County Commissioners' Proceedings. ALLIANCE, NEB, Oct. 17, 1902. Board of county commissioners met in

regular session as provided by law. Present: Geo. W. Loer, chairman; Geo. W. Duncan and Frank Caha, members. Attest: S. M. Smyser, clerk.

It appearing to the board that in the year 1901 the Alliance Dairy assoication was assessed for personal property in the sum of \$155, and for \$150 in the year 1902, and that in each of said years said dairy association had no personal property subject to taxation, and that in each of said years lot 73 of the County addition to Alliance, property of said dairy association, was doubly assessed, to-wit: at the sum of \$400, and that the illegal taxes levied on account of said personal assessment amount to \$20,06, and that the illegal taxes assessed against said real estate amount to \$25.43. and that the same has been paid under protest and application for refunding said illegal taxes has been made,

It is therefore ordered by the board that said illegal taxes above mentioned be refunded to said association.

The board proceeded in a body to inspect-the county property at the poor farm and on returning adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, GEO. W. LORR,

Chairman.

Attest: S. M. SMYSER, Clerk,

house.

October 8, 1902. Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, same officers as on the first day, The following polling places were selected by the board;

Dorsey precinct-Office of W. M. Iodence in Hemingford. Nonpareil precinct -- Nonpareil school

Wright precinct-Wright school house. Lawn precinct-Lawn postoffice.

Liberty precinct-Caha school house. Snake Creek precinct-John Henderson's

Running waterprecinct-Hoffman school house.

Box Butte precinct-Fairview school Boyd precinct-A. S. Reed's house.

Lake precinct - Residence of Henry Beach, Duncan's Addition, First Ward precinct-Corbin's hall.

Second Ward precinct-City council chamber. The board proceeded to select a list of

list with the clerk. Ordered by the board that balances remaining in the various funds hereinafter

mentioned be transferred to the county general fund, to-wit: Advertising fund...... 45.00

o'clock a. m.

GEO, W. LOER, Attest: Chairman.

S. M. SMYSER, Clerk.

October 9, 1902. Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, same officers as on the first day,

It appearing that in 1901 Emory Abley was doubly assessed on his personal property, to-wit: assessed both in Wright and Nonpareil precincts, it is ordered that \$3.69 done, and the supposed drowned man be refunded to him by the county treasurer.

Ordered that \$2.17 tax paid by G. L. Taylor, under protest, be refunded, for the reason that the property upon which said tax was levied in 1900 was assessed in both Nonpareil and Lawn precincts.

The following claims were examined, allowed and the clerk ordered to draw warrants on the county general fund in payment thereof, to-wit:

Claimant. Nature of Claim. Warrant. J. W. Baumgardner, salary as supt. schools.....\$206.75 Alex. Muirhead, money advanced pauper.... 5.20 W. M. Iodence, lumber for culvert. 4.60 Wm. Mitchell, salary and office rent county attorney..... 192.50

Acheson & Joder, hardware and oil

for court house..... 3.10 H. F. Pardee, boarding jury 6.50 B. V. Reeves, painting..... 7.00 State Journal Co., supplies..... 4.50 Auburn Telephone Co., telephone three months..... 6.00 Joseph Manion, work on roads 6,00 S. M. Smyser, expense account.... 9.90 D. A. Paul, juror Bean inquest... 2.00 R. Shetler, D. I. Cheney, ... 2.00 A. H. Pierce. ... 2.00 A. M. Miller, 2.00

... 2.00 A. D. Millett. E. P. Sweeney, acting coroner, Sheldon inquest...... 14.50 W. W. Norton, juror Sheldon inquest 2.00 L. A. Shawer, juror Sheldon inquest 2.00 Chas, Glinsdale, "

Joe Thornton, " J. D. Douglas, " " . . 2.00 Nate Hart, State Journal Co., supplies..... I. L. Acheson, supplies..... 4.65 Geo. Reitmier, janitor...... 60,70

Frank Caha, commissioner 23.00 Geo. W. Duncan, " Geo. W. Loer, ****** 23.00 C. A. Burlew, supplies for pauper. 14.40 F. E. Holsten, glass and setting ... 12.00 Geo. Darling, coffin fee J. Firster .. 30.00 Board adjourned to December 2, 1902.

GEO. W. LOER, Attest: Chairman. S. M. SMYSER, Clerk.

FORCING A FASHION.

How Hats Were Introduced to the

South African Savages. Andries De Villiers, a Boer, was the person who first introduced hats among the South African natives, says the Hatters' Gazette, and profit, not philanthropy, was his motive. One morning many years ago he chanced in Port Elizabeth to come across a consignment of damaged hats offered for a mere song. He bought the whole fot. packed them away in his wagon and

started for Kaffirland. When he reached Tembuland, he unloaded his stock, opened his kegs of liquor, without which no trade was made in those days, and began business. But be found his venture likely to prove an unprofitable one. The natives did not want hats. They wanted blankets and beads and looking glasses and above all liquor, but they looked askance at hats. Then a bright idea came to Andries. He wanted to introduce those hats. He did introduce them. His simple expedient was to refuse to sell anything to a Kaffir unless he bought a hat too. The Kaffirs wanted his goods, so they bought the hats.

When a Kaffir buys anything, he feels bound to make use of it. The natives therefore donned their head gent and returned to their kraals. Now appeared the brilliancy of the trader's idea. Fashion rules the world. It is as strong in Africa as in America, and when those who had stayed at home saw the travelers return in all the glory of this strange covering they felt behindhand and old fashloned. Their desire to possess the latest thing in hats became intense. They paid Andries a visit, and his stock no longer hung heavy upon his hands. The hats were soon sold.

This happened some time ago, and now every trading store keeps a supply of hats constantly on hand. They are said to be manufactured expressly for the natives, and no one who glances at the show will doubt it.

A JUGGLER'S TRICK.

Clever Feat of Illusion Performed by en East Indian.

The wonderful feats of East Indian jugglers have formed the theme of many a letter from travelers in the orient, but none is more surprising than that for which an old sendog vouches. While he was an officer on board a P. and O. steamship two natives came aboard at Madras, he says. They were a juggler and his assistant. After they sixty names from which jury for the No- had performed a number of minor vember term to be drawn, and filed said feats and gathered quite a crowd around them they called for a sack and a piece of sailcloth.

These having been provided, the chief juggler made a small tentlike structure with the canvas and some stools. He then placed his assistant Bridge fund..... \$676.00 in the sack and allowed a sallor to tie Road fund...... 276.75 the knot which bound him a fast prisoner. This done, the chief carried the Poll tax..... 54.00 sack into ar open space, warning the people to stand back some distance, Total.....\$1,051.75 and then carried on an animated con-Board adjourned until tomorrow at 9 versation with his assistant, whose replies could be distinctly heard coming from the sack. Suddenly the chief and dumped it overboard, where, to the borror of the passeagers and crew. it sank out of sight.

Immediately the captain rushed forward and seized the man, under the full belief that be had murdered his companion, but the juggler only smiled and, pointing to the canvas, asked that it be raised. This was was discovered squatting on the deck. So realistic had been the throwing overboard, however, that it was some time before the surprised passengers could realize a murder had not been committed.

Church and Workmen. It would be an exaggeration to say

that all working people feel antagonistic toward the church. Their general attitude is rather that of indifference. The thinking poor are well enough aware that there is nothing unnatural in the situation and that if the tables were so turned that world advantage shifted to their side it would probably remain unchanged. At times their feeling, especially toward the clergy, is curiously sympathetic. "Say," remarked a labor leader of vivid mind to the writer-"say, I'm awfully sorry for ministers. Most of them are real good Anna Warner, boarding paupers. 121.25 men. They know well enough what Christ meant, and they'd like first rate to preach if they dared. But, Lord. how can they? They've got to draw their salaries; they've got families to support." All this quite without a touch of irony.-Vida D. Scudder in Atlantic.

Pulling Out the Pegs.

Susie, aged four, had been out in the country on a visit. On her return she urged her mother to let her keep a

"But, Susie," said the mother, "there is no one here to take care of the cow and milk it."

"Oh, yes. I'll do that, mamma." "Can you milk a cow? How do you do it?"

"Oh, I know how. I'll just pull the pegs out like the man does."-Lippin-

The Responsibility.

Anxious Father-Do the best you can for him, doctor. That is all I can ask. If it is the will of Providence-Surgeon-Don't try to place the re-

sponsibility on Providence in this case, Mr. McJones. You bought the toy pistol for the boy yourself.

Ila News.

"Oh, Mr. Growelle," gushed Miss Nupson, "how did you ever learn to paint such beautiful pictures?"

"I asked a man once," replied the artist, "and be told me how."—Indianapoheiresa."-Chicago Post.

TOWN AND COUNTRY LADS IN THE STRUGGLE OF LIFE.

Of the Men Who Bave Achieved Great Prominence In Public Affairs the Rural Boys Are at Least Twenty to One Over the City Lads. "

A country boy's lack of opportunity is his best equipment for the serious struggle of life. This sounds paradexical, but it is true. It is just as true as the opposite proposition, that the greatest hindrances a city boy has to contend with are the opportunities which beset him when young and pursue him till he begins the real business of life, a business which each individual must carry on for himself. For the city boy everything is made as easy as possible. Even pleasure becomes to him an old story before he is out of his teens. Brought up in the feverish rush of a place where great things are bappening day by day, he sees the world with a cynic's eyes and despises the small things which, like the bricks in a house, go to the upbuilding of characters and careers. He believes in using large markers in the game of life; for pennies and small units of value he has little taste and scant regard.

The conditions surrounding the country boy are as different as possible. There is a deal of regular work that every country boy must do, and this regularity of employment, mostly out of doors, inculcates industrious habits, while it contributes to a physical development which in after years is just as valuable as any athletic training that can be had. He cannot run as fast perhaps as those trained by a system. He may not be able to jump so high or so far or excel in any of the sports upon which we bestow so much time and from which we get so much of pleasure but his development enables him to buckle down to the hard work in which hours are consumed and from which very little or no immediate pleasure is extracted. His strength may be something like that of the cart borse, but the cart borse is to be preferred where a long and steady pull is required. The thoroughbred race horse has a fine flight of speed and canters with delightful lightness and grace along the park bridle paths, but the heavy work is the work most in demand, and for that we want the draft animals every time.

Enthusiasm is the spur to endeavor, and at the same time it is the savor of life. The country boy whose ambition has taken him to town comes filled with enthusiasms. Even the little things are noveltles to him, and as he accomplishes this and that he feels that he is doing something not only interesting, but valuable. His simple tastes have not been spoiled by a multiplicity of gratifications, and so he is glad of everything good that comes his way. At thirty, if he leads a clean life, he has more of the boy in him than his city cousin has left at fifteen. He does what is before him because it is his duty, while the other is apt cynically to question the value of dorushed forward, picked up the sack ing anything and ask, "What is the Is Our Leader. Try It

Of the men who have achieved great prominence and high influence in our affairs of state the country boys are at least twenty to one over the city lads. Nowadays indeed our cynical city lads look upon men who take an active interest in public affairs us rather low fellows and quite beneath their association and notice. But the country boys are at the top in other lines of endeavor. In finance they are pre-eminent, and the great bank presidents today in the great cities nearly all learned to read and to cipher in country schools where birch and ferule had not succumbed to the civilizing influences of scientific pedagogy. Our great railways were in the main built by them, and today the administrators of these great companies are in great measure from farms and country villages, from places where work began in early infancy and a sense of duty developed while still the lisp of childhood lingered.

Some city boys, however, are of such sturdy stuff and endowed with such natural gifts that they succeed by reason of their inherent superiority. Others succeed abundantly because they have used their opportunities wisely and in real life have pursued the same course which enables so many country boys to win fame and fortune. The more honor to them for having survived their too great opportunities. But the country boy when he comes to town reaches out for the high places. Though not all find sents of the mighty, nearly all of the exalted stations are filled in the end by men of country birth and country rearing, for they usually start out with the sound theory that what is worth having is worth striving for.—John Gilmer Speed | Estimates Furnished. in Brandur Magazine.

Scotch Civility.

A lady went out in search of two others who had gone out for a walk some time before. She met an old man and asked him if he saw two ladies pass this way. "Na, nor I wisna lookin' for them."

She met another and asked the same question. "Na, but there micht 'a' been ten pass't for onything 'at I ken or

At last she met a boy and asked the same question. He replied, "Na, I didna see ony ladies, but I saw twa aul' wives."-Scottish American.

His Boy's Future. "Are you educating you son for any particular calling?"

"Yes." "What?" "Well, he made his own selection, and as near as I can find out he is educating himself to be the husband of an

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