

Route No. 5.

Hay making is now the order of the day, and with fair weather a great deal of it will be put up in the next ten days.

The heavy rains of Monday night put a stop to all work in the fields, being too wet for threshing or stacking. No damage resulted from the storm, however, as many feared it had.

A card to her parents from Middleton, Mo., tells of the safe arrival of Miss Josephine Thompson of that place, where she has gone to visit relatives for six weeks or two months. She reports a good deal of wet weather and much water along the lower Mississippi river.

Route No. 1.

The boys on Doan creek are tuning up their pans and cow bells for a social in the near future.

The farmers on route 1 are trying to harvest their late oats, but owing to the heavy rains are making slow progress.

Robert Conn and F. T. Marquis returned last Sunday from Colorado, where they had been to look at land. They were not very favorably impressed with the country.

While Henry Luschen and family were away from home last Sunday visiting friends, one of their neighbors had occasion to call at their home. Seeing a suspicious looking man in the yard, they called other neighbors to their assistance, but when they captured the supposed man they found a dummy.

Walker Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Olson visited at John Swanson's Sunday.

Hening Anderson received a telegram Monday morning informing him that his mother who lives at Stromberg was very low and not expected to live. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson hurried to the bedside of his mother as fast as they could, taking the train at St. Edward that morning.

A very quiet wedding took place Wednesday last week at the bride's home, where Arthur Stone and Miss Annie Wood were united in marriage. Rev. Fred Stromberg officiating. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Cash Stone and the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boob. The young couple have grown up as neighbors in the Looking Glass valley.

Route No. 4.

J. C. Patterson is helping Chris Hilmer with his harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Butler of Lincoln are visiting their son Ed this week.

O. D. Miles of Council Bluffs arrived last Sunday and is helping Anton Ebner stack his hay.

Monday morning two threshing machines were working on the same job in Adam Smith's field—something quite unusual.

J. A. Lockwood of Syracuse, Neb., is visiting Lyman Bray. He has the rheumatism and is making the trip in a covered wagon.

The high wind of Monday night blew the fruit off the trees and tops off the hay stacks, and did considerable damage to the fruit.

Creston.

Mrs. Austin and Miss Christensen left Sunday for Minnesota.

Miss Hazel Studley returned Monday from her visit in Omaha.

G. W. Smith visited in Central City with home folks over Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Wagner and son Lewis left Monday for Lincoln to visit relatives.

Misses Dora Vanbaricom and Nell Brown left Tuesday for Seattle, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Webb returned Saturday from their trip to Wayne and report a fine time.

John Souder of Oklahoma arrived Saturday evening for a visit with relatives and friends.

The Creston ball team certainly had some good luck Sunday. They beat the Leigh team 9 to 12.

A surprise party was given on Mrs. Cashman last Thursday afternoon in honor of her birthday.

Miss Marie Vickers came down from Madison Saturday and is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Plagemann.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ewing returned Friday evening from their long wedding trip through the eastern states.

The boys of Creston occupied their time Thursday evening by piling rubbish which had been the beer garden in front of Mr. Englehart's store.

Miss Amy Rowe left Tuesday evening for Okadale for a visit with home folks and from there she will go to California and spend the winter with her sister.

A farewell picnic was given out in Henry Knight's grove in honor of D. I. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jackson, and Miss Amy Rowe, who soon leave for the west.

Mrs. L. Wescott met with a very serious accident Monday as she was getting in a buggy to go to a picnic the horse started and threw her out on the wheel hurting her limb and side.

Notice.

All accounts due the Nebraska Bisons are payable to E. A. Harms.

Palace Meat Market. CARL FALK, Proprietor. Solicits a share of your patronage. Thirteenth Street.

SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS.

Columbus, Nebraska, Tuesday, July 13, 1909. The board of supervisors of Platte county, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9 o'clock.

Roll called and following members present: Supervisors Clothier, Goetz, Peterson, Schwarz, Smith and Chairman Schure.

The undersigned citizens, residents and taxpayers of the state of Nebraska hereby respectfully notify you that the wooden wagon bridge across the Platte river, about two miles south and one-half mile west of the city of Columbus, situated in the commission-ers and supervisor districts and townships above described, and on a part of the public road in said counties of Platte, Polk and Butler which extend in a general north and south direction near the west line of section 31, township 17 north, range 1 east of the 6th p. m. in Platte county, Nebraska, near and on the west line of section 6, township 16 north, range 1 east, in Butler county, Nebraska, and near and on the east line of section 11, township 16 north, range 1 west, in Polk county, Nebraska, is out of repair and unsafe for travel to this, to-wit:

The south turn-out, consisting of three spans, and one span to the south and two to the north thereof, in all six continuous spans, of a total length of about 240 feet, are almost impassable; when heavy loads pass over this portion of the bridge it springs up and down and shakes from three to four inches laterally; the caps and stringers which lay on top of the piles are so rotten that one can thrust the knuckle of the hand in them; the 8x8 beams which form the upper or suspension part of the bridge are rotten; the stringers or timbers upon which the floor is laid are rotten and decayed; the piling is also rotten and part of it is entirely gone, on account of the rotting condition of the wood in the caps aforesaid; the underneath brace rods which fasten through them have pulled off and out, the floor is in bad shape so that a horse is likely to put its foot through it, and this portion of the bridge is in many other respects, too numerous to mention, out of repair, rotten, rusted, washed, loose, and rotted or torn away.

You are hereby respectfully requested to put said bridge in repair and make it safe for travel.

Dated this 7th day of July, 1909.

A. R. MILLER, G. W. PHILLIPS, DAVID THOMAS, OTTO KUMMER, H. A. CLARKE, WM. HAUSER.

Hon. G. W. Phillips addressed the board relative to the communication upon the close of which Supervisor Smith offered the following resolution:

Whereas, a communication has been received from certain citizens and taxpayers of the state of Nebraska, relative to the condition of the Platte river bridge south of Columbus, Nebraska; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the board of supervisors of Platte county, Nebraska:

1. That said communication be placed on file.

2. That a committee of the entire board be and they are hereby appointed as a committee to investigate said bridge and report before the rising of the board as to the condition thereof, and if found in a bad condition, as to the best and most economical method of repairing the same.

On motion of Supervisor Schwarz same was adopted.

The following report was submitted: To the Board of Supervisors of Platte County, Nebraska:

Gentlemen: We, your committee, appointed to meet in joint session with the commissioners of Polk county, to agree upon a joint contract for the building of a wagon bridge across the Platte river, between the townships of Butler, Polk and Platte counties, and also to agree upon the plans and specifications for the construction of same would report as follows:

H. A. Eyston, F. J. Hahn and A. Herrmann, commissioners of Polk county, and Supervisors Louis Schwarz, John Goetz and Adam Smith, your appointed committee, met in joint session at the court house in Columbus, Nebraska, on the 22nd day of June, 1909. Commissioner Eyston as chairman and County Clerk Graf as secretary thereof.

After a lengthy discussion and the adoption of plans and specifications for the construction of said bridge, County Attorney E. E. Stanton, of Polk county, and County Attorney W. N. Hensley, of Platte county, submitted the following memorandum agreement which was read before the rising of the board as to the condition thereof, and if found in a bad condition, as to the best and most economical method of repairing the same.

This memorandum agreement made and entered into this 22nd day of June, A. D. 1909, by and between the joint committee of the county boards of Polk and Platte counties, in the state of Nebraska:

That the said counties hereby jointly agree to build a wagon bridge over the Platte river between said counties, south of the town of Duncan, Nebraska, in Platte county; the same to be built according to plans and specifications hereto attached and made a part hereof.

The total cost of building said bridge to be approximately not more than \$15,000. Platte county to pay the sum of \$1,500.00 of the cost thereof, said amount of \$1,500.00 to be paid out of the county road and bridge fund apportioned to Butler township; Polk county to pay the balance of cost of building said bridge.

Provided, however, that if said contract is not entered into and bids for building said bridge are not advertised

this contract to be null and void.

It is further recommended that the completed contract of which this is a memorandum shall be presented to the respective boards of said counties at their next regular meeting and the same be adopted and ratified by said counties.

Further recommended that after said bridge is built that the cost therefor of maintaining same shall be borne equally by said counties.

It is further agreed that advertising for bids for the building of said bridge be under the direction of the commissioners of Polk county, Nebraska, and that all bids be filed with the county clerk of Polk county, Nebraska.

This memorandum agreement was now agreed by Commissioners H. A. Eyston, F. J. Hahn and A. Herrmann on behalf of Polk county, and by Supervisors Louis Schwarz, John Goetz and Adam Smith on behalf of Platte county.

On motion the meeting now adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, LOUIS SCHWARZ, JOHN GOETZ, ADAM SMITH, Committee.

Moved by Supervisor Schwarz, that the report be adopted, and the memorandum agreement be approved and ratified by the board. Motion carried.

All bills on file with the clerk were, on motion, referred to appropriate committees.

Moved by Supervisor Clothier that the board of supervisors now adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

On adjournment the board of supervisors met at 9 o'clock.

Hon. J. F. Schure, chairman, and John Graf, clerk.

Roll called and following members present: Supervisors Clothier, Goetz, Pollard, Schwarz, Smith and Chairman Schure.

The following completed agreement was now presented:

This article of agreement, made and entered into this 9th day of July, 1909, by and between Polk county, Nebraska, and the board of supervisors of Platte county, Nebraska, party of the second part:

Witnesseth: That whereas the said two named counties are contemplating the building of a wagon bridge across the Platte river south of the town of Duncan, in Platte county, Nebraska, and near the east line of section 11, township 16 north, range 1 west, in Polk county, Nebraska, to wit:

Now, therefore, said parties agree to and with each other in consideration of the premises and each county hereby agrees in consideration of the covenants and agreements of the other party hereto that they will enter into a joint contract for the erection and maintenance of said bridge which said contract when made as hereinafter provided shall bind said party of the second part to pay fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars only, of the contract price for the erection of said bridge and shall bind the said party of the first part to pay all the balance of the contract price for the erection thereof.

It is further agreed by and between the parties hereto that the advertising for bids and the accepting or rejecting of any and all bids submitted therefor, shall be done and left to the option of the party of the first part, though its board of county commissioners and upon and in accordance with the terms hereof, with the plans and specifications heretofore agreed on by the joint committee of said counties and the terms of the notice to be published, a copy of said plans and specifications to be filed with the county clerk of each of said counties.

It is further agreed that if said Polk county, party of the first part, shall not advertise for bids for the construction and building of said bridge, or if after so advertising and receiving bids it shall refuse to accept the same, it shall reject all of said bids, and fall to again advertise for bids before January 1st, 1910, then and in that case this contract shall be null and void, and not binding upon either county. It being understood that as Polk county is to pay the greater part of the cost of the construction of said bridge, provided it is so constructed, that said Polk county shall have the privilege of deciding whether a contract shall be let for the erection thereof, and the price to be paid therefor, and the privilege of rejecting any or all bids submitted therefor, and reserving the right to confirm, ratify or reject the action of the party of the first part, and the contract, if any so let for the erection of said bridge by said Polk county, shall not be binding upon either of said counties hereto named until the same is legally signed and executed by both of said counties.

It is further agreed by and between the parties hereto that after said bridge is so built, by said counties and above provided for, that thereafter the same shall be borne and paid equally by said named counties, each to pay one-half thereof.

Moved by Supervisor Schwarz that the agreement be approved and executed by the supervisors present on behalf of Platte county, Nebraska. Motion carried.

The agreement was now signed by Chairman Schure, and Supervisors Smith, Schwarz, Goetz, Pollard and Clothier.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Platte County, Nebraska:

Gentlemen: We, your committee, appointed to investigate the condition of the Platte river wagon bridge over the main channel of the Platte river between the townships of Butler, Polk and Platte counties, Nebraska, beg leave to report as follows:

That we have carefully examined said bridge and find it to be badly out of repair and unsafe and unfit for public travel; we found from such examination that the facts stated in said

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communication signed by A. R. Miller and others are true and we hereby adopt said communication and every statement and allegation therein contained, and make it a part of this report.

We further find, in addition to the matter set up in said communication, that said bridge is out of repair, generally some of the planks of the floor thereof are rotten or broken, and should be replaced; the stringers or protection along the sides have in many places rotted or torn away; some of the underneath timbers are rotten and some of the caps on top of the piling are rotten and some of the timbers of the piling themselves are rotten and decayed.

We recommend that said bridge be generally overhauled and repaired by replacing the parts which are gone and which are rotted with new pieces.

In our opinion it would be impracticable and impossible to make the portion of said bridge particularly to be said communication safe and fit for travel by any work upon the materials therein contained. The materials contained in said portion of the bridge are so rotten and decayed that it would be unsafe to use any but a small portion thereof and your committee do not recommend that all of said portion of the bridge be torn away and that it be repaired by entirely replacing it with new construction.

Your committee have also investigated the river bed and have informed themselves as to the height frequently reached by the flood waters in said river and have consulted with bridge experts and others acquainted with the relative lasting qualities of wood, iron and steel under conditions like those in and around said bridge, and we, as a result, beg further to report:

1. That it would cost about \$3,000.00 to repair said portion of the bridge by replacing it with wooden work similar to that now there.

2. That it would cost about \$6,000.00 to repair said portion by putting in three 80-foot steel spans of the uniform width of 16 feet and of about the same height as the present bridge.

3. That such a wooden bridge would be much less durable and more likely to be washed away by the spring floods of water and ice than an iron and steel bridge.

In the opinion of your committee the general repairs upon the bridge referred to in the 240 feet mentioned in the communication referred to would cost about \$500.00.

It is therefore the opinion of your committee, based upon such investigation that the best and most economical method of repairing said bridge would be to make the general repairs herein referred to and to entirely tear away the 240 feet described in the communication heretofore referred to and to replace it by permanent steel and iron construction, and we, therefore, recommend that such be done.

We further recommend that the timbers and materials in said 240 feet be used in so far as practicable in the repair and restoration of the other portion of said bridge.

Dated July 14th, 1909.

L. F. SCHURE, JOHN SCHWARZ, G. W. PHILLIPS, DAVID THOMAS, M. E. CLOTHIER, W. M. POLLARD.

The following resolution was introduced by Supervisor Schwarz:

Whereas, a certain communication, signed by more than three citizens of the county of Nebraska, relative to the bad condition of the Platte river bridge south of Columbus, over the main channel of said river, was received by Supervisors Schwarz and Smith and the county clerk, and called to the attention of the board on July 13, 1909, whereas the committee, consisting of the entire board, was appointed to investigate said bridge and make recommendation, and

Whereas, said committee has reported finding the facts stated in said communication to be true and we hereby adopt said communication and making certain recommendations, and also finding that said bridge is out of repair generally, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the board of supervisors of Platte county, Nebraska:

1. That the facts stated in the communication are true and the same is ordered spread upon the record. It is further resolved and found that said bridge is badly out of repair and should be repaired forthwith.

2. That the recommendations and findings of the facts of said committee be and they hereby are adopted by the board.

3. That the commissioners of Polk and the board of supervisors of Butler county and they hereby are notified that said bridge is unsafe for public travel and that the same be repaired forthwith to make it safe and passable by the public.

4. That the above board of Polk and Butler be and hereby are each recommended to make and execute arrangements for the joint contract for the rebuilding of said bridge, generally and by entirely rebuilding the 240 feet, more or less, referred to in the communication aforesaid within twenty days after the service of these resolutions to make said arrangements for said contract by August 24, 1909, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day in the court room in the

court house in Columbus, Nebraska, is fixed as the time and place for such meeting and if said boards or either of them fail to meet at the said time, or fail to join in said joint contract, the county of Polk county, Nebraska, (and if either Polk or Butler has arranged to join in such contract such one thereof as has joined) will proceed to adopt a plan and to advertise for bids for the rebuilding of said bridge and will hold such of said counties as have failed to join in said contract liable for such proportion of the cost of making such repairs and rebuilding as above provided as it ought to pay not exceeding one-half of the amount so expended.

5. Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution together with a copy of the communication aforesaid and the report of the committee hereinafter mentioned to be served upon the respective county boards of said counties of Polk and Butler by delivering true and certified copies thereof to the chairman of the respective boards and also by filing such copies thereof with the county clerks of such counties.

Passed and approved this 14th day of July, 1909.

On motion the board of supervisors now adjourned until 2 o'clock this p. m. of the 14th day of July, 1909.

Pursuant to adjournment the board of supervisors met at 2 o'clock.

John F. Schure, chairman, and John Graf, clerk.

Roll called and following members present: Supervisors Clothier, Goetz, Pollard, Schwarz, Smith and Chairman Schure.

The northern part of the board of supervisors of their previous session was now read and approved.

The petition of J. Dawson and others for the location of a public road 40 feet in width, commencing at the southwest corner of section 11, township 17, range 2 west, and running thence due east on the section line one mile, and thence north to the southeast corner of said section 11, township 17, range 2 west, was presented and read and on motion, referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The remonstrance of John C. Strack and others against the location of a public road petitioned for by August Guter and others, commencing at the northeast corner of section 25, township 17, range 1 east, and running thence due south on the section line one mile, and thence east to the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 29, township 17, range 1 east, was presented and read, and on motion, referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The report of the appraisers appointed to assess the damages sustained by the location of the "Guter Road," the "Jostes Road," the "Korus Road" and the "Ebner Road" No. 1, was presented and read and on motion, referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

A communication received by the board of supervisors from the board of Burrows township asking the board to subsidize said township into four road districts was presented and read, and on motion, referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The following bills on recommendation of the board and on motion, allowed by the board and the clerk directed to issue warrants in payment of the same on the 19th county general fund:

John J. Galley, deputy assessor Columbus township, claimed \$ 4 25

Ed. Clothier, account lost Creek township \$127 00

A. E. Hultquist, account Woodville \$ 5 00

Following bills were on recommendation of the committee on claims, allowed by the board and the clerk directed to issue warrants in payment of the same on the consolidated county general fund:

John Goetz, supervisor, services as supervisor \$ 36 50

Louis Schwarz, same 21 90

Adam Smith, same 21 60

J. F. Schure, same 24 80

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Chautauqua Coming Soon. Why not make Chautauqua days vacation days? Would you like to hear a great law on Modern Graft? Hear Geo. W. Thompson of Indianapolis. Would you like to hear the greatest Apostle of Sunshine? Hear Beau Champ. There are many other fine attractions you can't afford to miss. Geo. W. Thompson, one of Indiana's successful lawyers will give his lecture on "Greed, Gouge and Graft" at the Chautauqua.

Geo. W. Thompson. Mr. Thompson is an orator; a man with intense feelings. This great lecture calls eloquently for a halt in the money-mad rush of today. Hear what Thompson has to say about Big Problems.

Humor of Henry James. A characteristic letter of Henry James, the novelist, eight pages in length, dated Cambridge, Mass., April 13, 1879, and addressed to a reviewer of his book, "The Europeans," sold for \$20.25 at Anderson's the other day. It was a high price, but then the letter is especially interesting. In it Mr. James says in part: "It must be that I am losing in my old age the art I once excelled in, of keeping off readers. None of my books have had more than two or three readers, and these mostly women who, poor things, you know, have never been able, from Eve down, to judge righteous judgment. But now, evidently from your proof, my horizon is widening."

Pride and a Fall. Nora—Did Mr. Smith say to you as I entered the room last night, "Is that the beautiful Miss Watson?" Cora—Yes, dear, with the accent on the "that."

Defrauded the Government. Franking privileges were greatly abused in days gone by. The government employe's friends shared in his opportunities. In a letter written by Wordsworth in 1815 the poet said: "By means of a friend in London I can have my letters free. His name is Lamb, and if you add an 's' to his name he will not open the letters. Direct as below without anything further.—Mr. Lamb, India House, London." Coleridge, too, saw that a postage saved was a postage gained, and made use of the Mr. Lamb of the India House—Charles Lamb.

That's About All. "What, then," asked the professor, "is the exact difference between logic and sophistry?" "Well," replied the bright student, "if you're engaged in a controversy, it's just the difference between your line of argument and the other fellow's."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Grewsome Source of Inspiration. Young, the poet, composed his "Night Thoughts" with a skull before him, in which he would place a lighted candle, and at times he would wander among the tombs at midnight to get sepulchral inspiration.