

# The Frontier

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The trouble with fire-proof buildings is their contents is inflammable.

The Russian bear thinks he has about enough and is looking around for somebody to help him let loose.

Between the weather and state and national legislative bodies it can not be said that the railroads are having an easy time of it.

When a public official has betrayed his trust or been negligent of duty the natural inference drawn is that his defenders are implicated or profit thereby.

If the esteemed Independent finds pleasure in insisting it is so, notwithstanding Governor Folk denies over his own sig having promulgated any such "lobbyist rules" as imputed to him, let it believe it. Governor Folk is a great and good statesman—too great and good to presume to curtail any American's personal liberties.

It has been proven a thousand times that the complexion of a man's professed politics is no guarantee of his honesty. Dishonest men will profess any sort of politics to attain positions where they can get their graft in. The demand for an airing of an official trust is not a question of politics with the tax payer; it is a business proposition.

The Frontier has received many strong and encouraging words of approval during the past few weeks as well as a substantial increase in circulation. Of course there are a few fellows who don't like it because it hurts to be hit where they live. It never yet did a community any harm to clean up the official nests of corruption although it may "disgust" some of the crowned heads.

Western Rancher: Once more the press of the nation is obliged to record stories of hungry, drifting herds of cattle in the west, and the loss from a commercial view is generally deplored. The recurrence every few years of a storm period in the west should teach men that it is not safe to depend upon open grazing for winter. The government should in some way put a stop to the inhuman practice of ranging cattle in winter without provision for storm periods. Commercially the loss should invoke no sympathy in the face of the suffering that is entailed.

Senator Gilligan got an amendment attached to a bill relating to bank examiners that will strike a responsive chord in a good many breasts around O'Neill just now. The Lincoln Star of Tuesday says: "Senator Gilligan of Holt county caused surprise yesterday afternoon while the bill of Senator Good, senate file No. 112, was under discussion. This fixes the salaries of bank examiners. Senator Gilligan wanted an examiner 'fired' when a bank that he approved failed within six months. The amendment was heartily approved by a number of senators and was incorporated in the bill."

It seems that the immaculate Mr. Folk, governor of Missouri, is not so exempt from the corporation class of politicians after all. A committee of the Missouri legislature are doing a little investigating of the democratic campaign methods previous to the last election. According to the testimony of E. S. Lewis, treasurer of the Folk campaign committee, between \$20,000 and \$30,000 was raised to carry on the fight which gave Joseph W. Folk the democratic nomination for governor. Among the contributors to this fund named by Mr. Lewis were William F. Nolkner,

manager of the Brinckwirth-Nolker brewery branch of the St. Louis brewing association, \$2500; Murray Carleton, president of the United railways company, \$2000 to \$3000; A. G. Cochran, general solicitor of the Missouri Pacific railway, \$1500, and the following in smaller amounts: J. D. Bascomb, Robert S. Brookings, G. W. and A. D. Brown, C. E. Udell E. B. Graham, Ben Edwards and William H. Lee, president of the Merchants-Laclede national bank.

"If there has been any thing wrong, the Independent would like to see it righted, but we can find none except in the head of hot air artist of The Frontier." There is an old saying, you know, that there is none so blind as those who won't see. The Independent can't see through a knot-hole with the knot pulled out. Since The Frontier began the agitation for an investigation of the affairs of Grattan township the extreasurer has dug up nearly a thousand dollars of school and city money that he has had in his hands contrary to law for the past four years. Notwithstanding Pat Hanley has disgorged \$953 since being cornered, the Independent, the great champion of honesty in government, has the monumental gall to face its readers and say it "can see nothing wrong" in the transactions.

A report from Chicago of the effects of the cold wave that has swept over the entire country says: The loss of cattle on the ranges, particularly on those lying in the northern part of the southern states, will be very heavy. W. E. Bolton, secretary of the Oklahoma Live Stock association, declared tonight that the live stock losses in the present cold weather will be the greatest since the great blizzard of 1896. He places the number of head lost on the range in western Kansas, western Oklahoma and the Panhandle of Texas at 50,000 head. Further north in Nebraska and the Dakotas and Montana the stockmen are better prepared to shelter their stock, the stock is better insured and it is not expected the loss will be anywhere so heavy as those on the ranges further to the south.

Sterling Sun: Among other appropriations asked at the hands of the legislature, is one of \$25,000, for permanent buildings at the state fair grounds. This along with a good many others asked for public buildings, should be promptly turned down for the present. It will be all right to make this improvement when the state has paid some of its floating debt. The fair is permanently located at Lincoln, and has done nicely and will continue to do so a few years longer. It is a mighty easy matter to ask for a few thousand to a few hundred thousand dollars to build new buildings to help out some town which has succeeded in getting some public institution located there, more to help the town than to meet the needs of the institution. The people are forced to pay for all these things by increased taxes; and the legislators will act wisely if they grant only such as are actually needed.

Stuart Ledger: The Nicolizach trials have cost the county between \$8000 and \$9000. The Slattery case cost almost \$10,000. These long-drawn out cases have depleted the general fund, and people honestly employed in behalf of the county, must wait for their pay, or take it out in chips and whetstones. The money spent in one year for mileage, jurors, bailiffs and lawyers, would pay the mammoth fee of transcribing the records for a new county.

If the parceling up of territory would do away with crime and criminals and the items of expense incident to the maintenance of courts of justice there might be some soundness in the foregoing logic. Of the two cases cited neither would come under the jurisdiction of Holt county, had the county been parceled up into three as provided by the specifications last fall, at the time they were tried. Both burdens of expense would have come upon the shoulders of the tax payers in a new and miniature county with a treasury without funds. As it is the whole population contributes but a mite each. With over \$700,000 on hand and more than \$3,000,000 in the general fund the county treasury is in on sense "depleted," and nobody with a legal claim against the county has any trouble in getting their money as soon as the claim is audited in due form.

The people of Kansas are just now having a little experience with the Standard Oil octopus that is interesting to outsiders. A bill was introduced in the Kansas legislature to establish a state oil refinery. Standard Oil steps in and undertakes to bring pressure to bear that will defeat any such legislation. While the majority of the Kansas oil wells are owned by private or independent concerns, the Standard people control the output of all the wells by owning all of the refineries. They now refuse to buy the products of the wells because the state is considering the proposition of putting in a refinery. This of course shuts off operation of the oil wells and brings the industry to a standstill. The Kansas legislature should lose no time in passing the bill. It is their opportunity to give an immense industry an immense boost and in a small degree at least curb the word-wide power of Standard Oil. It is significant that the attitude of the Standard Oil company only enlarges the sentiment in favor of the state refinery in the oil producing sections.

## Public Discussion

**Believes Each Equally Implicated**  
 Dorsey, Neb., Feb. 11, 1905.—Editor Frontier: It appears to me as a depositor that the time has arrived that as depositors of the defunct Elkhorn Valley bank we should come to an understanding among ourselves and save a little from the wreck.

It seems that the officials have nothing to offer in settlement but property which is mortgaged to the extent of its value, and consequently we will have nothing in the end but the sack, while the officials go free with all our hard-earned savings.

As a depositor, I am of the opinion that all the bank officials should be prosecuted alike, making no distinction whatever, and complaints filed against the whole gang. The vice-president of this institution is, in my opinion, equally as guilty as the president and cashier, and there should certainly be a law to hold her equally so, as she no doubt has shared the benefits of the wrecked institution.

The sooner this matter is brought to a focus the better for all concerned, as the expense is getting larger each day and the assets less. These officials should be treated as common robbers and their personal feelings should be a secondary consideration. What cared they for the feelings of the people whose confidence they gained only to get their money?

I sincerely trust that proceedings will be instituted to further this end at once. J. B. Torbert.

Dr. Corbett will be in his dental office and gallery from the 23d to 30th of each month. 17-1f

## SEED TIME

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## SUPERVISOR SESSIONS

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O'Neill, Neb., Jan. 31, 1905.—Board called to order, at nine o'clock a. m. Present: Biglin, Clark, Keyes, Kramer, Reuting, Skidmore and Phillips. Minutes of previous session were read and approved.

The Board then went into committee of the whole with O. F. Biglin in the chair for the purpose of continuing settlement with county officers.

At 12 o'clock the committee arose at which time the board adjourned until 1 o'clock p. m.

One o'clock p. m.—Board called to order, all members present.

On motion a refund warrant was granted to O. M. McKnight for \$4.65 error in taxes in 1904.

On motion the following bonds were approved:

Fred Kiltz, road overseer, district No. 38.

John Leinhart, road overseer district No. 39.

Chas. F. Johnson, road overseer district No. 10.

W. J. Doherty, justice of peace, Chambers township.

Thos. S. Roche, township clerk, Iowa township.

On motion the contract for building the bridge across the Elkhorn river near Inman was awarded to E. R. Townsend at \$7 per foot.

On motion the contract for building the bridge across Eagle creek was awarded to Louis Stebner at \$5.60 per foot.

On motion a refund was granted to Geo. W. Parnell, error in assessment in Atkinson Village 1904, amount \$8.72.

On motion a refund was granted to D. J. Cronin for \$10.75 to correct error on NW 21-29-10, year 1903.

Petition for license to sell liquor in the Village of Emmet was read from Clarence Tenborg.

A remonstrance against the granting of said license was read, signed by T. B. Maring and others.

On motion the clerk was instructed to notify both the petitioner and the remonstrators that said petition would be considered on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Petition was read from Henry Martfeldt and others asking the county to employ counsel to assist the county attorney in the Emmet road case.

The following road was declared to be a public road:

Commencing at a point where road No. 12 intersects the half section line on the west side of section 35-27-9, thence running east on half section line through sections 35 and 36, to the east side of section 36, and the county surveyor was instructed to plat the same on the road plat book.

Petition was read from Elkhorn Valley Lodge No. 57 asking for adjustment of taxes on lot 23, block 22.

On motion the petition was granted.

Petition was read from same party asking for a division of taxes on lots 3 and 4, block 22.

Petition was granted.

Petition was read from C. H. Cheever asking for a refund of \$6.30 for taxes erroneously assessed to him in Deloit township for the year 1904.

The above petition was referred to tax committee.

On motion the following refunds were granted, the parties having paid their labor tax both in cash and labor:

John Dobias, Green Valley township, 1904. Joe Dobias, Green Valley township, 1904. Pery Randell, McClure township, 1901.

On motion the county treasurer was instructed to transfer the excess fees paid him by the county clerk, amounting to \$1571.36, to the general fund 1904.

On motion the following claims were allowed upon the road fund:

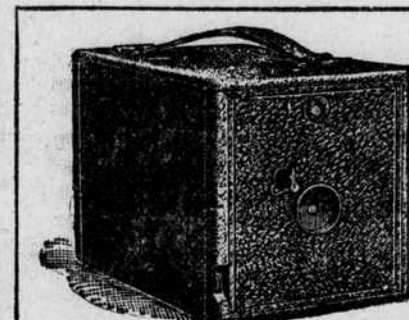
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