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### Was Called to Anselmo.

Dr. T. W. Bass was called to Anselmo last Thursday evening by telephone announcing the serious illness of his brother, Andrian Bass, who was suffering from a sunstroke received several weeks ago. For awhile it was that he would not survive, but his sturdy constitution and courage pulled him through and at this writing he is doing exceedingly well under the circumstances. Dr. Bass returned home Friday night.

## OUR LINCOLN LETTER

Perhaps the most important news item of the past week was the announcement that Secretary Taft would enter the campaign in person and make a tour of a considerable portion of the country speaking enroute. The trip as now planned embraces the states of the Central West and Nebraska is reasonably sure of a visit from the Republican candidate for the presidency. He will find a genuine western welcome and a boundless enthusiasm awaiting him in Nebraska, the home of prosperity and progress which has flowed largely from Republican policies wisely administered in state and nation. Nebraska only awaits election day to prove the sentiment, "Nebraska for Taft."

Automobiles are still regarded somewhat as a luxury and when the people purchase luxuries it is an incontestable proof of prosperity. The automobile thermometer may be taken as a fair index of the prosperity temperature of Nebraska under Republican administration of state and national affairs. In 1866 a very limited number, perhaps less than 100, were owned in the entire state. Today 3,700 of these luxurious vehicles are registered in Nebraska and a great many of them are the property of Nebraska farmers, which will prove even to a blind man that Republican prosperity is general among the people.

Governor George L. Sheldon, Republican candidate for re-election to the office he has so ably filled for the past two years, is this week on a campaign tour addressing the people of various localities on the issues presented by the Republican party. The strength of Governor Sheldon and his party in Nebraska lives in the performance in the past of every promise made the people of state and the confidence of the people that every promise made this year will be redeemed by its performance. To Clinch and make permanent the progressive legislation of the past two years the people need George L. Sheldon in the governor's chair and the Republican party on guard in the legislature and in every state office. There is little doubt that the people will see this accomplished in the November election.

Nebraska Republicanism is progressive. It makes a good record and striving always for better things and goes on and makes them better. For the past two years under State Treasurer Brian the administration of the finances of the state have left no possible opening for a single word of criticism and progress is shown even on the enviable record established by his eminent and able predecessor. Investment of the permanent school fund in excess of two millions were made from January 4, 1907, to date, at an interest rate of one-half per cent higher than in previous years,

netting an additional income of nearly eleven thousand dollars per annum on this item alone. These securities average about 15 years to maturity making a total increase in interest earnings for the full period of about \$164,000. Thus do the people profit from the well directed and the conscientious labors of State Treasurer Brian and the foregoing is but one item in many of his efficient administration of the state treasury.

Until Secretary of State Junkin suggested the provisions of Senate File, 358, which was passed at the thirtieth session of the legislature and become a law, foreign corporations and associations were permitted to come into Nebraska in competition with home corporations, without paying a fee or license tax of any kind. Under the law above noted they are now required to pay the same fees as domestic institutions of like nature. Under this law the income of the secretary of state has been increased from \$22,463.10 for the two years ending November 30, 1906, to \$41,990.30 to this date and will reach, approximately, \$50,000 for the full two year term ending November 30, 1908. Another illustration of practical business judgment applied to state administration and incidental profit to the people for their investment of confidence in the Republican party and its representatives administering a public trust for the people.

No subject touches every home in Nebraska more closely than the public school system of the state. How has this great trust been discharged by the Republican party? By the careful investment of school funds by the Republican state treasurer and the wise and efficient handling of the state school lands by the Republican commissioner of public land, these two assets of the public schools in Nebraska are now earning a sum annually that represents 20 per cent of the entire cost of the public schools of the state relieving the taxpayers of that proportion of the schools. Republican administration always shows a profit both in good government and money for the people.

Candidate Bryan has talked so much and so thoughtlessly that it is not news to be told that another bad break has been recalled which puts the Peerless in a difficult corner. Just how he was proclaiming his love for and interest in the working men of the the country because he is



GEORGE L. SHELDON

HE WILL BE ELECTED GOVERNOR

running for office and wants votes. Nothing is too good for the working man just now but it was not always thus. Last week a workingman who heard Candidate Bryan speak at Weeping Water in 1890 declared that Bryan said in that speech in answer to Congressman's Connell's support of protective tariff, that he (Bryan) "was tired of hearing about laws made for the benefit of the men who work in shops." Newspaper files of that date have been reviewed and prove that candidate Bryan used the exact words quoted. He was talking to farmers at Weeping Water and evidently thought that a "roast" of shop workers would make him votes. He no

doubt expressed his real sentiments. What do the men who "work in shops" think of them?

The Republican party has named its candidate for the legislature in every district of the state. A Republican legislature means a great deal more to Nebraska than a mere party victory. It means progressive legislation in the interest of the whole people. It means a permanent clinching of all reform measures and a permanent establishment of all the square deal policies enacted into law by the last Republican body. It means that progress shall go on in Nebraska and not be halted by an incompetent and reactionary Democratic control. It means the people shall rule as the people did rule in the last session, when every Republican platform promise was redeemed by being enacted into law.

It may be undignified to accuse Candidate Bryan of "talking through his hat" but no other current phrase quite so aptly describes the criss-cross attitude of the Peerless when his talk is compared to his platform. At the state fair, Lincoln on September 4, the three time candidate said: "My friends we are more stingy in making appropriations for the farmer than any other large class of the people." That is true of Candidate Bryan's party but not of the Republican party which has appropriated 35 millions per year for the farmers' rural mail delivery and 15 millions per year for the farmers' agricultural department, the two departments employing 49,000 people in the service of the farmer. Candidate Bryan's platform denounces the "increase of officeholders" and threatens to largely reduce the number. The increase is made up of these men working for the farmer. Bryan wants them discharged (in his platform) and says we are "stingy" with the farmer in his talk. Which does he mean? Or is he talking through his hat?

There is one general statement in the Republican national platform of this year worth reading every day. It declares: "The great accomplishments of President Roosevelt have been, first and foremost, a brave and impartial enforcement of law; the prosecution of illegal trusts and monopolies; the exposure and punishment of evil doers in the public service; the more effective regulation of the rates and service of the great transportation lines; the complete overthrow of preferences, rebates and discriminations; the arbitration of labor disputes; the amelioration of the condition of wage-workers everywhere; the conservation of the natural resources of the country; the forward step in the improvement of the inland waterways, and always the earnest support and defense of every wholesome safeguard which has made more secure the guarantees of life, liberty and property. These are the achievements that will make Theodore

Roosevelt his place in history, but more than all else the great things he has done will be an inspiration to those who have yet greater things to do. We declare our unflinching adherence to the policies thus inaugurated, and pledge their continuance under a Republican administration of the government."

These statements are known to be true by every intelligent citizen of our country. As a fitting sequel to this declaration, President Roosevelt, on receiving the news of the nomination of Secretary Taft for the presidency said:

"I feel that the country is indeed to be congratulated upon the nomination of Mr. Taft. I have known him intimately for many years and I have a peculiar feeling for him, because throughout that time he worked for the same object with the same purposes and ideals. I do not believe there could be found in all the country a man so fitted to be president."

Does this leave question as to who will best carry to completion the real Roosevelt policies?

### Railroad Taxes.

If a fusionist tries to tell you a story about railroad taxes, cut out these figures, and shoot them at him. They are the story the record of railway assessments tell.

In 1895, Governor Crouse, and a republican assessment board, assessed the railroads of Nebraska, at their full value at \$27,939,176.50. This was when the law required assessment at full value.

In 1897, under the administration Governor Holcomb, a populist, and a populist board, assessed the railroads at their full value, at \$25,561,720.20. A decrease of over \$2,000,000 from two years before.

In 1907, under the administration of Governor Sheldon, and a republican assessment board, the railroads were assessed at one fifth value, and the figures at which they were assessed were \$5,036,796.97, which if assessed at full value as in former years for taxation purposes would have made a full value of over \$26,500,000.

The railroads have been building no new road during the past year, and very little improvement owing to the legislation in this state, which was put in effect two years ago. The railroad assessments are the same this year as last.—St. Paul Republican.

### Norris Brown to Speak at Sargent.

Norris Brown is to speak at Sargent on October 2d., so says Chairman Pigman who has his authority from the State Central Committee. Mr Brown is a fine talker and should be greeted by a large audience.

### Wagon and Grain Burns.

Last Saturday, near Arnold a load of grain was set fire by a threshing engine and before it could be put out the wagon and grain were burned. Roy Phiefer was severely burned while trying to put out the fire.

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### Death of D. W. Thompson.

D. W. Thompson, formerly a resident of Broken Bow, died in Eureka, California, August 29th, aged 64 years. For a number of years he was in the hardware business in this city and has many friends in this county who will be pained to hear of his death. Mr. Thompson had been suffering for several weeks with stomach trouble, but was able to attend to his business. It was only a few days before he died that his illness took an acute form. The relatives have the sympathy of his many friends in Broken Bow.

### To Select Chairman.

A new chairman and secretary of the Republican County Central will be selected next Saturday according to the rules of the new primary law. These two offices should be filled by the best men in the party; for on them depends the management of the campaign and as the time is short until election, they should be men who can devote their time exclusively to the work.

### The Callaway Fair.

The Second annual fair at Callaway will be held September 22, 23, 24 and 25, the week following the Custer County Fair which is being held in Broken Bow. Liberal purses are offered for racing, premiums on exhibit are standard and the people of Callaway guarantee everyone who attends a fine time.

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