

**THE ITEMS.**

This item devoted almost a column to us in its last issue in which it called us a liar in about every other line and says in part that "all we could do was sit on the back yard fence and cry fraud, padded, etc."

Oh, no, brother, we have something better to do than that. The printing of schedule of expenditures does not amount to more than \$50 per year, if that much.

We only wished to set ourselves right with the public and let our readers know the reason we were not named as the county official paper. We were beaten by a padded list and as for offering proof of our assertions, we were not given an opportunity, as the items knows. The dead man we referred to is Mr. Amick, who came here last summer from Lake county, and was here for a short only, when he returned to that county and last November died. The post master at this place does not know who gets his mail. The delunct paper referred to was the County News which ceased publication last October. The items' list also had as "bona fide" yearly subscribers? E. B. Waters and "Post master," one and the same person. Now who is a liar? We do not think it will be necessary to refer to this matter again.

When Dr. Daly, who was a chief surgeon on the staff, of Gen. Miles, submitted to the War Investigating Commission chemical proof that the refrigerated beef issued to Miles' men in Porto Rico was "embalmed," the Commission opened two cans of roast beef, bought in Washington and pronounced it good. Quer, wasn't it?

Unless positively assured that the treaty can be ratified without amendment, the administration will not allow it to be voted upon at this session. Senator Davis has already declined one invitation to name a day to vote.

It is said that Mr. McKinley is to reward his friend Day, with a U. S. Circuit judgeship, and that he will promote him to the Supreme Court, if a vacancy occurs during his administration. The "country lawyer" appears to be in luck.

Several prominent republican papers have advised the republicans of the Delaware legislature to unite with the democrats and elect Senator Gray, but money seems to have more pull than good advice with the legislature.

The demand of democratic Senators that the policy of this country towards the Philippines be declared in advance of the ratification of the treaty seems to have badly frightened the imperialists, although it is reasonable enough.

The frequency with which charges of bribery have recently been brought against candidates for the U. S. Senate are additional reasons for the election of senators by direct vote of the people.

Gov. Stone's confidence in Quay's reelection was not as strong as his words, or he would not have issued that appeal in behalf of Quay.

It's a good even bet that nine out of every ten intelligent persons to whom a quotation from Constitution of the U. S. is submitted will be unable to tell where it came from. If you doubt this, try it.

The Southern railroads got jealous of the profits of the Southern iron man and announced an increase of 50 cents a ton on pig iron, to take effect February.

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We rise to enquire whether Mr. Richard Croker has the proper credentials to make him adviser-in-chief of the democratic party?

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