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UNSOOUND OPINIONS.

Attorney General Leese has recently been rather rash in furnishing promiscuous opinions to parties who ask for official interpretations of national and state statutes and the constitution.

A few days ago he rendered an opinion on the effect which the "original package" decision of the United States supreme court would have in states where license and local option prevail.

This opinion, although perhaps within the line of his functions as attorney general, is radically at variance with the views held by Senators Edmunds and Everts, the two foremost constitutional lawyers in America.

According to a special dispatch from Lincoln the attorney general has seen fit to render an opinion wherein he declares that members of the legislature who since the last legislative session have been elected as county treasurers, commissioners or mayors and city officials are entitled to hold their seats in a special session of the legislature.

While THE BEE highly respects Attorney General Leese as a state officer of unblemished integrity, we are compelled to take most decided issue with him on this question. First and foremost the attorney general has no right to give an opinion as to the eligibility of members of the legislature, or to meddle with its composition in his official capacity.

The legislature is a co-ordinate branch of government, and neither the executive department, of which the attorney general is a part, nor the judiciary, is empowered to pass upon the eligibility or qualification of its members.

The only guide for the legislature is its oath to obey the constitution. The latter clearly defines who is or is not eligible to membership of the legislature.

AMERICAN COUNTRIES?

In view of what is proposed regarding the most important products of Mexico, the Argentine Republic and Chili, can we reasonably expect those countries to become very profoundly interested in projects the success of which would in the nature of things inure more largely to our benefit than to theirs?

If we adopt a policy of complete selfishness we must expect that other countries will emulate the example. Just now it would certainly be to no purpose to appeal to Mexico for support of these proposed enterprises.

From what can be learned of public sentiment in that country it is not friendly to promoting the commercial interests of the United States, but is disposed rather toward a retaliatory policy, and it is by no means improbable that this feeling exists in other American countries.

In other words, you have done work for the city in defiance of the law and you have passed upon your own claim in the committee and finally voted for it in the open council.

It is also notorious that the firm of Davis & Cowgill is doing a great deal of work for corporations that have contracts with this city, notably the gas company, street railway and waterworks company, the profits of which work are shared in by you and necessarily make you ineligible as an unbiased agent of the taxpayers.

What say you, Edgar P. Davis? Are you guilty or not guilty of a high misdemeanor punishable by fine and imprisonment and incidentally by removal from the office of councilman?

And what say you, John McLenzie? Are you not aware that the American waterworks company is a contractor with the city of Omaha, not merely for supplying water but for fire hydrants?

DAVIS & COWGILL

Were they directly interested in the work done for the city of Omaha by that firm for which the council appropriated one hundred and twenty dollars and twenty-seven cents within the past three months.

Can you under any pretense clear yourself of personal knowledge that this work illegally let to yourself and your company was paid for out of the city treasury? As a member of the finance committee, which is wholly composed of members of the combine, viz: Wheeler, Davis and Olsen, you helped to make up the appropriation ordinances and could not fail to have knowledge of the items included in the ordinance for your firm.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COLONY.

It is announced that Colonel Percy Heath is to be wedded next month to one of Louisville's fairest daughters.

General Ben Butler, in a letter of advice to young men, says: "Never do a mean thing. If Ben has been acting on his own main through life he has rendered a tremendous amount of gratuitous service."

A London weekly proposal that Englishmen inaugurate a social boycott against any congressman hostile to the international copyright bill, who may hereafter visit London.

Reading the Signs of the Times. Iowa is certainly not "hot for high tariff" by any means. Neither is Minnesota, North or South Dakota.

May Resume the Task. Explorer Stanley has touched a train of dynamite in his caustic criticisms of the British government's weak policy in African colonization.

Looking for a Way Out. If the purpose of the call is, as some surmise, to formulate a compromise upon which the state and party can stand, thus avoiding the danger of more extreme legislation from a legislature to be chosen this year on the issues now disturbing the politics of the state.

Whatsoever the truth may be, the preceding classes of the state do not feel that the present membership of the general assembly is in sympathetic relation with them.

EXTRA SESSION COMMENT.

Columbus Telegram (dem): The objects are proper. The advisability of calling the session is questionable.

Superior Journal (rep): The startling proclamation announcing the governor's legislative extra session at Lincoln June 5.

Grand Island Independent: This measure was not expected, and seems hardly to be necessary.

Norfolk News (rep): Governor Thayer's proclamation convening the legislature in extra session may be far-reaching in its results.

Plattsmouth Herald: Governor Thayer's action in calling a special session of the legislature can be considered in no other light than puerile and foolish.

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THE TWO DAKOTAS.

A cult with only three legs is a curiosity at Minnesota.

Woman's Relief corps has been organized at Armour.

Deadwood Times chronicles the arrival in that city of a carload of plint and half-pint original packages.

Lightning struck the house of a family named Terrill, near Versailles Springs, the other night, doing considerable damage.

When Baby was sick, we cried for Castoria, When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, When she became a Woman, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

AMUSEMENTS. Boyd's Opera House. Magnificent Haverly Minstrels.

Blanchford Kavanagh. Dime Eden Musee. PIGS & MONKEYS.