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TO THE PEOPLE.

We take pleasure in presenting to you vol. 1 No. 1 of "The Sioux County Journal." Although two newspapers are already here we feel sure the people will award to us that share of patronage which in their judgment we will deserve. Knowing that at times local matters are of far more importance to the people than politics, and believing this to be one of the "times," we will strive to be a "servant of the people"—always fighting for the right and against wrong.

Our columns will be open for the free discussion of any and all subjects pertaining to the present and future welfare of the people and county in general, provided however, it be free from vile or abusive language.

The JOURNAL is owned and controlled by those who have at heart the same general welfare of the county as yourselves, thus insuring it to be always on the right side and you are assured that it will never be run in the interest of any ring, or clique.

As an independent newspaper we will not take any part in political strife but only give the news as it occurs concerning all parties. The county Commissioner's proceedings and all court and county news will be published, thereby making it the "official county paper" in fact if not in name.

Soliciting our merited share of your patronage, we sign,

The Journal Publishing Co,
W. E. PATTERSON, Editor and Manager.

SIoux COUNTY.

Sioux county is in longitude 103 to 104 degrees west and in latitude 42 to 43. It is 30 miles wide east and west and 70 miles long north and south. It is elevated above sea level from 3,500 to 5,000 feet. The geological formation is of the same general character and classification as that of the Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois prairies. The southern two-thirds of the county is undulating or hilly, and the surface is occasionally broken by stone and clay buttes or formations rising above the surrounding country. This portion of the county is drained by the Niobrara river and its tributaries and by tributaries of the Platte river. The north one-third of the county or thereabout, is more level though somewhat undulating, and is lower as to altitude. This portion of the county is drained by Hat creek and tributaries of the Cheyenne and White rivers.

The first settlers in Sioux county, aside from cattle and horse ranchmen, came about the year 1885. Since that time there has been a steady stream of granger immigration to the county. There was never any thing in the character of a boom; but every season a large number of farmers have come to make homes in Sioux county, and the close of every season shows a large proportionate increase in our population. The first settlers, having the first choice of government lands, located along White river in the east part of the county, and along Hat creek in the north part thereof. Their choice was as much determined, probably, by the fact of nearness to timber and convenience of water as by any other considerations. These sections are now quite thickly settled by an enterprising class of citizens as any county can boast of. There are also many enterprising and prosperous farmers in other portions of this great county. Hundreds of fine farms have been opened out by cultivation and improvement, and thousands of acres planted to crops the present season are yielding abundant harvests of corn, wheat, oats, millet and vegetables.

The crops raised this season on Sioux county farms are beyond any question first class. Wheat is grown going from 15 to 40 bushels per acre; oats 30 to 80; potatoes 200 to 400, and corn appearing heavy enough to yield from 30 to 60. Add to this a bountiful harvest of all kinds of garden vegetables and wild hay and the reader will understand why the Sioux county farmer is prosperous and happy and well-satisfied with the country. The corn crop, or at least that portion of it which was seasonably planted, is practically "out of the way of frost" and is as abundant as all other crops.

The prices of farm products range much higher here than they do further east. This is accounted for by the fact of so many people immigrating who need supplies, by the presence of a number of large stock ranches not far away and by the great developing mineral resources of Wyoming and the Black Hills. These afford a quick and ready market for the products of the farm. The unlimited and unquestioned immense mineral resources of the sec-

tions above referred to will afford a continuous market that will grow in proportion with the farming interests.

A very large portion of this county is yet government land and subject to entry under the homestead, pre-emption and timber-culture laws. The lands yet unoccupied are often as good as any in the county so far as soil and surface are concerned—the only reason others were first chosen being the fact of their being nearer to timber and running water. There are hundreds of beautiful claims, with as good soil as any one can ask for, waiting to be filed on, and again yet to be developed into splendid farms, producing in abundance all kind of crops natural to this latitude.

Our local government is organized and officered and the laws are, with a few exceptions, justly administered. Public schools have been opened in different parts of the county. There is a Catholic Church building in the north part of the county and an M. E. Church building at Harrison, and religious services are held in different school houses in other portions of the county. Our inhabitants are a people who respect law and believe in progress.

Harrison is the only town, and the county seat, of Sioux county. It is an incorporated village of about 250 population and contains 2 general stores, 2 banks, 1 drug store, 1 restaurant, 2 hardware stores, 1 harness shop, 1 livery stable, 2 hotels, and other business enterprises. The town draws trade from a very large area of territory and our business firms have prospered. Harrison has a good school house, a handsome commodious church and parsonage and a \$10,000.00 brick court house is now in process of erection.

Hundreds of people have bettered their condition by coming to Sioux county, Nebraska.—Are there any of our distant readers who desire likewise to better their condition? If so the JOURNAL will be glad to welcome you to a home and prosperity in Sioux county.

THE HERALD'S REQUEST COMPLIED WITH.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—

Dear Sir, The Editor of the Sioux County Herald, Postmaster and County Attorney, the Hon. E. D. Satterlee; also the Editor of the Sioux County Republican, ex postmaster and County Judge, the Hon. J. W. Hunter, have denounced me in their papers as a cur, a brute, a perjurer and a slanderer and called me by names only used by men of their stripe. When I first saw the article in the Republican I must confess that I was a little surprised and thought that the Judge must have seen his reflection in a glass, and that as soon as the effects of the "spirit" would leave him he would make amends for his bad behavior. It now appears that my calculations were wrong. I know of no reason why this uncalled for, malicious attack was made and there must be something wrong in the corner building. I am accused of slandering the county officials and in the Herald of August 25th, that "pink of honesty," E. D. Satterlee says: "That the county officers invite the broadest investigation of their official conduct." If you will kindly allow me space in the JOURNAL I will as far as I am able endeavor to show to the people of Sioux county matters as they appear of record in Sioux county.

Here are a few instances:
The Statutes of the State of Nebraska, pg. 83, Sec. 18, provides:

"The County Attorneys of the several counties of this state, shall be allowed by the board of County Commissioners for their services a salary per year as follows: In counties of not more than twenty-five hundred inhabitants, a salary of three hundred dollars."

At the last general election there were cast in Sioux County four hundred and twelve votes. Allowing five, or even six inhabitants for each voter this county did not have the twenty-five hundred inhabitants and the County Attorney should have been paid at the rate of three hundred dollars per annum, but instead the County Board have been paying at the rate of five hundred dollars per annum for his services. Not satisfied with that amount, the County Attorney, Mr. E. D. Satterlee, Postmaster and Editor of the Herald, on the 5th day of July 1888, presented a bill and the same was allowed by the County Board, for one hundred dollars as attorney's fees at District Court, and a warrant was ordered drawn on the Treasurer for that amount, contrary to the Compiled Statute 1887 pg. 83, Sec. 20. A certified copy of the above bill and order of the County Commissioners is in my possession. The next bill presented by the Hon. E. D. Satterlee, and allowed and ordered paid by the Board, is one for the sum of \$194.32 for furnishing of supplies and printing, of which I have a certified copy. The said printing and furnishing of supplies by county officers is unlawful according to the Compiled Statutes 1887, pg. 294, Sec. 51-2 which reads as follows:

Sec. 51.

"No county officer shall in any manner either directly or indirectly, be pecuniarily interested in, or receive the benefit of any contracts executed by the county, for the furnishing of any supplies, or any other purpose; neither shall any county officer furnish any supplies for the county on order of County Board without a contract."

Sec. 52.

"Any County officer violating the provisions of the preceding section, shall be deemed guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary for a period not exceeding five years or fined in a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, or both imprisoned and fined as aforesaid."

Is Mr. Satterlee a county officer? I leave it for the people of Sioux county to draw their own conclusions. So much this time for Mr. E. D. Satterlee. I will call again.

Now a few facts of record as to the 1887? Mr. John W. Hunter, County Judge and owner of the Republican. I would call the attention of the people to claim No. 265 as filed in the Clerk's office and allowed by the County Board. It reads as follows:

For stamps since I took the office \$5.00
Express of blanks .50
Fred Zerbst 3.25
State vs. Gillispie and Harding 5.85

This bill is not itemized and the Commissioners could not tell whether it was correct or not, but a warrant is ordered drawn on the Treasurer for its payment.

Claim No. 275 presented by His Hon. and allowed by the Board of Commissioners and a warrant ordered drawn on the Treasurer for the same, reads as follows:

State vs. Fred Zerbst \$3.25
Your reader's attention is called to claim No. 265 which has in it this same item, charged, allowed and paid. But His Hon. as al right.

State vs. Huginson, \$7.65. This party gave security for fine and costs and only a few days ago the Hon. Judge threatened the bondsmen with an execution for its payment, although the county paid him long ago.

Stamps \$1.00
The Judge must be writing a good many letters for the county if you judge from the amount of stamps the county pays for. But the above account is not itemized and the County Board could not know whether it was correct or not, but it was ordered paid in full. Claim No. 322 of His Hon. reads like this:

State vs. Murphey \$3.50
" " Storie 3.50
" " McLaughlin 3.50

Neither of the above cases are itemized and in the case of State vs. Storie, \$7.75 was obtained of which no account appears, but it was allowed and ordered paid.

The above may be slandering the Honorable Gentlemen? but I have a different name for it. I just present a few bills so that the people may see where the taxes they pay go to and who gets the money.

In answer to the Herald and Republican's remarks as to myself I will simply say that I consider the source from whence they come.

Yours Very Respectfully,
GEORGE WALKER.

Mr. Alexander Clark gave us a pleasant call Tuesday.

Manville has voted bonds in the sum of \$5,000.00 to build a court house.

Dawes county fair will be held on the 25, 26, 27 and 28th of the present month. Geo. Whitney brought a fine mutton from Crawford Tuesday morning—for the boys.

It is the intention of the Court House contractors to have the building enclosed this fall.

A dance Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Price in Hat creek valley.

Mr. Ed Gallop has rented a room of Mr. Tubbs for his barber shop and moved in Wednesday.

Mrs. Skinner and the boys went down to Whitney Monday to visit the family of a son and brother.

Messrs Andrews, Northrup and Trimbur, the orphans, are laying in a supply of hay for the winter.

The Lusk Herald is talking up an agricultural show for the country around that town in Wyoming.

There is a report abroad in the land to the effect that Justice Jones would be fixed if he could get his Price. This is not a campaign slander.

The Dawes county Sunday School Convention is advertised to meet at Chadron in the Baptist church, October 9th, 10th and 11th.

Mr. Wassenburger came to the city last Tuesday. Mr. W. reports the yield of his wheat at 23 bushels per acre, oats 40, and rye 15. Who can beat it?

Divine Services were held at the Catholic church in Montrose last Sunday. There were some two hundred persons present, a part of whom were unable to gain admittance.

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