

THURSDAY, SEP. 17, 1868.

COUNTY TAXES.

St. Joseph vs. Marshall County.

THE DIFFERENCES.

FACTS AND FIGURES FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES.

The Republican's and Westervelt's Lies Refuted.

THE WHOLE TRUTH IN A NUTSHELL.

Total amount of county revenue received in St. Joseph county, for the year ending May 31, '68,	\$37,432 73
Total amount of county revenue for same year, in Marshall county.....	23,841 66
St. Jo. exceeds Marshall.....	\$13,591 07
Total expenditures of St. Joseph county for same year.....	28,031 65
Total expenditures of Marshall county for same year.....	22,533 68
St. Jo. exceeds Marshall.....	\$5,507 97

We want all democrats and honest men to carry these figures in their pockets and blow on them, and if they get a chance they may bet on them.

PROPOSALS.

The Republican of last week evinced a desire to bet \$1,000 that the receipts of St. Jo. county for 1867, for county purposes, were \$10,000 less than the receipts of

Marshall county. At least that was the only intelligible inference to be drawn from an article in that paper on that subject.

So understanding the matter, a couple of gentlemen visited the Republican office Tuesday last, and proposed to accept the offer, in the spirit that it was made, and then made four other propositions all of which we publish below. None of these offers have yet been accepted.

If there is one particle of honesty or manhood about the radical leaders of this vicinity, they will not attempt to palm off their lies on the people any longer when they know they are lies. The exhibits show the true figures, and they know they cannot be disputed.

Copies of these proposals were left at the Republican office, and they fully understand the chances for a speculation, and up to this time manifest a disposition to even back down from their own offer:

\$1,000, That the receipts and expenditures of St. Jo. for 1867, ending May 31, 1868, were greater than the receipts and expenditures of Marshall for same year, by the exhibit of the auditors of both counties, made May 31, 1868.

\$1,000, That the receipts of St. Jo. county were \$10,000 greater than the receipts of Marshall county for 1867, (report May, 1867,) as per reports of two counties for said year—leaving out of the question the court house tax of this county.

And now I'll go to bed, and dream I am elected to the legislature.

RADICAL DEMONSTRATION LAST SATURDAY.

Early last week bills were posted announcing that Prof. E. B. Fairfield, president of the Hillsdale college, one of the most eloquent men of the country, would address the radicals of Marshall and surrounding counties at Plymouth, on Saturday, September 12. The day was most propitious; the distinguished orator arrived, and large numbers of country people filled our streets. At the appointed time we sought for the speaker and his audience. We visited the Seminary grove, the Court-house square, the hall—every place where a demonstration would be likely to be held; and although we saw occasionally one of the faithful on the street, we could not find the speaker nor hear anything definite about the speech; we finally gave up in despair on learning that the Professor had left the place, on the LaPorte train, and that, owing to circumstances of a private character, it had been decided to give up the meeting. Comment would be superfluous. We can only add that the Professor "shook off the dust" of the town with such an expression of disgust as no man can assume or conceal. Poor, deluded lamb! He thought radicalism was not yet dead in Marshall county.

What does John L. Westervelt mean? Do they mean to deliberately lie to the people? We can hardly find any other interpretation of their course, for there are no figures justifying their statements, and they can present none.

A MEAN MAN'S SOLILOQUY. God knows I am a mean man!

My conscience told me so, before I lost it. I wonder if my neighbors know it? Who cares! I was born mean! Have always lived mean!! Expect to die mean!!!

When a boy, I used to steal my companions playthings. When I grew to be a man I was a merchant. Made money. Made my ignorant customers pay their accounts twice when I could. I sold them goods at big profits. Looked sharp after the dimes. Made my hired girls pay me for the dishes they accidentally broke, and for the thread to mend their dresses. I lived on what I could not sell. Got all I could, and kept all I got. I grew rich. Then I joined the church to be thought respectable. Threw a penny into the contribution plate when they stuck it under my nose. (How I hate contribution plates!) But being a church member paid. It was a good dodge. People thought me honest. At the prayer meetings I prayed long and loud. The people said I was gifted in prayer. Presume the devil thinks so too. I prayed for the poor, down-trodden African. For the beheaded Hindoo.

The war broke out. I was loyal to the government. Best government the world ever saw,—good joke; ha, ha! I urged my neighbors and my neighbors' sons to enlist. Did not enlist myself. Did not let my son enlist. We stayed at home to take care of the soldiers' wives, and watch the wicked copperheads.

When the soldiers' wives went to the township trustee to get a little help from the county to pay their house rent, or buy food for their children, or medicine for their sick ones, I shaved their county orders from 20 to 25 per cent. I gave them nine dollars in goods for their twelve dollar order, and put three dollars in my pocket, clear profit. They could have got the face of them in cash at the bank, but they did not know it. Of course I did not tell them. I grew rich. I bought bonds. I sued my poor customers who did not pay promptly. Made them pay twice if I could. Then bought more bonds. Then every six months I drew the interest on my bonds in gold! Bright yellow gold! How I love to look at it!

But the war went on. My neighbors and their sons in the army, many of them got killed or crippled. More men were wanted. Then came the draft. They asked me to assist in clearing the township. What an idea! Of course I refused. I was exempt. I got my son exempted. Why should I assist? What did I care if others had to go? Let them fight it out; the government must be sustained—and I wanted more bonds. But the war closed. The poor soldiers who were alive came home, and are now hard at work to help pay the interest on my bonds. Poor fools! They don't know any better! I wanted an office. I got nominated for representative to the legislature. A good place to make money. If elected, I can sell my votes. Loyal members of congress get rich that way. Guess I can make it pay. How I abuse my opponents. How I lie about them. A lie is just as good as the truth, if I only stick to it. The poor ignorant fools who live in the country swallow it. They don't know any better. They have been fooled so often I guess they can be again. At any rate its my only chance. If they knew what a mean hypocrite I am, I should be gone up to the sky.

We have another rod of the same kind in the pickle for those lying hypocrites who are seeking to get into place and power by slandering and bearing false witness against their neighbors.

There are numerous other statements in the St. Joseph county exhibit that we will yet produce for the satisfaction of the Republican. We hope that for the present we have succeeded in satisfying our readers that the statements in the Republican are falsehoods, and that they ought to be received as such, generally.

A LITTLE SATISFACTION FOR THE REPUBLICAN.

The Republican in its last issue, in one of its articles on county taxes, says:

"The easiest way to satisfy the people is for the officials to satisfactorily show why it costs \$10,000 to \$17,000 more to run Marshall county than it takes to run the county of St. Joseph."

It is a very easy matter for us to show from the exhibit of the auditor of that county there is a falsehood contained in the above paragraph. From a copy of that exhibit in our possession we take the following items:

Total receipts of county revenue, St. Joseph \$37,432 73 proper, Marshall 28,811 06

Expenditures of St. Joseph.....

Marshall.....

Excess of expenditures of St. Joseph over Marshall.....

Out of these totals, St. Joseph pays of interest on outstanding bonds, and Marshall pays interest on county orders.....

Excess of St. Jo. over Marshall.....

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THE REPUBLICAN ON THE "TREASURY."

An article in last week's Republican, in speaking of the condition of the treasury of this county, says: "The 'treasury' of the county is short by exactly the sum the 'county officials' have loaned without the authority of law, to favorites, a representation of the states by a bevy of the neatest little girls we have seen for a long time, also a representation of the states by young men on horseback. There were about forty wagons in the procession and all well filled."

If the Republican means to simply carry the idea that the building fund is not in the treasury, we have no exceptions to take; but if it means to say that the amount is unaccounted for—that it is not properly secured, and that there is any danger of the county ever losing one cent of it, or it costing anything to collect it, then it states what the editor of that paper knows to be false, for he has two thousand dollars of that same fund, and he knows, by experience and observation, that it cost his democratic friends, who secured the loan for him, quite an amount of time and money, and the one getting the loan has all the expenses to pay.

If the building fund was in the treasurer's hands, what a howl the Republican would make about there being so much money on hand, lying idle, and drawing no interest, whereas, if it had been loaned out, at interest, it would have saved the tax-payers of the county thousands of dollars.

We regard such statements as being far more reliable than the bare assertions of the Marshall County Republican. The exhibit above referred to shows the workings of the county in detail, while the report sent the auditor of state does not give the financial condition of the county, but simply shows the amount of revenue levied for different purposes, but county auditors make no report to any body or official other than the county commissioners, concerning the financial condition of their respective counties.

Go in, Mr. Republican, we have these figures clipped from the St. Joseph county Valley Register, the home organ of the immortal Schuyler, your candidate for vice president, and we believe the present auditor of that county once was, and may yet be, the editor of that paper.

You and Westervelt and all the rest of the unprincipled leaders of your party in this county, are caught in your misrepresentations, and we are going to watch you wiggle, twist and squirm until after the election.

Democrats, preserve these figures and read the lies wholsed by Westervelt and Johnson throughout this county, and retailled by those who are silly enough to believe what they have said.

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Those making the loan are not surprised that he should buy ink and paper with this same money to abuse and slander them, their friends and their principles, for they know by observation that a man who will have his principles and his party simply because he cannot always receive preference, is not to be trusted in any way, or much expected from him in the way of manhood or gratitude, but we must confess that we are a little surprised at the amount of "cheek" he manifests.

We honestly believe, however, that he has been drawn, badly, in buying the Republican office, and that he is still trusting to the men who got him into it, for counsel and direction. If such is the case, we say to him that he will soon realize that he is in bad hands.

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