

SOCIETY

The members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Norfolk Thursday presented Mrs. H. L. Snyder with several fine pieces of valuable cut glass...

The Heights Birthday club met with Mrs. Weaver on Tuesday to celebrate the birthdays of two members, Mrs. J. B. Maynard and Mrs. Weaver.

The Dolls' Sewing club met with Ruth Davenport last Tuesday afternoon. A Christmas tree with a gift for each one was one of the joys of the afternoon.

A party of young ladies of The Heights gave a linen shower for Miss Jessie Drebert Tuesday evening. Miss Drebert is soon to be married to Fred G. Koester of Carroll.

Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Young, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Logan and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Braden last Saturday evening.

The West Side Whist club enjoyed a meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Baum on Tuesday evening.

Misses Lethia and Merle Blakeman entertained the Dorcas society on Tuesday evening.

The Modern Woodmen gave a dance Wednesday evening at Marquardt hall.

Another of the series of Elk dances was given Friday evening.

The Wednesday club met with Mrs. Hagey.

Uecker-Raasch.

The wedding of Royal Uecker and Miss Reike Raasch took place in the Hadar Lutheran church Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The bride was escorted by her sister, Miss Clara Raasch, the groom by Gust Heckman...

trees will be burdened with gifts and glittering spangles, the good old pieces will be spoken and the old songs—and a few new ones, for songs changed more rapidly than the "pieces" of childhood—will be sung in almost ever church in the city on Christmas eve.

At the first Congregational church a splendid program has been prepared and will be rendered Christmas eve. A Christmas tree with gifts for all the children will be one of the chief attractions for the little folks.

A Christmas program, a tree loaded with gifts for the children of the Sunday school and a "Santa Claus" to distribute them, will be enjoyed at the Methodist church on Christmas eve.

At the Christian church will be a program of song and recitations and a tree Christmas eve.

At Johannes church Christmas eve will find a nice little program provided for entertainment and a tree full of things that children need to make them glad the Yule Tide is here.

The children of the Baptist Sunday school will take part in a little program Christmas eve and the older folks will have charge of a tree with gifts enough for everybody.

At the Presbyterian church a program of songs and recitations by the little tots will be given, and Santa Claus will be on hand to distribute gifts from a well laden tree.

At Trinity church, evening song services will be rendered. A tree with gifts for the little folks will be ready to have its branches unloaded after the service.

At Christ Lutheran church a program of singing and recitations will be the order of the evening and a fine Christmas tree to gladden the hearts of the children.

At St. Paul's church interesting exercises will be held. A tree with gifts for the children of the church will be one of the joys of Christmas eve.

A tree with gifts for the children and a musical program will be the entertainment at the Second Congregational church on Christmas eve.

At St. Mary's church Christmas mass will be said on Christmas morning at 6 a. m. a second mass at 8 a. m. and High mass at 10:30 a. m.

NO BRIDE FOR NEW HOME.

Failing in Attempts to Secure a Mate, Man Destroys New House.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 19.—Disappointed over repeated failures to place a bride in the home he had built for two, Hollis Worden, of Norway Ridge, up in the northeast corner of Monroe county, reduced the structure to kindling wood. The work of demolition was begun last week and now only a woodpile marks the spot.

Worden declined to sell the building upon which he had spent several hundred dollars. He said that as his stepfather intended to go to the soldiers home he would go and live with his mother and that, therefore, he had no further use for the house.

Worden first courted Annie Umbush, but her parents frowned down the proposed match, and she is now Mrs. F. Crawford.

His next love was Gertrude Jerome. It was for her that he built the home, but she decided she did not care to become his mistress and still lives in single blessedness.

Having faith in the old adage that "Pain heart never won fair lady," Worden became a member of the Christian church in the hope of winning a bride, Miss Irene Umbush. But he was again disappointed.

Still undaunted, he renounced his faith in the Christian church and embraced the Mormon religion, with the view of inducing Miss Leedy Mureman, who was a member of that church, to become his partner for life.

Falling in this, his fourth venture, Worden, who is only twenty-five years of age, decided to demolish the house and seek a mate no more.

Miss Fish to Quit Newport?

Newport, R. I., Dec. 19.—That Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish plans to absent herself from Newport next summer and for the second successive summer, is shown by an announcement that Crossways, which Mrs. Fish owns, is for rent or for sale.

The magnificent colonial estate faces Bailey's beach, in close proximity to the summer homes of Henry Clews, George H. Warren and Williams Miller.

Mrs. Fish had planned a trip to Europe and the Nile for the summer. There are Newport wisecracks who declare if Mrs. Fish deserts Newport for a second consecutive season she never will return to live.

Uncle Remus' Horse.

The Yankton Press and Dakotan, viewing with alarm the possibility of being forced into an argument with the Yankton Herald, says that arguing with its contemporary always reminds it of Uncle Remus' horse which, so the story goes, he had swapped one day to a neighbor. After the trade, he said:

"Now, Bill, I'll tell yer fair. Dat hoss hab got two faults."

"And more, too, I guess, assented Bill. "But what are they?"

"Wa-al, ef he gits out in de field he's de habdes' hoss ter ketch ye ever seed, an' when yer ketch 'im he ain't with a cuss."

A Remarkable Homesteader.

In a class quite apart from all the other claim holders in north Nebraska is Roy Clark, the blind homesteader of Cherry county, who for some considerable time past has "held down" a claim thirty-five miles southwest of Alnsworth.

Clark, although a young man just out of school, is by far the most remarkable blind man in Nebraska in point of achievement. And this course of his in securing a Cherry county homestead in north Nebraska is in itself something of an achievement for a man totally blind.

Will Prove Up Next Summer. Clark will "prove up" on his homestead next summer. Meanwhile he will have qualified as a capable farmer.

Out on his north Nebraska claim he has a real neat little frame house, 12x30 in size, with two rooms, one of which is 12x14, the kitchen and dining room, the other 12x16, the sitting room and bedroom. Near the house is a frame barn, 14x20. Near by is a frame chicken house and a frame fuel shed.

The yard of the Clark property is fenced in. A year ago last summer Clark himself planted 400 jack pines and fifty of them are now living and doing well. A good well is on the property.

Clark has a large garden and has ten acres which he will put into grain next season. His live stock now consists of a team of young ponies and a cow; but he is about to buy some stock and let it out on shares to other homesteaders.

Is Totally Blind. Clark was born blind nearly all his life. When little more than a baby he lost his eyesight as the result of sickness. He was sent to the institute for the blind in Nebraska City where he graduated.

A College Graduate. Roy Clark, now a homesteader farmer, is the only blind man who ever graduated from the university of Nebraska. A few years ago he graduated from the state university with honors.

Although terribly and tragically handicapped by his lack of sight, he successfully pursued one of the hardest courses at the state university, did every bit of the required work and passed all of his examinations with marks averaging higher than nine-tenths of his fellow students.

How Clark was ever able to accomplish everything he did at the big university at Lincoln was something of a marvel even to those who worked with him constantly. He attended all lectures taking notes by the "point system" which the blind use. His text books and general reading was done for him by college friends in the same classes. His papers were written on a typewriter, which he used for all his correspondence. He had a light typewriter which he carried to school on examination days and dashed off the answers to the questions read to him. The subjects he was at his best in were philosophy, political economy and English.

Was Never Lost in Lincoln. Clark had perfect confidence in himself in Lincoln. While a student he walked the streets of Lincoln alone, going to any store or in any part of town. He never feared street cars, but the appearance of one, craze gave him alarm. He would dash off a letter on a typewriter, pound out the address, affix a stamp and walk over to the nearest letter box.

In university affairs he was active. He was a member of the university debating squad, a valued position, won honors in oratory, and was elected vice president of the senior class. His special enjoyment in Lincoln was the theater, where his active mind was always able to supply the stage picture.

Married Lincoln Girl. A year ago last August Clark married a Lincoln girl, Miss Gertrude Highberger, who had graduated from the Lincoln high school the previous June.

Clark, like many of the blind, is a talented musician and is always able to command the best musicians in Lincoln as a piano tuner.

Ideas Run to Business. Clark's ideas have always run to business. Chancellor Andrews of the university watched his course in college with interest, and in Clark's senior year urged him to continue his education along post-graduate lines with the aim of devoting his life to the interests of the blind by becoming a college professor. Clark will, however, ultimately engage in business. He is on intimate terms with the leading business men of Lincoln and can get backing when he needs it. Clark has always been a money-maker and more than paid his expenses during his school years.

Philosophy of the Smile. Contentment is the constant motto of this blind man who is one of the jolliest fellows imaginable. No one in north Nebraska smiles oftener or mountains better spirits.

Has Traveled Widely. Clark has traveled over many parts of the country. He has been a frequent visitor to Denver and Kansas City. At the time of his graduation from the university of Nebraska accounts of his life appeared in many of the leading magazines and papers of the east.

Father a Railroad Man. Roy Clark's father is a Union Pacific engineer well known among trainmen on account of prominent places he has held in the service of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He now lives at Beatrice but ran until recently between Stromsburg and Lincoln.

Deadlock at Newman Grove. Newman Grove Reporter: Two members of the "Pickings from Puck" company, apparently man and wife, were standing in front of Lew Young's drug store Tuesday morning, looking at the display of Christmas presents. She said, "what a nice toilet set that is over there to the left."

is over there to the left." He said, "Isn't that a dandy smoking set with the ash tray?" This appeared to result in a deadlock for no Christmas presents were purchased by either of them.

Prof. Stands Up for Good Slang. You're up against it. Freeze onto the ball. I'll chop you up into mince-meat. He blew onto the stage. He is up in the air. His trolley is off.

You are backing up the wrong tree. Pull up stakes and make a bee-line. He is daffy. He has bats in his belfry.

Madison, Dec. 19.—Do the foregoing words, heard daily in the streets, sound like the language of Milton or Shakespeare? They are perfectly proper, however.

In explaining the forcefulness of language to a class in pedagogy at the University of Wisconsin, Professor M. V. O'Shea of the department of science and education, declared that some of the unique expressions of those masters of earlier literature were the recognized slang of their day, elucidating his idea by explaining that the best of slang of today will be in the literature of tomorrow. He declared that the children of Madison have the most vivid and picturesque vocabulary along these lines of any children he knows of, and added that conservative mothers should not try to crush these expressions of thought from their youthful conversations—so long as they are not obscene or improper.

Why Slang Abides. The incident of Professor O'Shea using the numerous slang phrases was brought about when he explained to his pupils the possibilities of the most modern and "up-to-date" vocabulary. He declared "our language is a living language and is constantly changing. A man may know Milton, grammar and rhetoric, but may miss the issue and the effect which he wishes to produce by the use of staid, conventional terms. Young people use slang readily. Their minds are plastic and the terms they use, even though they be slang, are vigorous, picturesque, filled with fire and color, and ought not to be suppressed."

But Professor O'Shea believes there is both "good" and "bad" slang, and on this point he declared: "All slang that offends the moral and ethical sense will die out of its own accord, and the best phrases will survive, to be incorporated in the literature of the next generation. Phrases that I would not use ten years ago I am using constantly today in conventional conversation. Such expressions as 'You're up against it,' used constantly by the children, have five times the vigor and effect of the same idea expressed by ministers and professors in the classical language of Milton and Shakespeare."

Freedom for the Child. "For the average child, the best slang is far better than the conservative speech of adults. The adult lives a formal life. He dislikes innovations; he is quiet and refined, and is utterly incapable, as such, of telling a child how to talk. Give the child freedom in his expressions and do not limit him to the phrase and rhetoric of olden days."

Professor O'Shea declared young people, men in active life, college professors and students, who constantly are gaining new ideas, are the men who originate the so-called slang expressions. The expression "fussing" is original at the University of Wisconsin, as explaining the courting civilities of the youth. "And what term could be more applicable?" he says.

"Out on the Pacific coast," he said, "the language is undergoing a constant change. New expressions from the mountains, the mines, the seas, the hardships of travel are rapidly becoming incorporated in the vocabulary, making them living realities."

German-Russ Colonies. Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 19.—Special to The News:—Few residents of the South Dakota have any idea of the great growth of the German-Russian colonies which were established in what now is South Dakota thirty years ago.

There now are fifteen of such colonies in the state and the property owned by the colonists is valued at more than \$3,000,000. This property includes an aggregate of three hundred and seventy-four quarter sections of land, or about 60,000 acres, 3,700 head of cattle, 12,000 sheep and other live stock, in addition to much other property.

About thirty years ago there were only three of these colonies—Wolf Creek, Bon Homme and Elmspring. The Bon Homme colony at that time owned seven quarter sections of land; Wolf Creek and Elmspring had a little more. Thirty years ago there were forty-six families in the three colonies. Today the families in the three colonies number 255, which illustrates the rapid growth of the colonies.

When the financial condition of the three original colonies warranted it, large additional tracts of land were purchased and new colonies were established. Branches of the original Bon Homme colony are Milltown, Maxwell, Rose dale, Buffalo and another colony in Spink county. Elmspring colony was the parent of New Elmspring and Rockport colonies. Wolf Creek colony is responsible for the existence of what are known as Jamesville, Tschetter; Richards ranch colony, in Beadle county, and another colony in Spink county.

The Elmspring colonists have just decided to purchase another large tract of land with the object of establishing another colony. When this is accomplished it will make the sixteenth of such colonies to be established in South Dakota.

The members of the various colonies are among the happiest and most contented people in the state. They are

a very industrious class of people and pay little attention to the affairs of the great outside world. All their property is owned in common and if disputes ever occur in any of the colonies knowledge of them never reaches the outside world, the colonists having the faculty of themselves adjusting such difficulties as they may have.

SHAW CALLED FALSE CRITIC.

Former Nebraska Professor, Dr. Ross, Says He Is Not a Socialist.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 19.—Prof. E. A. Ross, head of the sociology department of Wisconsin university, last night said that the recent assertion of Leslie M. Shaw that the teachers of sociology in American universities are socialists or anarchists was untrue.

"I know of no sociologist in any of the American universities who is a socialist," said Prof. Ross. "Sociologists are enlightened students, who stand for some particular policy in the interests of the nation, such as education, sanitation, or forest conservation. Socialists are those who believe that there should be no private ownership of income-producing property."

"Mr. Shaw, who is a keen business man, speaks from a selfish and commercial viewpoint. He scoffs at sociologists because they are preaching doctrines which are both detrimental to his pocketbook and to private interests."

REPLY TO ROOSEVELT.

La Crosse Pastors' Union Adopts Resolutions on Teddy's Utterances.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 19.—By a vote of 14 to 4 the Pastors' Union passed a resolution in reply to the recent letter of President Roosevelt branding as "bigots" those who would vote on religious grounds against a Catholic or a Unitarian as a candidate for the presidency of the United States. The reply will be sent to the president. The resolutions are an argument in justification of those who feel that a consistent Roman Catholic cannot do his full duty as president of the United States.

Feared Camel, not Affinity.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—It was the camel, Ido, and not the affinity, Mrs. Marie Von Barries, that caused the breaking up of the domestic ties of Dr. George How, 706 West Jackson boulevard, two months ago.

After the brute was reprieved on Tuesday by Naif Corey, proprietor of an amusement park show, who claimed the physician was holding it against his wishes, it came to the ears of neighbors that the real cause of Mrs. Irene How's hasty departure from her home had been removed.

The story ran that she returned late one evening to find her husband in the company of Mrs. Von Barries. That discovery did not frighten her, and she was about to pass into another room to remove her wraps, when she caught sight of the camel, wrapped in a white sheet in lieu of a blanket.

Ido was hidden in a dark corner, but his bulky form was outlined in white, a background for a shaggy head, as he swayed it back and forth. At her first scream he stumbled to his knees, and then tottered to his feet with a grunt to seek the cause of the excitement.

Mrs. How had departed before the operation was complete, and she was not heard from again until she caused the arrest of her husband and Mrs. Von Barries and filed suit for divorce. She named Mrs. Von Barries as a more satisfactory cause for separation than Ido, but to one or two friends she told the real story of the cause of her sudden flight.

That was the first day that the camel had been under Dr. How's care. He had persuaded the owner, Corey, that he was an expert with animals, and he hoped to cure a lameness with which Ido was suffering. He did not succeed, but from the first day it was in his possession he cherished the animal and refused to part with it.

When at last Corey called the law to his aid, Baififf Krukstein found that "Ido" had become much attached to his new home. He bit, kicked, and squealed, and it was not until half an hour's maneuvering that the baififf emerged victoriously leading him by a halter.

Since that event Dr. How has not been heard from. It was stated at his office that he had left the city. It was not known whether the removal of the camel had anything to do with his departure.

Adam God Went by Niobrara.

"Adam God" (James Sharp) and the party of religious fanatics who precipitated the terrible street battle in Kansas City with the police passed down the Missouri river not long ago in a house boat, skirting the Rosebud country and north Nebraska and passing the town of Niobrara.

Edward Fish, "Adam God's pilot" who piloted the little party of fanatics down the river from Bismark, N. D., to Kansas City, was this week fined \$500 in Kansas City police court for vagrancy. He made no defense admitting that it had been more than a year since he worked. Before he met Sharp and joined the band at Bismark, he was a farmer, raising corn and wheat and oats and potatoes.

Niobrara, Dec. 19.—Special to The News: Several persons in Niobrara saw the house boat bearing "Adam God" and his party passing down the river.

It is said by those who saw the boat that it did not stop at Niobrara, which is no doubt true as the town is a half mile from the river.

Was Pinned Under Auto.

Humphrey Democrat: Sam Fleming and Dr. Morris of Creston had an ex-

perience with an automobile Monday which they will not soon forget, especially Mr. Fleming who got the worst of the deal. The two gentlemen had been over to Humphrey in Mr. Fleming's automobile, which is a fine one, but becomes unruly at times like men and things, and when a short distance from town on their return home, whether due to too fast speed around a corner, striking a ditch or an uncontrollable desire on the part of the pesky machine to climb a telephone pole, we have been unable to learn, anyway the automobile took a sudden turn, landing bottom side up and pinning Mr. Fleming underneath the machine.

With a Sandow strength Dr. Morris raised the machine and rescued Mr. Fleming from his perilous position, and the peculiar thing of it is that after the excitement was over Dr. Morris attempted to raise the machine again, and it is claimed he could not budge it. While not seriously hurt, Mr. Fleming received numerous bad bruises which laid him up for a few days. The machine was brought to Humphrey and aside from a sprung axle and a few breaks of little consequence, it is not damaged as much as one would think.

Commissioners Proceedings.

Madison, Neb., Dec. 8, 1908, at 1 p. m.—The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Commissioners John Malone, Burr Taft and Henry Sunderman.

The minutes of Nov. 6, 1908, were read and approved. On motion the sum of \$1,500 was transferred from the 1907 bridge fund to the 1908 bridge fund and the county treasurer was directed to make such transfer on his books.

Dan Trapp of Fairview precinct, having been erroneously assessed with thirty-two head of cattle valued at \$640 actual value, when in fact he owned no cattle on April 1, 1908, and with \$1,200 in money when in fact he had only \$300, on motion the county clerk was instructed to reduce his personal tax for 1908 in Fairview precinct by computing same on a valuation \$308 less than that on which it is computed.

On motion the amount of the bond to be furnished by County Attorney-elect James Nichols was fixed at \$1,000.

On motion the following bills were allowed: W. W. Weaver, mdse \$ 6.25 J. F. Flynn, quarantining 3.50 John Malone, work R. D. No. 9 4.25 Dave Larson, work R. D. No. 5 40.00 Burr Taft, labor and mileage 72.00 John Malone, labor and mileage 58.55 Henry Sunderman, labor and mileage 30.35 Wm. Lovell, work R. D. No. 9 10.50 J. S. Malone, work R. D. No. 9 1.50 O. S. Christian, work R. D. No. 9 26.00 A. J. Wells, livery, assigned to H. Barnes 1.50 Geo. Woodworth, work C. D. No. 2 12.00 W. E. Reed, haying road C. D. No. 2 9.00 John Guild, grading C. D. No. 2 3.00 J. T. Moore, work C. D. No. 2 51.75 Frank Klocke, work C. D. No. 2 1.50 John W. Warrick, labor R. D. No. 5 91.78 John W. Warrick, bridge fund 4.10 Oscar Brown, work R. D. No. 9 5.00 Herman Hogrefe, account W. P. Dixon 4.50 Krumm & Warren, labor R. D. No. 5 32.85 Krumm & Warren, labor R. D. No. 5 19.70 G. O. Schmitt, grading R. D. No. 15 138.00 Wm. Rockefellow, work R. D. No. 5 30.00 W. P. Dixon, grading C. D. No. 2, claimed \$74.25, allowed less \$4.50 owing to Herman Hogrefe on former bill, allowed at 69.75 W. P. Dixon, grading C. D. No. 2 30.25 Frank Nellig, work R. D. No. 9 3.00 Battle Creek Hardware Co., hardware, R. D. No. 2 5.58 Howard Miller Lumber Co., lumber R. D. No. 2 28.54 Wm. Lowe, work R. D. No. 2 15.00 C. R. Hinman, hardware, R. D. No. 13 4.50 C. R. Hinman, hardware, bridges 8.15 Henry Uecker, work R. D. No. 1 14.25 Chicago Lumber Co., Norfolk, lumber, R. D. No. 1 73.46 Chicago Lumber Co., Norfolk, lumber, R. D. No. 1 62.21 Chicago Lumber Co., Norfolk, lumber, R. D. No. 8 53.44 Chicago Lumber Co., Norfolk, lumber for election booths 1.40 G. D. Schmitt, work R. D. No. 15 61.50 J. R. Schmitt, work R. D. No. 15 9.00 L. L. Huffman, livery 8.45 Joseph Moravec, work R. D. No. 10 3.00 Perry C. Harris, work R. D. No. 4 11.00 Mills & Schenck, work R. D. No. 10 1.25 L. W. Lyon, grading R. D. No. 10 211.85 J. B. Donovan, printing R. D. No. 9 2.85 J. B. Donovan, printing R. D. No. 1650 Geo. E. Strik, work C. D. No. 2, 8.50 R. E. Allbery, work C. D. No. 2 4.50 John Heggeneyer, work C. D. No. 2 8.50 Joe Benish, work R. D. No. 8, assigned to Jack Koenigstein 15.00 L. W. Lyon, grading C. D. No. 1 54.20 Nelson & Gabrielson, blacksmithing, R. D. No. 13 4.80 Henry Uecker, work R. D. No. 1, assigned to Jack Koenigstein, Boyd and Harned, room for elections 5.00 L. B. Baker, lumber C. D. No. 3, 44.47 L. B. Baker, lumber R. D. No. 6, 19.40 Gus Kaul, salary 100.00 H. P. Barney, soldiers' relief, 100.00

Jacob Henderson, supplies, jail. 2.75 Fred Gagner, paper hanging 11.35 W. C. Elzey, livery 42.75 Agnes Prouss, moving and carrying for H. White, claimed \$17.00, wholly disallowed. Fritz Schroeder, wolf scalp 2.00 Battle Creek Hardware Co., room for election 5.00 W. P. Kennedy, care of booths, 6.50 R. L. Wagner, room for election 3.00 John Kranitz, livery 51.00 On motion the county clerk was instructed to correct assessment of n34 wt4 18-23-3 for 1908 by computing tax on a valuation of \$646 instead of \$722, there having been an error in the assessment.

On motion the following bills were allowed: Carl Kelmecins, plow C. D. No. 1 \$ 14.00 Wm. Gabbenan, hauling lumber C. D. No. 1 5.00 Fred Gabbenan, work C. D. No. 1 3.00 C. D. Johnson, balance salary steward of poor farm 4.93 Jack Koenigstein, office expense 25.44 Dick Black, burying dead horse, 2.00 W. S. McCallum, work C. D. No. 3 4.50 Madison lodge, No. 85, 1. O. O. F., room for election 11.00 C. D. Johnson, care of booths, assigned to T. H. Sesler 2.00 John Trapp of Fairview precinct having been assessed in 1908 with \$3,000 in money when in fact he had but \$2,400 and with 60 hogs valued at \$600 actual value when in fact he had only 6 hogs valued at \$60, on motion the county clerk was instructed to correct his personal assessment by computing same on an assessed valuation \$228 less than the valuation returned by the assessor.

On motion the following bonds were approved: Corl D. Jenkins, road overseer R. D. No. 14. P. J. Johnson, justice of the peace, Shell Creek precinct. Peter Bussey, road overseer, R. D. No. 2. W. H. Kirchhefer, constable, Jefferson precinct. Elmer E. Dodge, road overseer R. D. No. 4. Dominic Schneck, bond for duplicate warrant.

On motion the county clerk was instructed to present a claim to Pierce county, Nebraska, for one half the cost of constructing bridge on county line between Madison and Pierce counties. Total cost of bridge \$505.17. One half to be charged to Pierce county, \$302.59.

On motion it was voted to re-floor steel bridge across Shell creek in village of Newman Grove and also to re-floor bridge three miles west of Madison, known as the Felling bridge. The following report by C. D. Johnson, steward of the poor farm, was audited and approved.

Battle Creek, Neb., Nov. 30, 1908. To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Neb. I place before your honorable body my third quarterly report, as follows:

Cash in Battle Creek Valley bank, Aug. 31, 1908 \$ 86.50 Cash from George Schmitt, 5 steers 175.00 By county warrant 290.00 By Preece & Brechler, two yearling steers, 50.00 W. P. Dixon for board 12.00 Total cash on hand and received during third quarter \$524.10 \$524.10

Paid for audited bills of second quarter 400.33 Cash paid out on bills not heretofore audited. C. D. Johnson, one-third quarterly salary 37.50 Charles Ulrich, meat and provisions 8.00 Cream separator repairs 7.00 John Burch, lyster rent .50 Full amount cash expended \$447.03 447.03 Balance on hand in Battle Creek Valley Bank 77.07

The following bills for the third quarter were audited and allowed as claims against the poor farm: W. L. Boyer \$19.10 L. B. Baker 39.25 Battle Creek Telephone Co., 2d and 3d quarters 12.55 Battle Creek Hardware Co. 10.20 Battle Creek Roller mills 1.40 Morris Drug Co. 2.75 O. H. Maas 24.15 C. A. Martin 5.40 C. T. Haman 2.55 Howard Miller Lumber Co. 29.24 I. F. Merz 14.30 A. F. Gardels 20.00 Ralph Fuerst 2.00 W. B. Fuerst 6.00 Aug. Steffen 27.25 P. Koester, 1st and 3d quarters, 5.09 E. Tanner, 1st and 3d quarters, 32.50 C. D. Johnson, balance third quarter 82.50 Tom Sesler, \$2.00 less \$2.00, assigned by C. D. Johnson to him, allowed at 1.00 Charles Ulrich & Son 23.21 Chas. Hansen, blacksmithing, 5.15 On motion that \$150 excess fees be allowed Wm. Bates, county judge, for clerk hire in his office for the year 1907. Malone voted yes, Taft voted no, and Sunderman voted yes. Carried.

On motion that the board will not in the future allow county officers elect, the premium on surety bonds, except as provided by law. Malone voted yes, Taft voted no, and Sunderman voted yes.

On motion the board then adjourned to January 5, 1909, at 1 o'clock p. m. Geo. E. Richardson, County Clerk.