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## LOOK OUT FOR TRAITORS.

It is reported on good authority that the republicans have formed a plan to buy up independents who have some prominence and influence, and to have them declare that the race is between Harrison and Cleveland and therefore they are for Harrison. Independents should be on the lookout for these fellows.

"STAND up for Nebraska."

## ARE STATE OFFICERS GUILTY?

THE investigation into the charges made by Mr. Rewick concerning the management of the Lincoln insane asylum has been concluded, and a report of the board's findings will be found in another column.

It will be noticed that in the fourth count of the board's report, the members of the board declare themselves "not guilty" at least so far as the cattle deals go. In the sixth count all the "other irregularities" are "lumped together." Now it was not to be expected that the board would investigate itself, or find its members guilty. Nevertheless the investigation did bring to light facts which convict members of the board of either gross negligence, or criminal action, or both. Those who heard the investigation can subscribe to the following additional counts:

First.—In order to consummate these steals, the crime of forgery has been repeatedly committed. In fact the steals on cattle purchases could not be consummated in any other way. Money can only be drawn from the treasury on a state warrant. The man who sells cattle to the state signs three vouchers, and the warrant must be made out in the name of the man who signs the vouchers. Before the warrant can be paid or registered by the treasurer it must have the name of the man who sold the cattle endorsed on the back. This is a perfect safeguard against fraud. Now if these warrants which were made out from the raised vouchers had been presented to the men who sold the cattle for endorsement, the fraud would have been discovered. Hence recourse was had to forgery. Every farmer put on the stand testified that he had never endorsed his name on the warrant nor authorized anyone else to.

Now it appeared from the evidence that this custom of forging endorsements was known to the members of the board, the auditor, and the state treasurer, and that they "winked" at the proceedings. By so doing they directly aided and abetted the acts of fraud.

Second.—The board in its third count finds Dr. Knapp guilty of approving these raised vouchers. Now the evidence showed that since Dr. Bowman became superintendent two vouchers which he failed to approve and declared fraudulent were nevertheless allowed by the board. Now if the board is not to be guided by the approval of the superintendent, why should it not be held responsible for approving these raised vouchers? Further the board has approved vouchers which were not signed and were grossly irregular.

Third.—It appeared that there is a custom of paying the officers and employees of the asylum in advance, and that last fall one employee left the institution after receiving \$300 in advance and never paid back but \$116 of it. Could such things be done without the knowledge and approval of the board?

Fourth.—The board examined and approved all the vouchers for those absurd and outrageous coal charges during the summer of 1891. Gross negligence is the very mildest expression for their conduct in this matter, and it takes a great deal of credulity to accept that explanation.

So it will be seen by these four counts, which were fully sustained by the evidence brought out, that the state officers have deliberately thrown down the bars set up by law to secure honesty o

the part of state employees, and to protect the treasury, and have thus invited fraud and crime.

It is of no use to disguise or smooth over the facts: *There is a strong suspicion in the minds of those who have looked into the matter, that these state officers are guilty of actual complicity in these criminal acts, and have shared in the spoils.*

And this suspicion is strengthened by many evidences of malfeasance in other directions. The direct charges against the secretary of state in regard to state house furniture have been before the public for some time, but this investigation was adjourned without Mr. Allen saying a word concerning that matter. The charges against the treasurer and members of the board of educational lands and funds have been repeatedly published. Why did not the parties charged have these matters cleared up?

There is but one answer: *They are guilty as charged and can make no possible defense.*

It is to be hoped that a grand jury will soon be called and its motto will be "LET NO GUILTY MAN ESCAPE."

MR. WHITEHEAD probably regrets that he undertook to smirch the clean record of Congressman Kem. Some independents have taken the trouble to look a little into Mr. Whitehead's record. They find that in the legislature of 1889, he vote for the Stout bill, giving H. B. Stout \$49,000 for so-called "extras" in finishing the state capitol building. Stout was the old penitentiary contractor, the greatest lobbyist in the state, a briber, and hoodler generally, and there is no doubt the Stout bill was a rank steal. Yet it passed with Whitehead's vote. Mr. W. also attacked the independents for not passing a usury bill. The record shows that Whitehead voted against a usury bill in 1889 that was substantially the same as the house usury bill which the independents passed in 1891.

THE Chadron Signal is doing heroic service to the people's cause in the northwestern part of Nebraska. It is edited by E. A. Sheldon formerly of the Dawson County Journal.

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HON. W. F. PORTER has been nominated for representative by the independents of Merrick county. Mr. Porter is an earnest fearless and brainy young man, and we hope to see him elected by a fine majority.

IT IS a fact shown by the records at the state house that Walt Seeley, Majors' private secretary drew Taylor's pay and that Majors approved a voucher giving the absconding traitor pay for the full session.

THE Tribune is a new People's paper at Beatrice, Gage county. It is edited by E. C. Carroll, and is a shoulder striker.

THE Greely County now has a good reform paper called the Citizen, edited by P. J. Philbin.

MORTON stands no show whatever of being elected. He is simply running to keep democrats from voting for Van Wyck.

## OLD PARTY INTOLERANCE.

The republicans all through the north are expressing a great deal of indignation over the way the southern democrats treated Weaver in Georgia. They can hardly find words strong enough to denounce such conduct.

What hypocrisy. Republicans must have short memories indeed!

Only a little over a year ago that gallant southerner Col. L. L. Polk visited Kansas to address the people and his treatment was even worse than that accorded to Weaver in the south. Besides there was not the excuse of a heated presidential campaign. At that time, the most false and malicious stories were started about Col. Polk. One story in particular was that he had been in charge of one of the rebel prisons, and had been guilty of treating union prisoners in a horrible manner.

At one Kansas town Colonel Polk was burned in effigy, and threats were made that he would be "tarred and feathered." Rotten eggs were thrown at him, and repeated indignities cast upon him.

Did the republican leaders and papers rise up in holy indignation to condemn these outrages? Not a word of condemnation did they utter.

Let no one be deceived. The republicans of the north are howling about southern outrages now simply in the hope of bringing back some of the voters who have joined the ranks of the new party.

## ANOTHER LIE NAILED.

The latest campaign lie is to the effect that Mrs. Lease advised the voters of Kansas to vote for the Harrison electors. Mrs. Lease positively denies that she ever said anything of the kind. She advises all patriotic men to vote for electors who will vote for our gallant leader, General Weaver.

## SIZIN' UP POLITICS.

Mr. A. B. Flack of Auburn, Nebraska, has just got out a neat little pamphlet entitled "Sizin' Up Politics, or the Pedigrees of Three Great Parties." It is mostly written in a humorous style, and will undoubtedly do good. Any one desiring a copy should enclose ten cents to this office.

## VERY COMPLIMENTARY.

Prosperity knocks at the door of the poor,  
With plenty the country is blessed—  
And now let the bowlers retire from the rank  
And give their yawp caverns a rest.  
—State Journal.

The P. O. J. is not content with its continued editorial flings at the "hog" farmers who are supposed to be satisfied whenever they are filled up with food. The Journal has to supplement its editorials by running into verse, in which the good crops are mentioned as sufficient reason why all men should rush back into the republican ranks. The Journal, no doubt enjoys putting up this kind of slush but in so doing it is making no votes for the republican ticket. It does not make an independent particularly happy or in love with the g. o. p. to be told "Now you have enough to eat this winter, come back and be a republican." The Journal is having its fun, throwing out these insinuations, but the people will take their fun in voting against the party which the Journal represents.

GET ready for a series of grand demonstrations on the occasion of Weaver's visit to Nebraska.