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LOOK OUT FOR FAKES.

This being the last week before election you may expect the opposition press to teem with new and heretofore unheard of stories regarding republican candidates. These fakes will also be circulated in pamphlet form between now and election, and you may depend upon it that each and every one of them is a bare-faced lie they were afraid to tell earlier in the campaign when the candidates attacked would have time to refute it. We have it direct from headquarters that the populists are now preparing a pamphlet for general distribution on election day, to be used against John Brady.

Our informant says they are using a letter purporting to have been written by Joe Bartley to the Exchange Bank, Atkinson, telling them to trade everything for Brady as he has some fore-closure to make in Holt county. It is a campaign lie of the first water. Bartley has not written the bank, nor has he any real estate loans in Holt county.

This scheme shows that the gang is desperate. They realize that they are beaten unless they can spring something of this kind to turn the tide, and they will probably attack others besides Brady. Look out for them.

An honest count is all the republicans ask. They have a clean majority in the county.

It is known to be a fact that H. R. Henry has promised his deputyship to three different men: one in O'Neill, one in Atkinson and one in Stuart.

The county republican central committee met last Saturday afternoon in Chairman Weaker's office. It was an enthusiastic gathering. The county was well represented and the consensus of opinion was that the outlook for republican victory had not been so bright for years.

HAMILTON's deficiency record is not denied, but on the other hand is admitted; and it is further admitted that his record in this line was the cause of the hard fight made on him in the convention. Almost half of the delegates voted against him on this ground. They admitted that his close relations with the loan companies was enough to defeat him. Will they reverse themselves at the polls and vote to sustain him in his treachery to the people?

JAMES SMITH, the populist treasurer of Inman township has been expeted and found to be short in his accounts \$212. He refuses to settle, and although requested to resign, refuses to do that. The balance of the board, except the clerk, are also pops and refuse to oust him, consequently he rests easy. Barrett Scott was found guilty of stealing \$24,000, which, divided equally among all of the townships of the county, would amount to but little more to Inman township than this disciple of reform has beaten her out of. All the virtue of this world is not confined to one individual, nor all the honesty to one political party.

If any man tells you that an increased valuation is responsible for our increased rate of taxation, just tell him that he is a ———. It has been less than two years since the assessors met in regular session and reduced the valuation of real and personal property one-third. When a man lies to you about one thing you will always find it to your advantage to believe nothing he says.

HAMILTON is promising the people that in the event of his election there will be no more deficiency judgments. He is not entitled to be credited. He has been weighed in the balance and found wanting even during his first term, and who can say what he would not do in his second term, when he would expect no re-election? Brady is the man for whom loyal citizens should vote.

W. W. BETHEA and Frank Phillips were both members of the county board during the years 1892 and 1893. The warrant register shows that during those years Bethea drew a salary of \$537.85, as against \$250.50 drawn by Phillips. Had Phillips been inclined to farm his job he could have drawn as great a salary as did his competitor in the present contest. Frank Phillips has served on the county board for a number of years and has made a record that entitles him to the clerkship. He is honest, capable and familiar with the duties devolving upon the county clerk.

This issue closes the campaign so far as the newspapers are concerned, and there never was in Holt county a campaign in which the newspapers took such an active part. If voters have read both sides of the question and have been keen enough to detect the false and receive the truth they are now well posted on existing conditions and prepared to vote intelligently. THE FRONTIER has endeavored to treat the opposition fairly and publish nothing but facts that could be proven by the records. If we have been personal in isolated cases we justify ourselves on the ground that we were not the first to adopt that kind of a campaign and followed suit in self-defense only. The populist press, backed up by a corps of editors at the court-house, were wise enough to discern at the outset that they must draw public attention from the official records of their candidates, and that accounts for the personal abuse—libelous at times—heaped upon the republican nominees. But the voter who votes for an honest and economic administration will not be misled by this ignis-fatuus; he will investigate the records of the men seeking his vote and support the ones he finds most worthy of public confidence. This is all republicans ask, and when this is done they have nothing to fear.

HUGH O'NEILL sidetracked his Age of Savagery last week and devoted the space to an explanation of the Mullen Henry letter written by him during the campaign of two years ago, and published recently in THE FRONTIER. There is perhaps no voter in Holt county who makes as big pretensions, politically, and cuts such an insignificant figure as this same Hugh O'Neill, yet with chosen words and rounded periods he defends his gyrations with as much gravity and concern as Cleverland writing a message. We do not care to follow his article through its wearisome entirety, as time so employed would be utterly wasted, but we desire to ask the gentleman a question or two. He says that during Scott's last campaign he worked for his election and borrowed money from the banks at 14 per cent. for campaign expenses. He also says he received no remuneration from Scott. Now we want to ask him if he doesn't remember the talk he had with Scott the very day he started out campaigning for him, and if he doesn't remember that the junior editor of THE FRONTIER was present and a witness to the agreement? And we want to ask him if it is not a fact that Scott gave him money for his work, and in addition loaned him \$150 in spot cash, which, to this day, he has not repaid? And we want to ask him further if it is not a fact that J. P. Mullen is favoring him in a similar manner this fall? If O'Neill would spend a little less money campaigning and apply his spare change to the payment of that note it would no doubt be greatly appreciated by those most directly interested.

PROMISE AND PRACTICE.

If the populists had lived up to the promises they made before their election they would be entitled to another term, and many terms thereafter; but they didn't do it. Far from it. They promised that each and every one of them would run his respective office upon the fees of the office; and they promised that the clerks should receive less wages and work more hours, and that the peoples' money should not be recklessly squandered. Have they been true to these pledges? Let us see: The sheriff started in with two deputies while his predecessor found it necessary to employ but one.

The treasurer employed a small army of help in his office and only reduced his force when this paper exposed his methods; he also invented the word "chief-clerk," whereby his name-sake draws an extra hundred per year. In order to pay this \$100—and other things—he found it necessary to overdraw his fees over \$900; see his last statement.

When an opportunity presented itself whereby he could reduce the taxes of those whose lands must be advertised, he violated the instructions of the board of supervisors and instead of advertising in 100-acre tracts he advertised in 40-acre tracts so that the printer receives 80 cents for each description instead of 20 cents. The man whose land is advertised must pay 60 cents additional in each case for the treasurer's partiality to Ham Kautzman, the printer. It is said that the treasurer owns an interest in the paper. Besides this the great apostle of populism deposited the county money in the First National bank at 3 per cent when other banks bid 4 and 5 per cent. He simply robbed the tax-payers out of 1 and 2 per cent. on this money for two years.

The county clerk hired an office full of clerks to begin with, even importing one from Iowa, the son of old Honest John. He drew about \$700 from the county to make the receipts and disbursements of his office balance for the year 1894. Does that look like running an office on the fees of the office?

So much for the individual record of these officers. Now let us glance at the general record of the party. We will note a few instances where they not only violated their promises, but indulged in extravagance such as was never before seen in the county under any administration:

The populist board of supervisors permitted its members to draw pay for the day before the board met and the day after it adjourned.

When they awarded the printing of the delinquent tax list to the Beacon Light at almost legal rates when other papers offered to do the work for less than half they robbed the poorest people in the county of the difference. The several amounts taken from the people in this way will aggregate \$3,000.

The large amount of money paid John Morrow as assistant expert was thrown away and paid out in violation of law. The statute makes no provision for an assistant expert.

When the populists invalidated the official bond of Barrett Scott they at once became responsible for all moneys lost thereby. The amount lost, according to the expert's statement, was \$94,000. Scott and his bondsmen offered to turn in cash and securities to the amount of \$50,000 and settle the case, but the proposition was rejected by the board. Did they then not lose to the county that amount, to say nothing of the \$94,000 they lost in the first place by invalidating the bond?

The large attorney fees paid to Mike Harrington for doing the work properly belonging to the county attorney was nothing but a steal. The supreme court has emphatically said that no assistant county attorney can be paid out of the county funds.

The legal committee handled thousands of dollars, and where it went no man knows. The statute makes no provision for a legal committee and it was made in this case so that a few favorite ones might receive large salaries and perhaps get a chance for a rake-off occasionally.

The county attorney was sent on two junketing tours, one to Mexico and one to California. It cost the county lots of money, but the people have thus far been unable to locate the benefit derived.

Campbell's trip to Mexico was devoid of results, yet it cost.

When the county board paid an Omaha attorney to defend Henry Murphy in the case brought against him for false imprisonment, they surely perpetrated another steal. They had no more right to pay for Murphy's defense than they had to pay for the defense of Barrett Scott, John Skirving, Chever Hazelet, Hank McEvony or even the three commissioners from whom they sought to recover \$1,500 claimed to be short on the sale of those old bonds.

The board paid Judge Roberts for acting county attorney while Mr. Murphy was visiting in the east last January. Both Roberts and Murphy are certainly not entitled to pay for the same work.

Office rent and fuel allowed the county attorney is a little out of the usual order. When the last county attorney, who, by the way, was a republican, asked for these trimmings he was politely informed that he could occupy a portion of the sheriff's office.

The court docket is full of cases started for no other evident purpose than to make an attorney fee for Mike Harrington, and upon which the county has realized nothing but a big bill of expense.

This is a partial list of the reforms inaugurated by the populists, and upon which they go before the people this fall and ask endorsement and vindication. The people cannot afford to gratify them. They wanted a change and the got it, and with it a little costly experience. There is but one thing to do, and that is to "turn the rascals out" and elect a set of officials who will give the public an administration having at least the color of a lawful one.

Down in Rock county they take the scalps of beasts of prey in payment of taxes. If this rule was adopted in Holt county there would soon be a thinning out of the rank of populist office seekers.—Ainsworth Star-Journal.

MULLEN's failure to comply with the law in regard to quarterly statements is a thing that cannot be overlooked.

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