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WHY NOT PROSECUTE?

From the statements made by T. C. Cannon, the accountant who checked up the accounts of former Township Treasurer Pat Hanley, it is evident a crime has been committed.

It is the duty of the county attorney to take steps to apprehend the culprit when it is known or suspected that a crime has been committed. It was the duty of County Attorney Mullen to issue the papers that the sheriff might be sent after Pat Hanley immediately when it became known that his accounts with the township were not straight. He violates his oath of office when he neglects a plain duty.

Here we have the spectacle of a populist township officer defaulting nearly \$5,500 and a populist county attorney who says by his actions that he will not prosecute him.

Is it surmising too much to say if a republican official had a shortage of \$5,500 hanging over him in this county he would be languishing behind the bars within twenty-four hours after the fact became known?

If County Attorney Mullen doesn't know that a crime has been committed it is his duty as an officer to ascertain the facts from the report of the accountant now in the hands of the committee. In the interest of justice, it is the duty of the committee to inform the county attorney.

When some vagabond steals an article worth a few paltry cents around town a great hue and cry is raised, but when one of the band of organized grafters is caught redhanded there is nobody to raise a hand in behalf of justice.

Here are two young men serving sentences in the penitentiary for breaking open a store and carrying away a few dollar's worth of knives which they restored to the owner when caught. Here is another who got away with over \$5,000 of the taxpayers' money by forgery and fraud and there is no one to raise a finger that justice may be done.

Hanley was given every opportunity to make good his escape. He has fled from Spencer and a record there is coming to light. Nobody now knows where he is. If County Attorney Mullen refuses to perform his sworn duty it is up to the county board to vacate the office and appoint some one who will.

A MAGNANIMOUS CLAIM.

Independent: At the township meeting Mr. Samuel B. Howard, a well recognized populist leader, made a motion that a committee be appointed to employ an expert to check up Hanley's books. This was the right spirit. No political party can be absolutely sure of every man it nominates, and whether Hanley was short or not it was determined that the books must be examined and the truth found out. Accordingly, a committee made up exclusively of populists was appointed to employ an expert.

Isn't that rich! Our contemporary can make the most cheerful liar on record look like a ten cent piece. In the face of the Independent's repeated attacks on The Frontier for demanding an accounting of Pat Hanley, in the face of the minutes of the township meeting held in April and the words of protest from one of the members of the "populist committee" against a checking up, in the face of Jim Donahoe's "investigation" and the Independent editor's own word that he had looked up The Frontier's charges against Hanley and found nothing wrong, that paper now comes out and claims the credit for the checking up is due the populist party.

The township meeting was not a political meeting, but a business meeting. The burdened, patient taxpayers came together to find out if they could what they were getting from year to year for their money. It was a business proposition to them to ascertain where their money was

going. There was no thought of this or that political party gaining votes thereby. But the Independent, true to its partisan instincts, has tried to inject politics from the beginning. When The Frontier started the agitation it accused us of being animated by political motives. Now that a putrifying mess of corruption has been uncovered that papersays the populist party is entitled to the credit for bringing about the investigation. Here is consistency!

The Frontier claims no credit for the republican party. We felt it our duty, on the strength of some developments last January, to demand an accounting of the township officers. The voters and tax payers did the rest at the annual township meeting.

But inasmuch as the Independent has made the claim it has, let us see what took place at that meeting. The resolution naming the committee and authorizing the checking up was verbally formulated in open meeting by S. J. Weekes, a republican. It was put before the house in the shape of a motion by George Gaughenbaugh—another republican—and seconded by Sam Howard. The committee named in the resolution was Coffey, Hughes and Hershiser, all populists. Mr. Hughes expressed his disapproval of an investigation on the grounds that those whose books were to be checked up were boys that had grown up in our midst and he could not believe that they had done anything wrong. This is exactly what took place at the township meeting and if there is any politics in it credit is due republicans and not populists.

St. Petersburg is again "shrouded in gloom." The long expected naval battle, resulting in humiliating and overwhelming defeat of the Russians and the practical annihilation of the magnificent Baltic fleet, is a blow that she can not yet recover from in time to save herself in the present struggle. The Japs have shown that they are masters on the seas as well as on the land and it would certainly be the part of wisdom for the czar's government to acknowledge defeat and withdraw her remaining shattered forces within her own property territory and negotiate for peace.

It looks a little dubious for Denison over at Red Oak, Iowa. Sherrill, the star witness for the state, tells a story in a way that is calculated to carry conviction and it will not be surprising if the jury makes up a verdict of guilty.

County Attorney Mullen is in about as much of a hurry to ascertain if a crime has been committed in forging and altering Grattan township warrants as he was in issuing search warrants after the Elkhorn Valley bank closed.

Judge Kinkaid is mentioned as a possible successor of Senator Millard, and by the way, there are few men in Nebraska who could do as well by us in the senate. He is on the right side of the corporation question, too.

Boyd county used its little hatchet on the Niobrara bridge proposition. A question of location maybe has saved the tax payers some money in the long run.

What's to be gained by turning out one set of pass grabbers and putting in another set of pass grabbers?

There doesn't seem to be enough left of the Baltic fleet to take the Russians home.

Grass and small grain are about as good as the worst kicker could ask for.

'Rah for Togo!

Time to Arouse
Atkinson Graphic: The report of the expert, hired by the Grattan town board to investigate the books of the former treasurer, Pat Hanley, discloses a bad state of affairs and is a vindication of The Frontier who has been urging the citizens of O'Neill to wake up and find out where they were at. The county at large has been aware for some time that the gang at O'Neill has been hitting a high pace and are not surprised only in the small amount of the steal, \$5,500, but that that was only one of their resources. There are other public cribs yet to be heard from. The bank lootings and the present disclosure amount to about \$60,000. It is a well known fact that this is only a small part of the booty that has been used by the self styled,

God like, reformers to retain their lustful hold on Holt county. The doubly burdened taxpayers of Grattan township and in fact the whole county should arouse and demand an accounting of this organized band of leeches who are sucking life blood in order to retain their lawless supremacy.

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Butte Gazette: A vote was taken by the county supervisors yesterday on a motion, made by Coffee of Spencer, to build, in conjunction with Holt county, a bridge across the Niobrara at the mouth of Turkey Creek. The supervisors are to be congratulated on their good judgment in the matter, for with all the crowd of "bridge-hungry" present, and the argument of "liberal contribution" the vote stood, 2 for to 5 against the aforesaid motion. This vote was due to an investigation made recently by the supervisors, in which they found the crossing at Turkey Creek a very impractical one for a bridge. It was found that the "high and dry island" could only be crossed by using waders; that there was a shifting channel, which, the experience with the Badger bridge has demonstrated, means that the building of the bridge would be but the smallest item compared with the constant repair work that would be required; and that there would be but one way of building a bridge and that clear across the aforesaid island, which would make it four times as long as one built at Dodge's Ferry, the only practical place and the location desired by the most people, both in Boyd and Holt.

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