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### POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT VS. NEWSPAPERS.

Under the assumed reason that the newspapers are burdening the U. S. mails by sending out practically free copies of their publications, the post office department has been for several years trying to make newspapers do business according to the views of the heads of the departments connected with the carrying of the mails.

A little while ago there came to this office a form of affidavit in which the names of the owners, the publishers, and the editors of this paper were to be sworn to and sent to the post office department, and in the case of the daily papers this information was required to be published.

Now we have on file another form of affidavit in which it is required that we give all details concerning our circulation. How many paid up subscriptions, how many delinquent subscribers, and how many dead heads, etc.

Now, this paper has nothing to hide about its business but just the same it believes that the details of its business are private property. There are some things which are generally supposed to be private and personal to the individual. For instance in the average home there is nothing that needs particular concealment but for all that the householder would strongly object to having his house searched just to see if he or she were running the same according to the ideas of other people. We contend that a newspaper subscription list is the private property of the owners, that the government or anybody else has no business with it except as the owner chooses.

There are times when even the sanctity of the home is invaded, but this was deemed of sufficient importance that the constitution of the United States made special regulations in regard to it. In Amendment IV it recites: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, papers, houses and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath and affirmation, etc."

But the post-office department under the implied threat of denying us the use of the mails forces us to lay bare to them, and to the public, matters which may, or may not be, of large business or personal and private value. They are in effect making "searches" without "probable cause."

Four calves. 1 red and white bull calf 1 red and white heifer calf, 2 heifers some red, mostly white, came to my place in November. Owner call, prove property, pay expenses and take same away.

W. M. MOULDS, Pembina, N. D.

### STANDING ON HIS HEAD.

"From a financial view point the county is ahead every day the officers are kept from using the new structures. That the officers themselves are inconvenienced to some extent is probably true, but they are not kicking very hard and the public receives as good service as though quartered in a mansion."—Independent.

The Pembina county seat committee have pecuniary reasons for knowing something about Editor Wood's acrobatic agility in turning a sharp corner, but the above backward somersault shows a genius that should entitle the performer to a high salary in any modern circus. Every reader of the Independent can remember that two years ago he used columns to show how the county was losing money by trying to do business in the "old shacks at Pembina" and how he howled about the danger to the records from fire, etc. But, if it is true that the county is saving money by the delay, and that good service is being given, and that the officers are not kicking, then why finish the new building at all? Or, why should the county seat have been moved?

### Commissioners Proceedings.

- Cavalier Chronicle, publication fee and supplies for county officers . . . . . 86 31
- R H Fadden, publication fee co. officers . . . . . 64 25
- J A Minder, publication fee co. officers . . . . . 54 43
- Cavalier City, rent city hall for court purposes 9 days \$60, fire hall and city hall rent for three elections \$18. . . . . 108 00
- H Leighton, postage due and postoffice box, rent. . . . . 2 25
- D J Laxdal, expenses to Grand Forks in Dec. 1911 arranging for special service transporting co. records, etc. . . . . 10 00
- Drs Walker & Galbraith, medical attendance county poor-Blanchard . . . . . 2 00
- Albert Boyer, repairing house for co. poor-Blanchard . . . . . 1 50
- E R Pratt, goods furnished co. poor-Blanchard \$40., Sigurdson \$50., supplies for court house \$12.04 . . . . . 102 04
- M M Campbell, fuel for co. poor-Mrs Pethick . . . . . 10 00
- S Littlejohn, goods furnished co. poor-Pethick . . . . . 10 00
- M Patterson, fuel furnished co. poor-Botash \$13, Post \$6.50 . . . . . 19 50
- Walhalla Farmers Co. Op:Mer Co., goods for co. poor-Campbell . . . . . 18 00
- J Heneman, goods furnished co. poor-Botash et al . . . . . 43 75
- Mrs B J Johnson, board co. poor-Colgan and Skaro . . . . . 20 00
- I A Burley, mileage as supt of schools July 10th to Oct. 30. . . . . 116 65
- Joseph Morrison, services as commissioner and mileage . . . . . 24 80
- A B Purdy, same . . . . . 34 20
- N Matheson, same . . . . . 23 10
- John K Olafson, same . . . . . 27 60
- Joseph Morin, same . . . . . 40 00
- C F Reibling, justice fees case State vs Grumbo . . . . . 2 15
- J H Burton, constable fees case State vs Grumbo . . . . . 2 00
- W H Otten, consideration in deed for additional site . . . . . 1700 00
- W U Wright, election expense in Bathgate city . . . . . 3 50
- George Roadhouse, refund for amount due on erroneous tax sale . . . . . 89 43
- Chas F Saylor & Co., goods for co. poor-Goulette et al . . . . . 51 00
- Farmers Elevator Co., fuel for co. poor Jacobson et al . . . . . 22 55
- E Thorwaldson, goods furnished co. poor-Arasa et al . . . . . 142 00
- B Thorwaldson, goods furnished co. poor-Benedictson . . . . . 9 30
- J J Meyers, board and co. poor-Benedictson . . . . . 36 00
- P Freshett, coal for co. poor-Blanchard . . . . . 16 00
- Sigurlog Stevenson, board and co. poor-Hoskuldson . . . . . 30 00
- Catherine Rafferty, board L Noveleck . . . . . 40 00
- David Park, board and care J. Hewitt 3 mo . . . . . 30 00
- Andrew Peterson, board and care co. poor-Burke 1 mo . . . . . 30 00
- Mrs B J Johnson, board co. poor Colgan \$10. Skaro \$10. . . . . 20 00
- Anna Thorsteinson, board and care co. poor-Johnson . . . . . 10 60
- H Halldorottir, care co. poor-Olafottir . . . . . 10 60
- H E Gibson, fuel for co. poor-Lata . . . . . 12 50

- C J Montgomery, medical attendance co. poor-LaTraille. . . . . 10 20
- C W Andrews, wood furnished co. poor-Campbell . . . . . 30 00
- Walhalla Farmers Co-Op: Mer. Co., goods furnished co. poor-George W Delisle, goods furnished co. poor-King & Clover . . . . . 32 00
- Fargo Bridge & Iron Co., (warrants \$250 each) . . . . . 1000 00
- Annie Gell, clerk in auditor's office . . . . . 20 00
- Q W Philips, salary as jailor for Oct. and Nov. . . . . 110 00
- Wm J Norton, salary as clerk in reg. of deeds office . . . . . 30 00
- Ed Kibler, salary as deputy clerk of court . . . . . 20 00
- Joseph Morin, postage for year 1911 and 1912 . . . . . 5 00
- Wm McMurchie, cash for postage . . . . . 22 00
- I A Burley, mileage and cash for postage . . . . . 6 00
- Pauline Thorwaldson, mileage visiting schools . . . . . 2 80
- I J Foster, cash for postage \$32.06, car fare for pauper \$4.55 . . . . . 36 61
- Wm W Felson, cash for telephone tolls . . . . . 1 15
- Cavalier Telephone Co., telephone rent . . . . . 13 00
- McCabe Bros., coal for court house . . . . . 39 00
- W H Otten, rent temporary court house 8 mo . . . . . 200 00
- Chas Staples, hauling coal and furniture . . . . . 3 00
- Thos Seymoure Jr, goods and repairs for court house . . . . . 25 85
- Robt Lbr Co., material for court house . . . . . 2 35
- James Lang, lighting court house . . . . . 11 88
- Chas N Borge, services as supt of construction . . . . . 28 00
- John G Olson, hrl rent primary election . . . . . 3 00
- E C Arnot, sheriff Walsh co. boarding Pembina county prisoners . . . . . 44 20
- Times-Herald Pub. Co., tax sale certificates . . . . . 16 00
- Chas H Lee, supplies for co. officers . . . . . 66 00
- Frank A Willson, supplies for sheriff . . . . . 7 50
- R H Fadden, publication fee . . . . . 67 80
- Cavalier Chronicle, publication fee . . . . . 88 05
- H P Wood, publishing delinquent tax list . . . . . 231 20
- C F Reibling, justice fees cases Fitalaki & Myziak . . . . . 4 10
- Earl Slater, constable fee, same Silas Huntington, witness, same . . . . . 2 00
- Jonas Hall, justice fees Bergman case . . . . . 3 40
- Odder Dahlman, constable fee same . . . . . 9 10
- Joseph Morrison, services as commissioner and mileage . . . . . 27 50
- R H Huffman justice fee Richardson case . . . . . 4 65
- T J Veum, constable fee, same . . . . . 13 25
- Joseph Morin, services as commissioner and mileage . . . . . 27 60
- N Matheson, same . . . . . 38 70
- A B Purdy, same . . . . . 34 60
- Samson Bjarnason, board co. poor-Hoskuldson 2 mo . . . . . 20 00
- John K Olafson, services as commissioner and mileage \$24.20, postage 4 years \$6.81 . . . . . 31 01
- J R Moorehead, coffin, etc. and burial of co. poor-Botash . . . . . 26 50

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