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For Land Commissioner—  
A. A. Worsley, (pop) Boyd.

For Supt. Public Instruction—  
A. Softley, (pop) Perkins.

**"What About Mickey?"**

The Lincoln (Neb.) News, a republican paper, recently reproduced from the Grand Island Democrat the charge that R. B. Schneider the famous republican leader, who is at the head of the elevator trust, has been "busying himself seeing that the coming legislature contained a number of men who would not look too kindly upon the independent elevator trusts," and has been taken severely to task by other republican papers.

In justification of the publication the News says:

"The News' only object in publishing the story was to give publicity to fact that this charge was being made in all sections of the state and thereby making it incumbent upon the republican managers to either nail the lie, or else compel the discontinuance of Mr. Schneider's activity, if it not be a lie."

A very commendable position indeed!

And now the World-Herald directs the attention of the Lincoln News to another charge that is "being made in all sections of the state." The charge is to the effect that the present governor, who is a candidate for re-election, discharged from office an honest oil inspector who refused to violate the law at the behest of the republican governor, acting in the interests of the Standard Oil trust.

For instance, on May 10, 1903, James E. Hayes, who had been retired from the position of chief deputy oil inspector, gave to the newspapers the following statement:

"I see some newspaper discussion as to what part the Standard Oil company took in my displacement from the office of oil inspector and in the appointment of my successor. Perhaps it is just as well to give to the public the facts as I have them.

"I was anxious, during the legislature, to secure the passage of a new law raising the standard of oils in this state. The governor professed to be equally anxious for the passage of the bill. After we had got the bill through one house I learned that Edward Church, one of my deputies, was working against the bill, and that he was often in conference with the oil agents on the matter. Acting on this information, I addressed the following official letter to the governor:

Office of the Chief Inspector of Oils,

**Ludwig Lumber Co.**

Largest Stock of Lumber in Cherry County.

**MCCORMICK MOWERS DAIN SWEEPS**

All Kinds Of

**HAY TOOLS IMPLEMENTS**

**WAGONS AND BUGGIES LIME, PLASTER, HAIR, ETC.**

SEE US BEFORE BUYING

**LUDWIG LUMBER CO.**  
L. C. SPARKS, Mgr.

Lincoln, Neb., April 4, 1903.—John H. Mickey, Governor: Sir—I wish to inform you that Deputy Oil Inspector, Edward Church, has been working and talking against the bill framed by this department, calling for better grade of oils for our state. It is apparent that he is conspiring with the representatives of the oil companies to defeat this measure, and is using arguments prepared by them. It seems to me that he is in this showing disloyalty to this department and to the best interests of the state, and that it would be for the good of the service to call for his resignation.

Awaiting your pleasure in the consideration of this matter.  
Respectfully yours,  
JAMES E. HAYS.

"For several days I awaited the pleasure of the governor in this matter. In the meantime by hard work, we succeeded in getting the new law through the legislature, and it received the executive signature on the 10th of April. Deputy Church remained in office, however.

"After the bill had been signed I notified the oil agents of the fact and of the new test required. They answered my letter and gave me a list of all cars in transit before the passage of the law. My letter to them was dated April 14, and the reply of John B. Ruth, manager, which I have in my possession, dated April 16. He acknowledges that hereafter all oil shipped to this state should show the 112 test under the new law.

"About the 26th of the same month the controversy arose as to the receipt of cars of oil at Blue Hill and other points. This oil did not come up to the test as required under the new law and I promptly ordered that it be condemned. This brought about a hasty visit from the Omaha manager of the oil company to the governor on the 28th, and I was sent for to come to the governor's office.

"At this conference, the governor, in the presence of Manager Ruth, requested me to accept the condemned oil. Ruth had explained that it had been shipped before the passage of the bill. I told them that this was not correct; that the oil was shipped over a week after the passage of the bill; that it was illegal in test and that I could not accept it. I then went away, leaving the governor and Manager Ruth together. In less than an hour I received information that Edward Church had been selected to succeed me as Chief Oil Inspector.

"Under the supervision of the new chief deputy the condemned oil was promptly accepted, under the fiction that it had been shipped

before the passage of the new law. However, I have before me a copy of the notice of shipment of the Blue Hill oil which shows for itself. It reads as follows:

Omaha, Neb., April 22, 1903.—Agent Standard Oil company, Blue Hill.—Sir: Inclosed find bill of lading Union Tank Line, No. 4004, containing 5,984 gallons Perfection oil, shipped from Whiting, Ind., to your station, under date of April 21. Please have railroad agent date and sign one copy of this bill. Yours truly,  
JOHN B. RUTH, Mgr.

"These letters speak for themselves and are proof positive that my contention was right in trying to protect the state in the rejection of the illegal oil. They also prove that a new chief deputy had been appointed to O. K. the oil brought into this state. The managers of the Standard Oil company are pretty surely in the saddle, and there is little to expect from that direction in the enforcement of the new law."  
J. E. HAYS.

The World-Herald invites the attention of the Lincoln News to Mr. Hays' statement. Mr. Schneider is not a candidate for office. If it is incumbent upon the republican managers to disprove the charge made with respect to Mr. Schneider, who is not a candidate, then the World-Herald submits that it is incumbent upon the republican managers to disprove the serious accusations made by Mr. Hays against the republican candidate for governor.

Paraphrasing the language of the Lincoln News, the republican managers "must either nail the lie, if it be a lie, or else compel the discontinuance of Mr. Mickey's activity, if it be not a lie."  
World-Herald.

**From Judge Crites.**

(World-Herald.)

Chadron, Neb., Aug. 16.—To the Editor of the World-Herald: Dear Sir—My acquaintance with George W. Berge has been acquired entirely in a professional way. I have always found him to be an honorable gentleman, both personally and professionally. He is a good lawyer, and is well thought of by his brethren of the bench and bar. I was a delegate to the late democratic state convention.

When it was definitely decided that the populists should have the head of the ticket, I thought either Judge Allen or Judge Holcomb should have the place in order to insure success, but the majority of both democrats and populists that otherwise.

It is always good politics as well as good statesmanship, to cheerfully acquiesce in the judgment of the majority. It is better, and more liable to be right, than the judgment of a few. There is absolutely no reason on earth why every democratic vote should not be cast for Mr. Berge, and none why all patriotic citizens, irrespective of party, should vote for a continuance of present conditions in the state house. Even republicans agree that things are not quite what they should be there. Democrats know they are not. They should also know that the reelection of Governor Mickey will not heal the abuses of which they complain. They do know that Mr. Berge is pledged to work reform in state affairs, and that if elected he will make a sincere effort to bring it about. Nothing in that direction can be expected of his competitor. I hope and believe that democrats, generally, will come to the support of Mr. Berge, as well by their influence as by their votes. A. W. CRITES.

September 5.

From Pioneer (Alliance) Grip.

Dispatches in the daily papers from Chadron give an account of how the madam of a house of prostitution was gaged and robbed of \$4,000 by unknown parties. Last Saturday night a man and two women dressed as men were arrested in Alliance, and having been occupants of the madam's house are suspected of being the persons wanted. As to the robbery it was difference in degree only as between the robbers and the robbees.

Last Thursday while engaged in rounding up cattle on the "Turkey Track Ranch" Claude Morton, sub-foreman for the Nebraska Land and Feeding company, was struck by a bolt of lightning and instantly killed. The remains were taken to Chadron for burial. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett Richards went up to Chadron Friday to attend the funeral. Mr. Richards says that Mr. Morton was one of the most trusted employees of his company.

W. A. Kimbell will open up the bowling alley Monday, Sept. 12, and bowling will be free on that day to all who wish to bowl. Cash prizes will be given away for the highest scores during the month. New pins and a few new balls will be added to the outfit.

**THE VALENTINE HOUSE**

Valentine, Nebraska



RATES \$1.00 to \$1.25.

C. D. JORDAN, Propr.

Opposite the Court House, 2 1/2 blocks north of Depot.

**Livery, Feed and Sale Stable**

New Rigs Good Horses Careful Drivers

Spacious barn, conveniently located, for splendid accommodations to the public who want to drive, or have horses to feed.

**SHEPARD BROS.**

(Successors to Tracewell & Bonser.)

Valentine - - - Nebraska.

NEW BUILDING.

NEWLY FURNISHED.

**The Chicago House,**

A. A. ADAMS, Propr.

RATES \$2.00 PER DAY.

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**TAYLOR & BOYER,**

Contractors and Builders, Carpentering.



All kinds of wood work done to order. Stock tanks made in all sizes. Work shop in Charbonneau's blacksmith shop.

VALENTINE - - - NEBRASKA.

**THE OWL SALOON**

JAMES B. HULL  
W. A. TAYLOR.

Sole Agents for

HERALD PURE RYE WHISKEY

Ale and Porter, And FRED KRUG'S BEER

Choicest Wines and Cigars.

VALENTINE - - - NEBRASKA

**St. Louis Service.**

See that your ticket reads via the Burlington Route from Omaha to St. Louis. The Burlington's Exposition Flyer leaves at 5:25 p. m. arriving at St. Louis 7:10 the next morning.

Burlington trains carry every equipment to make traveling comfortable, and they run over a smooth track all the way.

Let me tell you more about our service.

L. W. Wakeley,

General Passenger Agent, Omaha, Nebr.

Now is the time to get your insurance on your buildings and stock. Storms have already begun and if you are without insurance it will be your neglect. It costs but a trifle to insure against fire, lightning and tornadoes in the best state companies. They are represented by I. M. Rice, Valentine, Nebr.

**Half Rates to Fair at Lincoln**

Via the North-western Line. Excursion tickets will be sold at one fare for round trip, plus 50c for admission coupon to the Fair grounds. Dates of sale, Aug. 29 to Sept. 2 inclusive, tickets limited to return until Sept. 3 inclusive. Apply to agents Chicago & North-western R'y. 313

At the M. E. church.

**Excursion Rates to San Francisco and Los Angeles.**

Via the North-western Line, will be in effect from all stations August 15 to September 10 inclusive, with favorable return limits, an account of K. T. Conclave and meeting of I. O. O. F. Suverign Grand Lodge at San Francisco. Special trains, personally conducted, leave Chicago August 18 and 26 on itineraries that provide stop-overs and interesting side trips. Two solid fast trains through to California daily. "The Overland Limited" (electric lighted throughout) less than three days enroute. Another fast daily train is the "California Express" with drawing room and tourist sleeping cars. For itineraries and full information apply to agents Chicago & North-western R'y. 296