JOHN P. CAHOON'S DEFENSE.

He Denies Any Crookedness on His Part as County Selectman.

[Says the Salt Lake Herald-Not Published by Any Concept of Accuracy or Fairness.]

SALT LAKE CITY, Sunday, 30th, 1895.

Editor Herald: Sir:

The general knowledge and widely spread of that have already, by your asking an investigation of the present character of affairs, the public now begins further through the agency of the press and is enabled to form its judgment of the situation as regards the honesty of those of the 'Ring' as exposed, and by the information contained in the Chronicle of the community, charges have been made or opposed reflection on the honesty and motive of those who have been the subject of the Herald editorials, appear among the similar.

As the first article in question has my name in a public office in it, I take upon myself to reply to the charge. Like many, I am not acquainted with the Herald's motive in all of its articles, but I do know that it is honest.

This is the only statement I think of the kind that has appeared in the Herald, and I have no reproach to make against the Herald. Being a Democrat, I am not in sympathy with the Herald on the question of bonds, but I believe it is honest in its opposition, and has not, so far as I know, published anything that is not in the interest of the people.

So far as I may gather from the newspaper reports of the proceedings of the Herald, the general charge is that I have in the performance of the duties of Commissioner and Clerk, allowed, or, at least, my position has enabled me to have been in a position to allow, bills for services or supplies which were not rendered, or which were in excess of the value of the services or supplies.

The charge is false. I could a positive denial of the matter in this form, but generally, without my knowledge and without my consent, I have allowed bills of items from time to time from the firm of Cahoon Bros., of which I was a member. I have to say, I think, purchases full of which were in small amounts, which I have seen, and have given to the report of Mayor Morgan, etc.

First, that I never directly or indirectly suggested to Jameson any of items, the supervision being for the 18 every time since the office has been most satisfactorily handled to date work.

Second, that the county got full value for every cent it paid, and that no bill passed was attached up to the regular order of office.

The orders of the county court for the bridge were drawn on Cahoon Bros., because their part, by reason of its relating to the county, was the lowest and best in the country, was the most satisfactory in point of construction, and the latter as mentioned. I had no influence whatever in the matter, and was in no way interested in securing the price contract for the Salt Lake Pressed Brick Co. With these two exceptions I have not transacted business with the firm of which I was a member.

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I am not, and never have been directly or indirectly interested in the company or any other company, which has received any money from the state treasurer, or in the receiving of any money from the state or county, which has been paid out of the state treasury, or any other money, or in any way, directly or indirectly, in the public funds.

I believe that in working out an honest, economical, and business administration of the affairs of the county, I have done what I could, and I believe I have done it as well as any other man would have done it, and I believe I have done it as well as any other man would have done it, and I believe I have done it as well as any other man would have done it.

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