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STILL THEY EXPLAIN.

The court-house editorial bureau last week furnished the Sun another column in explanation of Treasurer Mullen's overdraft on fees. The editorial bureau is in hard lines, surely. Each additional explanation brings a clear confession that the preceding explanation was entirely erroneous and the subject becomes more interesting as the discussion continues, because they cannot even begin to figure the overdraft out of existence. Last week in their desperation they called upon Expert Stitt to certify as to the practice in other counties. Mr. Stitt has had a fat thing in Holt county since the pops secured control and he would be an ingrate indeed, if he refused to come to their rescue at this critical time. But Mr. Stitt's testimony in this case is not of much consequence, as he has expiated but a limited number of counties in the state of Nebraska and is therefore not a competent witness to testify as to the practice elsewhere. The duties of the county treasurer are clearly set forth in the statute.

"No account is made of commissions until the end of the year," says the Sun. We admit that seems to be the practice of Mullen, but it is not the law. The law says:

The county treasurer shall on the first Tuesday of January, April, July and October of each year make a report to the board of county commissioners under oath showing the different items of fees received, from whom, at what time and what service, and the TOTAL AMOUNT OF FEES RECEIVED BY SUCH OFFICER SINCE THE LAST REPORT, and also the amount received for the current year.

A commission is a fee. If Mullen had complied with the law his April statement would have shown the amount he earned on collections up to that time; his July statement would have shown the same, and his October statement would have shown the total amount of all fees earned by him during the first nine months of the year. But here is another most interesting point. The treasurer has flagrantly violated the above section of the statute. He filed no quarterly statement on April 1; he filed no quarterly statement on July 1; he filed no quarterly statement on the first day of this month, as the law says he shall do. The law not only says he shall do this, but it provides a penalty if he fails to do so. The language of the law is as follows:

Any of the officers named in section one of this act, WHO SHALL OMIT TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, or should fail or neglect to keep a correct account of the fees received by him, or shall neglect to make a report to the board of county commissioners as herein provided, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be fined each offense by any sum not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.

For failure to file quarterly statements of fees received the treasurer is guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to a fine and imprisonment. Where is John Robertson? Why does he not come before the county board and institute proceedings at once?

The court-house editorial bureau says Treasurer Mullen has asked THE FRONTIER for no advice as to the manner of conducting his office. That may be true, but it does not prevent us from volunteering a little now and then. The good Lord knows he needs it.

WISHES HE HADN'T SAID IT.

O'NEILL, NEB., Oct. 1.
Mr. C. Moulton, Atkinson, Neb. Dear Sir—I have been informed that my friend, Mr. J. P. Mullen, made the statement to you that I was unable to write my own name. Will you kindly deny any such statements made by that gentleman and by doing so you will confer a favor which, I assure you, will be fully appreciated. Hoping to meet you personally when in your township, and asking your hearty support in the coming election, I remain,

Respectfully,
O. F. BIGLIN.

ATKINSON, NEB., Oct. 2, 1895.
Mr. O. F. Biglin, O'Neill, Neb. Dear Sir—Yours of the first inst. at hand, and in reply will say that I did not hear Mr. Mullen make the above charge, but he did say in the presence of three other gentlemen and myself that "Mr. Biglin could not get endorsed by a business man in O'Neill for \$1." He afterwards came to me and wanted me to make affidavit that he did not say it, which I refused to do.

Respectfully,
C. MOULTON.

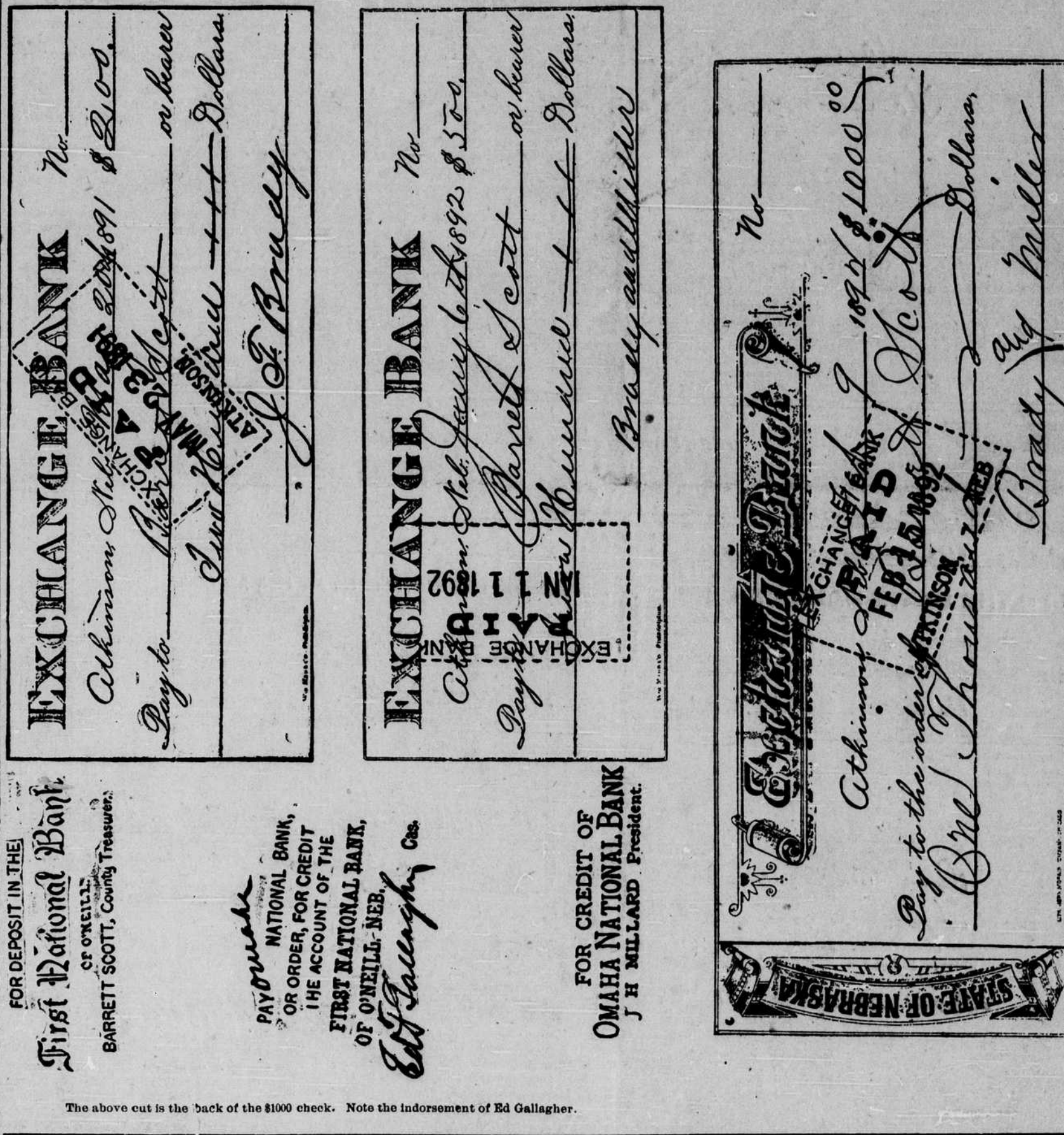
No, Mr. Mullen did not make the statement to Mr. Moulton that Mr. Biglin was a raw Irishman, and couldn't sign his own name, but he did make it to another gentleman living somewhere within a thousand miles of Atkinson, and afterwards requested the aforesaid gentleman to make affidavit that he didn't say it, but was again disappointed. Truly, the tongue is an unruly member, and he that can bridle it can win a campaign.—Atkinson Graphic.

The election of the republican ticket is almost an assured thing. It is going to be a landslide. Populists are quitting their party in blocks of ten and are working for the republican ticket. Turn the boddlers out.

A COMPANION PIECE.

In the last issue of the Beacon Light, under the heading "Something Nice to Frame," were fac-similes of four checks issued by Barrett Scott. Two of the checks were issued to Miller & Brady, one to John Brady and one to John Skirving. The Skirving check was for \$299.46, and the Miller & Brady checks aggregated \$1,700. The matter was given much prominence on the first page of the paper and the assertion made that these two republican candidates participated in the Scott defalcation. Simply because Barrett Scott at different times gave a man a check is no indication, or should not raise the presumption that the transaction was other than honest one. During Scott's terms as treasurer he handled many thousands of dollars and probably had business relations with three-fourths of the citizens of our county and it was his practice to pay everything in checks. Many of our readers, no doubt, have received checks from Scott for school money and other legitimate purposes and can easily see that to accuse them of being participators in the crime would be both unjust and unreasonable. These are the same old checks that Harrington hawked about the county two years ago, and show absolutely nothing, except that Scott had business dealings with men to whom they were issued. But this money paid by Scott to Brady & Miller was not school money or other county business. Brady & Miller were in the milling business at Atkinson and were handling large quantities of grain. As men in business are liable to do, they found themselves a little short of cash and obliged to borrow for a short time; a few days. Who has not borrowed money at some time or other? Have you not, dear reader? Of course you have. Where did you borrow it? Did you go to a bank and pay 2 per cent. when you could borrow it some place else for 10 per cent. or without interest? Certainly not. You borrowed it where the rate of interest was the lowest. That is just exactly what Brady & Miller did. They went to the cheapest market. Mr. Brady does not now nor never has denied that he borrowed that money, but he most emphatically denies that there was anything dishonest in the transaction. He paid it all back, and says that if any man can show that he owes Barrett Scott one cent he will withdraw from the race for sheriff.

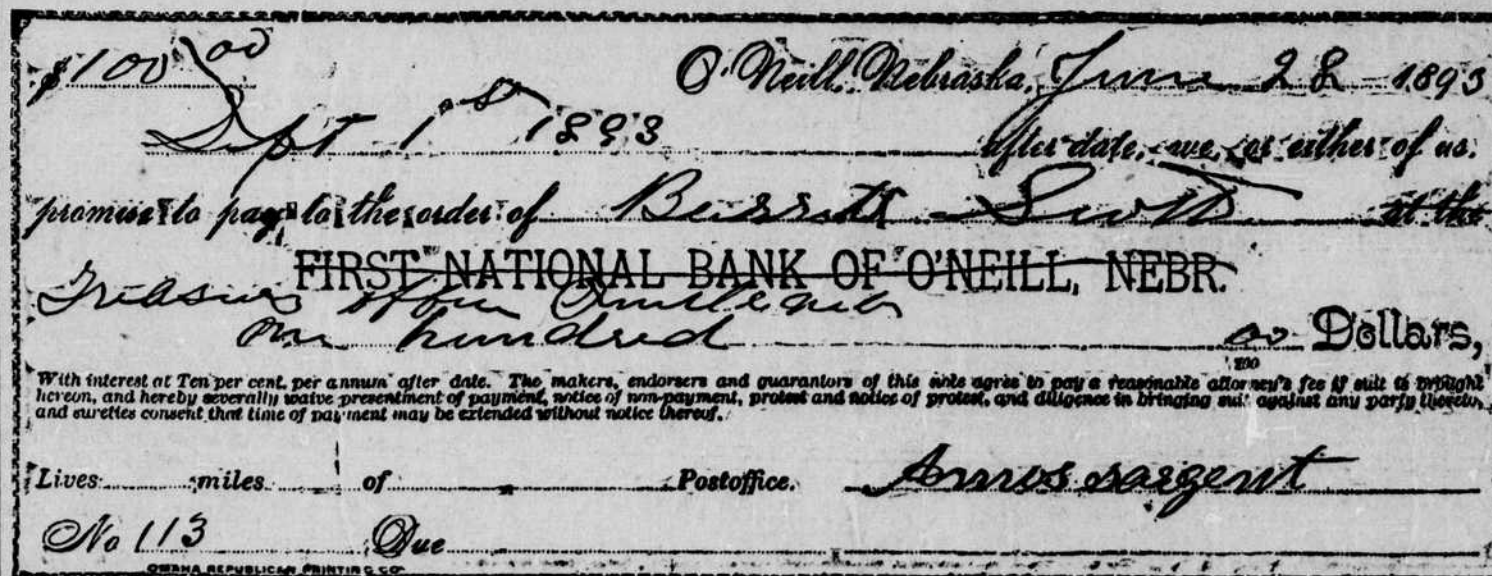
To corroborate our statement that Brady & Miller paid this money back to Barrett Scott, we publish below fac-similes of the checks drawn by them for that purpose. This money borrowed from Scott may have been county money, and then again it may not have been. It is as fair to presume that it was not as it is to presume that it was. The checks were not signed by Scott as treasurer, nor was the money on deposit in the name of the county, but in the name of Barrett Scott. But here are the checks, look them over:



The above cut is the back of the \$1000 check. Note the indorsement of Ed Gallagher.

WHERE SOME OF SCOTT'S MONEY WENT.

The Beacon Light has asserted and re-asserted, affirmed and re-affirmed, iterated and re-iterated that Barrett Scott was murdered by men who had his money, to prevent an exposure. In the face of such accusations we have no doubt that the people of Holt county would like first rate to know who has his money, anyway. In order to satisfy this perfectly natural desire on their part we have caused to be prepared, at considerable expense, a few fac-similes of notes held by him. A note, unlike a check, is the best evidence of indebtedness, and the fact that these notes were in Scott's possession at the time of his death is prima-facie evidence that they have never been paid. We will commence with one bearing the signature of Amos Sargent:



Who is Amos Sargent? He is a pop. He is the man who went over to Wiley's house and enquired when Scott intended going to O'Neill. Scott was captured and murdered on his way home. Does the Jew want any more personal campaign?

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The Page New Era could not stand the rotten fusion ticket, and so it dropped its neutrality and came square over on the side of the people and is supporting the whole populist ticket. We will quote from it next week.—Beacon Light.

The Beacon Light will not quote, but THE FRONTIER will.

The pops played a sharp game on the Page New Era, but the scheme proved a boomerang and returned with force increased a hundred fold. The editor of the Era is comparatively a new man in Holt county, having resided at Page but a short time, and Jim Mullen took advantage of his ignorance of local conditions to win him over, and slander the men of the republican ticket. It seems that Jim Mullen sent his man Friday, the chief clerk, down to Page with a carefully prepared pop article of the usual kind, with instructions to get it published in the Era. The editor, not thinking that an official of Holt county would perpetrate a confidence game, fell into the trap and published the vile stuff. But after his paper was out he realized what he had done. His readers protested and showed to him his error and in the next issue of the New Era we find the following:

THE ERA APOLOGIZES.

The Era has an apology to make this week to its readers, the public in general and the county republican ticket in particular.

Last week we hoisted the populist ticket and signified an intention to support it in this campaign, but we have changed our mind. The article in question was written by Art Mullen, chief clerk in the office of Treasurer Mullen. We are almost an entire stranger in Holt county, and when this official came into our office and wrote down the charges against republicans we took them as truth, and although a republican, we believed such men should not be elected to office.

The citizens of Page, and a great many of our readers elsewhere, have told us that we have been imposed upon by the young man who draws \$700 per year for no other apparent reason than to elationeer for the treasurer and to deceive others as he deceived us. That he had an object in thus misleading us the public can readily understand. His situation is lost unless a majority of the people of Holt county can be fooled in the same way. Of course we are to blame for allowing him to embarrass us in this manner, and had we taken as much pains to investigate before as we have since it could not possibly have occurred.

Those who are well informed on local matters tell us that populist administration is the cause of much of our high taxes, and that the leaders are open sympathizers with the vigilantes who deprive men of life and liberty with impunity. They tell us that the populists invalidated the official bond of Scott whereby the county lost \$90,000; they tell us that they robbed the county blind to pay their libellous newspaper a princely fee; they tell us that the treasurer has overdrawn his salary \$1,000, and they tell us much more that we will mention in future issues.

The reader will notice that the republican ticket occupies a position at the head of the editorial column, where it will remain until after the fight is lost and won. It is our desire to repair the wrong we unintentionally committed.

This shows what scoundgery these fellows are capable of. It also shows the source of the numerous anonymous communications that have appeared of late in the Sun and Beacon Light. The court-house outfit seems to have established an editorial bureau which is conducted by men who are paid to run the county and not to besearch the characters of those who have been chosen as officials, and whose terms of office will commence next January.

The populist press is in a sorry plight. It seems that they have not only been bought body and soul by the gang which wishes to perpetuate itself in office, but they have turned over the editorial pen and given them license to libel their opponents without reservation.

Now is this not a pretty spectacle? County officials writing editorials for their own support; men who are supposed to have some honor and manhood writing campaign lies traducing those who oppose them. Is it not an attempt to deceive voters and get support under false pretenses?

But the article to which we have referred was not to be the end of it. They intended to keep up the deception and furnish copy for each issue, but their duplicity was discovered. The following article was sent down to the New Era last week, but was not published of course:

O'NEILL, Oct. 3, '95.

I enclose a few items please insert them under ticket. Send me paper for last week.

ART F. M.

The head has written on the wall "the mongrel ticket is not in it."

A vote for the populist ticket means a vote for the only honest administration Holt county has ever had.

From a reliable source we learn that whiskey and beer is flowing like water up at O'Neill, the same being used in the interest of O. F. Biglin. If our memory serves us right he is the same man who, as mayor, recommended a reduction in saloon licenses last spring. Verily there was method in his madness. The saloons have said by this "you saved us money on our license now we can afford to give our goods for votes, as one good turn deserves another."

"Art F. M." is a pretty specimen to be writing against the use of liquor in political campaigns. Two years ago the populists hauled wagon loads of it away from one saloon in O'Neill, and they still owe a certain saloon \$16 for whiskey carried away in jugs by them.