

SHIELDS A COSILY LUXURY

Taxpayers Have to Foot the Bill for His Incompetency.

STRIKING COMPARISON WITH PREDECESSOR

Numberless Cases (Listed Where Witnesses Paid, but Never Called to Testify at All.)

It may be stated without fear of successful contradiction that as county attorney George W. Shields has been the most costly litigator with which the taxpayers of Douglas county have ever been afflicted.

The unnecessary expense entailed upon the taxpayers by reason of Shields' incompetency is due chiefly to incompetency. Because of his incompetency to attend properly to the duties of the office he has kept on his staff one additional deputy and one extra lawler, never before required by any of his predecessors, resulting in an alarming increase in his office expenses.

During the year of the term of his predecessor, Howard H. Badger, who was in his first year from July to June inclusive, gives the following total for his expenses: Badger, one year, \$16,000; Shields, one year, \$131,000.

Increase one year under Shields, \$115,000. Cost of the Mistake.

This increase in the office expenses under Shields as county attorney is, however, only a bagatelle in the expense which has been added on the taxpayers by reason of this mistake. An examination of the court docket shows that of 126 persons against whom information were filed consecutively under Shields from May, 1898, to February, 1900, a period during the middle of his term, thirty-nine pleaded guilty with his consent to a sentence of a lesser degree than those charged, resulting in nearly every instance in more jail punishment and a more penitentiary sentence.

Of the 126 informations thirty-two were dismissed, thirty-five were found not guilty, thirty-nine pleaded guilty, and out of the entire 126 but fourteen were found guilty by a jury. In other words, at an expense of \$131,000 the taxpayers almost 90 per cent of the cases brought by Shields were dismissed and the offenders turned loose. 10 per cent were acquitted and less than 10 per cent convicted.

To illustrate the incalculable incompetency of which this result is an outgrowth, a similar analysis of 126 consecutive informations on the docket during the term of Mr. Badger, his predecessor, shows fifty-six dismissed, seventeen found not guilty, twenty-one pleaded guilty and thirty-six convictions. Putting it in tabular form we have the following comparative statement:

Table comparing Shields and Badger on various metrics: Found guilty, Dismissed, Found not guilty, Total.

A Shameful Record. In a word, County Attorney Shields, with a smaller force of deputies convicted more than twice as many offenders as Shields, while the verdicts of not guilty under Shields were twice as many as under Badger.

The colossal burdens placed upon the taxpayers of Douglas county by incompetency in the prosecution of the office may be easily verified by an inspection of the cost record in cases which have come under his control.

The case of the State against Inda, for example, in which Shields was promptly returned, cost the taxpayers of this county over \$1,500.

The case against Shannahan, also lost by the prosecution, cost the taxpayers over \$500 in costs.

The cases against Gross, Hess and Sears, on charges of bribery and hooding in the school board, cost the taxpayers more than in addition to the amounts expended by private business men in procuring evidence. Hess was not prosecuted, although before the investigating committee Hess admitted having pocketed commissions on insurance policies placed for the school board by direction of himself as chairman of a committee.

Not One Notable Conviction. The only conviction recorded by County Attorney Shields in a really important case since his incompetency in the office, in a period of nearly two years, is that in the Kerr murder trial, in which General Owen was employed to take control of the prosecution and in which Shields acted only as an assistant.

In cases after case Shields has called witnesses, had jurists sworn, and started in on trials of prisoners against whom serious charges were lodged, only to find, on motion of the defending lawyer, that the county attorney had not had them arraigned, or that the complaints were defective and the prisoners had to be liberated in spite of their notorious criminal characters.

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WORKING MEN FOR MERCER

Representatives of Labor Organizations Endorse His Candidacy for Congress.

GIVE THEIR REASONS FOR SO DOING

Declare that They Know Friend and Are Not to Be Influenced by Rumor.

More than 100 actual workmen, representing all vocations and nearly every union labor organization in Omaha and South Omaha, have signed and published an address strongly endorsing David H. Mercer for re-election and giving their reasons for their endorsement. Following is the full text of the address and names of signers:

To the Voters of the Second Congressional District of Nebraska: The workmen of Omaha and a friend of the workingman, David H. Mercer, are not to be influenced by rumors or stirred from a course of action based upon untrue news by politicians seeking their own advantage.

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SEARCH FOR LOST BROTHER

Bridgman Searched with Funds Starts for Wedding Ceremony, but Disappears on the Way.

Charles Burm of Victor, Colo. is in the city looking for a lost brother, Ray Burm, who dropped out of sight a week ago.

The real mystery of the case, however, hangs upon an anonymous letter written in Omaha and sent to the young man's parents in Rockford, Ill., saying that he had been shot in Omaha and is now in this city dangerously wounded and unable to proceed on his journey.

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WALLACE'S HANDS ARE CLEAN

Detective Cox Relieves Prisoner of Suspicion and Believes He is Now on Right Trail.

William Cox, the detective from the province of Manitoba who is engaged in searching for the murderer of two old Manitoba farmers living near Whitewater, Manitoba, last September, has returned to Omaha from New Mexico, where lives the affianced bride of the alleged murderer, Walter Gordon.

While there he intercepted several letters written to her by Gordon, and now thinks he has his man located.

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DEMOCRATS TERN SHABBY TRICK

Fusionists at Columbus Refuse to Carry Out Their Agreement.

"It all my public career I never received such treatment as was accorded me at Columbus Friday night," said Senator W. E. Allison of Iowa.

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HAS NO FEARS FOR CHICAGO.

Editor Brucker Says the World's Fair City is Republican.

Joseph Brucker, editor of the Illinois State-Zeitung and member of the republican state committee at Chicago, believes that Cook county will stand loyal to its republicanism with a majority of from 30,000 to 40,000.

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ALTGELD ELUDES COMMITTEE

Gentlemen Appointed to Greet Ex-Governor of Illinois Go on Fruitless Quest to Depot.

Ex-Governor Altgeld of Illinois, instead of arriving in Omaha upon the Illinois Central yesterday at 8 o'clock as scheduled, came in on the Burlington almost an hour earlier and the result was that the reception committee which was to have met him at the depot failed to find him during the day.

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