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John W. Craven, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR CLERK, HAS A RECORD.

Will He Explain It?

It is always an unpleasant task to expose a man's public record, but it is the duty of the press so to do, and especially when he is posing as a model public officer and a reform candidate for a still higher office.

Especially is this the duty of the press where he invites investigation, and silence on its part might lead the people to believe that the accusations against his opponent are true.

John W. Craven, through his organ, the Courier, has recently asserted "that an officer's acts are public property, and the management of his official affairs is the proper study of every man, woman and child in the county. Especially is this true when he is asking for another term, for how can we judge his future conduct except by that of the present and past."

We are willing that he shall have the benefit of his own theory and submit a few of the facts concerning his past record for the public's consideration.

Mr. Craven is at present and has been for more than three years past the County Superintendent of Monroe County, and has during that time knowingly and without excuse repeatedly charged \$4 per day for days upon which (according to the county paper) he could not have been employed in the discharge of his official duties, and for days when he was absent from the city on private business or for pleasure. The law in regard to the compensation of County Superintendent is very clear, and capable of but one construction. It is found in section 443 of the Revised Statutes of 1881, and is as follows:

"The County Superintendent shall receive four dollars for every day actually employed in the discharge of the duties required by this act. But before the County Commissioners shall allow his per diem the same shall be present in a bill of account, stating in detail the services rendered on each day for which he claims compensation; which bill of account shall be verified by affidavit to the effect that the same and cost thereof is just and true."

Unlike the fee bill enacted for the guidance of the Clerk, there is no ambiguity or question about it. It does not require a lawyer to interpret it, and is so plain that he who "runs may read" and understand it.

Notwithstanding this plain and definite provision of law in regard to his salary, John W. Craven as County Superintendent has made the following charge as taken from his verified accounts in the Commissioners court:

We would first call attention to the following clippings from the Bloomington press, showing the occasions upon which Mr. Craven was out of the city on private business, or pleasure, and for which he charged the county \$4 per day.

In the Telephone of March 9th, 1888, we notice the following concerning a fox drive in Washington township, had on March 6th, 1888:

"From Captain Langley and Edwin Corr Esq. and Prof. John Craven we learn that near the same round-up four aged and experienced rascals were found dodging about the line."

By reference to Mr. Craven's sworn statement filed June 1888, we find that he charged the county \$4 for his services as Superintendent on March 6th, 1888.

In the Telephone of August 30, 1888, we notice the following: "John Craven is in Danville at

tending the commencement of his Alma Mater." By reference to his sworn statement of September, 1888, we find that he charged the county \$2 for his services as Superintendent for one half of Aug. 3d, 1888.

In the Telephone of Tuesday, March 19th 1888, we notice the following: "John Craven spent Sunday with his parents at Center Valley, Hendricks county." And by reference to his sworn statement filed June, 1888, we find that he charged the county \$4 for full days as Superintendent on March 16th and 18th, the days he would necessarily have occupied in traveling to and from Hendricks county in order to spend Sunday there.

In the Courier of August 3d, 1888, is the following: "J. W. Craven attended the Normal Commencement at Danville, Wednesday." And by reference to his sworn statement of September, 1888, we notice that he charged the county \$4 for that day as well as every one of the six days in that week.

In the Courier of August 17th, 1888, we notice the following: "J. W. Craven was at Danville on business Thursday." And by reference to his sworn statement we find that he charged the county \$4 for that day as well as every one of the six days in that week.

These are a few items we have been able to gather from the county press, and how many times this may have occurred of which the press have made no mention, we are unable to say.

It will be remembered that during the campaign of 1868 and 1888 Mr. Craven was Secretary of the Democratic Central Committee of Monroe county. Those who remember these campaigns will recall the activity and energy Mr. Craven displayed in the performance of his duties as such Secretary. His duties were very laborious and necessarily consumed a great deal of his time with correspondence, bill posting, entertainment of speakers, and such other work as all Secretaries of central committees are called upon to do.

The Democrats of Indianapolis are bringing out that rusty old story about the Republicans colonizing 20,000 negroes from some southern State to Indiana to vote the ticket this fall. The Demmys must be hatching up some new scheme, and are trying to divert attention from it.

Judge Duncan, we learn, is producing the same favorable impression at Bedford that resulted here from his manner of discharging the duties of his office. He has been on hand early and late, and has permitted no unnecessary delays. This is quite satisfactory to both litigants and tax-payers, and will make him doubly popular.

Mr. Craven's Hypocrisy--The Figures for It.

The Clerk's office has yielded about \$2,000 per year during Mr. Fuller's term. In the Courier Mr. Craven figures that Fuller's fee were 300 per cent, too high, on the average, which means three-fold.

Thus he practically proposes to run the office for one-fourth of that amount, or \$500. Allowing one-fourth for fees that cannot be collected, and it leaves him \$275 per annum for his compensation. Suppose that he can employ a competent deputy for \$600 per annum, which is improbable, and you leave him \$225 in debt. As Mr. Craven gets about \$1,200 per year out of the Superintendent's office, does any one believe that his professions are sincere?

A man who tries to pull the people with such propositions must be regarded by all thoughtful men with some degree of suspicion.

Says the Martinsville Republican: Samuel Wallingford Jr., of Bloomington, drove twenty young mules from his farm in Monroe County, to W. L. Moore's farm, near Waverly, yesterday. Wallingford is an extensive mule raiser. He has five hundred left on his farm, and has just shipped to Frank Lander's place, near Brooklyn, three hundred. He buys mules in all parts of Indiana, Illinois and Missouri.

Fred. Nance, the well known horse buyer for Black Bros. of Green castle, died suddenly Saturday evening a week at his home near Brazil. His death is attributed to heart disease. Mr. Nance took a lot of horses to Green castle only the day before his death, we do not know.

The last but not the least significant of all the days for which he has charged are the "Decoration Days." In 1888 he charged for a half day, and in 1889 a full day.

This day in each year is set apart as a public holiday, when all men,

University Nos.

Purdy is a Sigma Chi.
Cole is a Delta Tau Da.
Chas. Meek attended fair at Spencer last week.
Jack Wallingford entd college last Wednesday.

C. D. Robinson has been compelled to leave college.

The first issue of the Student will be out about the 15th.

Prof. Gilbert went to Indianapolis on Thursday and returned Sunday.

Chas. Shoemaker has left college and entered a wholesale house at Minneapolis.

Inman went to Lafayette Saturday morning on business connected with the Student.

Kelley received the 1d news last Tuesday of the death of his younger brother.

Raymond Morgan was initiated into the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity the 4th of this month.

Misses Maxwell and Beeks are busy cataloguing the new books in the law department.

Siebenthal, class of '92, came in last Sunday from Arkansas and other points in the southwest.

Prof. Griggs lectured at the Chapel last Sunday. His subject was "A Study of Shakespeare."

Will Yakey, a graduate with '90, has his Phi Del brothers and his many other friends in the middle of last week.

Work on the \$900 masterpiece in the library building was commenced last Tuesday and is now nearing completion.

Dr. Jordan and wife and Dr. Campbell took a party of young ladies and gentlemen, composing the Geology class, to Veed Patch Hill, Brown county last Friday, and returned on Saturday.

The Gymnasium association met at Dr. Gilbert's, Thursday evening. A mass meeting of the students is to be called by Dr. Karsten the first of this week, when something more definite will be done.

Prof. Gilbert returned home on the 6th of the month from a six months' trip on board the U. S. ship "Albatross" to Alaska and other parts in the northwest.

The Beta Theta Pi fraternity has withdrawn its support and staff editor from "The Student," claiming that there has always been an antagonistic feeling between them and the other students in college, and that they desire to bring it to an issue.

What they expect to gain by the move, unless to cripple the fraternity editor, who must have 75 subscribers to hold his position, is not known.

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