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Be Sure and Vote for Wheeler, Soennichsen, McBride, Tighe, Travis, Falter, Craig, Smith, Wortman and Tritsch.

There Are Others.

EDITOR JOURNAL:
The Plattsmouth News says that "Wheeler has had his share for a time at least, having served two terms in office," and then adds: "It might be a little different if he had any special fitness for the office of county treasurer." Now, these are certainly bright and sagacious remarks under the existing circumstances. The editorial containing it must have been written by the subtle Tid (bit) editor, with an eye on the position of deputy treasurer or an ass. He also says that "a few democrats will admit it." Hats! The writer of this nonsense was not looking for a job as deputy under Jim Robertson, who has served three terms as county clerk and one as deputy, eight in all, and is now a candidate for clerk of the district court, which, if elected, will mean twelve years for him in office. Of course it would be different if Jim were a democrat. Then, again, Will Straight, the other candidate for county treasurer, is not a stranger by any means, when it comes to sucking the public teat. In fact he has done little else that anyone knows of. Under his father, Henry J. Straight, postmaster of this city, the people will remember the courteous and accommodating (?) deputy, who was ever ready to attend promptly to the wants of the patrons of the postoffice, if there was no report to make out or anything else to do. He drew the salary of deputy postmaster for some five years and has now occupied the position of deputy county treasurer for six years more, or eleven years in all. He has been fairly well taken care of.

The News with its multiplicity of editors, imagines that in straight they have a Daniel that has come to judgment; that he is the only one that ever happened who is equipped to take care of the county's strong box. The county is now about forty-five years old, and how they got along thus far is a question. However, we will make you the guess that "there are others."

Mr. Wheeler has held the office of sheriff for four years, to which he was elected by the votes of the people, and a more genial, capable and trustworthy official never occupied that office, and should be elected to the office of treasurer of Cass county, he will not only demonstrate that he is especially fitted for the position (at least as well as any who ever occupied the office) but he will extend to the patrons of the office and taxpayers generally, prompt and courteous treatment in all matters of business connected with the office. He is acquainted with the people and the people with him, and there is little doubt that on Tuesday next—November 3—he will receive a majority of the votes cast for that office, as he deserves. A VOTER.

A Wreck on the Burlington.

The wreck which occurred on the Burlington Sunday night between Chalco and Omaha, seems to have been much more serious than at first reported. The collision was between two stock trains, and seven men narrowly escaped death. Both trains were going in the same direction when the rear engine crashed into the head train, completely smashing the caboose and the two next cars. About this time a very remarkable thing happened. In the caboose were seven men, but, strange as it may seem, all escaped without injury. The engine continued to plow its way through the next two cars, containing cattle, a number in each car being killed. The engine of the rear train was a complete wreck, and railroad men say that the occurrence is one of the strangest that ever came under their observation. They are unable to figure how the men in the caboose escaped instant death.

Restored to Her Maiden Name.

Mrs. Nellie Prey of this county, who was granted a divorce this week by Judge Holmes of Lincoln, is reported to be worth about \$25,000. Mrs. Prey gave her husband \$3,000 and consented to allow her sister to adopt their child in order to secure a divorce. It is reported that she offered at one time to give her husband one-third of what she was worth to allow her divorced from him. She evidently wanted it bad. How many husbands are there in the land who would have jumped at such a chance to make \$8,000, and free himself from a woman that didn't want him. The court restored to her her maiden name, which was Nellie McCleintic.

Confessions of a Priest.

Rev. John S. Cox, of Wake, Ark., writes, "For 12 years I suffered from Yellow Jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for Liver and Kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by F. G. Fricke & Co. Only 50c.

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"GET RICH QUICK."

The Heirs of Ernest Kupke, Deceased, Charge C. S. Polk With Cheating Them Out of Their Father's Estate.

ACTION WILL BE CONTESTED!

Wonder If This Is Why Polk Desires So Much to See His Man Friday Elected County Judge.

Attorney Polk evidently finds the practice of law quite lucrative if the voluminous petition filed in the district court last Monday tells a true story. The hard-earned fruits of a long life of toil and scrimping of the honest old Dutchman of Elmwood, Ernest Kupke, transferred "in the twinkling of an eye" to the pocket of Mr. Polk, if these charges be true. In substance the story is about as follows: A few months since Ernest Kupke died, possessed of land and personal property of the value of \$23,000, and left a fatally defective Last Will and Testament, (witnessed by a legate of the will) which bequeathed to his two children \$3,000. The will failing to be probated, the entire property would go to these children, the legal heirs of the deceased. C. S. Polk obtained a transfer to himself of the entire estate for four thousand dollars. How did he do it? The petition filed by these children and heirs at law tells a tale that is, to say the least, most outrageous. The will was written in the German language by his spiritual adviser, Rev. Baumgartner, of the Lutheran faith, and contained a bequest of \$5,000 to the Lutheran church. Among other bequests, \$3,000 to the two children of Kupke's, who reside in Kentucky. The will was propounded for probate, the petition therefor being prepared by Polk. After filing the petition for probate, C. S. Polk hid himself to Kentucky and requested the Kupke children to join with their Uncle Stroy in a fight to have the \$5,000 bequest to the church defeated, representing to the heirs in Kentucky that the will was valid and binding on them, and if they would join their uncle in defeating the Lutheran church out of the \$5,000, he, Stroy, and Mr. Polk would pay them the amount allowed them under the will (\$3,000) and their pro rata share of the \$5,000 so snatched from the wicked church. Mr. Polk represented he was a good man, actively engaged in church work, was attorney for the U. P. railroad and had the confidence of the capitalists of his home county. Believing Mr. Polk to be an attorney of average honesty, in his statements, the heirs made a quit claim to the whole estate, real and personal, valued at about \$23,000, and thereupon returned to Nebraska, filed exceptions to the allowance of the will, had it set aside, and gobbled up the Kupke estate, like the whale did Jonah. The petition charges Polk with falsifying to them and by fraud and undue means obtained for \$3,000 an estate worth some \$23,000.

Mr. Polk is administrator of the Kupke estate, and as such administrator, will necessarily be compelled, under the law, to submit his doings as such administrator to the County Court of Cass County.

It has been bruited abroad in Elmwood precinct for some time that a swindle, as indicated in this petition, has been practiced on the heirs of the Ernest Kupke estate and much feeling has been demonstrated by the Germans of the neighborhood; and strong hints that Attorney Polk had his office man, Friday, nominated for county judge to meet this and other cases likely to arise; but of this the public must form its conclusions. Following is a section of the original voluminous petition, as filed in the office of the district clerk, which will give the reader a fair idea of its contents:

"Your petitioners further allege that the said C. S. Polk in the fore part of August, 1893, when in Kentucky, these petitioners, not before knowing that there was such a person; not requesting his presence and not knowing his purpose except as he announced it and the said C. S. Polk, coming well recommended with letter of introduction and letter of identification by the said bank, (a bank in this city) professing to be a man of high character, a gentleman and a Christian; and also an attorney of the Union Pacific Railroad Co., as he represented, he, the said Polk, did state to these petitioners, that as a matter of law almost anything signed by a person in their life time was good as a will and had been uniformly so held by the courts of Nebraska, and that the copy of the translation was true and correct and that in no event could these petitioners have from said estate more than \$3,000, as was shown by said copy, and that any amount over \$3,000 was merely an amount paid by John Stroy to better enable him to contest the \$5,000 as shown by exhibit 'A' and urgently requested and insisted that these petitioners assist their uncle and aunt, John Stroy and wife, in resisting the \$5,000 bequest to said church, and that all that these petitioners would receive of said estate over \$3,000 was clear gain to them and insisting, urging and requesting these petitioners to assist an uncle and aunt in resisting said church claim and finally offering to buy them out, by advancing their \$3,000 share in said estate and paying \$1,000, if they would join John Stroy in position to resist said claim of the said church. That said Polk did not inform these

plaintiffs that the said will was invalid and was not the legal will of Ernest Kupke as shown by the testimony of the said Baumgartner, although the said Polk well knew all the facts in connection therewith at the said time, the said Polk did not inform these petitioners that two of the witnesses were beneficiaries under the will and were incompetent to be witnesses thereto, and did not inform these petitioners that the said will was incompetent, illegal and could not be admitted to probate, under the law of Nebraska, and that these petitioners, as the sole and only heirs of said Ernest Kupke, deceased, and were entitled to all of the property of the estate, free and clear of any kind or nature whatsoever, and did not tell these petitioners that they were entitled to property of the value of in money of more than \$22,000 in spite of the efforts of any person who might claim as devisee under such pretended will or for any cause whatever and that said Polk did ask to represent these petitioners and protect their interest in said estate, but only on the proposition that they take \$3,000 and John Stroy take the balance.

"These petitioners further show to the court that through no fault of their own, yet the fact exists, that they and each of them are uneducated, are not able to know and understand the law, except as told to them by others, reside in a part of the country where statements made by one to the other are regarded as equivalent to the law of the land, and that the representations made to them by the said Polk are held to be as sacred as the most solemn oath administered by the court, and that so acting, believing and relying upon the statements so made by the said Polk did execute a contract as requested by the said Polk, but these petitioners now say and will prove that the statements so made by said Polk, which induced our signature, were false, deceptive, misleading and in fraud of our legal rights and that if the said Polk had truly informed us of the law and the fact in regard to said will and our rights under the law of Nebraska, we nor neither of us would have executed the papers we did execute at the request of the said Polk for any amount less than the sum of \$22,000, the true and cash value thereof, and that by the false statements made by said Polk and the concealment of material facts by the said Polk, was the only reason we did as by him requested. And that the said Polk had had twenty cases in the district court during the eight years he has been practicing law, four of which, the publication says, were his own and the balance handled for a law firm in whose office he was. If this be true, and Mr. T. Frank Wies has not denied it, what can the people of Cass county expect of such a man if elevated to the position of county judge? They certainly cannot expect ripe experience from him. He may be just, as he understands justice, but where is his experience? What will the result be?"

"The Courier believes in being open and frank. It believes that the interests of the people of Cass county, regardless of party, demands the election of Judge Travis. It believes that the widow and orphans of Cass county demand and are entitled to experienced protection. How better can each and all of us be aided to sever all earthly ties—throw politics to the winds when a judge is to be selected, and work and vote, and get your friends to vote for a man who will fill the position of county judge with credit to himself and satisfaction to you. Such a man is Judge Harvey D. Travis."



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Do You Want a Change?

From all parts of the county come good reports and kind words for Superintendent Wortman. He is a tireless worker, keeping in touch with his teachers, inspiring and helping them by word and example. His circulars are filled with good wholesome advice. The leading teacher's magazine in the west reproduced a recent one. He has visited forty-six schools since school began. "It is hard to please everybody," is a common remark, but we believe that Superintendent Wortman very nearly does it, judging from reports. Then why change? Why turn down an officer who has shown faithfulness and fitness for his work after he has just gotten nicely started? It might be in the interest of politics, but not in the interest of schools. Should we risk a change when we are so well satisfied? As a teacher may be a poor principal, so a principal may be a poor superintendent. A superintendent must be a leader, a director, and co-worker combined. Prof. Wortman has proven himself all these. Let everyone interested in the cause of education show his appreciation of this fact by giving him a great big majority. Risk this change.

Another Pioneer Passes Away.

Ellas Sage died at his home, two miles southwest of Plattsmouth, Sunday evening, October 25, 1903. For over a year the deceased had been in a very feeble condition as a result of heart trouble, from the effects of which he gradually declined. Mr. Sage was eighty-three years of age, had been a resident of Cass county for forty-five years, coming to Nebraska in 1858. He leaves a wife and four children—two daughters and two sons, as follows: Mrs. E. F. Duke of St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. James Burnett and Eugene Sage of Maywood, Neb.; and Harvey of Plattsmouth. Seventeen grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren are also left to mourn his departure. The funeral occurred from the family residence on Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, under the auspices of the Masonic lodge of this city, of which he was a member. The deceased was also a member of local post G. A. R., and number of whom attended the last sad rites to a comrade who has answered the final roll call.

Rev. H. B. Burgess conducted the services, and interment was made in Oak Hill cemetery.

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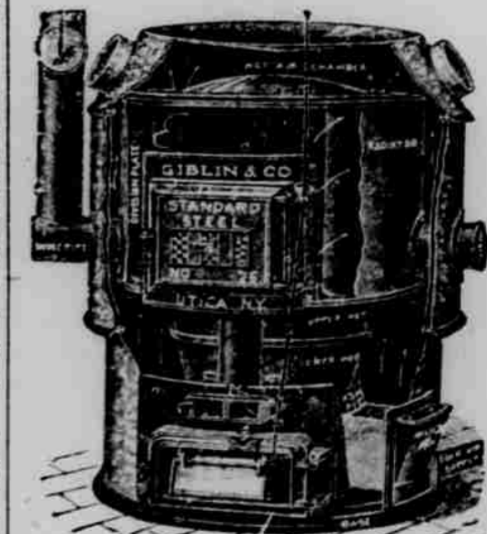
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