

THE COURIER,

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IVERJOBORG.

"The goods have been delivered."
The benchman is rewarded by his master.
The "Old Man," with the aid of his stool-pigeon, awards the county printing to Freddie of the Courier at the old exorbitant rates.
The Independent's proposition to do the county printing at one-half what the Courier has been getting, inspired by the "Old Man," who according to his benchman, the Courier editor, was never accused of "jobbery, extravagance," etc.
In this single case—the county printing—which costs the tax payers from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per year, and even more—the board of commissioners (with two exceptions) practically ignore all propositions and award it to the benchman of the "Old Man" at the old price. The Independent's proposal for the printing was guaranteed at rates which would make a saving of, at least, on a deal say of \$1,500, about \$500 to the county in one year.
The sick editor of our contemporary can now be "pert and saucy" for another year, while the farmer groans under the extra burden the commissioners have weighted him with in this deal.
This great board of commissioners, which "has never been accused of jobbery, extravagance, or corruption," ought to be presented with a leather medal and a life-size to the office of commissioners, and after death a monument erected to their memory. The tax-payers can't feel too grateful toward this "intelligent and economical" body of distinguished citizens.

The above yowl by Josie Vallandigham, our late well behaved type slinger, made at the instigation of Jacobson the district attorney (who draws a large salary for nothing), and Rollef Berg, the register of deeds, and, ex-officio, clerk, in its insane rage and jealousy, explains itself.

The "Independent" endeavored to make the county printing the sole issue of the Retzlaff campaign. It dwelt upon that subject like the last sweet and prolonged note of the dying swan. We never knew any other paper to treat a serious campaign in such a childish manner, and were not surprised to see Mr. Retzlaff slaughtered in the house of his friends while they were yowling about "county printing." Like Poe's raven their song the melancholy burden bore of nevermore—nevermore. While the COURIER had no promises in regard to the public printing from either B. C. Cooper, DeForest Conant, C. H. Mosely, Nels Hemmingson or John Hogenson, it made a straight business offer to do the work for what it is worth and it was accepted without a dissenting voice. The "esteemed contemporary" made a "aside" bid to do the work for nothing, in pursuance of its public threat to force the COURIER to do likewise. Its bid was not regarded as a business bid—simply a spiteful attempt to injure the COURIER. The commissioners so regarded it, and there was practical unanimity in the board in awarding the work to the established paper at a reasonable figure. The vote was four for the COURIER out of a possible five.

There is no reason why a printing office should work for a county for nothing any more than a county attorney, a carpenter, a lumber merchant, a bricklayer or a lawyer—so the board thought. There was no division of the board, either, on the prohibition line. We publish the alleged proceedings of the board regarding the matter. The minutes were made by County Clerk Berg who presented the bid of his paper to the board. He must know that the report is incorrect—false in fact. When, at the next meeting of the board, the minutes are corrected the readers of the COURIER will be able to see that the proposition of the COURIER was accepted by the members of the board as business men, not as license and no license partisans. Inasmuch as the county clerk and ex-officio register of deeds, and district attorney might perhaps, had they received the county printing, have worked the Independent force unreasonably hard, in printing at a wholesale rate as well as well as at a wholesale price, our esteemed contemporary ought to be satisfied—the people ought certainly to be content. Before election Jake and Berg, not content with their lucrative offices, wanted the earth, and wanted it well summer fallowed. After election they were content to accept it without its being summer fallowed, and they got—simply fair treatment where they expected favors. With malice toward none with charity for all, when Jake and Berg and one or two other parties made up their minds that they have run the county as long as they can—they will be wiser and happier. The people, including the farmers, are going to have a word to say hereafter.

To show the mendacity and foolishness of these parties we point out the fact that Mr. Berg is one of the proprietors of the Independent and says in his paper through Vallandigham that the county printing costs the taxpayers from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per year and even more and that the Independent's proposal for the printing was guaranteed (?) at rates which would make a saving of at least, on a deal say of \$1,200 about \$600 in one year. The same Mr. Berg in the Financial Statement published in the COURIER Aug. 5th, under his hand and seal, certifies that the total expense of the county

from July 1st, 1886 to July 1st, 1887 for printing and stationery was \$780.98. Which is correct—Berg in the Independent or Berg in the county clerk's office? It is possible that Rollef isn't good on figures. We would like to have our esteemed contemporary point out who the "old man's" stool pigeons are. We labor under the impression that we have five intelligent and honest county commissioners who are stool pigeons for neither the "old man," the "COURIER" nor the "Iverjoborg" outfit. If the sick paper is so heartbroken over the poor taxpayer, it better advise Jacobson to remit his unearned salary or refund the \$400 he received for his valuable visit to Bismarck.

Mr. Cleveland has accepted the resignation of Sparks. Mr. Sparks was a good commissioner but was a little too fresh. Possibly when he gets older he may again be called to the front. Until then good-bye Sparks.

The cry that the local option law is unconstitutional is a chestnut that will prove fruit for the lawyers, and worms to the saloon men. It has been tested and not found wanting. The scheme is about equal to the indemnity limit scheme in the opportunities it affords for bleeding litigants.

Those high license men of Casselton who were going to seal out at such an alarming sacrifice, if prohibition carried have suddenly changed their minds, and now want every cent their property is worth. "Blow is a good dog but Holdfast is a better one."—Blizzard.

C. Boyd Barrett in his paper, the Aberdeen Republican, says A. W. Edwards will be the next delegate unless a democrat applies. The Pierre Free Press says Edwards can't be the next delegate, because Cass county went against division. These papers do not seem to recognize that Gen. Allen and Mr. Thompson are in the field.

And now comes N. N. Tyner in the Pioneer Press and alleges that another good man has gone wrong—that Editor Hansborough, of Devil's Lake, after his easy municipal victory, is in the field for territorial honors—the delegateship.

Griggs county has not had a saloon for over a year, the county commissioners refusing to grant license, and it came so near killing business that the prohibition faction carried the county by an overwhelming majority. Eddy county will be the same.—Transcript.

The Barnes county commissioners will not act upon the refunding of license money, but will permit the saloons to run until January 1st. The saloonists are being worked to contest the matter on the ground that the law is unconstitutional.

The man who puts a ten dollar advertisement in his paper flattering himself that he is a liberal advertiser, will be surprised to learn that a yearly advertisement of one column in length in the Chicago Tribune costs the advertiser \$26,000. The New York World receives for the lowest priced column \$36,230, and for its highest \$348,000. The New York Tribune for its lowest \$28,654, and for its highest \$85,563, and these papers it is stated are never at a loss for advertisements to fill their columns.—Ex.

Judge McConnell refused to restrain the Walsh county canvassing board from counting the prohibition returns.

D. O'Malley, of Valley City, was re-elected commissioner by a handsome majority. Mr. O'Malley has the reputation of being the best business man on the board.

Judge Francis has killed the removal scheme. He will serve out his term and be succeeded by a democrat.

The COURIER last week was made the official paper for the ensuing year, and awarded all printing, except book work. As the COURIER has ample facilities for doing the work, at reasonable figures, it will be unnecessary, hereafter, to go abroad for anything except bound volumes.

The Bismarck Tribune boasts of publishing the details of the "seven up" game in Chicago two days before the St. Paul papers reached Bismarck. Why, child, even the COURIER had all the horrible details, including the dull thud, sickening suspense, etc., and was out before the assassins were cold.

Among the December magazines "Peterson" stands out prominently in its freshness and interest. It is really astonishing how bright an youthful this old favorite keeps; the only thing that reminds one of its age is the remembrance that it has been a welcome monthly guest since one's childhood; a periodical essentially for the family,

possessing elements of interest for all, from the oldest to the youngest. This has been a year of exceptional interest and excellence; its illustrations and engravings have never been better, and, regarded from a literary point of view, we may assert that it has never before reached the same standard. It has given stories and serials from some of the most popular writers in America, and its prospectus for the forthcoming year is even richer in promise. Nearly a half century of useful and successful progress has taught us to place entire confidence in this friend of countless households, and we look forward to its efforts in 1888 proving a complete triumph, both as a literary and illustrated magazine. The prices are only Two Dollars per year, with large reductions when taken in clubs. Sample copies free to those desiring to get up clubs. Address PETERSON'S MAGAZINE, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.—Adv.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

Convened at 1 p. m. Nov. 11th, 1887, according to adjournment.

Full board present.

On motion minutes of last meeting were read and approved with the following amendment: changing the name of John to James McCulloch in minutes of Oct. 3d as judge of election in precinct No. 7.

On motion adjourned to 4 p. m. Convened at 4 p. m. Full board present.

On motion the taxes for 1886 on the following real estate was abated: et ad swt of ne s et swt of swt Sec. 9 Tp. 144 R. 58.

The following proposition was presented from F. H. Adams:

TO THE HON. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GRIGGS COUNTY:

I hereby propose to this board to do the county printing including all job work except "book work" and the proceedings of the board of commissioners at as low rate as it can be done at a living profit to wit: At the rate established by my last contract with this board made October 1883, this proposal to cover all printing for the ensuing year till Dec. 1st, 1888 except book work. (Signed) F. H. ADAMS.

The following proposition, was presented from Messrs. Jacobson & Berg: TO THE HON. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GRIGGS COUNTY, DAKOTA TERRITORY:

Gentlemen: The undersigned make the following proposition to do the county printing for the ensuing year, and respectfully submit same to you for your consideration. We will publish the proceedings of the board of commissioners of Griggs county, Dakota territory, for the ensuing year for the consideration of one dollar to us paid, and furnish stationery for the county at the following rates, viz: Letter heads per 500 sheets, \$2.75; note heads per 500 sheets, \$2; envelopes per 500 \$2; all other work of same nature, we will do at corresponding rates, same to be paid for in county orders accepted at their face value. The stock of material entering into said letter heads, note heads, envelopes, etc., guaranteed to be as good as the best heretofore furnished by any local printing outfit.

Very Respectfully Yours,
JACOBSON & BERG,
Per J. H. VALLANDIGHAM,
Ed. Independent.

Motion made by Commissioner Hogenson to accept the proposition made by F. H. Adams. Motion not seconded.

On motion the following election expense bills was allowed:

W R Whidden, Judge.....	\$ 2 00
F A Thompson, Judge.....	2 00
Iver Udegard, Judge.....	2 00
Willie B Clark, clerk.....	2 00
Geo B Clark, clerk.....	2 00
Rolley Johnson, Judge.....	2 00
Henry Olsson, Judge.....	2 00
Ole Alfson, Judge.....	2 00
John K Olson, clerk.....	2 00
Peter Erickson, clerk.....	2 00
Charles Johnson, house rent election day.....	2 00
O E Thorn, Judge.....	2 00
Wm Betherington, Judge.....	2 00
W T McCulloch, Judge.....	2 00
Nels Nelson, clerk.....	2 00
Peter Walum.....	2 00
O E Thorn, returning poll book.....	3 10
Car. Skarie, ju ge.....	2 00
Wm. Saar, Judge.....	2 00
Charley Nelson, Judge.....	2 00
W A Baker, clerk.....	2 00
William Cronk, clerk.....	2 00
W A Baker, returning poll books.....	1 10
School Dist. No. 3 Wheatland, house rent election day.....	2 00
A V Johnson, Judge.....	2 00
Hans E. Hohle, Judge.....	2 00
William H Gimblett, Judge.....	2 00
Loais H Ehnde, clerk.....	2 00
Christian P Overby, clerk.....	2 00
Wm H Gimblett, returning poll books.....	70
Louis Anderson, cleaning schoolhouse.....	2 00
J G White, Judge.....	2 00
J S Byington, Judge.....	2 00
Nicholas Swenson.....	2 00
John Michaels, clerk.....	2 00
E D Bloom, clerk.....	2 00
J S Byington, returning poll books.....	1 50
Director cleaning schoolhouse sub-district No. 3 District No. 12.....	2 00
Mark Sutherland, Judge.....	2 00
Sealer Simpkins, Judge.....	2 00
John Foshold, Judge.....	2 00
A M Cameron, clerk.....	2 00
Peter A. Anderson, clerk.....	2 00

Mark Sutherland, returning poll books.....	1 00
H V Sanford, Judge.....	2 00
Joseph Foshold, Judge.....	2 00
T O Torgerson, Judge.....	2 00
E G Johnson, clerk.....	2 00
Harry Clarke, clerk.....	2 00
Gid Shelden, setting up stove and use of same.....	1 00
Harry Clark, returning poll books, etc.....	4 00
Geo Gullickson, Judge.....	2 00
Christ Arestad, Judge.....	2 00
B B Langford, Judge.....	2 00
Arne Thompson, clerk.....	2 00
Martin A Ueland, clerk.....	2 00
S B Langford, returning poll books.....	40
A F Johnson, Judge.....	2 00
Andrew Iverson, Judge.....	2 00
Joseph Miller, Judge.....	2 00
J H Thomas, clerk.....	2 00
R H Beldin, clerk.....	2 00
R H Beldin, returning poll book.....	2 05
A Coleman, Judge.....	2 00
W A Reply, Judge.....	2 00
Ole Thompson, Judge.....	2 00
DeForest Conant, clerk.....	7 00
David H Hinman, clerk.....	2 00
DeForest Conant, returning poll books.....	4 00
A A Colesma, house rent election day.....	3 00

On motion adjourned to 10 a. m. tomorrow. ROLLEF BERG, Clerk.

Convened at 10 a. m. November 12, 1887.

Present, Commissioners Cooper, Hemmingson, Conant and Hogenson.

Minutes of yesterday's proceeding were read and approved.

On motion bill of Solfest Fortney witness fees case Ter. vs. T. Robinson was laid on the table until the sheriff indorses same.

On motion report of L. L. Hubbard, road overseer Dist. No. 8 was returned for correction.

Commissioner Mosely at this point joined the board.

On motion made by Commissioner Hogenson seconded by Commissioner Hemmingson, the Courier was declared the official paper of Griggs county for the ensuing year.

On motion the following bills was allowed:

M L Michaels, serving notices of judges of election and delivering poll books.....	55 55
M L Michaels, jailer and janitor's salary from Oct. 1st to Nov. 1st, 1887.....	36 00
M L Michaels, work attending the furnace in courthouse from Sept. 30th to Nov. 11th, 1887, \$50, was allowed at.....	40 00
Chas H Mosely, road work \$35 80 was allowed in 3 orders viz: \$4.79, \$4.79 \$45.72 25 30	
Nels Hemmingson, services as commissioner and mileage.....	24 00
DeForest Conant, services as commissioner and mileage.....	23 00
Lawrence Bros, mde per bill.....	15 25
Theo. C. Knapp, team taking Wm. Scovill insane, from Helena to Cooperstown.....	2 50
E D Bloom, one day case Scovill, insane.....	3 00
Knud Thompson, paid express.....	3 10
Nugget & Brown, binding Courier.....	23 00
Geo D Barnard & Co., record of register and deputies or clerk of court.....	10 00
Geo D. Barnard & Co., county clerk's ledger, journal and cash book \$46.05 was allowed at.....	43 05
Nels Hemmingson, service as road viewer.....	2 00
Geo D Barnard & Co., rubber hand stamps, etc.....	3 00
Pioneer Press Co., poll books.....	18 00
Wm. Sandy, clerk of court's certificate.....	4 20

On motion the following road overseers receipts was allowed:

C J Thurgelstad.....	3 30
A C Root.....	2 74
W C Root.....	1 01
S A Thand.....	1 50
W C Root.....	1 50
W T Leggot.....	3 19
W T Leggot.....	2 24

Also the following election expense bills was allowed:

G W Barnard, Judge.....	2 00
M F Washburn, Judge.....	2 00
Nels E Nelson, Judge.....	2 00
M F Washburn, clerk.....	2 00
G W Barnard, clerk.....	2 00
M F Washburn, returning poll books.....	10

On motion adjourned to 1:30 p. m. ROLLEF BERG, Clerk.

Convened at 1:30 p. m. Nov. 12th, 1887.

Full board present.

Motion made and seconded that one half (viz \$56.12) of refunding order No. 126 amounting to \$112.24 be charged to school district No. 9 and credited to No. 2.

On motion the following bills was allowed:

Dr. Theo. F. Kerr, medical service O. B. Rendahl.....	24 00
John Hogenson, service as commissioner and mileage.....	23 00

On motion the following road receipts was allowed:

Henry Johnson.....	2 88
Amund Westley.....	90
Esten Johnson.....	6 00
D R Swartout.....	25 29
W C Root.....	64
W C Root.....	2 04
A C Root.....	3 28
Helge Leine.....	2 70
A Mardem.....	2 56
S A Ness.....	52
S A Ness.....	3 48

On motion the following school treasurers' and clerks' reports from June 30th, 1886 to July 1st, 1887, were found correct and each was allowed \$15, viz:

- C. Arestad, treasurer Gallatin.
- Martin A. Ueland, clerk Gallatin.
- Isaac E. Mills, treasurer Greenwood.
- John K. Olson, clerk Greenwood.
- F. D. Fenner, treasurer Pleasantview.
- David Nicoll, clerk Pleasantview.
- S. A. Hommie, clerk Nelson.
- Andrew Torfin, clerk Pleasant.

Also school reports of W. T. McCulloch, treasurer, and C. H. Johnson, clerk Red Willow from June 30th, 1885, to

July 1st, 1886, was accepted and orders issued each for \$15.

On motion refunding orders were issued for the following tax sale certificates dated Oct. 6th, 1885, with 12 per cent interest from date: et nw 1/4 25-146-58, 1883 tax, \$14.00; nw 1/4 1-146-58, 1883 tax, \$12.49; ne 1/4 25-145-58, 1883 tax, \$45.57; nw 1/4 of nw 1/4 1-146-58, 1884 tax, \$7.20; ne 1/4 25-145-58, 1884 tax, \$37.21, all in favor of Knud Thompson.

On motion refunding order was issued C. J. Thingelstad for his road Pool for 1886 he being over age.

Moved and seconded the county clerk was instructed to advertise for bids of Griggs county bonds to be issued for payment of outstanding indebtedness in the following newspapers:

- In one St. Paul daily paper.
- In one Fargo daily paper.
- In one Jamestown paper.
- And in one home paper.

For two issues, amount of bonds \$26,000 to run 15 years. The board reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Bids to be in by Dec. 20th, 1887, and the clerk and district attorney requested to draft said notices for bids for the sale of said bonds.

On motion made by Commissioner Hogenson seconded by Commissioner Hemmingson, proposition of F. H. Adams to do the county printing and job work except book work for the ensuing year was accepted.

On motion adjourned to December 3d, 1887, at 2 p. m.

ROLLEF BERG, Clerk.

Anarchists Funeral.

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—Clearing the way before the funeral procession for the dead anarchists yesterday, marched a Grand Army veteran bearing a cheap Fourth of July copy of the stars and stripes emblazoned with the battles in which he had fought. This was the only flag displayed along the march. Its presence was the freak of a half cracked brain, resented by the anarchists. They had been prohibited from carrying the red flag, and they appealed to the police to prevent the veterans from shouting the stars and stripes before the corpses of their brethren. For once the police would fain have obliged the anarchists, but they dared not. The old man shook his flag in the face of anarchy and said he had braved death under its folds upon the battle field, and he was prepared to die under it there. The police started to prevent this affront to anarchy in the presence of his dead, but the crowd upon the sidewalk surged forward, and cheering the old veteran and the national emblem, forced the "police back. From Lake street viaduct to the depot, the stars and stripes held to its place at the head of the procession and was cheered all along the route. This was significant of the temper of the citizens of Chicago. In all the procession there was not an American face. This was significant of the composition of the procession.

Sparks Resigns.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Land Commissioner Sparks this afternoon personally delivered to the president the following letter:

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 15.

To the President—The honorable secretary of the interior advises me by letter, dated the 11th inst., in effect that he should on that date present to you the alternative of selecting a new secretary of the interior, or a new commissioner of the general land office. The office of commissioner of the general land office has been one of intense labor, imposing a constant sense of high responsibility; having sought it at your hands, I have continued to hold it only out of a sense of duty with a view to effecting some good to the public. I have endeavored to discharge my full duty in it, in the face of many discouragements, and much calumny, and abuse from those whose interests were to defeat the policies pursued. I have believed my line of action to be correct, and thought I had reason for the belief that it met your approval. If these decisions foreshadow a change in official policy on this subject, knowing well what this will mean in practical application, I could not of course with my sense of duty be the instrument to effect the change. Having ever, as I understand, marked your administration as one of your recall, and desiring to relieve you of any possible embarrassment, I herewith tender you my resignation of the office of commissioner of the general land office, and ask its early acceptance and in thus severing my connection with your administration. I beg to assure you of my earnest wish that the same wisdom, firmness and integrity, which has thus far so eminent-ly marked your administration may continue to enhance you in the estimation of your countrymen.

Very respectfully,
Signed, WM. A. J. SPARKS.

The following is a full statement of the Walsh county case, which was presented to Judge McConnell yesterday, together with his decision thereon:

The Red River Brewing Co., by their attorneys D. Y. Yorkey, Esq. of Grafton, Cyrus W. Wellington, of Decorah, Iowa, and M. W. Greene, of Fargo, presented to the court an affidavit and petition for a writ of prohibition against E. O. Faulkner and others as the canvassing board of Walsh county to prohibit said board from canvassing the vote upon local option upon the ground that said law was unconstitutional, alleging in their petition that they had a large store-house for the storing and sale of liquors in said Walsh county.

The grounds upon which said writ was asked were substantially as follows:

1. The sale of intoxicating liquor being licensed by the U. S., the territory cannot pass laws in contravention of the laws of the U. S., the distinction being made between a state and a territory that the state can exercise all power not denied by the constitution, but a territory only such as are granted by the organic act.
2. The law is in contravention of the rights of property.
3. That the law as passed by the legislature has been interpolated so as to read "At the next annual election" instead of "At the next general election."
4. That the legislative power having vested in the governor and legislature cannot be delegated to the people.

The court denied the writ after the matter had been presented and authorities cited thereon by Mr. Wellington, upon the ground that it was doubtful whether the writ of prohibition would lie in such a case; that the law cited by counsel where in existence when the appeal upon the questions of the constitutionality of the prohibition law in Iowa and Kansas had been taken, and must have been considered by the supreme court of those states; that said petitioners might have presented this matter at any time before said election, and were guilty of laches for not doing so; that to now grant a writ of prohibition would be grossly and unnecessarily interfere with the operation of the election laws, and that if the position of the petitioners as to the unconstitutionality of the law be correct they lose no rights by the denial of this writ.