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## JUDGE A. M. POST.

Omaha World-Herald Makes a Serious Charge Against Him.

### AN EMPHATIC DENIAL.

Sunday's *World-Herald* insists that the denial was not sufficiently emphatic, to which the judge answers in the following unmistakable and unequivocal language:

OMAHA, Oct. 20.—G. M. Hitchcock, Dear Sir: I notice by your editorial in today's *World-Herald* that you think my denial of the charge of seduction is not sufficiently specific. My own opinion was that the necessary inference from the facts stated by me amounted to a denial quite as emphatic as if I had said so in express terms. I wish now to say in the most emphatic terms that I was not guilty of the charge. That although the grand jury is a secret body, and I had no chance to defend myself and made no attempt to do so, it was dismissed, not on account of any technicality or favoritism for me, but because the charge was not true and could not be sustained by proof.

I was never expelled from the Masonic lodge in Leon or elsewhere, and could never have been reinstated had I been expelled, for the reason stated by our correspondent.

I believe I enjoy the respect of the people of Leon, where I lived for so many years, and where I frequently go to visit relatives. I am absolutely certain the charge of twenty years ago would never have been revived had I continued to reside in Leon, where I have been known since my boyhood.

I trust you will give the denial equal prominence with the accusation. Respectfully yours, A. M. Post.

Mr. Fred Swingle returned from his eastern trip Monday evening. The *FRONTIER's* expectations in regard to his matrimonial conquest were not realized, and although several of his admiring friends had carriages at the depot Sunday evening to convey the bridal party to the city, they were disappointed. No bridal party came, and Monday evening Fred returned alone, being received with open arms by the Eagle club, the members of which were much frightened at the thought of one of their number being taken away.

George Rodenwald, living eight miles northwest of O'Neill, lost a house, farm, 400 bushels of grain and some machinery. His barn was also damaged and his total loss was about \$600, with no insurance, as we understand it. H. B. Johring and Patrick Murphy were around Monday and raised quite a sum to assist Mr. Rodenwald in rebuilding his home. It is thought the fire originated from some one lighting a pipe in the barn.

A man giving his name as Powell and hailing from Spencer, was arrested by the marshal Tuesday for running his team through the streets. He was taken before Police Judge Martin and fined \$1.00 and cost, amounting in all to \$2.50, which he paid, soon after departing for home. Lappan is to be congratulated for his promptness in this case and we hope he will deal with all of them in the same way.

Messrs. H. M. Uttley, E. W. Adams, J. C. Smoot and Sam'l Wolf, also Mrs. Uttley, went down to Lincoln Monday to attend the grand lodges of the Odd Fellows, Encampment, and Rebekah. They will all return the latter part of the week, except Mr. Smoot, who goes on to Missouri to visit his mother and other relatives a few weeks.

THE *FRONTIER* "bulletin board" has been fastened to the side walk in front of the post office for the benefit of the public. If you have bills to post up you are at liberty to put them there. Farmers who want to advertise stock for sale or wanted can use it also. Let every one who so desires take advantage of the opportunity.

Rev. Wm. Gorst of Neligh, one of the candidates on the Prohibition ticket for regent of the state university, will speak in Ewing on Tuesday evening, October 27, and at Atkinson on Wednesday evening the 28th, on the issues of the day from the Prohibition party standpoint.

Mrs. G. M. Cleveland and children came down to O'Neill Sunday from Hot Springs and are visiting Mrs. C's mother, Mrs. D. L. Darr, and other friends and relatives. Mr. Cleveland will come down later and be here at our next term of court.

Attention is called this week to the card of Dr. Traublood, found in our business directory. The doctor has decided to begin a general practice and he is, we believe, a good physician he will meet with success.

The Eagle club dancing party at the rink Friday evening was a very successful affair, well attended, and the participants announce a royal time. An elegant supper was served at Hotel Evans.

In the case, I am quite sure no indictment was ever returned against him, as a civil suit was instituted shortly after ward and taken to Clark county on a change of venue."

**A Letter to Republicans.**  
The following very excellent letter, written by the chairman of the Republican county central committee, has been mailed to many Republicans throughout the county, and in order to give it as wide a circulation as possible, it is today published in *THE FRONTIER*:

O'NEILL, Neb., Oct. 21, 1891.—To Mr. Dear Sir: Knowing you to be desirous of the success of the Republican party in this county this fall, I take the liberty to address you. You no doubt understand the political situation at the present time. On the one hand we have a secret organization known as the Farmers' Alliance, which partially comprises and almost wholly controls what is known as the Independent party. On the other hand we have the remnants of what was once the Democratic party of this state and county; both determined, if possible, to bring about the overthrow of the Republican party in the state and county.

We, as Republicans, must look the matter squarely in the face, and doing so, cannot help but see that we have one common enemy, namely, Demo-Independents. As proof of this as regards the state I have only to call your attention to the fact that the Democratic nominee for supreme judge has withdrawn, and that the Democrats all over the state are supporting the Independent nominee, Edgerton.

As proof that there is a combination of the Democrats and Independents in Holt county I call your attention to the fact that one Arthur Cruise was nominated by the Democrats for county treasurer, and that in less than two weeks said Cruise had withdrawn from the ticket, and that he and the leaders of the Democratic party are supporting the Independent nominee with all the force they can muster.

It goes without saying that there has been a combination of the Democrats and Independents, brought about by a few of the leaders of the stripe of M. F. Harrington and Arthur Cruise on the part of the Democrats, and J. P. Mullen and others on the Independent side. This goes further than politics this fall. It means M. F. Harrington for congress in 1892.

The Independents will try to elect three or four of their men and the Democrats the same, and thus if they can make the combination work they will sweep the field. And now, in order to prevent this, it is necessary for each Republican to work, and work from now on until the day of election.

You have influence in your township that no other man has. Bring this to bear on Democrats who believe in straight politics and on Independents who do not believe in combinations with Democracy. If each Republican in Holt county will secure one vote from the Independents or Democrats there will be no doubt about the election. I know you can do this and I believe you will exert your influence. Look the township over carefully and let me know how you think the ticket stands in your immediate neighborhood before election. We must win this fall in order to carry the state Republican in 1892. All depends upon good, earnest work by each Republican in the county.

Please let me hear from you soon, and with a wish for the success of the ticket, both state and county, I am, respectfully yours,  
G. C. HAZLETT,  
Chairman County Central Committee.

**Rain Makers.**  
At Camp Edward Powers, Tex., on the 18th inst., the government rain-makers were very successful, and were given an ovation by the joyous citizens. The telegraphic columns of the daily newspapers contained the following:

"The government rainmakers are the heroes of the hour here. The experiment, which was begun yesterday evening and continued during the night, was entirely successful. At 4 o'clock this morning rain fell in torrents. Never before were the people so glad to get a wetting. The men in the camp yelled and hurrahed and danced fandangoes in the mud. The people of San Diego and the surrounding country are astonished at the result. When they went to bed at midnight the moon was shirking in a cloudless sky. The rain continued for nearly an hour. Telegrams received from stations along the line of the Mexican National railroad state that the rain extended about forty miles to the northeast, 408 miles to the west and thirty miles to the southwest.

Uncolored Japan tea in handsome little baskets at sixty cents per pound at Pfund & Wagers. The tea is of excellent quality and the baskets make nice work or hand baskets for the ladies. Try one.

### E. P. REED & CO.

This well-known firm of Rochester, N. Y., have during the past fifteen years devoted themselves to the manufacture of Ladies' Fine Shoes exclusively and have established a reputation second to none in the United States.

Their goods are the most reliable wearers and cannot be excelled for fit and style.

J. P. Mann has the exclusive sale for this city and has just received a new stock in the new fall styles. Call and see them if you want a stylish and reliable shoe, and remember, every pair is warranted.

The managers of the Corn Palace have extended the time for its closing to Saturday, Oct. 25, giving one week more of festivities. This will give the people another opportunity to see the "Eighth" wonder of the world.

## EDGERTON'S PAST.

Black as Egyptian Darkness and Full of Frailties.

### IS A SHYSTER PETTIFOGGER.

Some Facts About the Record of This Demagogue Who is Posing as a Reform Candidate.

A special to the Omaha *Bee* from Stromsburg, Neb., dated Oct. 18, says: J. W. Edgerton, the Independent aspirant for a seat on the bench of the supreme court, formerly lived in this village, and its residents have the liveliest recollection of his career while here. He came to Stromsburg about 1882, and remained about five years. He posed as a lawyer, but in the five years he had only forty-three cases in the district court. An examination of the records reveals a series of failures and miscarriages that tell an eloquent story of this ambitious lawyer's professional methods and capacity.

It is a fact which members of the bar comment on as significant that in thirty-nine civil actions, Mr. Edgerton was attorney for defendant in only six. He won only two of these suits, and the plaintiff got judgment in one. The other three, for various reasons, were dismissed. People familiar with his career here explain this fact with the intimation that he instigated a considerable number of the actions in which he figured. The record of the cases in which he was attorney for the plaintiff lends color to that inference.

Mr. Edgerton was such attorney in thirty-three suits. He won a clear victory in honest, open contest in two of them. In one of these his client got judgment for \$37.75. In five divorce cases defaults were taken, and in three others divorces were granted at the plaintiff's cost. Nine suits were dismissed by agreement or stipulation. Two were stricken from the docket and one dismissed on motion of defendant. There were two decrees against defendant by stipulation, and one suit for \$10,000 was settled by Edgerton for \$100 without the knowledge of the client.

During his five years in Polk county Mr. Edgerton was engaged in four criminal cases, twice for plaintiff and twice for defendant. In the former, both of minor importance, the defendant pleaded guilty and were fined in nominal sums. One of the clients defended by Edgerton was hung and the other was sent to the penitentiary. Numerous stories are in circulation here reflecting upon Mr. Edgerton's professional conduct and personal honor, and they are vouched for by responsible persons who express a ready willingness to back their statements by affidavits. One of the first of Mr. Edgerton's undertakings after landing in Stromsburg was the drafting of a number of village ordinances. It is alleged that he omitted to provide these legal "don'ts" with penalties, and the people who know him attribute the omission to his ignorance. At any rate it made him the laughing-stock of the community, and the humor of the thing is not yet exhausted.

**VILLAINOUS BETRAYAL OF CLIENTS.**  
Two cases in which Mr. Edgerton betrayed his clients will serve to show what manner of man and lawyer he was. In one instance he acted as the attorney for W. A. Frawley in the purchase of a tract of land from Samuel Rutherford. Edgerton made out the deed and took Rutherford's acknowledgment. The buyer paid the price agreed on and put the deed on record. A few months later Rutherford made a second deed to the same property, this time transferring it to Thomas Rutherford. The latter immediately mortgaged the land for \$200 in favor of Edgerton.

When Mr. Frawley learned of the remarkable transaction he interviewed Samuel Rutherford, who pleaded the baby act, saying that he was under age at the time of giving the first deed, but had reached his majority before signing the second. The young man was arrested on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and put under \$1,000 bonds. Rutherford at once began begging for a settlement. Frawley had surmised that Edgerton was at the bottom of the affair, and he was convinced when the latter appeared as the young man's attorney. Believing that the lawyer had made a dupe of Rutherford for the sake of the attorney's fee, the prosecutor agreed to settle the case. Thomas Rutherford gave him a quit claim deed to the property and Edgerton released his mortgage.

This is the case as Frawley knew it at the time, but Horace Putman throws a

strong side light on the lawyer's scheme. After the deal between Samuel Rutherford and Frawley was made, Edgerton went to Mr. Putman and said he had a deed from Thomas Rutherford to Putman for this same piece of land. He wanted Putman to take the deed and put it on record. Mr. Putman was naturally surprised that a valuable property should be transferred to him without consideration and with no previous negotiation or understanding. The thing looked bad on the face of it, and he demanded an explanation. Edgerton's statement was not satisfactory. Mr. Putman became satisfied that it was a scheme to beat some one out of the land, and he declined to be a party to the trickery, although Edgerton assured him he "could get the land." There can be no mistake about this, for Mr. Putman saw the deed and read it.

**DUPED A POOR WIDOW.**  
In another instance a poor widow was the victim of Edgerton's duplicity. After considerable begging on his part he was employed by Mrs. Caspar Johnson in a suit against an Osceola saloon keeper named Cole for \$10,000 damages. It was alleged that Cole had sold liquor to plaintiff's husband and that while under the influence of said liquor he had frozen to death.

Mrs. Johnson and Edgerton entered into a contract by which the latter bound himself to prosecute the case on a contingent fee of one half and to pay all expenses. It was also agreed that neither should settle or dismiss the case without the consent of the other. Several months later, however, Edgerton settled the case and dismissed the action, and that, too, without the knowledge or consent of his client. He said he had received \$100 in settlement.

When Mrs. Johnson was notified of this action and called at his office, Edgerton put in a claim for \$35 for expenses and insisted that it should be deducted from the \$100 before making a division. He said he had paid A. J. Sawyer of Lincoln \$25 for preparing the petition and he reckoned the expenses of his trip to Lincoln at \$10. The contract was produced, and after much parleying Edgerton paid his client \$50, less the court costs. Mrs. Johnson was not only a widow in poor circumstances at that time, but had four small children dependent upon her for support.

At the time of this meeting there were present, besides the attorney and the client, Peter J. Anderson, N. P. Monson and C. A. Johnson. Edgerton first proposed giving the widow about \$35. When she refused to accept so small an amount he called Mr. Monson into his private office, and urged the latter to betray the widow's interest by advising her to accept Edgerton's tender. Mr. Monson had befriended Mrs. Johnson, and spurned the contemptible proposition. During these negotiations the lawyer made a great display of temper and used profane and vulgar language in the lady's presence. He even went so far as to order Mr. Johnson, her brother-in-law, to leave the office.

Gentlemen acquainted with the facts of Johnson's death and familiar with legal proceedings think the widow had a very strong case against the liquor seller, and they expressed great surprise that the suit should have been settled for so pitiful a sum.

These stories are not merely hearsay. Many of the statements may be verified by the public records, and the others will be gladly substantiated by some of the oldest and best know citizens.

**A Burning Shame.**  
There is abroad in our beautiful city, stalking about in all its brazen hideousness, a serpent from the nether regions, that will, if not trampled under foot at once, drag down to its level many who, but for its presence among us, would have remained pure and undefiled. Like the serpent of old it seeks to, and does, contaminate, to a greater or less degree, all who come under its influence and its steps take hold on hell as surely as there is a God in Israel.

It is hardly necessary to say that we refer to the place where the fire occurred Tuesday night, at the bawdy house in the eastern outskirts of the town, and to the new one about to be established. We say, it is a burning shame that such institutions are permitted to stain the fair name of our city and that they can be maintained within our borders. There is much indignation felt and expressed among our best citizens because of the worse than "damnable outrage" being daily perpetrated upon our city, and the cry is general for the officers of the law to take the matter in hand and rid us of the incubus. The mayor authorizes us to say that, although he has no jurisdiction, if the people will only stand by him he will get rid of them inside of thirty days.

Pfund & Wagers will sell you a pound of splendid Japan tea for 60 cents and throw in a work basket of elegant design. Going like hot cakes. Get one before its too late.

Cigars, fruits, nuts and candies, etc., at Heinerikson's.

**Good Roads.**  
The following from the Spencer *Bee* is worthy of consideration by our business men:

"A good road from Spencer to O'Neill is much needed for the reason that the U. S. mail from O'Neill to Fort Randall, and the traffic between Spencer and O'Neill pass over it. It is to the interest of O'Neill, Spencer and the central and eastern portions of Boyd county that we have a first-class road between these two points. The public is well aware of the fact that there is about four miles of sandy bad road between the Whiting bridge and Eagle creek crossing, and when that is put in proper shape we will have a complete road from Fort Randall to O'Neill via Spencer. The question arises, how shall that four miles be made a good hard road. The writer has had considerable experience in making sandy roads good and if the people of Boyd and Holt counties will unitedly go to work and put straw, manure and rubbish of all kinds on this portion of the road, we will then have a road from Fort Randall that cannot be excelled. This is in the interest of every liveryman, freighter and whosoever may have occasion to travel over it. Now let the people begin at once and supply this much needed want. Let the people of Spencer make a move in that direction and we are sure they will be strongly supported by the people of O'Neill and Holt county."

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

I have, in addition to my Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps and Furnishing Goods, a full line of Groceries which I expect to be able to accommodate my customers. I will take produce in exchange, and will pay market prices. Yours truly

P. J. McMANUS.

### The Ladies' Home Journal.

Decked in a new and unusually artistic Thanksgiving cover, the November *Ladies' Home Journal* comes as the first reminder that the holidays are approaching. Everything about this issue of the *Journal* seems of the best, and a higher standard has never been reached in any previous number. Whether one reads Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher's second reminiscence paper of "Mr. Beecher as I Knew Him," or listen to Delmonico, the great caterer, as he tells how to set a table and arrange a dinner; or to Russell Sage, the New York financier, as he describes, for mothers, "The Boy That is Wanted" in business today—each feature is as good as the next. A whole page most timely illustrates "A Group of Pretty Dolls," and tells how to make them; "New Ideas for Church Societies" will interest thousands of church women; Max O'Rell's wife is sketched in the capital series of "Unknown Wives of Well-Known Men," Rachel Sherman, the pretty daughter of the late General Sherman, opens the new series of "Clever Daughters of Clever Men;" Palmer Cox's "Brownies" are irresistible in their fun; Ella Wheeler Wilcox tells of "Mistakes We Make With Men;" Dr. Talmage has a whole page on Thanksgiving, and, likewise, has Maria Parloa; "Miss French of the State Department," is an excellent story by Mary Bradley, as is also another short story called "The Flowing Shoestring." In fact, there is no end to the good things in this, by far the best, number of the *Journal* ever made. Ten cents is the price of this number, or \$1. a year the subscription price. The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia.

### Public Sale.

I will sell at public auction at my farm, section 3, township 28, range 11, four and one-half miles southeast of O'Neill, on Tuesday, October 27, 1891, at ten o'clock a. m., the following described stock, to-wit: 1 3-year old heifer, 1 2-year old heifer, 2 yearling heifers, 1 2-year old heifer, 2 yearling steers, 3 cows with calf, 5 steer calves, last spring, 1 span 2-year old match colts, 1 span 3-year old iron gray matched colts.

WM. WISEGARYER, Prop.,  
J. E. PLANCK, Auctioneer.

□The "Emporium" has received its new stock of boots and shoes and invites your inspection of the same when you need anything of that kind.

Corn, oats or any kind of produce taken on subscription at this office. Now is a good time to get even with the printer.

Flour and grain of all kinds on sale at Pfund and Wagers. Also the finest line of groceries and fruits in town.