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SKIRVING OUSTED.

As predicted by this paper last week the verdict of the board in the Skirving case was "guilty." They did not, however, find him guilty of all the counts in the information, but simply that of certifying to the fact that E. H. Benedict was a justice of the peace. The board thought it was finding him guilty on the bond count also, but their miserable manner of handling parlimentary rules frustrated this plan. It happened this way: A motion was made to find him guilty of that count; another was made to table the previous motion and a vote had upon the motion to table, which was lost. One of the members then moved the previous question, which could only be brought before the house at that time by a majority vote; the majority vote was received, which then placed the question before the house, but it was never voted upon and stands, or should stand, that way upon the records today.

This decision of the board is no surprise to us, as from the start we have been of the opinion that Harrington was confident of victory before he instituted proceedings.

This is a case of men simply stealing an office because they had it in their power to do so. The testimony was not sufficient to convict anyone, this some of the men who voted for ouster admit, but the gang wanted the office and were determined to have it by fair means or foul. Mr. Henry, the board's appointee, is nothing more or less than receiver of stolen goods when he accepts appointment to an office obtained in the manner of high-waymen.

A BLATANT DEMAGOGUE.

B. F. Roberts, judge of this county during the years 1884-5 is the subject of this sketch. The caption above refers to him as a "blatant demagogue": let us see if we are correct. Webster defines blatent this way: "Bellowing as a calf; noisy; bawling; brawling." Demagogue he savs is a person "who controls the people by specious or deceitful arts; a panderer to popular prejudices; an artful political orator." Those who are acquainted with the man will agree with us that the allusion is well made. He is a "brawling panderer to popular prejudice" and that is the best that can truthfully be said of him. This fact was presented to us most forcibly last Friday when we heard him address the county board in the Skirving case and in his official capacity, that the fee book attempt to convict him by appealing to of his office fails to relate, notwithstandthat "popular prejudice" against Barrett ing he carries the certificate of an expert Scott-and that was the way he was convicted. During the course of his harangue he frequently alluded to himself as the quintessence of honesty and a model public official. In fact so many times did he remark this that we were reminded of the fact that it is always well to beware of the man who continually prates of his own honesty and the woman who from the housetops tells of her own virtue, so we have investigated the gentleman just a little and the result is astounding.

Knowing that the county judges did take a great many final proofs, we went to Mr. McCutcheon's office and examined the fee book for Mr. Roberts' term to see what he had done in that line, but lo! not a scratch of the pen could we discover that he had ever used the great seal of his office for that purpose. But, thinking that perhaps he did not take any proofs, we went over to the land-office, dug away down in the dusty and mouldy archives of that institution and found-that Mr. Roberts is not what he represents himself. He did take proofs and lots of them. Just how many we are not prepared to say, as a part of the records cannot be found in the land-office, but we gathered a few scattering cases that will serve as an illustration and an indication of the probable extent of the old gentleman's sharp book-keeping. That there may be no dispute about this matter we give below the date of the proof and the name of the party so that those who may be so inclined can go to the judge's office and scan the fee book for verification. Here they are:

NAME.	DATE'84.
M. D. Brown	October 18
C. Spaulding	April 8
G. Chittender	
D. Kelley	July 19
B. Martin,	August 4
	September 20
	October 27
	November 25
	September 27
	September 22
	October 1
	October 8
	December 12
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W. LamsdenNovember	- 1
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G. P. Shapper September 1	
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J. LurdOctober 1	. 1
H. C. Pine October 1	0
Wm O'Neill October is	2
F. DawlinOctober 1	5
W. Alpess September 2	5
W. HanleySeptember 2	
R. AnglinSeptember 2	
F. JonnsonSeptember 2	8
M. Eckley November 13	3
II. BavOctober 2	
W. WillesOctober 2	7
J. S. Bartley November 1	1
P. M. KauffmanSeptember 16	
T. Wheeler September	7
N. Grass September 10	1
P. O'DonnellOctober 2	1
E. HamondOctober 14	
C. SticklerOctober 13	
J. RyanOctober 13	3
J. La RueOctober 1:	2
S. Gibson October 20	
G. A. Graham October 20	
S. Rye October 20	
J. Kernan October 2	3
C. MooreOctober 3	
A. DrakeOctober 25	
C. DelamoOctober 25	1
J. B. Drake October 25	1
H. MiersOctober 21	31
M. PerkinsOctober 19	1
A. Smith	
Ben DyeOctober 19	
N. BerdstromOctober 19	41
W. Corrigan October 23 D. L. Mozist October 23	41
D. L. MozistOctober 22	41
J. L. PayneNovember	
L. C. LarsonNovember 4	
H. C. HuffleNovember 2	
P. R. Hanly December 26	
B. Haynes December 26	
W. PettisDecember 26	
L. Merrick	
D. L. Ludwig November 20 W. Biglin November 20	
P. Hickey October 16	
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The reader will observe that these dates do not cover more than half of the time that Mr. Roberts held his office, and there is no telling how many more cases might be found upon diligent search, but it is something that should demand the attention of our reform board. If Mr. Roberts has failed to account for the fees of his office in a proper and lawful manner steps should be taken to compel him to disgorge. Judge Gillespie, who succeeded Roberts, charged himself up with from two to five dollars in each case for this class of work, the amount depending upon the the nature of the work. And this is not all. There are other instances we might cite where he has received fees, saying that he is all right.

P. Hickey.....October 16

L. Cole.

P. Boyle.

V. Norvell......November 20

. McGlinn...... September 26

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While our board is, ripping things up the back and impeaching officials for fancied misdemeanors the; could do well, perhaps, by looking after this gentleman, who has been riding a reform hobby for the past few years and disseminating scandal broadcast over the country concerning his political opponents. He is one of the men who have cried so long and foud about Scott; he is one of the men who cried about Skirving when there was nothing to cry about, and now let him mount his high horse and cry about this. There is room for an explanation in this matter and it will not be necessary to say anything about the amount of money Scott stole when he explains.

PRINTING STEAL

The interest awakened over the tax list steal of some weeks ago is increasing to an extent that bodes no good to the party that not only sanctioned it but made the steal by its own representatives. We have been requested to again publish the names of the men who voted in favor of this boodling, and they may be found be-

Conger, Crawford, Dennis, Donohoe, Eckley, Greig, Hodge, Jillson, Kelly, H. B., Kennedy, Miller, Phelps, Schindler, Slaymaker, White and Waring.

The men who opposed this steal and went upon record as opposed to robbing

the county of a thousand or so, are: Alfs, Calkins, Gilson, Haigh, Hayes, Murphy, Phillips, Roll, Trullinger, Wine and Wilson.

The independents are making strenuous efforts to set themselves aright before the people in this matter but the cloven hoof is so plainly visible that they are disgusting the fair minded

portion of the public.

Greg Roll's communication, published in these columns, explains the situation

It is one thing to be a reformer and another thing to be a reformer.

SUPERVISOR RHODY HAYES deserves some praise and a great deal of respect for the position he took in the Skirving impeachment trial. He made a valiant struggle for right and justice notwithstanding he was under obligations to the

THE Plainview News calls THE O'NEILL BUSINESS DIRECTORY FRONTIER a "boodle organ." O, pshaw

MR. GUTZMAN, that old friend of R. R. DICKSON yours, Grandma Roberts, is a "nice 'un." now isn't he?

SUPERVISORS PHILLIPS. Gilson and Wilson were the leaders in Skirving's defense and made a good fight. The way they embarrassed County Attorney Murphy with questions of law was very amusing.

It is stated with color of authenticity that various county officers and members of the board own stock in the Independent. That being the case it may easily be seen that the county is being robbed, not only for Gutzman, but also for his partners, the official servants of the people.

EDITOR SIMMONS, of Sioux county, has what some people might term a monopoly. He is editor and proprietor of the only paper published in his county. Mr. Simmons, however, is qualified to look after the interests of ONEILL, his county with profit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents.

ROLL speaks of Gutzy, old boy, as "a rotten old hulk." That 1,500 subscribers who were ready and anxious to fight, bleed and die for the "old hulk" will soon be treated to decimal point immediately following and on the right of the fifteen. Nothing is so plain as a fraud when once discovered.

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

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.

when he should do all of the work himself, they are heaping additional burdens By recklessly plunging the county into

By allowing the sheriff two deputies

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 addi-

tional 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

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.

than that of the commissioner.

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

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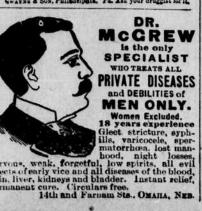
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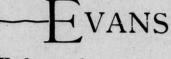
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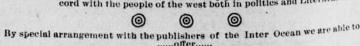
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