

Mullen Has Not Yet Paid His Taxes.

A Certificate From the County Clerk Shows There is No Mortgage Against the Land.

Holds It at \$800.00.

Wants that Price for the Land Although it Cost him Only \$1.00 and Taxes not yet Paid

In our issue of October 16, we published a list of several tracts of land that Mullen had obtained title to on which he had commenced tax foreclosure. We showed that notwithstanding he now owns the land he refuses to pay the taxes until he can sell the land to the farmers of this county. Among the list referred to was the case of Holt county vs. Emma J. Goodyear, case No. 6565 for northwest quarter 34 31, 9. The case was commenced by Mullen and on August 6, 1902, the defendant deeded the land to Mullen for "one dollar and other valuable consideration." Record of deed can be found in Deed Record 64 at page 641. Taxes are delinquent since 1893 and amount to \$136.12 without interest. The Independent of last week offered the following bundlesome excuse for Mullen not paying the taxes:

Mr. Mullen has not yet paid the taxes against this land for the reason there is a mortgage held against this same land by other parties, and he certainly would not be fool enough to pay these taxes and clear up the land unless he could buy the mortgage which is a second lien against the land, the county's lien for taxes being the first lien, and if the equity holders does not pay the taxes and costs and thereby clear up this land it will be sold and the county gets her taxes and costs in this manner.—Independent October 24.

Just to show how absolutely false the above statement is as has every other defense offered by Mullen and the populist press of this county in the present campaign, we publish the following certificate from County Clerk Gilmour which shows there is no mortgage against the land:

STATE OF NEBRASKA, Holt County, ss.
I, E. S. Gilmour, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the records of this office show that the title to the northwest quarter 34, 31, 9, west, is in the name of Arthur F. Mullen, and that there are no unreleased mortgages of record.

Witness my hand and seal this 24th day of October, 1902.
(Seal) E. S. GILMOUR, County Clerk.

By J. C. Harnish, Deputy.
Mr. Tax Payer, which is the best evidence, the lying statements of the Independent or the true statements of The Frontier backed up by certificates of the public records of the county?

Mullen has no intention of paying taxes on this land, (or on any of the hundreds of acres he has obtained title to in this way,) until he can sell it to some farmer in this county. This he is trying to do at the present time, which is proven by the following letter sent by him to a farmer living near Star. We withhold the farmers name from publication at his request, but we have in our possession the original letter written by Mullen, and any one doubting it, we will forfeit \$50.00 if we cannot produce it.

Following is the letter written by Mullen:
Arthur F. Mullen, County Attorney of Holt County, O'Neill, Nebraska.
O'Neill, Nebr., Oct. 10, 1902.

DEAR SIR: I have been advised that you would like to purchase the NW. of 34-31-9. I have the title to the same, and will give you a complete warranty deed clear of all encumbrances for the sum of \$800 cash. This offer will not stand for any definite length of time, and is subject to change without notice. Let me hear from you.

Yours truly,
ARTHUR F. MULLEN.

In this case Mullen is magnanimous enough to offer the farmer the land for "\$800 cash," and "price subject to change without notice," that has cost him "one dollar" and the taxes (when he pays them). By this hocus-pocus foreclosure process the poor woman has been bamboozled out of her land. In this case Holt county has paid the District Court costs; the other costs are unpaid, as are the taxes. Mullen may pay them when he sells this land to the farmer for \$800.

Mr. Taxpayer, we submit to your candid judgment, is further evidence necessary to prove the true motive of Mullen with his foreclosure manipulations?

DENOUNCE HIS ACTIONS.

The most ridiculous and absurd deception ever attempted in a campaign in this county is the abortive attempt of County Attorney Mullen and the populist press of this county to show that District Clerk Skirving, County Clerk Gilmour, and Sheriff Hall endorse or approve the damnable record of Mullen in tax foreclosures. To show that The Frontier has the hearty support of these gentlemen, as well as all other thoughtful taxpayers and good citizens, in divulging the appalling official corruption of County Attorney Mullen, we publish below a statement from the gentlemen named showing that

they do not approve in any way of his acts or methods in the tax foreclosures. Following is the statement:

O'Neill, Nebr., Oct. 27, 1902.
To the public: It has come to our notice that A. F. Mullen, populist candidate for county attorney, and the populist press of this county, are attempting to deceive the voters of this county by an attempt to make it appear that we have endorsed his official acts in connection with county tax foreclosure proceedings. That the taxpayers of this county may not be deceived in this matter we take this opportunity to inform them that we in NO MANNER endorse or approve the official acts of County Attorney Mullen in connection with county tax foreclosures.

JOHN SKIRVING,
Clerk of District Court.
E. S. GILMOUR,
County Clerk.
C. E. HALL,
Sheriff.

This statement shows for itself where the republican officials of the county stand in this matter. No one but a knave or a fool, knowing Mullen's crooked record as the officials of this county know it, would attempt to endorse or in any way condone his official depravity. Thus the recoil of another populist explosion has killed off the man behind the gun.

THE PIRATES AS TAX DODGERS

The only excuse that County Attorney Mullen and the populist papers of the county offer in justification of the tax foreclosure system, as it has been conducted in this county, is their pretense that their actions are begun to enforce the collection of taxes.

One unacquainted with the gang, to hear their ravings anent "tax shirkers," low assessments, etc., would be led to believe they were the personification of "equality before the law," in matters of assessment and payment of taxes. Not only are Mullen, Harrington and Eves past masters in hypocrisy but the public records of this county brand them as the princes of "tax shirkers."

We publish below the description of twenty-eight quarter sections of land owned by County Attorney Mullen, M. F. Harrington, Judge J. J. Harrington and McCarthy & Harrington showing the amount of unpaid taxes against the land:

w 1/4 n 1/4 sw n 1/4 nw s 1/4 35-25-13.....	\$ 67 91
sw 1/4 13-25-13.....	106 76
sw 1/4 23-27-10.....	71 50
se 33-31-9.....	88 95
sw 1/4 18-31-9.....	55 69
sw 1/4 6-30-10.....	70 53
sw 1/4 19-29-10.....	57 95
w 1/4 n 1/4 6-31-12.....	67 95
w 1/4 sw 1/4 31-32-12.....	65 58
sw n 1/4 nese 6-31-12.....	65 67
s 1/4 se 1/4 and sesw 1/4 20-32-11.....	107 25
ne 1/4 ne 1/4 29-32-11.....	38 99
e 1/4 se 1/4 sw se 29 and ne ne 32-32-11.....	97 59
n 1/4 sw 1/4 22-30-9.....	62 68
n 1/4 sw 1/4 se 1/4 n 1/4 sw 1/4 17-25-14.....	80 54
se 1/4 11-25-14.....	103 98
e 1/4 ne 1/4 ne 1/4 sw 1/4 ne 1/4 15-27-16.....	37 09
s 1/4 sw 1/4 15 w 1/4 nw 22-30-9.....	43 98
sw 1/4 27-26-12.....	86 69
se 1/4 nw 1/4 w 1/4 nw 1/4 sw ne 1/4 7-29-12.....	103 70
sw 1/4 10-30-15.....	115 41
n 1/4 10-30-15.....	124 01
se 1/4 29-30-16.....	13 12
nw 1/4 29-30-14.....	132 17
w 1/4 ne 1/4 se 1/4 ne 1/4 se 1/4 20-32-13.....	62 75
sw 1/4 2-28-13.....	105 09
nw 1/4 34-31-9.....	136 12
Total.....	\$2,200 52

Title to most of the above described land was obtained by the parties named either by direct or indirect manipulation of the tax foreclosure. This is by no means all the land they own on which taxes are delinquent and unpaid. They own thousands of acres besides the above that they have obtained title to through tax foreclosure manipulation. \$2,200.52 without interest, is what they owe Holt county in delinquent taxes on above land. If there was a complete list of the land they own and on which taxes are unpaid it would show that they owe Holt county over \$5,000.00 in taxes. On some of this land the taxes are delinquent for ten years.

In the face of this Mullen, Harrington, Eves and the populist press of this county have the nerve to talk about "tax shirkers" and compelling people to pay their taxes. How sublimely ridiculous are the hypocritical pretensions of this trio of land grabbers.

The work of Mullen and his gang of land pirates would not be nearly as course and might have a shade of consistency if they would only pay their own taxes.

The facts are there is no honest motive, sincerity or consistency in the reprehensible acts of Mullen and his pirates in the foreclosure business. Their first and only object in the manipulation of the foreclosure system is to grab land, in which they have been successful to an alarming degree. They have obtained title to thousands of acres of land at the expense of the county and land owners. Mullen and his co-conspirators get the land and the county does not get the taxes until they can sell it to some farmer of this county at about five times what it has cost them.

If Mullen and a populist board of supervisors were to be elected it means that the foreclosure business will open up again at the old stand and run rampant with all its hellishness for the next two years, at the end of which time the land pirates in O'Neill will have title to nearly all the non-resident land in the county and then the farmers or stockmen of this county can buy land to add to their present holdings only by purchasing from the gang that will hold them up for five to ten times what the farmers of this county could buy it for by dealing direct with the non-resident land owner. If the farmers of this county fully understood how systematically they have been fleeced by the land pirates, by manipulation of the foreclosure system, there would not one of them vote to return Art Mullen to the office he has so disgraced. The question is up to the farmers and tax payers of this county whether they will vote for their own protection and interests or vote for Art Mullen whose election means thousands of dollars in his pockets and the capacious maw of the land syndicate.

"Poor Women and Helpless Girls Their Victims."

Through Tax Foreclosure Manipulations, Land Pirates Get Land at Sixty-two Cents Per Acre which they Sell Within One Year at \$15 per Acre.

How the Graft Operates.

The Frontier Protests of a Year ago Proven Well Founded.

The Frontier, in the campaign of a year ago, made the same fight on Mullen, Sheriff Stewart, Harrington, Eves, and the land pirates that we are making today. We were pointing out then, as now, the means the tax foreclosures afforded the gang of robbing the helpless people of their land. Referring to one of these sales in our issue of October 10, 1901, we had this to say:

"On October 7, 1901, E. S. Eves purchased at one of these 'public' sales the following described land at prices named:

N 1/2 NE 1/4 & N 1/2 NW 1/4 15-30-9, price paid.....	\$100 00
SE 1/4 32-30-9, price paid.....	100 00
NE 1/4 35-30-9, price paid.....	106 00

"He gets 480 acres of land, last Monday, at one of these 'public' sales for \$306, and out of this sum he gets returned to him \$85 as 'printer's fee,' so by this transaction he gets 480 acres of good land CLEAR, at an actual cost to him of \$221.

"The defendant in any of these cases was not a rich non-resident loan company owing large sums of delinquent taxes, of which you see so much talk in Mr. Eves' paper. The owners of these lands—before Eves took it away from them by this legalized robbery—were individuals, two of them being women, who may have their all invested in these lands. As the records show, the N 1/2 N 1/2 15-30-9, was owned by Minnie Hinkel of New York, and she owed \$12.70 delinquent tax against the land when Eves commenced his action to get the land. The SE 1/4 32-30-9 was owned by Martha W. Kinney, of Massachusetts, and she owed \$17.66 delinquent tax when Eves and the gang conceived the idea that they had better take her land. The NE 1/4 35-30-9, by A. Z. Taylor, and he owed \$58.18 when the gang decided his land should go.

The expose of this transaction of legalized robbery through the columns of The Frontier a year ago called forth the following harangue and screed from Eves, which appeared in the Independent of October 18, 1901:

THAT "ROBBERY."

The Frontier Editors Who Abused Sheriff Stewart Last Week For Appraising Land too Low, to Favor Friends, Now Refuse to Purchase the Same Land at its Appraised Value. *

HYPOCRACY EXPOSED.

Their Crocodile Tears Over Non-Resident Tax-Shirkers as Pitiful as They are Deceitful.

All of the lands which Eves has bought Tax-logger Cronin can have today at its appraised value. Does he want it, or did he wilfully and maliciously lie when he said Sheriff Stewart appraised the land too low? Not only can Cronin have it, BUT DICKSON OR ANY MAN IN THE COUNTY CAN HAVE THESE LANDS AT THEIR APPRAISED VALUE. These lands are but poor grazing lands * * *

NOTE: Since writing the above, these lands which Cronin and his Frontiers says were "stolen," "appraised too low," etc., were OFFERED TO HIM AND HIS ASSOCIATE EDITORS AT ITS APPRAISED VALUE, and they wouldn't buy it. Now perhaps they will have gall enough to deny that they lied. * * * The Frontier says Sheriff Stewart appraised this land too low. Now this same land is offered to Cronin, or any other man on earth at its APPRAISED VALUE, yet no buyer can be found. Here again Stewart is vindicated and Cronin and his Frontier are proven liars. * * * They cannot say a word against the honesty and integrity of any candidate on the people's independent ticket. They cannot say that any populist official in the past eight years has stolen a penny or misappropriated a nickel of the county funds, nor can they make any true statement that would be anything but creditable to the populist party. Under these circumstances they can do nothing but sneak around and lie, misrepresent and try to lead their readers off the real issues and on some tangent that is in nowise pertinent to the campaign.

As shown by the article published in The Frontier three days after the sale was made, we remonstrated that these people were being robbed by the manipulations of the populist sheriff in appraising the land so low that Eves and the pirates could get it for practically nothing. In response to our charges Eves published the above bluff and bluster thinking he could thereby deceive the public. Eves never offered the land to Cronin, nor no one else, so far as we have been able to learn, at its appraised value. His published bluff and ruse were simply for the purpose of deceiving.

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