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**A SHORT MEMORY.**

The editor of the Rathdrum Blade appears to have gone into hysterics because the republican press of this county has seen fit to call the public's attention to the fact that County Attorney Graham has commenced an action against the fusion ex-commissioners and their bondsmen for a large sum of money which these ex-officials illegally appropriated to their own use during their term of office. So far as the Republican is concerned it saw fit to mention that fact first, because the fusion press of the county appeared to consider it unworthy of consideration even as a news item, and second, because the Republican believed it was entitled to a vindication on account of the abuse and billingsgate heaped upon it by the fusion press, when the Republican first mentioned the facts connected with the ex-commissioners illegal practices last fall. Every charge made by the Republican against the ex-commissioners at that time is fully sustained by the more recent disclosures made by County Attorney Graham.

It very ill becomes the Rathdrum Blade to attempt to attribute wrong motives to the republican press in this instance. The Blade was first and foremost with its denials of the charges made against the ex-commissioners by the republican press last fall. It denied vehemently that there was anything wrong about the official conduct of these men, and heaped no end of abuse and billingsgate upon the Republican because it dared to publish the charges. The Republican's exposure of those men was by the Blade characterized as an attempt at blackmail, etc. Yet during all of this time the Blade knew the facts as well as did the Republican and as they recently have been disclosed by County Attorney Graham. Does the Blade wish to be quoted in this matter? It is, indeed, a fine(?) record for a newspaper which is now attempting to cast odium upon another!

The cry of "stop thief," which the Blade has seen fit to use in this connection, is in very bad taste. The republican press of this county is not called upon to defend the record of any republican ex-official. No republican ex-official has "gone south" with "cash books" or any other kind of books. On the contrary, republican ex-officials and contractors have no reason to leave the county, as some ex-fusioners have done. Nearly four years have elapsed since the last republican official in this county turned over his office to a fusion successor, and up to the present the fusion successors have found nothing upon which to base even an insinuation of wrong-doing on the part of republican ex-officials, notwithstanding they have been challenged to "show up," and failing in which they are requested by public opinion to "shut up." The Republican dares the Blade to produce anything connected with the record of republican ex-officials, or otherwise, upon which it can base its cry of "stop thief," used in reference to the republican press at this time.

In this connection the Blade says: "The fact that the old board were fusioners, cuts no ice." No; but the fact that their every official act was last fall unqualifiedly endorsed by the fusion press and the fusion county organization, "cuts some ice." Does the Blade mean to say that it was possible for the ex-commissioners to commit the many wrongs with which they are charged by County Attorney Graham, without the knowledge, or even consent and aid of the other fusion officials at Rathdrum? It will have a hard time to make taxpayers believe that. It would also "cut ice," so far as the Blade is concerned, if these ex-commissioners had been republicans instead of fusioners. The Blade continues: "There is one fact that sticks out bigger than a mountain. The action of the present board prevents any loss by overdrawal and will furnish a court decision for future

guidance." How many court decisions will it require to make a fusioner be honest? Has not County Attorney Graham cited supreme court decisions in support of every charge he makes against the ex-commissioners? Did not the republican press of this county cite these same supreme court decisions at the very time when the illegal transactions took place? The Blade has a short memory, or it would not make such ridiculous statements. The Republican credits the present fusion board for wanting to be good, but that goodness is not, by any means, good enough to cover up all fusion sins.

The Blade says further: "These papers overlook the fact that with Mr. Graham, and back and behind Mr. Graham is the present fusion board of county commissioners, and behind these are the people who elected them." The Republican is not so sure that this is a "fact," but it recalls the fact that for some unknown reason the fusion managers tried hard to defeat Graham at the polls, and nearly succeeded.

The Blade editor appears to be endowed with the happy faculty of forgetting things in connection with fusion and which are not exactly to his liking. The taxpayers, however, do not forget so easily, a fact which the Blade will soon learn to its sorrow.

The editor of the Rathdrum Blade evidently believes he is "cutting a wide swath," in the fusion politics of the state. It would appear, however, that those who stand high in the fusion ranks think differently. Growing tired of the Blade's everlasting calamity howling over dead issues, which recall anything but pleasant memories to the average fusion mind, the Weiser Signal, one of the largest and most influential fusion newspapers of the state last week made the following reference to the Blade: "There's one little, pusillanimous, scrub sheet up in North Idaho, that won't let silver rest in the grave." Then it goes on to repeat a portion of the rot which the Blade published a few weeks ago.

The Fifty-seventh congress met on Monday of this week, and as usual the president's message has been the leading feature. The message is a most able state document, and proves that President Roosevelt has not been over-estimated. Not having the space for an extended review, the Republican is content to state that the message is fully up to its expectations, is a thoroughly American document and shows the president to be a man of strong convictions and endowed with the moral courage to stand or fall by those convictions. It also proves him to be a man whose conservatism eminently fits him for the duties of his high office.

As predicted by the Republican last week, the selection of Judge Standrod as national committeeman, is proving eminently satisfactory to the republicans throughout the state. The republican press is a unit in saying that a better selection could not have been made.

If the price of wheat keeps climb-

ing up, as it has been the past few days, the Rathdrum Blade will have to stop citing to the price of that cereal as evidence that the country is going to the eternal bow-wows.

The holidays are coming on apace. A year's subscription to the Republican would certainly prove an appreciative way of remembering some of your eastern friends.

**PUBLIC LANDS TO BE SURVEYED**

Many Townships in Kootenai County to be Surveyed on Application.

Through the courtesy of Surveyor General Perrault the Republican is enabled to publish a list of unsurveyed townships in Kootenai county, for which settlers and the governor of Idaho have applied for surveys. Some of these lands are now being surveyed and more contracts are being let for others, and the work of surveying all of these townships is being vigorously pressed. The following townships are to be surveyed on the application of settlers:

T. 30 N., R. 1 E.; T. 30 N., R. 1 W.; T. 31 N., R. 3 E.; T. 38 N., R. 3 E.; T. 39 N., R. 2 E.; T. 44 N., R. 2 W.; T. 48 N., R. 5 W.; T. 57 N., R. 2 W.; T. 60 N., R. 2 W.; T. 8 N., R. 1 W.; T. 8 N., R. 2 W.; T. 8 N., R. 3 E.; T. 20 N., R. 14 E.; T. 21 N., R. 3 W.; T. 31 N., R. 1 W.; T. 39 N., R. 4 E.; T. 44 N., R. 1 E.; T. 48 N., R. 2 W.; T. 48 N., R. 4 E.; T. 43 N., R. 1 E.; T. 46 N., R. 2 E.

The following townships are to be surveyed on the applications of Governor Stuenkel, dated March 16, 1899, and August 15, 1900: T. 17 N., Rs. 3, 4, 5 W.; T. 16 N., Rs. 4, 5 W., and 5 E.; T. 15 N., R. 5 E.; T. 20 N., R. 5 E.; T. 22 N., R. 1 E.; Ts. 23, 24, 25 N., Rs. 1 E. and 1 W.; T. 27 N., R. 2 E.; T. 38 N., R. 3 E.; T. 39 N., R. 2 E.; T. 41 N., R. 4 E.; T. 42 N., R. 3 E.; T. 43 N., Rs. 2, 3 E.; T. 44 N., Rs. 1, 2 E.; T. 45 N., R. 5 E.; T. 58 N., Rs. 2, 3 E.; T. 59 N., Rs. 1, 2, 3 E.; T. 60 N., Rs. 2, 3 E.; T. 61 N., Rs. 2, 3 E. T. 65 N., R. 2 E., will be surveyed on application of Governor Hunt, dated June 8, 1901.

**Advertised Letters.**

The following letters have not been called for and remain dead in the post office at Sandpoint, Idaho, Nov. 30, 1901:

Barrett, John	Craigwell, Mrs. F. M. (2)
Dozier, H. C.	Doyle, H.
Griffus, John W.	Genereaux, Miss Leonie
Haltman, John	Johnson, I. A.
Kimball, Otto A.	Lee, James
Oleson, Ole	Raymond, Chas. H.
Revard, Felix	Rixley, Wm.
Raisler, Otto (2)	Renfro & Co.
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Wanzer, George	Watton, M. L.
	Webber, E. S.

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Fish and  
Sandpoint.

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Were Never Better Anywhere Than They Are  
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Now is the Accepted Time to Enter and Participate in the Sure Increase in Material Values. Sandpoint, being situated on the Lines of Two Transcontinental Railroads and Lake which has a Longer Coast Line than any other Body of Water in this State, is the Logical Key to the Commercial Situation in the Northern Half of Kootenai County, and Her Future is therefore Sure  
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