of railroad government and railroad extortion. The people believe in him. They know he is in dead earnest in his purpose to overthrow railroad rule and secure legislation that will give the producers and taxpayers of the state relief from unjust and intolerable conditions. None can be so blind as not to see the hands of the railroads in the opposition to his renomination. The railroads know full well that if nominated he will be elected, and that therefore they must beat him in the democratic convention or suffer defeat themselves at the polls.

The politicians of the state regardless of party, as well as the people, know that Berge is in dead earnest and will do what he says he will do if given the opportunity. The manner of his speech and the directness of his attacks upon the evils to be overcome leaves no doubt in the minds of his hearers that he voices a profound conviction an unalterable purpose. His convictions and purposes become contagious and irresistible among his audiences demonstrating the commanding power of truth when loaded with the heart's desire of those appealed to and illuminated in words burning with the eloquence of sincerity.

The railroads are against Mr. Berge. They will fight him to the bitter end. They will play upon the ambition of weak men and invoke the blinding power of flattery to make honest men their dupes and tools. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Watch for the free pass holder and regardless of the esteem in which you hold him as a neighbor or friend do not allow him to attend any of the party conventions, because through virtue of the pass that he carries in his pocket, in the convention he will be the tool of Harriman, Hill and Rockefeller to do the work they want done to enable them to continue to fleece the producers and taxpayers of Nebraska.

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What has become of the Shaw Presidential boom?

Politicians are of a few days and full of trouble.

Secretary Taft's North Carolina speech was a fizzle. Nothing in it.

Politicians sometimes forget that the public is God's agent and is entitled to some consideration even at their hands.

The Hill, Harriman and Rockefeller democrats in Nebraska are all opposed to the renomination of George W. Berge for governor.

The suggestion of the possible nomination of Senator Dolliver of Iowa for the presidency sounds ridiculous.

Dolliver was never anything but a noise.

When a man advertises that he only knows his own political status by consulting the brand that he wears he should be exempt from blame, and from influence.

If the Standard Oil crowd were to collect their incomes for six months in cash and lock the same up in a vault it would cause a money panic in the United States.

The man who is indifferent to his duties as a citizen is lacking in an essential constituent of manhood, and is below the stature of a man in the full sense of the term.

A man who neglects to do his duty as a constituent member of the state is a sponge upon those whose intelligence, patriotism and efforts sustain the social and political fabric.

Every acre of grain in the state of Nebraska is worth a little more to its owner on account of a resolution of congress introduced by Senator LaFollette and passed shortly before the adjournment.

The country has cause for rejoicing in the fact that Senator Tillman is assued of another term in the United States senate from his state. It is reported that his competitor has withdrawn from the contest.

Time, the stern winnowener, does its work with no less severity than accuracy. There are many reputations that were considered great a few years ago that are now a deadly incumbrance to their owners, from which there is no escape but death.

The Omaha Bee having acquired the habit of paying strict attention to business when it has a case of a politician to attend to can not be expected to distribute its attention widely among other matters until after Mr. Rosewater's senatorial status is fully established.

The only difference between the Hill-Harriman democrats and the Hill-Harriman republicans is in the spelling and pronunciation of the two words that designate their respective party names. The railroad passes of both are signed by the same men although they may be handed out by different distributors.

If popular government be a permanent form, an offense against the public cannot be condoned. Whenever the public is capable of condoning an offense against itself a democracy becomes only a chimera of the imagination. Therefore, the pathway of a public servant towards a fame that is worth having is a straight and narrow one. How many public men since the civil war have won a

fame worthy of having? The number is few.

If some of our Nebraska democrats happened to have been christened republicans instead of democrats they would never have mistrusted that anything was wrong. They would in that case stick to the name that was given them with as much tenacity as a camel stays with his hump, and for the same reason.

How many of these anti-Berge democrats stood with Bryan two years ago? How many of them would be with him now if his star was not in the ascendancy, and they dared to openly oppose him? It is a band wagon rush now and all are for Bryan because the necessities of the case demand that it be so.

It is certain that David B. Hill who sought to win the favor of the rich and powerful by his scoffs and sneers at the populism and Bryanism will never reach the presidency, the goal of his ambition, to which he subordinated all things else in life. Thus a seemingly great man blundered and played monkey to an overpowering ambition.

Rosewater knows the crowd he is dealing with, hence his suspicions of their good faith in the matter of the senatorship. The railroads need the support of the "Bee" in the coming campaign, and if Rosewater is wise he will secure a pledge in writing from every republican candidate for the legislature before the election. The veteran editor has had some experience with legislatures whose members foully betrayed their trusts and broke their pledges.

The following is the epitaph once suggested by Oliver Goldsmith as being suitable to inscribe upon the tombstone of Edmund Burke after that statesman should pass away:

"Here lies our Edmund whose genius was such,

That no one can praise him or blame him too much.

He was borne of the universe but narrow in mind,

And gave up to party what was meant for mankind."

Fields of wheat that are yielding fifty bushels per acre and upwards are not uncommon in Nebraska this year. The secret of it is that many of our young men have attended the agricultural schools of this and other states and have learned the correct way of preparing the ground, and how and when to do the seeding to obtain the best results. The old saying that "knowledge is power" can be supplemented by the farmers of Nebraska with another saying which is equally true, which is that "knowledge, to the Nebraska farmer, is wealth."

Standard Oil is the controlling in-

fluence in the Gould system of railroads. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul is known in Wall Street as a Rockefeller road, and the control of the New York Central is similarly owned. The Standard Oil crowd are the largest owners of steam railroads and trolley lines of any group of men in the world. They also own the sugar trust, control the gas and electric lighting plants of our principal cities and are represented on the boards of many of the great steel corporations of the country including the trusts.

Compare the status of Lewis Emery, enjoying the respect and love of the people of the great state of Pennsylvania with that of John D. Rockefeller who possesses a billion and is compelled to dodge into holes in the ground and from state to state to avoid the process servers of the law. Mr. Emery is an oil producer and refiner and has always opposed the Standard Oil company and denounced its methods. In spite of competition he has made his millions honestly and retains the respect of his fellows. He waged an unrelenting war against Standard Oil for twenty-five years.

The free railroad pass holders, regardless of whether they are republicans or democrats will vote to confer upon Harriman and Hill the power to make you deliver unto them a portion of your wheat and corn through unjust and extortionate rates. Many of them are insensibly bribed to do this by the railroad pass that was secured for them by a friend, who will tell them how to vote in the party caucuses and conventions. It is the duty of the farmers to protect themselves by electing men to office who are opposed to railroad domination and extortion. The first thing to do is to see to it that no pass holder is allowed to sit in any political convention.

The United States geological survey announces that the production of Portland cement in 1905 amounted to 35,246,812 barrels, valued at \$33,245,867. This is a gain of 8,740,931 barrels in quantity and \$5,890,743 in value over the output of 1904, which amounted to 26,505,881 barrels, valued at \$23,355,119.

The publishers of The Independent want agents everywhere to canvass for subscriptions and sell Mr. Berge's new book, "THE FREE PASS BRIBERY SYSTEM." See advertisement of book elsewhere in this paper. We receive hundreds of orders through the mails. It is the only book written upon a subject in which the people are just now vitally interested. The people everywhere will want the book. Ex-Governor Larabee of Iowa ordered ten books before same were off the press. We receive orders from all parts of the country. This book is a seller. All you have to do is to tell about it. You can make \$100 per month. Write at once for terms. THE INDEPENDENT, Lincoln, Neb.