

**The Sioux County Journal.**

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**More from Mr Walker.**

The following letter was printed in our "extra edition," and for the benefit of some of our readers who perhaps failed to get a copy of that edition we publish it again this week.

In looking over the records in the clerk's office, in regard to the printing and furnishing of supplies, I find the following bills presented by the Sioux county Herald:

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| E. C. Satterlee & Co., printing, | \$ 5.30 |
| " " " " Blanks,                  | 153.91  |
| " " " " manager printing,        | 194.31  |
| Herald Publishing Co., printing, | 50.75   |
| " " " " "                        | 80.00   |
| " " " " "                        | 102.40  |
| " " " " "                        | 73.61   |
| " " " " "                        | 103.50  |

The Statutes of the state of Nebraska require that whenever the amount for furnishing of supplies and printing shall exceed the sum of \$200 in any one year, the county clerk shall advertise for bids, and the commissioner shall, at their first meeting in January of each year, give the contract for furnishing of supplies and printing to the lowest responsible bidder, and that no supplies shall be purchased of any other party during the continuance of such contract. Now what do we find to have been the usage and practice in Sioux county, I ask this. No contract has ever been let for anything, but in looking up the records we find that there has been paid out of the county funds in various parties the following amounts:

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| Omaha Republican,           | \$1342.9 |
| Gibson Miller & Richardson, | 348.8    |
| Hammond Bros., Fremont,     | 4.6      |
| State Journal Co., Lincoln, | 9.6      |
| H. E. Andrews & Co.,        | 92.4     |
| Herald Publishing Co.,      | 700.9    |
| Total,                      | \$2394.9 |

Without a contract as provided by law.

Now tax payers of Sioux county can you see how the present county officials obey the law and how they dispose of your money? Will you vote to continue his way of doing? Your county officials, contrary to law, are parties to the furnishing of supplies and printing. The Revised Statutes of 1887, page 794, says that no county officer shall in any manner, either directly or indirectly, be pecuniarily interested in, or receive the benefit of any contract to be executed by the county for the furnishing of supplies or any other purpose; neither shall any county officer furnish any supplies to the county on order of the county board, without a contract.

The articles of incorporation of the Sioux county Herald Publishing Company, as filed in the office of county clerk, are signed by John W. Hunter an Anna E. Satterlee, by E. C. Satterlee, our attorney.

Mr. Satterlee is the county attorney and ought to know the law. Mr. John W. Hunter is another county officer who, when able, sits in the chair of county Judge. Now these two county officials, Hunter and Satterlee, county judge and county attorney, are also the owners of the Sioux County Herald and Republican, two papers which are run in the interest of Hunter and Satterlee and the Ring, and anyone who comes under the displeasure of these dupes of the Ring are in danger of being run out of town or of being disposed of in some other way, and this has been the fortune of misfortune for some two months past or rather since I dared to pronounce the wrong doings of some of the county officials, and since that time nothing has been left undone by the ring in their endeavor to drive me from the field, which they have failed thus far to do.

I have given to the people of Sioux county a law of the many dirty transactions of our county attorney and county judge and in answer they have published a lot of libel and slander against me. Among other things I have been charged by the soft hearted editor of the Herald with having sold out on my clients for the sum of \$200, who charge has been fully refuted by Mr. Lewis Gerlach, the client referred to in a letter written by himself.

The second charge made against me by the Herald was that I had robbed my Lent and countrymen by means of false telegrams, which was also done by Mr. Gerlach in his letter printed in the JOURNAL.

The next charge brought was that I had written and caused to be published a criminal libel against the good name of the editor of the Herald, county attorney and postmaster at Harrison.

My bank in this case was released and again arrested on a similar charge

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and this time released by the District Judge, the Hon. M. P. Kinkaid, at O'Neil, the Judge being unable to see any cause why I should longer be held. Up to this time the county has been put to a cost of \$250 or \$300 as fees of officers, traveling expenses of Sheriff and court expenses; and all for what? Simply to endeavor to down me for exposing the Ring. Then the Herald comes out and says we have already spent too much time on this man Walker and we will make amends in a more substantial manner in the near future, which has been fully carried out by waylaying me in the dark with intent to murder me. But still that also failed and in order to keep me from being able to go out among the people to make a canvass, the Attorney and Judge have been quite busy arresting and trying me every few days, on some charge or other, and binding me over from day to day so as to keep me from making a canvass for the office of county attorney, against Satterlee. That man can do more right down low dirt than any man in Sioux county.

The last charge brought by him against me, is one of having sold mortgaged property without the consent of the mortgagee, and the county will have to pay another large amount of judge's and sheriff's fees.

But what do such men care only to get fat fees and let the tax payers pay them. I am called all kinds of names all have no way to help myself while he preside county court, with its present judge exists. The judge will do anything that the county attorney may ask, right or wrong.

Respectfully,  
GEORGE WALKER.

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**Evolution on the Plains.**

Although we are of the opinion that the efforts of man cannot change the climate of the arid region, we think it not impossible to develop agriculture along certain lines independent of irrigation and regardless of the question of climatic change.

Observation shows that for certain kinds of vegetation an annual rainfall no greater than that which prevails in the vicinity of Denver is sufficient. Several varieties of grass grow upon the plains, and the cactus, sage brush, and greasewood thrive with no greater rainfall than we have here. Of species of forest trees, the cedar and pine, need a less

rainfall than 14.50 inches, which has been about the average annual precipitation in Denver for the last sixteen years.

The question is whether varieties of wheat, oats and other grains could be developed that would come to maturity in a locality where the annual precipitation is no greater than it is here.

In support of the hope that this question may be answered in the affirmative, we appeal to the fact—commonly called a law of nature—that plants exhibit a tendency or an effort to adapt themselves to their environment. Those that are best adapted to it survive. Those that are less adapted to it perish.

The process of natural selection has developed certain species of plants that thrive in the arid region. If nature were to remain unaided, it is probable that a hundred years would witness no great change in the vegetation of this part of the world. But experiment has shown that the tendency in animal and vegetable life to repeat in the offspring the characteristics of the parent may be taken advantage of by man to produce a certain variety of a given species. It is by this means that a ring-dove may in a few generations, by careful breeding, be developed from the ordinary rock-pigeon. In the same way a gardener may, if he selects the seed with care, produce a red flower in a few years from one that was partly red and partly white.

In order to solve our problem it is but necessary for someone living in the arid region to apply this process of seed selection to the effort to produce a variety of wheat that will mature with an average annual rainfall of only 14.50 inches.

Experience has taught that the varieties of wheat sown in Colorado will produce a small, although generally unprofitable, crop without irrigation. In conducting the experiments to produce the desired variety, only the grain of the best matured heads of wheat in such a crop should be selected because they have, in the case supposed, best survived the conditions of their arid environment. If planted, it would be reasonable to suppose that their ability to survive with a small amount of water would be transmitted to their offspring, if we may use the term. In the second year the same care should be exercised and only the best grain selected for the third sowing.

It is possible that in this way a variety of wheat could be developed that would be so adapted to an arid climate as to produce beautiful crops without irrigation. Of course wheat of this sort would have but little straw, and it would, in all probability, be hard and flinty. But notwithstanding these peculiarities, it would be serviceable as food for mankind. At our request Mr. Strong, who resides near Platte, has begun an experiment of this kind, and so the problem may yet be solved with the wished for result.—Denver Republican.

**EX. JOURNAL.**

The Republican of last week is out again with his little hocket and paddle, dashing. Whenever a county judge gets so bedazzled as to not know enough to keep his private matters out of his paper, or profit by good and friendly advice, or discern the difference between "being elected by the people" and "defeated by fraud," his mind is too obtuse to waste either time or words with him. He reminds us of the man

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"wondrous wise;

Be jumped into a bear patch!"

Now I shall turn him over to the Herald who seems to be bristling up for a second hand. He knows the judges venuscular better, for I tried to raise him but failed—"The sho slips from the flesh, and the flesh cleaveth to the bone," and I went to wash my hands. Try him brother.

Respectfully Yours,  
B. F. THOMAS.

**Shingles! Shingles! Shingles!**

The Buffalo Gap Lumber Company is now selling the best western shingle at 14 Circle A shingle, equal to the best native, at \$2.25. Common Shingles, \$2.50. Don't be deceived by a good looking article made of inferior wood but buy the time-tested white pine shingle.

According to a curious old marriage custom, still prevalent in Brittany, the bridegroom, immediately after the priest has wedded the couple, strikes his wife on the face, saying, "This is how you will fare if you make me angry," and then kissing her he says, "And this is how you will fare if you treat me well."

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