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CLEAR CASE OF FRAUD.

Senatorial Investigating Committee. The preamble to the report of the committee appointed by the late legislature to investigate the state offitions as passed by the senate from the amendment. which they received their authority, also to the resolutions as passed by both houses allowing the committee although there was a numder of vavate and public men necessary to facilitate the investigation, the state report is as fallows:

Ballot Frauds.

The attention of the members of the committee having been called by at the general election held in November, 1896, it was decided to first mation that testimony would be offered showing fraud in the recounting of the ballots upon these smendments, both by the recount commisby house roll No. 5, passed by the sion, concluded that since the first mission the negative no. reconst commission had been ap- In the city of York, and in the sent a signed statement in which he depointed by Governor Holcomb, and first ward the poll books that were however, this communication was sent identified by the judges who presi-by the terms of state make. Before, by the terms of said act made ex- ded at this election show that 103 notified that no testimony had been or officio a member of the commission, was proper, before taking any tescommittee would be held, and a writcomb to the same effect, a copy of two veses to overcome the one no. which notice so served upon Governor Holcomb is attached to and filed tion. tee, a number of citizens of York against it. The package containing coln. county appeared, were sworn, and the ballots when opened showed 156 testified with reference to the chang- veses and 28 noes. In the 3rd ward of ing of ballots, and thereby the chang. the same city the poll books identiing of the results of the expressed fied by the judges of election conwill of the electors of that county. instructions of the secretary of state ballots when counted showed 123 from the condition in which they were given by virtue of house roll No. 5, votes for the amendment and none when counted by the judges and clerks ed by said recount commission.

after the word "Yes" opposite the manner of recounting the ballots un-

Forged Signatures.

enclosed in the envelope by the ings of the committee which were \$2,000 for their expense, which reso- judges and clerks of election when open to the public, and were of such lution was promptly vetoed by the they were returned to the county a grave character as to reflect upon governor, therefore necessitating their clerk, some of which had been en. the honor and integrity of the men proceeding at their own expense. dorsed on the back by the judgesand some of which had no such in, in this nefartous crim . Yet, not-Also to the fact that the state officers dorsement, were filled out and counthad refused to allow them a room in ed for the amendment. In one in. refused to appear and give their evthe capital to conduct the investiga- stance in McFadden precinct in the idence. The committee finds from tion in, therefore compelling them to county of York, witnesses were the testimony that the first recount procure a room at the Lincoln hotel, brought before the committee who commission appointed by Governor testified that the signatures of the Holcomb held its session behind judges on the back of the ballots had closed dcors; the public was not percant rooms at the state house, and been forged. In persuing this meth. mitted to be present, and their that, although they were clothed od of changing the will of the elec- work was stopped by an injunction with the authority to subpeona pri- tors it appears that for four nights from the court; and therefore that the witness Simon, carried the pack- which they might have done had ages of ballots from the office of the they been permitted to continue, we secretary of state, obtaining entrance are not able to ascertain. officers had refused to appear and thereto by giving a secret rap under-give evidence, but had continually stood by Mr. Kelsey, the janitor sought to hamper the committee to who was in charge, the rap consist. this method of re-marking the bal-

were being changed.

ammendment to increase the number der the second commission which of judges of the supreme court and discloses that the ballots were count so says the Following Report of the the two "Yeses" was marked under a ed more than once, and were also rule which it appears had been adopt- counted for the amendments whether ed by the recount commission over- the will of the voter as expressed came the one "No," and the ballot was for or against the same. The instead of being a negative ballot as refusal upon the part of the officials it was when cast by the electors, be- of this state to appear before the cers cites the governor to the resolu- came an affirmative ballot in favor of committee to testify or to give any information in their possession, has made our task most difficult. These

It further appears from the evi- changes have been made; they have dence that unused ballots which were been sworn to by witnesses at meetwho are said to have been engaged withstanding this, these men have

Mr Hedjund Testifies

It is shown by the evidence that the greatest extent possible. The ing of three distinct knocks, were lots was pursued by the commission taken by Simon down through the in twenty-one counties of the state, basement and up through a trap and one witness, Mr. Hediund, who door into the room where the ballots was a member of the commission, testifies that the vote in Hall county The evidence discloses that in Mc. as made out by the commission was citizens of York county to alleged Fadden precinct in the county of 2,424 affirmative votes, being about frauds in the recount of ballots cast York the judges and clerks of elec. 800 more than the vote as returned on the constitutional amendments tion returned 52 votes in favor of the by the judges and clerks of election submitted to the electors of this state amendment, and 71 votes against the in that county in favor of the amendamendment. The envelopes con-taining the ballots from that precinct upon an inspection by the committee found to committee to the effect that a meeting had been held at the home of Governor Holcomb prior to the conven-tion of 1992 at which take up this subject for investiga-tion. We having been given infor-mation that testimony would be of the testified before the committee the committee the second provide the convention of the legislature of 1897 at which a examination of them by a witness this recount commission was passed; who testified before the committee that officers who held their appointment disclosed that there were 134 of from him as governor were not only these ballots marked yes and 34 no; cognizant of, but some of them particithat 44 ballots that had been chang- pated in this recount. That the private sion appointed by ex-Governor Silas A. Holcomb, under authority given by house roll No 5 passed by the by house roll No. 5, passed by the legislature at its twenty-fifth session, and also by the legislative commis-sion, concluded that since the first microsse the judges and thereby over sion, concluded that since the first microsse the public of the com-sion concluded that since the first microsse the public of the comrefueed; ex governor Holcomb, howevor

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Edmisten's Vault.

The evidence discloses that on the night prior to the commencement of such recount James H. Edmisten, state oil inspector, Geo. W. Blake, bet being under the amendment and ballots, and therefore before either Mr. L. Simon, an assistant to the com. by two X's opposite the word yes. appointed by the governor; Edward mission, and one or two others whose inspector, and after having darkened state, where all ballots had been de the figures above given, it is plain by their example influenced others to posited upon their receipt from the that in this one precinct in York follow in the lead of men high in pubturned with a package of ballots city of York, the number of votes to obey its demands. which were taken into a vault in the office that was used by the parties. of the amendment was largely in work of changing and marking was judges and clerks of election. commenced.

This was done, as the evidence opinion for or against all the amend has been unable to do so. ments and which had been voted There has been evidence offered "No" were changed by placing a before the committee touching the cross after De word "Yes" at the top of the ballots, and another cross

votes were cast in favor of the a- would be received by us except from mendment, and 28 votes against witnesses who were under oath, and who submitted to such examination as timony with reference to such re- it. The packages containing the bal- the committee might desire to make or count, that notice should be given lots from this ward upon being open- direct to be made. them. Accordingly an oral notice ed was found therein 199. Of these was given to Mr. Porter of the time were 154 marked in favor of the secretary, sent to the committee, or left and place when the meetings of the amendment, and only 8 against and there were 27 of the ballots that were his connection with this matter. The ten notice was served upon Mr. Hol- marked in this peculiar manner of letter was dated on the 17th day of July'

Changes Discovered.

with the transcript of all the testi- city as shown by the poll books and that on the 17th and 18th days of July mony offered during the investiga- as testified to be the judges of that the committee was in session at the Linelection, it appears that 124 votes coln hotel; that on the 19th it was in the city of Yor's, and that on the 20th day At the first sitting of the commit were cast for the amendment and 30 of July it was again in session at Lin-

tained a record of 94 votes for the ceived with caution, but the insyection. It appears that in pursuance to the amendment and 31 against it. The as hereinbefore stated, of the ballots or the county clerk of York county for against. Fourth ward of the same of election, and the testimony of the warded by express the bailots and city the poll books identified by the poll books of the election referred to judges of this election showed 114 in said bill to the secretary of state, votes for the amendment, and 25 has led the committee to the unalterawhich ballots were afterwards count- against it. The package containing ble conclusion that the ballots were the ballots cast at the election had changed, and that they must have been therein 175; of these 143 were for county clerk of York county,

amendment 14 against and 2 blank with 10 ballots marked with double X's as previously described, the ob before the committee previous to the member of the recount commission to overcome an X opposite the no,

Irrespective of the oral testimony given by the witness Simon who denames the committee were unable scribes the mapner of the marking to procure, met at the office of the oil and method pursued by the men engaged in this fraud the ballots themthe windows, that light might not be selves upon an inspection clearly this fraud, to appear before them, but men from the outside. Mr. Edmisten and conclusively showed that they refused; denied our authority, and seen from the outside, Mr. Edmisten and conclusively showed that went to the office of the secretary of they have been changed. Taking ing the b neft of their testimony : and various county cierks, and soon re- county, and in four wards of the lic position, and likewise disputed the recorded by the commission in favor After the ballots were opened the creased from that returned by the TALLY SHRET MISSING.

This committies has carnestly both by witnesses and the mapection sought to obtain the tally sheets ned and partially executed with a view of the ballots discloses, ballots mark- used both by the recount commission state by declaring or counting as carried ed by a cross at the top where the appointed by the governor and the the amendment to the constitution that voter by one cross could express his legislative recount commission, but

however, this communication was sent by him to the committee he had been or notified that no testimony had been or would be received by us except from witnesses who were under oath, and who submitted to such examination as the committee might desire to make or direct to be made.
Benton Maret, the governor's private secretary, sent to the committee, or left at the Lincoln hotel for the committee, or left at the Lincoln hotel for the committee, a letter enclosing an affidavid denying his connection with this matter. The letter was dated on the 17th day of July and he stated that, not having found the committee in session he was unable to appear before them. The facts are, and the record submitted herewith shows that on the 17th and 18th days of July the committee was in session at the Lincoln hotel; that on the 19th it was in the city of York, and that on the 20th day
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CORROBORATIVE EVIDENCE.

We are aware that the witness Simon. having confessed that he was a party to this crime, stands in the light of a witness whose testimony should be rechange that had been made in them of election, and the testimony of the county clerk of York county and his deputy to the effect that these ballots were never opened while in his custody, has led the committee to the unaltera-ble conclusion that the ballots were changed, and that they must have been changed by som sone other than the

The discription given by the witness Simon with reference to the methods used in the marking of these ballots was opening of the packages containing the Simon or the committee had inspected them. When the ballots were opened the manner in which they were marked and their appearauce clearly corroborated the tessimony previously given by the witness,

We repeat that this committee would have been glad to have had the officers authority of the committee, and refused

CRIME COMMITTED.

In closing this branch of our investigation we desire to say to you to whom we were directed to report, that it unquestionably appears that a crime, the magnitude of which we cannot command ladguage to describe, was plan. the votors at the polishad failed to ratify in the mann r prescribed by the constitution itself.

If the fundamental law of our great Continued on loursh page.

NOTICE TO LAND OWNERS.

To all whom it may concern:

The commissioner appointed to view and report upon a road commencing at a point on the east line of road number (10) ten, where it crosses the section line between sections 10 and 15, in township 15, north of range 15, west, in Sherman coun-ty and state of Nebraska, and running thence west on the section line between sections 10 and 15, 9 and 16, 8 and 17, 7 and 18, and terminating at west section corner between sections 7 and 18, has reported in faver of the establishment thereof and all objections thereof or claims for dam

NOTICE TO BIDDERS,

Sealed bids for Poor Farm of Sherman county for three years, commencing March 1st, 1900, Will be received at the county Clerk's office, at Loup city, Nebraska, on or before September 1st, 1899; sais farm contains 320 acres less railroad right of way, and right of way of irrigain company and public highways. Rent to be paid in cash, terms to be one half cash in advance and one half cash at the expiration of each year. Lessee to furnish bond with approved security; The County Board reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

nated, Loup city, Nebraska, June 28, 1899 JOHN MINSHULL, County Clerk

call on

BALE BY

Loup City, Nebr.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Intertor.

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Land Office at Lincoln, Nebraska. June 24, 1999.

Notice is hereby given that the follow ing named settler has flied notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the county judge at Loup City, Nobraska, on August 5th, 1999, vis: Frederick Claus Stark, Homestead Entry No. Itims for the south east fourth, Section, is, Township is north of range is west of the 6th p. m. He named the following witnesses to prove his continuous restdence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: stephen N. Sweetland, Samuel Dad dow, of Loup City, Henry C. Stark of

Divisio, Adulph c. Stark, LitenBeid. J. W. JOHNSON, Register JUBBRIDS

