

that is to be cut. In addition to this amount, the State of Nevada has 18% of the power that will be generated at that dam. That power can be used by the State of Nevada for the development of all Southern Nevada, for the bringing in of taxable property, for the establishment of factories, for the development of our mines, for the development of our lands. Do you know that there have been already proposals made to the State of Nevada by the power trust that that power be turned over to that power trust; and do you realize that a Governor, sympathetic with big business, with the requests of the power people, can do much to further that end? In this particular election, we are not fighting for merely political glory,—we are fighting for the very welfare of the State of Nevada and its future. As long as I, Morley Griswold, am Governor of the State of Nevada, there never will be a disposal of that 18% of the power to any member of the so-called power trust. That is the property of the State of Nevada and should be so retained, and all its benefits retained for all the people of the state.

I am sorry to say that the finances for educational purposes in the State of Nevada have suffered more than have those for any other department of our state government. We have reduced our bonded indebtedness; we have reduced our expenses, insofar as the state is concerned—last year \$141,000—according to the report of Mr. Peterson, State Controller. We are duly proud of it. There is one department of the state government, however, that must be kept up to standard no matter at what cost, and that is the education of our boys and girls. Depression, drought, closed banks, have caused the educational department of the State of Nevada to run behind over \$300,000 up to the present time, and before the Boulder Dam power is available to make up that deficit, from the best information we can get at this time, we are going to be behind at least \$700,000. Conditions over which we have no control are to blame for this. The taxpayers of this state are carrying every ounce of load that they can possibly carry. They are carrying too much. If the public utilities are successful in their campaign, there will be an additional burden that will not only ruin the small taxpayer and the home owner, the farmer and the miner, but will hurt beyond contemplation, for the next few years, the entire educational system of this state. I would like to reduce taxes, and I would like to be able to make a horizontal cut in favor of all of the taxpayers of the State of Nevada, but I cannot see my way clear to do so at the expense of the boys and girls of this state. This tax question deserves your best attention. With a sympathetic Legislature, I can take off at least another \$50,000 without injuring the efficiency of any state function, and I so pledge. The surprising thing is, that with all the criticism to which I have been subjected, there has never been anything said criticising the management of our state institutions, such as our prison, our orphan's home, our industrial school, and our hospital for mental diseases. If there were anything wrong with these efficient departments, it would be proclaimed in glaring headlines.

They can't accuse Morley Griswold of playing politics with employes and appointees. I reserve the right to select, when elected Governor, those who will make my administration a success.

Some of the people who have been

throwing so many obstacles in my way during the short time I have been endeavoring to bring order out of chaos, should sit at my desk for a few days and see the number of people who come to me and plead for jobs—worthy, deserving people; people who are willing to work; people who can accomplish the work to which they might be put. We have no jobs in the state for them. The taxpayers can't pay, and it isn't right that they should be called upon to further burden themselves, and the Federal Government, considering all things, has treated us handsomely. If you were sitting at my desk, while you would not, no more than I, approve of all of the plans of the Federal Government, yet you would know that in this day and age, in this depression, we cannot be cold-blooded; we cannot be unmindful of the sufferings of our fellow men. The methods that are being used, perhaps are not perfect. I have no control over them, but I can, and will, and have tried to do my part to help those poor unfortunates who, through no fault of their own, are seeking aid and succor from the Chief Executive of the State of Nevada. Labor must be aided in this state. I have perfected plans, and promise that I will make an additional saving to the taxpayers of this state, in the care of our aged and infirm. I have made myself clear in this respect, and I will keep faith. Among those hardest hit have been the railroad workers. We have come to a time now where we must aid them further and we must protect them in their hazardous occupation. Morley Griswold subscribes heartily to, and I will carry into effect, the plank in the party platform covering this matter. This is said without hesitation or without any evasion.

I have been accused of hustling or bustling, or words to that effect, at the Winnemucca Convention. Who has a better right, and who should be called upon sooner, than the Chief Executive of the State of Nevada, who, if he has one duty above all others, is to know the needs and the welfare of his people; to advise his party as to the needs of the state. Of course I hustled. I wanted to have in that platform such planks as would best benefit the people of the State of Nevada. If the Acting Governor of the State of Nevada did not take a part in matters intended for the benefit of the State of Nevada, then, I say, I would have been negligent and derelict in my duty. Call me anything you want—poke all the fun at me that you may desire. All I ask is fairness. Give me credit for what I have done. I will take the blame for anything I have done that is wrong. Don't put me in between warring factions. Don't pick out of thin air that I am this, or that, or the other thing without proof. Don't accuse me of being underhanded, under-cover, a mouth-piece, when everything I have said and done has been done out in the open. I am not ashamed of my course, and I am not apologizing. Morley Griswold is just coming to the people of his native state and making public the facts.

We are nearing completion of our main arterial highway systems. During the next four years those highways will be, in the event I am elected Governor, entirely completed. It is not sufficient that we have only the main thoroughfares for interstate travel, but we must complete lateral roads connecting points of interest, our towns and people with those main highways. As I think of the first trip I took

around the State of Nevada, and over the roads I had to travel but a short eight years ago, and contemplate the roads as they now exist, and the ease with which that trip will be made in comparison to eight years ago, I cannot help but be amazed at the strides we have made in road construction. We must not sit back satisfied, however, but we must complete our entire program, including our laterals.

The duties of the Governor not entirely confined to the State of Nevada. He is thrown in contact with the leaders of our sister states. You people of Nevada remember distinctly the efforts we have put forth, in these many years, to get our connection into the State of Nevada through the Feather River Canyon, connecting the Pacific Northwest directly with the State of Nevada. That connection is now assured. Many of my listeners will know the part I played. You will remember the trip to Croville—my trip to Sacramento. You will remember my talks before the people of our sister state. I leave it to you as to whether or not I was of benefit in obtaining this most important interstate connection. And, you people in Southern Nevada—remember how many years we have been attempting to get the connection from Boulder Dam south to the Santa Fe; how many years we have fought and worked to bring traffic from the south up through the State of Nevada in place of having it diverted through our sister states. It may be of interest to you to know that that connection was never obtained until after my connection with the State of Arizona, friendship between the Governors of these states and myself. Of course I had assistance. I am not claiming the entire credit, but I do feel that I have had some small part in those accomplishments.

It may be worthy to note, you people in the University of Nevada, and there are some of you who know the true facts, that when it was necessary that we have the assistance of our sister states in saving the valuable equipment housed in our Bureau of Mines, for which the State of Nevada had built a building, that Morley Griswold was called upon, as Acting Governor of the State of Nevada, to make the contacts and to defeat that bill that had already passed the United States Senate. And, you people of Nevada, ask the Mining Bureau how that was accomplished; who it was I had to contact, and who it was I had to know in order to get their assistance. I know that they will tell you that it was through my efforts that that bill was defeated, and the entire matter had been handled long prior to the time there was any newspaper publicity. My acquaintanceship with the States of Arizona, California, Idaho and Oregon, and my contact with influential people in those states, had much to do, as you of the University of Nevada will know, with the defeat of that bill and the retention of that equipment, and this again will sound like bragging, and I am sorry that these matters have to come from my own lips.

It may be noted, that in the hearings on the Taylor Range Bill at Salt Lake City, and the beginning of formation of plans of that most important act, I was the first one to raise my voice against proposed plans that would have been extremely detrimental, if not ruinous, to the people of this state. You stockmen and ranchers know the stand I have taken in that matter. As a member of the Range Commission of the State of Nevada, I had my part in the drafting of the bene-

cial amendments that were forwarded to our Congressional Delegation, and again, I am not entitled to all of the credit, but I am entitled to my part, and I am entitled to credit for standing on my feet in front of an adverse audience in a sister state and stating that the State of Nevada and its people would not permit, if it was within their power to stop, the unwise regulations that were proposed. And so, friends, the duties of the Governor of the State of Nevada are many and varied. He is not called upon alone to handle the affairs of state, but he must be the spokesman for the state with our sister states, and he must be able to convince those states of the right and justice of the proposition taken by the State of Nevada. I would say that this is one of the most important duties of the Governor of the State of Nevada.

If I have done any wrong, I am ready to accept just censure. I am an attorney, and have made my livelihood from practicing law. I have always understood that the practice of law was an honorable profession, and I have always understood that an attorney could represent his client, and I have always understood that banking was an honorable business, and that the fact that a man is a banker and has the handling of money and the making of loans is an honorable business. The training of an attorney is that of understanding human beings and the needs and the wants and the reasons and the purposes of the acts of people. The training of a banker is to make money. There can be no criticism of that pursuit any more than there can be criticism of an attorney because he represents his client. If the bank takes its money and builds up the community, then it is a real credit to that community. The reason the little business man and the laborer deposits his money in his local bank is that it may be used for the development of his community, and that that money will be used over and over for the benefit and the advancement and the protection of the citizens of the locality, and the education of their children. A banking institution that does not follow this procedure, but sends its money to a foreign locality, or invests its money in government bonds, or buys out-of-state paper, certainly cannot be a great asset to the business people of its locality. You are going to hear more from me during this campaign, and I invite your investigation of my statements, and I request that you give me a further opportunity to be heard. I entertain the sincere hope that the people of the State of Nevada, when they know the facts, are not going to be any more pleased with the treatment that has been accorded me than I am. I sincerely hope that you who have listened in will give me the opportunity of going more into detail as this campaign progresses, and so I say again to the people of the state, investigate Morley Griswold, investigate him as thoroughly as you see fit. Understand, if you can, the position that he, through no fault of his own, has been placed in; understand the power of the press, the influence of propaganda, the vicious effect of continuous distortion of facts. I trust that you have been enlightened; I trust that you have gained something from my talk. Certainly, it is distasteful to me to be forced to make it.

I thank you for your attention, and ask your cooperation in achieving for our state, the highest possible prosperity.