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THE MAYOR'S POLICY.

There is considerable "curb stone" discussion concerning Mayor Dickinson's recent action in attempting to drive the "disreputable houses" out of Columbus. Some criticise, others commend, his action.

Equally honest and high-minded people hold diametrically opposite views as to the mosteffective means of regulating houses of ill-fame just as they differon the question of licensing saloons. But there can be no difference of opinion among honest and high minded men on the proposition that "no executive officer should be criticised for enforcing the laws and ordinances which he takes the oath to enforce."

The mayor does not make the laws or the ordinances and he should not be expected to violate his oath of office solemnly taken to enforce them. Maybe the evil might bemore effectively controlled by having a "burnt district" than to have it scattered throughout the city or even excluded to some road house to breed lawlessness and crime.

But these are subjects for the legislative and not for administrative officers. A majority of the men and women of Columbus will hold up the hands of Mayor Dickinson in his determined stand for law and clean city government. It is no agreeable a task that Mayor Dickineon has set for himself and he is entitled to the loyal support of the people and the press.

Fancy the editor of theJournal with a cruel "hook in his lip" and the editor of the Telegram "holding the pole" and "enjoying the circus."

Fancy the editor of the Telegram "enjoying the suffering! That "southern gentleman" whose long suit is writing tearful odes to the "poor minnow" with a hook in its back. But the catch is not made yet and the brother is "up against it" for we were raised in a school of bass. We bite nothing but bait."

The editor of the Telegram is like the quack doctor who was not much on "fevers" but was h—l on "fits" and who was confident he could drive the patient into fits. He is not much on the "printing trust" which he has operated in Platte county nor upon the illegal salaries of supervisors but he is h—l on "fish stories" and he feels confident he can hypnotize the patient tax payers of Platte county in listening to his "fish stories."

We once saw a "hired man" pound the tar out of two "southern gentlemen" from Missouri in a tenth part of one round.

It required a single statement from Treasurer Becher last fall to prove that the editor of the Telegram lied about the railroad assessment and the county deficit It took the Journal eight months to force him to admit that Ernst and Bender had overdrawn their legal salaries. It has taken him three weeks to discover the truth of the Journal's announcement that the democrats had decided not to fight Becher in the convention because they were afraid to fight him in the open and preferred to knife him at the polls where their hands would not be seen. Brother will have to wake up before he can talk but about "hired men." At the rate he has been playing the game, he couldn't qualify as chambermaid at a fourth rate hotel.

DON'T DELAY.

Campaigns are being organized throughout the country for the creation of a public sentiment that will save Niagara falls from the vandals of commercialism.

Certain American and Canadian companies have been authorized to take from the river, to be used for power purposes, enough water to destroy completely the American side of the falls, in the opinion of competent engineers.

This outrage is not merely in distant prospect; it has been legally, although corruptly, authorized, and will soon be an accomplished fact unless popular protest can be so aroused and expressed as to compel governmental action to preserve one of the greatest glories of America. That boodlers and corruptionists should steal the money of the people is so common that we hardly comment on it any more. But when it comes to stealing and destroying one of the greatest and most beautiful works of nature, it

would [illegible] that some way should be found [illegible] it. Undoubtedly the [illegible] by [illegible] will [illegible] receive autograph replies from the president, and individual letters will not produce any great result. But every one will help, and by the time several hundred thousand letters from American citizens have poured into Washington something will begin to be done. Many thousands of such letters have already been sent Let every Platte county citizen add his voice to the general protest.

President Roosevelt is a man of culture and a man of resources. If he is acquainted with the popular wish on this subject, he will find a way.

Learning somehow that the endowment of the University of Chicago had been criticised by some one in Boston as being money of improper origin Dean Shepardson, of Chicago, retorts to Boston that "Faneuil Hall, the Cradle of Liberty, was built with money made by Peter Faneuil from illegal liquor traffic." "Not so", says Librarian Green, of the Massachusetts Historical Society: "Faneuil was an upright man and got his money legally." It seems that he was an exemplary and religious man, regular in church going, who carried on a legal and respectable traffic in liquor and engaged also in the slave trade We don't know how seemly or otherwise slave importations seemed in Boston when Peter Faneuil conducted them, but this much we talk now, that all sorts of actions and transactions must be judged in the light of the times in which they were done Also Faneuil Hall, built by a slave trader became the Cradle of Liberty. Chicago University, endowed by the shrewdest and longest headed trader of our generation, promises to be the most spontaneous and untrammeled institution of learning in the country. There was a round up of thought there during the week ending August 2. We have read reports of it, and we are convinced that if a participant failed to speak his mind it was because he had no mind to speak. How money is made has profound effect on its makers, but the effect does not inhere in the money. Well used, it does good; ill used it does mischief. Use governs money, not the contrary.—Harpers Weekly.

Supervisors Proceedings.

COLUMBUS, NEBR., Aug 18, 1905.

The board of supervisors, pursuant to adjournment, met at 9 o'clock a. m. Hon. Frank Kiernan, chairman and John Graf, clerk.

Roll called and following members present: Bender, Clother, Ernst, Goetz, Heid, Swanson, and chairman Kiernan

The following was presented:

To the Board of Supervisors:

Gentlemen—As supervisor of district No. 2, I have alloited the road work on the township line between Burrows and Granville townships as follows:

The road commencing at northeast corner of section 2, township 19, range 2 west, and running thence west one mile and terminating at the northwest corner of said section 2, to be worked and maintained by Burrows township.

The road commencing at the northeast corner of section 3, township 19, range 2 west, and running thence west one mile and terminating at the northwest corner of said section 3, to be worked and maintained by Granville township, and I ask your honorable body for the approval of same.

Respectfully submitted,
PETER BENDER.

On motion of supervisor Heid, the request was granted.

The following was submitted:

Whereas, at the session of the board of supervisors held in July, 1905, it has been overlooked as for advertising for bids of the rental of the county farm, and

Whereas, the committee on poor farm have advertised for such bids, therefore

Be it resolved, that the action taken by said committee be ratified by this board. LOUIS HEID.

On motion, same was adopted.

The following was submitted:

Whereas, at the session of the board of supervisors held July 17, 1905, the report of the appraisers appointed to assess the damages caused by the location of the "Boettcher Road" in Bismark township was approved and $130 damages awarded to George Henggeler and $35 to Anna Ahrens, but warrants in payment of same be not issued until the levy for the year 1905 being available, and whereas the said levy is now in available, therefore

Be it resolved, that the clerk of this board be and hereby is directed to issue warrants in payment of said damages so awarded on the 1905 county road fund, as follows:

Geo. Henggeler, acct. Bismark twp., $130
Anna Ahrens, acct. " " 35

JOHN SWANSON.

On motion of supervisor Swanson, same was adopted by the board, supervisor Clother requesting that his vote be entered upon the record as voting "No."

The bill of St. Mary's hospital, $83.55, hospital attention for John Matya, was on motion of supervisor Heid referred to the county board of Nance county for payment

Relative to the claim of I. J. West, $400, reward offered for the arrest and conviction of James Kelley for the murder of Arthur Snowden, the following opinion was submitted: As a matter of law, this claim is not a legal charge against Platte county, for the reason, among others, that no action was had by this board confirming the acts of the members of the county board who recommended that the reward should be offered.

L. R. LATHAM, County Attorney.

Moved by supervisor Heid that the opinion of county attorney Latham be accepted and approved and spread upon the record.

Motion carried, supervisor Bender voting "No."

Moved by supervisor Swanson that the claim of I. J. West, $400, reward offered for the arrest and conviction of James Kelley for the murder of Arthur Snowden, be rejected, for the reason that same is an illegal charge against the county, according to the opinion of the county attorney.

[illegible] for vote.

[illegible] Ernst, Goetz, Heid Swanson, [illegible] Kiernan (5) voting [illegible] Bender and Clother [illegible]

[illegible] F. M [illegible] J. Arnold $40.00, were deferred until the next session of the board.

The claim of I. J. West, Sheriff of Butler county, $100.00 reward offered for the arrest and conviction of James Kelly for the murder of Arther Snowden, was on motion of Supr. Heid referred to the county attorney, directing him to submit to this board an opinion in writing as to the legallity of allowing this claim.

The following bills, upon recommendation of the committee on poor were on motion allowed and the clerk directed to issue warrants in payment of same on the County Poor fund:—

Henry Gass Coffin etc for Mrs. Anna Onik	$ 20.00
Henry Gass Coffin etc. for Wm. Brown	18.00
Jos. Schaecher, Overseer Bal. due for boarding paupers	196.50
Murphey and Keating Mdse. for poor	4.15
Peter Kozlowsky, Mdse. for Poor	16.05
Keating and Schram, Mdse. for poor	4.45
Wentz Gates Mercantile Co. Mdse. for poor	37.70
M. A. Twardowski Mdse. for poor	9.00
Chas. H. Kelly Mdse. for poor	29.10
J. H. Galley Mdse. for poor	23.10
F. L. Asche Mdse for poor	7.82
Musphey & Keating Mdse for poor	4.80
St. Mary's Hospital, Hospital attention	52.28
St. Mary's Hospital, Hospital attention	171.06
St. Mary's Hospital, Hospital attention	2.75
St. Mary's Hospital, Hospital attention	12.85
Geo. A. Hoagland Lumber for poor farm	15 37
D. A. Becher Co. Treas. Cash advanced	26.41
Leopold Plath Rep. wind mill at poor farm	5.00
J. L. Brunken Livery to poor farm	2.00
W. A Way & Co. Coal for poor	5.40
H. M. Ripp Mdse. for poor	29.02
walrath & Sheerwood Lbr. Co, Coal for poor	4.20
Wells Hord Grain Co. Coal for poor	3.50
Jos. Schaecher,, Overseer cash advanced	8.83
John F. Settje care of Caroline Neumann	110.50
J. P. Dunkel Medicine for Wm. Daugherty	5.10
P. L. Bentlack M D. Prof. serv & med for Jack Regan Sr.	91.55
A. E. Gadbois M. D. Prof. serv & med	95.50
Walrath & Sherwood Lbr. Co, coal for poor	11.70
Edwards & Bradford Lbr. Co. coal for poor	3.20

The following bills were, upon recommendation of the committee on poor, rejected, for reason that same are not authorized by the supervisar of the district:—

D. G. Walker, M D. Prof, serv. etc for pauper	$ 20.25
Dora Dietrichs house rent for pauper	15.00

On motion the board of supervisors now adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Return of... Sherlock Holmes

The old hall, oak paneled and high windowed, had been turned into a court of investigation. Holmes sat in a great, old fashioned chair, his inexorable eyes gleaming out of his haggard face. I could read in them a set purpose to devote his life to this quest until the client whom he had failed to save should at last be avenged. The trim Inspector Martin, the old, gray headed country doctor, myself and a stolid village policeman made up the rest of that strange company.

The two women told their story clearly enough. They had been aroused from their sleep by the sound of an explosion, which had been followed a minute later by a second one. They slept in adjoining rooms, and Mrs. King had rushed in to Saunders. Together they had descended the stairs. The door of the study was open, and a candle was burning upon the table. Their master lay upon his face in the center of the room. He was quite dead. Near the window his wife was crouching, her head leaning against the wall. She was horribly wounded, and the side of her face was red with blood. She breathed heavily, but was incapable of saying anything. The passage as well as the room was full of smoke and the smell of powder. The window was certainly shut and fastened upon the inside. Both women were positive upon the point. They had at once sent for the doctor and for the constable. Then, with the aid of the groom and the stable boy, they had conveyed their injured mistress to her room. Both she and her husband had occupied the bed. She was clad in her dress, he in his dressing gown, over his night clothes. Nothing had been moved in the study. So far as they knew, there had never been any quarrel between husband and wife. They had always looked upon them as a very united couple.

These were the main points of the servants' evidence. In answer to Inspector Martin they were clear that every door was fastened upon the inside and that no one could have escaped from the house. In answer to Holmes they both remembered that they were conscious of the smell of powder from the moment that they ran out of their rooms upon the top floor. "I commend that fact very carefully to your attention," said Holmes to his professional colleague. "And now I think that we are in a position to undertake a thorough examination of the room."

The study proved to be a small chamber lined on three sides with books and with a writing table facing an ordinary window, which looked out upon the garden. Our first attention was given to the body of the unfortunate squire, whose huge frame lay stretched across the room. His disordered dress showed that he had been hastily aroused from sleep. The bullet had been fired at him from the front and had remained in his body after penetrating the heart. His death had certainly been instantaneous and painless. There was no powder marking either upon his dressing gown or on his hands. According to the country surgeon, the lady had stains upon her face, but none upon her hand.

"The absence of the latter means nothing, though its presence may mean everything," said Holmes. "Unless the powder from a badly fitting cartridge happens to spurt backward one may fire many shots without leaving a sign. I would suggest that Mr. Cubitt's body may now be removed. I suppose, doctor, you have not recovered the bullet which wounded the lady?"

"A serious operation will be necessary before that can be done. But there are still four cartridges in the revolver. Two have been fired and two wounds inflicted, so that each bullet can be accounted for.

"So it would seem," said Holmes. "Perhaps you can account also for the bullet which has so obviously struck the edge of the window?"

He had turned suddenly, and his long, thin finger was pointing to a hole which had been drilled right through the lower window sash about an inch above the bottom.

"By George!" cried the inspector. "How ever did you see that?"

"Because I looked for it."

"Wonderful!" said the country doctor. "You are certainly right, sir. Then a third shot has been fired, and therefore a third person must have been present. But who could that have been and how could he have got away?"

"That is the problem which we are now about to solve," said Sherlock Holmes. "You remember, Inspector Martin, when the servants said that on leaving their room they were at once conscious of a smell of powder I remarked that the point was an extremely important one?"

"Yes, sir; but I confess I did not quite follow you."

"It suggested that at the time of the firing the window as well as the door of the room had been open. Otherwise the fumes of powder could not have been blown so rapidly through the house. A draft in the room was necessary for that. Both door and window were only open for a very short time, however."

"How do you prove that?"

"Because the candle was not guttered."

"Capital!" cried the inspector. "Capital!"

"Feeling sure that the window had been open at the time of the tragedy, I conceived that there might have been a third person in the affair, who stood outside this opening and fired through it. Any shot directed at this person might hit the sash. I looked, and there, sure enough, was the bullet mark!"

"But how came the window to be shut and fastened?"

"The woman's first instinct would be to shut and fasten the window. But, hello! What is this?"

It was a lady's hand bag which stood upon the study table—a trim little hand bag of crocodile skin and silver. Holmes opened it and turned the contents out. There were twenty fifty pound notes of the Bank of England, held together by an india rubber band—nothing else.

"This must be preserved, for it will figure in the trial," said Holmes as he handed the bag with its contents to the inspector. "It is now necessary that we should try to throw some light upon this third bullet, which has clearly, from the splintering of the wood, been fired from inside the room. I should like to see Mrs. King, the cook, again. You said, Mrs. King, that you were awakened by a loud explosion. When you said that did you mean that it seemed to you to be louder than the second one?"

"Well, sir, it wakened me from my sleep, and so it is hard to judge. But it did seem very loud."

"You don't think that it might have been two shots fired almost at the same instant?"

"I am sure I couldn't say, sir."

"I believe that it was undoubtedly so. I rather think, Inspector Martin, that we have now exhausted all that this room can teach us. If you will kindly step round with me, we shall see what fresh evidence the garden has to offer."

A flower bed extended up to the study window, and we all broke into an exclamation as we approached it. The flowers were trampled down, and the soft soil was imprinted all over with footmarks. Large, masculine feet they were, with peculiarly long, sharp toes. Holmes hunted about among the grass and leaves like a retriever after a wounded bird. Then, with a cry of satisfaction, he bent forward and picked up a little brazen cylinder.

"I thought so," said he. "The revolver had an ejector, and here is the third cartridge. I really think, Inspector Martin, that our case is almost complete."

The country inspector's face had shown his intense amazement at the rapid and masterful progress of Holmes' investigation. At first he had shown some disposition to assert his own position, but now he was overcome with admiration and ready to follow without question wherever Holmes led.

"Whom do you suspect?" he asked.

"I'll go into that later. There are several points in this problem which I have not been able to explain to you yet. Now that I have got so far I had best proceed on my own lines and then clear the whole matter up once and for all."

"Just as you wish, Mr. Holmes, so long as we get our man."

"I have no desire to make mysteries, but it is impossible at the moment of action to enter into long and complex explanations. I have the threads of this affair all in my hand. Even if this lady should never recover consciousness we can still reconstruct the events of last night and insure that justice be done. First of all, I wish to know whether there is any inn in this neighborhood known as Elrige's?"

The servants were cross questioned, but none of them had heard of such a place. The stable boy threw a light upon the matter by remembering that a farmer of that name lived some miles off in the direction of East Ruston.

"Is it a lonely farm?"

"Very lonely, sir."

"Perhaps they have not heard yet of all that happened here during the night?"

"Maybe not, sir."

Holmes thought for a little, and then a curious smile played over his face.

(To be continued.)

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