

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE

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NEBRASKA'S FORCED CONTRIBUTION.

Railroads are chartered public highways empowered to exact forced contributions from producer and consumer. While the railroads of Nebraska have for years managed to evade a very large share of their just proportion of the tax burdens, they have as public carriers levied taxes in the shape of transportation tolls upon every commodity produced or purchased by its people for all the traffic would bear.

According to the railroad tax bureau, the railroads of Nebraska have paid the sum of \$1,161,331.18 in the year 1901 in state, county and city taxes, upon their lines, lands, town lots and every species of property owned by them.

The debit side of the public ledger between the railroads and the people for the fiscal year 1901 stands as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Roads, Gross Receipts, Net Earnings. Rows include Union Pacific, E. & M. V., St. J. & G. I., Mo. Pacific, C. M. & O., C. R. I. & P., K. C. & O., S. C. O. & W., P. & N. R. in Neb., K. & N. W., C. & N. W., and Totals.

Claimed as losses by railroads. These figures are taken from the bulletins published by authority of the railroads and official reports to stockholders for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901.

It is an open secret that the net earnings of the railroads in Nebraska for the year ending June 30, 1902, exceed by several millions the receipts of the preceding year.

It is therefore patent that Nebraska's enforced contribution to the railroads in the shape of freight and passenger tolls ranges anywhere from \$32,000,000 to \$34,000,000 a year, or about \$32 for every man, woman and child in the state.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 20th day of October, A. D. 1902. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

activity, from which the inevitable reaction is always to be dreaded, but the banking strength is rooted in healthful general conditions.

The fact that so large a proportion of the banking increases is to be credited to the country districts illustrates a point to which The Bee has more than once called attention: the rapidity with which in recent years the agricultural class in Nebraska and neighboring states is accumulating ample banking capital out of the profits of its own industry.

A number of Nebraska club women have been discussing two important questions, namely, "What could the Woman's club do without the newspapers?" and "What could the newspapers do without the Woman's club?"

The arbitrators appointed by the president must appreciate the necessity of practical unanimity in their report. Failure on their part to agree after thorough investigation and conference would be little short of calamitous to the general cause of arbitration.

It is clear now that the mighty pretense of the coal operators before President Roosevelt that they could quickly man the mines if provided with military protection was a pure bluff.

Cashier Chamberlain of the failed Teacup bank, in offering to return and give straight out its affairs if guaranteed immunity from criminal prosecution, refrains from giving any reasons why he, if he has violated the laws, should be protected from the consequences of his act any more than any other offender.

There must be something radically wrong with the accepted statistics which represent the average price of anthracite coal in the United States to the consumer last year to be \$5.50 per ton, or else the western consumer pays immensely more than the average.

Election day is nearly in sight with almost no litigation so far over the arrangement of the ballot or the order of the names to be printed on it.

Hitting 'Em in the State. Washington Post. For a man who was supposed to be the steady company of the trusts Mr. Knox manages to hand them out some rather hard knocks.

Looking for Trouble. Baltimore American. The sultan of Bacool, who wants to fight the United States, is plainly a man of enthusiasm.

The Man Behind the Vote. Baltimore American. If good government is ever secured it will be only by the good man behind the vote.

Some Basis for the Title. Chicago Tribune. Mr. Bryan, after all, has some reason to consider himself the democratic Moses.

Specimen of Savage Business. Springfield Republican. The sultan of Bacool is not a civilized ruler—that is evident from his message to General Sumner, saying: "Cease writing letters; what we want is war."

Appalling Destruction of Forests. New York Tribune. In this unfortunate time of scarcity of fuel, reports of the recent extensive fires in the forests of the northwest have been read with melancholy concern.

Riot of Commercialism. Kansas City Star. It has become necessary to adopt stringent measures to exclude sheep herders from the Yosemite National park.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

Wakefield Republican: J. H. Mickey, the republican candidate for governor, is a people's man, in fact he is a man of the people, and will do good service for every citizen.

Kimball Observer: The fight of the liquor dealers' association against J. H. Mickey is not causing much alarm in the republican ranks.

Kearney Hub: The assumption of the fusion press of this state, in the case of J. H. Mickey, that it is discreditable and disqualifying for a candidate for governor to be a good citizen is not taking very deep root.

Wayne Herald: John H. Mickey, the republican nominee for governor, will be victorious at the coming election. A man of his sterling qualities cannot be defeated at the polls.

Clay Center Sun: It is declared that the democracy has succeeded in organizing the saloons against J. H. Mickey. Well, let's see.

Bray's Republican: The editor of this paper took a few days' trip over the state on business last week, and it was very pleasing to note the kindly words that came to our ears from almost everyone we met in praise of our old comrade, John H. Mickey.

Burlingame Tribune: The fight that is being made against J. H. Mickey by the fusion press and organized brewers' association because he is a temperance man is more to his credit than against him.

Table Rock Argus: We heard a Methodist preacher, who has known J. H. Mickey for many years, say that the stories circulated to the effect that Mickey was a hard man to deal with, an oppressor of the poor, etc., are lies, pure and simple.

St. Edward Sun: Every person that wishes to have the state governed by a Christian should not fail to vote for J. H. Mickey, the republican candidate for governor.

In another column we have seen how the liquor dealers of Nebraska are planning to defeat him if possible. The issue is plain, shall the saloonmen dictate the policy of Nebraska or those who wish a moral element to carry on the business of the state capital?

Chappell Register: The only thing the democrats have been able to bring up against J. H. Mickey and make it stick is that he is a member of the Methodist church, helps to build up churches and colleges, and is a quaker.

Stanton Ficket: Republicans of Nebraska never presented to the voters a better ticket for their consideration and approval. Run your eye over the list of names as they appear at the head of these columns.

Blair Pilot: It is well known that a concerted effort is being made to line up the saloon men of Nebraska against J. H. Mickey in his race for the governorship on the republican state ticket.

Beatrice Express: J. H. Mickey, the republican candidate for governor, has no use for those who claim all the privileges of citizenship, but decline to help bear the burdens, and when he is governor he will do what he can to bring the tax shirkers to a sense of their responsibilities.

David City Banner: Two years ago the fusionists were so sanctified that they were pleading with church people to oppose Dietrich for governor because, they said, he was too immoral to fill the responsible position of governor.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

One of the many celebrated cases in the criminal history of New York is the second trial of young Mollineux, charged with poisoning Mrs. Adams. The crime was committed four years ago.

Chicago Tribune: "Hit dem" make no difference whether your name is in de blue book or not. Observe. Uncle Ephim "red" dey's written in de book of life 'y'll git into de best s'ciety arder white."

Washington Star: "Nebber ax a man to lend you 25 cents said Uncle Eben. 'Ax 'im for \$5 'er' to make 'im tink dat you regards 'im as a capitalist, an' mebbe he'll be ashamed to back down."

Philadelphia Press: "Well," said the hollow-eyed man, "I am glad the addition will allow you to be able to leave the coal mining region."

Washington Star: "Your son gifted in any way?" asked the visitor. "I should say he is," answered Mrs. Corn-tossie. "About everything he has we give him by us."

New York Sun: All Baba had just told his wife the secret of the cave. "How lovely!" she exclaimed. "Now I can get all money without a divorce."

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COAL AND PEACE. Baltimore American. The horny hand of labor and the dapper hand of wealth.

And, Oh! our joy is mighty. Its nature nothing mar. For soon the big coal wagons will block And soon the chinks will rattle into the empty bin.

No more the conferences will all around be held; No more by fierce denials will every page be swelled; No more will some proud person assume himself a king.

Oh, what a powerful blessing! And what a gladsome day! We hear the engines tooting, and coal is on the way!

And isn't it consoling to know the steps The man who prostrated us so sorely with his impressive plan To end the labor trouble? He won a lot of fame.

And caused a lot of swearing—and Legion was his name. Ah yes, it is a blessing! But he is with us now.

And he must choke his efforts at this: "I told them how!" No more will the inventors be telling us the way To make a conflagration by burning straw and hay!

No more will 'er be entreated to pour coal oil on bricks; Or told to stuff the furnace with odds and ends and sticks. No more of all this wisdom—'till midn' and stone we hoot.

We're burning money, and halt the 'stute!

What a coal famine should mean to the poor of New York.

What a coal famine should mean to the poor of New York had the miners' strike been prolonged into real winter weather is foreseen by the following description of a scene observed one day last week:

"Get in line, there, you! Have your pairs and things ready! Git our your change and have it ready. If you do any more of that I'll fan you, and throw you out of the line!"

This latter to a man who was endeavoring to reach a point farther up in the procession than he had a right to.

So shouted a slim but simple young policeman who gave the women and children as fair a show as his official honor would permit.

Several yards have been commissioned by the coal-carrying railroads to furnish a limited amount to the very poor at about \$10 per ton.

A large crowd had gathered when the gates were thrown open. Two policemen formed them in line, and compelled each person to keep his place.

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