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WEBSTER COUNTY

Sunday's storm was apparently the last expiring effort of our unusually severe winter. We trust that the end is in sight and that summer is on the way. We've had enough.

Bro. Hosmer's suggestion that a deep well be bored in this locality meets with our hearty approval. Most of us have seen oil in small quantities floating on the water in the river near Miner's ranch and the early settlers tell about the well which Mike Finkenbinder bored several years ago which was abandoned for some cause or another. The water from this well was oily. Now if there is a little oil here there may be a large deposit. Smoke indicates fire. If nothing more should be found than water it would solve one of the problems which has been perplexing this city for twenty years or more.

The suggestion offered by Fr. Fitzgerald in his address in the opera house last week should be acted upon at once. We know now that there are large quantities of semi-precious stones in this neighborhood, we also know now that the volcanic ash is of great commercial value. It would seem therefore that some prudent individual or company with a little ready money would develop these resources and make them of use to everyone in general and receive pay for the trouble. Here is something we have been looking for all these years and now that we know that we have something right at our door the thing to do is to use it. A fortune may await the first promoter, that it will yield big remuneration is beyond doubt.

Plans are still being entertained for the organization of a municipal development company. We have been interviewed several times by different citizens during the past few days and have been urged to use our utmost efforts to aid in getting such a company organized and ready for business. Such a company organized by local men and capitalized at \$10,000 would prove of immense value in developing our resources. In perfecting such a company we believe that the shares should not be over \$10.00 each in order to have as many citizens as possible directly interested in all undertakings. Some one should take the initiative and start a movement that will give results. Either let an organization be formed or else give it up and let us go to sleep again.

It seems a pity that our first president should be known more by an untrue story than by some of his really great deeds. Washington and the cherry tree have been associated ever since Col. Weems invented the tale that stuck. The cherry tree story is not only untrue but had also no foundation of any character for its invention. There ought to be a law enacted by federal authority forbidding any mention of the story in text books or by teachers.

In this manner, perhaps, Washington might be known for what he was. That story has been so magnified as to obscure the life of a great man in the eyes of growing Americans. Let us remember Washington this year for his patriotic devotion to his country, for his brilliant military career and for his quiet retirement to private life after he believed his public usefulness was at an end. Let us remember him for making it possible for us to enjoy a free government untrammelled by any autocratic potentate, untrammelled by precedent unlimited in possibilities.

Big Democratic Banquet at Bloomington

The Banquet given at Bloomington, Thursday evening February 18th under the Franklin County democracy was one of the happiest political events of the year and attracted a large crowd from all sections of the 5th Congressional District.

It was a thoroughly democratic occasion. It was happy, it was whole some and enthusiastic. It took on the proportion of a bigger affair than a county dinner, for there were men well-known over the state, who participated in the evenings entertainment.

First in importance was the formal announcement of Governor Shallenberger that he would be a candidate for re-election and that he would be re-elected by an increased vote. Judging from the enthusiasm which this announcement evoked, the big crowd was with the governor from the start to the finish.

Readers of the Chief will be pleased to know that the oration of the governor was no less inspiring than the one

which took place when one of the speakers made the prediction that this District would furnish the next Attorney General of the State in the person of Bernard McNeny of Red Cloud. Mr. McNeny's numerous friends caught up the idea instantly and they raised the roof. Several times thereafter when Mr. McNeny's candidacy was referred to the crowd broke loose in a tremendous cheer.

Judge John H. Kelso welcomed the the guests felicitously. J. S. Bell also made a few remarks. County Chairman presided as Toast Master. It was a rousing program and a corking string of toasts. Henry C. Richmond formerly of this City was present, having come over with Governor Shallenberger during the afternoon. He covered the banquet for the Omaha World Herald and apparently enjoyed the functions as much as anybody.

From the very moment that Judge Harry S. Dungan opened the ball with a stirring speech on "10th Judicial District" there was something doing. The judge is a fluent and graceful speaker and his words were given close attention, he made us all proud of the 10th Judicial District and he told a good deal about it that the majority of us never knew before.

Mr. McNeny followed, speaking to the Toasts "A Democrat," Mr. McNeny's idea of a Democrat comported well with the ideals of those who would like to see democrats in office who have some regard for common, honest and public decency. He cited some almost unbelievable conditions now imposed by the National Administration and showed that unless a popular up-rising comes in the near future a great majority of the common masses of the people will not have enough left, as he expressed it, to buy a drink, and the liquor question will settle itself.

Mr. McNeny's speech was forceful, keen of satire, and a scathing rebuke to the Republican Leaders who ignore the demands of the great masses all over the country.

Former Congressman R. L. Sutherland always a pleasing speaker delivered himself of a particularly eloquent and forceful address of the subject "Insurgency." Mr. Sutherland also took occasion to pay his respects to Mr. McNeny and expressed the belief that he would be nominated and elected for the important office of the Attorney General. He then paid a tribute to the administration of Governor Shallenberger and to the Governor himself, and launched further into a discussion of affairs in Washington.

He showed that Congressman Norris while pretending to be a leader of Insurgents is no insurgent at all and never has been. The crafty gentlemen from McCook made an awful roar about speaker Cannon and called him the "Iron Duke," but he voted for him just the same and that is the best evidence as to how he stands on the question.

Congressman Sutherland's speech was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and it was apparent that many friends of Congressman Norris learned a few things about him which they have never known before.

Governor Shallenberger concluded the evening programme with a magnificent speech which brought the cheering multitude to its feet time again, the Governor declared that the eight o'clock closing law was good measure and that he would proceed on that issue to be a candidate for re-election, he said that there was no questioning the fact that the democrats had instituted many sweeping reforms and he cited the people to a large number of helps and remedial new laws by the last legislature which he said would be an everlasting credit to the party in this State.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

RED CLOUD, NEB., Feb. 15th, 1910. The Board of County Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska met pursuant to adjournment. Members present J. G. Overman, Louie Schmidt, G. W. Hummel, G. Ohmstede and T. J. Chaplin chairman.

On motion the following official bonds were approved J. E. Fox, Overseer of Highways Road District No. 9, J. M. Mills overseer highways road district No. 7, William VanDyke Justice of the Peace Line precinct, M. Durbin Constable of Potsdam precinct, J. A. Denton Constable of Bladen.

On motion the annual settlement of H. Hanfeld overseer of highways road district No. 3 was approved.

The report of I. V. Colvin as Justice of the Peace of Guide Rock was approved.

The report of F. C. Buschow as Justice of the Peace of Blue Hill was approved.

Now comes C. D. Whitaker agent for D. R. Whitaker in the matter of his assessment of personal property for the year 1909 and makes the following affidavit in regard to same.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, WEBSTER COUNTY ss. I Charles D. Whitaker on oath depose and say that on April 1st, 1909 my father D. R. Whitaker did not have \$1200 on notes and piano \$150, phone \$30 as assessed to me or in my

father's name on the 1st day of April 1909. D. R. Whitaker, by C. D. Whitaker agent. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of February 1910. E. W. Ross County Clerk. (Seal) C. D. Whitaker says that he paid taxes on the above amount of personal property for the year 1909 of \$22.91 which was paid under protest, and now asks the board to refund him the said amount of \$22.91 which was paid on property he has not now or did not own at time of assessment.

Motion made and seconded that the County Treasurer be, and hereby is authorized to refund \$22.91 to C. D. Whitaker the amount of taxes paid on the above personal property and paid under protest for the year 1909. Motion carried.

In the matter of the road petition of J. D. Fuller, Samuel Fuller, Nancy France and others to close the road running diagonally through the northwest quarter of section 33 town 3 north range 10 west. It was moved and seconded that said road be vacated on and after May 1st, 1910. Motion carried.

In the matter of the Poor Farm, the chairman appointed the following named Commissioners, G. W. Hummel, L. Schmidt and J. G. Overman as a committee to look after the said Poor Farm.

In the matter of the petition of August Lampman, J. H. Lukas and others asking to have Oak Creek Precinct divided in 4 road districts each 3 miles square. It was moved and seconded that said petition be rejected. Motion carried.

In the matter of the double assessment of W. E. Baker on personal property for the year 1908, the county treasurer is hereby authorized to strike one of said double assessments from the tax list.

In the matter of the personal tax of Gunnarson and Youngquist for the year 1909, paid under protest, claim rejected.

In the matter of the personal tax of Louisa Haney, for year 1909, paid under protest, claim rejected.

We, the committee appointed to check up county treasurer, find the books to correspond with the semi-annual statement.—T. J. Chaplin, J. G. Overman and L. Schmidt, Committee.

Moved and seconded that Dr. Damerell be appointed chairman of the board of health of Webster county, Nebraska, for the term of one year from this date, Feb. 16, 1910. Motion carried.

In the matter of the bridge committee in the several commissioners districts the chairman, T. J. Chaplin made the following appointments for the ensuing year of 1910.

In commissioner district 1: T. J. Chaplin, G. Ohmstede and Louie Schmidt; district 2: L. Schmidt, G. W. Hummel and T. J. Chaplin; district 3: G. W. Hummel, J. G. Overman and L. Schmidt; district 4: J. G. Overman, G. W. Hummel and G. Ohmstede; district 5: G. Ohmstede, J. G. Overman and T. J. Chaplin. On motion, board adjourned until 9 o'clock a.m., Feb. 16, 1910.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, Feb. 16, A. D., 1910.

In the matter of the road petition of Edward Hanson, et al., for road commencing at the northeast corner section 1, town 1, range 11, and running thence south one mile, moved and seconded that: Whereas, there is no funds against which warrants may at this time be properly drawn for the payment of any damages that may be allowed and will not be until after the tax levy of 1910, that the further hearing and construction of said petition be postponed until the first meeting of board of county commissioners after making of the 1910 tax levy. Motion carried.

In the matter in the personal assessment and taxes of L. E. Spence for the year 1909, it appearing that assessment was made for \$720, assessed value of property, not liable to taxation and which said Spence did not have or own the said amount was ordered stricken from his assessment and the treasurer instructed to deduct the amount of taxes levied thereon.

In the matter of the F. C. Buschow taxes it appearing that he was assessed on the southwest quarter of section 4, town 4, range 10, \$600 assessed valuation, which should have been \$120 instead. The county treasurer is hereby authorized to reduce the said assessed valuation \$480.

It appearing that the difference in the amounts of the assessed value thereof seems to have been an error in transferring said amount on assessor's book of precinct where land is situated. To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:

I, George W. Hutchison, clerk of the district court, hereby certify that the following fees collected in the office of the clerk of the district court for the last half of 1909, also fines and jury fees collected: July, \$44.85; August, \$36.20; September, \$89.40; October, \$76.75; November, \$88.50; December, \$235.40. Total, \$691.10.

Jury fees collected in cases N. 3010 and 30177, \$10, which I have paid to county treasurer and have received receipt No. 332.

We, your committee appointed to check up and settle the books of the several county officers find their books, vouchers and accounts correspond with their reports file. Geo. W. Hummel, G. Ohmstede.

Seasonable Merchandise at F. NEWHOUSE'S

To close out what is left of our winter underwear will close out cheap as I do not wish to carry any over until next year.

Children's fleeced drawers or vests size 16 at 10c were 15c.

Children's fleeced union suits, size 4, 5, 6, at 20c.

Children's heavy fleece union suits, size 4, 5, 6, at 40c.

Ladies cotton fleeced vests and drawers. The 25c ones at 20c, the 50c ones at 40c.

Ladies fleeced union suits, the \$1 ones at 80c, \$1.50 ones at 1.10, \$2.50 ones at 1.75, \$3.00 ones at 2.25.

Outing night dresses from 50c to 1.00.



Nazareth waists for children are the handiest garment made, have metal tubes for hose supporters all sizes 25c.



Stop darning hose and come in and buy the stocking feet, 4 pairs for 25c.



Ladies muslin night dresses at 50c up to \$1.50.

Ladies muslin corset covers at 25c up to \$1.

Ladies muslin drawers at 25c up to \$1.00.

Ladies muslin skirts at 50c up

to \$3.25.

This month's Butterick Patterns are 10c and 15c—none higher.

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We are showing the advance Styles of H. S. & M. Clothing too.

PAUL STOREY THE CLOTHIER.

In the matter of the petition of B. J. Kometcher for a license to sell liquor to sell liquors for one year from the 17th day of Feb. 1910, to the 17th day of Feb. 1911, in the village of Rosemont, Webster county, Neb. Said petition came for a hearing and it appearing that due publication having been made in the Commercial Advertiser, a tri-weekly newspaper, published in Red Cloud, Webster county, Neb., according to law, and as there was no remonstrance filed against said petition being granted, and on vote be-

ing taken on same it was granted. Ayes—Schmidt, Ohmstede, and Chaplin. Nays—Hummel and Overman. Motion carried and license, upon approval of bond and upon payment to the county clerk the sum of \$500, he is hereby authorized and instructed to issue license to applicant. The bond in the sum of \$500 was filed Feb. 19, 1910, and it was moved and seconded that said bond be accepted and approved. Motion carried and the money having been paid to the county clerk in the sum of \$500, he is hereby instructed to issue said license to B. J. Kometcher for the term of one

year, commencing Feb. 17, 1910. Moved and seconded that the depository bonds of the Bank of Rosemont be approved to cover the amount of deposit not exceeding \$2500. Carried. Moved and seconded that the proceeds and money derived from the county poor farm shall be paid to and kept by the treasurer in a separate fund to be known as the poor farm fund, until paid out or transferred by order of the county board. Carried. On motion, board adjourned to meet March 22.