

"Kaffo" Klatch. From Saturday's Daily. Mrs. Wagon entertained the members of the "K free Klatch" at her pleasant home on North Fifth street yesterday afternoon in a most delightful manner...

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STATEMENT.

To the Electors of Cass County, Nebraska:

Having noticed the false and violent statements made in the columns of some of the papers published in this county, which we believe are made for the purpose of deceiving the voters as to why the petition for a county seat election was refused, we feel that it is but justice to ourselves and the voters that the exact facts should be known.

We will briefly state our official act in this matter, and upon what facts they were based, and first recount that an action will be approved by all intelligent, law-abiding people of this county.

The petition received our prompt attention when presented, immediately after it was presented a protest in writing, and sworn to, was filed in the office of the county clerk by lectors of the county.

This protest advised the board of commissioners that many names on the petition were secured by unlawful means, that many names were forgeries, that many others were the names of non-residents of the county and still many others signed by persons who were not electors of the county or had been procured to sign by fraud and misrepresentation.

After due deliberation we continued the hearing of this controversy for forty days and this is the first ground for the adverse criticism to which we have been subjected by the unthinking partisans of the object of the petition.

We respectfully and emphatically say to our fellow citizens that a decent regard for our duty imposed by the law of this state required us to give reasonable time for investigation. We were not advised of the facts raised by the protest and could not possibly act intelligently without investigation.

We could not perform the duty that we owed to the people of the county without taking the time of which these partisans complain.

Under the laws of this state the county commissioners act judicially in passing upon the sufficiency of a petition for county seat elections. It is difficult to understand how they can perform this duty without the necessary time for investigation.

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the petition were stricken off for this reason should be directed against the law, and the persons preparing the petition, and not against the commissioners, whose duty it is to follow the law.

In cities where registration laws prevail it is a matter of frequent occurrence that bona fide electors are denied and deprived of the right to vote because they neglect to register. Such persons could not rationally complain of the election boards for refusing to accept their vote, for the reason that the law prescribed registration as a condition upon which the right could be exercised.

Before the citizens can exercise the elective franchise he must comply with the law that regulates the right. If the citizen wishes to exercise that right he must comply with the law that grants it and if he neglects the requirements there is no person to blame but himself. This is equally true in the matter of this petition. If any elector of Cass county desired to have his name counted on that petition the law prescribed how that wish could be gratified and the requirements of that law should be observed.

Independent however of the fact that names were duplicated upon the petition and that large numbers of minors and non residents signed it and independent of the fact that 369 names which appeared in the petition did not comply with the law and could not legally be counted, the petition was rightfully rejected and dismissed for the reason that 224 of the electors who signed the petition voluntarily withdrew their names from it and in due form of law required the commissioners not to consider their names as petitioners, alleging that their names had been procured to the petition by misunderstanding and misrepresentation; this act on the part of those 224 persons left the petition 88 names short of the number required by law.

Our supreme court has decided that petitioners on this class of petitions are in the nature and character of plaintiffs in a law suit; they have an indisputable right to withdraw their names from the petition or law suit, at any time before the question is finally submitted; this is their undoubted right, they have as much right to withdraw from the petition as they have to sign it.

The object of this petition is to show and make it appear that there is a probability that if the election is called the proposition may be favorably acted upon. It is certainly no more annoying or injurious to the partisans of county seat removal to have these persons withdraw from this petition and thus defeat the calling of an election, than it is to vote against the proposition if it is submitted and if they will do one they are quite as likely to do the other.

Our supreme court has decided that county seat elections are not favored of the law, and those who desire them must comply strictly with the law. The expense, loss of time and inevitable annoyance and friction attending these contests should not be inflicted upon the people by the mere whim or caprice of agitators or of public servants but should be granted only as a mandate of the law.

In conclusion we respectfully submit to our fellow citizens of Cass county that in this matter we are as clearly convinced that we have performed our duty and our whole duty as we are that an alleged petition was presented for our consideration. A committee of the petitioners appeared in person and by counsel before us when this matter was finally disposed of, and gave notice of an appeal from our action in this behalf.

We carefully deliberated on this matter and asked the opinion of the county attorney, H. D. Travis, and our final determination of the matter was in accordance with the opinion of the county attorney and our own judgment; for in such cases it was impossible to know whether such names were bona fide or not, or whether they had been placed there by persons ignorant of the place of domicile of the persons whose names were signed.

The statute has fixed these requirements and we ask the intelligent, fair-minded and law-abiding citizens of this county and state if we had any right to disregard the requirements of the law, which was our only authority for acting and which we had solemnly sworn to support and observe.

If one of these requirements could be rightfully disregarded, then the observance of every one of them would be optional with the county commissioners, and we could act upon our mere whim or preference in matters of great public concern.

In this matter we adopted and acted as well upon belief that the law was mandatory and that it controlled our action in this matter. The complaint that old residents of the county whose names appeared upon...

A Bucking Horse. Gentlemen, but wasn't this luck? Twenty-three quail, two geese, two coons and a fox all in one afternoon. If any one can beat that on an everyday common goose hunt, let me see the color of his hair. After trying on the game I mounted and broke into the S. O. R.'s train of thought with a dig in the ribs with the butt of the gun. Right there was where I made the mistake of the day. The splendid Old Run awoke to his surroundings, took one snail at his odorous burden, and in just one and a half minutes by the clock had bucked himself clear of everything, saddle and all, and was making Salvator time for his stable.

It was interesting while it lasted, but, thank the Lord it didn't last long. Talk about riding a trip hammer! Why, that would be comparative fun to the way this old head bucked! First my hat came off then the game began to come up and hit me in the face and the small of the back; then I had to throw away my gun; next it began to rain dead quail out of my pockets, and finally he got me to coming down as he was going up, and that settled it. The next thing I knew I was sitting on the ground, with my teeth all loose and a link in my spine, my gun, gun, saddle and blanket scattered around, and the horse henry home. Old sport was sitting in front of me, spitting the ground with his stamp of a tail and now and then flicking his wounds in a manner that showed he was proud of them.

I was demoralized, there's no use denying it; and weak and sick I sat there until my friend, alarmed by the S. O. R.'s return riderless to the ranch, hitched up his team and came down the river hunting for me.—Forest and Stream.

Saved a Baby from Death. During a small tenement house fire on the east side there was a thrilling incident that was not chronicled at the time. It occurred at a rear window in the second story. The flames had been extinguished with trifling damage, but the house was full of smoke. Suddenly a woman tottered to the open window. In her arms she held a bundle, tightly clasped to her bosom. It was in white wrappings. Quickly the crowd of people in the yard below saw the woman. Great clouds of smoke whirled about her head in suffocating volumes, and the crowd called upon her to jump.

She hesitated, but extended the bundle to some length, from which at that moment there came a faint cry. It was a baby's voice. "Give my child!" implored the woman. Instantly a blanket was procured and she lay flat on the ground. "Drop it!" they shouted. With her face averted the agonized and imperiled mother let the baby fall. Down the little one fluttered like a white winged, wounded bird, with the despairing cry of "Mamma" upon its lips. Quickly it struck the blanket, and a moment later it was taken up safe and sound, but sobbing, by a motherly looking woman in the throng. It required but a few minutes to raise a ladder and rescue the self sacrificing mother from her perilous position and restore her dimpled darling to her arms. This touching rescue was loudly applauded by the sympathetic spectators.—New York Herald.

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A Delicate Question. During a hull in the court proceedings at Auburn the other day, Sheriff Lamb propounded a legal question based on an actual occurrence recently in East Livmore. Two neighbors in that town own rams. One of the rams jumped over the fence into the field of the neighbor and while there injured one of the cattle which was grazing in the field. The neighbor caught the ram and tied him in the barn where his own ram was tied. As he happened to give him too much slack rope the ram got at the more securely tied ram belonging to the man who had tied him and killed him. After having performed this feat he managed, through the extra amount of rope, to get so entangled as to get hanged by the neck until he was dead. The legal question involved was as to who should pay for the ram—the neighbor who, by letting his ram loose, caused all the trouble, or the neighbor who, by tying him in the barn so carelessly, caused the death of both animals.—Bangor News.

What the Sailor Men Eat. Times are changed now on board ships. When I was a boy before the mast I had to take a tin panikin and put to the galley, get a lump of tough salt horse, a pot of weak tea and molasses and eat wherever I had a show. Nowadays the sailors have a boy to wait on them, get canned roast beef and spuds every other day and the best of salt beef and pork. If the coffee ain't strong enough or sweet enough they growl at the cook.—Interview with Capt. Sennett.

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