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ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE

No political party deserves to succeed on false pretenses or false assertions. No party which attempts by false assertions to deceive the voters, deserves the favorable consideration of honest men.

The Falls City News of last week contained an alleged answer to The Tribune's tax article, which for unadulterated misrepresentation was the limit. We do not know who wrote the News article, but we do know who so ever did write it, is either a very ignorant or a very untruthful man.

It will be remembered that The Tribune stated that on June 30th, 1904, there was on hand in the county treasury the sum of \$46,366.94 in county funds without an outstanding warrant. The Tribune stated further that \$53,003.00 was the largest sum of money collected by this county in taxes for any one year. A four mill levy by the county board would have produced the sum of \$24,656.00.

The amount on hand.....	\$46,366.94
Amount four mill levy would produce.....	24,656.00
Total.....	\$71,022.94

A four mill levy with the amount of money on hand would produce the above sum of \$71,022.94 OR MORE THAN \$18,000.00 IN EXCESS OF THE COLLECTIONS FOR ANY ONE YEAR.

A four mill levy would have decreased the taxes (state and county) of every tax payer in Richardson county. The democratic county board, however, levied nine mills, five mills more than will be required and for this reason and this reason alone, the taxes of the property owners of Richardson county will be increased.

Now comes the Falls City News and says that the \$46,000.00 was not county money. Let us quote the statement: "But all of the \$46,000.00, as reported by the county treasurer in his last semi-annual statement, does not belong to the county. This is proven by the report itself, which shows that a large percent of this fund belongs to the state and school fund, and must go to the schools and state and to no other source. So then, instead of \$46,000.00 of county money being on hand, * * * * but a small percent of this sum is really the property of the county."

We now assert and will prove that the above quotation is either an unwarranted mistake of its author or is a deliberate attempt to deceive the voters of this county.

The records of the county treasurer are open to the inspection of everybody. We ask you to go to them and see whether or not The Tribune made a false statement when it asserted and now repeats that every cent of this \$46,000.00 was county money and not one penny of it belonged to the state or schools.

On page 133 of the book of balances in the office of the county treasurer will be found all moneys on hand, June 30th, 1904, the end of the fiscal year. You will find there the following county money.

County General fund.....	\$28,310.42
County Bridge fund.....	11,625.64
County Road fund.....	6,093.46
Soldiers Relief fund.....	340.42
Total.....	\$46,399.94

If The Tribune had desired to descend to the low level of false and fraudulent statements, it could have said that the county treasurer had on hand the sum of \$80,194.28. The same page of the same book shows that this sum was on hand June 30th 1904 in state, county, township and school tax. We however, desired to present only the truth and therefore stated that the county had on hand an unexpended balance of \$46,000.00. More than that, at the bottom of this page will be found the following.

"We do hereby certify that we have examined the above statement of Martin Zook county treasurer of Richardson county, Nebraska for the six months ending June 30th, 1904. To the best of our knowledge we believe each collection has been correctly entered and properly accounted for and that the vouchers and other items of credit were in proper form and correctly entered and that the FOOTINGS WERE VERIFIED BY US AND FOUND TO BE CORRECT, AND THE ABOVE STATEMENT OF BALANCES AGREES WITH SAID AC-

COUNTS IN SAID COUNTY TREASURERS LEDGER.

Joseph Glasser, Chairman Finance Committee.
C. J. Santo,
Charles B. Snyder.

Thus we see, that on a public record, the committee of the democratic county board certifies, on June 30th, 1904, that there was more than \$46,000 of COUNTY MONEY in the hands of the County Treasurer.

And yet the News says "but a small per cent of this sum is really the property of the county."

The certificate discloses more; it shows that the democratic county board knew when the nine mill levy was made, that a four mill levy would be more than sufficient. Mr. Glasser who signed this certificate as chairman of the finance committee IS A DEMOCRAT AND IS THE MAN WHO INTRODUCED THE RESOLUTION MAKING A NINE MILL LEVY WHEN HE MUST HAVE KNOWN THAT A FOUR MILL LEVY WOULD HAVE RAISED MORE WITH THE BALANCE ON HAND THAN THE COUNTY HAD EVER RAISED IN ONE YEAR OR EVER SPENT IN ONE YEAR. WHY, IF NOT TO CREATE AN ISSUE ON THE REVENUE LAW BY INCREASING THE TAXES WHEN THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN LOWERED?

We will make another quotation from the remarkable News article: "If all the money reported by the county Treasurer in his July report belonged to the county, then a four mill levy for one year would be sufficient to run the county!"

We have here the admission of the official organ of the democratic party that a four mill levy would have been sufficient, for all of the \$46,000 reported by the county Treasurer did belong to the county. If there is any tax payer in Richardson County who doubts the figures and statements herein contained he has but to go to the Treasurer's office to ascertain their truth or falsity.

This attempt of the News is to deceive the voters into voting the democratic legislative ticket. This is desired, not to repeal the revenue law, but to elect W. J. Bryan United States Senator and to defeat Elmer J. Burkett. Don't be deceived.

Are you in favor of the continuation of the present prosperity? Are you in favor of the Panama Canal? Are you in favor of the retention of the Phillipine Islands? Are you in favor of a protective tariff? Are you in favor of President Roosevelt in his fight against Morgan, Hill, Belmont, Rockefeller and the wall street gang? Are you in favor of this continuing to be a government of the people—by the people—for the people? Then vote for the republican ticket—Grinstead, Tucker, Hogrefe and Smith who will vote for E. J. Burkett to go to Washington to sustain and uphold the arms of him who has staked his future in the interest of the "plain people."

The democrats are talking revenue and taxation. What they mean is "send Bryan to the senate. Any republican who votes the democratic legislative ticket is casting his vote for Bryan and against Burkett.

Any republican who votes against Grinstead, Tucker, Hogrefe or Smith is voting against Roosevelt and for Parker.

Don't—Don't be fooled.



Since the above was written, the public dispatches have stated that the speeches delivered by W. J. Bryan in Indiana, West Virginia and Illinois were delivered upon the expressed condition that the democratic national committee was to send fifty thousand dollars of its Wall street money to Nebraska to elect a democratic legislature in order that Mr. Bryan shall be elected United States senator. Mr. Bryan is now speaking in this state from the rear end of train advising them to LET PARKER GO but to spend all of its time in electing the democratic legislative ticket.

Again we say—don't be fooled and don't be bought. A republican legislature means Roosevelt United States senator; a democratic legislature means Bryan.