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## LET'S HAVE SENSE.

Is it not about time that the people of Holt county recover from their delirium and make an attempt to be rational for a season? The intense political feeling existing here has caused some classes to forget the duty they owe to their God, their country and their fellow citizens, as is evidenced by remarks now and then heard in public places and private conversations. The young and the ignorant have been taught by the crafty to believe that our courts are in league with the devil and that all decisions, not in harmony with the advocacy of certain barristers, are born of malice and politics instead of being based upon the law and decisions from higher courts, which are law.

It was but the other day that we heard a man in a crowd speaking of the Scott lynching. He thought the vigilantes did wrong to kill Scott; they should have "taken the courts." The man who made the statement was less morally responsible for the anarchy seed he cast to the wind than the speakers and editors who put the words in his mouth. He had heard it from lawyers who lost "political" cases in court for the reason that the law was against them, and who plead corruption of the courts to their clients to clear themselves of the charge of giving false counsel.

We say it is time for all of this foolishness to cease. It is false teaching and excites a dangerous element. The man whose cause is just will eventually win because truth is eternal and though crushed to earth will rise again. If anything is wrong with our courts it is the law. If the law is wrong there is a remedy. There is no remedy for a people imbued and inoculated with anarchy.

For several hundred years, or since Magna Charta was wrested from King John, the object and basic principle of our law has been to throw safeguards about persons accused of crime. In fact it is written somewhere between the covers of our law books that it is better that twenty guilty persons should escape than that one innocent person should be punished. It was to lessen the jeopardy to the lives and liberty of England's common people that caused that memorable congress at Runnymede on the banks of the Thames in 1215. Then why all this senseless sentiment when a person accused of crime occasionally escapes through a loop-hole made for the defense of the man unjustly accused?

If the laws upon our statute books, that have stood the storm of ages and are the concrete of the greatest minds of the nation and the world, are to be discredited and laughed to scorn by the burnished intellect of Holt county populism let us go before the people some soft November day and elect a legislature that will show to the world how things should have been fixed in the beginning. Do anything, but for Heaven's sake and the sake of suffering humanity, stop this anarchy.

Perhaps McHugh now realizes that it is better to be a postmaster than to be a hypocrite.

There is now nothing to prevent Charlie McHugh from being publicly what he has for years been privately—a populist.

HAM still boasts of his physical prowess. The philosopher, Epictetus, in one of his discourses, said that it was nothing to a man's credit to be athletic and invincible—like an ass.

D. A. DOYLE has been appointed postmaster at O'Neill to succeed Jas. H. Riggs, republican, whose commission has expired. Mr. Doyle is an administration democrat and the choice of the bourgeois of O'Neill and Holt county.

The man who attacks another from behind a *nom de plume* is very much like the vigilante who covers his face with a mask when he ties a stone between two men and throws them into the Niobrara river alive. They are both cowards in the superlative degree.

The February number of the Nebraska Editor is easily worth fifty cents, yet we dare say there are a number of boys in the state who are not subscribers, in the face of the fact that two quarters will bring it to their table for a whole year. Quit smoking for a day, boys, buy the Editor and lay up treasures in your cranium.

Ir Hugh O'Neill, alias "Old Settler," alias "Age of Thought," alias "Leather Stocking," will exhibit sufficient manhood and fearlessness to attach his name to his communications published in the Beacon Light, we will make an attempt to find a little time to attend to his case. It is easy enough for him to sit secure behind a *nom de plume* and accuse the FRONTIER editors of defending crime, but if he will remove his mask and get out in the broad open light of day we will endeavor to convince him that it is just as easy for us to tell why the crime of which he speaks required defense. The half of this Scott matter has never been told and if some people dislike to be cut in twain they should not monkey around the buzz saw.

## SOME THINGS GROVER DOETH ACCORDING TO HOYLE.

And it came to pass in those days that the people were called upon to choose a ruler of the nation, and there was great commotion among the rabble and those in high places.

Grover, whose surname was Cleveland, led the army of the ungodly, and Benjamin, of the house of the patriarch Harrison, was chief of the righteous hosts. And it came to pass that there was a great battle, which was on the eleventh month of the year, and the wicked triumphed and flourished for a season like the green bay tree. And Grover, surnamed Cleveland, was chosen king.

In those days the king had divers offices to be filled, and it was a custom to give them to the faithful and to those who had distinguished themselves in battle; and they were called publicans.

And it did come to pass that in the army of Grover, whose surname was Cleveland, there was a scribe called Mud, whose surname was McHugh, who was a hypocrite. And when it was rumored about that the army of Grover had triumphed in battle, the scribe, called Mud, whose surname was McHugh, rejoiced greatly and straightway made him a petition upon a slab of stone and prayed that he might be chosen master of the post in the city, which was O'Neill; and the dead and the wounded were still lying even as they had fallen in battle.

And when the multitude heard of these things they were filled with wonder and amazement and fell each upon the other's neck and wept and asked among themselves: "What shall we do?" And then it came to pass that Augustus, whose surname was Doyle, girded up his loins and smote his breast three times and said: "Verily, I also was a soldier in the army of Grover and I was not a wolf, neither did I wear sheep's clothing, and I will get me this office."

And he went straightway to the high priest Castor, who was much beloved of the house of Grover, and he said unto him even as he had said unto his people.

And it came to pass that when the wise men met in the synagogue they were notified by the high priest Castor of the temerity and presumption of the hypocrite, Mud, who was surnamed McHugh; and when Castor, the high priest, had spoken these things, the wrath of the king waxed exceeding great and he laid violent hands upon Mud, whose surname was McHugh, and cast him out into the cold; and forthwith gave the office to Augustus, surnamed Doyle, who was a buyer of kine.

And it came to pass that when the people heard what had taken place in the synagogue there was great rejoicing among the multitudes, and they did eat and drink and were merry. And they took Augustus, whose surname was Doyle, and anointed him; and Elmer, whose surname was Williams, also a publican, brought a silver censor and did put thereon gums and fragrant spices and did burn them and it was called incense.

And when Mud, whose surname was McHugh, saw all of these things he was sorely troubled and did marvel exceedingly thereat; and he girded up his loins and lifted up his voice and said: "Verily I will be a pop. I will go into the tribe of Ham and yank from the golden calf another leg."

And the rabble threw stones at him, and smote him with staves and he did deliver himself of the rump ticket even as the whale delivered itself of Jonah.

And there was great rejoicing among the ninety and nine who were left in the fold.

And it came to pass that the chin of Mud, whose surname was McHugh, grew exceeding long and did lie upon his breast and the doctor whetted his knife and cut seven and two inches therefrom and bathed it with nitric acid, and kicked him eleven times even as Augustus, whose surname was Doyle, had done; and bade him go down to the sea in ships and cross over to an island covered with sand burs and thistles and hide himself from the sight of the just.

And the multitudes rejoiced again and sang hosannas and offered up thanks to Grover and called him "hot stuff."

The office is worth \$1,800 per year.

THE Sun and Beacon Light evince considerable agitation over the fact that the sate asked and received a continuance in the Scott murder trial. Those papers are always easily agitated when matters do not transpire to their liking. The attorneys for the defense and other people with a suspicion of intelligence know very well that such proceedings are not unusual or unlawful. They know further that three terms of the district court may elapse before the state can be forced to trial, if it desires to avail itself of the limit. But then those fellows must have something or other to kick about and it might as well be the district court as anything else, we presume.

HAM KAUTZMAN, editor of the O'Neill Beacon Light, has returned to his red-hot tripod, and is making an ass of himself in the good old way. It would be natural to suppose that after his experience he would be glad of a chance to subside and attract as little notice as possible, but he is wilder than he used to be and that is saying something.—Nebraska Editor.

CONGRESS adjourned promptly at noon, Monday.

THE hoodlers and strikers should pay Mrs. Scott the money they borrowed of him.—Beacon Light.

It is against THE FRONTIER's better judgment that it becomes a party to drawing a lady into a newspaper controversy, but under the circumstances we may be excused. We think the suggestion made by the Jew is timely and quite the proper thing. If every man who has any of Scott's money would hasten to pay it back the independent campaign fund would be much lighter next fall than usual. For instance that long, lean correspondent from the river, who had his hands in Scott's pockets before death—and perhaps after—would not be financially able to put in so much time on the stump in another campaign.

A LIGHT vote was cast at the bond election last Friday. The proposition was defeated by a vote of about four to one. Bonds don't seem to go in Holt any more.

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