COUNTY BUSINESS AT MADISON.

Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners on November 6.

Madison, Neb., Nov. 6, 1908.
At 1 p. m.

The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Present John Malone, Burr Tart and Henry Sunderman.

The minutes of October 6, 1908, were read and approved.

On motion the county clerk was instructed to strike from the tax list of 1908 all the lots and blocks in Hauge's Church Addition to Newman Grove, Neb., owned and standing in the name of Shell Creek Evangelical Lutheran church, the same having been erroneously assessed.

On motion the following bills were allowed:

J. T. Moore, bridge work	$ 70.00
Carson Ketteleson, draying	6.65
Charles Pranner, work commissioner's district No. 3	3.50
Antelope county, county line bridge	14.70
Anderson & Vaught, riprapping	363.50
Salter Coal & Grain company, coal for paupers	29.40
W. P. Dixon, work commissioner's district No. 2	60.50
W. P. Dixon, work commissioner's district No 2	75.20
W. P. Dixon, work commissioner's district No 3	44.45
Ed. Harter, distributing ballots, claimed $14.40, allowed at	12.40
Klopp & Bartlett, supplies	3.55
Peter Emig, work commissioner's district No. 2	31.50
B. H. Mills, J. P. fees State vs Alderman	3.50
W. M. Risor, work commissioner's district No. 2	15.00
W. M. Risor, work bridge fund	21.75
John Heggemeyer, work commissioner's district No. 2	7.50
Will Pottler, work R. D. No. 15	13.00
John Heggemeyer, work C. D. No. 2	15.00
John Heggemeyer, work C. D. No. 2	15.00
Will Schmidt, work R. D. No. 15	9.00
Phillip Rees, work R. D. No. 15	6.00
Phillip Demmel, work R. D. No. 15	9.00
Jacob Ambroz, work R. D. No. 11	213.00
Chas. H. Brown, hay for road, R. D. No. 6	23.50
F. W. Richardson, bridge lumber	24.26
Frank Massman, work on roads	4.50
Frank Baker, work R. D. No. 4	10.00
G. O. Schmitt, work R. D. No. 15	67.50
George W. Stirk, work C. D. No. 2	9.00
Nebraska Telephone company, Norfolk tolls	2.15
Rees Printing company, supplies	15.80
Dr. F. A. Long contr. insanity	20.00
Chas. Weitz, bridge work, half to be charged to Platte Co.	16.00
Wm. Lowe, work R. D. No. 2, assigned to H. Barnes	33.00
Wm. Haight, work C. D. No. 2, assigned to H. Barnes	8.25
Wm. Lowe, work C. D. No. 2	31.50
Peter Emig, work R. D. No. 12	60.00
O. T. Bostrom, work R. D. No. 10	30.00
O. T. Bostrom, work R. D. No. 10	4.25
John Brown, work R. D. No. 3, assigned to H. Barnes	70.50
Wm. Lowe, work R. D. No. 2	8.00
Harry Meissner, work R. D. No. 3, assigned to H. Barnes	60.00
Len Lowe, work R. D. No. 2	3.00
James Richardson, work R. D. No. 3, assigned to H. Barnes	57.00
Robert Schinkus, work C. D. No. 3, assigned to H. Barnes	11.00
Chittenden & Snyder, work R. D. No. 9	3.00
Robert Schinkus, work R. D. No. 3, assigned to H. Barnes	6.00
Hammond & Stephens, county supplies	14.75
A. H. Richardson, work R. D. No. 2	19.50
Wm. Lowe, work R. D. No. 2	28.00
E. F. Hayes, work R. D. No. 4, assigned to German bank	25.00
O. T. Bostrom, work bridge fund	14.00
Joseph Dittrick, repairs, general fund	15.60
H. Kilburn, registrar of births and deaths	5.75
Clyde Rynearson, registrar of births and deaths	3.75
E. F. Ringer, registrar of births and deaths	3.95
Charles Lethcby, registrar of births and deaths	9.50
Julius Huiff, registrar of births	
Julius Huiff, register of births and deaths	14.25
B. H. Mills, registrar of births and deaths	6.75
H. L. Kindred, registrar of births and deaths	.30
O. T. Bostrom, bridge work	7.00
Leonan Lumber, bridge lumber	58.63
Fred H. Davis, insurance court house	54.00
Chittenden & Snyder, repairs, general fund	3.35
Smith Premier Typewriter company, supplies	1.00
Madison Telephone company, rent to December	9.00
Madison Telephone company, tolls	17.40
Frank S. Perdue, salary and livery	111.75
William Lowe, riprapping	25.00
Leonan Lumber company, bridge lumber	30.40
George C. Lambert, fees, State vs. Battike	13.25
J. H. Katterman, repairs, graders	2.00
Chas. Hansen, repairs, graders	7.25
J. H. Katterman, repairs, graders	4.20
J. P. Gabelman, work C. D. No. 3	40.00
J. P. Gabelman, work R. D. No. 14	9.50
J. P. Gabelman, work R. D. No. 14	16.00
J. P. Gabelman, work R. D. No. 14	9.50
William Gabelman, work R. D. No. 14	6.00
Herman Nathan, work on bridge	3.00
Fred Gabelman, work R. D. No. 14	3.00
Peter Klassen, work R. D. No. 14	2.50
Andrew Nahrstedt, work R. D. No. 9	15.00
T. B. Hord Grain company, coal for court house	39.00
O. A. Sleeper, care of booths	2.00
Crowell Lumber & Grain company, lumber R. D. No. 11	8.90
Nye Schneider Fowler company, Cornlea, lumber R. D. No. 14	7.25
John W. Warrick, lumber, bridge fund, claimed $210.35, allowed at	205.96
Tobias Miller Lumber company, lumber, R. D. No. 5	8.23
William Clasey, building bridge, assigned to H. Barnes	85.68
Test Gerdes, road work R. D. No. 13	19.50
Ole Larson, work R. D. No. 13	4.00
J. F. Mathews, rent hall for election	5.00
Andrew Reisinger, work R. D. No. 13	6.00
M. Johnson, work R. D. No. 12	45.00
Unknown, bridge fund	15.00
Frank Linderholm, work R. D. No. 13	6.00
Ole Huseby, work on bridge	13.00
B. Simmons, work R. D. No. 13	6.00
Joseph Nelson, work R. D. No 13	12.00
Carl Hansen, work R. D. No 12	25.50
M. Johnson, work on bridges	40.00
Martin Reisinger, work R. D. No. 13	6.00
H. Field, fees and expenses	88.25
H. Field criminal cases	110.35
H. Harding, copying index	76.35
Paul salary	50.00
W. F. Ahlmann, booths and boxes	3.00
Peter Emig, work R. D. No. 12	12.00
Huse Publishing company, supplies	185.92
Huse Publishing company, ballots	88.00
Huse Publishing company, com	
George E. Richardson, office expenses, October	8.21
George E. Richardson, fees, tax list	600.00
missioners' proceeding	242.00
Fred Werner, work R. D. No 4	31.50
Boss, work R. D. No. 4	9.00
Hixon, work R. D. No. 4	3.75
Clark, work R. D. No. 4	8.75
Perry C. Harris, work R. D. No. 4	15.50
Hyde Pugh, work R. D. No. 4	12.00
Dan Dauphin, work R. D. No. 4	9.00
Sherman Snider, work R. D. No. 4	12.00
W. L. Abel, work R. D. No. 4	1.50
Gamm & Warren, bridge lumber	59.90
Gamm & Warren, bridge lumber	61.75
City of Madison, water rent and electric light	23.90
H. Mathews, livery Perdue	51.75
H. D. Mathews, delivering ballots and livery	50.00
V. E. Taylor, canvassing election returns	5.00
Fred H. Davis, canvassing election returns	5.00
T. J. Clements, salary and mileage	164.80
V. P. Dixon, grading C. D. No. 3	39.60
V. P. Dixon, grading C. D. No. 3	21.35
V. P. Dixon, grading C. D. No. 3	77.00
Henry Nichols, fees insanity cases	45.00

On motion the county clerk was instructed to mail a claim to the clerk of Stanton county for half of cost of building steel bridge on county line west of Norfolk, Neb., $211.17, 120.58

On motion the following bills were allowed:

C. P. Parish, groceries for paupers	58.75
Carl Reinecke, blade for grader, R. D. No 14	11.00
Edwards & Bradford Lumber company, lumber R. D. No. 14	15.69
Madison Chronicle, supplies	8.20
Ira Koenigstein, third quarter salary	200.00
S. Wheeler, work C. D. No. 2	2.50
Wm. Lowe, work C. D. No. 2	4.00
John Henderson, work R. D. No. 1	6.72
Julius Wickert, wolf scalp	2.00
Wm. Rockafellow, work R. D. No. 5	64.50
George Woodsworth, work C. D. No. 2	36.00
T. M. Boyles, work R. D. No. 5	28.50
Clark Ives, work R. D. No. 5	12.00
Louis Ulry, work R. D. No. 5	45.00
Charley Adams, work R. D. No. 5	6.00
Ed Henninger, work R. D. No. 5	15.00
George Karabel, work R. D. No. 5	18.00
Albert Kohl, work R. D. No. 5	3.00
Bert Johnson, work R. D. No. 5	3.00
Harvey Dixon, work R. D. No. 5	9.00
V. P. Dixon, work R. D. No. 5	3.00
Jesse Green, work R. D. No. 5	3.00
Wm. Volk, work R. D. No. 5	3.00
Albert Jenkins, work R. D. No. 5	3.00
Sherman Snider, work R. D. No. 4	36.00
A. N. Snider, repairs grader	4.30
A. N. Snider, repairs grader	2.55
W. P. Dixon, grading C. D. No. 3	66.00
W. P. Dixon, grading C. D. No. 3	66.00
Marion Rightmire, work R. D. No. 4	1.50
Charley Fox, work R. D. No. 4	.75
Will Crooks, work R. D. No. 4	12.00
J. Kirkpatrick, work R. D. No. 4	.75
Fred Yeaman, work R. D. No. 4	4.50
August Sanne, work R. D. No. 4	6.00
Noel Ambert, work R. D. No. 4	1.25
Geo. Wheeler, work R. D. No. 4	1.50
W. P. Dixon, work R. D. No. 4	55.00
Elra Haight, work R. D. No. 6	2.25
Ed. Tillottson, work R. D. No. 6	3.75
Charles Tillottson, work R. D. No. 6	7.50
A. W. Tillottson, work R. D. No. 6	157.00
Joe Dunbar, work R. D. No. 4	1.50
G. E. Kierstead, hall for election	5.00
Brewer & Brown, repairs on Meadow Grove bridge	1.55

Claim of W. P. Dixon, claimed $105.00, allowed less $4.50 and ordered paid as follows:

Commissioner District No. 2, assigned to H. Hogrefe	150.00
Commissioner District No. 3, assigned to H. Hogrefe	10.50
Wm. Purdy, work R. D. No. 9	7.50
John F. Riser	4.50
Howard Miller Lumber company, bridge lumber	78.35
W. P. Dixon, grading C. D. No. 3	80.25
Frank Massman, claimed $90.00, allowed less $39.75, which is chargeable against Battle Creek village, allowed against C. D. No. 3, assigned to H. Hogrefe	59.25
F. D. Heath, hauling road C. D. No. 2	21.00
Howard Miller Lumber company, bridge lumber	162.16
Howard Miller Lumber company, R. D. No 3	19.04
Howard Miller Lumber company, lumber for county bridge	49.12

On motion the resignation of Ben Davis, road overseer of R. D. No. 9, was accepted and office declared vacant.

On motion the sum of $10.00 was borrowed and transferred from general fund of 1908 to drainage ditch fund No. 1 and the county clerk was instructed to draw warrant for $35.00 in favor of William Reed allowed December 10, 1907, against said ditch fund.

On motion the following bills were allowed:

Chas. Tillottson, bridge work	5.25
Edgar Tillottson, bridge work	7.25
A. W. Tillottson, bridge work	21.00
Andy Schott, gathering bridge lumber	9.75
A. W. Tillottson bridge lumber	85.68
John Malone, labor and mileage	33.10
Cherles Tillottson, work C. D. No. 2	12.00
John Pranner, work C. D. No. 3	.75
Frank Massman, work C. D. No. 3	3.00
Charley Pranner, work C. D. No. 3	13.50
Ed. Walskey, work C. D. No. 3	8.25
Fred Beerman work C. D. No. 3	1.50
A. H. Jenkins work C. D. No. 3	10.50
Edgar Tillottson, work C. D. No. 3	3.75

C. D. Johnson, steward of the poor farm, to take up audited claims against the poor farm. 200.00

Auguste Brummund, witness fees, State vs Alexander	1.10
Alex Peters, fees State vs. Alexander	2.10
C. F. Eisele, fees, State vs. Alexander	3.65
A. W. Tillottson, work C. D. No. 2	24.50

GROVE PRECINCT.

Len Brown, care of booths	3.00
Chas. Fadke, judge of election	4.00
Wm. Brogan, judge of election	4.00
Nell Andelsel, judge of election	4.00
Chas. Gabelman, clerk of election	4.00
Julius Glandt, clerk of election	4.00
School district No. 27, rent	5.00
Julius Glandt, election returns	8.00

MEADOW GROVE

M. W. Carmody	11.50
P. Dobson	4.00
Joe Vancha	4.00
Dick Sullivan	4.00
M. O. Wagner	4.00
Oscar Roche	4.00
E. W. Colegrove	4.00
E. W. Colgrove	2.00
M. W. Carmody	1.90

SOUTH DEER CREEK.

Charles Koehler	4.00
Joe Orr	4.00
James Hughes	11.00
John H. Harding	4.00
John J. Hughes	4.00
John J. Hughes	2.00

RATTLE CREEK.

H. Fundum	6.00
J. J. Brink	10.00
James Clark	6.00
E. E. Martin	6.00
C. Benning	6.00
John Burch	2.00

NORFOLK, SECOND WARD.

F. E. Redman	7.50
S. S. Robertson	4.00
H. G. Brueggeman	4.00
William James	4.00
G. G. Coryell	2.00

NORFOLK, FIRST WARD.

W. H. Widaman	7.50
Warren McClary	4.00
Frank Peckerman	4.00
John Shelley	4.00
C. O. Gow	4.00
J. Gerecke	2.00

UNION PRECINCT.

T. C. Neidig	4.00
John Q. Wakeley	4.00
George W. Ray	4.00
Will Isenhower	6.10
John E. Wakeley	4.00
George Galpin, police	2.00

MADISON CITY.

C. L. Rynearson	6.00
L. L. Grant	6.00
M. S. McDuffee	6.00
A. M. Koehlz	8.10
A. R. Fraser	6.00
Henry Webb, police	2.00

FAIRVIEW PRECINCT.

Ernest Freudenburg	4.00
John Ganser	4.00
Reinhart Peterson	4.00
Roy Chittenden	4.00
O. A. Sunderman	6.80
School District No. 15	3.00

MADISON, OUTSIDE.

S. O. Davies	6.40
Dolson Wells	4.00
George Like	4.00
Ed. Martin	4.00
Ralph Metchee	4.00

ENOLA PRECINCT.

Alfred Linn	4.00
Fred Schilling	4.00
J. B. Long	6.60
Vern Copeland	4.00
Frank Wright	4.00

HIGHLAND PRECINCT.

Henry Massman	4.00
J. C. Phipps	8.20
W. H. Daniel	4.00
Peter Zimmerman	4.00
Henry Neuwerth	4.00

GREEN GARDEN PRECINCT.

School district No. 5	4.00
Henry Maurer, Jr.	4.00
J. R. Schmitt	4.00
Nick Christiansen	4.00
Fred Dierks	6.80
Robert Crosier	4.00
School district No. 10	3.00

WARNERVILLE PRECINCT.

George Wheeler	4.00
W. H. McGinnis	4.00
M. B. Pettit	4.00
J. L. Davis	7.00
Arthur Pettit	4.00
H. J. Morris, constable	2.00

SCHOOLCRAFT PRECINCT.

Tom Leahna, Jr.	4.00
Frank Andrew	4.00
L. C. Bonner	7.20
J. C. Osborn	4.00
W. R. Martin	4.00
School district No. 28	3.00
Tom Leahna, care booths	1.00

EMERICK PRECINCT.

Pierce O'Brien	4.00
John Robison	4.00
A. Eichberg	4.00
P. Matthews	4.00
A. C. McCallum	4.00
P. Grant, care booths	3.00
School district No. 50	3.00
John Grant, constable	2.00

KALAMAZOO PRECINCT.

William Marten, sr.	4.00
M. Leffler	4.00
Carl Gabel, sr.	4.00
Peter Leuthlerz	4.00
Adam Seip	7.00
School District No. 3	3.00

ROCK CREEK PRECINCT.

W. King	6.00
H. Jacobs	6.00
James McKay	10.30
A. Will	6.00
T. Podearn	6.00
Nels Bjlechman	6.00

JEFFERSON PRECINCT.

W. S. Cunningham	12.00
H. M. Mills	4.00
P. M. Hansen	4.00
G. C. Warren	4.00
W. Irving	4.00
L. Gallagher, constable	2.00
S. S. Shipps, hauling booths	1.00

NORTH DEER CREEK PRECINCT.

D. M. Sullivan	11.50
D. F. Sullivan, care booths	2.00
School District No. 21	1.50
W. S. Crosby	4.00
Willis Sheets	4.00
Perry Munger	4.00
John Eisenhauer	4.00

THIRD WARD, NORFOLK.

C. P. Olmsted	4.00
Fred Lea	4.00
Frank H. Beels	7.50
M. C. Hixon	4.00
Angust Stoffen	4.00
Tom Dunnes, rent	5.00
Frank Beels, police	4.00

FOURTH WARD, NORFOLK.

M. J. Kennedy	9.50
M. Lake	6.00
Fred Koerber	6.00
Chas. Ball	6.00
Jacob Schaffer	6.00
T. P. White, constable	4.00

VALLEY PRECINCT.

E. H. Palmer	4.00
John F. Blakel	4.00
John W. Kerr	8.00
E. Tofte	4.00
H. Meyerman	4.00
H. Meyerman, care of booths	2.00
School District No. 77	2.50
William Lowe, constable	2.00

NORFOLK, OUTSIDE.

Frank Byerly	6.00
Otto Zuelow	9.30
W. G. Flint	6.00
W. F. C. Winter	6.00
Roy Carter	6.00
M. L. Best, police	1.00

On motion it was voted to build the following bridges:

Bridge on continuation of First street at Norfolk across the Elkhorn river.

Bridge across Battle creek, near Noel Moore's place.

Bridge across Shell creek, near Meadow Grove, known as the Texley bridge.

Bridge across North Fork, east of Norfolk Junction, to be reboared.

Bridge near Paul Renner's place, in Fairview, to be reboared.

The board then selected the names of the following persons from which will draw for the December, 1908, term of the district court, is to be drawn:

Norfolk precinct—Gilbert Anderson, Otto Zuelow, Carl Zastrow, Ludwig Vetsel, Frank Weishaet, Ludwig Tschetter, John Wade, Carl Winter, Frank Winter, Albert Vierguts, Carl Brecks, Henry Uecker, H. B. Thomas, A. M. Tanner.

Valley Precinct — William Waud, John Wittla.

Battle Creek precinct—George Zimmerman, William Wynn, George H. Woodworth, A. W. Tillottson, John H. Heggemeyer.

Warnerville precinct—H. A. Varner, George Tannehill, Frank Ranney.

Union—John Wieder, Henry Neidig, Peter De Groot.

Shell Creek—W. J. Williamson, Hans Severson, G. O. Texley, Peter Nelson, Frank A. Linderholm.

Kalamazoo — John Weber, Adam Seip.

Green Garden — Henry Wehenkel, Joe Weinhorser.

Madison—John Talley, Ross Willenger, Owen Wells, Charles Farrage, John Dickey, John W. Makelin, A. C. Meehnert.

Deer Creek—William Wendt, George Haight.

Meadow Grove—W. N. Phillips, William A. Church.

Jefferson—Theodore J. Ott, A. A. Denel, L. O. Waterbury.

Grove—J. B. Twiss, J. T. Green.

Highland—Will Tiedeen, R. Collin.

Fairview—Peter Long, George Mill.

Schoolcraft—John Gillespie, Lee Owen.

Emerick—William Schmidt, J. N. Lovelace.

On motion the board then adjourned to December 3, 1908, at 1 o'clock p. m.

George E. Richardson,
County Clerk.

Pierce Mill Burns.

Pierce, Neb., Nov. 7.—Special to The News: The Pierce roller mill owned by S. F. Gilman of Neligh burned to the ground this morning. The loss is $75,000, well insured.

The mill contained a large quantity of flour and wheat. A small elevator which for the mill was also destroyed. Fire is supposed to have been caused by a hot box near the mill wheel.

The mill was running all night. It was the mill that had been made of [illegible] elevated roads [illegible] to extent. The fire occurred [illegible] this morning. Besides the miller, John Pulfer [illegible] and Oscar Zahn, been [illegible] mill. The night was [illegible] and a [illegible] was started. [illegible] in the basement [illegible] the mill tried to extinguish the fire but failed and Zahn was [illegible] the fire bell, a quarter of a mile away. He had a lame arm and [illegible] the fire bell [illegible] to quickly arouse people.

A small stream of water was found [illegible] the flames but the fire was beyond control.

This was one of the biggest fires in northern Nebraska. Mr. Gilman owns a big mill [illegible] at Valentine.

Youngest Section Boss in State.

Dakotaview Republican: Lunger K[illegible] has been promoted from section [illegible] on the Northwestern to section boss. He left for Verdigre Monday morning. Lunger is a good, steady man and his many friends hold him the youngest section boss in the state.

Hexamethylenetetramine.

[illegible] as the name of a German salt, which is one of the most valuable ingredients of Foley's Kidney Cure. Hexamethylenetetramine is used by medical text books as a diuretic and antiseptic and is [illegible] for the urine. Take Foley's Kidney Cure as soon as you notice irregularities and avoid a serious illness. [illegible]

Try a News Want Ad.

Winter bloody coughing pneumonia and consumption follow in the wake of a cough or cold. Cure your cough now. It can't hurt you. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey will stop the cough, heal the lungs, [illegible] money and can will correct all chronic coughs and colds. [illegible] results.

We have yet to read of a man who says that his life would have been ruined if his wife had refused to marry him.

Many suffer from constipation a most troublesome ailment. Foley's Orino Laxative will cure it permanently by strengthening the digestive organs so that they can act naturally. Orino Laxative is a tonic laxative. Foley's Orino Laxative is pleasant, safe and sure. Does not gripe nor sicken. For sale by all druggists.

Generally a man who has a sunny and cheerful disposition depends upon himself and becomes generally worthless.

Foley's Honey and Tar stops the most severe coughs. Contains no opiates. Refuse substitutes. Sold by all druggists.

Quick as a fly comes into a [illegible] presence, she screams or [illegible] and you hear [illegible]

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days.

PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

Sometimes a collision occurred on a railroad in Mexico. [illegible] locomotive and a horse that was killed in the course.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c per bottle.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

NEBRASKA FOR BRYAN

It's too bad, Mr. Bryan,
But we did the best we could;
Nebraska showed how much on you she dotes,
If every loyal Taft man
Had taken to the woods
You'd had no more than eight electoral votes.

Nebraska's like a mother
Who will shield her favorite son,
Regardless of how other people score him,
It matters not to mother
What her Willie's said or done,
She's resolute, determined to adore him.

For two years hence Nebraska
Will be black upon the map,
For Willie she has joined the solid south;
To staunch Republican principles
She's registered a slam;
She has kiss'd the Tammany Tiger on the mouth.

It matters not what theories,
Mr. Bryan, you foresee,
Or on public questions how you will comport you,
Free Silver, tariff cutting,
Bank deposit guaranty,
Most anything, Nebraska will support you.

So cheer on and not lose
For the year 1912,
The people will be lost if they should miss you;
For a hustling campaign woman,
Now it's time for you to delve,—
Crop Guarantee would make a lively issue.

—R. F. M.

JOHNNY DUMPER'S UNCLE TELLS HOW TO IMPROVE COUNTRY LIFE

Omaha, Neb. Nov. 7.—To the Editor of The News: President Roosevelt must have seen Uncle Oscar's extracts in The News on Agriculture, for he has organized a commission on Country life, and they have written a letter to Uncle Oscar and a lot of other farmers, asking them twelve questions about how to improve life in the country.

And they put in envelops for return that don't need no postage and it would cost you three hundred dollars to use 'em for any other business.

Uncle Oscar was tickled when he got his letter from Mr. Roosevelt's commission and he said he was surprised that the little seeds he had planted in The News had bourn fruit so early.

I thot mebby the farmers that knows Uncle Oscar'd be interested to know how he answered to them twelve questions the government commission asks him. So I'll give you a verbatim report.

Quest. No. 1. Are the farm homes in your neighborhood as good as they could be under existing conditions?

Ans. No! In capitals, NO!!!

Quest. Why? Ans. For reasons so numerous that I cannot mention a notice of them. In the first place a lot of many farmers are so busy thinkin about crops and rows and pigs and cows that they do not stop to think at a good farm home is. They do not even try to make the home they live comfortable.

If there is anything that needs fixin they either let it go or hire a carpenter from town to come out and do it.

The carpenter puts in the least he can for his money and gets back to town as quickly as he can. If the farmers would put in half the time fixing up their homes that they put in on the street every holiday trying to run the government their wives would be models of comfort.

There is another class of farmers who put in all their extra cash building immense barns in stubble land lock and bar-room while they keep their families housed up in a stuffy little three or four roomed home that lacking in even the ordinary comforts.

Then there is the farmer who builds a new house without consulting his wife as to how she wants it arranged. "She's too fussy, I don't know her own mind!" So he hires a carpenter plan the house with an outside kitchen door, pantries, windows are provided with sleeves instead of being hung on pulleys, closets are left out because they take up too much room, they fail to provide a door at the bottom of the stairs, and after the partitions are all in and the roof completed they happen to think of a chimney that must be put in somewhere.

One of the greatest reasons why many homes are not as good and comfortable as they might be is that no provision is made for heating them properly at the time they are built. A two story eight room house is often built with no provision for heating except the kitchen stove and the base burner or wood heater in the living room. The upstairs is left to heat itself.

Quest. What suggestions have you to make?

Farmers and others ought to be taught that homes are for comfortable living and not on the one hand for show or on the other for mere existence. There is no more cheerless place on earth than a big two-story house without a furnace to heat it up warm as well as down. Money spent in a back-shanter will bring in far greater returns than if spent on fancy shingles. Water pressure, bathroom and drains are of course to be desired, but every well regulated house should have at least a kitchen pump and a sink-spout.

Quest. No. 2. Are the schools of your neighborhood training boys and girls satisfactorily for life on the farm?

By no means!

Quest. Why? Because the highest ambition of a large percent of country school children is to get a job in town, i. e., become a city dweller.

Quest. What suggestions have you to make?

I would suggest that human nature in general be changed by act of next congress so that it will not crave naturally what it has not.

That is the trouble with the whole country. Nine-tenths of the people wish they lived somewhere else than where they do. We cannot blame the little country people in this changeful age for wanting a change.

Quest. No. 3. Do the farmers in your neighborhood get the returns they reasonably should from the sale of their products?

Ans. With wheat around 90c, corn around 50c, oats around 40c, rye around 65c, and hogs getting closer to 6 every day I would say the farmers are doing as well as could be expected. But a further discussion of this question might lead me into politics.

Quest. No. 4. Do the farmers in your neighborhood receive from the railroads, interurbans, trolley lines, etc., the service they reasonably should have?

Ans. From the railroads they get all the legislature and railroad commission compel the roads to give. From the highroads they get fair service in good weather and most execrable service in muddy weather. From trolley lines they get nothing.

Quest. What would you suggest?

Ans. I would suggest that the next legislature give the railroads a real chance they kill the goose that lays the golden egg, and devote a little more attention to the public highways. I would concur that a national road commission be established to work in harmony and cooperate with state road commissions for the betterment of public roads throughout the United States.

Quest. No. 5. Do the farmers in your neighborhood receive from the United States postal service, rural telephone etc. the service they reasonably should expect.

Ans. Yes. We only wish there were a few more services that were equal in efficiency to the U. S. postal service.

Quest. No. 6. Are the farmers in this vicinity in your neighborhood sufficiently organized to promote their mutual buying and selling interests?

Ans. Well, now, Uncle Sam, you're treading on dangerous ground; you'll get me into quick sands of a maiden lot controversy if I should give you a complete answer to your question. I've several friends and some relatives in the mercantile business in Nebraska and this talk about farmers organizing for mutual buying and selling don't go down very well with them. I will say, however, that in my opinion there has been very little effort toward organization either in buying or selling.

The average farmer on my way holds whatever he has to sell till the price begins to fall and then he rushes it pell-mell onto the market, thus adding to the tumble.

When it comes to buying, farmers are divided in their opinions. Some say they get just as good or better goods for the same or less money when they buy from their home merchant and even if they didn't they ought to encourage home industry and keep money at home and save the trouble of ordering and live and let live. There are others who say I'm one of your durn business where they buy their goods as long as they pay for them and can send the goods back if their money's not satisfactory.

Now I have friends on both sides of the fence, so you see I must be conservative in my answer to this question.

UNCLE OSCAR

There are six more questions, but I haven't time this time to give you Uncle Oscar's answers to them.

I was awful disappointed that Bryan didn't get elected, wasent you, sure he was, too?

But it ain't so bad as if them fifty thousand Republicans in Nebraska that voted for Roosevelt four years ago had all come ahead and voted for Taft this year. They just did it to make Mr. Bryan feel like he had some naybers dident they? I don't believe Republicans is such bad folks after all. Yours,

Johnny Dumper.