Such is the Question Now Asked by a Political Investigator.

EXPENSES HAVE DOUBLED UP

Where it Cost \$2.60 Per Capita to Run State's Business Twenty Years Ago, it Now Takes \$6.40 Per Person.

By P. A. BARROWS.

Twenty years ago Nebraska had not formed the commission habit. When the legislature of that year met it was found that \$2,208,940 would run the state for the next blennium. This was on an average of \$2.60 for every man, woman and child in the state. The legislature last winter appropriated \$8,554,555 to run the state for appropriated \$8,264,585 to run the state for the next blennlum and it looks at this time that the amount would be insufficient. This would be an average of \$6.40 for every person in the state, young and

The Nebraska legislature last winter created an even dozen new commissions, boards and departments. The members of most of these serve without pay ex-cepting as to their actual expenses. It has been the history of the commission business, however, that in most cases it is found convenient to continue the commission and a salary is added to encourage the members. After the start has been made it is comparatively easy to continue the commission from year to year, and as its importance increases the salary correspondingly increases. Just how many commissions, boards and bureaus Nebraska has at the present time cannot be told at this writing for want of the proper records, but it is safe to say that there are over three dozen, sixteen of which have a payroll for salaries alone of \$217,010.

However, as the state grows it seems necessary to make changes in order to bring about systems to meet the new conditions and in the dozen or more commissions formed by the last legislature none will hardly deny that the tax commission was a much needed addition to Nebranka's many departments, and that good results should come to the state from the work of that commission.

For What Good?

But, does the wholesale creation of commissions pay, and do they give value for what the people pay them? Nebraska is not the only state that seems to have been struck with the commission epidemic. Older states than this are suffering from the disease and in order to show to what extent one state has gone into the commission business we will refer to the records as published by the state of Massachusetts.

A year ago the writer visited the state house in Massachusetts and was impressed with the large number of departments which seemed to be thriving in that great building. About ten years ago that state discovered it was creating com-missions so lively that there was not room in the state house to house them all, and in that regard the story sounds like Nebraska. In order to make room a double basement was excavated and fitted up into offices. In these basements, can be found all sorts of departments, boards, commissions, etc., some of the larger departments having subdepartments under a head clerk or superintendent. Each of the heads receive a good salary. The last legislature created eight new commissions, vis: armory commission, in-dustrial accident board, board of directors of port of Boston, board of registration of nurses, board of training schools, emagencies, state board of refirement. At least the records show that salaries were peid to these departments not heretofore shown.

The writer asked what Massachusetts did with so many commissions and was teld that "Massachusetts was commission ridden." He said every session of the legislature created new boards or commissions and that the burden upon the taxpayer was becoming awful.

Fifty-Six Active Commissions.

To show what Nebraska may be coming to if it continues to create commissions promiscuously, we will say that according to the records the state of Massachusetts has no less than fifty-six commissions, subcommissions, bureaus and boards, in many instances the commission. is composed of a board of three or five. the chairman receiving a good salary while the other members draw nearly the is generally a secretary of the board who draws a good salary and many times an assistant to the secretary. Then there are stenographers, clerks and others working on a straight salary and in some instances an army of employee working by the hour or day. In some cases regolar employes are shown to be receiving

Perhaps a table showing the name of the commission, the number of employes, salary of the head of each and the total cost to the state in 1913 would be interesting to the person who advocated the torming of commissions, and what they cost. This table only gives the amount paid for salaries and help and does not cover office expenses or traveling ex-

COMMISSIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS. No.Em- Salary Comployed of Head. 1912. 4 \$ 1,500 \$ 13 2,200 22 1,600 40 5,000 67 6,000 Armory commission. War record bureau... Public Library com... Statistics bureau.... Bank commission... 4,410 10,646 3,605 79,133 51,610 69,481 \$5 day 1.560 3,500 5,000 4,000 3,000 Gan Electric Light. Harbor and Land.... Board of Health (five (four departments) Prison commission... Dentistry board..... Medicine board..... 458,404 1,500 41,787 5,000 Park commission 1,252 Railway commission. 31 129 963 1,000 6,404 2,700 District Police com., 121

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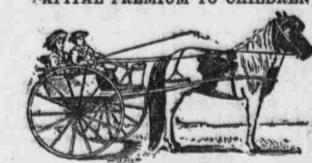
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package. 100 votes. Lawrence Barrett Cigaret

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In a great many departments, the industrial accident board, for instance. The highway commission with a yearly

assistant at some There are six sunder four drawing only 1000 be interesting to add in conclusion that sistant attorneys general to help him who which may not be greatly "important," a salary from to,000 down to \$1,000, and a stenog- \$5,000 a year and the lieutenant governor year, the least of the bunch getting Mrs. Elizabeth Chandier, 72 years old. cheap for a plumber.

The ballot law commission, which prob-the day or hour, receiving from \$3 a day nographer who gets \$1,999 and a clerk abiy does the same work which Ne-cover to 37th cents per hour down. \$1,200. A messenger draws \$100 a month braska's secretary of state does as a part cown, to 375 cents per hour down.

\$1,200. A messenger draws \$100 a month

There are other departments and many the fourteenth wedding under that roof. For sale by your druggist—Advertiseof his regular duties, is composed of three Nebraska people will be interested in and has an assistant who gets \$75 a state institutions, which makes the salary though of course only the

commissioners who receive \$500 each for the railway commission, which like our month and an assistant stenographer who pay roll of the state run up to the neat official event of that kind. Mrs. Chandtheir work. These Hire the Others.

little sum of \$2,683,551, which is simply \$2,500, inspector at \$1,800, first clerk at little sum of \$2,883,551, which is simply \$2,500, inspector at \$1,900, first clerk at clerk at 5100, three stenographers at \$500 connected with his office, and in all there pointed employes 2,753 in number.

Tor salaries alone and for additional help \$1,800, payroll inspector at \$1,100, and sixand an extra stenographer at \$2,50 a day. are seventy-seven people who divide up

While Nebraska may never have of the clerk at salaries ranging from \$1,000. a year down.

while the head of the department re. pay roll of \$262,365, a chairman of the ceives a salary of \$5,000 a year, four commission with a salary of \$5,000 a year other members receive \$1,500 each and a and \$4,000 each for two more of the board. secretary \$5,000. In the gas and electric a chief engineer at \$4,500, a secretary at secretary to the gas and electric states and the whole twenty. It is the gas and the whole twenty. The light commission the chairman received \$2.500, three division engineers at \$3.000. While Nebraska may never have use graphers, etc., and the whole twenty. aght commission the chairman receives and the whole twentyassistant \$1,600. The smoke inspector gets way in which the taxpayer contributes.

tution which has a payroll which looms chusetts.

two, \$2,000 each. They have a secretary ceives \$3,000 per year, a grade crossing draw for their services \$40,600. teen clerks at salaries ranging from \$1,000 There are also a half dozen others who yearly \$55,267 in salaries. ing to \$50,972.15.

A State Board of Retirement pays a draws more than the state treasurer of clerk \$1,500 a year, a stenographer \$600 Nebraska, \$2,600, and they get along with and a bookkeeper \$840.

each and a clerk to the board \$3,000, while ers numbering over 150, with another army way in which the legislature is creating the inspector of gas meters receives \$7,800 working by the day which runs the total new departments it may not be beyond a year, his assistant, \$1,80, and his second number on the payroll to 2,063, is another the realm of possibilities that the payroll for commissions in this state may in-\$2,500 and has two assistants who get \$100 The park commission is another insti- crease as rapidly as they have in Musea-

a salary from \$5,000 down to \$1,000, and A secretary draws \$4,000 and an assistant the governor of Massachusetts receives The ballot law commission, which prob- the balance of the 1.252 helpers work by year he drew \$1,000 extra. There is a ste-

the help of twenty-five clerks, steno-The auditor doesn't have much to do, ANOTHER WHITE HOUSE BRIDE and it only requires a deputy at a salary of \$4,000 and sixteen cierks to do the work. They draw \$30,624.

The attorney general's department is another easy place, there being only work a month each.

The State Board of Health has a secretary who draws \$5,000 a year, with an
tary who draws \$5,000. There are six subassistant at \$5,000. The \$5, draw all the way from \$4,000 to \$2,500 a even if true, but is decidedly interesting

Total Mannachusetts Payroll.

has no deputy. His head clerk, however, cation that it has already started along the next day after breakfast. the same lines that Massachusetts has followed and it might be well to stop and think before proceeding very much far-

Indiana Woman Claims to Have Been Married There in Lincoln's Time.

even the head of the plumbers' depart. Numerous cierks and stenog. to the head of the plumbers' depart. Numerous cierks and stenog. to the head of the plumbers' depart. Numerous cierks and stenog. The widow of the late James H. Chandment draws 2000 a year, though that is rashers to the amount of about fifty 12,000. The executive department has a complete the regular salaried help, while private secretary at \$2,500 a year and last was married in the White House, and is made when a Ec box of Dr. that therefore Miss Wilson's wedding was New Life Pills is bought. Why suffer?

own is composed of three members, the gets 166. There are also eight councilors sum of \$5.425,760, divided among 17,661 peo- ler relates that in 1862 she was living in chairman of which receives \$6,000 a year to the governor who are called in occa- pie last year. In 1911 the pay roll of the Augusta, Va., and eloped with Mr. The civil service commission is com- and the other two \$5,000 each. The secre- sionally and they draw \$1,000 a year each. state was \$5.005,616, with 16.885 people to Chandler, going to Washington to be posed of three commissioners, the chair-posed of three commissioners, the chair-man, drawing \$2,500 a year, and the other sistant \$2,500. The consulting engineer re-nected with the executive office, who \$4,547,728. This shows that by the increase called at the White House. President who draws \$3,000, a chief examiner at engineer \$300 per month, expert account. The secretary of state draws \$5,000 s of commissions, bureaus, increase in salchusetts taxpayers pay for the support \$2,000, deputy examiner at \$1,800, registrar and the proof is on file of labor at \$2,000, physical inspector at year each, a messenger at \$100 a month. \$3,000 each. There are five departments creased its salary roll \$75,000 and its ap-Mrs Chandler. Since the day was very While Nebraska may never have cause stormy and well advanced, President Linto carry such a large army of people on coln invited the couple to stay over night, work when needed, the payroll amount- The state treasurer draws \$5,000 and its salary pay roll, there is every indi-

> Surely an interesting story and well out of the common. Its authenticity should be readily established or disproved. A pleasant picture is suggested of the boy and girl from the country, embarrassed among the suroundings of the city, fleeing to the president for help: his friendly interest and kindly hospitality turned the storm into sunshine for them and they accepted the courtesy unaffectedly, as though there were no so-Aid themselves .- New York Sun.

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