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TAXSHIRKING NABOBS OWE COUNTY SUM EQUAL TO ONE-THIRD OF ENTIRE INDIVIDUAL TAX OF HOLT COUNTY FOR YEAR 1905

Total taxes of Holt county for 1905, exclusive of railroads \$47,216.00
 Total taxes owed the county by populist leaders at O'Neill, shown by delinquent tax list published in the Holt County Independent in July, 1905 18,000.00

Do you see why the gang are fighting the revenue law? Do you want them to continue in control of the treasurer's office and evade payment of taxes?

TAXES

Individuals Reduced 10 Per Cent; Railroads Raised 72

County Treasurer Cronin and the attorney-at-law and land syndicate trust at O'Neill are busily engaged this week in sending out tax statements for 1905 taxes in an effort to deceive and begot the minds of some tax payers in this county. Their method is to send statements only to those whose taxes may show an increase over some previous year. If the personal tax of the tax payer is higher and his land tax is less, then a statement of the personal tax only is sent; and vice versa. In most cases where there is any increase in the personal tax of individuals over last year, an investigation will show that it is due to an increase in the school levy over previous years.

The tax records of this county show that in 1903, the last assessment under the old revenue law, the taxes in this county for state and county purposes exclusive of railroad tax, was \$52,515. A comparison of figures is interesting. Note the following table:

Total taxes for 1903 exclusive of railroads, under old revenue law	\$52,515
Total taxes for 1905 for state and county purposes, exclusive of railroads	47,216
Decrease in state and county taxes to be paid by individuals	\$ 5,299

This demonstrates conclusively that, generally speaking, the state and county taxes to be paid by individuals is 10 per cent less in 1905, under the new revenue law, than they were in 1903, under the old revenue law.

In 1903 the railroads in Holt county were assessed at \$277,429; in 1905, under the new law, the railroads are assessed at \$478,391, an increase in the county on railroads of \$200,962, or 72 per cent increase in the assessed valuation of railroads in the county.

In the face of these figures, the pop lawyers who are now stumping the county have the brazen affrontery to tell the people that only the taxes of individuals have been increased and that there has been no increase on the railroads. There is method in their madness, their object being to deceive enough voters by their misrepresentations to elect a populist board of supervisors and county treasurer, and then upset the operations of the Scavenger delinquent tax law, return to the old system of tax foreclosures whereby they can get title to land for little or nothing, pocket large publication fees and at the same time let their own taxes, amounting to several thousands dollars, go unpaid.

The tax notices of Mr. Cronin at this time are only a part of this well laid plan to permit a few lawyers and land sharks in O'Neill to perpetuate the most diabolical graft ever worked in any county. Tax payers should not again be deceived by their tricks.

I ask that we scorn alike the base arrogance of the rich man who would look down on his poorer brother and the equally base envy of the poorer man who would hate his richer brother; and that you apply to every citizen of this republic just this one test, the test that gauges his worth as a man. Does he do his duty fairly by himself, his family, his neighbor and the state and nation? If he does, be for him, whether rich or poor, because if you do not you are recreant to the spirit of Americanism.—Roosevelt.

When the long and dreaded roll is called, when the vibrations of a wrecked and ruined world peel forth and humanity stands before Divinity to render account of things here below, in all solemnity, we would hate to be a campaign writer for the Holt County Independent.

TOOL

One Needed to Keep Wreckers Out of Penitentiary

The Independent, acting as the oracle for the attorneys of the bank wreckers, is making a villainous lying campaign against Sheriff Hall in a superhuman effort to accomplish his defeat by any means.

The motive back of the dirty campaign is very apparent to close observers of the operations of the gang, who will stop at nothing to accomplish their purpose.

The cards are stacked and they have got to save McGreevy from the penitentiary. Of course this can be accomplished much easier with a "friendly injun" in the sheriff's office. They know it will be difficult to fix a jury in that case while Charley Hall is sheriff. To make sure of saving McGreevy they have got to have a pliant tool in the sheriff's office, hence this dastardly fight against Sheriff Hall.

MCELHANEY NAILS IT

To the Editor of The Frontier: I desire to make a statement in regard to an article that was published in last week's Holt County Independent, wherein it is charged that I turned Miss Margaret Hurley, candidate for county superintendent on the fusion ticket, out of doors, or refused to keep her and J. P. Mullen, candidate for county treasurer, over night.

Now the facts are, that I am not running a hotel, nor am I in the habit of keeping people over night. I have a wife and five small children, and keep a hired man, and my wife does her own work. We have only one girl who is six years old, and she has been an invalid for the past year. She was in the hospital in Omaha early last spring for four weeks and back again to Omaha in the summer for treatment, and is likely to be back again in a few days. At the time mentioned in the Independent, our baby one year old, was also sick, and myself and wife had been up for three nights in succession. In the afternoon of the same day mentioned, W. H. Hiscox called at my place to stay over night and I refused to keep him.

That evening J. P. Mullen called to my door, and asked to stay over night. I told him that my wife was not well and that my children were sick, and that I could not very well keep him and he then asked if there was any place close by that he could go and stay. I directed him to the nearest neighbor, a distance of about

eighty rods, and as he turned to go he made the remark that he had a lady with him, who was to address the meeting. I told him that I was sorry that we were not prepared to keep them, but thought that they could get to stay at the house that I directed them to. Two days later, Miss Florence Zink, candidate for county superintendent on the republican ticket, and her father came and asked to stay, but we did not keep them because of the reasons I have given.

The facts are, I think more of my wife and children and their welfare than I do of Miss Hurley, J. P. Mullen, Miss Zink, or any other candidate in Holt county. It is further said in this article that I was later approached by a voter of the township that I live in, and that I made the statement that I peddled stuff about the precinct, about Miss Hurley and J. P. Mullen, and that if I kept them over night, the people would think it was all guff or words to that effect. This statement is absolutely false and untrue, and I challenge the editor of the paper to publish the name of the man to whom I made any such statement either in Steele Creek township or elsewhere.

The facts are that the whole article is absolutely untrue. We have about seventy-five voters in Steele Creek township, where I have lived twenty-six years, and I am willing to leave it to them in regard to my hospitality. C. L. MCELHANEY.

Authentic word comes from Chambers that a "lady friend" is peddling cards and cigars for the fusion candidate for superintendent. Such work belongs to the school of depraved politics and should never stain the fingers of one aspiring to the sacred trust of public educator.

"POOR"

People Who Didn't Have to Pay Their Taxes

One arguments used by the Mullens which tax payers should pay attention to is that while the Mullens were in possession of the county treasurer's office no "poor man" was compelled to pay his taxes.

Mr. Taxpayer, if you have always considered that it was a duty you owe the state and county to pay your taxes promptly and support your schools, how do you like such guff?

From an examination of the tax list it seems that the "poor people" who were not compelled to pay their taxes consisted mainly of the Harringtons, the Mullens, the McCarthys and their strikers.

Examine the delinquent tax list for yourself and see if this is not true.

A set of rascals that will lie themselves into office can't be depended upon as honest officials.

SHORT

Officials Been Proven Thieves Notwithstanding Denial

The Independent is using considerable space denying that County Treasurer Cronin is short in his accounts, and is making the usual bluff about "courting an investigation."

It is certain that if Mr. Chittick and a republican board of supervisors are elected, their bluff will be called.

It will be remembered that four years ago, when The Frontier charged that Sheriff Stewart's accounts were irregular, the Independent insisted that we were lying. After election an investigation was made, showing Stewart to be a defaulter and he went out of office owing the county several hundred dollars, part of which was recovered by action of the county board.

Last January, when The Frontier charged Pat Handley with being short in his accounts as township treasurer, the Independent again said we were lying and "an investigation would show that the charges were thin air." The fusion strategy board did all in its power to head off an investigation and had one of their members "expert" Handley's books and pronounce his accounts straight.

An investigation, however, by a competent and disinterested expert showed Handley to be short \$5,500, and he is now a fugitive from justice, his whereabouts unknown except to the pop gang that helped Hagerty and McGreevy in their get away.

The Graphic: Treasurer Cronin, through the Independent, says that the books in his office are open to inspection. This may be true, but when the office will sell land and issue a tax certificate and the owner has a receipt from the treasurer for the taxes paid, and also gives a receipt for personal taxes and afterwards gets a distress warrant for the payment of these same taxes and refuses to give credit until the receipt is produced, would indicate that if the office force cannot tell anything about the books from inspection, how can they expect an outsider to do so?

While the use of passes by office holders and candidates for public office is being discussed it is well to remember that Judge Hastings, the fusion candidate for supreme judge, is an old and confirmed user of the little pasteboards. In his speech of acceptance before the democratic state convention Judge Hastings stated that for many years he had been a paid attorney of the railroads and had used passes. While promising to accept no more annuals from the roads Mr. Hastings neglected to state that he would return his present ones.

And so the pop nabobs are offended because a man with a sick family on his hands would not turn his home into a hotel to accommodate the Idol and "the lady from O'Neill." Miss Zink, too, was turned down at this same place and couldn't even get a meal, but she is too practical and sensible a woman to whimper like a school kid about it.

Vote 'er straight!

MULLEN'S INORDINATE LUST FOR OFFICE

The constant and persistent manner in which J. P. Mullen has insisted on holding office in this county can best be illustrated by a few moment's reflection and study of the following chronological table of political convention, together with the public records of the county. Following is the record of seventeen years:

1888, county supervisor; 1889, county supervisor; 1890, county supervisor and candidate for representative to legislature, to which he was elected; 1891, member of legislature and candidate for county treasurer, for which he was defeated; 1892, candidate and elected to state senate; 1893, state senator and candidate for county treasurer, to which he was elected; 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897, county treasurer; 1903, candidate for fusion nomination for county clerk—defeated for nomination; 1905, candidate for county treasurer.

From the above it will be seen that during the past 17 years there has been but two general elections for county officers—1899 and 1901—but what J. P. Mullen has either been holding office or a candidate for office. During this time he has drawn in salary over \$10,100. Should Mr. Mullen be elected at the coming election and be a candidate to succeed himself, which of course he would be, it will make but two general elections for county officers out of 21 consecutive years that Mullen has not either held office in Holt county or been a candidate for one. It is apparent to anyone that Mr. Mullen has the worst case of office itch that has ever beset anyone in this part of the state.

There are many honest populists in Holt county who have asked for the nominations that have been sought, demanded and given to Mullen and the aspirations of these worthy men ruthlessly set aside by Mullen and his attorney-at-law and land syndicate strikers in O'Neill. To be candid, Mr. Voter, don't you think it an opportune time to give Mullen the political rest he so richly deserves, and give someone else a show?