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Commissioners Proceedings

Red Cloud, Nebr., Dec. 22, 1919.

The County Board of Commissioners met at 1 p. m., as per the call of the Clerk. All members present. Motion made by Thomas and seconded by Waldo that as the insurance expires Dec. 23, 1919, that it be re-insured for the sum of \$72,000, the policies to have the 90 per cent clause attached. In the opinion of the Board, the present value of the building is \$80,000. Motion carried. Motion made and seconded that above insurance be written in reliable companies represented by the following agents and divided equally as to amounts: B. W. Stewart, E. G. Caldwell, Joe Hewitt, O. C. Teel, Fred Maurer, Geo. W. Hutchison, Howard S. Foe, Jas. McBride, Fred T. Hopka. Motion carried. On motion, insurance to the amount of \$9,000 to be written on the Court House furniture and fixtures, the same to be equally divided among the above named agents.

Complaint was made to the Board of Commissioners by Jake Kinser that Leven B. McKimney, a resident of Red Cloud, is a poor person, unable to earn a livelihood by reason of bodily infirmity and old age and has children of sufficient ability to support him but that said children have failed to do so. Motion made and carried that the said children of Leven B. McKimney be notified of his condition and directed to support him.

On motion of Waldo and seconded by Thomas, the claim of Claus Rose for a refund on taxes on lots 6-8 and 10, Block 10, Rosemont, was rejected.

The reports filed by John W. Tulleys, accountant, showing their audit of the books of C. D. Robinson, Esq. Treasurer and Frank Huffer, present Sheriff, were accepted and approved by the Board.

Motion made by Knigge and seconded by Shidler that the salary of the present Superintendent of the Poor Farm be increased to \$650 per year, commencing March 1, 1920.

Motion made and carried that the salary of O. J. Kalliey, Janitor of the Court House, be raised from \$85 to \$90 per month, with the understanding that on extreme cold nights he is to remain at the Court House and maintain sufficient fire to protect the plumbing. Said insurance in salary to commence Jan. 13th, 1920.

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

GENERAL FUND	
R. D. Leggett	\$ 55.29
Geo. H. Overing	5.24
Osa B. Newhouse	45.00
Charles Hilton	27.00
Frank Degner	29.59
L. E. Spence	63.60
Mrs. M. P. Lewis	16.12
A. L. Lewis	8.68
Farmers' Institute	25.00
C. D. Robinson	5.25
C. M. Wilson	10.00
Annie B. Spanogle	41.66
Charles Hunter	10.00
B. F. Perry	800.00
Beatrice Inst. Feeble Minded	117.71
Red Cloud Fire Dept.	10.00
School Dist. No. 34	34.00
Frank Starr, Co. Treas.	145.90
Grant Davis	2.00
Red Cloud Chief	26.40
Smith & McKimney	69.25
Harry Vaughan	26.10
Chas. W. Woods	2.00
J. H. Crary	2.50
Abe Holverson	2.05
C. A. Doran	.54
Bridge Fund	
Guide Rock Hdqre. Co.	58.82
H. L. Schenk	23.50
A. A. Blickenstaff	30.00
Com. Dist. No. 2.	93.90
Thos. McMahon	70.00
Jack Barnes	31.00
Allied Contractors Inc.	3000.00
W. H. Thomas	232.05
Jos. Strobl	12.00
Anton Kudrna	4.00
H. C. Hansen	6.00
V. J. Varricka	12.00

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Dies from Effects of Burns

(By Jas. S. Gilham.)

A startling accident shocked the community yesterday.

Mrs. Edna Oatman, who has presided over the one first class hotel of the city for more than thirty years, became the victim of a horrible accident Tuesday morning. The old lady attempted to remove an accumulation of soot from the rear of the oven by the addition of some coal oil. The flame unexpectedly mounting to her face, she made a quick movement of her hands to guard against it, and in doing so, spilled the contents of the can upon herself. She was instantly enveloped in flame. She rushed out of doors. Her son, following her, was badly burned in his efforts to extinguish the fire upon her clothing. Lawrence Doyle, a helper about the hotel, followed with a blanket and burned himself in an effort to smother the flames.

The old lady was so badly burned that the only possible relief was the merciful death that ended her agony in a few hours.

Mrs. Oatman, although an old and highly respected resident of the city, was but little known outside of those who were brought in immediate contact with her in the performance of her offices about the hotel.

Her life was given to service, and she rejoiced in the opportunity to serve to the utmost.

She established herself, not in the office, the parlors, the dining room of the hotel, but in the kitchen, choosing that the more showy posts should be occupied by her husband while he lived, and her son when he succeeded him, while she selected for herself the humbler, but more important ministrations of the kitchen.

There are, fortunately, women who have no ambition to shine as society leaders, or business managers, whose worth is far greater than those who seek to lead or ape the fashions of the day. They are the women upon whom rest the serious burdens of life, without whom life could not go on. Mrs. Oatman was a woman of this class. Though full of years, there was not a moment of her time which was not occupied by service, service that meant more and better food, service that meant more and better living for the community. Industrious, frugal, prudent, content with old fashioned, plain and simple living for herself, her life was given to the effort to increase the comforts of husband, son and guest.

Her maiden name was Edna Amelia Canfield. She was born in Watertown, New York, February 23th, 1842. She united with the Presbyterian church in her girlhood. At the age of 19 she was married to Lorenzo Don Oatman. The first years of their married life were spent on a farm in Minnesota and Montana. She came to Red Cloud in 1885 and engaged in the hotel business with her husband in 1888. Three sons died in childhood. Roy Oatman alone remains to cherish the memory of her long years of affectionate toil.

The people of Red Cloud will feel her loss deeply, even though they were but little acquainted with her.

Funeral services in charge of Rev. J. M. Bates will be held from the Royal hotel parlors on tomorrow, Thursday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.

On Monday evening, December 22, Mes. James E. L. Grimes, James Cather and Ed Platt entertained the members of the P. E. O. Chapter at the Grimes home. Much amusement was created by the guests appearing dressed as children. The house was decorated with Christmas decorations, including a tree. Mrs. Grimes was attired as Santa Clause. Luncheon, in keeping with the occasion, was served.

The Chief wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Official!

LEOLA LUCY—do you remember her? The auburn-haired Irish colleen, who starred in "Gypsy Love" and "Mandalay." That is she—the one they call "the Irish Soprano." She sings for The New Edison—with that pleasant Irish voice which has made her such a favorite on the stage.



This little picture is made from an actual photograph taken at the Edison Recording Studios, Fifth Ave., New York, a few weeks ago, as Miss Lucy made the Edison "Official Test" of one of her recordings before it was released to the public. She stood beside the New Edison and sang. Then suddenly she ceased and the New Edison sang the song alone. Was there any difference? The listening jury of experts said there was no difference and the recording was passed as "Official"—the literal RE-CREATION of Leola Lucy's voice.

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We take this means of thanking you for your patronage during the past year and look forward with pleasure to a continuance of the same in 1920

Our business in the past year has exceeded, by far, our expectations, and realizing that you have, by your patronage, shown your appreciation of our efforts to please you, by offering you high grade merchandise at right prices, we have laid plans for the future that will enable us to give you a better service than heretofore. We shall be pleased to serve you in nineteen twenty.

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