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Not "Mare's Nest," but Robbers' Roost.
[Continued from last week.]

EDITOR JOURNAL:—
The Herald in its last issue comes nobly to the scratch and in answer to the statements made by myself through the columns of the JOURNAL it says: "Scandalous articles in the so called JOURNAL merit naught but contemptuous disregard but I ask for the benefit of new settlers in this county if this JOURNAL mud thrower, one George Walker, is the same George who learned all his law running a saloon in the classic stades of Sow Belly dishing out forty rod whiskey?" Now in answer to such lying slander I will simply say that the man or thing who says that I have ever sold or gave away one drink of whiskey is a falsifier, devoid of truth, honor or manhood. As to the rest of the slurs, they are too false to need answering.

But to come to the subject. In your last issue I called the attention of the Herald to a few facts and asked that paper to say whether it called such actions of our county officials honesty? and its answer is nothing but abuse. I will here give to your readers a few more items as they appear of record in the County Clerk's office, and if any have any doubt as to their correctness let them call at the office of our County Clerk and call for

CLAIM NO. 533,
presented on the 11th day of March to the Board of County Commissioners and allowed by them. It reads as follows:
John W. Hunter, county Judge.
Judge's fees, C. L. Columbia, vs:
M. E. Scofield, sent to District Court and all papers and fees handed to Clerk. Judge's fees \$28.65

CLAIM NO. 532
presented also by John W. Hunter and allowed by the County Commissioners reads:

Feb. 18, to postage stamps	\$1.00
" " " express on blanks	1.05
Discount on cash paid out	50
Total	\$2.50

These few items were the Judge's part of the program at the last meeting of the county board. Now let us see what those cases are and what right the county board has to pay the cost in said cases.
C. L. Columbia }
vs
M. E. Scofield. }

This is a case brought by Columbia against Scofield for damages. It is a civil action between those two parties, and the county is not interested in anyway in the result of the suit either directly or indirectly, and why in the name of heaven are taxpayers of this county made to pay the costs? I am informed by C. C. Jameson, county clerk, that the commissioners, Andrew McGinley and J. G. Morris, when in session at their meeting of March 11th doubted the legality of allowing said charges presented by Jos. F. Pfost and J. W. Hunter and obtained the advice of the county attorney, E. D. Satterlee, who, upon being called before the commissioners, advised them in his official capacity as legal advisor of said board to allow said claims as above stated and ordered the payment of the same. We will suppose this case to be decided against the plaintiff, C. L. Columbia who was not required by the court to give a bond for the costs in this case, in what way are the commissioners going to recover the county money they have paid to the judge and other officers? In claim No 532 appears this small item: Discount on cash paid out, 50c. This small item is so vague that I am unable to fully comprehend what the judge wishes us to understand by it, and for that reason I would ask to have his honor give us the required information. Did the judge pay out one or two dollars and charge the county 50 or 25 per cent. discount? We would like to know whether the commissioners do or not. To more fully explain to the taxpayers of Sioux county what is done with the money they pay into the county treasury for taxes, I will call their attention to a few claims presented by another officer of this county. It is claim No. 536 presented by Joseph F. Pfost, sheriff, and reads as follows:

P. K. Murphy vs F. E. & M. V. R. Co., summons,	\$.85
Murphy vs Mahony,	30.00
Columbia vs Scofield,	78.55
Loutzenhiser vs Murphy,	9.00
Trimbur vs Main,	12.00
Murphy vs Mahony, 2nd trial,	23.00
Total	153.40

CLAIM NO. 535
also presented by the sheriff and allowed by the county board reads:
State vs Wassenburger, \$28.75
" Conrad Hettich, 32.49
School Dist. No. 1 vs No. 19, 9.25
Inspecting Hovey's horses, 4.00
7,600 lbs of coal, C. C., 84.00
Total 107.40

Now allow me to call the attention of the taxpayers to the case of Columbia vs Scofield above referred to and see how many years by this time:
Judge's fees, \$28.65
County fees, 78.55
Total, 107.20
How many years paid out in a suit between

individuals which may never be recovered back into the county treasury and if it should be it may be years before such will be the case. Now such is the work of our county board and other officers. We have plenty of money to pay costs in cases that do not concern us as a county but we have no money to build a bridge over Hat Creek at Montrose or pay road overseers with. The case of P. K. Murphy vs the F. E. & M. V. R. R. Company is a civil case and the county has nothing to do with it? The case of Murphy vs Mahony must be a civil case judging from its title, although I doubt if there was ever such a case on the docket of the county court. I think the officer is mistaken. The case of Loutzenhiser vs Murphy, judging from its title, must be a civil case and the county board has no right to pay costs in civil cases. The case of Trimbur vs S. L. R. Maine is a civil case. The case of Murphy vs Mahony the same as stated above. The case of School Dist. No. 1 vs School Dist. No. 19, civil case.

7600 pounds of coal for C. C., something over \$8.90 per ton—well, do your own thinking. The Compiled Statutes of Nebraska 1887, page 294, reads as follows:

SEC. 51. [Contracts].—No county officer shall in any manner, either directly or indirectly, be pecuniarily interested in, or receive the benefit of any contracts executed by the county for the furnishing of supplies, or any other purpose; neither shall any county officer furnish any supplies for the county on order of the county board without contract.

SEC. 52 [Penalty].—Any county officer violating the provisions of the preceding section shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary for a period not exceeding five years, or fined in any sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, or both imprisoned and fined as aforesaid.

For the purpose of obtaining \$8.95 per ton for coal which is sold at Harrison for \$4.50 the sheriff has knocked at the doors of the penitentiary.

In conclusion allow me to state that all the bulldozing and abuse will not avail. I am here to stay and as long as I am able to raise my voice in condemnation of the illegal proceedings and unlawful expenditure of county funds you will hear from

Yours Respectfully,
GEORGE WALKER.

P. S. I forgot to state that this will be continued, if possible, in my next.

The negroes are getting away from the south by the thousand and are settling in the west and southwest.

"A Bucket of Blood." is the significant and appropriate sign over the door of a Council Bluffs saloon in which a horrible murder was recently committed.

A correspondent inquires whether a man who went to sleep on a railroad track is a proper subject for railway? No, he is a subject for the coroner. This has no reference to Dennis Postoffice Davis.

Talking about being annexed to Canada the remark is made that if Holy Row were annexed to that country the only regrets would be uttered in Canada. It is, however, probably not necessary to pass any law for the purpose—they will all be there before long if they get away in time.

A Boston man who recently visited the legislature, penitentiary and asylum for the insane at Lincoln states that, "He finds the most brains at the asylum, the most honesty at the penitentiary and the greatest lack of both at the legislature." The attempt at wit is too weak to excuse the ill-manners of the remark.

The Southern Democracy has been triumphantly vindicated of the murder of the Arkansas Republican who was killed there while collecting evidence, to contest the seat in Congress occupied by Breckenridge. The sheriff of that county has an anonymous letter stating that he killed John M. Chayton. That settles it.

The Democrats were defeated last fall, but the exceedingly mild winter that has just passed especially demonstrates the beauty of the poetic phrase: "The Lord tempers the wind to the shorn lamb." Chadron Democrat.

The Democracy is a shorn lamb all right enough, but we are doubtful about the Lord caring particularly for the Democratic party. Still we do not wish to deny our Chadron exchange the consolations of religion.

A man named Mills recently introduced a preamble in the Canadian parliament announcing the imminent dissolution of the United States and attached thereto a resolution providing for the annexation of Canada of the New England States when the threatened event takes place. And now United States newspapers are trying to find out whether Mills was trying to be funny or whether he is a crank without trying to be one.

Our readers are asked to carefully peruse the communication from Mr. Walker in another column. If any one is disposed to disbelieve the statements let him go to the records and see for himself. They are unquestionably true and we stand ready to prove it to any one who may wish us to do so. It will be foolish for a person to say "It's news" or "I don't believe it," before they have dared to take the pains to investigate for themselves.

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