

# THE FRONTIER.

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MR. CLEVELAND'S success in killing bear may induce him to go gunning for the tammany tiger.

It may yet be necessary to employ professional sluggers as assistants to the sergeant-at-arms of the house.

VICTOR HUGO would speak of the populists as a party of many talkers and few thinkers; a party for little people of little minds.

PLATTE county is ruled by five supervisors. Holt would be vastly richer in worldly goods if she had adopted that system years ago.

GREAT Scott! Can this be true? George Gould, son of the lamented Jay, says: "Fully half of the existing depression grows out of the unjust treatment of the railroads by legislation."

"ANOTHER good man gone wrong" is a term frequently employed since THE FRONTIER exposed Judge Roberts. According to our way of thinking it would be more appropriate to refer to him as a "bad man found out."

PEOPLE with philosophical minds are pleased to argue that everything is created for a purpose. This may be true but we would like to know for what particular purpose Nat Smalls ever created the Fremont Daily Herald.

THE Sioux City Journal says the Kentucky editors have taken umbrage at the action of Judge Bradley in the Breckenridge trial. This is probably the first time to the knowledge of the oldest inhabitant that they ever took anything but whiskey straight.

THE republican tariff policy was never more tersely stated than in the national platform of 1892—"That on all imports coming into competition with the products of American labor there should be levied duties equal to the difference between wages abroad and at home."

If an employe has no legal right to quit work when in so doing he will cause loss, embarrassment or damage to his employer, the converse of the proposition should also be law, that an employer has no right to discharge when in so doing he will cause loss, embarrassment or damage his employe.—Sioux City Journal.

It is not surprising to learn that the administration favors the bill providing for the disposal of all public lands to be hereafter opened to settlement at auction to the highest bidder. That would effectually shut out the poor man, and would therefore be in keeping with what has always been the policy of the democratic party.

We owe an apology to Judge Roberts. Last week when we said the fee book of his office failed to show that he ever took a final proof, we were mistaken. Upon looking over the book again we find that he took six proofs, but none of them were included in our list of last week, and the entries bear unmistakable evidence of having been made subsequent to our last issue.

FROM the way the independents answer every question and solve every problem by referring to the Scott trouble one might infer that he is their only stock in trade. They have talked it so incessantly that the poor pop's untutored mind can see him in clouds and hear him in the winds. Their souls the devil never allowed to stray as far as justice's walk or milky way, and the natural sequence is that they are prejudice blind.

MATT DAUGHERTY, of Keith county, and chairman of the republican congressional committee, is considered by many as a possible candidate for congress from this district. Matt is well qualified for the position; his republicanism is of the proper stripe and he would prove a hard-working champion of the people's interests. However, we have not learned as to whether Mr. Daugherty would consent to be a candidate.—North Platte Tribune.

THE trucking policy adopted by Register Mathews almost immediately upon his appointment seems to have availed him nothing. By breaking faith with his own party and playing into the hands of the enemy he did not lengthen his official days an hour or a minute. If he had stood loyal and true to the men who secured for him his appointment he could now retire from public life with at least the respect of his party, instead of its contempt and regret that he was not removed long ago.

THE Lincoln Call, after reading a severe rebuke to Editor Rosewater, for making another of his spasmodic thrusts at the "country press," offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

Resolved, By the weekly press of Nebraska, that E. Iwarter is an ass. The Call is a little slow. This same resolution was made, almost unanimously adopted and spread upon the files of the country papers years ago. It is now in order to simply re-affirm the same and point with pride, mantled with modesty, to our records.

It comes pretty straight from Michael Harrington that the reason the independent politicians are opposed to irrigation is the fear that the enthusiasm awakened may endanger the success of the legislative ticket next fall. That is to say that the irrigationists will out-number the pops and send representatives of experience and ability rather than independent heelers who have no particular ability in any line other than playing upon the discordant strings of popular uneasiness. And yet Kautzman has the effrontery to accuse us of making a political issue.

ROSEWATER has no leisure time for the country press. The country press collectively and individually care about as much for Rosey as a certain mechanic's damn. They are under no obligations to him and have no favors to ask. They do not read items of news in the "Pride of Two Continents" that they might not find in some other paper, and the editorial comments are of an inferior grade. A paper that knows the Bee's propensities for pandering to the moneyed side of things is justified in rolling its assertions in the sawdust of allowance. Away with him.

STRANGE that when a question of vital importance to a community or county is being agitated that men cannot for the time being lay aside politics and prejudice and work side by side for the good of all. The attempt of the independents to mix politics with the irrigation ditch is a senseless piece of foolishness and can only have the effect of injuring the cause. They started the political question however, and whatever injury results from it will be chargeable directly to their door. Time is not far distant when more will be required of them than to simply cry "Scott!"

JOHN HARMON has at last been appointed register of the O'Neill land office and in the very near future will assume the responsibilities of the position. THE FRONTIER congratulates John and the democratic party. The "man of destiny" could have made no better selection for this place, or one that would have given more general satisfaction to the partisans of the district. While THE FRONTIER has no early use for a democrat—politically speaking—we have a great deal of respect for a partisan of John's stripe. He fights openly, manly and above board and takes defeat as smilingly as he welcomes victory.

THE Fremont Tribune is authority for the statement: "The State Board of Transportation and the Elkhorn road have compromised their differences in the matter of hay rates by splitting the difference in the schedules proposed by each." We do not believe the board did justice to our section of country in this matter. The original rate was fixed by the road without solicitation, as it said, for the benefit of the shipper, and was raised only to squeeze a little revenge out of somebody because the Newberry bill was passed. If the railroad or the state board ever had any desire to benefit producer or shipper now is the proper time for the ghost to walk. THE FRONTIER is opposed to false bids for public support, come they from its own or any other party. Promise is good fodder for hope, but stern, every day reality demands something more substantial, especially when it might be had by a little stiffening of the vertebra.

Our county officials to a man refused to take any stock in the irrigation company. Those fellows need no irrigation to successfully work their present farms.—FRONTIER.

The above is of course intended as a slur at the farmers' movement and the well known alliance opposition to corporation combines and trusts. It is about as sensible a thing as that paper is capable of saying. Those half-fledged goalings never open their mouths but that they put their feet into them and array opposition to that which they attempt to extol.

In the first place we warned them that if the Scott gang or their immediate strikers took the lead in the irrigation movement the people would look upon it with suspicion. We are unalterably opposed to the Scott gang being pushed ahead in Holt county to again bleed the people they have sacked through official capacities. It will take but a glance at the names of the incorporators to satisfy anyone that with very few exceptions they are composed of the gang from the Meals shortage to the Scott embezzlers, and close friends.—Independent.

Who, may ask, first settled this county and by hard and persistent efforts brought it to its present state of advancement? Was it you or your strikers, you relic of nomadism? Who have you always found at the head of public movements and undertakings for the good of the general people? Has it been you or your party of reformers, you prince of indecency? By what right do you, Jim, whose other name is Jam, set yourself up as the censor of old timers in these latitudes? Fact is you are a fraud; a counterfeit; an impersonator; a monstrosity; anything but a manly man. Otherwise you would not seek to retard the consummation of a project that would be the wealth of the people whom you profess to so dearly love. When you say "the people will look with suspicion," do you mean the independents? Remember Holt county has over 2,700 voters, of which but 1,202 are independents. Don't delude yourself with the idea that you are the people.

Opposed to corporations! Dear reader, the type in which that article was set is corporation type; the man who set it is

a corporation self; the press upon which it was printed is a corporation press; the editor who wrote it is a corporation editor and the article is a corporation article: the whole independent outfit belongs to a corporation and its stock is watered more than \$5,000, and still this noble bird of the swamps is opposed to irrigation on the corporation plan. What a perfect hypocrite! But to credit him with a little sincerity: How would you construct an irrigating ditch? Wait for the state to build it? Wait for the United States to build it, or wait for it to just grow? Probably the latter.

If you and your ilk are so all-fired smart why did not you or they advance some better measure if you are opposed to corporations? Trouble is you are afraid that irrigation will come; are mad because you did not head the movement, will get none of the credit, and know that with the ditch will come universal prosperity, and with prosperity will come the end of your party, which can exist only in deserts or semi-arid regions—something like a crane.

Your talk about Scott's and Meals' friends being at the head of this is worse than yourself—rot. Suppose they are? (Which they are not.) Suppose that Scott, Meals and Mosher were at the head of this thing and succeeded in getting the ditch through. Would the water be any the less wet? Would the benefits to be derived from irrigation be in anyway diminished?

And again: The stock is for sale. If you and those of your kidney do not like the way things are running, why not buy the stock and conduct the corporation to suit yourselves? If populists held a controlling interest the corporation would be all right, forsooth, a populist can do no wrong.

We do not like to bring politics into a matter of this kind, but if it must be fought out on those lines, tie loose the dogs of war. It will be republicans, democrats and prohibitionists in favor of progression, and populists in favor of turning the county over to the coyotes.

It is but justice to say that the Jew does not speak the sentiments of his party. We know of many independents who are strong irrigationists, but they are cursed with a hoodoo.

## 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. The supervisors who by their votes perpetrated this outrage are:

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

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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