

# Story of The Bee from the Day of Its Founding

## Career of Paper is Woven Into History of Nebraska

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 platform. Its editor spent much time on the stump, debating and preaching the gospel of sound money and a protective tariff, as opposed to the Bryan doctrine of free silver and free trade. In all national elections The Bee has been squarely behind the republican nominee and has steadfastly advocated the progressive and substantial policies laid down in the national platforms of that great party.

**Joe Bartley's "Cigar Box."**  
 When Governor Holcomb entered on his first term of office in 1895, Edward Rosewater warned him to insist on a full accounting from State Treasurer Joseph S. Bartley, then beginning his second term in charge of the state exchequer. The governor elected to accept the contents of the famous "cigar box" without critically examining them.

In 1896, however, The Bee exposed a conspiracy to pledge the successor to Bartley to carry on the "cigar box" system. This disclosure made certain the discovery of the tremendous shortage in the state treasury under Bartley's administration.

Bartley's conviction and sentence to prison for embezzlement is a matter of history as well as the procurement by his beneficiaries of a pardon for him. The governor who signed the pardon left the state at the expiration of his term and others involved have been explaining from time to time.

**For Revenue Reform.**  
 In 1902 The Bee resumed its agitation for a new revenue law for Nebraska that would bring about due adjustment of the burden of taxation. The ordinary revenue of the state was falling behind normal expenditures, and a huge deficit in the way of a floating debt had been accumulated under the fusion administrations. The cost of running the state was then rapidly increasing, while valuation for purposes of taxation was going the other way. This issue was forced before the legislature in 1903 and again in 1905 with partial success.

In 1906 the republican state platform promised nine specific reforms to be accomplished by the legislature. To make sure there might be no slip up on this splendid program, the editor of The Bee (Victor Rosewater having then succeeded his father) secured signatures to these pledges from three-fourths of the republican legislature candidates. This compact with the signatures in facsimile, was printed in The Bee and scattered broadcast over the state, so that voters might know exactly what the republican candidates stood pledged to do. Later Governor Sheldon posted this sheet in the executive office, and as each bill was passed and signed by him, he checked it off on the record, until the entire program had been carried out.

The Bee Household: Group in Stereotyping Room



The Bee Household: Engraving Department Employees



This was not achieved without a struggle, for against this reform program the corporations arrayed forces solidly.

**Progressive Laws Passed.**  
 By this service The Bee brought Nebraska into the front rank among progressive states. The new laws abolishing free railway passes, set up direct primaries, reduced railroad rates, provided an effective railway commission, an employers' liability law, abolished the \$5,000 limit for death claims, established a pure food commissioner with ample powers, and finally an effective terminal taxation law. This last was of particular importance.

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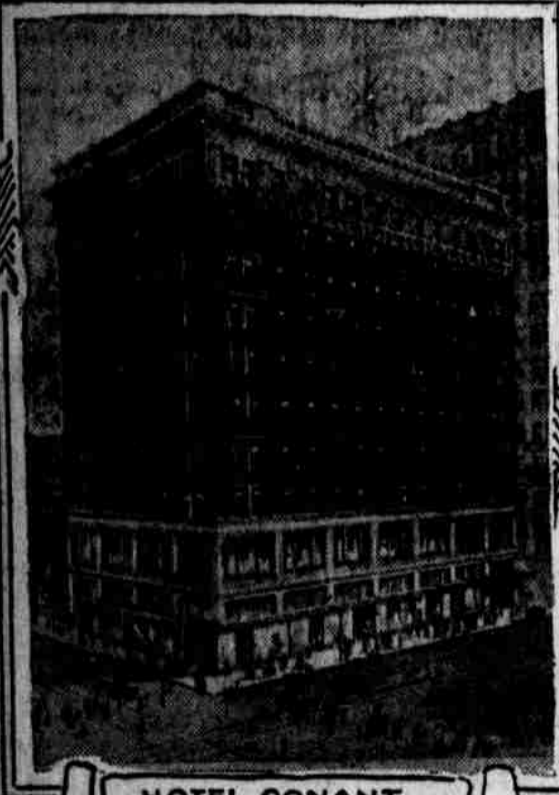
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Two of Mr. Parks' sons are now serving in the United States army.