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AND THE CROW IS STILL BLACK.

The attorney for the bank wreckers—through the columns of the Independent of last week—spewed up a two column effusion in an effort to make himself appear as a certain brand of baking powder, which is always advertised as "absolutely pure;" and also to pave the way for a judicial whitewash of the bank wreckers by undertaking to make the outraged depositors believe that he will recover from the bank examiner and his bondsmen the money stolen and still retained by McGreevy, Hagerty and their accessories.

So preposterous and ridiculous are most of the statements in the article that they are beneath consideration or comment. There may be some few of our readers, however, whose perceptibilities are so obtuse that they are unable to locate the real African or joker that is lodged in the suit brought against the bank examiner. For the edification of these, if any there be, a brief resume of the principal events ament the bank failure may serve to refresh and enlighten their minds.

By inference the article in the Independent charges The Frontier with working against the interests of the depositors and that we have "determined that the depositors must be skinned right and left in the hope that they would thereby be dissatisfied." It also says that M. F. Harrington, the hired counsel for McGreevy and Hagerty, is working in the interests of the depositors.

Let us see.
 After the bank had been looted by McGreevy and Hagerty and their flight made possible by their accessories, the outraged depositors assessed themselves \$400 (the county \$400 in addition) as a reward for the apprehension of McGreevy and Hagerty.

In December, McGreevy was located and arrested in Arizona. He was brought back to O'Neill, the depositors paying the reward. At the preliminary hearing Harrington appeared as attorney for McGreevy and made a statement in court to the effect that he was going to sue those who had subscribed to the reward for defamation of the character of McGreevy—the paragon of virtue.

Mr. Harrington, of course, had the interests of the depositors in mind when he made the threat to sue them.

After McGreevy's arrest and before his return to O'Neill, Harrington got busy and prepared an offer of settlement, which was signed by Mrs. Hagerty, in which they proposed to turn over property worth not to exceed \$4,000. In consideration of turning over this property they demanded that the depositors release their claims in full and each and every depositor must pledge himself not to prosecute McGreevy or Hagerty. The acceptance of this offer was industeriously and vigorously urged by the paid henchmen and McGreevy sympathizers.

This rotten proposition received the editorial endorsement of the Independent of January 20 in the following language: "If a settlement was to be made along the line of Mrs. Hagerty's proposition all expenses and costs would stop, while if the prosecution goes on there will necessarily be a great deal of expense."

Some of the outraged depositors asked space in The Frontier to expose the heinous offer, which was cheerfully given, and through this exposure and our own efforts in bringing to light the damnable manipulations of the bank wreckers and their accessories the scheme was abandoned.

The wisdom of our position in advising the depositors to reject this re-

diculous offer has already been demonstrated as more money is already in sight for the depositors than they could have possibly obtained by accepting the proffered offer. It has also since been brought to light that McGreevy was a defaulter to the school district for \$4,300 instead of \$2,700, as the gang first undertook to make it appear.

The next move of counsel for McGreevy and Hagerty was to undertake to create political prejudice and sentiment favorable to McGreevy and Hagerty by charging the republican party with being responsible for the bank failure. So thoroughly did we explode this scheme and throw the lime light on the "fusion attorney" that we were informed through the columns of the Independent that Mr. Harrington had authorized the statement that The Frontier would be prosecuted for criminal libel.

Of course when this threat was made the gang did not know that we had the documents to prove our statements and when they found it out the threatened criminal prosecution was dropped like a hot potato.

Two terms of court have elapsed since McGreevy was arrested and no effort has been made by County Attorney Mullen to bring him to trial. It begins to look as if he did not intend to prosecute McGreevy, and if this is the case it is high time that the attorney general take charge of the prosecution or the county board employ some one who will prosecute. If the cards have been stacked to give McGreevy a judicial whitewash it is time the people of this county are made acquainted with the fact.

It is evident to any thinking person acquainted with the operations of the manipulators that the primary object of the suit against the bank examiner is only a ruse to divert attention, gain time for and be used as a means of saving McGreevy and Hagerty from the penitentiary. The Frontier does not say that the depositors in whose names the suits have been commenced are knowingly permitting themselves to bring about such a result, but before they are two years older they will realize the truthfulness of this statement.

We are reliably informed that in a very short time a move will be made to get ball for McGreevy. Depositors will then be asked to not prosecute him, with the understanding that his testimony will be used in the farcial effort to recover from the bank examiner the money McGreevy and Hagerty stole from the outraged depositors.

A communication was received on Tuesday from a well known citizen of Page that strikes to the core of a very prominent feature in a two column diatribe which found a place in the last issue of our local contemporary. The communication brings out some vital points of more than passing interest and handles the subject so well that we give it special prominence.

"I SPY—MUM'S THE WORD."

Page, Neb., April 24.—To the Editor: When the Apostle Paul wrote his first Epistle to Timothy, he particularly besought his brother in the faith to give no heed to the fables of some who, desiring to be teachers of the law, understood not what they said nor whereof they affirmed. Paul characterized the efforts of these false teachers as "vain jangling"; that the law was good if used lawfully; that the law is not made for the righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient; for liars, murders, perjurers, thieves, and the advocates of any other old thing that is contrary to sound common sense. Perhaps you doubt that Paul said anything like that? Well, he just did, as you may read for yourself in the first chapter of the epistle mentioned above. Paul was speaking of things spiritual. And what is good for the spiritual man should apply equally to him intellectually, physically, politically and in a business way.

These thoughts are suggested from reading the "vain jangling" of a more or less ponderous political editorial in the last issue of the busted-bank organ. What could be more mischievous to good citizenship than for it to warn the people not to speak their real honest sentiment to each other about whatever may interest them, whether it be for or against any particular subject—bank failures, or

what not? Then what of the open, public request of the bank organ of the conspirators, for people to snoop around and eavesdrop on their neighbors, and report to the organ what is said? God hates a cowardly sneak, a liar, and a tattler, and so do all honest men. Why does all the world today sing the praises of Theodore Roosevelt? Simply because the world believes in his open, innate honesty—that there is not the least little streak of yellow sneak in him. He has nothing to conceal from the people, and they heartily believe in him for that.

The "vain jangling" of the conspirators who are trying to divert the attention of the public and the bank depositors from the facts in the case, are evidently themselves afraid of being prosecuted for fraud, and are making a big bluff by pretending to be the real friends of the injured parties, the depositors, and hence the call for spies and detectives. Talk about the Spanish Inquisition! What could be more damnable than to advise all people to spy on their neighbors and report to headquarters? What are these "vain janglers" afraid of, the truth? The writer of this has for months been aware that there is a well developed system of espionage going on in O'Neill, but it is beyond belief that these inquisitors should publicly proclaim the fact. Why, the first time I dropped into O'Neill, it was noticed with some amusement that wherever I went, at the hotel, on the corners, or in groups of men, certain persons would suddenly appear at my elbow to listen and apparently to find out if possible what I was talking about. And this has never ceased, when I am in town. Everyone will notice a certain lot of sneaks that will crawl up beside a man when he is talking to his neighbor, to hear what is said, and mayhap have something to report to the "vain jangling" boss at headquarters. Why this system of spying out? Again I ask, what are they afraid of? Can they not hold up their heads and act like men? Must they, in order to bamboozle the people, keep up a secret detective system? "Suspicion always haunts the guilty mind; the thief doth fear each bush an officer." They say straws show which way the wind blows. Friends, here is a whole straw stack ready to fall on you. Conduct is three-fourths of character, and here you have the other fourth in words: "Spy on your neighbors and keep mum yourself—tell it only at headquarters." That is what the bank organ says, in effect. Is it any wonder that this old crowd is execrated by all right thinking people, when they have to rely solely for their information on the blunted morals of tin horn detectives. No wonder some of them have hides like the leopard and a record as full of holes as the sieve.

Now, my tax-paying brother, while you help to pay for an almost continuous session of court, what do you think of that fine old hypocrite with a virtuous imagination who writes the heavy editorials for the busted-bank organ? Isn't it a fact that his public life, romantic and ornamental as it is, has been decorated with grandstand flourishes only as a means to personal emolument! There are cases where the bad faith of some of the parties as

divulged in their paper are of so startling a character as to arouse the just indignation of the public, and this everlasting "I-spy" pose of the bank organ as the friend of the p-e-p-u-l is becoming nauseous. It appears to be an act of pure cussedness, with dyspepsia as its only rational explanation. OBSERVER.

The Elkhorn Valley bank is characterized as having been "rotten" by the attorney for and defender of the wreckers in a long-winded and deceitful newspaper article. The only reason the bank was "rotten" was because it partook of the greater "rottenness" of the men who conducted it, whom this same attorney is now defending.

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