THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

EUITOR

Register.

This certainly is a campaign that W.

H. Thompson, the fusion candidate for

governor, can feel proud of. People are

being met every day, who have hereto-

fore voted the republican ticket, that

are now openly and publicly declaring

their intentions to support the fusion

nominee, Mr. Thompson for governor.

These same men know Mr. Thompson

and know him to be an honest upright

man and that is one of the reasons they

are going to support him for governor.

Such a man as Mr. Thompson is appre-

ciated by those who know him and there

is no question about his election and we

believe by a larger majority than many

No Man has ever been nominated on

any ticket who has the confidence of all

classes of people which W. H. Thomp-

son, the fusion nominee holds. No man

can say naught against him and as for

honesty and ability no man stands high-

er or is better qualified for governor.

His record as mayor of Grand Island

should convince any voter that with him

at the heal of the beautiful state of Ne-

braska, both republicans and fusionists

are safe from impositions which have

been thrust upon us during the past few

years as well as during the Bartley

transgressions Voter be patriotic

enough to look into this matter and be

sure that you cast your vote for the

people and not for the railroad corpor-

son that gives the people who meet

ations .- Hastings Public Journal.

estimate.-Aurora Sun.

I. M. RICE

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THOMPSON FOR COVERNOR

ALKX BURR.

ers. Mr. Mickey will run far behird reau, run in the patent side of republihis own ticket in Polk county, while | can papers; and deliberately and malic- tious man on his guard. The same iously lied regarding these matters, and thing had been done regarding the Mr. Thompson will run hundreds ahead at Grand Island. The fusionit is due to the honest thinking people ists congratulate themselves on the of Nebraska that they have an opporexcellent character of their canditunity to know the truth. dates throughout the ticket - Sutton

Chairman Populist State Com. | ceive.

Lincoln, Nebr., Sept., 23. 1902 Hon. Fred A. Nye:

Dear Sir :- I have yours of the 16th inst., inquiring if our comm ittee expect to prepare a comparison of fact, figures etc:, between the present republican state administration and former fusion administrations. Inasmuch as the republic ins have full charge at the state house, and have free access to all records, I have been wating a long time for them to take the initative and present facts in support of 'heir assertions. You will remember that your fellow townsman, the gentleman who does the attorney general's work for a deputy's pay-except when there are "friends

of the court" around, sounded what was called a "keynote" at the meeting of republican delegates in June, called to ratify the selections made at the famou; conference of railroad attorneys ten days prior thereto. You will doubtless remember his statement that "there stood at the end of the first year to the cre lit of the present state administration the sum of \$87,231,61, Republicans, one of the material issues of this campaign is, shall the state and the tax payers be again turned over to the tender mercies of deficiency builders, salary purioiners and interest collectors? Now, Norris Brown is a pleasant gentleman to meet, and a good lawyer, but he fell into the error of using some statistical matter cooked up in the State Journal and Evening News in April There is that about Billy Thompthis year, remarkable chiefly for the things omitted.

him the feeling that he is a man to For example the penitentiary was be trusted. One would notice this entirely omitted from both tables, and even if he had never had the pleasthe Kearney school and Millford sold ure of a previous acquaintance with ier's home from one of them, The Mr. Thompson. It is a quality which point sought to be made that the republicans officials had refrained from spending quite half of what the legislaure of 1901 had said they might spend in two years. But that did not prove that they had spent less than their fusion predecessors had in a like period of time. To Illustrate: The legislature of 1899 appropriated large sums for erecting new buildings, but did not give enough for current expenses. The result was that deficiences were incurred at a number of institutions, chiefly in the items of fuel and lights, and board and clothing. The legislature of 1901 a ppropriated much less for buildings and other permanent improvennets, but gave nearly \$110,000 more for current expenses, as the following will show:

Totals That ought to put a reasonably causoldiers' home at Grand Island and the school at Omaha. The comparison was worthless-it was worse than that, because it was purposely intended to de-

Since the receipt of your letter I have examined the records in the auditor's office and prepared a comparative table covering the period from April 1st 1899 to August 31, 1900, under Governor Poynter's administration, and the period from April 1, 1901 to August 31, 1902. under Governors Dietrich and Savage. This is apparently 17 months, are:

but really only sixteen for all but about Republican two of the institutions, because August Fusion claims are usually paid in September Rep. increase and neither appropriation was available for claims incurred prior to April 1st. at these asylums at a total cost of \$221. This does not matter, however, as both 649 23. or \$167.79 each for the period sides are treated alike. I have taken the auditor's warrant record for my authority-it shows what was paid. In order to get at the matter intelligently. I have divided the appropria republican economy with such figures. For every inmate in these institutions, tions into three classes (a) those for current expenses, such as board and

clothing. fuel and lights, etc. (b) those than the fusion cost for exactly the for repairs and replacements; (c) those for buildings and other permanent imrecords show. provements, new engines, furniture.

The penitentiary record is even worse and the like and designated them for cans hate to even think about it. After convenience as maintenance, repairs and betterments, respectively. The division cannot be made exact to a Savage was obliged to call upon a popucent, because some appropriations cover ail three classes of items (usually list to go down and get matters smail), but whatever I have called an appropriation for one side I have called 1898 had succeeded in running the it for the other. I have omitted the penitentiary a whole year on a little less institution at Beatrice from the summary, because from May until some was of the opinion he could get along time in the fall the superintendent was the next two years with only \$30,000 using in addition. of course, the con holding on at the end of a lawsuit and only a part of his vouchers were being allowed; this would make his apparent was too little; but his successor, War den Hopkins made the \$30,000 last expenditures too small for a fair comparison-and we can afford to be fair little over fifteen months-up to July was placed above business ability; and

he gets from convicts' earnings, Davis 576 267 06 520 866 90 has been running on tick since that The best index to what an administration is doing is found by looking at time. Hopkins had about \$22.000 of "Deficiencies;" Davis will surely have the cost of maintaing the insane asylums and the penitentiary. We need say in the neighborhood of \$50,000. Comparison for this institution is as follows: nothing about the fires at Norfolk and Per capita the penitentary. Those were undoubt-Inmates Cost \$214.36 \$71,167.45 Republican 332 edly the result of republican negligence 197.39 53 887.59 273 Fusion and carelessness-and the taxpayers 17,279.86 16.97 Rep. in rease 59 It cost Warden Hopkins \$197.39 lost heavily. Had these losses occurred apiece to care for 273 convicts; but the under fusion administration, we should additional 59 under Davis' "redempnever have heard the last of them. tion" cost an additional \$17,279.86, or Owing to the Norfolk fire and the con-\$292.88 a head. But this is not all: On sequent removal of patients to the other two places, we shall treat the three as August 31, 1900, Warden Hopkins had one in our comparison. The figures been running "on tick" a little over six

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weeks-from July 17th. But on Aug-Per capita ust 31, 1902, Warden Davis had been buying on time (running up deficiencies) ever since March 11th-over five and a half months. Neither Hopkins The fusionists cared for 1,321 inmates nor Davis had enough appropriated to run the penitentary without a deficiennamed. An addition of 78 inmates un- cy, but the records show which man der republican rule cost the tax payers made the best of a bad situation. It an additional \$33,156.28, or \$425.08 costs Davis about \$12 a year more than a head. Rather difficult to show much it did Hopkins to care for each convict. Will the foregoing be sufficient information along this line? I have not the republican cost is \$14.34 greater thought it necessary to make the tables too extended, because they are harder same length of time. This is what the to understand. I have directed my inquiry along the lines of finding out the

exact truth, believing in the long run It is such a sore spot that the republi- figures "prepared" for partisan purposes are of little use. The record made by the disastrous fire down there the war- the fusionists under Governors Holcomb den got so muddled that Governor and Poynter, both in efficiency and economy, has never been equalled. The present republican officials-some of straightened up. Warden Leidigh in them-have undoubtedly done better than some of their republican predecessors. but none of them have yet learn than \$7,500 from the general fund, and ed the art of attending to the state's business with the same watchful care that characterized the fusion administrations There is a reason for this: victs' earnings. It transpired that this' Long years of power in Nebraska had in enervating effect upon the republican party; ability to control one's ward if the other fellows do try the film flam 17, 1900, when he had used all but the result was administration by officers

B. R. B. WEBER.

We want our readers to know the favorable comment of other papers for Mr. Thompson.

We give only a few of many such comments as these.

The Niobrara Pioncer, one of the oldest republican pap-1s in Nebraska has come out for W.H. Thompson for governor and will support the entire fusion ticket.-Seward Democrat.

"Billy" is far the peer of Mickey, in tellect and schooling. He should be elected governor by all means. Mr Thompson is thoroughly reliable in every way .- Neb. Blizzar ?.

While the republican press continues to sing the praises of their candidate Mickey as being "a practical farmer." Wm. II. Thompson keeps on sawing wood and posing only before the people as a manly man. He needs no ruse to carry hum into office.-Platte County Leader.

The republicans and fusionists of Hal county are vieing with each other to say nice things about W. H. Thompson. their fellow citizen, who is the fusion nomines for governor this fall. This is something decidedly out of the ordinary and portends an easy victory for Thompson at the polls.-Holdrege Progress.

The Madison Mail says the fusionists never put up a stronger ticket than they have this year and the republicans never nominated a weaker one. Particularly is this true with reference to the candidates for governor. Every voter in the state ought to cast his ballot for W. II. Thompson for governor .-Wayne Democrat.

Much has been said about a business man's administration of public affairs. If that is what you want vote for W. H. Thompson for governor. He is a business man of known ability, honest, straightforward, fearless. He is owned by no corporation or clique of men and will make an ideal governor --St. Paul Phonograph-Press.

Because Mickey has always been a rampant Anti-Saloon fanatic is his own afiair but his abandonment of the

will win for the gubernatorial candidate the good will and friendly offices of hosts of those who do not believe as he does politically. We have known Billy for several years, and, we entertain for him a very high regard not merely because he is of our faith but because we have knowledge of his good qualities. We know him to be absolutely a sincere and an honest

> man, and one whom the people can trust to serve them well, faithfully and economically. Mr. Thompson is not the railroads candidate, but he stands forth as the people's representative.-Nebraska State Democrat.

Hon. W. H. Thompson's campaign for governor is gathering strength from al sides. He is recognized by sound pusiness interests of all classes to be an eminently safe man for the office. He believes in arbritation in the settlement

of labor troubles. This would stop the present strike on the U.P. railroad which is so disastrous to all business. He is in favor of assessing the railroads much higher than at present in order to raise revenues sufficient to meet our expenses. As a candidate for a public office he is letting the people know just where he stan is on all public questions while his competitor, Mr Miney, h parading his privare affairs, blowing of his honesty and crying over the sins of others who are not as good as he. And every one knows that this blowing and blubbering of Candidate Mickey isonly a cloak of sentiment he dons to cover

up his corporation ownership. If you want to know where he stands on public questions ask the railroads .- Fullerton Post.

and populist nominee for governor. is the kind of a man who is highly esteemed by those who know him best. A popular and well liked man in every section of Nebraska, it is in Grand Island, where he has lived for many years, that he has his most ardent ad mirers and warmest supporters. In his case it is not true that the prophet is without hogor in his own country. In a score or more of years the people of Grand Island have had abundant opportunity to learn to know W. H. Thompson, who came to the city a poor

and unknown man, and has risen to be

COMPARISON OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR **CURRENT EXPENSES.** 1899 1991 Asylum, Hastings \$176 800 \$204 400 Asylum, Lincoln 117 450 Asylum, Norfolk 102 800 32 950 Penitentiary Kearney Sch Jol 82 700 Geneva School 35 790 **Beatrice School** 72 350 **Omaha School** 63 390 Nebr. City School 13 815 Sold'rs Home Grand Is 78 870 Soldiers home Miliford 16 760 dome for Friendless 32 000 18 170 adapated home Totals \$878 935 Accordingly, the republicans could

145 725

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36 500

86 500

33 175

93 800

73 950

45 975

97 810

20 880

32 500

20 650

988 915

spend \$55,000 a year more than was allowed the fusionists for current expenses, and still keep within their appropriations. As a matter of fact the statement made by Mr. Brown was not true because the penitentiary. Millford soldters home, and Kearney school, had each used up more than one-Lalf their W. H. Thompson, the democratic respective allowances in the first year (the penitentiary had used its \$32,000 for "maintenance" all except 52 cents by the 11th of March, 1902-ess than a year), and these were conveniently omitted from the statistical table from which he secured his information But whether half was used in one year, or less than half, the real question is, how much was spent, and is this more or less than was spent by the fusionists in the same length of time in maintaining an equal number of inmates? This is the real question.

The only attempt that has been made by the republicans to show any comone of its leading citizens. They have parative figures was a tablet printed in

game.

As it is necessary to have a clear understanding of the situation, J give below the population (that is to say, the inmates) of the various institutions. as shown by the records in the governor's office:

INMATES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS. Rep. Fus Incr'se Decr'se May 31, May 31,

1902 1200 107 677 Asylum Hastings 784 Asylum Lincoln 244 371 615 (a) 273 273 Asylum Norfolk ----52 325 Grand Island 273 57 Milford (S&S) 88 31 55 72 Nebraska City 202 197 5 Omaha Lincoln (II F.) 76 75 1 Milford (I. H.) 53 59 125 13 158 Kearney 55 63 Geneva 332 59 Penitentiary 273

2,723 203 Lotais 2,529 (a) Burned out and patients removed. The large growth in population at the two sol liers' home is doubtless exaggerated. The republican figures are doubtless the total enrollment and include those out on furlough, while the fusion figures are made up from the average of the roll calls for six months. It is also remarkable to note the growth in population at the pententiary, notwithstanding the efforts made by the present governor to keep it down. However, these are the official figures and we must accept them.

The comparison of expenditures in the periods named above is as tollows. TWELVE STATE INSTITUTIONS.

> (Beatrice omitted.) Republican Fusion April 1, 1901 to April 1, 1899 to

Aug. 31, 1902, Aug. 31, 1909. Maintenatice 576,267 66 520,866 90 Repairs 16,072 29 16,155 06 Betterments 79,258 10 123,736 76 671,597 45 Totatls 660,736 76 Our inquiry is now concerning the item of maintenance. It will be seen that the republican expenditure is \$55, 400 greater than that of the fusionists for this item, but that of itself proves nothing until we compare the number of inmates maintained. We find that

there were 203 additional inmates under republican administration, and it cost the state \$55,400.16 additional to care for them. That is, \$272,90 to each inmate for sixteen months.

Now, the 2,520 inmates were cared for this length of time by the fusion administration at the cost of \$206.69

\$97 54 of it. His successor, Warden who never counted the cost, who cared

John Bowers,

Inmates

1,999

1,321

78

Cost

221,649,23

33,156,23

\$254,805 51 \$182.13

167.79

14,34

Davis started in with \$35,000 from the nothing about that, because it was general fund and had it all spent but 52 somebody eise's money they were spendcents by the 11th day of March, 1902, a ing. little less than a year. Aside from what

Yours Very Truly, Charles Q. DeFrance.

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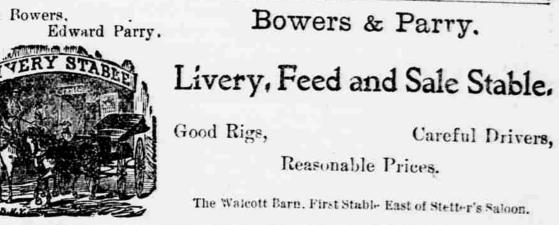
A.G. SHAW SAYS

I came not here to talk. You know the Old Story. We are Slaves to a hord of petty Tyrants, who come to you with a Sample of enlarging. You order a Crayon and get a Solar print. You order a Pastel and get a Tinted print, and so on till you spend twice the amount that I would get the Genuine Article that you order. I take orders for Crayons, Pastels, Argentic and all class of Water Colors. First Class Photos and Stamps at

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was nominated and having his name omitted from their stationery just for	twice elected him mayor of their repub- lican city. He made the best mayor the city had ever had; gave the people	ed the inaccuracies and unfairness in it in a series of articles in the Nebraska	republican administration cost \$211.63 apiece. That settles the question of which cost the more. So far as dollars	V A T. H.N	arket Price Paid for Ducks and Eggs. NTINE - NEBRASKA
to prevade the public mind as to the	like administration possible. Since which Grand Island has known no	inguite grien were.	and cents are concerned this is pro- bably the best record ever made by any republican administration —but it falls short of the fusion record by consider-		
No man in Grand Island or Hall county has been found that will say a word against Hon. W.H. Thompson, and that speaks wel! for the "Little Giant." He has been so honest and upright in his dealings that even his political enemies admire him. That's	The following letter written by Mr, DeFrance to Hon. Fred A. Nye at Kearney, represents weeks of hard toil to assemble, prove, and intelligently	Republican 37 159.12 Republican saving \$19 737,16 Investigation showed that the fusion figures included \$26,776.04 expended on four new buildings, but the republi- C in figures did NOT include \$13,713 90 expended in the purchase of land. Af-	able. The item of "maintenance" for the several institutions included in the above is as follows: CURRENT EXPENSES TWELVE INS- TIFUTIONS. Republican Fusion Hastings 125 165 57 88 266 45		Valentine, Nebr.
a grand endorsement. A better one could not be asked for. In the hands of such a man the people's interests are safe. The strong contrast between the home reputations of the two candi- dates for governer is causing great uncasiness at republican headquart.	state administration and the adminis- tration under the fusion officials. This covers the ground thoroughly and we ask each reader of this paper to exam ine it carefully. These figures are ab- solutely reliable. The republicans	penditures for buildings, land and oth- er betterments and repairs, I found the expenditures for current expenses as follows: Republican \$33 556.62 Fusion 37 159.12	Penitentiary 71 167 45 53 887 57 Grand Island 63 271 41 56 046 73	GET YOU	Richards & Comstock, Ellsworth, Nebr F UR PRINTING AT THIS OFFICE: Setisty You in Quality Price and Worksamaship