

**The Plattsmouth Journal**

There seems to be a lull in national politics just now, but it is only the lull before the storm.

While they love to ridicule him, the republicans are at heart much afraid Hon. Tom Johnson.

There are many indications that the strenuous energy of the accidental president is needed in Washington.

Those Indian Territory grafters who have all gone into trust companies made an original interpretation of Cleveland's statement that "a public office is a public trust."

The serene confidence in the result of next year's election displayed by the republicans is harmless, but it will receive some severe jolts before the coming session of congress adjourns.

SENATOR HANNA is not the first politician for whose stomach Ohio republican politics have proved too strong a diet. The doctors have ordered Mr. Hanna to keep quiet for a few months.

STAGNATION has struck the postoffice investigation. Over two months have passed without any developments. One official has been suspended and has performed no work since the 25th of April, and Rand, Payne's "confidential clerk," has been absent since July 3rd, but both continue to draw their salaries.

ONE of the out-of-town ring candidates was in Plattsmouth Saturday "warming up" with the chief machinists. It was reported that he lost his hat on the car platform, and it was observed that "he had few hairs on the top of his head," unlike his campaign cards, which show hair in almost endless profusion. A noted artist once said, "Paint me as I am." We commend these words to all candidates on whatever ticket.

WHEN it is taken into consideration the fact that County Attorney Root boldly states that John D. McBride has proved himself a vigilant officer, and that his fees have always been moderate, is sufficient to convince the honest voters of Cass county that the News has been unjust in its charges against that official. Mr. Root is in a position to know, while the News man is in a position to publish any and everything brought to him without knowing or caring to know whether they are true. It's all right if a member of the ring or the "assistant" editor brings such rot to him, and it goes as emanating from the "fertile" brain of the figurehead whose name appears as editor.

THE republican committee of Cass county can evidently boast of an unusual "bright" chairman. When Chairman Gering of the democratic committee went to him with a proposition to select an investigating committee to inquire into the charges made against Sheriff McBride by the editor of the News, consisting of ex-sheriffs Hyers, Taylor and Wheeler, and County Attorney Root, that "bright light" refused point blank to accept the proposition. When it came to naming Mr. Root, that ringster replied, "I don't know whether Root is a republican." What do the many friends of Mr. Root think of that? Because he is in the proper position to know the facts in every case referred to by the News, and because he opposes the unjust criticisms of Sheriff McBride's accounts by the willing tool of the News, he is being seriously condemned by the ringsters. But the honest, sober-minded republicans of Cass county know that Jesse L. Root is an honorable man and will not stoop to dishonest schemes to defeat a man like John D. McBride, who, Mr. Root, as county attorney, knows has not been guilty of anything wrong. This is sufficient for democrats and honest republicans; but oh, how it makes the ringsters squirm!

**True as Gospel.**

Very often a candidate would be sorely tried if the papers of his political faith refused to support him, and yet after his election he finds in the rush of business that all his favors in the way of patronage must be doled out to those in a few steps of the court house.—Weeping Water Herald. Yes, brother, as long we tear our shirts for some unprincipled cuss because he claims to be a republican we can do it and the figureheads in Plattsmouth will reap the reward.—Louisville Courier.

Our brothers have got it down pretty fine, and have found out that they have not been recognized to the extent of their worth, and we can tell them they never will be as long as candidates are permitted to be nominated by the Plattsmouth republican ring, of which the "figurehead" of the News predominates as chief fogleman in his own selfish interests.

**Democrats Congratulated.**

H. D. Travis was nominated for county judge by the democrats against his will. Mr. Travis, in speaking of his nomination to the Courier editor, stated that in accepting the nomination he did so realizing if elected he would be money out of pocket, as the office does not pay nearly so much as he realizes from his practice. The Courier agrees with Mr. Travis in this respect. The salary paid the county judge is shy several hundred dollars of what it should be, but Mr. Travis shows that his heart is in the right place when he consented to be his party's nominee for an office that will occupy his entire time and yet pay him less per annum than he makes out of his practice. This is one reason why the best men are not always nominated to fill these county offices. Really the democrats of Cass county are to be congratulated upon securing the consent of so able an attorney to fill this important office.—Louisville Courier.

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**JOHN BAUER,**

506 Main Street, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

**THE SHEPHERD CASE.**

**The Sheriff's Fee Bill and County Attorney Root's Statement.**

After the News had "bounced upon" Sheriff McBride in regard to the fees that gentleman had been charging, the sheriff addressed the "figurehead" of that paper the following communication:

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Sept. 14, 1903. MR. GEORGE L. FARLEY, Plattsmouth, Neb.

Sir: Since my nomination by the democratic party for the office of sheriff, you have seen fit to lose no opportunity, without investigation, of attacking my official conduct during the two years that I have occupied this office, and at no time prior to making these charges, which, in the judgment of all respectable people, are serious in their character, have you first made any inquiry of me as to the truthfulness of such charges. You have evidently seen fit to rely upon the statements of irresponsible parties in making these attacks, and, in the recent issue of your paper, made the direct charge, that in the case of the State of Nebraska against William Shepard, I have been guilty of not only a violation of my oath of office, but of taking illegal fees, which charge is criminal in its character, if true. The fair and rational deduction to be drawn from this article, and I believe so intended by you to be understood by the people, is that my conduct in that case in the charge of fees is reprehensible as the conduct of the man who is charged with the crime of burglary.

No person can read this article unprejudiced, without reaching the conclusion that you are charging me with a criminal offense when you ought to be conscious of the fact that the penalty of taking illegal fees under the laws of this state is a forfeiture of \$50 to the party injured. The fact that no criminal penalty is attached to the taking of illegal fees by officials as I have indicated, does not in any sense detract from the character of the charge as it involves the very foundation of good conduct in officials. That you have the right to attack not only my official conduct, but that of any other public officer is not denied, but when a newspaper resorts to mis-statements of so glaring and gross a character as you have made, then such officer has the right to demand such retraction as is warranted by the facts. The statements contained in this article are untrue, and for the purpose of permitting you and others, who may be interested with you in these attacks, to fully investigate every dollar which I received in this case, I attach to this letter an itemized statement of my charges and fees in that case. The Board of County Commissioners, with the consent of the County Attorney, allowed me the sum of \$35.15 for my services, while from the attached statement you will observe that I would in all good conscience be entitled to \$77.87. I do not presume that you make any contention, if I read your article correctly, but what I am entitled to is five cents for each mile traveled and that the mileage which I have charged, if the number of miles therein stated were traveled by me, is correct.

Your complaint however seems to be that because the statute does not in direct terms allow me for expenses, therefore this expense account of \$22.82 is illegal. Every penny which the Board of County Commissioners, with the consent of the county attorney, who thoroughly investigated the matter, allowed me, was money which I actually and necessarily expended in apprehending the man who was charged

with the crime of burglary as can be verified by the severest investigation which I court and ask you to make. The only fees in this case which I have received is the mileage of \$15.00; fees for the arrest of the prisoner \$1.00; attendance at Justice Court \$1.00, aggregating \$17.00. For this amount I was engaged from Thursday evening, April 10th until Sunday night at 11 o'clock of April 19, making four days and 2 1/2 nights.

From this statement it must be apparent to all fair minded men, although it may not be to you, that I have only received for my services as Sheriff of this county for apprehending a man charged with crime, hardly \$3.00 per day. You must not misunderstand me in addressing this letter to you, that I am in any way apprehensive of what action you may take, but merely demand that, without delay, you publish in your paper, either this letter with the itemized statement hereto attached or make a retraction in your paper as broad and as prominent as you have made the accusation. Unless this is done, without unnecessary delay, I shall pursue a course as I believe the vindication of my character and the dignity of my office demands. It is only fair to you that you be given an opportunity to fully investigate the truthfulness of this statement and to make such amends, if you find that you have been mistaken, that any honorable journalist, who desires to be fair with the people, would make. It is my purpose to protect not only the position which the people of this county have honored me with, but my private character by such means as are at the command of every citizen who has been scurrilously outraged and injured, and you may depend upon it that whatever may be the result of my present candidature for office, I shall not permit you or any other paper to attack my character in the manner which you have done without an ample opportunity for justification.

I have refrained from mentioning the other attacks you have made upon me, because you have seen fit to make this specific charge in the belief, I presume, that it is the strongest one which you and those who are giving you the information could find. Concerning the other charges which you have made of a like character, I am perfectly willing and court the fullest and fairest investigation and can readily convince any citizen of this community that during my incumbency of office which I now hold that I have not charged any illegal fees. I am sir,

Very respectfully yours,  
JOHN D. McBRIDE,  
Sheriff Cass County, Neb.

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR CASS COUNTY, NEB.**

STATE OF NEBRASKA,

vs.

WILLIAM SHEPARD.

SHERIFF'S FEE BILL.

MILEAGE.

Traveling from Plattsmouth to Auburn, Neb.	18 miles
Traveling from Auburn to Union	33
Traveling from Union to Lincoln	33
Traveling from Lincoln to Omaha	33
Traveling from Omaha to Plattsmouth	21
Plattsmouth	16
Water	10
Union to Plattsmouth	15
Malvern to Plattsmouth	10
rest and return	10
Patrolling Auburn, Neb., 2 hours	4
Lincoln, one hour	4
Weeping Water and vicinity	16
By	301
Total mileage	\$45.15
301 miles at 5 cents per mile	\$15.05
EXPENSE ACCOUNT.	
Paid Deputy Sheriff at Malvern, Iowa	\$10.00
for conducting Shepard at court	1.00
at Weeping Water	4.00
back hire at Lincoln, Auburn and Plattsmouth	1.80

hotel bill and meals	1.50
telephoning from Malvern to Weeping Water	20
Fees for arrest of prisoner	1.00
Attendance at Justice Court	1.00
Railroad fare from Plattsmouth to Malvern	79
Verdict	1.58
month	25
Lunch for Shepard	25
Total	\$22.82
Total fees in above case	\$27.85
Amount allowed by county com.	35.15

After the above was submitted to the man whose name appears at the masthead of the News, as editor, and we presume, after conferring with his fellow ringsters, he publishes the following:

Now as to the libel suit which we understand is under discussion by Mr. McBride and his friends, The News has this to say: We are not hunting libel suits, but if Mr. McBride has a case that he is sure will stick, we would suggest that Judge Jessen be asked to call a special session of the district court and that we have the case disposed of at once. This is the only manly way of having a lawsuit of this kind. The democrats and republicans alike are entitled to have the case, if there be one, determined before election day. This would be satisfactory to the editor of The News. Is not this a fair proposition? It would hardly be treating the voters and taxpayers of this county fairly for a suit to be filed against the editor of The News and then dismissed after the election is over.

In reply to the foregoing Mr. McBride accepts the proposition, and goes him one better in the following proposition, which has not been accepted by the "professed" News editor up to the hour of the Journal going to press. The voters can see at a glance that the News never did intend to do the fair thing from the start in the campaign, and he is backed in his work by the co-ringsters, and not by the sober-minded republicans of Cass county:

PLATTSMOUTH, NEB., Sept. 16, '03. MR. GEORGE L. FARLEY, Editor Evening News, Plattsmouth, Neb.,

DEAR SIR:—In your issue of the 15th you reassert your charges against my official conduct in the "Shepard case" and express a willingness upon your part, in the event of my bringing an action against yourself and "The News" for damages, that Judge Jessen convene a special term of court, in this county, to try said action prior to the November election.

I shall certainly bring the action anticipated in your editorial and hasten to accept your proposition, with the additional stipulation that no part of the expenses of this special term of court be charged to the tax-payers of Cass County, but that all costs of such suit, including the calling of the special term of court and holding of the same, shall be taxed and paid by the losing party.

I ask you to give this acceptance of your proposition the same publicity you have given your proposition to submit your charges to a court and jury.

Very Respectfully Yours,  
JOHN D. McBRIDE,  
Sheriff of Cass County.

**Commended Rather Than Condemned.**

The Weeping Water Herald is sore because Commissioner Falter has made money during the past nine years, while he has been serving the First district as commissioner. Mr. Falter should be commended rather than condemned. Where is there a land owner in Cass county who has managed his affairs economically who has not made money during the past nine years? Show us one and we will show you a poor financier.—Louisville Courier.

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