

USE DYNAMITE, NOT PLOWS.

It is an Easier and Better Way to Break up Kansas Hardpan. Maubattan, Kan., Jan. 17.—At the present rate of progress it won't be long until some of the methods of the new agriculture make necessary a change in many of the phrases of the old time farm language.

Of course you have to plow that field, but you do it the next spring. The frost and the snow and rain get into the cracks the dynamite made and make it mellow so that when you attack it in the spring the share cuts it up in a fine, workable slice.

Hardpan usually is a subsol stratum from six to eighteen inches thick, though in many places it is much thicker. The dynamite is placed in a hole that has been bored with a post-hole auger. When several charges have been placed they are connected with an electric battery and exploded simultaneously. The soil is shattered and broken for many feet away from the holes.

Sometimes dynamited soil is plowed and harrowed and planted immediately to some deep-rooted crop like clover or alfalfa. This, it is believed, will keep the soil from running together again; but many experimenters prefer to let the ground receive the frost and snow and rain until in the spring. Neither side to the controversy is certain of its contention, because dynamiting as an aid to farming is still new.

The agronomy department of the agricultural college is conducting some co-operative experiments with the farmers in several counties in dynamiting hardpan. It is believed the proper use of dynamite with farm manures, coupled with an efficient crop rotation, will solve the problem of cultivating hardpan.

"NO SIMPLE LIFE ON VENUS."

An Astronomer Told Her View of the Conditions on the Planet.

New York, Jan. 17.—"Is it true that people live on Venus?" Miss Mary Proctor, a woman astronomer, was asked today. "I don't know," replied Miss Proctor, with a smile; "but if there is life on Venus is stormier than love on earth. The inhabitants, if there are any, must live in cyclone cellars and wear heat proof diving suits to business."

Yes, it has been discovered that Venus makes but one revolution on her axis in one rotation around the sun, just as the moon makes but one in a rotation around the earth. That is the reason we see but one side of the moon. This means that Venus always presents the same side to the sun. That side is twice as hot as our tropics. It follows that the other side would be about twice as cold as our Arctic.

"But if one lived in the perpetual twilight between the two sides—there should be a delightful climate there," was suggested. "That would be the worst place to live. All of this cold air on one side and hot air on the other is an unnatural condition. In the twilight belt terrific wind storms are forming and tearing across the planet. Tornado follows tornado. Then there is reason to believe that the surface of Venus is almost entirely water. There would be a regular procession of hot and cold water spouts over the planet. There probably never is a dull moment on Venus."

"Is anything really known about the existence of life on Venus?" "No," she replied promptly, "and there probably never will be."

Osmond at 20.

Osmond Republican: Osmond is twenty years old. We have nothing but cement walks, waterworks are coming, and why not finish up with electric lights? Then we'll have nothing to do for a long time.

Horse Stealing Charged.

Bonesteal Herald: H. J. Piper, the man who is charged with stealing three head of valuable horses from the homestead of A. R. Exon recently and bound over to wait the action of a jury, was again arrested last week by Sheriff Sheldon of Lyman county charged with the same offense. It seems that Piper, assisted by a half-breed Indian, successfully purloined a team and young colt from a Lyman county farmer some time previous to his stealing of the Exon horses. To rid himself of his accomplice, Piper gave the Indian the colt and \$15, on

an unknown and bogus bank, for his share of the spoils in the deal. Last week the Lyman county sheriff traced the thief and had him arrested on the charge of horse stealing.

DEATH ON TOBOGGAN.

Milton Benner, Council Bluffs Lad, Meets Death at Kearney. Kearney, Neb., Jan. 16.—Milton Benner, 14-year-old student at the Kearney Military academy, plunged to his death down a toboggan slide. His foot caught in the runners of the sled, the sled was overturned, the railing of the incline gave way and he fell to the earth, crushing his skull.

This was young Benner's first semester at the school. His relatives reside in Council Bluffs and have been notified of the accident.

Gregory Prisoner Lost Arm.

Colome Times: James Vyskocil, serving eight months in the state penitentiary in Sioux Falls, from Gregory county, for grand larceny, suffered the loss of his right arm between the elbow and the shoulder while at work in the twine plant at the prison Wednesday of last week. The injured man was feeding the heaviest of the big machines, which is used for shredding the sisal which is consumed in making twine, and accidentally thrust his right hand far enough into the mouth of the machine to permit the rolls to catch his fingers.

Before the machine could be stopped the arm had been drawn in to a point between the elbow and the shoulder and so completely was it crushed that amputation was necessary.

Vyskocil will be remembered as the Tripp county homesteader who last fall was convicted in the Gregory county courts on a charge of grand larceny, growing out of a series of thefts through which he accumulated on his claim between Colome and Dallas a list of various articles which might be listed in sale bill language as "too numerous to mention." He was sentenced to serve eight months in the state penitentiary at Sioux Falls.

Before the case came to trial, Vyskocil drove a team of mules to Colome. They ran away with him and he was badly injured, receiving a broken collar bone, shoulder dislocation and had his head badly hurt. He was cared for here and after recovering, proved up on his place and then stood trial and went to prison.

The case of the unfortunate man has aroused considerable sympathy, for it is generally felt that a mental deficiency caused him to commit the thefts which put him in prison. Otherwise he was a harmless fellow.

A Long Walk.

Colome Times: G. W. Whitehorn arrived in Colome Saturday morning, marking the end of a pedestrian trip from Long Pine, Neb., to Doran, Neb., in this county. He walked thence to Colome, where he took the train to his home at Butte, Neb.

Change in Dallas Attorney.

Dallas News: At the meeting of the city council last Tuesday evening Geo. A. Jeffers, our popular city attorney, resigned his position and Attorney E. O. Patterson was named to succeed him. Mr. Jeffers assigned as his reason for resigning that he expected soon to leave Dallas for Washington, D. C. for several months, where he has a large number of cases to look after in the United States courts and before the department of the interior, and therefore could not give the city's legal affairs the attention that he felt was due them. Mr. Jeffers expects to leave Saturday. Mr. Jeffers has been highly successful in his efforts at Washington and has established an enviable reputation, and is interested in many of the most important cases before the United States supreme court. The newly appointed city attorney, Mr. Patterson, is an attorney of exceptional ability, enjoying an extensive practice, and will look well after the city's interests.

New Gordon Commercial Club.

Gordon, Neb., Jan. 17.—Special to The News: Gordon business men organized a commercial club and have already secured a membership of seventy-five and expect soon to pass the 100 mark.

Officers are:

C. D. Berkelmer, president; Lee Fritz, vice president; L. H. Jordan, secretary; U. F. Powell, treasurer. Board of directors: C. D. Berkelmer, Fred Duerfeldt, T. H. Jordan, Lee Fritz, H. S. Fritz, W. G. Traub, U. F. Powell.

Butte Lights Out.

Butte Gazette: The sudden severe cold snap caused considerable havoc with our electric light plant Monday night. Water froze in the cylinders and bursted the engine so that the plant will be out of commission a week or ten days.

Shot in the Hand.

Creighton News: Charles Griffin, who has been visiting his brother, John, of Center, for the past week, met with a painful accident last Monday, while returning from a rabbit hunt. In crossing a fence, the shot gun was accidentally discharged, the full charge taking effect in the left hand. Griffin will suffer a loss of his thumb, nearly all the palm and the third finger, which will leave him totally disabled as far as the use of the hand is concerned.

Dr. C. C. Johnson was called to assist Dr. Carmack of Center in making the amputation.

Nearly Asphyxiated.

Butte Gazette: C. H. Dalley and family came near being asphyxiated by gas Sunday night. The heavy wind Sunday bent the cap on their chimney, thus obstructing the draft of their hard coal stove and causing the gas from the fire to fill the house during the night. When Mrs. Edgar Parsball, who was visiting her parents, awoke between 3 and 4 o'clock, she found the air so suffocating that it was with dif-

iculty that she got to the door to open it. Upon attempting to arouse the household, she found them all in a stupor from the effect of the fumes.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalley and their little girl were assisted over to Lue Royalty's residence and a doctor was called. After considerable effort they were finally pronounced out of danger, but were quite ill for several days. The entire household, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Dalley, their little girl, Mrs. Parsball and her three children, suffered severely from the effect of the gas and had it not been for the baby fussing, which woke its mother, they would all likely have been beyond help by morning.

West Point Bank Officers.

West Point, Neb., Jan. 17.—Special to The News: The annual stockholders meetings of the banks of West Point were held and the following is the result: West Point National—President, William Stuefer; vice president, J. T. Baumann; cashier, James W. Shearer. Directors are: William Stuefer, H. W. Baumann, J. W. Shearer, Joseph Hunker and J. T. Baumann. First National—President, W. A. Black; vice president, Henry Hunker; cashier, Chris Hirschmann; assistant cashier, William Gentrup. Directors are: Chris Hirschmann, Henry Hunker, A. Black, Charles H. Wilde and Henry Schinstock. Nebraska State—President, T. D. Thompson; vice president, Herman Koch; cashier, A. F. Walla; assistant cashier, J. F. Zajicek. Directors are: T. D. Thompson, Herman Koch, A. F. Walla, J. F. Zajicek, F. D. Hunker, J. F. Kaup and James Mortensen. All the banks declared the usual dividend.

A Mysterious Engineer.

Wayne Democrat: A stranger came to Wayne last Friday evening and stated that he was at the head of a government survey gang to survey the Logan valley for the purpose of straightening out the creek. The gentleman was a hustler, bought all kinds of supplies, engaged men to report for work Monday morning, etc. He also passed a check at the Clifton grocery for \$1.50, and gave Landlord Kingsbury a check for \$28, but only had two days board out of that. Sunday the "United States engineer" left to get a crew of men, and he hasn't been seen since, the supposition being that he was batty or something worse. The checks were no good and the other parties who took big orders, including Hixco's livery where he was going to get a lot of teams, all feel badly over the affair.

The next engineer

who comes along to straighten the crooked Logan will have to bring a bill of particulars proving that he is straighter than the creek. The man wrote his name as "D. V. Stewart, United States Engineer," and drew checks on the First National bank. Grocer Clinkenbeard advanced him a small amount of cash, so the Democrat is informed, and other parties, who bragged about the "big business" they did with the gentleman, are not probably telling everything they know for publication.

Commercial Club for Niobrara.

Niobrara, Neb., Jan. 17.—Special to The News: In the Christmas edition of the Niobrara Tribune, a commercial club and a library were two of "Niobrara's Needs," that were mentioned. Several of the business men held a preliminary meeting early in the week and on January 18 will hold a meeting at which time the committee on by-laws will report and a permanent organization will become effective.

A copy of the Christmas edition sent to Bishop Williams of Omaha was sent by a friend in Chicago. The Chicago gentleman has offered to send a library of 100 volumes to Rev. M. J. Brown and these books will be given to St. Paul's Episcopal Sunday school, making a large addition to their library. The books will no doubt have quite a circulation through the town.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

George H. Mitchell of Winner was here.

F. H. Scott is threatened with pneumonia.

R. S. Lackey went to Stanton on business.

E. P. Weatherly went to O'Neill on business.

Dave Hodson of Madison was a visitor in the city.

Sheriff C. S. Smith of Madison was here on business.

T. L. Patrick of Scotts Bluff was a visitor in the city.

O. W. Rice of Cedar Rapids was a visitor in the city.

R. B. McFadden of Madison was here visiting with friends.

Miss Mabel Clements of Wilber is in the city visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fahr of Creighton visited at the home of Albert Pitter.

William Zutz of Gregory was in the city visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Zutz.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bucholz and sons were in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt.

Mrs. William Storts, who has been here visiting with the W. T. Shively family, has returned to her home at O'Neill.

Miss Pearl Carlson has accepted a temporary position in the office of the Elkhorn Life Insurance company.

George Grainger, formerly employed at the Fair store, has gone to Lynch, where he will open up a meat market.

The basketball game between the Pierce high school and Norfolk Business college basketball teams will take place in the Taylor hall at 8 o'clock Thursday night. The local team has received their uniforms and declare they are in fine trim.

Two Norfolk horse experts are on the program of the state veterinarian's meeting at Lincoln Tuesday. G. L. Carlson will talk of the veterinarian as a breeder and Dr. C. A. McKim

will discuss, "Do We Need a Live Stock Sanitary Board in Nebraska?"

A few days ago W. N. Nordenberg, a farmer of Hoskins, complained of his hand being irritated by a very small pimple. Today he is suffering from a bad case of blood poisoning in that same hand. Mr. Nordenberg was in the city Monday and a physician who dressed the infected member declared it a serious case.

At the Creighton depot throughout the day Norfolk firemen were very busy decorating their special car and meeting out-of-town delegates who are passing through the city enroute to Alliance to attend the State Volunteer Firemen's association convention, which opens in that city Tuesday morning. The Norfolk delegation leave at 7:30 this evening in their special car.

Roy F. Crosby, the piano salesman who lost his life in the Niobrara hotel explosion, was to have been engaged as salesman for the Bennett Piano company of this city. Crosby applied to the company for a position here and negotiations were going on between him and H. S. Thorpe, local manager of the company, who says he is in possession of several letters from Mr. Crosby which he was to have answered today.

When it was learned that the court house at Winner, S. D., had been destroyed by fire and that a large number of the county records had been destroyed, inquiries were made whether or not there were duplicate records of Madison county available, should a similar occurrence happen to the Madison county court house. It developed that Mapes & Hazen are the only firm in the county who have in possession a complete duplicate of county records relating to title.

On Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Congregational church and in the evening at 7:30 there will be a meeting of Sunday school workers to be addressed by Rev. J. P. O'Brien of Kansas City Educational secretary of the southwest, also by Miss Margaret E. Brown, state workers for the State Sunday School association of Nebraska. All Sunday school workers of the city are cordially invited to be present at these meetings.

A special hearing in the case of the federal government versus William Fritz and others, from near Fairfax, S. D., was held in the federal court building at Norfolk Monday. The government is seeking to set aside a land patent secured some time ago by Fritz. Among the witnesses were Herman Fritz, William Fritz, Douglas Boyd, P. Billeter, Ira Billeter, George Owens, Charles Lauer, W. R. Dickinson, chief clerk at the United States district attorney at Omaha, presided. He goes to Ainsworth Tuesday.

The 152nd anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns will be celebrated in Norfolk by the local St. Andrew's society on January 23 in Marquette hall. The entertainment committee have been instructed to have programs printed. It is hoped that members of the Sioux City branch will come to Norfolk in company with their expert reel dancers. The committees appointed follow: Advertising, W. E. Graham, William Graham; entertainment, J. A. Trulock, Dan Craven, Peter Morrison; finance, G. T. Sprecher, C. S. Bridge, C. E. Hartford, on hall, Alex Morrison, J. A. Ballantyne, D. Craven; reception, William Graham, G. T. Sprecher; floor manager, C. E. Hartford, master of ceremonies, G. T. Sprecher.

Only Once a Week.

Madison Post: As was announced in these columns some time ago, the Post will be issued weekly. This is done owing to the increased cost of paper products and labor and because after two years and a half of experience it has been found that a twice-a-week paper is not a paying venture.

Commissioners Proceedings.

Madison, Neb., Jan. 10, 1911, p. m. Board of county commissioners met in regular session according to law. Present, Burr Taft and Henry Sunderman, John Malone being absent on account of sickness. Burr Taft was elected chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of January 5, 1911, were read and approved as read.

The time having arrived for opening the bids for blank books, stationery and blanks for the year 1911, the following bids on file with the county clerk were opened and compared. The bids were as follows: H. B. Allen and the Huse Publishing company on blanks, the Huse Publishing company on books and the Huse Publishing company on stationery. Two bids which were not signed and which had no mark to indicate by whom filed were opened but not considered.

The bid of H. B. Allen on blanks awarded the lowest and best bid, he was awarded the contract for blanks for the year 1911. The bid of the Huse Publishing company on books being the lowest and best bid, they were awarded the contract to furnish stationery for the county for the year 1911. Mr. Simon Finnegan made complaint of obstruction in road, and asked the board to have same removed. The Huse Publishing company and the Madison Chronicle each submitted propositions for publishing commissioners proceedings, etc., for the year 1911 and the contract was on motion awarded to the Huse Publishing company as per contract on file.

On motion the following official bonds were approved: James Hughes, road overseer, road district No. 17.

A. W. Finkhouse, constable, Norfolk precinct.

The bond of H. B. Allen as contractor for blanks for 1911 was fixed at \$500, the Huse Publishing company,

contractor for stationery, at \$500, the Huse Publishing company as contractor for books at \$500, and the Huse Publishing company for printing the proceedings, etc., at \$500.

The board then proceeded to audit the fee book of C. S. Smith, sheriff, finding it correct and showing fees earned for year ending December 31, 1910, to be \$387.30.

On motion board adjourned to 7:30 p. m. January 10, 1911, 7:30 p. m.—Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Commissioners Burr Taft and Henry Sunderman.

The board audited the fee book of William Bates, county judge, and found it correct, showing excess fees above allowance for clerk hire earned for year ending December 31, 1910, to be \$182.35.

The fee book of S. R. McFarland, county clerk, was audited and found correct, showing excess fees earned for year ending December 31, 1910, to be \$84.00.

The board adjourned to January 11, 1911, 8 a. m.

January 11, 8 a. m.—Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Commissioners Burr Taft, Henry Sunderman.

The institute book of N. A. Housel, superintendent, was audited and found correct, showing balance on hand of \$115.96.

The board proceeded to examine and check county treasurer's books till noon.

Board adjourned to 1 p. m. January 11, 1911, 1 p. m.—Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Commissioners Burr Taft and Henry Sunderman.

Board continued checking treasurer's books and accounts until 6 p. m. Board adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

January 11, 1911, 7:30 p. m.—Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Commissioners Burr Taft and Henry Sunderman.

Board completed the examination and checking of the county treasurer's books and accounts, finding them correct and in order.

The fee book of F. A. Peterson, county treasurer, was audited and found correct, showing excess fees earned for year 1910 to be \$1,928.26.

The fee book of W. H. Field, clerk of the district court, was audited and found correct, showing fees earned for year 1910 to be \$1,683.65.

On motion board adjourned to January 12, 1911, at 8 a. m.

January 12, 1911, 8 a. m.—Board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Commissioners Burr Taft and Henry Sunderman.

William Bates, county judge, made written request to retain a part of the excess fees earned in his office for year 1910, which request was rejected.

William Bates, county judge, made application to be allowed to retain not to exceed \$300 out of excess fees for year 1911 to pay clerk hire. The vote being called, Taft voted to allow \$150 and Sunderman voted to allow \$200.

W. H. Field, clerk of district court, made request to be allowed to retain the excess fees, not exceeding \$150 in the year 1911 to pay necessary clerk hire, and on motion said request was granted.

On motion the county clerk was authorized to employ help in his office for the year 1911 as follows: One deputy at a salary of \$1,000 and one assistant not to exceed three months at a salary of \$70 per month.

On motion the salary of the county superintendent for the year 1911 was fixed at \$1,400 per year, with an allowance of \$150 for livery hire.

On motion the county treasurer was authorized to employ deputies and assistants in his office for the year 1911 as follows: One deputy at a salary of \$1,000 per year and one assistant not to exceed three months at a salary of \$70 per month.

On motion C. D. Johnson was employed as steward of poor farm for the year beginning March 1, 1911, and ending March 1, 1912, at a salary of \$180 per year as per contract on file.

On motion Gus Kaul was employed as janitor for the year 1911 at a salary of \$50 per month.

On motion the salary of the deputy sheriff was fixed at \$35 per month, for the year 1911.

The following estimate of expenses of Madison county for year of 1911 was prepared and on motion accepted: County bridges \$25,500; County roads 15,000; Ripping streams 2,000; County institute 1,000; County printing 1,500; County attorney's salary 1,000; Care of paupers, 3,000; Full postage and expenses 2,000; Books, stationery and supplies 1,500; Election expenses 3,500; Salary assessor and deputies 3,500; Soldiers' relief 1,000; Poor farm expenses 1,000; County superintendent's salary 1,600; Salary clerk of board 1,500; Bounty on wild animals 3,000; Jailor's fees 1,500; Jailor's salary and expenses 1,000; District court jurors and county officers' fees 7,000; Insanity commissioners 1,200; Aid and agricultural society 700; Furniture, repairs to court house and insurance 1,500; Salary of clerk of the district court 500; Salary of sheriff and assistants 3,000.

On motion the following bills allowed: F. L. Crowley, work, road district No. 3, \$18.00; J. H. Hunter, work, R. D. No. 3, assigned to Battle Creek Valley bank, \$15.00; Elmer Jenkins, work, R. D. No. 3, \$14.00; W. M. Meisner, work, R. D. No. 2, \$20.00; Jesse Wiley, work, R. D. No. 3, \$4.00; James Sullivan, work, R. D. No. 3, \$2.50; W. S. Crook, work, R. D. No. 3, \$2.00; Frank Schinkus, work, R. D. No. 3, \$4.00; Wm. Hayes, work, R. D. No. 3, \$2.50.

G. L. Bickley, work, R. D. No. 9, \$3.00; S. M. Dowling, work, R. D. No. 9, \$2.00; Mills & Schink, repairs on grad-er, \$7.50; G. Stork, work, R. D. No. 19, \$8.00; Fred Schilling, work, R. D. No. 19, \$26.50; Leo Pruess, work, R. D. No. 19, \$8.00; Henry Rakowsky, work, R. D. No. 19, \$3.00; Emil Gall, work, R. D. No. 19, \$4.50; Sam Lodge, work, R. D. No. 19, \$29.50; Aug. Bertram, work, R. D. No. 19, \$2.00; Reinhold Maas, work, R. D. No. 19, \$4.50; Carl Baleski, work, C. D. No. 2, assigned to Battle Creek Valley bank, \$2.40; Joe Wynond, work, C. D. No. 2, assigned to Battle Creek Valley bank, \$1.00; Wm. Schwartz, work, R. D. No. 26, \$28.00; R. Kuhfahl, work, R. D. No. 26, \$8.00; J. L. Davis, work, R. D. No. 8, \$7.00; Frank Tannehill, work, R. D. No. 8, \$3.50; Israel Miller, work, R. D. No. 8, \$5.25; Charles Springstube, work, R. D. No. 8, \$5.00; J. H. Heuermann, work, R. D. No. 2, \$5.00; Frank Tannehill, mowing weeds, \$2.00.

On motion the \$12 1/4, 26-23-1 was assessed with special taxes for mowing weeds along roads \$1, and \$12 1/4, 26-23-1 was assessed with special tax for mowing weeds on road \$1. B. B. McGinnis, work, Commissioner district No. 2, \$42.00; Jas. Hughes, work, C. D. No. 3, \$6.00; Nye-Schneider-Fowler Co., lumber, R. D. No. 14, \$121.90; James Hughes, bridge work, \$20.00; Nye-Schneider-Fowler Co., lumber for bridges, \$54.95; Nye-Schneider-Fowler Co., lumber for R. D. No. 24, \$9.45; Madison Motor Car Co., livery, \$6.00; A. J. Wells, livery, \$4.50; Madison City, electric lighting, Dec. 2, 1910, to Jan. 4, 1911, \$21.60; Nye-Schneider-Fowler Co., coal for pauper, \$8.20; Hume-Robertson-Wycoff Co., coal, \$8.70; Battle Creek Telephone Co., phone rent for poor farm to June 30, 1910, \$6.50; Madison Chronicle, supplies, \$6.10; Huse Publishing Co., supplies, \$7.75; W. H. Field, fees, insanity cases, \$126.10; S. R. McFarland, recording bonds and expense, \$33.50; Huse Publishing Co., printing, \$27.17; Earl Sutherland, court bailiff, \$6.00; Henry Sunderman, labor and mileage, \$37.20; Burr Taft, labor and mileage, \$3.70; C. S. Smith, fees and salary, \$23.85; On motion board adjourned to 2 p. m. January 12, 1911, 2 p. m. Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Sunderman and Taft.

On motion the following bills were allowed: R. W. Lynn, work on bridges, \$10.50; R. W. Lynn, livery, etc., \$19.75; R. W. Lynn, work, R. D. No. 9, \$44.30; Ed Schwank, work, R. D. No. 9, \$29.50; Nye-Schneider-Fowler Co., material, R. D. No. 13, \$47.25; Nye-Schneider-Fowler Co., material for bridges, \$61.05; Nye-Schneider-Fowler Co., material, C. D. No. 1, \$75.70; Nye-Schneider-Fowler Co., material, general fund, \$76.70; Joe Malone, hauling lumber, \$13.50; Joe Malone, work, C. D. No. 1, \$40.50; Joe Malone, labor and mileage, \$29.70.

On motion the clerk was instructed to correct the 1910 tax list by reducing the personal assessment of the Klesau Drug Co. in Norfolk city, from \$2,185 assessed valuation to \$1,785 on account of erroneous assessment.

On motion the clerk was instructed to correct the 1910 tax list by reducing the assessed valuation on the personal property of the Norfolk Shoe Co. from \$2,350 to \$1,880 on account of erroneous assessment.

On motion the board adjourned to Tuesday, February 7, 1911, at 1 p. m. S. R. McFarland, County Clerk

Madison Gets Scolded.

Madison Post: You Madison men who have been laughing up your sleeve, as it were, over the idea that a railroad west of Madison to Cloister through the heart of Madison county, may be in tears before the thing is over, and you will probably live to see the day, and not very far distant, either, when a railroad will traverse the center of Madison county pulling thousands of pounds of corn, live stock and innumerable farm products and taking the farmers to town and back.

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Real Estate Transfers.

Transfers of real estate for the past month. Compiled by Madison County Abstract & Guarantee Co., office with Mapes & Hazen:

William H. Moore to Christina Baldwin, W. D., \$10,000, w 1/2 e 1/2 and e 1/2 s 1/4 2-24-3; M. O. Wolcott to August F. W. Brausen, W. D., \$2,000, w 1/2 n 1/4 11-23-1.

Fred L. Wanser to A. G. Silberts, W. D., \$1,200, lots 11 and 12, block 30, Western Town Lot Co.'s addition, Battle Creek.

Richard Ballard and wife to Sarah E. Meusch, W. D., \$2,500, lots 3 and 4, block 12, F. W. Barnes' addition, Madison.

Marion B. Foster to Mary M. Wells, W. D., \$1,025, lot 8, block 46, Clark's addition, Madison.

Carrie B. Olin to Bertha A. Lowman, W. D., \$900, lot 1 and north 16 feet