

LANG SCORES POYNTER

Says He is Helpless to Resist the Demands of Politicians.

Statements Concerning the Poynter Administration That Are of Keen Interest to Tax Payers.

Omaha, Oct. 22.—Dr. B. F. Lang, who has just retired from the superintendency of the Home for the Feeble Minded Youth at Beatrice, is among those of the fusion faith who openly declare that Poynter is unfit for governor and should be defeated.

From the very commencement Governor Poynter has been dominated by the politicians. They have dictated many of his appointments to places in the various state institutions and the result is that there is scarcely an institution that has not suffered more or less from this source.

The different institutions today are supplied with that class of employes, in some instances three or four of one family are holding down positions without any qualification whatsoever. There are any number of people holding positions in the state institutions who are notoriously unfit for public duty.

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whereof I speak when I say that at this very time, in his efforts to obtain support, he is peddling out promises of appointment indiscriminately and he will either have to violate his word or keep faith at the cost of crippling and impairing the service more than ever.

"I believe that no one factor has had more to do with disorganizing the management of institutions work than the disregard the governor has shown for his word and promises to those seeking employment. There have been many changes in the institutions made for no other reason than to satisfy some politician with a pull or to keep some campaign pledge.

"The affairs at the Beatrice institution are very much unsettled. Only a few days ago one of the children from Douglas county was taken away because its parents believed that it could not be cared for properly with the change and consequent inexperience of new employes.

"The people of Nebraska can not afford to let such disgraceful conditions continue. It is a crying shame that helpless and defenseless people should be made to suffer simply that the demands of politicians may be fulfilled.

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one time that a large amount of groceries and provisions were shipped to the institute at Beatrice from Lincoln without ever having been ordered by any one in authority. The first I knew that such a shipment had been made was when I received notice from the railroad company that there was a consignment of goods for the institute at the depot.

"After considering these facts one can easily understand why there is a large deficiency in public funds at this time variously estimated at from \$30,000 to \$100,000. Large as this amount is, it will surprise no one who has been in a position to know just how Governor Poynter and other state officials transacted the public business.

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