

ZIMMERMAN SET AT LIBERTY

The Desperado Who Murdered Sheriff Woods Released from Jail.

A BURLESQUE ON JUSTICE.

A United States Commissioner Oversteps the Law—Money Undoubtedly the Power Behind the Throne.

(FROM THE BEE'S LINDSEY HERALD.)

Probably the greatest travesty on justice which ever occurred in Nebraska was that which Attorney General Leese called the attention of the supreme court of Nebraska to yesterday. Last Friday an attorney of Lincoln, accompanied by Deputy United States Marshal A. G. Hastings, went to Kearney and while there secured the release of the celebrated criminal Matt Zimmerman. As is well understood Zimmerman is under sentence of death for the murder of Sheriff Jack Woods, of Hitchcock county. The history of the case briefly told is as follows: About three years ago Sheriff Woods received notice that two men, Dick Belmont and Matt Zimmerman had stolen a drove of ponies and that they were somewhere in western Nebraska with their ill-gotten plunder. The sheriff having received word that the thieves were at Mindon, he immediately repaired to that place, informed the Kearney county sheriff, and they laid their plans to arrest the desperados while they were eating dinner. As agreed upon the sheriff of Kearney county was to enter at the rear door of the dining room, while Woods was to come in at the main entrance. Both the officers were to cover the men with their revolvers, the one from the front and the other from the rear. Had the Kearney county sheriff executed his part of the plan the sequel would, without doubt, proved entirely different, but either through fear or other causes that individual failed to put in an appearance according to the previous arrangement, so that when Woods entered, the two thieves, who were both desperate, Belmont in particular, and knowing that Woods was a sheriff, and mistrusting that an attempt to capture them would be made, both being seated at the table with their revolvers on their laps, were both on the alert when they saw the officer enter. When Sheriff Woods ordered "hands up," both men immediately began firing and Woods fell mortally wounded. The thieves mounted their horses and rode through the town shooting at every one on the streets. Chase was given by the citizens and aid came in from the adjoining county, and after ten or twelve days rapid riding and repeated changing horses the officers one morning came upon the fleeing criminals at ranch in western Nebraska. The fugitives were heading for Mexico. Zimmerman was in a dugout asleep, and Belmont was on his way to a sod barn to feed the ponies. One of the officers had secured himself half way between the dwelling and the barn, and as Belmont rode near the barn in the open field the officer fired but without effect. Belmont immediately aimed at him in the direction from which the wolf would proceed, but his pistol weapon refused to discharge. While he was fixing the hammer and cartridges of the pistol with a coolness and bravado seldom witnessed in the history of the law, the other officers were closing in on him again, this time instantly killing him. The house was surrounded and Zimmerman gave up and whined like a whipped cur, laying all the blame of the horse stealing and Woods' murder on his head companion. Belmont's remains were brought with Zimmerman to the state prison, Belmont being buried in the prison grave yard. It is said that a more determined look in the spread over the countenance of a man than that on the face of Dick Belmont as he lay in his pine coffin in the prison chapel. Zimmerman was kept at the penitentiary until the day of trial, for there had been threats made of lynching him. At his first trial he was found guilty of murder in the first degree. The supreme court, for some trivial cause, granted a new trial, and in recommending a new trial in Nebraska jurisprudence, was a slight error in the proceedings, or at least it was adjudged by the honorable body that justice would not have been done if Zimmerman had been managed in accordance with the law then in vogue in Nebraska. At the second trial he was again sentenced to be hanged. His attorneys, however, appealed the case to the supreme court of the state and the verdict was sustained. On the ground of complaint being that Zimmerman had not been arrested and tried according to the process of law as provided by the constitution of the United States, or as provided by the laws of the state, the constitution of the sick man of Europe, Turkey, in other words, as disclosed by the testimony, Zimmerman was justified in killing Sheriff Woods, in that the officer was not arresting him with a warrant, and because Woods was outside of his bailiwick at the time of the affray. Last Saturday United States Commissioner Saville, of Kearney, released Zimmerman on \$5,000 bond. A motion of acceptance was made in the supreme court of the case, the most extraordinary proceeding in the history of Nebraska, and those connected with it will probably feel the power of the law of the state, if such a thing exists. The question has been asked where Commissioner Saville, who is merely an examining officer, obtained his authority to issue a writ of habeas corpus in the proceedings under which Zimmerman was released, and what right the United States authorities had to interfere in the matter of purely a local nature. It is said, and there can hardly be any other opinion, that the reporter that Zimmerman's attorney got Saville drunk and used other means to accomplish his purpose. The perfect idiocy of Saville's performance is best evidenced by the law under which he proceeded to act. It is a law found in the United States statutes and compiled into a manual for commissioners of the circuit court of the United States by Warren Watson, and the act itself reads as follows: "By the first section of the act of August 23, 1842, (5 Stat. at large, 591) it is provided that the commissioner shall exercise all the power that any justice of the peace, or other magistrate of the United States, may now exercise in respect to offenders for any crime or offense against the United States, by arresting, imprisoning or bailing the same under the laws of the state in which the offender is found. The second section of the act of September 24, 1870, (16 Stat. at large, 91). To that section we must look for the powers of the commissioners over that subject, and it provides that the officer may arrest any United States prisoner who may be found in the

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Even when using hay its value depends upon its preparation and quality. Hay, costs for while the amount hay gave a daily gain of 2.14 pounds, at a cost of 9 cents per pound; but the most costly food, though apparently the cheapest, was uncut hay and roots, with bran and corn, which gave a gain of 1.76 pounds, at a cost of 14 cents per pound, while cooked grain, gave 1.80 pounds, at a cost of only 9 cents per pound. Thus it appears that the labor in preparing the food, and a larger profit than the uncut hay, roots and corn, the difference being so great as to be easily noticeable. Simply cutting the hay added to the profit and lessened the cost, for while the amount hay and roots, with bran and corn, gave 1.76 pounds, at a cost of 14 cents per pound, the same food, excepting that the hay was cut, gave a gain of 2.10 pounds, at a cost of a fraction over 11 cents a pound. Here we have more labor employed in order to cut the hay, but the daily gain was sufficiently large to more than compensate for the labor and lessen the cost of production. Although turnips and clover are considered cheap feeding materials, and gave large daily gains when used in connection with other foods, yet they did not lessen the cost to the extent expected, for when mangolds were fed with a mixture of grain, although the daily gain was 2.35 pounds, yet the cost per pound was 10 cents. Turnips fed in the same manner gave nearly equal results.

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The concentrated foods gave good results on the gain, and in some cases were cheaper than was supposed, but much depended upon the manner in which they were fed. Corn, with hay, roots and clover, produced 2 pounds daily, at a cost of the per pound. As this is almost the same food that gave 1.76 pounds, at 14 cents per pound, it is owing to the difference in proportions that the cost varies. In the same manner, corn and clover gave 1.64 pounds, at a cost of 10 cents per pound.

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From the above it is deduced that profit does not depend upon the rapidity of gain in weight, but upon the cost of production, and that the cost is regulated not only by the labor required and the value of the food, but upon the mode of feeding and the preparation of the food. It must be so varied as to obtain the best results in the cheapest manner, and the kind of food does not affect the result, so much as improperly mixing them or giving an excess of something not required, while omitting that which may be very important. The value of feeding materials should be studied by all farmers. The experiments mentioned above show that a farmer may have a valuable amount of feeding material that might be converted into food, and yet such food would be costly unless the materials were fed in such manner as to cause rapid increase at the least expense. The addition of a single material may alter the cost, and even change the quality and quantity of the stock are important factors in the matter.

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