

THE FURNAS-HERALD SCIT.

Knowing his entire innocence of the charge made against him, Gov. Furnas commenced the libel suit against the Omaha Herald, not only to vindicate his private character, but for the common good of society. It was commenced at the only place this character of suit could be brought, with no expectation of being forced to trial in that county, with the then and present surroundings. At first opportunity, change of venue was asked, not from the judicial district, but merely to an adjoining county in the same district. This, we submit, was done the case, under circumstances, without reference to either of the contending parties as individuals. The reasons given for this seeking a change of venue were: That Omaha was the home of the defendant, who were publishers and editors of a daily newspaper, in which capacity they have been persistent and constant in creating a public opinion purposely prejudicial to Gov. Furnas by the publication of numerous editorials and depositions taken solely in the interest of the Herald. Omaha is the place where the alleged crime is said to have occurred, and out of which has grown great and prevailing excitement. Furnas resided in another portion of the State, between which localities it is well known there has, for many years, existed a bitter local feud. Under these circumstances it was unreasonable to believe, other than that intelligent men in Omaha, competent to sit on a jury having under consideration a case of this magnitude, were either unfavorably prejudiced, or had formed and expressed an opinion, which, under court rulings, disqualified them for such position, and thus deprived the case of an intelligent jury. Again, it was, and is still believed, not only by Gov. Furnas, but by his friends, that such were and are the social and political relations existing between the Herald and the court officers having principally in charge the making up and handling of the jury, that there was, and is, good grounds for a belief that partiality would be exercised in favor of the Herald and against Furnas. Under all these circumstances a change of venue was denied, trial was had, and the result what every intelligent eye-witness predicted, no verdict for either party. The whole proceedings of the trial only confirmed the truthfulness of the reasons given asking for a change of venue as to facts and circumstances. A trial under such surroundings and circumstances was the merest farce in form of law. All unbiased men who witnessed the trial agree in this opinion. Application was made a second time for change of venue, reiterating former reasons given, together with glaring and disgraceful facts which occurred during trial and observable even to the mortification of the Herald's friends, prejudicial to Gov. Furnas. Change of venue ever under all these circumstances, was again denied.

From the fact that in this State there is no Statutory regulation governing in the matter of change of venue, all being entirely within the discretion of the judge, and therefore appeal in exceptions being of no avail, and being satisfied that another trial in Omaha, under such surroundings and circumstances as have been narrated, would only be the more ridiculous and shamefully farcical, with no earthly hope of securing justice, Gov. Furnas has ordered the case dismissed.

We are fully satisfied with Gov. Furnas' vindication from the testimony in the trial had, and believe that any honorable, impartial person who heard, or read the entire testimony in the case, believes him innocent of the charges made by the Omaha Herald. But let none believe that the end is yet.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 15, '73. Editor Nebraska Advertiser: Vote on Martin and Ghost close. All rest of regular Republican ticket surely elected. G. P. E.

Geo. L. Miller of the Omaha Gag asks out of a \$1000 subscription to the elephantine hotel by not having a dollar's worth in his own name. It is not the debt the beast has shirked in that way.

Thus speaks the Plattsburgh Watchman, a democratic paper edited by a gentleman long in the employ of the Herald. If a \$1000 could not be collected from him, how could Furnas get \$10,000 from him? If Miller's friends and the Governor's enemies will hold their breath a little while, they will be provided with a solution to this problem. The end is yet.

Col. W. M. Groveson, of St. Louis, has this to say concerning the Democracy and monopolies: Neither is the Democracy a party hostile to monopolies of transportation. The chairman of the national committee, Augustus Schell, is identified with the Vanderbilt railroad interest, and with banks. The Democratic organization in Pennsylvania and Ohio belongs to Scott and the Pennsylvania Company, in Maryland, to Garrett and the Baltimore & Ohio; in Virginia, to Malone and his railroad ring; in California, to the Central Pacific and the Bank of California. To claim that such a party is or ever can be the representative of the anti-monopoly force in this country, is as impudent as it is ignorant. Ex-Senator Pomeroy was shot at Washington the other day by a man named Conway, who like Pomeroy, is a broken down politician. The shooting was cowardly and unprovoked, but the injury sustained was slight.

Who constituted Jarvis S. Church custodian of the interests and feelings of Gov. Furnas' friends.

Ready money is not very plentiful among the settlers of Texas and New Mexico, and many are the shifts and "dickers" resorted to for the procurement of desired articles. For instance, on old bedstead, "with no cloud upon the title," was advertised for sale in a recent issue of the El Paso (Tex.) Sentinel, and the editor soon received a letter from a man in Los Cusco, N. M., stating that he wanted the bedstead, but having no cash to invest he offered an equivalent three pairs of cavalry pants partly worn; one sheepskin for a saddle cloth; one bridle which cost \$5 and is put in at \$3; and one sack coat which has been worn only thirty-nine times. The writer thinks this a fair compensation for a second-hand bedstead, in which opinion he is undoubtedly correct.

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Fall Term of the District Court held last week:

Ephraim M Long vs Theodore F M Walden, et al. Default of defendant taken. Judgment of revival in favor of plaintiff and against defendant.

Wm Fraeber, Jas L McGee, and George Harmon vs S A Ingham, F Ingham, late partners as S A Ingham & Co and Wm H Dentman, Civil action. Leave given to defendant to answer within thirty days from the rising of the court, and case continued.

J W Hollingshead vs L G Hall. Action on promissory note. Jury empaneled and sworn. Case tried. Same day jury returned with verdict for plaintiff for \$100. Judgment on verdict in favor of plaintiff and against defendant for the sum of \$100 and costs.

Paul Kern vs F G Holmes, Felicia A Holmes, J P Bennett, Jas Tate and John Gruber. Foreclosure of mortgage. Found due piff from Fred G Holmes the sum of \$96.00. Order of sale granted, and further order of the money to be brought into court to abide the further action of this court.

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THE TIMBER CULTURE LAW.

Open Letter to Commissioner of the General Land Office.

KANSAS PACIFIC RAILWAY.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT. ELLIS, KAN. OCT. 4, 1873.

THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF MARCH 3, 1873.

was intended, and is entitled an act to encourage the growth of timber on Western prairies.

By section 9 you are required to prepare and issue such rules and regulations consistent with the act, as shall be necessary and proper to carry its provisions into effect.

The rules and regulations issued by you, including your circular regarding the act, dated June 30, 1873, do not appear to me to be either consistent with the act, or such as will encourage the planting or growth of timber on Western prairies.

I say "not appear to me" because I am not allowed to make more than one entry under the first section of the act, yet the act itself makes no such limitation. The first section says that "any person who shall plant, protect and keep in a healthy growing condition for ten years, forty acres of timber, the trees thereon not being more than twelve feet apart each way, on any quarter section of the public lands of the United States, shall be entitled to a patent of the whole of said quarter section at the expiration of said ten years," and the only restriction or limitation is "that only one quarter in any section shall be so planted."

For you to limit the act to a particular class of persons—to those who had not already entered a quarter section under it—looks to me like legislation that is not authorized by the act.

You say that you "cannot conclude that it was the intention of Congress to allow any person to take more than one quarter section," etc., because this would be "contrary to the principle embodied in the general act to authorize pre-emption, not to provide for homesteads, nor for public highways, or schools, or agricultural colleges; all of which have been embraced in previous legislation, and may indicate the "general principle" on which this act is based.

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