

R. E. Grinstead on Drainage Matters

At Humboldt this week we found a man who has been told and who believes the story, that the Mo. River has been known to back the waters in the Nemaha River up to Dawson. He is an excellent and a very intelligent gentleman, but like many of us are, on many subjects, doesn't stop to think what absurd propositions are sometimes believed.

Low water mark just below Dawson's mill and at the mouth of the Mo. River each has an elevation whose difference is not less than 100 ft.; according to the United States Geodetic survey the Mo. river has an annual maximum raise of fifteen feet. It has in forty years a maximum raise of twenty feet, this happened last in 1881. The banks of the Nemaha, a little above the mouth, have an elevation, above low water mark, of about 20 feet. Hence, the greatest probable raise that may come in the Mo. river will not disastrously affect the Nemaha bottoms of the same down at the mouth, and, when the channel is made straight there will be a swift current not only down at the mouth of the Nemaha but out into and beyond the centre of the Mo. river. The fact that the Mo. river and the Nemaha River may each have a maximum raise at the same time will not make an inundation of the Nemaha bottoms.

Occasionally we find a good careful citizen who thinks that possibly by some kind of legislature legerdemain the county may be made to assume payment of drainage obligations.

Two or three times we have affronted the sensibilities of men by asking pointedly "do you think there is any such danger?" One man replied "Do you think I am a fool." We have it this way now we say of course, you know better. This illicit a chaste reply that doesn't grate on our sensibilities. As we have written before, this matter had been settled for all time by a decision of our state supreme court made in 1879 and found in vol. 8 of supreme court reports. The legislature had, in 1873, enacted that Falls City precinct should

issue and sell bonds to construct a court house; this was done and Elmer S. Dundy, who contended that the law was unconstitutional and that a tax could not be levied and collected for such purposes therefore he refused to pay taxes, the case was carried to the supreme court by the bond holders, who had been defeated in the lower court before Judge Weaver, the supreme court affirming the decision of the lower court. The court house never cost the taxpayers of the county a cent, the investors lost their money. There is no possible way by which the county can be made to pay the obligations of a drainage district no more than that of any other minor municipality of the county. It is surprising that any citizen could form such strange conclusions.

It is a well known fact that wherever drainage has been undertaken in other states the engineer's report fixes the rate of taxes to be assessed against each acre of land to be benefited within the contour line of the drainage district and that is always done on the basis of the benefits to be received.

Each owner of land has a given time usually forty days after due and formal notice made and provided in such cases in which to appear before the proper tribunal in our case the county board of supervisors and show cause why he should not be so assessed.

Does any fair minded man believe that our county board or their successors elected by the sovereign people of the county, will impose the obligations of a drainage system of the county chargeable to others than those that are benefitted contrary to all customs and forms of law and reason? I have more faith in my fellow man than to believe any such nonsense.

Forty thousand acres of the best lands in the world can be and will be permanently reclaimed, good roads can be made across the bottoms, the sanitary conditions of the entire county will be greatly improved thereby. Future expenses for county bridges and repairs for the same will be greatly reduced. Yours truly
R. E. Grinstead.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

John Hossack drove to Sabetha on Sunday.

Dr. Rush and family will live at the National hotel this winter.

Mrs. Daisy Rowe and Mrs. Alice Stanton returned to Omaha this week after a short visit with

their parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Abbott.

Miss Francis Morton, city librarian is in St. Louis where she will see the sights for a week. Mrs. Jno. Nulk is the acting librarian during her absence.

The reporter saw an item about an Atchison woman in the Atchi-

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son Globe which called to mind a similar case here in Falls City. A crowd of youngsters were playing ball on Chase street the other evening and yelling at the top of their voices. On the sidewalk near by sat a little fellow with his hair in curl papers shyly watching the game. He wasn't playing because the boys called him "sissy" and every other feminine name they could think of, and it made the child shy and humiliated. The mother of the child is an excellent lady but she is foolish enough to believe that her boy who wants to play ball with other boys must have long curls to be pretty. Her vanity causes the little fellow to suffer and to lose the most precious part of his life, his boyhood. If I can ever do so, without being impertinent I am going to tell this lady that she is silly. In any event I hope she will read this item.

Cause of Lockjaw.

Lockjaw, or tetanus, is caused by a bacillus or germ which exists plentifully in street dirt. It is inactive so long as exposed to

the air, but when carried beneath the skin, as in the wounds caused by percussion caps or by rusty nails, and when the air is excluded the germ is roused to activity and produces the most virulent poison known. These germs may be destroyed and all danger of lockjaw avoided by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely as soon as the injury is received. Pain Balm is an antiseptic and causes cuts, bruises and like injuries to heal without maturation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. Sold by A. G. Wanner.

Missouri Pacific Railway Time Table, Falls City, Neb.

NORTH	
No. 51 Omaha and Lincoln Express	A 2:25 a m
No. 9 Omaha and Lincoln	8:35 a m
No. 58 Omaha and Lincoln passenger	A 2:48 p m
No. 233 Local Freight, Auburn	A 1:10 p m
SOUTH	
No. 52 Kansas City and St. Louis and Denver	A 3:47 a m
No. 58 Kansas City and St. Louis and Denver	A 2:48 p m
No. 59 St. Louis F. air special	8:45 p m
No. 232 Local, Atchison	10:30 a m
No. 230 Local Freight, Hiawatha	A 9:52 p m
A. Daily. B. Daily except Sunday.	
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