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DOES THE MONITOR REALLY BELIEVE IT

Can It Be Possible That Our Editor-Friend From The West Side Has Allowed Himself to Become so Completely Locoed.

84 ROOMS--SOME COURT HOUSE, EH?

Suffering balls of mud! Did you read last week's Monitor? For a short article it stands supreme for the number of mathematical cyclones.

Suppose a pantry with ice chest and box of matches would be 3 rooms. The proposition as outlined in the papers is perfectly reasonable, definite and plain.

FIRE-PROOF.

MEETS WITH AN ACCIDENT

Frank Horton Loses Part of Two Fingers and Thumb

CORN COB CAUSES ACCIDENT.

A shocking accident occurred last Saturday afternoon, at B. J. Tierney's feed yards in west Anselvy. Frank Horton an employ of Mr. Tierney, was operating a power corn grinder, Mr. Horton was alone and no one witnessed the shocking affair.

Miss Brockway of Lincoln was a guest of the Drs. Bowman a few days last week.

A NEW LODGE ORGANIZED

The Mystic Workers of the World Social, Fraternal and Beneficiary. TWENTY-SIX CHARTER MEMBERS.

A lodge of the Mystic Workers of the World, a social fraternal and beneficiary order of life insurance was organized in Society Hall on last Friday night, with a charter membership of twenty-six members, by State Deputy T. L. McClive.

The Order was chartered under the insurance laws of the state of Illinois in 1896, and now has a membership of over 76,000 members.

A petition containing 75 names of citizens of Litchfield and vicinity was filed with the county clerk Tuesday morning nominating Sheriff L. A. Williams to succeed himself in that office.

BODY OF PAGE CHILD FOUND

Search for Body of Child Drowned in Cedar April 2, Ended FOUND BY ACCIDENT.

Our readers will recall the account of the drowning of a small child in the Cedar near Ericson on April 2, and the unsuccessful attempt to find the child's body.

But yesterday the body was discovered by accident by Charles Pain. Mr. Pain saw an object partly covered in the sand. On investigation he found it to be the clothing and the wasted remains of the missing child.

Since the death of the child, the mother, Mrs. Page, has been in terrible suspense. Until the body was recovered she could not be reconciled. We are glad that this comfort may at last come to the parents that it is given burial.

FROM THE WAR BORDER LINE

Letter From Frank Amick, of El Paso, Texas, to His Parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Amick of This City.

VILLA'S FRIENDSHIP DON'T LOOK SINCERE

Below we print a letter from Frank Amick, son of Conductor Amick of this city, who is at El Paso, Texas, and just at the edge of war border. It is most interesting at this time, coming from a Loup City boy, giving local coloring to home interest in the troubles between this country and Mexico:

El Paso, Texas, April 25, 1914. Dear Papa and all:—Well, here I am and going to work tonight. I feel pretty good.

Things look bad down here at the present time, there are about 15,000 soldiers in El Paso and they have the big cannon placed up on the mountains so that if Villa attacks they can bombard Jaurez. They have issued guns to all the citizens and the city is under martial law, and every body has to go to bed at 9 p. m. I went to the fort and offered my service as a conductor, in case

they went down into Mexico. Gen. Bliss thanked me and took my name and address. He said he thought they would need about 350 brakemen, engineers and conductors, he also said he would call on me as soon as he needed any men.

Gen. Villa is doing a whole lot of talking about how he isn't going to war, but at the same time he has his men digging trenches along the river, and there has been three train loads of soldiers come to Jaurez from Torreon since yesterday.

But I don't want you to worry about me, I am all right. Uncle Ross got scared and went to Denver.

Here is some of Villa's money. I got it from a street car conductor.

Well, I must close, hope you got the papers I sent you. Love to all. Frank Amick. 1124 San Antonio St.

FINAL WORD OF THE COURT HOUSE COMMITTEE TO THE VOTERS

The Sherman County Court House Committee strongly recommend the court house proposition to all taxpayers and voters of Sherman county, and urge them to make it a special duty to go to the polls on Tuesday, May 12th, and cast their vote in favor of the proposition on the following sound and practical grounds.

Because we can not hope to get a more favorable proposition at any time in the future, and possibly not so good as the one which we now present and which has been published in detail in the legal notices in all papers in the county the past six weeks.

Because our public records are in a very unsafe condition in the old, dilapidated building, and if they are lost they can never be restored.

Because the old court house and old jail are unsubstantial and unsafe; no office room for the majority of the county officers within the building, which is a great hindrance to the correct, prompt and convenient transaction of the public business.

Because the plans and specifications of Burlington and Davis, one of the leading firms of architects of the state, insure a massive, solid, fire-proof building, ample, neat and perfectly arranged in every respect and fully furnished to the least detail for not to exceed \$75,000, and we are convinced that we are getting big value for our money.

Because if we put off building a new court house until the old one is destroyed, which risk we are continually running, we will both lose our records and the building will cost us more, or we will get a poorer building when the matter has to be rushed.

Because the tax to pay for the court house will be so light as to be felt by no one.

Because Sherman county can not afford to lose its self respect and the respect of its neighbors and continue to do business in the old shack that has been left over from the sod house, dug-out, grasshopper period, when all of the surrounding counties are building up-to-date fire proof court houses.

Because the bond terms are so arranged that the amount can be paid off by a very light annual assessment, if the twenty years' time is taken, or can, at the option of the people, be paid off in a few years by a larger levy, but not so large as to be burdensome.

Because the court house proposition has the active support of a very large number of the heaviest property owners and land owners in the county, both resident and non-resident, who recognize the risk they run daily of having their evidence of title destroyed.

Because the court house proposition and the sentiment favoring it is now so far developed that it would certainly turn up again in the near future, if defeated now. A matter is never settled until it is settled right.

Let us tackle the job now and not have to deal with future elections.

In short there is every reason to build the court house now and no serious reason against it. Therefore this committee of 40 citizens from every township in the county will earnestly urge every friend of the proposition to make it his special business to go to the polls Tuesday, May 12, hand cast his ballot for the proposition as made. This committee has spent much work and time in an honest endeavor to promote this worthy enterprise and get a court house and jail for the \$75,000, that will be safe and practical, and a credit to the county. We are dealing with reputable architects and have sufficient guarantee that the cost of the building fully equipped and furnished will not run above \$75,000, and any contractor who bids less than that and whose bid is accepted by the county board will be compelled to give a bond of not less than \$25,000, that he will complete his contract in accordance with the plans and specifications now on file in the county clerk's office for the amount of his bid and if it be less than \$75,000, the county receives the benefits thereof. A building committee is to be elected, one member from each township, the citizens of that township selecting by mass meeting or any way they may desire a man in whom they have the utmost confidence to act as their representative on the building committee, to advise with and to aid and assist the county board in getting a building true to the plans and contract and that will be a permanent satisfaction and credit to the county.

THE SHERMAN COUNTY COURT HOUSE COMMITTEE. W. S. WAITE, SECRETARY.

Litchfield Monitor's Mistakes Corrected

The court house committee in presenting the court house proposition to the people have tried to deal in nothing but absolute facts which can be proven from the records in the court house and by the simplest rules of arithmetic.

In the issue of April 24th, the Monitor stated that the interest on the bonds would be, before the principal was paid, the sum \$67,500, when in fact it only amounts to \$35,437.50, if the least amount is paid each year, that can be paid under the proposition presented to the people by the county board and published in his paper the entire time he has been making these misstatement of facts. And if paid in less time, as the county has a perfect right to do under its option, the interest will be correspondingly less in proportion to the payments made. Thus we have a right to pay the entire \$75,000 in six months after the bonds are used and interest commences. In that event the interest would only amount to \$1687.50 and could not exceed the sum of \$35,437.50 under the proposition as above stated, showing a misstatement of \$32062.50. In the same article is even a more glaring misstatement of facts with regard to maintenance, in which he states that the expense will amount to between \$3000 and \$5000 per year. The court house committee have figured the necessary expenses of maintaining the present courthouse and rented offices, lights, coal and telephone service, janitor, extra vaults, halls for conducting teachers' examinations, jury rooms and insurance as \$844 per year. The committee estimates the maintenance for the new courthouse at \$1204, made up as follows: for janitor \$50 per month or \$600 per year. Bear in mind that there are living rooms in the upper story of the court house for the janitor, which have heat, light and water furnished. \$400 for coal. Telephone and lights will be practically the same as they are now, which we estimate at \$204. There will be no rent for outside offices and it being a fire proof building, no fire insurance will be necessary. Thus we find that the difference in the maintenance of the old court house and outside offices and the new courthouse to be \$360 per year, and not from \$3000 to \$5000 as the Monitor stated.

In the issue of the Monitor of April 17th is the statement that "The reason for the special bond election was, that the bonds would not carry at the regular fall election, unless they would carry by a two-thirds majority, and that would have been hard to get. At a special election one majority will be enough to get the bonds." Again the Monitor is mistaken. The same law governs the carrying of the bonds, either at a special or general election, and a majority of the votes cast will carry the proposition, in either case. The committee believe that the building of a new courthouse is a business proposition of sufficient importance to all taxpayers, to be put before them in such a manner that they could not be misled by candidates and contending political parties at general elections. The ballot at a general election contains a long list of national, state, county and precinct officers and constitutional amendments and a vital question, like this courthouse proposition, would meet the same fate that all questions of like character meet, being lost sight of by the voter.

The cost of the special election amounts to about \$450, of which the non-resident taxpayer, including the railroads, pay at least one-third as shown by the tax list. There being about 2000 voters in the county, this would cost at an average of fifteen cents for each voter.

The only people that could benefit by the Monitor's levy plan in preference to the bond proposition as made would be the banks of the county who would receive the money on deposit as collected at two per cent interest per annum and the money would remain in the banks until the entire amount necessary to build the courthouse, was levied and collected, which would take five years, thus endangering loss of the records and unnecessary risks with no compensation therefore, or if the county desires to build on the levy plan before all the money is accumulated in the treasury, they would be compelled to build on a time proposition and the county would get from a twenty-five to thirty per cent poorer building, because of the time proposition, as the county board of supervisors and the courthouse committee found to be the case, from investigation and comparison of courthouses built on the two different plans.

We all should have a common interest and a common purpose, viz: the welfare of the greatest number of our citizens, and we believe the new courthouse is for the public good and a public necessity and that the present plan and proposition should receive the support of the people at the polls May 12th.

COURT HOUSE COMMITTEE, W. S. WAITE, Secretary.

Sherman County's Special Election

The voters of Sherman county will have an opportunity on the 12th of May to say whether they are satisfied with an old tumble down shack of a court house, or whether they are desirous of erecting a new and up-to-date building, similar to the one that is now being constructed in this city.

The Phonograph is not interested to any great extent in the Sherman county bond election, but we wish we could show our friends in that county what it really means to them. If they could realize the satisfaction that there is in seeing a new court house going up to replace an old and obsolete building, they would vote for the bonds to a man. In this county considerable opposition was maintained during the campaign for the bond election, but since the building was started, and the outline of the building is up so that all may see what a fine structure it will be, no opposition whatever is heard of and everybody is satisfied, even those who were most opposed are now well pleased that they were in the minority.

In Sherman county the Phonograph has a large number of readers, and we hope that every reader of this paper will hesitate before voting against that much needed improvement. We hope they will go to the polls and vote for the new court house, thereby keeping up with the procession started two years ago in Merrick county, and quickly taken up by Custer, Howard and Greeley counties. Let Sherman county on the west and Valley on the north build new court houses, and this section of the state will be well supplied with good buildings, and visitors to this section of Nebraska will realize that they are in the garden spot of the state. We will realize what Sherman county will secure in the way of a court house. It will be practically the same as the one being built here, and will be a credit to the voters of that county for generations to come if they go to the polls on election day and vote for that magnificent building which they will receive. — St. Paul Phonograph.

Jess Fletcher returned from his ranch near Hyantgis a few days since, he having been up there for a couple of weeks building him a home and making arrangements to move up there, which he will do this week. We trust he may have all kinds of splendid success in his new venture.

ITEMS OF NEWS FROM ASHTON

Burns Doesn't Love Stecher

It is a fact, however, that Farmer Burns does not feel kindly toward Joe Stecher—perhaps, with some reason. Several months ago Burns quietly arranged for a match between Stecher and an unknown in Stecher's home town—Dodge. It developed that the Farmer's "unknown" was the renowned Yussif Hussane. But Stecher, although a comparatively green wrestler, was game and it and the Bulgarian hopped to it in one of the most grueling contests ever put on in the west. After Hussane had twice thrown the Nebraska boy off the stage and the latter kept coming back for more, the Farmer decided that he and his Bulgarian prodigy had plucked a Tartar. About that time Stecher clamped a punishing head scissors onto Hussane and the friends of Dodge county boy claim that the Bulgarian, to free himself, bit Stecher on the leg. This was a signal for a demonstration by Stecher's neighbors, so Farmer Burns and Hussane, claiming they feared violence, fled from the hall. The referee then awarded the decision the Stecher. Meantime, the management refused to Burns or his Bulgarian any of the receipts, asserting they were entitled to nothing because of their refusal to go on with the match, since, which day the veteran Omaha wrestler and his protege have been vowing vengeance on Stecher and his tribe.

A Peculiar Swine Disease in State

A rare swine disease has made its appearance near Tecumseh. Owen Morrissey, who lives five and one-half miles west of Tecumseh, lost nine porkers with the disease in a single night recently. The hogs were suddenly stricken, seeming to be all right the evening before death. Dr. Sullivan, the government veterinarian, who is working in an effort at eradication of hog cholera in Johnson county, was sent for at once. As a result of a post mortem examination Doctor Sullivan pronounced the disease to be gastroenteritis, a small worm in the stomach, the worm being grathostoma. The veterinarian pronounced the disease a rare one, and he has sent a history of the work of the disease in Mr. Morrissey's pens, together with samples of the worms, to Washington.

At last the B. B. on the sidewalk is overshadowed by the beautiful color of green which as a rule comes every spring.

Mr. Webhey has rented the house across the street from Pat Chervinski's and will move his family here from Omaha.

On account of the bad roads the ball team did not play the game at Elba Sunday, thereby saving Elba defeat.

Mat Ignowski purchased a second hand Ford from Joe Roy, last week, Stanley Goc drove it home for him.

The Schauaps Ball team played the Ashton 2nd nine on the Ashton grounds Sunday. Ashton won 9 to 6.

The dance that was given by the Young Ladies Sodality was fairly well attended and a good lunch served.

Cash Pritchard was down from Loup one day last week and got a few of the boys to enlist for service in the army the boys expect to leave for Mexico any day now.

The barn of John Skibinski, north east of town was struck by lightning Saturday night and four valuable horses killed. John had no insurance on the horses and it is quite a loss to him.

The B. B. B. held their regular meeting last Monday evening. The kind of lunch they served is a pretty good indication of how they feel, the lunch consisted wholly of pickles.

A miscellaneous shower was given at the Kwiatkowski home Sunday evening in honor of Helen who will be married this week, a large crowd were present and a very enjoyable time reported.

Chas. Jamrog is carrying a smile that wont come off, he says, did you see my grass, look, look at it at last it has come and I think it will stay this time, plenty of wet, well thats all in style in Ashton.

Lawrence Polski clerk of this great county was in Ashton last week shaking hands with his many friends, and we understand he is running for re-election, well its a cinch, all his friends told him that you will be our next county clerk, we think a county clerk that had to stick in that old court house ought to have a chance to hold office in a new court house.

We beg to be excused for not having any Ashton items last week, but on account of having so much rain farm work was at a stand still and we could not resist the temptation to take a short vacation. The writer visited with his brother near Alliance for a few days. The western part of state have had lots of rain this spring and crops are looking fine.