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Thursday, Aug. 5, 1897.

Our Reply to Herman

Elsewhere in this issue we publish Representative Herman's reply to the questions we propounded to him in the POST last week if a reply it can be called. Well, Mr. Representative, we received your letter at the post office on Monday morning with 2 cents postage due and we paid the bill and bited the letter. From the very first sentence to the closing word you display a sarcastic and indignant spirit thereby indicating that you are not at all anxious to have your record ventilated. You say, however, that you invite criticism when it is not prompted by vengeance. We appeal to every intelligent reader of the POST to point out one evidence of spleen or vengeance displayed in the entire article or editorial. The article itself is nearly all copied from the Phila. Press. Why should they vent their spleen on you? Do you assert that the Phila. Press is bent on vengeance or must you admit that they are after better government. If it is vengeance we are after why do you not have your record so you need not fear its promulgation? We did not make your record, we only published it as we found it and asked for information on points we did not know.

(1) Your reply to our request for an itemized statement of bill for \$304 has been totally disregarded. Your bill originally was for "car fare, carriage hire, telegrams, etc." Now you say in your letter to the Governor's private secretary that your bill includes "boarding" "street car fare" and "postage" as secretary of the committee. If you have a personal bill for boarding what was done with the \$773.80 to cover the hotel bill handed in by your committee? I do not quite understand the difference between "boarding" and "hotel bill." You say you had street car fare, but here again you fail to itemize. Postage, the same. The stenographer of your committee has a bill of \$685. Clerk, typewriter, etc., \$50. You see you have failed to itemize your bill and the people are just as much in the dark as before. Won't you tell them how much this Secretaryship cost you in addition to what it would have cost if you would not have held the honor? The people want more information. One of your friends in the western part of the county writes: "I suppose Herman's actions will not coincide with the wishes of the people. I am myself more than anxious to see a bill showing every item."

Your reference to other members having received appropriations for like items does not in any manner justify us in overlooking the strict mandate of the constitution. Art. II, Sec. 8, which says that the members shall receive their regular salary (\$1500) and mileage for one round trip from their home to Harrisburg "and no other compensation whatever, whether for service on committee or otherwise." You speak about "postage." Are you not allowed a special appropriation of \$100 a session for postage?

(2) We are as much in the dark now about the Cook funeral bill as we were before. You state that we were in error in giving the average cost of each committee member for the funeral. We are not very much enlightened by your lump sum statement. In fact you don't know? Was it not your duty to find out before voting for the appropriation? It is sometimes more convenient not to know. You have a bill for coffin, flowers, etc. So

when members die while in office, the coffin, etc. must be paid by the state. Why that is the way county poor districts do with paupers. So the state pays for the coffin! Well suppose the we allow \$100 for a coffin and \$25 for flowers which is an enormous sum. If a country editor gets a \$25 coffin and a few flowers raised and furnished free by friends is about all he can expect yet allowing \$100 for coffin, \$25 for flowers, \$15 for carriage hire making a total of \$140. There is then \$531.80 left for the Sergeant at arms and boarding for about 2 days. You see we are just as far from knowing what the public funds have been used for as before. Don't you think you ought to get the itemized bill and tell the people what was done with their \$671.80?

(2) There is no occasion to make light of the Becker Bill because it affects only Phila. Any measure that tends to place power in fewer hands tends toward monarchy. The fact that most of the Representatives from Phila. were in favor of it is no argument for it. Politicians sometimes wish to surround themselves with citadels of strength. This is an occasion of that kind. The bill is vicious in its aims and is better dead than alive.

(3) We realize that the session of '97 was longer than the session of '95 and we are of course willing to allow a larger appropriation for employees. You say: "The Governor's explanation proves my position to have been nearer correct than Mr. Coray's." Does it though? Mr. Coray's said the employees' list was padded in both houses to the extent of \$35,000. The Governor vetoed \$9450 from the Senate employees' bill and \$14,534 from the House employees' bill or a total of \$23,984. Was not Mr. Coray nearer right? He tried to save \$35,000. The Governor did save \$23,984 to the state. Did you try?

You say in concluding your letter: "I want to charge you with four little things that have much to do with your unmanly attack upon me." Now, Mr. Herman, to start with, we will challenge you and every reader of the "Post" to show us one word we have said against you in our columns of argument as mean as the word "unmanly" yet your letter from beginning to end steaming with sarcasm, slurs, and attempts to belittle the bold stand the POST has taken against public extravagance. If you call such evasions of making direct answers argument the people of Snyder county WILL NOT. We have confined ourselves to the solid facts as near as we can get them without alluding even in one instance to a personality or attempting in any way to detract from the dignity of your official position or to debase the high standard that should characterize all discussion that affects the public welfare. You charge me with four things. Have the people given me a public office? A public trust for which I must answer? Have I robbed? Have I murdered? It would make no difference if I had stolen a thousand dollars, that would not change your record before the people nor help to answer the charges or explain your position.

(1) The people have given me no public office hence they have no claim upon my conduct, but to show them to what desperate straits you are driven to explain your record we will consider the charges. Failing to find a satisfactory loophole to explain your official conduct, you try to justify your course by explaining that we are sore. No, Mr. Herman, the people do not need to believe what we say, they can examine the Legislative Record or read the Phila. Press for the past 40 days. Perhaps the Record and Press editors were turned down for the Middleburgh Post Office too.

(2) Of the first part of your second charge we know nothing and besides does not concern us. The closing clause, however, is a downright falsehood as we can prove it to be. Our candidate for the Middleburgh Postmastership never asked us to assail you or in any manner to make your record public. And what is more he did not know that the POST intended to publish your record until the matter was all written up and put in type. You wrote for the public. Why don't you stick to the truth?

(3) You say we used both fair and unfair means to land our applicant. You fail to state what what the unfair means are, but in-

timated both in your letter and elsewhere that we attempted to bribe you for an endorsement. Mr. Herman if you expect us to refrain from telling the truth you are very much mistaken. We did offer to remit to you a portion of your account for expenses, and even if the offer would have been satisfactory, would the tax payers be compelled to pay the bill? Even if we had offered you ten thousand dollars. Would the tax payers suffer?

(4) Indeed the puerility of the attempt to prove any violation of even common horse sense by telling the people that John Wanamaker paid for space used in the Middleburgh POST is highly amusing. Have you forgotten that you paid for space in the POST and that every candidate for public office is expected to pay for the newspaper space he uses. Why should they not? There is no more argument that a newspaper should give a candidate free space than that we should give every business man free space to advertise his goods. Our paper bills and ink bills must be paid, employees demand cash, we must have bread and butter and none of our politicians present us with these things, so we don't present them with valuable newspaper space. But if the taking of this money was such a crime why don't you tell our readers who handed the money to us?

Now, Mr. Representative permit us to say that we have offered you the use of the POST gratuitously to explain what the people should know and you have taken advantage of our magnanimity by asking us to publish a villainous attack upon ourselves. We have published your attack. Do you really think that such a personal attack is equivalent to itemizing the required bills and explaining why you voted for certain measures called in question. No, Mr. Herman, the farmers and laborers of Snyder county must work hard for every dollar they earn and you will realize, if you don't now, that these people, as well as the writer, want to know your position in the distribution of the state's funds. Every insult you have flung at me is an insult to every constituent anxious to know the true conditions. We have offered the use of our columns to itemize your statements and defend your position. Even admitting, for argument's sake that you have found the true reason that your record has been published that does not explain to the people the consistency of your votes and your bills of expense. Unless you discontinue your personal attacks and tell the people what they have a right to know, we must conclude that it is not intended for them to know. Besides personal attacks may develop the reciprocity theory into practice.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common water glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates a diseased condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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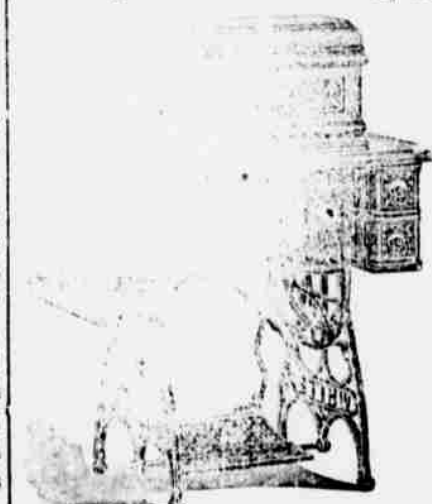
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