

Report of Investigating Committees.

ASTOUNDING FRAUD DISCOVERED.

CORRUPTION IN HIGH PLACES.

State House, Penitentiary and Lunatic Asylum Frauds!

We have received from a special Columbus correspondent, the following abstract of the Reports made to the Legislature by Committees appointed last winter to investigate the charges of frauds in the State House and Lunatic Asylum and Penitentiary contracts. The developments here so specifically stated will be read by honest men of all parties with indignation and dismay.

OHIO PENITENTIARY.

The books show a defalcation of \$5,188 83—about \$2,000 of which is charged to R. S. McEwen, the former Clerk of the Ohio Penitentiary, and now in the Franklin County Courts.

THE ABOVE ITEMS OF FRAUD ARE TREATED AS SUCH IN THE REPORT.

The Committee have abundant and conclusive testimony to the fact.

N. A. Britt—Copper Roof—Fraud \$2,712 85.

Copper roof was put on by N. A. Britt, of Cincinnati, by day's work. He was paid \$3 per day, his hands \$3 per day. He had bid to put on the roof by the square at \$6 75; as it was done by day's work, it cost \$50 per square. A responsible bid was made to do the job for \$40 per square. All bids were rejected, and Britt hired by the day. The testimony shows a bargain and sale between O. Case [the bidder at \$4 50] and James Lennox, who was assisted by Gen. E. T. Stickney, one of the Commissioners. Case was to pay Lennox \$500 for the job. Why the work was not done by contracts, as per the bids, nowhere appears.

The fraud shown in the roof business, is \$2,712 85.

O. Case—Tin Bill.

This bill is a small matter, but fraudulent. It was a bill for \$13 65, \$3 00 of which were for preserved tomatoes got by James Lennox [who has a hand in all the frauds]. The bill was paid twice by the State [once to Case and once to Lennox] making a fraud of \$16 75.

J. H. Price, Lancaster, Ohio—Fraud \$901 75.

This is a very bad affair. It shows that Price was paid \$2 per day, full time, as lumberman. The testimony shows that he was at home working for \$40 per month at his trade, viz: miller. He was a tony of Gov. Medill, who, with Gen. Stickney, is responsible for the fraud. The testimony in this case is full and explicit.

Fraud on General Mullers—\$4,139 62.

This is made from numerous small matters, abundantly proven by testimony.

Plumbing, \$4,000—J. A. Johnson, of Cincinnati, Contractor.

It is proven that the Plumbing has cost \$4,000 more than it should. Peter Gibson, of Cincinnati, swears that it can be done for that much less.

Plate Glass for Windows, \$2,200 60.

Here is a transparent fraud. The above sum more than should be, was paid for the glass. It is a dark looking affair to be connected with so transparent a matter.

Columbus Machine Manufacturing Company—Over Charge, \$8,838 08.

This Company had the contract for all inside iron work. They have charged 15 cents per pound for castings, besides charging for patterns, planing, drilling, and putting up in some cases—making castings cost over thirty cents per pound. The Committee have had the most skillful men in Northern and Central Ohio to pass upon the work, and they make the above result.

James Lennox—Contract for Heating—\$18,597 17.

Of the above \$2,597 17 was made by increasing weights; the balance—\$16,000—was paid him, more than any man in the business would be glad to get for the job. Miles Greenwood, of Cincinnati, testifies as to the value of pipe and fittings. For these articles Mr. Lennox has charged over 100 per cent above the highest market price, besides charging for putting up, \$3,000 more than it was worth. The testimony on this point is very voluminous and overwhelming.

NEWBURGH ASYLUM.

Grading Bill of John Gill of Cleveland—Fraud, \$1,900.

This bill was for \$3,300. It is proven that Mr. Gill did not do over \$400 worth of grading, at a large estimate. Hon. Geo. T. Barnum, the then Steward of the Asylum, and a host of other witnesses, swear to that fact. And \$1,000 is charged for men's time that never saw the ground, and in many cases there were no such men as were named in the bill. All is abundantly proven.

Lennox Heating Contracts—Fraud \$6,097 10.

This affair can be seen by any one to be a fraud. Mr. Lennox was to put pipe in the Asylum equivalent to 28,000 feet of inch pipe. He has not done this by over 5,000 feet, and yet he charges nearly that amount as extra. The fraud is, as above—by incontrovertible testimony.

Building Contract at Newburgh—John Gill Contractor—Fraud \$39,756 80.

This enormous fraud is proven by the first architects and builders in Ohio. S. C. Porter and H. White, of Cleveland, have sworn to the facts in a positive and conclusive manner. The Committee have a world of testimony in the matter. This fraud is as apparent now as day.

Ira Merchant, Superintendent of Asylum Building, \$1,810 25.

Has been paid this man. The Committee have testimony to show him to be a worthless individual. He connived with the contractors, and is chargeable with a large proportion of the frauds.

Furnishing Asylum—John Gill—Fraud \$706 26.

This was effected by false bills. Hundreds of dollars in the shape of carpets, tete-a-tetes, chairs, tables, etc., was drawn from the State, which were bought at exorbitant prices. The Committee have the testimony of Charles Cist, that the furniture was poor and the prices high—it was throughout a most rascally affair.

New York houses of standing are implicated—Doremus & Nixon, Wm. H. Lee, Peterson & Humphrey, are the houses.

Plumbing—J. Green, Contractor—Fraud \$4,776 49.

DAYTON ASYLUM. Grading Bill—D. Richmond & Co.—Fraud \$5,681 60.

This is the whole amount of the bill.

It is proven that no grading was done by D. R. & Co., and no grading done by any one to exceed \$200.

Heating Contract—James Lennox—Fraud \$5,706 80.

Circumstances same as at Newburgh.

Building Contract—D. Richmond & Co.—Fraud \$41,294 40.

This is the amount of fraud reported. It is proven by S. C. Porter, of Cleveland, J. R. Hamilton, a well known architect, of Cincinnati, and Wm. Wall, a builder, of Dayton, all men eminently qualified to determine the affair.

The frauds in both Asylum buildings, consist in charging heavy bills of extra work, when it is proven that the contracts were not fulfilled into many thousands of dollars.

Plumbing—H. McCullan & Co., of Cincinnati, Contractors—Fraud \$4,450 34.

The Committee prove a fraud in this matter of the above sum, part of which is chargeable to not giving the contract to Peter Gibson, of Cincinnati, who was the lowest bidder. There is a fraud proven on the bills, of \$1,450 34. Proven by P. Gibson, Jas. Attlesley, of Cincinnati.—Hugh McCullan made false statements to the witnesses, Messrs. Gibson and Attlesley, but he was detected by the Committee, all of which appears in the Report.

Furnishing—P. P. Love—Fraud \$203 82.

This consists in carpeting charged to the State, but not put in the Asylum.

P. P. Love's Bill as Trustee, etc., amounts to \$2,129 74—Fraud on it \$923 00.

Shown by over-charging at \$5 per day when the law says \$3—charging time twice—charging amounts not payable by State, &c., &c.

REMARKS.—The Asylums were to cost but \$70,000 each—they have cost \$170,000, and built on the same plan as estimates were made on for \$70,000.

Total frauds and useless expenditures on Newburgh Asylum—\$56,843 90

On Dayton Asylum—\$60,760 00

Total frauds and useless expenditures on State House amount to \$149,139 44.

Projected Negro Insurrection.

Six Negroes Hung—One Whipped to Death—Others Under Arrest.

The last number of the Canton (Trigg Co., Ky.) Dispatch publishes the following extracts from a letter to a citizen of that place. The editor of the Dispatch says that the writer is known in that community as a gentleman of veracity, in whose statements all confidence may be placed.

PEMBROKE, Dec. 13, 1856.

Brother Henry—I write this morning with the hope of sending the letter to Hopkintonville by hand. Last Wednesday about 12 o'clock, the news came here that the negroes at the furnaces in Stewart Co. had rebelled, and that they had crossed the Cumberland river and would attack Lafayette that night, and with this came other rumors from Dover. I fixed up immediately and went to Lafayette, that night getting there about half an hour in the night. The report I found to be false, but the town was in a state of perfect excitement upon the negro question. The citizens had called together their most substantial men, and formed a committee, and were engaged in the examination of the negroes. I was permitted to witness the investigation, which was rather general and indefinite, but others had told startling facts in regard to the insurrection. Mr. Rust, owing to the excitement, had adjourned his school that morning.

Tuesday morning, I went to Dover, and arrived there about 2 o'clock. The people had hung four negroes that morning at 11 o'clock, and two more then in town to be hung. I got to the place of execution in time to see the last one go off. Of the six that were hung, three were preachers. They were all proved to be ringleaders. I learned that the men at the forge were at work whipping the truth out of their negroes, so I rode out there that night, and was up with them all night. I never had such feelings in my life. I saw a list of negroes that had been whipped, and was told what they all had stated, and then I heard the balance of them examined—some taking five or six hundred lashes before they would tell the tale; but when they did tell it, it was the same that all the others had told. Those that were examined were not permitted to see these that were not; they were kept entirely separate and a guard over each. One of the negroes died at the forge from whipping that night, several hours after the operation.

The substance of the testimony there was, that Christmas eve night they were all to rise. Old Hal, Ames, Anderson Grey, and Ishmael, were to murder Parish, the manager, and his family, except his wife, and she, in future was to be the wife of Ishmael. They were to kill young Pepper next, (brother of Judge Pepper), and other whites that might be about the place. They were then to meet the Mill negroes at the Forks of the road at Pigditt's, near Long Creek, and were to make a joint charge upon Dover; after they had cleaned up Dover, and provided themselves with ammunition, they were to scatter out over the country generally. At the Mill, the negroes, or rather Bob Murrell, was to kill George Lewis first, then Henry Erwin, and then the balance indiscriminately. Lewis and Erwin whipped Bob Morris to death. At the old Dover furnace, Charles Napier was to kill brother George first; Mat. Hutson was to kill young Tom. Buckingham next, and Bill Blair was to kill Edwin, George's son, and Henry and Willie Wyner, and then go to the Mill. Brother George hung Charlie Napier one day about 12 o'clock, and let him hang till next day about 1 o'clock—26 hours.

We are not at work here to-day. We have one negro in chains, and will hang him I think, certain; if the committee will not the community are determined to do it. I think we will have quite an exciting time here before we get through with it—I have no doubt but that it is a universal thing all over the Southern States, and that every negro fifteen years old, either knows of it or into it; and the most confidential house servants are the ones that are to be the most active in the destruction of their own families. The negroes, everywhere they are examined, all agree that the men, women and children, are to be kept, and that the young women are to be kept as wives for about Dover, and the furnaces went so far as to select their future companions at the Mill, but was deeply concerned by the testimony of the Kirkman negroes. Six or eight were all the committee got of them. Young Tom. Kirkman took the balance and left, and if he comes to the country again, soon, I think he will certainly be mobbed. All the negro preachers and active members of the church, where the affair has been investigated, are found to be the most efficient and zealous ones in the insurrection. It has been found so in Stewart county, about Lafayette, Hopkintonville, and rumor says the same of Clarksville and other places.

Yours, T. M. ATKINS.

*A celebrated Methodist preacher.

This evening, the cry of fire was again sounded in our streets. It was found to proceed from the house of Mr. Yost, (next west from the Union House), where a stove was upset. The fire was put out without much damage. Be careful of your fires.—Canton Repository.

Here is an apt illustration of the misery resulting from "intelligent" servants. "Now, then, Thomas what are you burning off my writing table, there?" "Nothing but the paper that's written all over, sir; I hain't touched the clean."

Commercial Matters.

Millersburg Market.

Flour—\$5.00 per 100 lbs. 10 Buckwheat flour \$2.50 Pork \$5.00 \$5.75 Rye flour \$2.00 Cloverseed \$6.00 Wheat \$1.00 @ 100 lbs. \$1.50 Corn \$0.45 @ 100 lbs. \$1.25 Timothy seed \$2.00 @ 100 lbs. \$1.50 Dried Apples \$1.50 @ 100 lbs. \$1.50 Dried Peaches \$2.00 @ 100 lbs. \$2.00

Cleveland Price Current.

FEBRUARY 17, 1857. FLOUR—Good Superfine to choice extra \$5.75 @ 6.25. Rye \$4.25 @ 4.50. Corn Meal \$2.50 @ 2.75 per bbl. GRAIN—Wheat \$1.20 @ \$1.33. Med. to white. Corn 55 @ 58. Oats 37c. Rye 70c. Barley \$1.15 @ 1.35. GROCERIES—Coffee—Rio 12 @ 13c; Cape 11 @ 12c; Laguayra 13 @ 13c; Java 16 @ 17c; Mocha 18 @ 20c. Candles—Sperm 41 @ 56c; Star 28c; Tallow 13c; Sterine 17 @ 17c. Molasses—New Orleans, 75 @ 80c; Sugars—New Orleans and West India 10 @ 12c; Coffee 12 @ 14c; Doubled Refined 14 @ 15c. PROVISIONS—Mess pork \$19. Hams 13 @ 14. Lard 12 @ 12c. Eggs 13 @ 13c. Cheese \$8 @ 11c. Butter—Central Ohio, common to choice 13 @ 16c. Western Reserve do 17 @ 19c. SALT—Fine @ 60c; coarse \$1.05 @ 1.70. SPIRITS—Whiskey 15 @ 27c. Highwines 23 @ 24.

Cattle Market.

ALLEGHENY, Feb. 16, 1857. Beaves—A light supply; only 25 cents for, which was sold to city butchers, except 50 to go East, at a slight advance on last week's rates, prices ranging from 3 1/2 to 5, gross, for good common prime. Sheep—About 1000 head offered—500 of which were sold to butchers, and rest shipped East—prices ranging from 9 1/2 @ 4 1/2 gross, according to quality. Hogs—But few are offered; good fat hogs are worth 6 @ 6 1/2.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. Flour dull and unchanged; sales 4,000 bbls at \$6.45 @ 6.50 sup. extra; \$6.00 @ 6.75 extra do; \$6.40 @ 6.60 sup western; \$6.65 extra do. Wheat dull; sales at \$1.50 Chi spring; \$1.76 white Canadian—Rye wanted at 95. Corn more active and higher at 71 @ 72. Oats unchanged. Pork firm at \$20.50 @ 20.62 old mess; \$21.20 @ 21.55 new mess; \$17.00 @ 18.00 prime. Beef steady, sales moderate; mess firmer, \$23.00 @ 22.50. Lard better, with free sales at 12 1/2 @ 13c. Bacon drooping. Whisky dull at 28.

Marriage Notices.

MARRIED—On the 12th inst. by SAMUEL BARNES, Esq., MARTIN MILLER, of Coshocton county, to Miss HARRIET BOWER, of Holmes county.

Obituary Notices.

DIED—On the 20th ult. in Bethany, Harrison county, Missouri, WALTER, son of A. F. and LUCIA WOLGAST, formerly of this place.

New Advertisements.

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned was this day appointed and qualified as administrator on the estate of George Stinebrink, deceased, formerly of Holmes county, Ohio. DANIEL DYE, Adm'r. Feb. 17, 1857—26w4.

First and Last Notice.

ALL persons knowing themselves indebted to either for Stoves, Tin, Copper and Sheet-Iron Ware, or otherwise, will please call and settle and save costs. W. J. CRAIGHHEAD. Feb. 19, 1857. 14.

TO TEACHERS.

THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS of Holmes county, Ohio, will hold a meeting in the town of Millersburg, on March 10th, and April 4th and 18th, 1857. For the examination of Teachers, under the act to provide for the re-organization, supervision and maintenance of common schools, passed March 14, 1853. By order of the Board, W. M. REED, Clerk. Feb. 19, 1857—26w4.

Executors Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed as Executors of the estate of John Shidler, late of the township of Berlin, in the county of Holmes, and State of Ohio, and are authorized to settle the same. Persons having claims against said estate, are requested to present them duly authenticated and verified to the undersigned, at the said estate, or to be indebted to the said estate, are requested to make payment without delay. WILLIAM DOWNS, DANIEL SHIDLER, Executors. Feb. 12th, 1857—26w4.

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English, German & American HARDWARE, CUTLERY, Oils, Paints, Glass, Sash, PINE DOORS, SADDLERY, COACH TRIMMINGS, &c. &c. Millersburg, Holmes County, O., Jan. 8, 1857—26w.

Plain & Ornamental PRINTING, OF ALL KINDS, DONE AT THIS OFFICE.

Notice. A. J. KEENE, Editor of the Standard, and J. M. BUCHANAN, Agent for Holmes county, Ohio, are hereby notified, that a petition was filed by David Knox, ex-executor of the estate of Robert Knox, deceased, in the Court of Common Pleas of Holmes county, Ohio, on the 5th day of February, 1857, the object and prayer of which is to obtain authority from said Court to complete a contract, in writing, for the conveyance of the following described real estate, to wit: The southwest quarter of fractional section thirty-one (31), township fifteen (15) and range twelve (12), and thirty-seven acres off the east side of the southeast quarter of section thirty-six (36), township fourteen (14), range thirteen (13), in said Holmes county, Ohio, of the undivided one-ninth part of which said Susan Richards died seized in her own right as one of the heirs of Robert Knox, deceased. Said contract in writing was entered into on the 25th day of October, A. D. 1848, the said Aiken Richards, then husband of said Susan Richards, and joining therein with said Susan Richards for the sale of said premises to one Jacob Mandeville, who has paid part and is ready and willing to pay the balance of the purchase money due to said Susan Richards, and will come on for hearing at the next term of said Court. BARCROFT & VOORHES, Attorneys for Petitioner. Feb. 5th, 1857—26w3—p 1 \$4.25.

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