

MOORE'S BUSINESS RECORD

Something of the Claims of the Present State Auditor for Re-election.

PEOPLE'S INTEREST ALWAYS CONSIDERED

Details of the Multiplicity of Matters He Has Attended to and to the Satisfaction of Those Familiar with the Duties.

Eugene Moore, the present auditor of public accounts, and the republican candidate for re-election, was born in Wapello county, Iowa, in 1854, and in 1877 removed to Nebraska, locating at West Point, where he lived until 1889, when, with his family, he removed to Norfolk, this state, where he is now his home. At the age of 19 years his father died, and from that time until coming to Nebraska he was variously employed as a laborer on a farm and school teacher, devoting as much of his time as he could to attending schools in the winter. During the two years he taught school he took up the study of stenography, which has been his profession in Nebraska, until the taking charge of the auditor's office.

At the close of the rebellion he was in his 15th year, and, as a young man, to be an active participant in the tumultuous affairs of those days. Numerous older relatives of his served in the union army with bravery and distinction, ranking from private to general. At the close of the war he received a plurality of 23,366 votes for the office he now fills, out of a total vote of 189,657. With his family he was installed in office January 14, 1892.

None connected with the auditor's office are allowed to in any manner be connected with the purchase or sale of any state securities.

The payment of overtime to the employees of the legislature was probably the first as far as possible, and only on the oath of the claimant, which resulted in a saving to the state of \$13,249.57 on this item alone in the 1893 session.

Mr. Moore discontinued the practice of paying salaries of the state's officers and employees in advance and thereby saved the state \$7,429.

He has insisted always that all accounts shall be accompanied by the very best obtainable evidence, and, therefore, before he will approve them and issue warrants therefor, and that each claim shall be presented in a separate voucher and a separate receipt therefor.

Largely by his personal supervision of the accounts \$10,617.77 was saved to the state in the incidental expenses of the 1893 session of the legislature, as compared with its immediate predecessor.

All bonds for the deposit of state funds are kept by the auditor and recorded by him.

An exhaustive biennial report is published by the auditor prior to each regular session of the legislature, and also a statement of appropriations and expenditures, after each session.

The temporary school fund is disbursed by 180 warrants to the counties in the state, amounting to about \$700,000, issued semi-annually.

As a member of the State Board of Equalization the auditor sends out all blanks to all counties, for the valuation of all properties in the state, and he also certifies to all the returns, and helps governor and treasurer to fix the levies for the different counties, and adjust and equalize the value of railroad, telegraph and telephone car properties in the state, and certifies them together with the state levies to the counties of the state.

As a member of the Board of Transportation Mr. Moore introduced a resolution which was seconded by Mr. Bartley, and unanimously adopted by the board, requesting Mr. Justice Brewer to appoint a supreme court to immediately take up and hear and determine the maximum rate bill case, and in compliance with that resolution the case was heard and decided in a few months ago, with the hope that he would speedily settle the questions growing out of the attempt to enforce that bill.

Mr. Moore has constantly at his desk, having personal supervision of the affairs of the office in detail, and trying to give the people of the state a satisfactory administration of his office.

HE GAVE THE STATE THE DOUBT. In every question where any doubt has arisen as to the proper course to pursue in the determination of the many questions that come before the board, Mr. Moore has uniformly resolved the doubt to the interest of the state, using the utmost care to protect its rights and citizens at all times.

HE HANDLED MANY MILLIONS. Mr. Moore, as auditor, has exercised unerring care in the handling of the 540 separate appropriations, which carry \$2,298,946.25 of the people's money, for the two years ending March 31, 1895, and large sums of the appropriations will refer to the security of the system of the economy enforced by him and his colleagues in office.

April 6, 1893, a law went into effect, which provides for the security and payment of redemptions, issued by incorporated companies, trusts, associations, firms, etc., directing the auditor of public accounts to see that the amounts due are properly collected and disbursed. In compliance with that law Mr. Moore has collected \$2,747.12 from the Distilling and Refining company of Peoria, Ill., which is the Whisky trust, and deposited it in the First National bank of Omaha, to be distributed to the 2,582 whisky holders, who are the patrons of this trust. All but a small part of this amount has been saved for and paid out to the holders of these certificates, and the balance of the amount is being distributed to the chapter 15 of the session laws of 1893 providing for the redemption of the state's bonds, which were issued in the spring of 1892 at the second bidding for \$1,211,182.11, being a saving of \$7,490 on the lowest bids made under the first advertisement.

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