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Not "Mare's Nest," but Robbers' Roost.

EDITOR JOURNAL:-

Mr. C. F. Slingerland has for the last onter into a newspaper controver- far in the county treasury of the proper y with Mr. Slingerland, and, as he funds to pay such claims with. truthfully says, "George is out of polthes." He further says that I am fool- ers are going according to the advice of Herald, and still further he says that ing these illegal claims. And now Mr. realms of phantasmagoria in search of a mance of the claims of one of the county hirelings only at one meeting of the found it, I will tell you Charlie (now you call the allowing of the above this is in strict confidence) what I found claims honesty on the part of the Counallowed accounts in the County Clerk's what would dishonesty be? office I found this: Claim No. 407, pre-Bodarc Record and allowed by the County Commisioners.

FEES AND OFFICE EXPENSES. Oct. 3, fees in the case of the State vs: the stone cutters \$3.40 Oct. 4, State vs: Patterson -8.25 " " " Walker -Stamps. - -Oct. 8, State vs: Walker -7.40 ·· ·· · Patterson -192 feet lumber for coal box CLAIM NO. 424 the County Board reads as follows: To eight days work as commissioner, laying out road, at \$3 per \$24.00 To eight days work with team Nov. 19, case of State vs: Walker, bound over to District Court Nov. 8, State vs: Gotleib Schultz,

dismissed; charge, contempt, Judge's fees - - -State vs: Rohwer, for contempt, fined \$5 and costs, but upon ex-CLAIM NO. 522

T. Trimbur vs: S. L. R. Maine

Total CLAIM NO. 527

also presented by your former partner reads as follows:

State of Neb. vs: Wassenburger \$5.35 State of Nebraska vs: Hettich 5.65 State of Nebraska vs. J. Marking 4.60 One lamp for County Judges office 2.00 Discount on warrant -Paid for arm rest to Belden and discounts - - -

Now Charley I may be mistaken in thinking that I have found a mare's nest, but one thing I am certain of and that is that I have found a robber's roost, and a careful perusal of the above allowed accounts will convince any one, prejudiced or unprejudiced, of the fact that the County Commissioners are wilfully robbing the county to pay one of their hirelings or else they are so woefully ignorant of their duties as to be entirely incapacitated to fill the office which they hold down.

Claim No. 424 is pay for work which His Honor, in his great generosity, has been claiming to have done for nothing. The case of State vs: Rohwer was simply the issuing of a bench warrant and the asking of a few questions when the prisoner appeared before the most righteous(?) Judge, and a three dollar charge for such service is a little novel in the legal parlance of this state.

The four cases; Farnam vs: Dunn Bros.; School district No. 1 vs: Lockood; and T. Trimbur vs. S. L. R. Maine, two cases, are civil cases and there is no law of God or man or partisan friendship that will legally allow the County Commissioners to pay the costs of civil cases where the county is not a party.

The other cases cited are misdemeanors, but the Board had no greater right to pay the costs in them than they did in the civil cases referred to, for the reason that a majority are pending on appeal to be tried in the District Court, and a good and sufficient bond has been given and accepted by the proper officer for the payment of all costs in said cases. has not been judicially decided who shall have the costs to pay in either of these classes of cases, civil or crimin- ing like being well posted on European ai, and there is surely no occasion for the county to step in and say "I will settle these cases and pay the costs." But the climax of dishonesty is reached in the small discount on warrant item of the small discount on warrant item of the small discount on warrant item of the twist unnecessary and the doors too. I suppose he will sell his 40c, warrant at a discount and bring in a bill against the county for that deficit and so on admittum. A parallel case is this. Some desiring the warmer hours of the day to admit the spring zephyrs and sunders over the county to the county to the county of the day to admit the spring zephyrs and sunders over the county to have the money but Mc. accept e months note in payment there the note to the bank and sells

for fifteen dollars and then brings a bill against Morris for the tendollars he had to discount the note. Do you think Morris would pay the discount? Not much, and why does he allow the county to do what good businesss princi-Entered at the postoffice at Harrison ples would restrain him from doing with his own money? But then this is a good liberal Board-with other people's

were all right and it were proper for the county to pay them, we are satisfied that there is not a dollar in the county columns of the Herald. I do not wish to treasury, nor there never has been a dol-

We presume the County Commissionsh and only amuse the editor of the the brilliant County Attorney in allow-George Walker is journeying in the Herald the above items are the allow-Charley, I could forgive you everything Board. If the same be true of the you have said about me but when you claims of all the other county officials to Webster's dictionary to find a big and their hirelings and political strikers word with which to minihilate me I at all the meetings of the Board must object. As to the mare's nest you throughout the year, what an immense refer to and say that I think I have sum the robbery must amount to? If in it. In looking over the last batch of ty Board, in the name of almighty God

You know Charley that I dare not say

Respectfully, GEORGE WALKER.

About Proving Up.

The way in which Sioux county's great constitutional lawyer, Chas. F. Slingerland, dishes out legal opinious is - 7.40 a little bit amusing. Having disposed of 3.84 the herd law question in such an able manner?) he turns the ponderosity of presented by his Honor and allowed by his legal acumen to the disposition of the land laws. He advises the settlers to commute their homesteads, i.e. pay the government two hundred dollars for a quarter section of land that they could 16.00 obtain as good or better title to by livthe required time thereon-for the reason that Congress may at any time pass a law that may have a non-commutation clause. We presume that Mr. - 3.35 Slingerland is not aware of the fact that the passage of such a law would not affeet any filings of public lands made priplanation was remitted; Jud. fees 3.00 or to the time such law might go into effect. Again he says that a final represented by J. W. H. (his Honor) reads ceipt for a tract of land adds one-half to the value of said land for the reason that Case James Farnam vs: Dunn Bros. 10.85 it is not subject to contest etc., after the State vs: Massey - - - - 2.45 issuing of a final receipt therefor. We School district No. 1 vs. Lockwood 19.15 will simply call the gentleman's atten-2.75 tion to the decisions of the General Land State vs: Mahoney, District Court 26.95 Office where he will find a number of - 4.90 cases of cancellation after the final re- 5.35 ceipt had been issued, the land mortgaged and sold to a third party. We will call his attention to one more fact, and that is, that a short residence, such as and helper in downing the Bowen Ring, sale to a third party shortly after proof. is considered as presumptive evidence of fraud on the part of the entryman. Our advice to the homesteader is to live his time out and instead of giving the \$200 to the government invest that amount of money in young stock and we believe it will give more satisfactory

> The Temperance Advocate, of Chadron, says: "Representative Gilchrist made a good fight against the bill relating to county division last week. This bill provides that no county can be divided unless three-fifths of all the votes are cast in favor of the proposed division, and if the proposition to divide is defeated no other can be submitted for three years. A bare statement of the bill ought to be enough to condemn it and yet a majority of the house favored it. Take large counties like Holt Cherry and Custer. They ought to be divided. Suppose the proposition to divide is submitted in an objectionable form. Its defeat precludes another vote for three years. The Advocate has not been given to flattery of Mr. Gilchrist but his course on this measure was sensible and his argument convincing."

Mr. Cleveland, who is now "in the soup" will probably go down in history as the greatest vetoer the world has ever produced. 308 is the number of bills vetoed by him in four years. Immediately after the canvass of the electoral vote a presidential courrier appeared on the scene with a pencil veto, when Sam. Randall was hered to remark, "The ruling passion strong in death."

The following astounding facts are gleaned from an editorial in a western newspaper, on French politics, to-wit: That Boulanger was a Paris baker, was It afterwards elected to the house of Represenatives and has recently been chosen President of the French nation." Nothpolitics and history:

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