



FOR PRESIDENT—1908: WM. J. BRYAN.

With a Platform to fit the Candidate's Unimpeached Democracy and Integrity.

THE New York World persistently inquires, "What is a Democrat?" The comprehensive answer is, "A Democrat is what the World isn't."

To CRITICIZE an official for acts done is one thing; to call him a thief without the facts to back it, and merely for hoped-for political advantage, is another thing. The former is legitimate and commendable; the latter, vicious and outrageous. The former is inspired by solicitude for the public welfare; the latter is born of partisan and personal ill-will, and the victim of such assault is justified in resenting it. Neither age nor sex gives warrant for false accusation, though they may for a time restrain the self-respecting object of slander from responding. But the dirtiest and most hateful slanderer of all is he who hides himself behind a fictitious name and, ignoring the pleas of truth and justice, spews his venom out upon men whom the blackness of his own heart bedaubed with crime and wrong-doing. Such a "critic" would not hesitate to burn his neighbor's house or barn, or maim his cattle, for revenge and spite, if he could do so with impunity. He is the vilest of the vile and the most contemptible of scoundrels.

Par Noble Fratrum—Benny and Philley.

Hafner replies to my request for particulars as to the wrongdoings of the "Iron county ring"—as he spitefully designates the Democrats of this county—by setting forth three alleged crimes against the tax-payers. (It is remarkably remarkable that, when an individual becomes disgusted with all the world because of its lack of appreciation of his worth and ability, his heart goes a-bleeding for the "poor, oppressed taxpayer.") These three crimes are:

1. The County Court, in 1905, made the Iron County Bank the depository of the county funds. As a result, the judges acted for the best, as they saw it. That there was collusion or corruption, or outside influence used, to bring about the result, no man dare specifically charge. As one of the directors of the Iron County Bank, though I of course knew that the question was to be considered, when the day came for the award, I had forgotten all about it—of so little interest was the matter to me, personally. If any others of the directory were on the "anxious seat" they gave no sign; that any one of them could be guilty of an attempt to coerce or collude with the court, no decent, reputable citizen will assert. I know of at least one of the bunch who are making great howls against the county court who would try to blacken the fame of the Almighty, if he thought he could thereby achieve a personal gain.

2. The payment of \$376 for the copying of land records. The work was absolutely necessary; the charge is fixed by law, which directs the court to have the work done by the circuit clerk or some other competent person, at so much per hundred words. Before allowing the bill the court carefully scrutinized it, holding the circuit clerk to the strict letter of the statute. Benny of the Bleeding Heart says now the work was worth only \$70. He used to say it could be done for \$10. Hafner follows Benny's first assertion, and, if he knew no better, might plead that as his warrant. But Hafner does know better, and thus writes himself down as conscienceless and reckless as his lying coadjutor. Hafner knows that the law limits the circuit clerk's salary to \$1100, and that if fees and perquisites amount to more than that, the excess is turned into the treasury; that if the court were to farm out this and that and the other piece of work attaching to the office, the purpose of the law would be frustrated; that no excess could ever, by any possibility, be returned to the taxpayers. Hafner has not even Benny's excuse—that of ignorance—and Hafner is the more culpable. Through half-

truth—the meanest kind of falsehood—he seeks to deceive.

3. The county public printing. Here is "the milk in the cocoanut"—soured to Hafner and Benny! *Hine ille lacrima*, which is ancient Irish for, "I want it, and you're a d—d rascal for taking it." Shortly after Benny, among his other assertions, had charged that the court had paid in the past ten years, "\$5000 or \$6000 for tax-books that had never been made," he sneaked into the room where the court was in session and put in an unbidden bid at 48 cents on the dollar. Judge Buford told him, "you have abused me and falsely charged me with being corrupt, and you can have no printing with my consent." Benny said, "Maybe you did not read my articles correctly." Judge Buford asked, "How am I to read that article wherein you stated that the court, of which I have been a part for eight years, had paid \$6000 for tax-books that have never been made?" Benny denied that he had ever made such a charge! The copy of his paper containing the editorial in question was sent for, but before it could be procured—a very few minutes elapsing—he sneaked out of the court room with not much wool in his teeth. He objects to my calling him a liar; but what other term could be fittingly used toward such a person?

Hafner, also, pleads that he could not get the "county printing," though he offered to do it for one-fourth the legal rate. His heart, too, is torn for the poor taxpayer—in certain cases. How much was it lacerated when a Republican Secretary of State awarded him the publishing of the Constitutional Amendments last fall at full legal rates? Did he, with the poor taxpayer in mind, return 75 per cent of the money to the State treasury? Did Benny give up 52 per cent of his fee on the same account? Last year he said that the REGISTER's statutory charge for publishing the official ballot was a "legalized steal." The same rate is paid for publishing the constitutional amendments. Did he participate in that "legalized" steal, or was the fee sanctified in coming through a Republican official? He publishes U. S. Land Notices: does he "knock off" over half the allowed charge in behalf of the poor homesteader—often sorely pressed to meet the demand? I couldn't get those notices if I offered to publish them at a nickel apiece—am never given

them. Were Republican there would be no 48 per cent. or 25 per cent. bids filed for their consideration by either Benny or Hafner. Their superior integrity and patriotism would entitle them to ask the full legal rate. And they'd take it—don't you ever doubt it!

The government has just compelled the land thieves of the Western States and Territories to disgorge over 700,000 acres of land which they had "benevolently assimilated" and patriotically sequestered while they were in office, and in favor of the party which does things. They doubtless feel that they are much abused and that their exposure was both ill-timed as to party well-being and ill-advised as to personal freedom of heretofore useful and efficient workers for the Grand Old Party. —Kansas City Post.

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Sale of School Lands.

By order of the County Court of Iron County, Missouri, made at the August Term, 1907, and at the regular term thereof, I, John I. Marshall, Sheriff of said county, was ordered to offer for sale all of the Sixteenth Section, Township 34, north, of range 1 east; and in obedience to said order and the power thereby vested in me, I will, on

Tuesday, October 29th, 1907, offer for sale at public vendue, to the highest bidder at the east front door of the court house, in the City of Ironton, Iron County, Missouri, and during the session of the October Term of the Circuit Court within and for Iron County, the above described real estate.

In tracts of forty acres each and at not less than \$1.25 per acre, on credit of twelve months with good and sufficient security, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum from date of sale; the purchaser or purchasers, however, have the right to pay the same in cash at time of sale, or any part thereof.

JOHN I. MARSHALL,  
Sheriff of Iron County.

SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE SALE.

Whereas, G. W. Scoggin, and Caroline Scoggin, his wife, by their certain School Fund Mortgage deed, dated the 11th day of March, 1892, which said mortgage deed was duly recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Iron county, Missouri, in Book 38, at page 49 of said book, conveyed to Iron county, Missouri, for the use and benefit of the Capital School Fund of said county (therein more particularly described and set forth) the following described real estate, lying and being in said Iron county, State of Missouri, described as follows, to-wit:

South part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section two, containing thirty acres; and the south part of the north-west quarter of the southwest quarter of section two, containing ten acres; and the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section two, containing forty acres; and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section three, and the northwest corner of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section eleven, containing three acres; and the north part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section eleven, containing thirty-three and seventy-two hundredths acres; and the north part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section eleven, containing two and fifty-eight one hundredths acres.

All of said real estate lying and being in township thirty-two, range 3 east, and containing in the aggregate 169 30-100th acres. Which conveyance was made to secure the payment of one thousand dollars, belonging to the Capital School Fund of said county, as follows, to-wit:

To the Public School Fund of Township 33, range 4 east, \$500.  
To the Common School Fund of said county, \$500.

For which said amounts the said G. W. Scoggin, as principal, with Wm T. Gay and John Schwab, Jr., as securities, executed their bond for the sum of \$1000, of even date with said mortgage, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum from date, bearing date the 11th day of March, 1892, and payable on the 11th day of March, 1893, which said bond has become due and remains unpaid.

And, whereas, among other things, it is provided in said deed of mortgage that if default should be made in the payment of the principal or interest, or any part thereof, at the time when the same should severally become due and payable according to the tenor and effect of said bond, that the then acting Sheriff of Iron county, Mo., should have power without suit on said deed of mortgage to proceed and sell said property conveyed and mortgaged in said deed; and, whereas, default has been made in the payment of said bond in said deed of mortgage described, by both principal and securities;

JOHN I. MARSHALL, Sheriff of said County of Iron, State of Missouri, will, on

Tuesday, October 29th, 1907, at the east front door of the court house in the City of Ironton, county aforesaid, between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M. of that day, and during the session of the Circuit Court of said county, sell at public vendue, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the above described real estate, to satisfy said bond and mortgage and the cost hereon.

JOHN I. MARSHALL,  
Sheriff Iron County, Mo.  
Ironton, Mo., Sept. 23, 1907.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.  
In the Circuit Court of Iron County, Missouri, in vacation, August 22, 1907. The State of Missouri, at the relation and to the use of J. N. Lewis, Collector of the Revenue of Iron County, Missouri, against—

August Block, Daniel Knecht and the unknown heirs and devisees of Daniel Knecht, deceased.  
Action to Enforce Lien for Taxes.  
Now at this day comes the plaintiff, J. N. Lewis, Collector of the Revenue of Iron County, Missouri, and files his petition and affidavit, setting forth among other things, that the defendants are known heirs and devisees of Daniel Knecht, deceased.

Plaintiff further states that the defendant, Daniel Knecht, has not been heard of for many years; that plaintiff is not informed whether he be living or dead; that if he be dead his heirs, or if he died leaving a will, his devisees, are interested in the subject matter of this petition; that the names of such heirs or devisees or both, cannot be inserted here, in because they are unknown to plaintiff; that the said Daniel Knecht was the record owner of an interest in the land described herein, but plaintiff has no information of the interest and estate in said land owned by said Daniel Knecht and scribe the same, and that in the event of the death of the said Daniel Knecht his or devisee, succeeded to the said interest from whom their interest in the property herein described is derived. Plaintiff further states that Daniel Knecht is a non-resident of the State of Missouri, and cannot be summoned in this action by the ordinary process of law in this State; it is, therefore, ordered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Iron County, Missouri, in vacation, that publication be made notifying said Defendants that an action has been commenced against them in the Circuit Court of said County, the nature and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of the State of Missouri, on the following real estate, belonging to the said defendants, for back taxes for the years 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905, to-wit:

The northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section Thirty-six, Township Thirty-four, north, Range One west, Iron County, Missouri. (An itemized statement in the nature of a tax bill showing the amount of taxes now due on said real estate for the years aforesaid, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$774, is filed with said petition as provided by law.)

And unless they be and appear at the next term of said court to be holden for the County of Iron, and State of Missouri, at the courthouse in said county on and on the first day thereof, and plead, answer or demur to said plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken as confessed, judgment rendered in accordance with the prayer of said petition, and said real estate, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment, interest and costs, be sold under a special fieri facias to be issued thereon.

It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the IRON COUNTY REGISTER, a weekly newspaper published in said County of Iron, and State of Missouri.

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