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The Columns of THE TIMES are open to all who desire a candid discussion of questions of interest to the people of Richland county, but of course we do not hold ourselves responsible for a correspondent's opinions.

Let the journalist defend the doctrine of the party which he approves, but him criticize and condemn the party which he does not approve. Reserve always his right to applaud his opponent's course or his friends, the truth must be ascertained, and he will be independent enough for a freeman. —Garfield.

FRIDAY, AUG. 15, 1884.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Farmers and others should remember that we furnish THE TIMES and other weekly papers. The very low price of two dollars per year, or THE TIMES in the county for one dollar per year, in advance.

And aside from the above facts, THE TIMES is the official paper of Richland county and of the city of Wahpeton, thus making it absolutely essential to every tax payer in the county, to say nothing of the above advantages.

Card to Voters.

I would respectfully request my friends in Richland county, to vote at the coming election, for investigation; that I may be cleared of the odium cast on me by Charles Damerel and others.

Winnipeg has a young woman bigamist, first named Weldon, the second husband's name being Kelly. She acknowledges the crime and offers the excuse that the latter fell in love with her.

A force of glass workmen at a factory in Bradford, Pa., struck last week, and when the foreman, named Dognear refused to go out with them, they turned upon him and brutally gouged out his eyes.

The noted editor of the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette, Murat Halstead has started a penny afternoon paper in New York City. He will not sever his connection with the former, and it is said Reid of the Tribune is associated with him in the new enterprise.

Friday last Jay-Eye-See trotted a mile in 2:10 at Cleveland, beating Maud S's best time by a quarter of a second. On Saturday, however, the little mare regained her position as queen of the turf by making a mile on the same track in 2:04 on a "slow" track.

The Richland County agricultural association has a standing advertisement, paid for at regular rates, in another place, purporting to show the personal property assessed to several citizens of Wahpeton. If there is any misunderstanding, or if mistakes have been made in assessments, the same should be corrected, we take it, as soon as possible.

The political editor of the Gazette made a tremendous point against the county commissioners last week, in saying that their statement with reference to investigation was the product of the auditor, inspired by John Ruggles. The more the Gazette, and Mr. Damerel "monkey" with the commissioners, the more they will learn that of all the men in the community who stand upon their own feet, and discharge their duties honestly and fearlessly, and without any one's dictation, these will prove to be the identical men. There would be just as much reason in charging John Ruggles with the cause of the late hall storms about the country, as charging him with inspiring that document.

But then this brilliant political newspaper, the Gazette, wanted to convey a wrong impression about Ruggles and at the same time show contempt for the commissioners, in that they were incompetent men. The truth of the matter is, for the sake of the community, that great political organ ought to have a guardian appointed, for it is morally irresponsible. In other words, is non-competent.

Damerel vs. Reason.

Since the commissioners published a sensible statement with reference to Mr. Damerel's investigation scheme, showing up a few of its absurdities, he and the Gazette again last week came before the public in ill shape, with the old cry, but in little different words. Mr. Damerel's alleged resolutions as published in THE TIMES and Gazette of last week, contain features which it is fair to presume show that they were never before the board. For instance, in one of them appears, that "Auditor Ruggles and Treasurer Usaker render assistance," &c. Now there was no such officer as "Auditor Ruggles." But allowing that the subject was brought up and even resolutions produced at the time, if the matter was dismissed and nothing more done about it, this in itself avails nothing whatever, more than the mere fact that this thing happened.

We well remember that when Mr. Damerel was appointed a member of the board of county commissioners, in keeping with his nature, he conceived an idea that there should be an investigation. He talked this way a little while, but shortly before convention time he expressed to us his pleasure at finding John Ruggles such an efficient and proper officer. He was John's friend! His state of mind lasted thus until after the county convention when it suddenly changed, for Theodore Doerr was nominated instead of Mr. Damerel. Mr. D. then claimed that John Ruggles had been untrue to him, having promised to help him in the nomination and then had gone square back on the promise!

Mr. D. quietly nursed his wrath till the election last fall, then bobbed up serenely for Fred Runkel as opposed to Fred Stauff. It is our candid opinion that had Mr. D. been nominated and elected he would never again have brought up the investigation question, for we think he would have been thoroughly convinced there was no call for a waste of money in that way. And no matter what Mr. Ruggles did or did not promise Mr. Damerel before the convention two years ago, we know that more men than John Ruggles had a hand in the convention. Ruggles, in fact, had less than several others. In Mr. Damerel's two column ill advised electioneering document published in the Gazette of last week, the only statements that really deserve notice are these charges, which at the best are MERE CHARGES, nothing whatever to back them except Mr. Damerel's word:

"He [Ruggles] has done many unlawful acts in drawing his salary without an itemized bill."

"He has drawn more money than he was entitled to, and has carefully avoided publishing the same in the report."

"He has illegally procured the signing of orders by the chairman of the board, leaving it to his own conscience to apply the funds to what purpose he pleased."

"He drew bills twice for the same article or purpose, with a knowledge of the foregoing facts, is sufficient, I think, to warrant an investigation after twelve years' lease of office."

"I was told by the late Mr. Haslehurst, in confidence, a few years ago, that the Rosa investigation, so far as it went, discovered a shortage of over \$1,000, \$1,500 of which was to be paid over by Ruggles, and the balance to come from John Ruggles. This was strictly settled in his usual way of balancing county records."

These charges we have no way of answering, as in fact it may not be within our province, but will refer the reader to Mr. Ruggles' letter in another column where he says his record is all on file, and where in he invites inspection, and for that matter, investigation; even makes the remarkable proposition to surrender every dollar he has in the world to any man showing that he has ever stolen a cent from any person or corporation, whomsoever.

Richland county is like all other organized counties in America, there is a corps of officers in power, and a large force of individuals outside trying to displace the ins to get in themselves, and in many instances the outs should succeed. But in this particular instance, we have as yet seen no cause why John Ruggles should be displaced, if a man's qualifications and integrity are taken into account. Let it be distinctly understood that as soon as THE TIMES is shown or can find that John Ruggles does not deserve the confidence of the public, just that soon it will oppose him,—not only so in his case,—but all officers. In all instances we propose to learn as near the facts as possible and furnish our readers with the full benefit thereof—and they, the people, will of course vote as they please.

At Minneapolis Saturday evening O. L. Patch met his discarded wife and Harry Davids at Jonson's restaurant, when Patch shot and killed Davids, a scenic artist. The murdered man greeted Patch pleasantly and in return was followed out and shot four times. Mrs. Patch and her deceased had been living together for some time.

The St. Paul jobbers have been "doing" Wahpeton, and met with a warm reception. Wahpeton is a fine young city and contains a mighty fine lot of people.—Teller.

Register Ruggles Makes Reply.

To the voters and taxpayers of Richland county, I. T. Gentlemen: I have noticed in some published several times in our county papers by persons sometimes speaking in my praise as a county official, and sometimes trying to make me out a bad man and a thief. I have not deemed it necessary to make any reply until some direct charges were made. I do not desire to strengthen my reputation (let it be good or bad) by calling my defamers thieves, liars, or anything but gentlemen or just and honest ex-county officials.

I have lived in this county for nearly thirteen years—have held the office of Register of Deeds for several years, a part of which time I acted as County Clerk, and am satisfied that you are as well acquainted with me as with Charles Damerel. My record will show for itself. I do not pretend to be perfect; I am a man, and like most men have my faults. I have never been placed in a position to handle one cent of the county's money, therefore could not have taken any if I had felt so disposed.

All county orders drawn on the Treasurer are drawn by the order of the board of county commissioners, signed by the chairman thereof, and attested by the County Clerk. No order would be paid by the County Treasurer unless signed by these officials. The county orders paid by the Treasurer are on file in the County Auditor's office, with the stub books to correspond. There is also kept in the County Auditor's office a register of all county orders from the date of the first issue to the present time, which register corresponds with the stub books and orders. Any person by looking through the order register and comparing with the stub books and orders can see if two orders have been drawn for the same debt. An order could not be drawn on the County Treasurer and redeemed without the knowledge of all the county commissioners, as the settlements with the County Treasurer have always been conducted in such a manner that each order redeemed has been carefully inspected by each commissioner, cancelled and signed by the chairman.

As to the investigation of county affairs, I shall feel proud to have any official act of mine investigated whenever the people of the county desire it, and do heartily recommend that the voters vote at the coming election for investigation.

Now to conclude: If any person will show and prove that I have ever in my life in Richland county or elsewhere, wrongfully and knowingly wronged, cheated, or stolen one cent, one dollar or more from any person, company, or corporation, I will cheerfully pay him every dollar I have in the world. Very respectfully yours,

J. M. RUGGLES.

Human Flesh on Ice.

Tuesday a story was telegraphed from Washington to the effect that the survivors of the Greely party lived upon the flesh of those who died of starvation. In fact it is said that one man Chas. P. Henry, of Nebraska stole a little more of the rations than was allowed, when he was at once shot and his body eaten. When the party was found and much more dead than alive, a delirious German was handled carefully by the rescuers, when he exclaimed: "Don't let them shoot me as they did poor Henry. Must I be killed and eaten as Henry was—don't let them do it, don't." This of course aroused the suspicion of the sailors, and when the time came it is said that Lieut. Greely was decidedly against the idea of having the dead taken up or disturbed. However, all except the four that washed out to sea were taken up, and it was found that nothing remained of these but the bones picked clean, except two or three who died from the effects of scurvy. These are the important statements in the sensational and lengthy story. The story may be confirmed later on, and it may not. The names of those saved are as follows: Lieut. W. A. Greely, Hospital Steward Henry Biederbeck, Sergt. David L. Brainard, Sergt. Francis Long, Sergt. Julius Fredericks, Private Morris Connell. The names of the lost were: Lieut. James B. Lockwood, Lieut. F. F. Keslingbury, acting assistant Surgeon Octave Pavy, Sergt. Edward Israel, Sergt. Winfield S. Jewell, Sergt. Geo. W. Rice, Sergt. David C. Ralston, Sergt. Hampden S. Garginer, Sergt. Wm. B. Cross, Sergt. David Linn, Sergt. Joseph Ellison, Corp. Nicholas Salor, Private Chas. B. Henry, Private Jacob Bender, Private Wm. Whistler, Private Wm. Ellis, Private R. R. Schneider, Hunter Jans Edward, Frederick Shorely Christianson. It is very freely admitted at Washington that had the two expeditions who sought to reach Greely, one in 1882 and the other in 1883, had the sense to leave provisions at the furthest point attained in Payer Harbor north of Cape Sabin, all would have been well to-day and Greely would have gotten back in good shape, having accomplished much more in the way of discovery in that northern latitude than has ever been heretofore. But these expeditions were not thus ordered from Washington, so it was not done.

PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS.

Showing how the following well known citizens of the Village of Wahpeton, were Assessed at the last Assessment, and what Personal Property they had to Tax, before Published and Paid for by the Richland County Agricultural Association.

Table with columns: Owners, Real Estate, Personal Property, etc. listing various individuals and their property values.

From the Waterloo Greensies.

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