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YANKTON ASYLUM COAL.

The Republican newspapers have affected a great desire to learn what responsible man had the temerity to offer to furnish the fuel for the insane hospital at Yankton for two years for the appropriation passed for one year. S. E. Brookman of Vermillion, came into the Press office yesterday morning and stated that he is the individual of whom there has been so much inquiry.

Mr. Brookman is apparently a sane man; strange as it may seem, he has the reputation of being a good business man. It is also worth mentioning to the state that he is engaged in the milling and electric light business at Vermillion and has had considerable experience with boilers and the purchase of coal. Taken altogether it is not rash to assume that he knows quite as much about such matters as the editors of the Republican newspapers whose knowledge of such matters is usually confined to furnishing coal for an office stove.

To the Press Mr. Brookman said: "I see that some of the newspapers are worrying because Governor Lee has not given the name of the individual who would agree to give bond to furnish fuel for the asylum at Yankton two years for the appropriation for one year. I want to say that I am the man referred to and am ready to give an ironclad bond for the performance of that contract whenever an opportunity is given me. I am not actuated by any cause other than a desire to make a good deal when I see it. I made the statement to Governor Lee because I want the contract and because I know that the state has been abused heretofore by enormously wasteful expenditures.

Before making my offer I learned from the asylum authorities that the number of boilers used and their capacity, and the number of hours they are kept going. I made liberal allowance for wood and for all incidental expenses. I then sent the data to Prof. Solberg of Brookings college with the request that he calculate it for the most liberal expenditure.

I also made a calculation and when the professor's and my figures were compared there was a difference of only \$36. We figured coal at \$4 a ton, though it can be bought for \$3 unless there should be an enormous and unexpected increase in price. I figured wood at a higher price than I have ever paid for it, and made full allowances for defective boilers, though those in the asylum are in excellent condition. In fact, I calculated every item of expense at a high figure and then added 25 per cent. to cover all contingencies. That will give me a profit of fully \$2,200 a year, with the probabilities that it will be nearer \$3,200. That, you can see, would not be a bad investment."

Mr. Brookman further stated that he had carefully investigated the fuel expenses of other institutions and it may be a revelation to many people to learn that the expenditures for lighting and heating the insane hospital at Yankton is about equal to the expenditures for the same purpose for the state penitentiary. Brookings college, the Madison State Normal school, the Spearfish State Normal and the school of mines at Rapid City combined.

Mr. Brookman says whenever the asylum authorities are willing to give him a chance, he is ready to furnish a gilded bond to fulfill a contract to supply the asylum with all the fuel it can require for two years for \$12,000. Mr. Brookman further says that if he fails to make money out of the deal the state will in any event save \$12,000. But he has no fear of failing to make a good thing for himself if he secures the contract.—Sioux Falls Press.

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Kyle and the Republicans.

During the session of the legislature fifty-two Republicans entered into a deal whereby they abandoned all party principle for the sake of spoils and supported Kyle for U. S. senator. It has been strenuously proclaimed by part of the Republican press that Senator Kyle did not abandon the principles for which he had theretofore contended and had not entered into any deal regarding the spoils of office. It was apparent to the wiser heads in the Republican forces that such corrupt gang methods would react with tremendous force on the party organization throughout the state. The one thing which has more than any other disgusted the rank and file of the Republican party in the state has been the absolute abandonment by the Republican leaders of the state of all semblance of principle and their evident willingness to enter into any deal whereby they could reap the spoils of office.

The party management drifted into the hands of railroad lobbyists, spoilsmen and unprincipled leaders. The Republicans being in the minority in the last legislature organized their forces compactly ready to throw their vote to that candidate in the fusion forces who might be corrupt enough to join with them in carrying out their plans for the capture of the federal offices. When it became apparent that Kyle was surely defeated within his own ranks and when all had deserted him except thirteen members, the Republican forces united upon him and parcelled out the federal patronage within the state. Their plans, however, miscarried. Pickler has not received the promised plum. Kittredge has hastened to Washington to ascertain why the rest of the program is not carried out and in the meantime the rank and file are thoroughly disgusted. Kyle continues to act with the Republicans in congress. The Washington Post a few days ago contained the following significant item of news:

Whatever doubt there may have been as to the position which Senator Kyle of South Dakota will assume in the future proceedings of the senate, it was removed yesterday by the discussion of the Republican caucus. In the report of the caucus committee Kyle was classed with the Republicans, as a matter of course. It is certain that he has allied himself with them, not only in the matter of the tariff, but in reorganization also.

If the Republicans and Senator Kyle had been honest enough at the start to openly and truthfully proclaim that a deal had been consummated, both parties would stand in better repute before the people of the state. As the plan gradually develops it is becoming more and more clear to everybody that the bold proclamation made that there was no deal; that the spoils of office did not enter into the transaction; that no abandonment of principle had taken place was false, thus adding to the original disgrace of Kyle and the Republicans the additional one of lying.

"What a tangled web we weave
When first we strive to deceive."
—Sioux Falls Press

The editor was down at Hudson this week, and he found all the boys enjoying peace and a church chicken dinner. Ed. Alexander, Wm. Winette, Frank Kittredge, W. E. Jones, Dr. Wilson, Mat. Lien, Pete Hall, Herb. Fitch, P. A. Overseth, Cable Bros., bankers Cassill and Rensburg, M. R. Odell, Postmaster Pierce, Col. Farley, one of the best hotel men in America, Dave Thorpe, Johnson & Thorkelson, Walt. Hannah, J. P. Ellison, Andrew Jackson Waterbury, Editor Cassill and Ex-Editor Palmer, Ike Grabbill, A. P. Frisby, and there were others we didn't see. The above named gentlemen are among the hustling, go-ahead of the town, and when it comes to bridge building or checking the ravages of the flood, there are no men in the land to match them. Pete Hall told us on the quiet that a prominent member of the legislature who lives in the southern part of the county, has been discovered looking over samples of wedding stationery. Mr. Hall wouldn't say who he was.

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"On the Potomac."

This popular military drama was presented in Bedford hall on Friday and Saturday evenings of last week by Messrs. Lennon and Ellis, assisted by home talent. Each performance was greeted by a large audience and all were pleased. To Mrs. Shufelt alone belongs the credit of having this play put on here. She not only foresaw success where others doubted, but assisted Mr. Lennon in selecting the entire cast, took the most difficult part herself besides selling over 40 tickets for the first night performance. She was the first in the field and faithful until the end. We can pay her no higher compliment than to repeat the words of Mr. Ellis, who wrote the play. "The lines of Lillian are peculiar and difficult to render. You have worked them up in fine style, and the best Lillian I ever had." Our readers can understand how much that meant when they know the play has been put on in at least one hundred cities. Mrs. Shufelt may well feel proud, as do all of her friends. Mrs. Tawney, as the Northern Mother, was an ideal for that part, but Miss Catharine Conklin, as Nellie, was the bright star—the brightest star. Many think Kittie, as her friends call her, possesses dramatic talent to a remarkable degree, and for one so young, uses her gift to a great advantage. She has as many admirers as friends and as many friends as acquaintances, and none will ever miss an opportunity of showing their appreciation of her when opportunity offers. Of the gentlemen, they all did so well we dare not make distinctions. George Franklin perhaps deserves special mention and no one will forget the beauty of Fred Bacon, the military airs of Ben Millard and Asa Forrest, or Frank Grace's inimitably darkness, while the handsome, dashing Lieut. Dynna sent a thrill of admiration into the heart of every young lady present. Miss Marie Averill was pianist and rendered delightful music. Messrs. Lennon and Ellis have established themselves in high favor in Canton, not only as promoters of a high class of entertainment, but as gentlemen of congenial social qualities. We hope they have found their stay with us so pleasant and profitable that in the near future their path will again wind this way.

Republican Methods.

E. E. Hemingway, public examiner under Sheldon, spent a good share of his time at Pierre last winter attending parties and politically deporting himself. Result: When Maris Taylor of Huron was appointed he found that the auditor had allowed Hemingway to rob the expense fund of that office of \$300. The legislature has appropriated \$600 per year for travelling expenses and so when Mr. Hemingway retired he should have left Mr. Taylor's pro rata of the money appropriated for the year. But that is not the Republican method of doing business. South Dakota Republicans know how to rob the treasury, if they don't know anything else. Hemingway, like Baldwin, claimed part of Taylor's March salary and in order to get his own pay, Mr. Taylor finally submitted to the imposition of Hemingway and the state auditor and accepted half of his first month's salary. The governor's office, which should have had a credit of \$300 in the expense fund, was shy \$167. Where the money went has not been explained. The retiring governor was allowed to overdraw his salary \$44.50. His private secretary was allowed to overdraw \$21.40. His stenographer, employed at \$40 per month, drew \$20 for four days' work, viz: from January 1st to January 5th, the date when Governor Lee assumed his duties. The chairman of the railroad commissioners, George Johnson of Mitchell, came to Pierre when the votes were being counted and after it was settled that the Populist commissioners had been elected he proceeded to clean up what money there was in the expense fund, amounting to some \$170. The attorney general found his first month's salary overdrawn, and the secretary of state found his expense fund short. The retiring Republican officials seemed to have made one gigantic grab at all the money in sight before going into private life. It is such fellows as these who are now whooping it up against the Populist legislature and governor, charging the former with all manner of things they did not do, and averring that the latter is guilty of bribery, coercion, etc. It is ludicrous if it were not for the everlasting shame that South Dakota has been so long run by these unconscionable pirates.—Elk Point Leader.

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