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For Governor—**Geo. W. Berge**, (pop.) Lincoln.

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For Attorney General—**Edward Whalen**, (dem) O'Neill.

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

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

Andrews loves the g. o. p. because it furnishes lots of boodle for campaign liars. If Andrews wanted to be fair and honest, why didn't he tell the people how the state of Nebraska came by such an enormous state debt, "that was constantly growing larger and bearing interest," as he stated? Yes, it ought to be paid Mr. Andrews. You helped to increase that debt during the time you have been in Nebraska and we can understand why you "love the republican party."

President Roosevelt should not be considered as a factor in our state campaign. He will carry the state easy enough and the republicans need not worry about that. There are many who do not want to vote for Mickey for governor who are as good and honest republicans as walks our land. Many of them tried to defeat Mickey for renomination but some of Cherry county's smart clicks went down to the convention instructed for Mickey as their idol of purity and are entitled to a black mark and defeat.

Cherry county republicans don't all agree. There are a few smart clicks among them who always like to sit around and tell that it was they who did these things and that it "wouldn't have happened if it hadn't been for us taking the lead." They have taken the lead in denouncing a good man many a time and are now trying to take the lead, upholding a man who admitted a low grade of oil to be sold in the state that has cost the lives of several persons by lamp explosions, and Mickey says he thought the oil was of poor quality but didn't know that it wasn't safe. Yes, he thought the oil was safe enough as long as Mickey and his family didn't use oil.

Mickey and His Railroad Passes.

(In answer to a direct question put to Governor Mickey, that official admits that he is the recipient of railroad passes, but protests that their acceptance has no influence upon him in the discharge of his duties. This has led Mr. D. L. Love of Lincoln to write the following letter, which appeared

The Difference Between Republican and Fusion Administrations.

Fusion Economy.		Republican Extravagance.	
Appropriations, 1897-98.....	\$ 8,677.88	Appropriations, 1901-02.....	\$2,875,286.51
1898-1900.....	2,501,373.69	1903-04.....	3,740,280.70
Total.....	\$1,979,251.57	Total.....	\$6,615,567.21

Fusion Administration.		Republican Administration.	
1897.....	\$ 8,677.88	1901.....	\$12,574.20
1898.....	10,493.76	1902.....	9,733.63
1899.....	13,174.07	1903.....	15,275.51
1900.....	11,759.68	1904.....	12,972.13
Total taxes charged Cherry county.....	\$44,105.39	Total taxes charged Cherry county.....	\$59,855.47

The above table shows republican extravagance and mismanagement cost the people of the state of Nebraska \$1,688,335.21 more than under fusion economy, and Cherry county's share was \$6,750.08 in additional taxes.

W. E. Andrews in his speech at the court house boasted some of his ability to look up figures for himself at Washington, D. C., on government affairs. We understand that he works in the auditor's office.

Why in the name of common sense didn't he look up these figures on state institutions and state expense during the past eight years and tell the taxpayers where their money is going.

State Institutions.	
Four years republican administration.....	\$4,321,125.26
" " fusion.....	2,939,659.05
Increase.....	\$1,381,466.21

This partly tells the tale why Cherry county was charged state taxes as follows:

1901 to 1904.....	\$50,855.47
1897 to 1900.....	44,105.39
Increase.....	\$ 6,750.08

Each taxpayer in the county is paying his share and this is where the money goes:

Appropriations for State Institutions.		
For What Appropriated.	Four Years Fusion.	Four Years Republican.
Home for the Friendless.....	\$ 63,500.00	\$ 63,000.00
State Normal School.....	125,570.00	222,737.26
Hospital for Insane, Lincoln.....	283,850.00	352,575.00
" " Hastings.....	413,925.00	641,705.00
" " Norfolk.....	208,220.00	256,225.00
State Industrial School for Boys.....	169,270.15	186,700.00
" " Girls.....	74,430.00	62,655.00
Institute for Deaf and Dumb.....	157,700.00	156,900.00
" " Fee-ble Minded.....	201,572.69	206,250.00
" " Blind.....	102,488.30	88,675.00
Nebraska Industrial Home.....	29,120.00	41,250.00
Soldiers and Sailors Home, Grand Island.....	171,340.00	239,530.00
" " Milford.....	51,354.24	83,550.00
State Penitentiary.....	96,050.00	332,822.30
State University.....	778,000.00	1,385,000.00
Junior Normal Schools.....	\$2,309,680.05	\$4,321,125.26
Increase, Republican extravagance.....		\$1,381,466.21

Look at the other figures we publish. They are correct. Why didn't Andrews tell you that this was why he loved the "grand old party" because in large expenditures there's a bigger chance for pilage and robbery. Andrews means to get what's coming to him.

in the Lincoln Journal, a republican paper, in its issue of Sept. 28.)

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 27.—To the Editor of the State Journal: The letter of Governor Mickey published several days ago, in which he states that he has received and used railroad passes during his term of office, gives rise to several propositions which the people of the state of Nebraska ought to take into account and give serious considerations.

I wish to call attention to one only. We are very sensitive about juries. No man who is seeking justice in a court of law is willing to submit his case to a jury until he has found out whether or not each individual juror is likely to be biased or prejudiced in favor of his opponent, and if the case is one in which a railroad is interested the first thing a litigant wishes to know is whether or not the juror has a free pass. And if the juror admits having the pass the court will, as a matter of right, dismiss him from the jury in that case. The juror in question may protest that the pass does not influence him in the least, still the court will presume that he is influenced and will prevent him from sitting in judgment in a case in which the railroads are interested. And more than that. If a case has been tried by a jury and a verdict rendered, which is favorable to a railroad company, and the unsuccessful party discovers afterward that a juror had a pass in his pocket which he did not disclose upon examination, upon a proper showing to the court, the court will set aside the verdict and order a new trial. And I think the court would make short work of the protestation which the juror would be sure to make, that the possession of a pass had not the slightest influence upon him in rendering the verdict.

Now, these are well known facts, which need only to be mentioned to obtain universal recognition as being just and proper, and the only method of procedure which would be tolerated in a court of justice. With these facts in mind, let us consider the governor's letter. Last summer there was a proceeding in progress at the state house which was of vast importance to the people of the state of Nebraska. This proceeding was, of course, no other than the assessment of railroads by the state board, of which Governor Mickey was the

(Columbus, Neb., Telegram.)

Nothing better illustrates the smallness and the weakness of Governor Mickey than his recent utterances on the pass evil. Judge England, a republican leader in Lincoln, wrote a letter to the governor, asking him if he would favor a law to make it a crime for a public official to accept free railroad passes. In answer to the England letter Governor Mickey said he would be in favor of a law to make it a criminal offense for a public servant to accept a pass, and yet he admitted that he never paid his own fare on the railroads. That sounds queer. Think it over. Here stands a man occupying the highest office in our state. Every day he indulges in a practice which he says he is willing to denounce as a crime. In other words, he believes it is a bad business for a public servant to accept

passes, and yet at the same time

he is willing to do that bad business, simply because there is no law on the books denouncing it as a crime. In his letter to England the governor uses these words: "I do not believe the railroads think of influencing anyone when they extend the courtesies of passes." This is the limit of idiocy. A high railroad official once testified in a Nebraska court that one certain railroad issued free passes in one certain year to the value of \$1,000,000, if computed at regular passenger rates. Does any Nebraska school boy believe all that volume of passes was issued without the hope of "influencing" anybody? Of course not. Neither does Governor Mickey believe any such fairy talk. He has lived so long in an atmosphere of deception that he concludes all Nebraskans are simple enough to be deceived by his foolish statements and declarations. But Governor Mickey is the one who is deceived just now. He cherishes the belief that he is smooth enough to deceive the voters by his silly talk, while the facts are that he is the laughing stock of the state, despised by the better element in his own political party, and doomed to a defeat more humiliating than any ever administered to a public man in this state.

(Kearney, Neb., New Era Standard.)

The Nebraska Independent sent a question to each of the candidates for office on the several state and congressional tickets, without regard to party, asking him to state how he stands on the pass question and whether, if elected, he would accept free transportation on the railroads or not. Answers have been received and published in the Independent from the following named candidates on the fusion ticket: G. M. Hitchcock, second congressional district; P. E. McKillip, third congressional district; A. Townsend, lieutenant governor; A. Softley, superintendent of schools; E. H. Whalen, attorney general; A. A. Worsley, land commissioner; John M. Osborn, state treasurer. All of them against free passes. George W. Berge has already declared himself against them in all his speeches. Doubtless Mr. Watzke and J. S. Canaday will be heard from soon.

But what will the republican candidates have to say about it? Governor Mickey was asked this question not long ago and he wrote a letter in reply, saying that he accepts and uses free passes. Which men will the voters choose, the members of the pass brigade or those who take their stand against this sort of bribery? Time will tell.

Paul Kennicott Missing.

Chicago, Oct. 16.—Paul Kennicott, 20 years of age, a ranchman from Woodlake, Neb., has been missing in Chicago since October 10 and tonight relatives reported the case to the police of the stock yards station and requested that a search be made for the young man. Kennicott is believed to have had a large sum of money when he disappeared, the proceeds of the sale of several carloads of cattle at the stock yards, and the theory advanced by relatives and friends is that he was the victim of highwaymen, who, in their eagerness to get the money, may have committed murder.—World-Herald.

Weather Observer Barwick in Philadelphia

James A. Barwick, who was located in this city for many years as the U. S. Weather Bureau Observer and who had hundreds of friends here, has been transferred by the Chief of the Bureau from Valentine, Nebr., to Philadelphia. Barwick left here a few years ago to take a station in Denver, then he was sent back to California, being located in the San Francisco office. From there he was sent to Arizona and there he got orders to go to Nebraska. Barwick writes that his health has been failing and that he will only be required to work a few hours each day.—Sacramento Evening Dec.

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