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**Announcement.**

Mason City, Neb.,  
 February 27, 1905.

To whom it may concern:

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County superintendent of Custer county, subject to will of the republican convention. A. L. PIERCE.

The state legislative will soon have fulfilled its allotted time and if the members want their names on the escutcheon of fame for the great good accomplished in this session it behooves them to get down to business. There are several good measures that should become laws and many bills that should be killed in their respective committees.

The telephone meeting held at the court house last Monday by representative farmers of so many localities is an indication of the interest the public is taken in the co-operative plan urged by the REPUBLICAN but recently. The plan as outlined by the meeting held in the city Monday give an idea of the plan proposed. See the minutes of the meeting in this issue of the REPUBLICAN. There is but little question but a Co-operative company be successfully organized and managed if the right parties are put in charge.

A great revival of religion is reported in progress in Dixon Ill. under the preaching of Evangelist Wm. A. Sunday, the noted Ex base ball player. His sermon was on impure amusements last Friday, at the tabernacle; it drew thousands of people. It is estimated that 4000 people heard the sermon and that 3000 more were unable to enter the building; it is reported by the associated press that hundreds went forward and publicly renounced dances and progressive card games, included in the number were members of the Kendall club, which has raised hundreds of dollars for the poor of the city by their Charity balls, Gamblers have broken their tables, burned their paraphernalia and their rooms have been turned into places of worship.

It is time that the Republicans of the sixth district was looking up a suitable candidate for Supreme Judge to succeed Chief Justice Holcomb, whose time expires next year. Chief Justice Holcomb has been an able judge and we take special pride in his record as he was a Broken Bow man. While we do not make any special claim that a Broken Bow man should be his successor, we do think that he has demonstrated that it is not necessary that only good timber for supreme judges can be had in the eastern part of the state. The central and western part of the state should insist on their right to be represented on the supreme

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bench. If none of the other localities in the sixth district have candidates Broken Bow have others who would do credit to the state. We do not believe all of the members of the supreme court should be selected from the eastern part of the state.

In the house of the state legislation Tuesday, all the anti-pass bills were postponed by a vote of 43 to 40. The test vote was upon H. R. No. 354, the bill introduced by Harmon, which is said to be the only bill on anti-pass legislation introduced, in the house this season by a republican. We are a little surprised that any republican in the house voted against the Harmon bill after reading J. H. Ager's interview in the State Journal on the pass question.

It has generally been known that members of the legislature has been provided with passes by the railroads, as a matter of courtesy. It was generally known that this legislature was no exception in that particular.

But after Mr. Ager publicly denounced Mr. Ernest for taking issue against the railroad lobby, when he was a beneficiary of the road, giving the number and date of his pass, every member of the legislature should have voted for the anti-pass bill and then returned their passes to the roads issuing them with a polite statement they could not be bribed into submission with a railroad pass. As it now stands their vote recorded against the bill they are compelled to rest under the stigma of selling out for a mess of pottage, no matter how good may have been their reasons for voting against the bill.

It was the flagrant and high handed use of railroad passes that did much to defeat the populist party, when in power in this state and the member who voted against that bill with a railroad pass in his pocket can rest assured that his constituents will remember it against him. It may be all right to adopt, Vauwyck's theory of 'foraging off the enemy', but it will never pay to forage off of the enemy, at the expense of your constituents or at the sacrifice of principle and independence.

**The Pass As A Club.**

In regard to "passes: Previous to the convention of the legislature, I, (in accordance with the custom of many years) sent the members annual passes over our lines in the state, and on the personal solicitation of members have since given them a number of trip passes for the use of their families and friends.—J. H. Ager's interview of March 13.

It is a matter of common notoriety that, these passes have been accepted and used liberally, now let a single member make a sign of the sickening disgust that must come over a good man when he begins to realize the helplessness of the legislature in the clutches of the lobby, and the agent who gave the pass will publish him to the world as the beneficiary of corporation favors.

The Ager interview was intended not only to punish Mr. Ernst for speaking out his indignation, but to notify the rest of the members that unless they remain safely in the corporation camp, doing any stunts that may be required, their names will be published with the numbers of their annuals and a detailed statement of the trip passes they have been denied.

Now, gentlemen of the legislature, how brave and independent do you feel with these passes in your pocket, and out in the lobby a man watching you who will not hesitate to publish the number of your annual on the moment your actions do not please his masters? —State Journal.

If legislative advices from Lincoln are correct it is up to the railroad committee of the house to fish or cut bait. The members of that committee are:

- Roberts of Dodge.
- Fishback of Clay.
- Windham of Cass.
- Junkin of Gosper.
- Bartoo of Valley.
- Atwood of Ward.
- Bacon of Dawson.
- Hill of Hitchcock.
- Holliett of Lancaster.
- Tucker of Douglas.
- Rohrer and Stetson of Saline.
- Meradith of York.
- Smith of Burt.
- Copsey of Custer.

There is a growing belief that the above gentlemen of the committee or a large portion of them, and especially the chairman, are disposed to smother the proposed rate reduction measures. But there can not be any escaping the responsibility of that committee. The members must either "fish or cut bait." They must choose this day whom they will serve, the people or the corporations of Nebraska.

They will be known by their fruits and the republican party of this state will of necessity, even though in shame and humiliation, have to stand good for betrayal of trust.

Gentlemen of the committee, it is up to you!—Kearney Hub.

**Was It Lincoln's?**

In spite of the fact that Mr. Spofford, assistant librarian of congress, asserts that P. T. Barnum, rather than Abraham Lincoln, was the author of the words: "You may fool all of the people some of the time—some of the people all of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time," the controversy still rages.

Recently one man, who claimed to be well informed, said that Mr. Lincoln used the words in a conversation with the late Richard J. Oglesby.

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**J. G. VAN COTT.**

DeWitt county, who heard the famous utterance. He declares that Lincoln made the remark during a speech in DeWitt county, in 1853, in reply to one delivered by Stephen A. Douglas, who spoke at the same place in the morning. There was a large concourse of people assembled. The weather being warm, the speaking was outdoors, Lincoln mounting a dry goods box on the north side of the court house. In the course of his address he uttered these words: "Judge Douglas cannot fool the people; you may fool people for a time; you can fool a part of the people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all of the time." It was this utterance which has been in dispute. Historians of Lincoln credit the saying to P. T. Barnum, the great showman. Mr. Campbell, however, distinctly remembers Lincoln using the remark, and says that it was new to the people.

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