

GOOD GOVERNMENT

Republican Record in Nebraska Entitles Party to Public Confidence.

Taxes are raised from the people and are spent by the public officials elected by the people, consequently the public officials are the business agents of the taxpayers pure and simple. The interests of the people are consequently bound up in the intelligence, honesty and efficiency of our public officials. How have the republican officials of Nebraska discharged this business trust for the people of Nebraska? One illustration will go far to show. The state debt of Nebraska, created by fusion extravagance and mismanagement largely, reached its high point in December, 1905, amounting to two and one-third million dollars at that date. Republican legislation and the careful administration of republican state officers reduced this debt to \$479,000, on August 1st, 1908, without noticeable burden to the taxpayers. That is the way the republican party discharges a business trust confided to it by the people. The record is one to be proud of.

What else has the republican party achieved for good government in Nebraska to entitle it to a continuance of public confidence?

The republican party is in power in the state now. It is giving the Nebraska people clean, progressive and forceful state government, the very best state government we ever had.

We have had progressive state legislation.

The two cent per mile passenger rate law, the railroad commission law reducing freight rates and express rates, the anti-pass law, the primary election law, the pure food law and other progressive measures, all put forward as the result of higher ideals evolved and crystallized into the sentiment and the progressive spirit that dominates the republican party in this state.

All these things have come through the republican party of Nebraska and not through the influence of Candidate Bryan or his political associates in Nebraska, for neither he nor they have helped to work out these bettered conditions. When these practical things were being done Candidate Bryan was always somewhere else talking up his candidacy at \$500 a talk.

The Nebraska people, proud of the progress of their state, in business and government, owes nothing to Candidate Bryan for any constructive assistance rendered by him.

The material conditions in the state are such as to hold the public mind in an optimistic mood and optimism is an antidote to Bryanism.

Corn is high and it's a corn state. Wheat is high and it's a wheat state. Cattle are high and it's a cattle state.

Hogs are high and it's a hog state. Land is high, going higher every day and it's a land state, and it's a state of farmer voters.

Governor Sheldon has made an enviable record with the Nebraska people by being a courageous, level-headed, strong, manly man in the executive office. As the leader of the party in this campaign he attracts universal respect for his high character and universal confidence for his broad minded fairness as an executive. Taking all these things into consideration one can see nothing in the outlook for the coming election but the usual republican majority in Nebraska.

The Nebraska voter this year will have an opportunity to choose between promise and performance. If promises alone will satisfy him he can vote the democratic ticket with reasonable assurance that he will get promises and nothing else. If he wants performance, if he wants things done, he will have to vote for the republican candidates as that party is the only "do it now" party in this state. This is the proof: In 1897 the democratic party with fusion, controlled every department of Nebraska government and power. They had the governor and state officers, the legislature and the supreme court. The party kept no promises made prior to the election and gave the people no relief from railway domination, transportation abuses, extortionate freight, passenger or express rates. They grabbed free-passes from the railroads with both hands and left the people to paddle their own canoe. Now note the difference. In 1908 the republican party promised Nebraska a long list of reforms and put the promises in the platform. A republican legislature enacted every promise into law; every law was approved by Governor Sheldon, republican state officers have intelligently administered every law enacted and not a pledge is left unredeemed. That's the republican way.

County Commissioners' Proceedings.

McCook, Nebraska, September 15, 1908.

The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, present F. S. Lofton, C. B. Gray and S. Premer, county commissioners, and Chas. Skalla, county clerk.

The bond of the Standard Bridge Co. for \$100,000, covering their contract for the building of bridges in the county for the year beginning September 2nd was examined and on motion approved.

The petition of Frank Stillman, Alfred Carter and others, asking for the establishment of a public road, was read and considered. The board finds that all the owners of land along the line of the proposed road have their names attached to the petition and that the public good requires it and on motion same was granted establishing a public road, No. 421, as follows:

Commencing at the point on the north line of the B. & M. Right of Way, where said Right of Way intersects with the section line running north and south between sections 26 and 27, town 3, range 29, and running thence north-easterly along the north line and parallel with said Railroad Right of Way through sections 26, 23 and 24 intersecting with Road No. 350 beginning at said point, along the Right of Way, and the Clerk was instructed to notify the Overseer of Highways to open said road.

The petition of A. Peters and others, asking for the establishment of a public road, was read and considered and on motion laid over until the meeting on October 6th, 1908.

On motion the County Treasurer was instructed to refund to the holder of the tax sale certificate on lot 17, block 10, original town of McCook, the amount of \$6.37, being the amount of taxes for the years 1905 and 1906 with interest, for the reason that said lots were owned by the City of McCook during those years and are exempt from taxation. The Treasurer was further instructed to strike from the 1907 tax list the taxes for said lots.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to refund to Wm. Greenway, the sum of \$6.04, being the amount erroneously assessed and paid by him on a tract of land in Danbury Village, beg 520 ft. E. of the sec cor blk 4-Danbury, then n 330 ft. E. 264 ft. S 330 ft. W 24 ft. to beginning, said amount being paid in the years 1905 and 1907.

On motion the County Treasurer was instructed to refund to the following named persons the amount of poll tax illegally assessed against them and paid by them under protest, as follows:

H. Leflaron, \$2.00 being assessed in Indianola City and having already paid in Furnas county as shown by receipt.

J. S. Uleman, \$2.00, being assessed in Indianola City and having already paid in Indianola Precinct.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to refund to Ellen M. Sly the sum of \$3.24, being the sum illegally assessed against her and paid by her under protest, for the reason that the note for \$400.00 owned by her had the sum of \$200.00 paid down before the 1st day of April, 1907.

On motion the Board decided not to allow more than \$3.00 per day for any member of the Election Boards in any precinct of the county, except to the one in each precinct, that makes the returns to the County Clerk.

The following claims were audited and allowed and the Clerk was instructed to draw Warrants on the County General Fund, levy of 1908, as follows:

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Advertisement for Dr. R. J. Gunn, Dentist, with contact information and office address in McCook, Nebraska.

Advertisement for Gatewood & Value, Dentists, with contact information and office address in McCook, Nebraska.

Advertisement for Dr. J. A. Colfer, Dentist, with contact information and office address in McCook, Nebraska.

Advertisement for A. G. Bump, Real Estate and Insurance, with contact information and office address in McCook, Nebraska.

Advertisement for Neill Bros., Contractors and Builders, with contact information and office address in McCook, Nebraska.

Advertisement for A. Edgar Hawkins, Real Estate, with contact information and office address in McCook, Nebraska.

Advertisement for Hawkins & Evans, Contractors and Builders, with contact information and office address in McCook, Nebraska.

Advertisement for Automobile Livery, with contact information and office address in McCook, Nebraska.

Advertisement for E. F. Osborn, Drayman, with contact information and office address in McCook, Nebraska.

Advertisement for F. D. Burgess, Plumber and Steam Fitter, with contact information and office address in McCook, Nebraska.

Advertisement for Bulbs, featuring 'SPECIAL OFFER' and 'Souvenir Collection' by H. W. Curleba.

Advertisement for Farmers, bringing their wheat to the mill, with contact information and office address in McCook, Nebraska.

Advertisement for Semolina, a fine breakfast food, with contact information and office address in McCook, Nebraska.

Advertisement for McCook Milling Company, with contact information and office address in McCook, Nebraska.

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