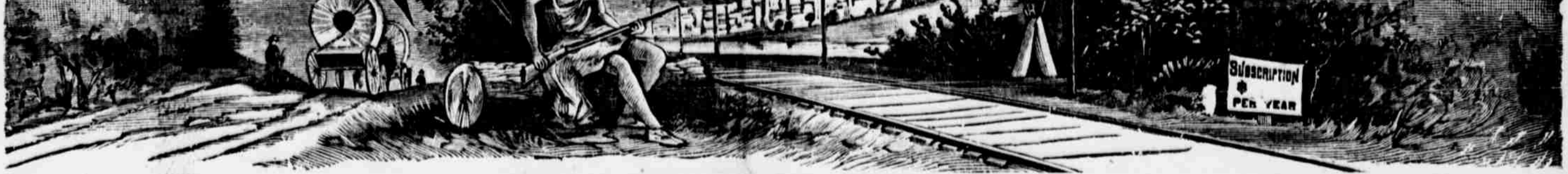


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A REAL MAN

It is pretty hard to assert your independence and defy the world when you have an empty stomach and an empty pocket book. If your bluff is called, then what?

The prudent man who has saved a little, who has a reserve at the bank to tide him over a month or two, isn't so afraid of sickness, nor such a coward about being out of a job. A bank account is a stimulant to real manhood. The larger the account the firmer the footing. It breeds self-confidence, is proof of efficiency and is an ever-present resource in time of need. It's not what a man earns in a year that gives him a surplus at the bank, it's what he saves.

Webster County Bank

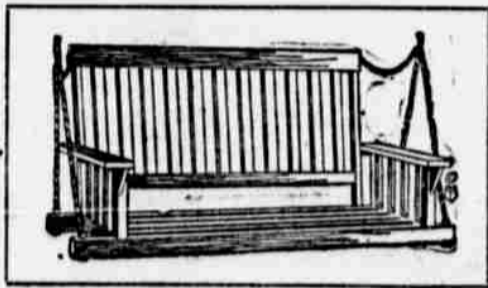
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County Commissioners Were in Session Tuesday

Board of County Commissioners met as per adjournment at 10:30 a. m. All members present.

The bids for constructing a driveway and curb on court house grounds were opened and found to be as follows: Platt & Frees \$1621.62; Malone-Gellatly \$1539.96.

Motion made by Shidler and seconded by Thomas that the Malone-Gellatly Co. be awarded contract for driveway and curb around court house according to plans and specifications of Geo. H. Overing County Surveyor. They being the lowest bidder all work to be done subject to the approval of said surveyor. Motion carried.

County Surveyor is ordered to sell all the old iron and copper and other junk around the court house grounds to the highest bidder and turn the proceeds into the county treasury.

The county clerk is instructed to notify O. C. Teel that he may continue hauling in dirt on the court house grounds from Webster street until same is filled. Dirt is to be free from cement, cinders or excessive gravel and subject to the approval of the janitor.

Moved by Thomas and seconded by Shidler that Mr. C. A. Herrick be appointed county assessor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of G. W. Hummel until a successor is elected and qualified. It being the sense of the Board and also Mr. Herrick that Mr. Hummel had practically earned the salary for 1917 and Mr. Herrick appeared before the Board and offered to turn the balance of the salary for the year 1917 over to Mrs. G. W. Hummel. Motion carried.

Proposition of E. W. Stevens to furnish a bath room, sewer connections and heating plant in county jail accepted subject to the approval of Commissioners Knigge and Thomas.

Official Bond of C. A. Herrick as County Assessor approved.

The application of Maxwell C. Fulton for admission to Soldiers Home was approved by Board.

Motion made by Shidler and seconded by Thomas that the Board pay not over \$40 per thousand feet for rough bridge lumber. Motion carried.

The following claims were allowed and County Clerk instructed to draw warrants on the respective funds in payment of same:

Vernon Dudley.....	\$ 9 30
E. Ralph.....	2 00
Geo. Fisher.....	2 00
Chas. Barrett.....	101 40
Anton Kudrna.....	17 05
Joe Saunders.....	27 60
W. A. Nickerson.....	47 85
O. J. Kaley.....	7 25

Board adjourned to meet August 25th
B. F. Perry, County Clerk.

Shall We Organize?

The various city papers announce the organization of County Defense Companies in many of the cities and towns throughout the state.

As Webster County has never taken second place in any other popular or necessary movement, why should we not organize this county?

If the city Commercial Club or the County Council of Defense will but take the matter in hand and push it we feel that there are a sufficient number of men and young men who would willingly join the company—all that is necessary is to start the ball rolling, and now is the time to do it, not when the emergency is upon us.

If we are not subject to draft or eligible to voluntary enlistment in the army or navy we can show our patriotism in this way. Every man in the county should do his duty. Now that the opportunity presents itself, why dodge it.

Shall Webster county fail in its duty to the nation? Let our men who have leisure time get together and take the necessary steps to organize this company and we feel certain that the necessary members will be found to make up the company.

Local Red Cross Chapter Now has 460 Members

As a result of the active campaign by enthusiastic Red Cross workers this chapter now has 460 members. It is very pleasing to record that almost to an individual our citizens needed no urging but were highly pleased that they could do their bit. All seem anxious to help in this great emergency and are willing to do anything they can to help. The twenty nine little folks who gave the benefit under the supervision of Miss Josie Igou were all given memberships in the organization, the balance of the returns amounting to \$12.30 will be turned in to the war fund.

Red Cloud a Busy Place

The business district of this city has a very wrecked appearance at this time as the crossings and curbs have been torn up, huge mounds of sand piled on the street and a number of trenches dug to permit the plumber to make connections onto the water mains. A large number of teams are hauling sand into the town and stone and earth away.

No less than four construction companies have their equipment here and men at work. The Elkhorn construction company are busy finishing their work on the construction of the sewer system, Contractor Schlesiger's masons carpenters and helpers are making great headway on the new high school building, Contractor Gedney has his supply and tool house erected and lines run for the new library building and teams are hauling brick and material from the cars to the library site. The Abel Construction Company has a gang of about fifty men at work on the streets with pick, shovel and wheel barrow, preparing them for the dress of concrete and brick. The big steam mixer is set and the hiss of steam and the rattle of gears may now be heard on the State Bank corner.

Good wages are being paid and any man who wants to earn a few honest dollars and is not opposed to work now has an opportunity to add a little to his bank account.

This is the greatest spurt of activity that the old town has ever seen and pessimists who say that times are hard the town dead cannot continue this cry as Red Cloud is booming, saying nothing about the big oil boom that is about to break forth in Webster County's oil field, as we are informed that almost all of the necessary fund has been raised and the drill will soon start on its long downward journey, to fortune, fame, and oil.

Colored Gentlemen Fined

On Monday, Sheriff Huffer and County Attorney F. J. Munday took the following colored gentlemen to Hastings where they plead guilty before Judge Dungan to the charge of gambling in public places:

James Battles, Jim Martin, Carl Spencer, John Cunningham and Conductor T. P. Spenton (white).

Attorney Art Relihan of Smith Center, Kansas defended the above named gentlemen. The amount of their fines and costs was \$475, they agreeing to pay their fine as soon as money can be received by them. They were brought back to this city to await the arrival of the funds. The judge was somewhat surprised to see such a large delegation and asked the local officers where they had secured this army of violators of the law.

The gentlemen all maintained that they were innocent of the charges but through the strategy of our efficient county attorney he persuaded them to plead guilty instead of laying in the county jail to await trial before the October term of district court. Mr. Munday deserves a vote of thanks from the taxpayers for this deed as he saved the county a snug sum of money that would have been spent for boarding the criminals until the court should decide on their case in the next term of court.

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