

## Commissioners' Proceedings

Minutes of First Session of County Board for the Year 1912

NEXT MEETING, FEBRUARY 2

Alliance, Nebr., Jan. 9th, 1912. Board of County Commissioners met in regular session pursuant to adjournment. Officers present, Sang C. Reck and C. L. Hashman.

On motion by Reck, seconded by Hashman, that J. M. Wanek be made chairman for the ensuing year of 1912, Reck, yes; Hashman, yes.

The application of Dr. H. H. Bellwood for County Physician on same terms for 1912 as in 1911 was considered and approved, and contract entered into between Box Butte County and Dr. H. H. Bellwood for the year 1912.

The rest of the day was spent in preparing General Estimates for the year 1912.

Whereupon the board adjourned until Wednesday morning, Jan. 10th at 9 o'clock.

M. S. HARGRAVES, Clerk.

Alliance, Nebr., Jan. 10, 1912. Board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Officers present, J. M. Wanek, Sang C. Reck and C. L. Hashman.

The following estimates were drawn for the year 1912:

General Fund	
County officers,	\$6000
Precinct officers,	4500
Books and stationery,	1500
Election,	1500
Fuel,	800
Incidental and criminal expense,	3000
Institute fund,	200
Pauper fund,	1500
Bridge and road fund,	7000
Total,	\$26000

The following official bonds were approved:

First National Bank.  
Alliance National Bank.  
L. E. McCluskey, Justice of Peace.  
M. F. Donovan, Constable.  
J. C. Hawkins, Road Overseer  
Dist. No. 9.

A letter from the Attorney General, under date of August 25, 1911, is as follows: "No bank which has complied in full with all of the provisions of this act shall be required to give any further security or bond for the purpose of becoming the depository of any public fund, but depository funds shall be secured in the same manner that private funds are secured."

As there were no bids for burial of county paupers, the coroner is instructed by the board, if burial is ordered by him, to confine burial charges to \$25.00, except where undertaker is called on to make long trips; then such additional expenses to be subject to approval by the board and coroner.

Whereupon the board adjourned until Thursday morning, Jan. 11, at 9 o'clock.

M. S. HARGRAVES, Clerk.

Alliance, Nebr., Jan. 11, 1912. The Board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Same officers present as yesterday.

The following claims were examined and allowed and the Clerk ordered to draw warrants on the General Fund for the same:

Parties	For What	Amt.
W. B. Parker, poor,	Tax	\$1.00
Klopp & Bartlett Co., supplies,		6.00
Jerry Rowan, poor,		8.00
J. H. Vaughn & Son, poor,		14.75
W. S. Ridgell, premium treats bond,		239.76
W. C. Mounts, expense		10.90
C. M. Cox, drayage,		2.35
C. M. Cox, sheriff, Crilley and Younkin,		106.75
C. M. Cox, Schafer,		15.00
C. M. Cox, Crilley and Younkin,		35.25
C. M. Cox, board prisoners,		18.75
City of Alliance, light and wat.		14.00
Dr. C. E. Slagle, coroner,		5.00
Nebr. Tel. Co., phones,		8.20
Mallery Gro. Co., poor,		4.05
Mallery Gro. Co., poor,		5.90
Klopp & Bartlett Co., supplies,		30.50
Klopp & Bartlett Co., supplies,		24.50
Wm. Miller, printing,		117.20
The Wowell Mfg. Co., Liquid Insecticide,		20.00
Dr. H. H. Bellwood, pauper work, 1911,		220.00
Hemingford Journal, printing,		42.95
W. W. Norton, poor,		11.20
W. W. Norton, order,		15.00
S. C. Reck, inquest,		2.00
R. E. McCool, inquest,		2.00
H. E. Beck, inquest,		2.00
L. A. Pallas, inquest,		2.00
E. D. Henry, inquest,		2.00
Miss Hopkins, inquest,		2.00
J. B. Hunsaker, inquest,		1.00
C. W. Jeffers, inquest,		1.00
Steve Helt, inquest,		1.00

## A HUMANE BILL

Proposition Before Congress to Prohibit Use of Deadly Poison in Manufacture of Matches

DESERVES PROMPT ATTENTION

The Herald is in receipt of the following communication from M. L. Phares of Bridgeport, which gives information on a subject that will interest every humane person. Following the letter is a form of petition which Mr. Phares suggests be used in securing signatures, and forwarded to congressmen. We insert in this petition the name of Hon. M. P. Kinkaid, congressman from the Sixth Nebraska district. Herald readers residing outside of this district should insert the name of their congressman instead of Mr. Kinkaid's name. We have a petition in The Herald office for signatures, and wish to request as many of our readers as find it convenient to do so to call soon and sign this petition. We will forward it to Mr. Kinkaid about the last of next week.

Letter from Mr. Phares  
Bridgeport, Nebr., Jan. 13, 1912.  
Editor Alliance Herald:

The use of white phosphorous in the making of matches exposes workers to a deadly disease known as phossy jaw. Persons infected by the malady first lose their teeth, then the jaw is affected by necrosis and is eaten away. The jaw must be cut out; sometimes the victim loses not only the lower jaw, but the upper jaw, also. The power of speech is lost, the only food that can be taken is in liquid form, the face assumes a hideous shape, there is a constant odor that is extremely offensive, insanity sometimes results, and, mercifully, death soon follows.

A young widow with two children to support went to work in a match factory in Ohio. She took the disease. She continued to work, however—her children must not starve. The day came when she had to go to a hospital, what was left of her jaw had to be removed, \$400 was paid to her by the employing company for hospital and other expenses in consideration of her signing a paper relieving the match company from further obligation, and she went out on the street at the age of thirty-six a hideous caricature of a human being, unable, of course, to secure and hold employment.

There is a non-poisonous process of match manufacture. Until within recent years this harmless process was controlled in this country by the Diamond Match trust. The trust, however, has voluntarily annulled the right to the exclusive use of its process, and all manufacturers are now at liberty to abandon the use of white phosphorous without financial harm to themselves.

However, the poisonous process of manufacture is somewhat less expensive; matches made by the non-poisonous process would, it is estimated, cost each match user about one cent more a year. Even if all companies at present engaged in making matches were to quit the use of white phosphorous, other companies would be organized and use the poison, and the killing of men, women and children would go on.

For forty years the governments of the world have been prohibiting the use of white phosphorous in match making. Among the countries that have stopped the use are Great Britain, Ireland, France, the Netherlands, Finland, Italy, Madagascar, Spain, countries in Africa, and the Fiji Islands—the "effete" governments of the Old World, and some that are looked upon by Americans as semi-civilized. What is the matter with the United States?

For years congress has been urged to put a prohibitive special tax on white phosphorous matches. So far all efforts have been vain. What is known as the Esch bill, drawn to secure the prohibition, was before the last congress, but it was not reported out.

This bill is now again before congress, in charge of the Ways and Means committee. Persons interested in saving needless suffering, shame, deprivation and premature death among laboring people, can do a humane service by writing to their congressmen and by sending petitions to Washington, urging the enactment of the Esch bill which provides for the prohibition of white phosphorous in the manufacture of matches.

M. L. PHARES.

Petition to Congressman

To Hon. M. P. Kinkaid, M. C., Washington, D. C.

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Esch Bill from the Committee of Ways and Means, which bill provides for a prohibitive special tax on white phosphorous matches.

So terrible are the effects of the dread disease known as "Phossy Jaw," to the perils of which already the use of white phosphorous in match manufacture exposes laborers, that this deadly process has been prohibited by the governments of nearly all civilized countries of the world, except our own.

We protest against further delay of legislation safe-guarding workers among the men, women and children of the United States against white phosphorous poisoning in match making.

(Signatures)

CATTLE FROZEN ON TRAIN

Eighteen car loads of cattle were frozen to death while in transit between Neola, Iowa, and Council Bluffs. The train had been delayed fifty-six hours by the snow and when it arrived at Council Bluffs it was discovered that the cattle, numbering between 300 and 400 head, were all frozen to death.

Dr. Boland, phone 65.

G. H. Wood

N. S. Cook

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CHADRON WANTS A CREAMERY

When the good people of Chadron went after the State Normal school they found it necessary to raise a considerable fund to secure the location at that place, but it did not take all the money that was raised for that purpose. The Chadron papers inform us that something like

\$2,200 was left over from that fund and they want it used as the nucleus of a fund to establish a creamery.

Fred'k Alexander, mayor of Scottsbluff and vice president of Scottsbluff National Bank, was in Alliance Monday on his way to the firemen's convention which is being held at Kearney this week.