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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 parliamentary 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 blatant this way: "Bellowing as a calf; noisy; bawling; brawling." Demagogue he says 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 "bawling 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 attempt to convict him by appealing to that "popular prejudice" against Barrett 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 house tops 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	May 14
D. Kelley	July 19
B. Martin	August 4
D. Hurley	September 20
J. W. Warner	October 27
H. Elye	November 25
W. W. Maston	September 27
F. Augustin	September 22
F. McKay	October 1
H. Bertron	October 8
J. Shultz	December 12
P. Raligan	October 13
W. W. Crom	September 28
R. P. Borrows	October 20
J. Daley	September 29
J. L. Brown	October 21
W. G. O'Malley	October 21
J. Porter	October 21
G. W. Palmquist	September 24

D. Lyons	September 24
A. Hodgett	October 2
W. Lamsden	November 5
C. A. Clark	November 6
A. Vorhees	November 16
Mrs. H. Willes	November 16
W. C. Ritchlen	November 16
N. T. Evans	September 17
L. Ranger	September 17
D. McGinnis	September 18
B. Marks	September 18
P. McNally	September 16
P. Parker	September 27
G. P. Shapper	September 27
A. Hensley	September 21
L. G. Lemsur	October 19
C. A. Gier	October 19
J. L. Lard	October 19
H. C. Pine	October 19
Wm. O'Neill	October 15
F. Dawlin	October 15
W. Alpea	September 25
W. Hanley	September 28
R. Anglin	September 28
F. Jonsson	September 28
M. Eckley	November 13
H. Bav	October 29
W. Willes	October 27
J. S. Bartley	November 16
P. M. Kaufman	September 10
T. Wheeler	September 7
N. Grass	September 10
P. O'Donnell	October 24
E. Hamond	October 14
C. Sticker	October 13
J. Ryan	October 13
J. La Rue	October 12
S. Gibson	October 20
G. A. Graham	October 20
S. Rye	October 20
J. Kernan	October 23
C. Moore	October 23
A. Drake	October 22
C. Delamo	October 22
J. B. Drake	October 22
H. Miers	October 21
M. Perkins	October 19
A. Smith	October 19
Ben Dye	October 19
N. Berdstrom	October 19
W. Corrigan	October 22
D. L. Mozist	October 22
J. L. Payne	November 4
L. C. Larson	November 4
H. C. Huffle	November 22
P. R. Hanly	December 26
B. Haynes	December 26
W. Pettis	December 26
L. Merrick	November 20
D. L. Ludwig	November 20
W. Biglin	November 20
P. Hickey	October 16
T. V. Norvell	November 20
L. Cole	November 20
E. Mogenor	September 28
J. McGillin	September 26
M. Vanert	November 10
P. Kelly	November 16
P. Ryan	November 14
A. Ruddy	November 14
P. Boyle	November 14
F. Kokajon	November 16
L. Pribil	November 16
E. Bomon	November 14
T. Berninhan	October 27
J. B. Cash	October 14

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 nature of the work. And this is not all. There are other instances we might cite where he has received fees, in his official capacity, that the fee book of his office fails to relate, notwithstanding he carries the certificate of an expert saying that he is all right.

While our board is ripping things up the back and impeaching officials for fancied misdemeanors they could do well, perhaps, by looking after this gentleman, who has been riding a reform lobby 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 loud 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 below:

Conger, Crawford, Dennis, Donohoe, Eckley, Greig, Hodge, Jilson, 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: Alfa, Calkins, Gilson, Haigh, Hayes, Murphy, Phillips, Roll, Trullinger, Wine and Wilson.

The independents are making strenuous efforts to set themselves right 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 exactly.

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 opposition.

THE Plainview News calls THE FRONTIER a "hoodle organ." O, psaw!

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

SUPERVISORS PHILLIPS, Gilson and Wilsea 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 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 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.

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 to considerable.

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