

WANT IT KEPT QUIET.

Some More About John W. Honza's Case.

The Gang Want the Matter Hushed Up—Honza Was Black and Blue at the Time of His Death.

Last week we published an account of the assault on John W. Honza by Chas. Kosters in the following language:

Immediately upon the announcement of the death of John W. Honza, rumors of the most startling nature were flying, and were in nearly everybody's mouth.

Mr. Honza was an old resident of Omaha, with a large circle of friends, and when these rumors became common talk, some of his friends asked us to make an investigation and publish what we found to be the truth.

The rumors, briefly stated, were that John Honza had been in a saloon on Fifteenth street, where he was assaulted by Charlie Kosters and Count John A. Creighton, two drunken, dissolute characters who have been in numerous scrapes before, and that the injuries he had received at their hands had been the primary cause of his death, although the physician attending him assigned other causes.

We started out immediately to gather testimony, and soon had sufficient to warrant us in saying that there was at least some ground for the rumors.

We found a man who had been in Ed. Maurer's place in the forenoon of the day Honza was assaulted in the Fifteenth street dispensary, who said Count Creighton, of the holy Roman church, and Charlie Kosters, of the same hellish institution, together with Bob Holmes and a county official who was not elected by the A. P. A., were in there drinking; that they became extremely boisterous, and used vile, obscene language to designate the members of the A. P. A., Orange Institute and kindred organizations.

They finally left Maurer's place and started up the street. When they got to Fifteenth they turned into Goodley Brucker's place, where they proceeded to bowl up and apply the most villainous epithets to Protestants whom they suspected of being members of the A. P. A. or in sympathy with that organization.

Creighton, who has recently been made a count of the holy Roman empire by the pope of Rome—as is his custom when drunk—and that is about all the time—was extremely vicious in his utterances, while Kosters, who is a noted bully and all-around tough, stood ready to do the fighting.

Finally they became personal in their remarks, and a young Swede who happened to be in the saloon playing a game of high five took up what was said, and told Kosters that he was "nothing but a murderer," for which he was assaulted.

Some of the witnesses say that Honza then made a remark about the cowardice of a man who would strike as small a man as the Swede, and proceeded to stand up for the A. P. A. although not a member of the organization himself.

It is said that Count Creighton demanded of Honza that he get down on his knees and beg their pardon for what he had said; but Honza having served his country in the late war, and carrying scars and wounds inflicted by the enemy, had not yet learned that the pope's subjects could cause the unwilling hinges of his knees to bend to them.

A second time he was ordered to get down on his knees and beg their pardon, or they would knock him down, but again he refused, and Kosters struck him a vicious blow in the head.

Another bunch of witnesses say that Honza, Creighton and Kosters were in a wine room, that Kosters knocked Honza across a table, and pounded him in the neck and on the body while he was down, while the count egged him on.

This much is true, Honza, Creighton and Kosters were drunk and quarrelsome and were looking for trouble. Kosters struck Honza, who took to his bed and died. Before death came to his relief he complained that his body hurt him, which would indicate that the testimony of the witnesses who claim the assault took place in the wine room and in the manner described is the most reliable.

If Honza died from the effects of the assault made on him by Kosters it probably added a second victim to the brutal instincts of that young tough, for in 1882 he narrowly escaped the hangman's noose for the murder of a bartender named Hammer. Some of the old settlers say he escaped the scaffold simply because the main witnesses were run out of the country; but be that as it may he still lives and disgraces the estimable family of which he is a member.

They are a disgrace to this city, and while Count Creighton is probably the richest man in Omaha, he is at the same time one of the most vicious and depraved creatures God ever placed the breath of life in.

Since writing the above we have been informed by a gentleman that Kosters acknowledged to him that he had struck Honza; and another witness told us that the "gang" had been running to him, asking him to say nothing about the affair—to even deny that he saw a blow struck.

These points, taken in connection with the statement made to us by Mr. Honza's son that his father was, at the time of his death, black and blue on his neck and chest, seem to confirm the ugly rumors that were afloat last week.

The more we hear of this case the more we are convinced that it should have been investigated before Mr. Honza was laid away. However it is not too late yet to exhume the body and set these questions at rest. In justice to Mr. Kosters and Mr. Creighton such action should be taken, and if there is no ground for all this talk let us exonerate them, and if there is ground punish them the same as other infractors of the law are punished.

EX-COUNTY JUDGE ELLER.

Judge Scott Decides That He Shall Go Free—Eller Interviewed.

There has been a flirt, emanating from certain quarters, to injure the reputation of Judge Eller ever since he went out of office, as well as before.

The motives for the persecution are coming to be so well understood that it is not necessary to repeat them here. There has been insinuations, innuendoes and interviews, published with regularity, to the effect that he had not accounted for money, belonging to estates, which had come into his hands.

The final calculation was reached at the sitting of the late grand jury. Under the secrecy of that institution it seems that there was some kind of evidence which at least caused the grand jury to indict him, charging that he had converted to his own use 95 cents of the money of one individual, \$2.93 of another, 30 cents of another and so on until the total aggregated \$53.54.

Before the indictment was made public and before any one outside of the grand jury and prosecuting attorney could lawfully know the contents of the indictment, the daily newspapers heralded the news that Judge Eller was indicted for embezzlement, and stated it in such a way as to create the impression that something of great magnitude had been shown.

It is but just to say that not one of the persons named as the owners of the money alleged to have been converted, had ever claimed that the charges had any foundation. They have made no such complaint, and the charges were preferred by parties having no apparent interest in the matter.

When asked concerning the accusations Judge Eller said, "they are all without any just foundation. I recognize these charges do me a great injury but I cannot compete with newspaper attacks nor prevent individuals from giving interviews, out of which sensational articles may be manufactured.

I believe most of the people understand the motive behind all these attacks; but now that the indictment has failed it may be that the persecution will cease. I do not claim that there were no mistakes made during my administration; none of these people whose money they say I have converted have ever claimed anything wrong in the matter so far as I am aware of.

While it is best and while I intended to have receipts on the dockets for money paid out, yet taking the receipt was often neglected when small amounts were involved. If any one imagines that any error has been made to his detriment, I will only be too glad to satisfy him that he is mistaken, or, if there has been an error, correct the same, and I will be glad to have any one call at my office at any time relating to such matters. These petty assaults shall not bother me. I shall go right along in the law practice just as though I had no persecutors, and let them alone in the future as I have done in the past. I have great faith in the saying "that right will triumph in the end though the devil and all his imps are against you."

Resolutions of Condolence. Whereas, God in his divine wisdom has seen best to take up higher the beloved daughter of Mrs. S. A. Gillan and also sister of Miss Alice Gillan both friends of this council, therefore be it Resolved, That Success Council No. 3, W. A. P. A. does hereby extend their heartfelt sympathy in their deep sorrow.

Resolved, These these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the council and that they be sent to THE AMERICAN Bee and World-Herald of Omaha and the American Eagle of Kansas City, Kansas, for publication.

MISS NELLIE B. HATHAWAY, MRS. K. E. DECKER, Committees.

Notice of Indebtedness. Office of The Mutual Investment Company, Omaha, Nebraska, March 22nd, 1883.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the statutes of the state of Nebraska, that the total indebtedness of The Mutual Investment Company at this date is \$2,830.00, not including its liability on account of guaranteed loans.

W. H. RUSSELL, President. ALVIN SAUNDERS, J. F. GARDNER, T. H. DALY, J. A. GILLESPIE, Directors.

The Dream Angel.

The deep shades of twilight were gleaming, And lingering here and now there, In slumbers I must have been dreaming, As lonely I sat in my chair.

"My child, hast thou for me no greeting? How couldst thou, I'm stanger to thee, But shrink not my child from the meeting, Come nearer, child, nearer to me;

"I touched the soft hand that extended To lead me to place all unknown, 'Fear not, child, the ways we have wended, Lead onward and up the throne."

"Then Europe in all her bright glory, Ruled men in her glorious name, She cared naught for sin shadowed story, That slept in its low grave of shame."

They reaped jewels, gold, silver, treasures, From others and claimed them their own, They revelled in gay life and pleasures While Romanists ruled on the throne.

"Alone, in the still, quiet mountains, Men and women gathered for prayer, They thirsted to drink from love's fountains, But they were not safe even there."

"Oh, fatal day! they were surrounded, No mere, and no hope were there, At last they were entrapped and hounded, Like helpless wild beasts in their lair."

"Recant and accept Rome teaching? Never! bravest words that man ever spake, Their bonds they were fast over reaching— They should die like dogs at the stake!"

"Was faith, pure and tender, forsaken? Was this the land their Christ had trod? Did Christians all sleep not to waken? Were those who were left cursed by God?"

"She cared not for souls tempest driven; She cared not for pain that was given,— Rome triumphed and hearts paid the cost, Was it to go on thus forever?"

"An angel never hovered near them, And whispered to their words of love, Oh, sweet, tender words sent to cheer them, And draw weary souls up above."

"At last stormy voyage was ended; The feet touched a land all unknown; Yet voices in thanksgiving blended To One who ruled over the throne."

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"Was Catholicism, no stranger That rent the proud nation in twain, Great God! had Spanish Inquisition Returned from the days of the past? Was man still in basest condition, Enslaved by chains harsh and fast?"

"The flow' of prosperity twining, Bent low like a storm blighted bud, The sun that once brightly was shining, Went down in a dark sea of blood."

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In town Monday evening. When interviewed he claimed that he met Lumley as he was going down the street from morning services and that Lumley demanded satisfaction for the personalities used against him. The fight ensued and Father Farrelly says Lumley used a sling-shot.

The affair created considerable excitement in Porterville. Attorney Theo. S. Shaw, of Porterville, says that in the fight between Editor Lumley of the Enterprise, and Father Farrelly, the Catholic priest, the first blow was struck by the latter.

JUDGE SCOTT'S LETTER To the Omaha Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

The board of fire and police commissioners of Omaha have been carrying on a mock investigation of the police department for the purpose of influencing members of the legislature to vote against a bill legislating them out of office.

I have recently been served with a paper signed by your secretary, with your seal affixed, commanding me to appear before you, April 1, at 7:30 p. m., and give testimony.

Where do you get authority to "command" me, or anybody, to appear before you to give testimony under penalty of the law, on what you say is an "investigation of the police department"?

What the law says. The criminal laws of the state against officials of ill-fame, or for the purpose of prostitution, are that "using or occupying the same for such purposes, shall, for every such offense, be fined in any sum not exceeding \$100 dollars, or imprisoned not less than thirty days, nor more than six months, or both, at the discretion of the court."

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last year, that the police department was instructed by your board through him, as your president to conduct all gambling houses in the city from arrest. If the proprietors of such houses paid \$50 each month. That is that the payment of that sum monthly gave the right to the person paying to run his gambling house under police protection for thirty days. In other words, your board farmed out the right to run gambling houses for a monthly rental of \$50 per month, you guaranteeing that the police department should stand guard while such felonies were being perpetrated—while the perpetrators were fleeing their victims. I have not heard that your police department was derelict in obeying your mandates in that regard have you, and, if so, is that the reason you are investigating the police department?

Hastn't the "investigation" commenced at the wrong end? If any member of the police department has taken "tips" from gambling houses, your board educated him how to get "tips." Is it more reprehensible for a member of the police department to violate law after you have educated him than for you to barter any of the criminal laws of the state for \$50 a month as a license to commit penal offenses? And you are investigating the police department. What a spectacle!

Does your board desire any further facts in aid of my protest? If so, "command" me and I will give you solid facts about your allowing liquor to be sold in houses of prostitution in violation of the state law—licensing persons to sell lottery tickets in violation of law, and so on, ad nauseam.

It is just to me, if not two of your members, to say that they were not parties to your disregard of law.

C. R. SCOTT, Citizen, in World Herald.

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Notice to Non-Resident Defendant. In district court in and for Douglas county, Nebraska. Plaintiff, Docket No. 238.

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