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## COUNTY LEGAL COMMITTEE.

THE FRONTIER does not feel like standing silently by and seeing the taxpayers bled to death without raising its voice in protest. While the sins of our pop county board are great in omission and commission, one of the main spokes in the wheel of false reform is the leech known as the "legal committee." This is called "legal committee" to hide its real purpose and character. It is composed of three members, whose duty and privilege it is to attend court when the county is interested in any cases upon the docket and in conjunction with the county attorney to settle "pending litigation." This is what the populists will tell a man, and if he is easily cajoled, will make him believe it, but that was not the purpose for which the committee was created. The committee was created for, and its practice has been, to open up another sluiceway through which the people's money may flow into the pockets of chosen populists. There are not enough county offices to go around and those unprovided clamor loudly for a piece of pelf. And then there is Mike Harrington. He must be looked after. The chairman of the legal committee hires a man to do the county attorney's work and pays him hard cash out of funds derived from a warrant "made payable to the chairman of the legal committee," and liberally discounted at Gallagher's bank.

The chairman is always a man who is known to be friendly to Harrington and Gallagher—in fact one of the gang. Jim Greig is the present chairman. He is attending the present term of court in that capacity. The people are paying the freight.

This committee is a luxury and should be abolished. The county attorney is authorized by statute to take charge of all county cases and if he needs legal assistance let him apply for it and get it through the regular channels.

Away with such "reform."

GOVERNOR has issued more bonds. What else could the poor fellow do?

Ir Ham "keeps in the middle of the road" it is because he considers the sidewalk unsafe.

EUCLID MARTIN will be postmaster at Omaha. The "rump" democrats stood a whole lot of abuse last fall but their turn has now come to smile.

THE Fremont Herald "With a Mission and Without a Muzzle," says: "Why call them financial schemes? Why not call them schemes for the further enrichment of Wall street?"

A L. MORSE has been appointed postmaster at Atkinson. It would now be in order for Tom Golden to send Palmquist a telegram of condolence. He sent him a telegram of congratulation once when he thought he had received the appointment.

JOHN HOPKINS, a pop business man of O'Neill, and president of the Protective Association, has refused to sell corn to a customer because he had signed a petition requesting Representative Robertson to resign. That's "drawing the line" with a vengeance.

THE Amelia Journal man stabs at THE FRONTIER with a persistency worthy of some recognition, but really we have not time to stop and brush away every mosquito that sticks its bill into us. The smaller gallinippers will be allowed to suck away until their hides are filled and they die of their fullness.

THE populist policy in Holt is surely to rule or ruin. If you dare offer any opposition to them they apply the boycott screws. Such methods cannot last long. A man may be controlled for awhile through fear but you may rest assured that at the first favorable opportunity he will knife the oppressor. That's human nature.

THE Albion News says: "Doc Middleton, once a terror to good people and horse owners in the north part of the state, has been converted to the religion of Jesus Christ. Now if the workers in the vineyard of the Lord can harvest Ham Kautzman and Jim Sandiland, there will be a marked improvement in the moral atmosphere north of this latitude." Editor Ladd has evidently judged Ham by the tone of the Beacon Light. Ham has belonged to the Methodist church for years. This statement is not made with the intention of reflecting in any way upon the church.

THE Butte Gazette thusly objects to the idea of its county being annexed to Holt: "We are informed that a bill will most likely be sprung upon the legislature at this session asking that Boyd county be disorganized and attached to Holt. Give the settlers of Boyd a voice in the matter, gentlemen, and attach us to hell, but to Holt, never. This scheme is one gotten up by a man—or rather a crazy man—who has been the head and front of nearly all the discord in the county. Of course the 1200 odd voters in this county would have something to say about such a deal, yet it goes to show what a monumental ass a fool can make of himself." We cannot find it in our hearts to chide Bro. Armstrong. The populists are making Holt anything but a summer resort. Time will change all this, however. The rascals will be turned out next fall. Then come over.

## SCOTT COMMENT.

Wisner Chronicle: Mullihan, Elliott and Harris, charged with the murder of Barrett Scott; were admitted to bail in the sum of \$3,000 to appear at district court. Roy's bail was fixed at only \$1,000.

Chadron Citizen: The four principal defendants in the Barrett Scott murder case, Mullihan, Harris, Elliott and Roy, have been released on bail, the first three mentioned at \$3,000 each and the latter at \$1,000. Justice, thou art a queer freak.

Creighton Courier: It is quite evident that if George Mullihan is implicated in the hanging of Barrett Scott, the rope that was placed about his neck was purchased in Creighton. About a week before the abduction of Scott, Mullihan was seen on our street with a coil of new rope.

Dawes County Journal: The men accused of the murder of Barrett Scott have been admitted to bail by the county judge of Holt county, who held that the evidence given at their preliminary examination was insufficient to commit them to jail. Three of them are under a \$3,000 bond and one under a \$1,000 bond to appear for trial Feb. 7, yesterday.

Neligh Leader: According to our friends, the enemy, who are pops, Barrett Scott was the victim of misplaced confidence. He jumped off the bridge thinking the rope would break—but it didn't. Mullihan was onto his job when the rope was brought at Creighton. Apparently he had experience. What of the Hills? Is murder to go unpunished?

Antelope Tribune: The suspected murderers of Barrett Scott have all been released on bail to appear Feb. 7, at the district court. Young Roy is out on \$1,000, and the others on \$3,000 bonds. They are admitted to bail on the ground that there was not sufficient evidence produced to reader conviction in the district court at all probable. There is a well grounded suspicion that these men are implicated. Circumstantial evidence is strong that they had something to do with the kidnapping, but unless somebody turns states evidence this is all that seems likely to result from the trial.

Alliance Guide: It is impossible to account for certain decisions rendered by courts of justice. Last week the four parties accused of having brutally murdered Barrett Scott, in Holt county, on the 31st of December last, had their preliminary examination before Judge McCutchan, in O'Neill. Mullihan, Elliott and Harris were positively identified as being among the lynchers, and there seems to be no question as to their guilt, and yet that pop judge turned those parties loose on \$3,000 bond each. When Barrett Scott had his preliminary trial for embezzlement, two years ago, his bond was fixed at \$70,000. But such is life among anarchists. A man's life is of very little importance, but the "almighty dollar" must be protected, no matter at what cost. Now this is not intended as a reflection against the populist party in general. There are many loyal, law-abiding citizens in the populist ranks, but it is to be regretted that they continue so long in such bad company.

Creighton Courier: The populist papers get very indignant when other papers charge the populists with the murder of Barrett Scott and that everything connected with the case is political. Of course it is a bold charge, but at the same time there are good grounds for such charges. When Scott was found to be a defaulter and skipped, the pop board of supervisors of Holt county offered \$2,000 for his arrest and delivery to the officials of said county. When Scott was murdered the board offered \$500 for the arrest and conviction of his slayers, thus judging the crime of murder one fourth as great as defaulting. When several were arrested and taken before a republican justice a change of venue was taken and they were held by a pop justice on bail of \$500. After Scott's body was found the same parties were re-arrested charged with murder in the first degree. They had their preliminary hearing before a pop judge and after the state had produced some very strong evidence and the defense made no effort to produce testimony the suspects were admitted to bail to await their trial.

State Journal: The action of the local court in Holt county in admitting to nominal bail the persons charged with the fiendish crime of firing upon a family party, shooting at women and children indiscriminately from an ambuscade, capturing the head of the family and deliberately murdering him after torture, turning the women and children out on foot far from home to escape as best they could, one of them with a bullet in her back, and then employing newspaper correspondents to write up the "evidence" that their victim had planned the whole scene for the purpose of fleeing from justice, is unfortunate for the county.

It certainly tends to strengthen the suspicion that the cruel crime was the result of political plotting rather than an ebullition of personal hate and passion. There is little doubt in the popular mind that the parties turned loose by the court are guilty as charged, and probably there was no doubt of it in the mind of the court. It will dawn upon the parties responsible for this exhibition, before many days, that they have made a very grave mistake of judgment, saying nothing of the miscarriage of justice involved.

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