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REFORM makes an excellent theory for campaign purposes, but after election is usually found impracticable.

NEVER in the history of our county have so many men found employment in the court house as under this present reform administration.

WHEN the board cut his bond \$95,000 Gallagher was paralyzed and hasn't fully recovered yet. Some people move in a mysterious way their wonders to perform.

WHEN THE FRONTIER's bid on county supplies was found to be over \$70 lower than any competitor the board decided to re-advertise. This is a reform administration. Keep it before the people.

KNOX county seems to have had her fill of the township organization system and wants to go back to the old style. There's a whole family of counties in the same condition in Nebraska.—Dakota County Democrat.

Holt is one of them.

A MAN's case is supposed to be desperate when he resorts to writing counterfeit communications and attempts to palm them off on his readers as bona fide. It is guerrilla journalism and invariably seeks to bolster up an unpopular cause.

WHEN the force of clerks employed by the treasurer cannot tell a man the assessed valuation of his township or the amount of taxes paid by his school district, then we may indeed believe that reform has struck us. Perhaps if the learned treasurer had a little "future time for preparation" things would be different.

HONEST JOHN threatens to resign his position as supervisor unless "things take a change." The old hypocrite finds himself the under dog in every fight this year, and it grinds on his proud and lofty spirit. If he should carry his threat into execution it would prove a two-fold blessing. It would bless him that resigneth and those who would lose no time in accepting the same.

JOHN MORROW, notoriously incompetent, who was employed by the board for over a year at \$2.50 per day, to pay an independent debt, is no longer drawing his monthly stipend. When the time came for reviewing his work it was found that hardly anything had been done in a manner that would reflect credit on a school boy. Even Expert Stitt would not trust him to do a sum in simple addition. He was employed by a reform board. Keep it before the people.

WHEN a man is elected to the exalted position of county supervisor does the oath that he takes read that he shall discharge the duties of his office honestly, faithfully and impartially, or that he shall resort to under-handed star-chamber proceedings to further the interests of the independent party and independent papers. We will have an opportunity to see how the supervisors look at this question when the county printing deal comes before them.

LAST week's Independent contained a couple of articles appearing upon their face as communications, both bearing a *nom de plume*. These screeds championed the cause of the Independent on matters of county printing, and predicted great suffering for the independent supervisors who should remember his oath of office and dare attempt to do right by all concerned. It is not surprising that these articles were not signed by respectable citizens, as they were not written by respectable citizens. Kautzman wrote them both; he cannot conceal his earmarks.

THE settlement committee has been endeavoring the past week in an earnest endeavor to gain some insight into Ex-Treasurer Hayes' methods of doing business as recorded in the books of his office. It is no more than fair to state that Mr. Hayes, being a stranger to the duties of treasurer, confided the clerical work to the care of John Morrow, who had been taking lessons under Expert Stitt, at the county's expense, for something like a year and the result was a most extraordinary unprofessional state of affairs. The committee was at sea with neither chart compass or rudder, floating helplessly along in a cyclone of blunders with no one at hand capable of directing them aright, when at last in desperation they called on "Robber Scott" for assistance. It must have been a pleasing sight to see Scott in the vault of Mullen's office assisting to fight the wrongs of the man who even members of that committee had voted to take his place as treasurer. It was surely a case of heaping coals of fire upon the heads of his oppressors. Some people may wonder why all-wise and mighty Mullen did not come to the relief of the committee, but all that is necessary is to turn to the campaign files of THE FRONTIER and read the answer.

WE would like for some one to tell us in plain and comprehensible language, what justice there is in Mullen's depository law, or what affinity its provisions hold with the plank of the independent platform denouncing two per centum

and favoring a plan looking to the government loaning the peoples' money direct to the people? A law more favorable to the banks was never enrolled upon the statute books of any state. The independent tax payers of Holt county will feel the truth of this statement if per chance they are unfortunate enough to be compelled to borrow from the banks the very same money they themselves paid into the county treasury. If that independent legislature really wished to aid the mass of the people, why did it not authorize the treasurers to loan the money to private individuals? A mortgage given by an individual is certainly better security than a bond given by a bank. If the Jew can give us a little information on this subject, without reference to his dictionary of the slums, we will be pleased in a degree commensurate to the information imparted.

WHEREAS: The compensation for making foreclosure sales is fixed by the district judge and has been heretofore fixed at \$5.00.

Resolved, That we request the judges of our district court to fix the sheriff's fee for making foreclosure sales at the sum of \$10.00 each.

The above whereas and resolve were adopted at the last regular session of the Holt county alliance and published by the Jew, we suppose as a convincing evidence of reform. They make the plea that the foreclosure costs are paid by non-residents anyway, but that is neither the case nor the object of the resolution. Their object is simply this: To defeat the appointment of a master commissioner these "venal vampires" have promised that the sheriff shall turn in an excess, but with the large force of deputies allowed him they have discovered that the fees of his office will scarcely pay running expenses, and they have now gone into a committee of the whole on ways and means to keep out of the hole. And this is reform. Keep it before the people.

WHEREAS: On the—day of—1893 Holt county brought an action against Barrett Scott and his bondmen for \$90,000 stolen from this county and gave a good and sufficient bond, and

WHEREAS: The clerk of the district court, John Skirving, refused to issue a writ of attachment for two hours, until another attachment was issued by him for \$2,500 for the Union National bank of Omaha against Barrett Scott, whereby Holt county was defrauded out of \$2,500 therefore be it,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to investigate the acts of said clerk, and that said committee be instructed to take steps to have said John Skirving removed from office if the law will justify his removal for thus defrauding the county.

We had supposed that the little experience in the Scott affair had taught the alliance the fallacy of impeachment for trivial causes, but it seems that the independents are constituted something like the Romans of old, who ran wild in the streets of their city shouting for bread and the circus. The only excuse for the above resolution lies in the fact that the clerk refused to approve the above mentioned bond until he had taken time to investigate its sufficiency. If this gang of pseudo-reformers again attempt any monkey business they should be dealt with according to law. Persecution and oppression of an officer is a violation of our statutes.

WE are ready to believe the board will recognize the Independent and Beacon Light, consolidated, as its official paper.—Independent.

Ever since this globe rolled away into infinite space a mass of white heat and became by the process of evolution and the laws of progression the habitation of the descendants of Ham, Shem and Japheth, who scattered to the three winds to propagate their species and people the earth, so long has the human race been afflicted with the care of their kind who were born idiots or physically incapable of providing for themselves, and others who were possessed of an "inactive lethargy" and constitutionally opposed to earning their bread by the sweat of their brows. The latter class are now commonly known as tramps, and ply their profession because they are too lazy to work, too cowardly to steal or too repulsive to make a success of begging. While it was once the custom to put those people to death as soon as the malady became apparent, the advancement of civilization and society has given them license to live, and made it obligatory upon the thrifty folk to support them, and wise legislators have provided means therefor. When a person strikes a vein of hard luck it is his privilege to apply to the proper authorities for aid and it is their duty to see that he does not suffer, but it is an infraction of law for one county to send a pauper into the domains of another to receive his rations, and what Holt should have done when this Wandering Jew imposed himself upon her was to ship him back to Antelope. It is poor policy to set this class of men up in business and feed them from the crib of public patronage, which rightfully belongs to naturalized citizens. If his is an eleemosynary institution, let it be supported by those of his faith and not by the tax-paying public.

IN THE NECK. When the various county banks filed their bonds with the county board for approval preparatory to becoming county depositories, Ed Gallagher, cashier of the First National bank, filed a bond justified in the sum of \$135,000, but the board approved it in

the sum of only \$40,000. In this the board was certainly justified: Experience in the state and county has shown that it is necessary to everlastingly be on the right and safe side of the depository business, and the only way to protect the county is to approve those bonds in a sum that is almost certain could be collected. Banks are under the law allowed to have on deposit amounts not to exceed half the face of the bond, so it will be seen that Gallagher's campaign influence will not prove as remunerative to the bank and its officers as their untiring efforts deserve. We once read a rhyme that spoke of the "well laid plans of mice and men," or something of that kind.

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