

COUSNMAN DISLIKES SYSTEM

Plan of Electing Deputy Assessors Does Not Work Out Well.

FORCED TO HIRE SUBSTITUTES

Has No Way to Separate the Men from the Pay Roll When They Do Not Perform Duties Assigned to Them.

Eff results of the law passed by the legislature in 1911 making precinct assessors elective offices are being felt in Omaha. Complaints about a number of the fifty-four deputy assessors have been received and the Board of County Commissioners has authorized the naming of substitutes for two of them.

County Assessor Harry G. Cousnman was allowed by the board to hire Joseph M. Lela and Samuel Nitz to do the work of F. R. Stitz and Patrick Desmond, who, although three weeks of the eight allowed by law for assessment have elapsed, have made no returns. Stitz and Desmond cannot be separated from the pay roll without court proceedings, but the substitutes will be hired to do their work.

Efficiency of the Test. The present legislature authorized the appointment of deputies by the county assessor and eliminated their names from the ballot, so Assessor Cousnman in the future will be able to choose his assistants on the basis of efficiency.

Stitz's territory is from Leavenworth to Center, between Thirty-third street and the city limits. Desmond's is from Leavenworth to the Union Pacific tracks, between Sixteenth and Twenty-fourth streets.

Stitz is 81 years old. He is incapable of working and has been the recipient of public charity, according to Assessor Cousnman, for some time. The assessor's office has received complaints that his actions and words are offensive. Desmond is said to have been inactive.

Assessor Cousnman is concerned because failure to complete assessment work means a loss to the county. His efforts are hindered by the fact that he is not even acquainted with many of his deputies and has no effectual control over them.

GIVE CHILD AN ALLOWANCE

Accounting for Certain Amount of Money Beneficial to Boy and Girl.

Are you teaching your children how to spend money? This is a plea for an allowance for every child in every home of whatever means.

The father who can hand only a penny to his children, who must make the gift regularly and teach the child to make that penny mean something in return. The parents who give a daughter 5 cents each Sunday for the collection plate, a treat at the confectionery store each day and on each Saturday a happy afternoon at the moving picture theater should hand the amount of these three regular expenditures to the child on a given day in the form of an allowance to be accounted for.

The regularity of an allowance has a steady effect on a child's nature. The boy who is given a nickel for running an errand or for blacking father's boots will think that tomorrow may bring another errand or a convenient rain may muddy the boots. So he spends the reward of episodic labor on a reckless hand and waits, Micawber-like, for the next turn up. But if that boy is paid 10 cents a week to keep father's boots polished, 10 cents more for delivering milk to a neighbor four blocks away and still another dime for keeping the front sidewalk clean, he will immediately begin to balance his earnings and his desires. I am writing now of the average boy, the easy-going, perhaps a trifle extravagant boy. The miserly boy needs no lesson in economy. Rather he must be taught the joy in sensible spending, especially in generosity to others. But the average boy, with his 30 cents a week, will learn just how much—how little—his 30 cents will buy and what he must do to earn it. He will discover that a dollar bill glove means more than three weeks' work. And if his father is the right sort the boy will find that he can't draw ahead or get ahead unless he can't deny himself things the week no allowance is forthcoming.—Pictorial Review.

TREE'S VEINS AND ARTERIES

Running Sap Still the Marvel of Nature's Engineering Skill.

How the raw sap travels from the absorbing roots beneath the ground to the topmost twig on an oak or elm tree, more than 100 feet above, and to nearly four or five times that height in the case of some of the mammoth gum trees (eucalyptus) of the Tasmanian forests, and in the gigantic Wellingtonia of California, has long puzzled the physicist to explain. The old idea that capillarity is the factor at work, the fluid being conveyed up the trunk and branches after the manner of oil through the wick of a lamp, becomes an altogether inadequate explanation. Especially is this so when we realize that, in some of the internal tissues of the stem, the pressure exerted reaches from eight to twenty atmospheres, or in other words, from 120 to 300 pounds to the square inch—a force greater than that in the boiler of a railway engine.

This mighty pressure, scattered more or less irregularly through the tissues of the tree, drives the sap to the buds and forces them open, expands their leaves, and in constantly at work wherever the process of building new structures is going on. It is obvious, therefore, that the engineering arrangements for the conducting and controlling of this powerful stream of life-giving sap must be very perfectly organized. Indeed, they are more than that; they present marvels of mechanical construction which are not only mechanical on account of their perfection, but are so minute that man can only penetrate the mystery and beauty of their structure by means of high-power microscopes and careful chemical investigations. Even then he is left baffled and wondering.—Strand Magazine.

Hans a Hoosier. Shortstop Wagner of the Pirates declares that young Everett Ruess is the coming star infielder of the major leagues. The kid is a sure fielder, best baseman and hard hitter.

Mrs. Roy Blunt, Her Baby, Her Parents and Her Husband



Roy Blunt

Mrs. Roy Blunt and her baby

Mrs. Roy Blunt, brave little widow of the man who was killed in the fight between state officials and escaped convicts from the Nebraska penitentiary a year ago, who gave birth to a child after the husband had been shot, has been an object of admiration during the months following her husband's death. While the bill appropriating money for her use was in the legislature people from all over the state wrote their representatives, urging the passage of the appropriation. Mr. and Mrs. Blunt had been married but a short time when the convicts escaped, leaving a trail of death behind them.

During their flight they forced Blunt to drive them until he was finally shot, either by one of the convicts or accidentally by the pursuers. "Shorty" Gray, John Dowd and Charles Morley, the desperadoes who were responsible for the death of Blunt, broke out of the penitentiary March 15, 1912, killed three men, including Warden James Dehahunt, and escaped from Lincoln in a milk wagon.

Monday morning, three days later, the convicts appeared at the home of Roy Blunt, near Springfield, Neb., forced the farmer to give them food and ordered him to drive them to Omaha. At the point of guns Blunt obeyed the desperadoes.

As soon as the wagon and the convicts had started, a mad run for Omaha. Mrs. Blunt telephoned her father, James Anderson, and in a few minutes a posse of farmers, armed with guns, were in pursuit. Sheriffs from Lancaster and Douglas were soon in the chase. As the pursuers overtook the convicts a battle began.

Blunt was held as a shield and a bullet struck him. After the fight he was found dead. Two of the convicts had been killed. In May an inquest was held at Springfield to determine whether Blunt had been killed by the sheriff's posse or by the convicts. Nothing definite was learned. He was killed in the fight—that was all.

Farmers were bitter toward the officers who pursued the convicts, saying they were hasty and that it was not necessary that they should have killed the convicts. Evidence showed that the officers had fired first. It was later learned that one of the convicts had killed himself rather than submit to the officers.

Mrs. Blunt was cared for by the good people of the neighborhood. About to become a mother her condition aroused the sympathy of the people of the state, who sought in sundry ways to provide her with money against future want.

Many Are Seeking Nebraska Farms. General Freight Agent Shubert of the Rock Island, Kansas City, and Traveling Immigration Agent Hovey of the same road, located at Chicago, are in town. Mr. Hovey is one of the road men of the time and finds that the immigration to the west this season promises to be the heaviest in years. There are many people still going to Oklahoma and Texas, but in the last few months, he says, the trend of immigration has been toward Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming. Most of the people coming west this year, Mr. Hovey says, are practical farmers, who generally are in good circumstances financially.

University Students To Write About Temperance. The offer of the local Women's Christian Temperance union to give \$100 for the best essays written on the question of prohibition by the students at the University of Omaha has brought to the front many youthful advocates of total abstinence. In addition to creating sentiment among the students the faculty of the university is highly pleased with the proposition and has made it obligatory for students taking rhetoric to produce essays on this question. Ordinarily each student in the department of constructive English must hand in at the end of the second semester a long theme, and feeling that the prohibition movement is a worthy one the decision has been made that each student shall choose as his subject some phase of the question of suppression of the liquor traffic.

Church Built in Ten Hours. Australian Town Challenges the World with Notable Speed Record. One of the most remarkable building feats on record has just been accomplished in Australia. At the town of Bankstown, New South Wales, a good-sized church was erected from foundation to roof in ten hours. While this was probably the shortest time that it has ever taken to erect a large building, there have been many other remarkable instances of quick building in the history of architecture.

A few years ago a chapel known as the Split Log Baptist Mission church, in Kansas City, was erected in the course of a single day. The chapel was twenty-four feet wide and forty feet long, and had seats for over 300 people. At sunrise there was nothing to be seen but bare land, but at 8 o'clock the same evening a service was held in the fully completed place of worship. A remarkable feat about this chapel was that it was built entirely by amateur laborers. The people of a small Baptist congregation wanted a new chapel, so they set to work with a will to build one, and men, women and children joined in the labor with equal enthusiasm.

At the Ideal Homes exhibition at Olympia in London last year, an even more wonderful piece of work was accomplished. This was nothing less than the erecting of an elegant eleven-room villa in less than six days. When it is said that 35,000 bricks and over 30,000 tiles were used in its construction, some idea of the remarkable nature of the task can be gathered. Altogether 50 tons of material were employed. In California a few years since two totally blind men erected a pretty little bungalow without any outside aid whatever in the space of a few months. Brown and Martinez were the names of these clever builders, and although, of course, they could not see a single brick which they employed, their house, when completed, was pronounced by experts.

Nebraska Flour in Great Demand. While it is not generally known, the fact remains, however, that Omaha mills are working up an enormous business in manufacturing flour for export. The Maney Milling company, for instance, is just finishing up a contract for 22,000 100-pound sacks for Jamaica. In addition, it has large contracts for flour to be sent to Cuba and the Panama canal zone.

The flour manufactured by the Maney grown wheat, which the world over has come to be recognized as the best that Milling company is all from Nebraska can be produced.

Winter Hardships of War. What the Allies Endured in the Snow Before Adrianople's Fall. A letter from a Serbian soldier participating in the siege of Adrianople gives a vivid picture of the hardships of soldiering in winter in the Balkans. The letter is dated Pajna-Tepa (Priest's Head), March 10, two weeks before the fall of Adrianople.

"Here we are digging each other out of the snow. It has been up to our waists for the last three days and in some parts above our heads. All the trenches are filled. Sometimes we hear a muffled shot and run to the spot to haul out an officer or man buried up to his ears and just able to fire a signal of distress. The Turks fare no better. Yesterday eight of them started toward us to surrender, they could hold out no longer, but only one reached us alive. The other seven fell down and froze.

"In our section only one soldier was frozen. We do nothing at present but try to keep alive. Don't believe what you hear about bombarding and so forth. There is no possibility of moving while the wind is shoveling snow on bestsiders and besieged.

"There are surely 15,000 to 18,000 men in Adrianople. Each gets 270 grammes (about eight ounces) of bread daily and cooked food on alternate days. They have no salt, but use sour cheese instead. Provender is scarce, so they are killing off the cattle. Fugitives come to us in groups of three or four. Later—I am just called off to help in a search party. Several of our soldiers are missing.

"Eleven o'clock at night: We had great difficulty in digging out five comrades. The poor fellows crawled here with us to be rubbed and to have hot tea. Their great coats stood out from them like crinolines. On our way we stumbled over an object like a plow covered with ice. It was one of our machine guns! It took us two hours and a half to make two miles. The ambulance car we had with us had to be abandoned. We unharnessed the horses and trusted them to follow us. We held each other's hands and would have been lost but for the guiding pole star. Now we are all jolly, round a big fire, the 'frozen' sitting on their stiff greatcoats as on chairs. All the chairs have and collapse, putting the sitters suddenly on the ground. Then there is a roar of laughter. We are always merry round a fire."—Chicago News.

An Old One Retold. "They thought more of the Legion of Honor in the time of the first Napoleon than they do now," said a well-known Frenchman. "The emperor one day met an old one-armed veteran. "'How did you lose your arm?' he asked. "'Sire, at Austerlitz.' "'And were you not decorated?' "'No, sire.' "'Then here is my cross for you; I make you a chevalier.' "Your majesty names me chevalier because I have lost one arm! What would your majesty have done had I lost both arms?' "'Oh, in that case, I should have made you officer of the legion.' "Whereupon the old soldier immediately drew his sword and cut off his other arm."

Proof Positive. Way down in Florida two darkies were discussing as to the color of certain biblical personages. One of them asserted that as Palestine was about in a line with Africa, the people must all have been colored.

"'Lor' bless yo' heart,' said the speaker, 'St. Peter an' St. Paul an' the rest of the Apostles was as white as that North'n gen' man o' der.' "No, sah," said the man in opposition, "paul may ha' been, but St. Peter, sah! St. Peter was a culled gen' man."

"You're wrong, for if St. Peter'd been colored dat cack wouldn't ha' crowed more'n once!"—Charlotte Observer.

EXTRA!

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Table listing piano models and prices. Columns include 'Was', 'Now', and 'Savings'. Models include Steck upright, Czapska & Son, Gabley, Wing & Son, Leland, Chickering & Son, and J. & C. Fisher.

This may be your last opportunity to secure a high grade piano at these abnormally low prices. Tornadoes do not come to Omaha every day; neither are sales of this kind often necessary. It will certainly pay you to act promptly. Remember, these pianos which we are forced to sell are going at the unusual terms—\$2 down and \$1 per week on the balance. Hurry right down and have one of these snap pianos sent home. We are always glad to show you through our warerooms. We are exclusive representatives for the following pianos: STEINWAY, WEBER, McPHAIL, HARRISON, EMERSON, SCHMOLLER & MUELLER, STIGER & SONS—also Aeolian Pianola Pianos. Schmoller & Mueller Piano Co. 1311-1313 Farnam St., Omaha, Neb. The only store in Omaha handling both VICTOR VICTROLAS and COLUMBIA GRAMOPHONES (Talking Machines) (Graphophones) Complete Stock of Records.

From Our Near Neighbors

Waterloo. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morgan and the baby went to Fremont Friday for the day. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bonstein of Valley visited the T. D. Todd home Sunday. Miss Etta P. Lowell was at Valley over Sunday night visiting relatives there. Mrs. H. B. Waldron and daughters, Mildred and Helen, went to Omaha Saturday.

Miss Ellen Kellew was home from Fremont for Sunday and was accompanied by Mrs. Harry Morris. Mrs. Ada Harbour of Altona, Ia., is in the city with her mother, Mrs. John Graff, and other relatives. Mrs. L. W. Shannon was at Omaha over Sunday visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Whitney, and family.

Miss Katherine Herrington returned on Friday from a visit with her brother and family at Newman Grove. Mrs. N. H. Skelton and son, Harry, Mrs. Hindley and Robert Stewart were among the Omaha visitors last Friday.

Mrs. J. M. Dillehay of Crofton, Neb., arrived in Waterloo Thursday morning for a visit with her son, Malcolm, and family. Mrs. William Dodson visited Sunday with her son, Arthur and family. Floyd Dodson came down for her in the car and brought her home.

Harry Habacker, the boy who has made his home for several years with Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Guy, returned last week to his father in Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Morris and the baby and Mrs. J. H. Payne, mother of Mrs. Morris, visited Sunday at the Kellew farm home south of Elkhorst.

The kindergarten met with Miss Katharine Herrington Tuesday afternoon and Mrs. J. H. Jones, secretary, Floyd Cassaday, Minnie Gunther, Lenora Gordon, Elsie M. Isherwood, Mildred Hard and Hazel Crew, grade teachers.

Turner Zink, one of Cass county's old and highly respected citizens, died last Wednesday night. He leaves a widow and four grown children, all of whom are married. The funeral was held at the Methodist Episcopal church on Friday at 2:30 p. m. Mr. Zink has resided in Waterloo for many years, coming here from his farm near Wahaha. He served as county commissioner two terms.

Patillon. W. A. Robertson of Plattsmouth was transacting business here Wednesday. Judge Travis was here from Plattsmouth Wednesday closing up matters for the September term of district court. There will be a local talent entertainment at the opera house Saturday evening for the benefit of the tornado victims.

Vinton Rhode left Tuesday for Columbus. The regular monthly meeting of the Valley Woman's Christian Temperance union was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John De Vore. Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Kennedy entertained the directors of the Valley State bank and their wives at a 5:30 dinner Tuesday evening. Covers were laid for twelve.

A very enjoyable surprise was given Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Reed on Tuesday evening in honor of their tenth wedding anniversary. About twenty-five guests were in attendance. The regular meeting of the Valley Woman's club was held at the home of Mrs. John Fitzgerald on Friday afternoon. Mrs. John Fitzgerald had charge of the music and Mrs. Mona Johnson led the lesson study.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Thomas returned from California, where they spent the winter. Friday, Mrs. Thomas is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Jones, who will visit with them during the summer in Valley.

Springfield. Prof. Stapleton of Dunbar was here Saturday. W. E. Ely has moved his family to the country. The business men will make Arbor day "clean up day" Friday afternoon. Miss Mabel Wisley spent Sunday with friends at Crofton. The high school boys have organized a base ball club.

Link Russell of Ashland was calling on friends here Wednesday. Mr. John Miller has gone back to his home in Cherry county. Mrs. W. H. Davidson has gone to Denver on a few weeks' visit. Mrs. Thomas in Valley some time this week. Mrs. Thomas in Valley some time this week. Mrs. Thomas in Valley some time this week.

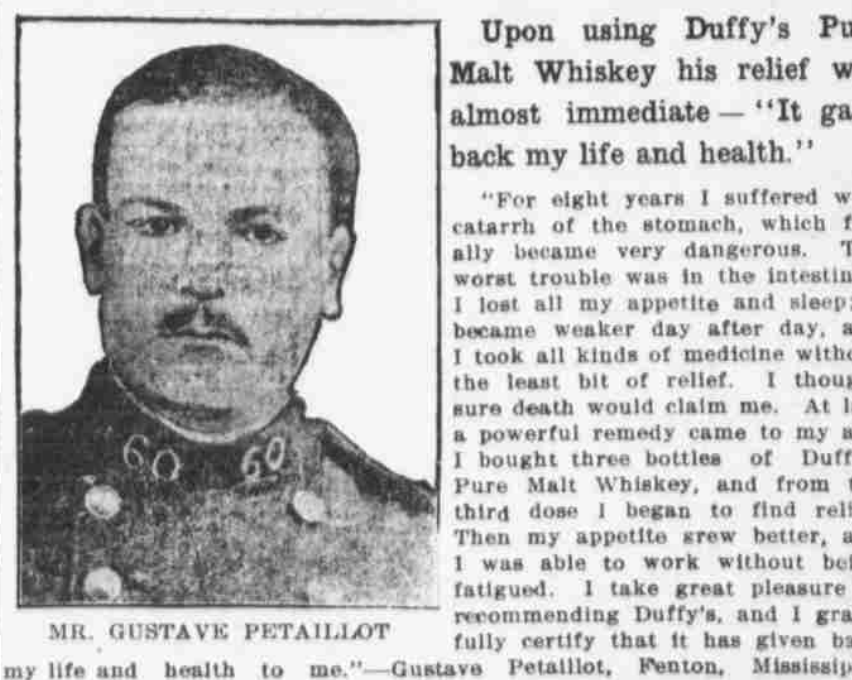
C. B. Laffer is in Excelsior Springs, Mo., taking treatment for rheumatism. Mr. Hubbard was called to Aurora to attend the funeral of his brother's wife, Charles Telford and Fred Witmus of Fairfax, S. D. are visiting relatives here.

The senior class are preparing a play to be enacted at the opera house on May 10. Solomon Zoerian has been very sick since his returning from California two weeks ago. Miss Olive Plugg has gone to Phoenix, Ariz., to join her parents, who motored there last November, died Thursday morning, leaving a babe a week old.

A suit on a land contract was brought in district court by Christian Deerkop against W. H. Davidson. Samuel Jones of Sioux City was the forepart of the week, the guest of his sisters, Mrs. Shuler and Mrs. M. A. Roberts. Jim Weidman has resigned his position as superintendent of the Begley ranch and accepted a position in a meat market in Tekamah. Mrs. R. D. McMullin is visiting relatives in Havelock. Guy Johnson of Johnston, Neb., visited his parents here several days this week.

Elkhorn. Ora Holter lost a fine horse Saturday. An heir was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. James Fry. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bruggen on Saturday evening. Mrs. C. B. Batts of Benson visited here Monday and Tuesday. Grove Baldwin had two days' vacation this week, so he came home. Miss Robbin of Omaha visited several days at the B. B. Baldwin home. Miss Hild of Wahoo, Neb., is visiting this week with Miss Ella Hansen. Mrs. T. McClanahan and son John visited Wednesday at the McCormick home. Mrs. Haas came out Tuesday to have the C. A. Nownes furniture moved to Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Housley have moved into the former Frank Keating property. Mrs. Esie Seifus entertained a number of her young friends Tuesday evening in honor of her birthday. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tate, Miss Leach and Mrs. Johnson, attended a teachers' meeting in Omaha Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tate entertained the graduating class at a 6 o'clock four-course dinner Monday evening. The goods of James Wedgery are being loaded into a car this week, preparatory to shipping to Colorado, where the family will reside on a farm. The 16-month-old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hendrix died Monday of pneumonia. Burial was Wednesday at Prospect Hill cemetery. Mrs. William Koerner and granddaughter left here Thursday morning for Bennington, where they will visit several days before going home to Osmond. Her Specialty. "I should think that lady astronomer would be interested in her little boy's dirty face. 'Oh, she's too much absorbed in her studies of the sky to keep her child's face clean.' 'But that's just why she should pay attention to the clean spots on the son's'—Baltimore American.

Stomach Trouble



Upon using Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey his relief was almost immediate—"It gave back my life and health." "For eight years I suffered with catarrh of the stomach, which finally became very dangerous. The worst trouble was in the intestines. I lost all my appetite and sleep; I became weaker day after day, and I took all kinds of medicine without the least bit of relief. I thought sure death would claim me. At last a powerful remedy came to my aid. I bought three bottles of Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey, and from the third dose I began to find relief. Then my appetite grew better, and I was able to work without being fatigued. I take great pleasure in recommending Duffy's, and I gratefully certify that it has given back my life and health to me."—Gustave Pettillot, Fenton, Mississippi. Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey has to its credit over fifty years of success, and its remedial qualities have never been questioned. It is an absolutely pure distillation of carefully selected, clean grain, thoroughly malted. Overworked men, delicate women and the aged find in Duffy's the health and strength-giving properties so necessary to them. It is a wonderful remedy in the prevention and relief of pneumonia, grip, bronchitis, coughs, asthma, catarrh, stomach troubles and all wasting and weakening conditions, if taken as directed. It is recognized as a family medicine everywhere. Keep it in your home. Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey is the only whiskey that was taxed by the government as a medicine during the Spanish War. "Be sure you get Duffy's—It's reliable." Sold in SEALED BOTTLES ONLY by most druggists, grocers, dealers, at \$1 a bottle. The Duffy Malt Whiskey Co., Rochester, N. Y.