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#### THE NIOBRARA RIVER IRRIGA-TION AND POWER CO.

Under the above name a body of Holt county capitalists have organized a stock company for the purpose of acquiring water rights, developing water power, locating, constructing, developing and improving canals, ditches and water courses, and to operate the same, for irrigation and other purposes, as may be seen from the articles of incorporation, published elsewhere in this

The authorized capital of this company is \$2,500,000, divided into shares of \$100 each, and it is provided by the articles of incorporation that at least and they would have howled like the demons of hell in an effort to divide the \$10,000 shall have been paid in before the commencement of business.

Rights have been secured on a sufficient body of water in Sheridan county, where it is proposed to build a reservoir, from which the water will be conducted down the channel of the Snake river to a point near Valentine, where the Niobrara river will be tapped and a ditch constructed on the great divide between the Niobrara and Elkhorn valleys.

Stock is now being sold for the purpose of making additional surveys and profile, which work it is expected will be done by Donald W. Campbell, a civil engineer of Colorado, famed for his experience and ability in this particular

In fact all necessary preliminaries are being disposed of and the incorporators are inoculated with an enthusiasm that leads us to believe the corporation has "come to stay." It will depend, of course, almost wholly upon the manner in which men of means take to the stock as an investment, but from the success of similar projects in other localities it is confidently anticipated that ready cash out of a job will take kindly to an enterprise of this kind, the consummation of which will insure uncomplaining returns better than 2 per cent., and on the other hand the value of the canal to this country cannot be conceived or approximately estimated.

The idea now is to first sell as much stock as possible along the proposed line, then make an attempt to interest loan companies holding land in this section of the state, and other men who have money to invest in sure things. If this cannot be done the townships along the line should vote bonds of sufficient aggregate amount to prosecute the work to a successful termination.

Irrigation is the thing and must be

THE Jew likens unto a sponge and absorbs the moisture in the fountain of public revenue.

Under republican and democratic administrations the tax list was invariably awarded to the lowest bidder, but under s reform administration the highest bidder does the work.

THE Ewing Advocate says "the government could loan money to the people as well as to the banks." That's not very strong argument in favor of Mullen's state depository law, now is it?

A RESOLUTION was adopted by the last independent convention held in Holt county, denouncing both democrate and republicans. We notice in the last issue of the Sun ten sheriff sales signed by an independent sheriff. Now this proves one of two things: It proves that the independents were not honest in their resolution, or that McHugh is not a democrat. The reader will be justified, under the circumstances, in crediting either one or both of the propositions.

AFTER election, if county division fails to carry, the Sun will favor the scheme it proposed last week of reducing the number of supervisors to eleven.

—Sun, September, '93.

How much time will have to elapse before the Sun will advocate this reform? THE FRONTIER is not in favor of eleven supervisors, nor do we believe the change could be legally made; but we are in favor of seven. Something will have to be done to lessen the cost of county government or it will be necessary to erect free soup houses to support those who now pay the taxes.

WHILE it may be early in the day to talk about congressman in the big Sixth, yet there are several aspiring to warm Kem's seat in congress. The feeling is M. F. Harrington by the independents. It is understood that Mr. Harrington will not be a candidate, yet has he the right to refuse to be the people's candidate when they call him? Harrington is the man.—Atkinson correspondent in the Independent.

Mike Harrington is just the man that is capable of holding up the reputation of the independent party of Holt county. The one is as vulnerable as the

THE Sun is the only paper in the county that will publish the official proceedings, having a contract with the county to that effect .- Sun.

Proceedings of the county dads will appear in this, the paper of the people, and all other legal publications pertain-ing to the county.—Independent.

Ah, ha! my masters, how now? Is this a blunder of the board, or is it an intentional steal? Both papers have been awarded this work and both will receive pay therefor. The Sun was awarded the contract for the proceedings, and the Independent secured the contract for all legal notices. Proceedings are "legal notices," so it will be seen that both papers will get pay for the same work. And the stars roll on above, reform rolls on below, and we can feel the rattling wheel revolving as

THOSE croakers of hades sought to inveigle the board to give the printing to the lowest bidder so they could set up the howl that the populists had gone back on the Jew; had ignored the policy party.-Independent.

Now we are getting at the facts of the case. The printing was awarded to the Independent as a matter of political policy and not because the public weal demanded it. In other words the people's cash is to be farmed out for the benefit of the populist party and the interests of the tax payers may be damned. We thank thee, Jew, for the above explanation, as it tells the story in fewer words than we could, and will not fail to convince that the reformatory rantings of you and your party are but molasses to catch flies.

A POPULIST writing to the Stuart Ledger from Brodie, Holt county, delivers himself of these facts:

I voted the populist ticket last fall, and at the time firmly believed I was vot-ing for a more economic administration of county affairs. It now looks as though I had made a mistake. The present bosses of the court house have employed the largest clerical force of employed the largest clerical force of any incumbents in the history of the county, proving that they are either less competent than their predecessors, or consider county funds as the spoils of the victors, to be divided as they see fit. In the matter of county printing the officers whom I helped to elect, thinking they would consider the tax payers interest first, seem to think that Kautzman's independent organ should have man's independent organ should have the county patronage regardless of what he sees fit to charge. That portion of the printing for which there is a legal rate, from a partisan stand point, should go to Kautzman. The other print-ing, from a partisan stand point, should go to Keutzman, but as a matter of right to the tax payers and justice to every citizen in the county, it should go to the lowest bidder. One of the mottoes paraded by our party is "equal rights to all," and the principles of no party come all,"and the principles of no party come fawther from encouraging despotism, therefore, I think every independent will agree with me when I say that Kautzman has no right to establish a censorship over the actions of the county officers, politically, or in any other way. Our party, as I understand it, is the uncompromising enemy of monoply and the poor man's friend, and I think Kautzman's attempt to have I think Kautzman's attempt to have republican editors boycotted and starved out is not in accordance with the principles of the populist party. While, as a partsian, I wish them all manner of confusion politically, as a member of the grand fraternity of mankind, I consider they have a right to live and a what ever patronage their to legitimate buisness tact entitles them to. Kautzman to the contrary notwithstanding. I am not the only populist in the county who thinks a public office is not a public trough, and as soon as the populist party commences to listen to the suggestions of greedy dictators of anarchistic tendencies and fail to carry out their promises they envite disso-lution and defeat.

#### INDEPENDENT STEALS.

At every meeting of the board of supervisors they steal from the county \$186, 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

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 pavers. 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 cailing 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.

Before election Joss Mullen promised that all the help he would ask would be one deputy and one clerk. Therefore, all the help he employs above that number is a steal, according to the words of his own mouth.

Awarding the contract for publishing the proceedings to both the Sun and the Independent is a steal that will amount



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