

THE FRONTIER.

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HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

At the meeting of the supervisors Saturday the printing committee submitted report of bids of the various papers for publishing the delinquent tax-list. The bids were as follows:

Independent, 6 and 10 cents per description.

Tribune, 3 and 5 cents per description.

FRONTIER, 2 and 4 cents per description.

Graphic, 1 and 3 cents per description, with a guarantee that the total cost would not exceed \$350.

A motion was made and carried that the Independent be awarded the contract. It will be noticed that the Independent was the highest bidder.

The work at the Independent's figures will amount to about \$2,000, or \$1,650 more than the Graphic's bid, or in other words, is a clear steal of \$1,650.

The supervisors who voted in favor of this hoodling, we give below. They are reformers, every one of them:

S. L. Conger, John Crawford, J. L. Benner, J. B. Donohue, Geo. Eckley, James Gregg, John Hodges, L. A. Jillson, H. B. Kelley, Geo. Kennedy, S. P. Miller, G. H. Phelps, F. Schinder, J. E. White, E. M. Waring.

This is the first time to our knowledge that this printing was ever let by any board to other than the lowest bidder, and under the circumstances it can be classed as nothing but a high-handed steal. And a steal, too, remember, that is made by the very men who ousted Scott for alleged corruption and are now attempting to oust the district clerk for a slight overcharge in fees. A steal made by the very men who organized themselves into a party known as the populists, with the expressed determination to rid the county of dishonest officials, and last fall went into the campaign with that as their motto. Why, at this rate, it will not take them a great while to steal as much as they claim Scott did, and from their action in the present case we imagine all that they have against Scott is that he got the edge on them and took a rake-off that they wanted for themselves. And the man who got the contract is the tramp who has talked so long about "rings" and "hoodlers" and "pap-organs," etc.

The Jew's counterfeit communications had the desired effect upon the board.

DISTANCE lends exaggeration as well as enchantment. Two musket shots from Admiral Benham's flagship in the harbor of Rio grew to be a broadside by the time the sound reached the United States.

CLARK HOWELL, of the Atlantic Constitution, says: "Shylock has spoken for the bonds, and Shylock will get them." Well, what else did you expect? Shylock didn't put a democratic administration in power for fun.

AN exchange calls the members of the legal fraternity who stir up strife in order to increase litigation "razor-back lawyers." As the razor-back hog is the most worthless in existence the name seems to be well bestowed when applied to the shysters. This is not personal, Forger.

How nice it would have been had the board awarded the tax list to the Graphic at \$350 and donated that \$1650 steal to the irrigation cause. Of course, by doing that the tramp would have lost his promised reward and perhaps some of the sups. would have lost a dividend on Independent stock.

DEMOCRATIC good times are coming. Suppose wages are from 20 to 50 per cent. lower, there will be plenty of work and the wage earner will be humbled. Isn't that what democratic success was intended to bring about? It will be another one of Mr. Cleveland's "object lessons" intended to teach the working man that he has been too haughty under a protective tariff.

THE FRONTIER's statement that the committee had to get Scott's assistance to fix up any thing about the court-house is an infernal lie.—Independent.

The language used by this red-flagger is softened by the refinement that finds affinity with the environment of his licentious career. We made the statement that Scott assisted the committee in the vaults of the treasurer's office, and we reiterate and reaffirm that such was the case; and further, that he was called in with the knowledge and consent of L. A. Jillson, chairman of the committee, and that he worked with them over an hour, and that various clerks took a few lessons by squinting over his shoulder. Of course this is a small matter and we dislike very much to throw a cloud upon the truthfulness of Mr. Kautzman's remarks, but facts are facts and will not remain crushed to earth.

KEM says the papers up in this country lie about him. Telling the truth on the red-headed freak is about the hardest jolt he can get. In reviewing his public career as a statesman from Nebraska, for which he has been paid 20,000 round hard-earned dollars, we know of but two or three instances wherein he has been a benefit to his constituency, and that was in sending out packages of seeds. The nearest approach he ever came to being a statesman was when he accepted free passes on railroads.—Butte Gazette.

We will be in this town living in mansions long after the mangy FRONTIER cures have had the mortgage foreclosed on the watered Scott machine.—Kautzman.

Yes, we guess that will be about the size of it. Just one or two more super-visors steals like the last tax list deal and the wherewithal to erect the mansion will be in sight. To see a carpet-bagger living in a brown stone front may irritate the tax paying public somewhat but it will serve to illustrate and demonstrate the possibilities that accrue from a close stand in with a gang of official robbers.

THERE is nothing more ludicrous than Kautzman's efforts to make himself a "hoodler," a "thief" and a "robber," by demanding the right to "loot" the county treasury with his extortionate bills for county printing.—Graphic.

And there's nothing more disgusting than to look over the list of reformers that sanctioned his demand and voted in favor of the "loot." These fellows act as though they are afraid they will never get another whack at the grab-bag and intend doing their level best to catch all of the cash prizes while they may. Before another two years have rolled around the county of Holt will be in the hands of a receiver.

WHEN the force of clerks employed by the treasurer cannot tell a man the assessed valuation of his township or the amount of taxes pay 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.—FRONTIER.

Just so. Such information could not be obtained in the treasurer's office without footing up a column of totals of all the 40-acre tracts in the township, which the treasurer has not time to do, but perhaps some of the Scott tools are so ignorant as to not know it.—Independent.

Ignorant indeed, you poor old fossilized hulk! The idea that the treasurer cannot tell the assessed valuation of a township without footing up all of the 40-acre tracts in the township is ridiculous and preposterous. In the first place footing up the 40-acre tracts would not give the assessed valuation, as it would also be necessary to figure in the personality. If the treasurer's books are correctly and professionally kept it is a very easy matter to tell the assessed valuation of any township or the amount of tax paid by any school district. At the end of each township is a recapitulation showing the amount of tax paid by the township for school, county and state purposes, together with rate of taxation. Almost any school boy, outside of Mullen's office, given the total tax with the levy will tell you in just about two jerks of a lamb's tail what the valuation is. Talk about ignorance! Oh, you poor devil! And it is really too bad about Mullen's "time." He has the office so full of clerks that they are compelled to go out into the street to turn around. Fact is, 'twas rumored on the streets the other day that when the force started for dinner at noon one of the clerks was seriously injured by the rush and jam in the large and capacious hall. Mullen no doubt has considerable latent ability and a little "future time for preparation" will probably bring it to the surface, but that doesn't prevent tax receipts from coming back for correction on account for the bungling manner in which they are issued.

INDEPENDENT STEALS.

At every meeting of the board of supervisors they steal from the county \$188, by charging for the day before the board meets and the day after it adjourns.

By awarding the printing of the tax list to the Independent they have stolen over \$1,500 from the people of the county.

By employing more help in the treasurer's office than is necessary and more than was employed under a republican administration, they are wrongfully spending the people's money.

By employing more help in the clerk's office than is necessary and more than was employed under a republican administration, they are robbing the tax payers.

By allowing the sheriff two deputies when he should do all of the work himself, they are heaping additional burdens upon the public.

By recklessly plunging the county into ill-advised and losing litigation that are increasing taxes.

Employing John Morrow for a year at \$2.50 per day as assistant expert, which was clearly a violation of our statute.

By calling a grand jury last fall they heaped thousands of dollars of additional debt upon the county, and the benefits derived were absolutely nothing.

Being the plurality party they are responsible for the continuance of the supervisor system, which costs the county over \$50,000 more every year than that of the commissioner.

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