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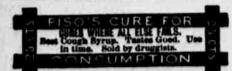
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# HOLCOMB'S HOUSE RENT.

official Record Showing the Facts of the Scandal.

Silas A. Holcomb, while governor of the state, not only accepted an unconstitutional appropriation for the payment of his private house rent, but by the use of padded vouchers he took from the state treasury almost double the amount of money that the house rent actually cost. It takes no argument to substantiate this. The records are the best evidence.

When the legislature of 1893 made a house-rent appropriation for Governor Crounse, the last Republican governor, it was promptly vetoed. Crounse in his message declared it unconstitutional, and said the legislature had no power to increase the salary or perquisites of any state officer.

Governor Holcomb had no such regard for the constitution or the law. He regarded the law as "a farce and a sham," as his sworn testimony later disclosed. He was glad to take the houserent appropriation, and he intended to make as much as possible out of it.

The records show that for the first six months after the appropriation was available in 1895, Holcomb lived in a house belonging to A. C. Crandall. There is no evidence of the actual amount paid Crandall for the rent, but the vouchers drawn show that for each quarter the governor drew \$180 in advance. He had Crandall sign the vouchers.

On the 1st of October Holcomb rented house from Mrs. Gould at the rate of \$30 per month. And yet the records show that for the quarter ending Jan. 1, 1896, he drew in advance \$180 for 'house rent." The date of this voucher is Sept. 80, 1895.

The next voucher drawn was on March 3, 1896, when Holcomb took \$350 all in a lump, the voucher saying it was for "house rent," but did not say what period of time it covered. This was the period of time it covered. This was the case with all future vouchers, an adroit effort having been made to cover up the the first two warrants were issued, to as-

Who paid it to you?

The governor. How did he pay it to you, by check or money?

A. Sometimes in money and sometimes in check or draft.

Q. Were you ever paid by warrant from the state? Did the state pay you?

It was always paid either by money

Yes, sir. Was it paid monthly or quarterly? Monthly. In advance?

Not always. Sometimes it would be pretty near two months. Sometimes the 15th and sometimes near the last. It was paid right at the day. Did you collect it by going after it, r was it brought to the house?

A. He usually brought it to me.

The legislative investigating commitgiven, tried to get Holcomb to testify. tee, before which this evidence was He refused to come forward and ex-plain himself, for the good reason that no explanation was possible. The following is a part of the committee's official report:

The 24th session of the legislature of the The 24th session of the legislature of the state of Nebraska, by house roll No. 632, a bill making appropriation for current expenses for the blennium, appropriated the sum of \$1,500 for house rent for the governor. The 25th session of the legislature, by house roll No. 614, also appropriated for the purpose of house rent for the governor the sum of \$1,500 for the blennium. Complaint having been made to the committee that this sum had been misappropriated, evidence in relation to the same was heard, and from the evidence we find: That the first two youchers drawn against That the first two youchers drawn against this fund thus created were each for the sum of \$180, each purported on its face to be for three months' house rent; the warrants in payment thereof being drawn to A. C. Crandall. These vouchers were, to say the least, irregular in that the first drawn May 2 was for rent to July 1, 1895, while the second drawn July 1, 1895, was for rent to Oct. 1, 1895, thus paying the bills for rent before they matured.

"The committee further finds that from

"The committee further finds that from about the first of October, 1895, to the end of his term of office the governor occupied a residence on A street in the city of Lincoln, owned by Mrs. C. A. Gould, and for which he paid a rental of \$30 per month, which sum was paid monthly at the convenience of the governor, and to the entire satisfaction of Mrs. Gould; that during the time he occupied said residence as governor he presented vouchers in his own name amounting to \$1,948.20, three of which amounting to \$710 were not sworn to as required by law, for the payment of which the state auditor issued his warrants on the state treasurer.

"The committee were unable to procure



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	the books in follows:	the	audi	tor's	office	18 48
-	May 2, 1895.					\$180.00
	July 11, 1896.					180.00
_ 1	Dept. 30, 1866					180.00
Ľ.	March 3, 1860					350.00
	Dec. 24, 1896.					800.00
- 1	Aug. 7, 1897.					120:00
	Dec. 24, 1897.					360.00
	May 26, 1898.					250.00
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	Dec. 10, 1808					200.00
	Jan. 6, 1899					83.30

misappropriation or steal. The record

Governor Holcomb deliberately mis-appropriated and put in his pocket each month a little over \$19. All this in spite of the fact the appropriation is for a certain amount for house rent, "or so much thereof as may be necessary."
No quibble will justify the steal. The state officials now admit the wrong, and to prevent the vouchers from being inspected by the public, the auditor has removed them from their usual places with the other vouchers in the vault, and has them concealed at the present time in Deputy Pool's desk. A way to prove this is to go and ask to see

The sworn evidence given by Mrs. Gould shows how much was paid for the house which Holcomb rented of her on the 1st of October, 1895, and which he still occupies. She testified before an investigating committee as follows:

Who rented the property? Both of us; my husband and my

Who is the tenant? Mr. Holcomb. What does he pay now? Thirty dollars. Who pays the water rent? He does.

A. He does.
Q. The rental price is the same as when you rented it?
A. Yes, sir.
Here followed a number of questions relating to the rental value of property in the city as compared with years ago, and the testimony resumed as follows:
Q. What year was it with reference to his being elected governer? Do you know the year that you rented it to him?
A. Why, I am not positive when the rent began, but I think it was in October, 1896, I couldn't swear to that. I hadn't only 15 minutes to get ready in and I hadn't much time to look anything up. I think it was October, 1895, he first rented it.

Q. After that your husband did the leasing?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And you don't know how many years he rented it for; that is, you can't

A. I suppose it would be since 1895. It would be four years. This is 1899.
Q. In collecting the rent, Mrs. Gould. to whom was it paid?
A. It was usually paid to me, but to Mr. Gould when he was at boost.

certain the amount actually paid to him for rent, but giving the benefit of the doubt to the vouchers as filed, and admitting that \$60 per month was the amount of rent actually received by him, it will be seen that \$773.20 of the amount set apart for the payment of house rent has been misappropriated by Governor Holcomb, and your committee would recommend that your excellency refer this matter to the attorney general with instructions to take such steps as may be necessary to recover from Mr. Holcomb the amount thus misappropriated."

This same man who makes out padded

This same man who makes out padded vouchers, who arranges to have them concealed from the public gaze, who refuses to appear and testify before a committee, and who fails to explain in any way why he pocketed this money, is now a candidate for the office of supreme judge. The house rent fraud is only one of the many reprehensible deals entered into by this "politician for spoils only." He is not fit for the supreme bench, and should be repudiated at the polls.

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A Story of Mis-Placed Confidence and Woe by an Amateur.

· ...... Mrs. X was nearing the end of life's journey. The death-dew was settling upon her brow. The sorrowing husband stood at her bedside. The frightened little ones hovered near the foot of the couch, moaning in undertones, they having been cautioned "not to disturb poor, sick mama." Kind neighbors were softly tip-toeing in and out of the death chamber, eager to administer to the comfort of their friend, whose spirit was slipping away from the shores of mortality, and whose pure, loveable character had so endeared her to them all. The wife and mother, midst the jast throes of dissolving nature, started up, with wild eyes and cried: "On, where is my pastor!" The sorrowing husband ten-derly wiped the death-dew from the brow of his loved one and (God pardon the poor man for uttering an untruth) whispered: "Yes, darling, your pastor will soon be here." The dying woman faintly whispered back in the ear of her husband: "Oh, how glad I am to know that he will soon, very soon, be here; that his absence is owing to his having gone out to visit other sick members of his flock; that my beloved pastor is devoting all the energies of a consecrated life to the work assigned him by the master!"

"Husband, dearest, hold the baby close to my bosom, while I close my eyes for a few moments and try to imagine that I hear the footsteps of my beloved pastor, as he approaches the house, bearing under his arm the precious book of books, from whose sacred pages he will read to me some of God's most precious promises. Let me sleep, dearest husband, for a few minutes, so that the time will not seem very long while I am awaiting the coming of this holy man of God, whose prayer, united with yours and mine, dearest, will assist me in laying hold of the 'hope that is set before us," and then wake me gently when he has come so that not a moment may be denied me of listening to his comforting words.
Oh! to listen to the voice of my beloved pastor, as he, with head reverently bowed before our common Father, breathes a low, thrilling prayer for my safe passage over the Jordan, whose cold

chilly waters threaten to engulf me." (A few moments later.) "Oh! I am so weary waiting! My poor body so longs for rest! But I cannot go until my pastor comes! Send a quickfooted messenger to summon him to my side." Then, with a strength born of her desire to linger upon the shores of mortality until her pastor should come, the wife and mother raises her quivering body upright in bed, kisses her babe, falls back among the pillows, and with: "Oh! why should my pastor have thus forsaken me!" the spirit of the confiding, christian woman has passed over the river, there to await the coming of husband, children and friends and-let us be charitable enough to hope—her pastor as well.

Next day the pastor is heard to regret that, at the time of the death of Sister X, he was unavoidably ubsent. But you will ask: "Where was the dying woman's beloved pastor?" Why, God bless you! he was out at a country school house trying to persuade the people that God had excused him from the work of ministering to the dying members of his flock, now that he had been nominated for omce and it behooved him to apply all his energies, to the end that he might

make "his calling and election sure."

Next day Sister X was laid away in
the silent city of the dead. Her "beloved pastor" mumbled a cold, lifeless prayer at the grave, and while invok ing God's blessing upon the bereaved family, his voice grew husky (not be-cause of tender feelings or emotion but because of the straining of his lungs, the night before, while harangueing the people in the interest of his candidacy.

As the sorrowing husband led his innocent babies from the grave of their mother, an irreverent old deacon was heard to remark to one of his neighbors: "Well, we must look out for an other preacher; one, too, whose calling of the Lord to preach the gospel has gone home to his heart, and whose whole soul is intent on obeying that call; one whose life has been conse crated to the work of pointing sinners to the blood of the Lamb, and whose voice shall never grow husky making political barangues.'

Election day came, and with it came such a sweeping defeat for our erst while man of God, that the sight was most pitiable indeed, and when, on the first Sunday after election, the poor fellow (he was now called "fellow") stood up in the pulpit, many of his congregation hung their heads in very

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The Rev. L. A. Hussong of Red Cloud and the Rev. Edson of Red Cloud, have formed a "ministerial trus ... Now we understand out here that these reverend gentlemen both occupy Red Cloud pulpits. They draw salaries from their respective congregations. These congregations are able and should be willing to pay their own preachers. It isn't fair to ask the tax-payers of Webster county to support

ie pastors of the Red Cloud churches. Let Red Cloud pay her own preachers, and give us persons for our county officers whose previous occupations qualify them to fill the offices which they seek.

Yours truly.

FARMER. That is all right Brother Farmer, we are with you in this proposition. THE CHIEF may sometimes work for the interests of Red Cloud, but we do not lose sight of our farmer friends and assure them that we will not support the Red Cloud preachers in their present aspirations.

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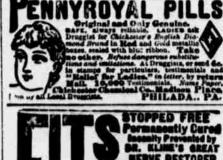
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