A LIFE DEVOTED TO NOBLE WORK-A MAG-NIFICENT RECORD

What His Old Neighbors Have to Say of the Re. had been, that singled him out and views in the World-Herald." publican Candidate for Governor - His Honesty, Integrity, Charity, Told of by the Men Who Know Him

Osceola, Neb., October 20, 1902.

Around the public square in Osceola, ernor, whose home is out there on a who would not support Mr. Mickey. farm right up against the suburbs of As a sample of the World-Herald's

brain, he was equipped for a tremen- statement: dous amount of work, and when the 1et ple of Polk county look back for leen accomplished in the upbuilding of this community, they can see every-Mickey, whose courage never failed and whose energy never relaxed.

"Look around here," said the hotel keeper, the flist man you meet in Osceola, "Look around here, and whatever you see that's good, John Mickey hos been in it right from the start, and has helped more than any other man to make it what it is. If Mr. Mickey is elected governor, the people will find him the most practical man they ever put into that office."

this county. He made the first homestead entry that was made in the United States land office at Lincoln. He was one of the first two settlers in the county. He helped to organize the county and was its first treasurer, serving continuously for ten years. He was the first assessor in the ounty. He helped to organize the first school district, district No. 1, and was its first treasurer. He was one of the organizers of the first church society in the county. In a good many of these enterprises Mr. Mickey seems to have been not only one of the organizers, but the one who thought out and worked out the proposition from the beginning. Mr. Mickey started the first bank in the county and is still its president. He was one of the organizers of the County Fair association. He has given the use of the grounds which this association has occupied during the last twenty years, and was one of tion of the buildings which the asso- letter. Mickey is a very thorough to make my homestead papers. He settled here thirty years ago and 1 all populists, but I got off so I could ciation has used. He contributed \$5,000 to the \$12,000 Methodist church here. Although an ardent Methodist, he was broader than that, and his liberal contributions have gone into nearly every church structure in the county. It is given out here on the best authority that his church and school donations in the last ten years amount to over \$20,000. This item, when it is considered that Mr. Mickey is not particularly wealthy over many others who are well-to-do in this county, shows something of the chief characteristics of the r 1 to put himself and a part of what he as accumulated into whatever is good for the people.

Mr. Mickey was one of the organizers of the town of Osceola. The World-Herald has charged that the town was located on a tract of railroad land through his manipulation, but the facts are that it is situated on section 16, which is school land. On the school board for many years, his influence has been potent for everything that was most progressive and practical in education. Mr. Mickey was one of the organizers of the first G. A. R. post in this county. His tender regard for this organization and his helpfulness to the old comrades brings from these old soldiers, as will appear later, many kind expressions toward him, and some that are not so kind toward the World-Herald, whose representative, writing from here recently, tried to show that Mr. Mickey had been neglectful as a member of the G. A. R. to the interests of that order. His attention to all the ceremonies of the G. A. R. and his many kind acts toward needy veterans has been recognized by the post here at Osceola, and for many years he has been the one chosen to stand at the head of the grave when the old soldier was being lowered into his final resting place.

"He knows the ceremony by heart," said Judge Saunders, a prominent veteran of Osceola, "and we always know that we can depend on him. He is always ready to do whatever there is to do, no matter how difficult or how easy the task. If anyone is sick, Mr. Mickey is one of the first to find it out, and if you take pains to inquire you will find that his assistance is always practical."

Up to the time that Mr. Mickey was named as the republican candidate for governor, his high standing among the people of his own county had never over thirty years, a very busy man, as county treasurer. There is no bet- with poor men, but if a man can pay, one who cut the interest down in this tion comes."

break down as much as possible this was a shame to misrepresent him as World-Herald interviews will help him the straight republican ticket for ten with the little red brick courthouse part of his strength as a candidate, the the World-Herald did, but he's got in this county. I never heard of a reright in the center, there is a lot of World-Herald sent a representative plenty of friends here. I will vote for, liable man accusing John Mickey of busy men, who, in their thrift and en- here who traveled over the county for him myself." ergy, seem very much in harmony with several days, finally publishing in the the life and character of John H. World-Herald what purported to be in-Mickey, republican candidate for gov- terviews from nine alleged republicans

the town. Mr. Mickey commenced reckless work in its efforts to injure. tere when the town commenced. He Mr. Mickey, the following statement was here when it was born. He built from George W. Beebe, a Polk county the first dwelling house that was built farmer, and one of the men whom the in Osceola, and has lived here ever World-Herald pretended to interview, against Mr. Mickey, speaks for itself. With a strong body and a clear This is what Mr. Beebe says in a signed

"I never saw the World-Herald reporter when he was here, nor at any twenty-five years and realize what has other time. I never gave out any interview or made any statement to the World-Herald, or any other newspawhere the helpful influence of John per. I was surprised and indignant when I heard that my name was in the paper. I have been a republican here, through all these years, when I was the only republican in my neighborhood. I have been to town several times this season trying to hire men to help me at my farm work, but people are so busy that it is impossible to get help. If I want men to be idle and help to be plenty, I would vote the democratic ticket. I intend to vote for John Mickey. I want to see him elected and I believe he will be. I think The history of John Mickey is the the course pursued by the World-Herhistory of the beginning of things in ald in misrepresenting people here will increase the majority for the republican ticket in this county. (Signed.) "G. W. BEEBE,"

Mr. Beebe, in conversation with republican friends, said some things that were a little too hot to print.

Now let us take the business men around the public square here in Osceola and see what they say of Mr.

"You may commence with me." said Mr. Pratt, the hotel man. "Put it down for me that I have known John Mickey a long time and I have known him well. He is as straight as a die. and one of the most competent men I ever knew. Now, go into the drug store next door and then go right around the square and see what the others say."

known Mr. Mickey twenty-eight years. nent business man, said: He is as prompt as a clock in everythe chief contributors toward the erec- thing, and keeps his work right to the lots of money and he has given lots of it away. He has helped things along here ever since the town started. If he is elected he will be governor. They can't monkey with him. The interviews that went out from here through the World-Herald didn't hurt Mickey line. He has helped more people in

> In this drug store was Mr. G. W. Gregg, a nurseryman. He said: "I have been living right along side of Mr. Mickey for eighteen years. I have had thousands of dollars worth of business with him. He is very thorough in his business methods. He makes everybody come right up to the scratch if they can. But if a man is in trouble and is honest he can always find a friend in Mr. Mickey. I have been in the G. A. R. post with Mickey for twenty years. He is the most active and best all around worker in the post. He has been twice commander of our post here and has been its most liberal and helpful member. I hope

he will be elected." H. A. Scott, general store: "I have been here twenty-three years. I have known Mickey all the time. He is as honest as a man can be. The reporter of the World-Herald, who was here recently, misrepresented him entirely. It makes the people indignant. That's no way to treat a decent man. It will make Mr. Mickey a lot of votes that he would not otherwise have got in this county. He has been a good citizen here. We think he will be a good governor."

G. W. West, merchant: "I have been doing business with Mr. Mickey for twenty-three years. We do not agree politically, but I am bound to be fair with him now. He is a clean, highminded man. Mr. Thompson, the fusion candidate for governor, is a personal friend of mine and a good man. I am not trying to help elect Mr. Mickey, but I will not misrepresent him. He's square. He will do just what he agrees to do, and he will do it

James Mathews, dry goods: "I have known John Mickey twenty-six years. He attends to his business. He never gossips nor meddles. He does lots of good as a citizen. The interviews of the World-Herald did not hurt him in

this county." L. W. Gurshee, merchant: "I have known John Mickey twenty-eight Mickey all these years. He is considyears. I bought land of him when I ered a very straight man in this counbeen questioned. He had been here first came here. I paid taxes to him ty, He is considerate in his dealings and paid him interest. He was the

clean life and high character stood Mr. Mickey expecting a \$25 subscrip- ness governor." out conspicuously among the people of tion, for he was not an Odd Fellow, M. A. Makeever, attorney: "I have when they were borrowers I guess Polk county. It was those thirty years but he gave me a hundred. We don't been personally acquainted with John we'll take care of Mickey all right of life in Polk county, and what they pay any attention here to those inter- H. Mickey for eleven years. I have ald here when election day comes.

over the state. When he was finally cld soldier, in Mr. Gurshee's store, said: vote for John H. Mickey this year." nominated, this thing, his life in Polk, "When I came here Mickey was one of | L. H. Henderson, merchant: "I have county, was the most attractive fea- the first men I met. He was active in been here twenty-four years. I have ture of his public personality. To the G. A. R. and befriended me. It known Mr. Mickey all the time. The Said he didn't believe they had voted

good executive."

very capable man. He knows what to election day." do and how to do it. He will get the warm support of this county."

interviews are treated only with contempt."

Oliver Westberg, traveling man: "I

institutions if he is governor. I hope all." he will be elected."

Dr. L. N. Shaw: "Have known never been a cleaner or more competent man in the governor's office."

Otto Kummer, farmer: "Mickey will helped nominate him for county treasurer in '71. His record is clean."

E. L. King, attorney: "The people who were interviewed by the World- make a good executive." Herald misrepresented Mr. Mickey and his standing in this county. The reaction against such methods will only make more votes for Mickey. He is Mickey has been a stanch friend to the without question one of the best men old soldiers. I'm one of them myself, ever nominated for the governor's of-

Carmine, Joseph Karrer, W. F. Miller, at the practical point and wants to do W. B. Carson, John F. Anderson, S. J. the thing that will do the most good. Harless, S. G. Pheasant, Judge F. H. Pop commissioners paid out \$2,500 to Saunders, W. O. Cox, and others, all have his record examined as county old settlers in Osceola, spoke of Mr. treasurer and they couldn't find a thing Mickey in the highest terms.

as positive as at Osceola. Stromsburg and they ought to be. They are claimused to be one of the strongholds of ing now that what they said to the populism, but the whole situation has World-Herald reported was exaggerchanged in the last year or two, and ated, but they ought to be ashamed the sentiment for Mr. Mickey's election to be talking at all against a man like demonstration here. Mr. P. T. Buck- then there are no good men in this D. H. Kunkle, druggist: "I have ley, one of the old timers, and a promi- county."

> "I went down to Mickey's hometo the settlers. He knew how to do everything. When there was any new thing to be done. Mickey always dug right into it, looked up the law, and found out all about it. His whole life since then has been right along that this county than any other man who has ever lived in it."

Mr. John B. Buckley, president of one of the banks here, and a large property owner, said:

"I have lived here thirty-nine years and have known John Mickey all this time. I know his record as a public official, as a business man and as a citizen, and I know no cleaner record and no better man. The pops spent \$2,500 of the county's money trying to find something against him while he was county treasurer, and I tell you, populism never recovered from the rebound of that investigation."

J. A. Tarble, a farmer at Shelby, being in Stromsburg, said: "I have known Mr. Mickey ever since I homesteaded twenty-nine years ago. I'm an old soldier and it makes me indignant to think that the World-Herald would misrepresent him and his relation to the old soldiers. Why, John Mickey has been the most practical friend the old soldiers have had in this county. I remember some years ago when the winter was cold and everybody was hard up, we had a meeting of the post to consider the needs of some of the old veterans. Some of them needed money and the post had no money. Mickey got up and said: 'Send them' to me and I will take care of them somehow.' He was always just like that. He has done more kind acts to the old veterans than any other man in this county, and the papers ought to be ashamed to try and take that credit away from him, but he's got

friends enough to elect him all right." M. P. Lindberg spoke of the organization of the Swedish-American league that was going on in Stromsburg. It's a republican organization. Of Mr. Mickey he said:

"The republicans could not have named a man that would run better in this locality than John Mickey."

J. P. Smith, old settler and old soldier: "I took a homestead thirty-one years ago, and live on it yet right here by this town. I have known Mr.

JOHN H. MICKEY AT HOME baving more or less to do with nearly ter man around here. When the Odd Mickey makes them come right up to county to 10 per cent when it had been 2 per cent a month. Everybody in this

ways voted the democratic ticket, but in Shelby, but now somewhat of a made him attractive to republicans all Mr. Chas. Burkhirt, a German and unless I change my mind, I intend to farmer by proxy, owning 520 acres of

> anything dishonorable. I voted the H. T. Arnold, banker: "John H., pop ticket till two years ago. I found boy," said Mr. Smith. "I have known Mickey is a level-headed, conservative, it was no use. It couldn't do any hardworking, earnest, conscientious good. I voted for Bryan the first time man. In my judgment he will make a and would have stayed with the pops, but they couldn't do anything. The H. F. Henderson, hardware: "I voted pop business don't amount to anyfor Bryan both times, but I have very thing. I'm for Mickey now, and you high respect for Mr. Mickey. He is a will find a lot of us in line for him

A. B. Headbloom, merchant: "I have been here twenty-five years. Yes, I F. L. Dunn, hardware: "Mr. Mickey know Mr. Mickey. His reputation is stands high here. The World-Herald first-class. He will get many fusion

G. W. Presson, merchant: "I have known John Mickey ever since I came have known Mickey twenty-nine years.; here. He stands high in this town He is a first-class business man. He and community. There are four votes will know what is going on in the state in this store. Mickey will get them

E. G. Gold, merchant: "I never met Mr. Mickey, but I have heard of him. Mickey twenty-three years. There has He stands well. I hope he will be elected."

E. Haas, dry goods: "I know Mr. Mickey well. Used to live in Osceola run well in my precinct. My father and did business with him. Parties who gave out interviews to the World-Herald don't stand well. Mickey is a good, broad-minded man and he will

M. T. Barber, old soldier and old settler: "I settled here in the fall of pop votes in this county '72, and still live on the same farm. and I know what his record is here in that line. He is a helper. He is a Mr. O. H. Munn, W. F. Shank, George practical man. He always gets right against him. The people who gave out At Stromsburg, the endorsement of interviews against Mr. Mickey to the Mr. Mickey by the business men was World-Herald are ashamed of it now is now the most conspicuous political John Mickey. If he ain't a good man,

At Shelby, a small town in the eastern part of Polk county, Mr. Isaac the republicans after that and I'm glad stead in '71 to get him to show me how Paisley, an old soldier, said: "Yes, I of it. There were seven brothers of us, from the same county in Iowa that Mickey came from. I didn't know him well-to-do people of high standing. John Mickey is a strong and forceful man in any place where there's work to do that requires judgment and accuracy. I never knew of his honesty being questioned until they got out something in the paper against him. I don't think anyone around here believes a word of that stuff I haven't seen a man who believed a word of it." John Fox, old settler and old soldier,

talked of his long acquaintance with Mr. Mickey: "I settled on a homestead just a mile from Mickey's homestead, in '71. Mickey got the confidence of the people right from the start because he seemed to know how to do everything, and he has held their confidence ever since. I always worked for him in every election when he was running for county treasurer, and I have never regretted it. We'll stay by him in this county. Don't worry about that. Maybe they can beat him for governor, but he has done more good deeds than any other man in the coun-

ty and they can't beat him out of that." George M. McMillan, farmer, from Hackberry precinct, was in Shelby on business. Mr. McMillan owns a two hundred acre farm adjoining the Mickey homestead. Speaking of Mr. Mickey, he said:

'I have been dealing with John Mickey more or less for seventeen years. I will vote for him with a good deal of satisfaction. He will get nearly all the votes in Hackberry precinct

Peter Wise, old settler and and old soldier: "I knew John Mickey in Louisa county, Iowa, when he was a boy and have known him ever since. I homesteaded near him in '71. I drove through from Iowa by team. When I got here Mickey was the first man I met. He was mighty poor then-used to work in the field bare-footed. I have done lots of business with him that the government was like a teeter since that time. Some of the men he helped when they couldn't get money anywhere else came out in the papers against him, but they have done him

more good than they intended to." Levi Cunningham, old settler: "I came here in '71. John Mickey was good friend to the settlers here in the early times and he has never changed a bit. I was laid up and my folks sent me a box from home. I wasn't asking for aid. My folks were helping me, that was all. When the box came there was \$17 freight. I didn't have no \$17, and I went to Mr. Mickey. I didn't have anything hardly and could not give security, but he just handed me a twenty-dollar bill. I told him I couldn't make the change, for I didn't have a cent. 'That's all right,' said Mickey. 'You just take it with you and hand it to me when you get it.' He didn't charge me any interest then. I have borrowed money of him since

county knows that, and it meant a good deal to the people in those times

D. E. Smith, formerly a banker here farm land out from town, spoke of Mr. Mickey. He was quite severe in his denunciation of those who had given out interviews in the World-Herald. years-they had grievances against Mickey and wanted to get even. "I knew John Mickey in Iowa when he was a young man and I was a little him ever since I came here. I farmed near him in Hackberry precinct. rented a farm once from him for three years. He never came near the farm to examine or measure the crop. I sold the crop and gave him his share of the proceeds in money. I will be mistaken if he don't get a mighty big vote from this county.'

W. E. Kenney, furniture dealer: "I have been doing business with Mr. Mickey for twenty-five years. Always found him not only a man of his word in the strictest sense, but a just man, His dealings have extended to nearly everything in this county. His standing here is high. I hope he will be elected.'

D. R. Leard, druggist: "I know Mr. Mickey well. He is a man who does a great deal of work. His charities are extensive. He helps anyone in need. BRADFIELD'S would like to see him governor. would have confidence in anything that Mickey would do as a public man."

J. Q. Rathburn was busy erecting a new brick store. He stopped a moment to say that he had known Mr. Mickey twenty-nine years, had very high respect for him and hoped to see him elected.

J. O. Mercer, hardware merchant, said he had known Mr. Mickey seventeen years, had found him a high-minded and bonorable man.

John Bennett sald he had been a farmer here near Shelby thirty years and knew Mr. Mickey well. He thought Mr. Mickey would get a good many

George A. Bennett of Hackberry precinct said he thought Mr. Mickey would get twenty populist votes in old Practicing Aleopathy, Home-Hackberry.

George E. Bingham said he settled homestead here twenty-seven years ago. "He will get my vote and all that I can do for him besides."

Dr. Inks: "I travel a good deal in the country round here. I hear the people talk. There's a good deal of indignation among them over what the World-Herald published. People here like to see some fairness in politics. Some of the men they pretended to interview, they never saw at all. There was George Beebe in town today, and he would like to get a sight of the reporter who pretended to see him. That's no way to conduct a campaign. Mickey will get a big vote in this county.

Joe Gubsen, stock dealer: "I have known John Mickey for ten years. I used to be a democrat—voted for Bryan the first time, but didn't repeat the offense. One was enough. They said the country would go to pot if McKinley got elected. Well, I just watched to see and I have seen. I turned in with Every calamity bowler in country was in that gang, and I just said I would quit them. I buy mules there, but I knew his folks. They were and horses and cattle, anything that's is all right. There's no foolishness in him. There are lots of men like me tion, who will vote for Mickey for his business sense. One of them ducks that got interviewed against Mr. Mickey owes his bank \$600 right now, but it has been charged off the books because it's a worthless account. The fusionists never did know how to cam-

from 'em. W. M. Ingalls, buggy dealer: have known Mickey twenty-five years. I never heard a word against him until this World-Herald man snooped around over the county and found some men who wanted to get their names in the paper. Mickey is all right. Nobody believes in the World-Herald."

"I have H. C. Beebe, attorney: known Mickey ever since I was old enough to remember. He is as square an honest man as I ever knew. He has fine executive ability. I would like to see him elected."

Fred Braithwait, blacksmith: "I don't know Mr. Mickey very well personally, but I know what the people round here say about him, and from that I should judge him to be about the best man in the county. He stands mighty well."

E. L. Anderson, banker: "I'm not much in politics. I will leave that for older men, but I'm for Mickey this election, and I hope he will win.

W. T. Mawhar, postmaster: "John Mickey was one of the first men I met when I came here seven years ago. He is the foremost man in the county. I don't know where you will find a better all round man.

J. D. Lockhard, farmer: "I voted for Bryan the first time. He told us here in Shelby, right in front of this very building, right out there in the street, board. When money went up, produce went down. He said when McKinley was elected money would go up and everything else would go down. Well I thought I would try it just once. I got enough the first time. I'm awful glad that that fool vote of mine didn't elect Bryan. Yes, John Mickey is all right for me. I have got enough sense to vote for him, and there's lot of others. Some of the corn here will go 60 bushels to the acre. We're all right up here."

J. C. Hotchkiss, farmer, was building a new 10-room house on his farm in the suburbs of Shelby. He said: know John Mickey very well. He is a good man anywhere you put him."

Mr. De Witt, a carpenter, said: " slept in a haystack between here and Lincoln with John Mickey one night in the early days when there were no houses to sleep in. I'm with him yet There are lots of us old-timers up here This signature is on every box of the genuine and we'll take care of him when elec-



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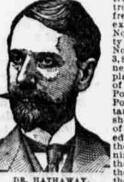
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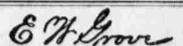
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