

**The Cost of the Unfortunates.**

The average tax payer, when he criticizes the county commissioners for their—what he terms extravagant—expenditure of money, as a rule does not have much idea of where the money goes. To be sure he may read the commissioners' proceedings and momentarily note that the claim of John Smith or Tom Brown is allowed for so much on this or that fund for services rendered or merchandise bought but he has no conception of the total expense for the year for that particular fund. Very often the man who "kicks" the strongest is the one who studies county conditions the least, and therefore has but little foundation for his criticism.

Now, if you were to make a guess, what sum you would say is expended in taking care of the poor and unfortunate of the county. We consider we have as prosperous a county as there is in the state of Nebraska, that generally speaking our people are not in straightened financial condition. That, taken as a whole, is true, but among the 15,000 people of the county there are unfortunates; people who, from one cause or another, play in "hard luck" and must have assistance. You would think however, that the number would be few, and yet the drain on the county treasury last year was SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. Now that's quite a sum isn't it? It represents more than one-fifth of the total amount paid out of the general fund. It is more than all our court expenses; it is more than twice the sum we pay yearly to our assessors. And further if the commissioners and Poormaster Walker did not exercise care in determining the real needs of applicants, the amount would be much greater.

In calling attention to this cost of the poor of the county, it is not to be intimidated that objection is made to the expenditure. Far from it. We believe, and most heartily that the deserving poor should be cared for in every instance. The object of this article is to acquaint the taxpayers as to where part of their money paid as taxes go, and is the first of several articles that will appear along that line.

**Year Starts Out Well.**

According to most of the expert forecasts, this year starts out with better prospects for business than is usual. January, thus far, has been indicative of a healthful trade in leading lines. Railroad earnings have held up better than was feared and the condition of the labor market is encouraging. Dun's and Bradstreet's report heavy buying for spring trade, heavier than usual in many lines. The outlook for export commerce is good and this always has its effect upon domestic markets. The general status is helped on by the overlarge crops of last year, which have had contributory effect upon present conditions. They made it possible to catch up the slack in business and reach out for greater advance. Crops and weather always have a very acute bearing on finance. That is why there is considerable uneasiness just now in the central country over the unusually small precipitation of moisture that has come to this section thus far this winter. While it is not time to raise danger signals, rivers at their lowest ebb and very light snows in the mountains invariably have a disconcerting effect on the business mind.

With more favorable climatic conditions, the country may well look for a year of substantial prosperity, even greater than it enjoyed in 1910, for it has gone on regaining strength that was wasted in the wake of the 1907 stringency. Capital, of course, like the wicked, often flees when no man pursueth; it is extremely sensitive and one cannot bank too much on what it may find to alarm it, but a fair view of the year ahead does not disclose any reason why the same money market should not improve.—Omaha Bee.

**Good Roads for Nebraska.**

A number of questions of importance will have to be passed on by the Nebraska legislature this winter. Some of them, like the initiative and referendum and the redistricting of the state, are of the greatest political moment. None of them is more important, in a tangible, practical, dollar-and-cent way, than the question of good roads.

There is no state in the Union of Nebraska's importance that expends so little money on road-making as Nebraska does. Yet there are very few states that are so distinctly agricultural, that have so many loads of products to haul to the railroad market, or that, because of natural conditions, could get so large a return for money spent in road-making.

Many a Nebraska farmer spends more money to get his products from the farm to the railroad station than he pays the railroads to haul that product hundreds of miles to the ultimate market. It is very difficult matter to secure any further material reductions in the railroad charge. It would be a very easy matter, through road improvement, to bring about a very large reduction in the cost of hauling corn and oats and wheat and hogs from the farm to the local market.

It is generally agreed that what Nebraska needs, first of all, is system co-operation, co-ordination, in road-making. It needs that the state should take hold of this work, and operate in harmony with the counties, through a state engineer, or road commissioner. A reasonable amount—not niggardly—should be appropriated by the legislature to enable this state official to accomplish results. The plan of authorizing bond issues for road building should be impartially considered.

Iowa, at a comparatively small expense, has profited hugely from a "river to river" road, constructed at a very moderate cost. Other states, like Maryland, New Hampshire, New York and California, are going into the building of trunk line roads.

Nothing would mean more to Nebraska than such trunk lines of good roads. One trunk line, for example, running east and west through the North Platte territory, and another trunk line running east and west through the South Platte connected at intervals by other state roads running north and south would mean more to the state than all the railroad improvements and reductions in charges that have been secured look pale by comparison.—Omaha World-Herald.

**Reapportionment is Needed.**

According to the present state population each county is entitled to one representative for each 11,922 people and one senator for each 36,128 people.

As an example of the present unfairness of representation may be cited Richardson county, in the southeastern part of the state, with three representatives and a population of only 17,448 and the counties of Banner, Cheyenne, Deuel, Keith, Kimball, Lincoln, McPherson, Morrill, Perkins, and Scottsbluffs in the west with only one representative and a population of 47,000.

Otoe and Cass counties, each with less than 20,000 population, has one senator while fifteen counties in the western part of the state, with a population of nearly 68,000, are represented by only one senator.

The reapportionment of the state is not going to be a political measure, although some efforts may be made by the democrats to combine such counties as will be most likely to form democratic districts, but the entire western part of the state is demanding a fairer representation and if necessary other legislation will be held up unless the western part of the state is recognized.

**A MODERN CONVENIENCE**

By EINTH V. ROSS

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"I'll call you up and let you know," said Joslin.

"You can't do that, because I haven't a telephone in the house."

"Haven't a telephone? How do you get on without one?"

"Couldn't get on with one."

"Explain. I can't see any reason in what you say."

"Well, last summer, when my wife went to our summer cottage, she thought it would be a nice thing to have a telephone in the house that she might have one handy to tell what was going on. We have three little children, and there's usually something the matter with one of them. My wife is timid, one of those women who look under the bed every night before they get into it, and as I only went down for Sundays she was alone five nights or six in the week. So we had a telephone put in beside her bed and one beside my bed in our town home.

"Then we thought that for the first time in our lives I would not be worried if letters were delayed and she would have me to rely on in case the children were sick or she found a man under the bed, though I admit that I couldn't yank the fellow out over a telephone.

"Well, the first night it was very pleasant. When I came in, before going to bed, I called my wife up. 'All nicely settled, dear?' 'Nicely, dear; the children are all asleep. Is your cold better?' 'A little better. This wet weather isn't good for it.' 'Well, don't go out without your rubbers. You'll find them in the hall closet.' 'All right, dear; good night.' 'Good night. Be sure about the rubbers.'

"Two days later my wife called me up while I was making a deal of great importance to say that Tommy had cut his foot on a tin can and from the way the blood was flowing she was sure an artery had been severed. If I had been there to see I would have known whether the matter was serious or not. As I was not there I couldn't feel sure that the boy was not bleeding to death. I was so upset that I broke off the negotiation I had on hand and lost \$4,000 by doing so. Later a telephone message came to say that the cut was only skin deep after all.

"But the worst came in the finding of the man under the bed for whom woman has been looking since the days of their first Mother Eve. He was found one night when my wife was going to bed. He came not when she was looking for him, but when she looked into the room where two of the children were sleeping to see that they were all right. I was called to the phone while playing a rubber of whist at the club. I heard my wife's voice speaking faintly and consequently unintelligibly. 'Speak louder.' 'I don't dare; there's a man in the other room, and I'm afraid he'll hear me call you and kill us all!'

"I heard enough of this to get the meaning. From what she told me further I made out that when she looked into the children's room she had seen the leg of a man sticking out from under the bed. At least I thought she said 'leg,' but she told me afterward she said 'foot.'

"Well, there she was, and there I was too. She had shut the man in with the children in order to send me word of the situation over the phone without his hearing her. I rushed back to the card table, reported the facts to my friends, and we resolved ourselves into a committee to consider the case. Our excited talk attracted the attention of the others in the room, who gathered around, and presently nearly every member was offering suggestions as to the best way for me to proceed. It was suggested that I telephone the police of the town where my country place was located, reporting the facts and asking them to surround the house and capture the burglar, if possible, before he could do any harm.

"This was quickly done, and I phoned my wife to keep up her courage, give no indication of her knowledge of the burglar's presence and within a few minutes all would come out right. I would wait at the telephone, holding the wire for news.

"'Pretty soon I heard her say, 'I hear voices outside.' Then: 'They are forcing a window to get in. Oh, dear, I hope he won't fight them! If he does I know I shall faint. They are coming up the stairs, the back stairs and the front stairs.' Then there was a pause, during which I heard confusion of sounds over the wire, then a gruff voice saying:

"The lady fainted, sir, but she has come to herself. It's all right. 'Did you get him?' 'Oh, it was a mistake of the lady's, sir. The little boy in gittin' his gun shoes out of the closet pulled out one of your boots, and it laid just under the edge of the bed. The lady took it for a burglar's foot.'

"I breathed a 'Thank heaven' hung up the receiver and went back into the card room to see a crowd of anxious faces looking at me for news.

"'Water,' I called, 'bring champagne.'

"Then I told the story.

"The next morning I had the telephone taken out. I'd rather not hear of anything going on in my family that I can't see. Bad news travels fast enough without sending it by electricity, and haste makes waste."

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**NOTICE OF SALE.**

In the District Court of Dawson County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the application of Ida Richards, administratrix, for license to sell real estate.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance to an order of the Honorable Bruno O. Hostetter, Judge of the District Court of Dawson County, Nebraska, made on the 31st day of December, 1910, for the sale of the real estate herein described, there will be sold at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash at the east front door of the county house in the city of North Platte, in the county of Lincoln, state of Nebraska, on the 23 day of February, 1911, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. the following described real estate, to-wit: All of lots five (5) and six (6), of block three (3), of the Trustee's Addition to North Platte, Nebraska, and all of lots forty-eight (48) and forty-nine (49), of Platview Subdivision, as platted and recorded in Deed Record B-1 at page 46 of the records of the County Clerk's office, Lincoln county, Nebraska. Said sale will remain open one hour.

Dated this 19th day of January, 1911.

IDA RICHARDS, Administratrix of the estate of Samuel Richards, deceased.

**Road No. 237.**

To all whom it may concern: The commissioner appointed for the purpose of viewing for the purpose of a change in road 237 and the location of a public road between Sections 17 and 20 as follows:

Commencing at a point on Road No. 237 about 15 rods north of the North side of section 17, Township 10, Range 28, and about 5 rods west of the 3 section line North and South of Sec. 8 and running thence in a southerly direction about thirty rods until it strikes the present traveled road which is supposed to be road No. 237, and then commencing at a point on road 237 about 225 rods north of the south section line of Section 17, thence in a southerly direction about 225 rods following the present traveled road on west side of fence, to the South side of Section 17, thence east on section line between Sections 17 and 20, T. 10, R. 28, connecting with road No. 169 and terminating there, and the vacation of that part of road No. 237 located between above mentioned points, has reported in favor of the vacation and the establishment of the above petitioned road and all objections thereto must be filed in the office of the county clerk on or before noon on the 25th day of February or such road will be vacated and established without reference thereto.

Dated North Platte, Neb., Dec. 20, 1910.

F. R. ELLIOTT, County Clerk.

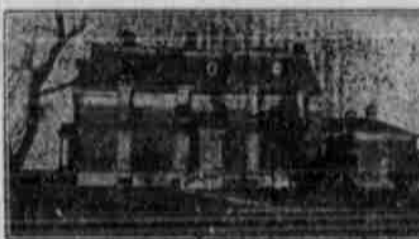
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**Road No. 342.**

To all whom it may concern: The commissioner appointed to locate a road commencing at the corner to sections 14, 15, 22 and 23, T. 12, N., R. 28 W., running thence north on section line 1/2 mile to the 1/2 section corner Secs. 14 and 15, thence west on center line 1/2 mile to the center corner of said section 15, thence north on center line of section 15 to the 1/2 section corner between sections 10 and 15, thence west on section line between sections 10 and 15, and 9 and 16, to a point 50 chs. west of the corner to sections 9, 10, 15 and 16, T. 12, N. R. 28 W. to connect with present traveled road, and to vacate that part of Road No. 45, running diagonally across section 15 and across that part of section 16, said township and range, lying easterly of the west terminal point of the newly located road; has reported in favor of the establishment of the new road and the vacation of part of road No. 45, and all objections thereto, or claims for damages, must be filed in the county clerk's office on or before noon of the 12th day of March, 1911, or such road will be established and vacated without reference thereto.

Dated North Platte, Neb., January 3d, 1911.

F. R. ELLIOTT, County Clerk.

**Vacation Part Road No. 143.**

The commissioner appointed for the purpose of vacating that part of Road No. 143: Running through S. E. 1/4 of Section 10, Town 9, Range 30, and divert travel over the new cemetery road No. 225, the distance into town being the same, has reported in favor of the vacation and all objections thereto must be filed in the office of the county clerk on or before noon on the 6th day of March, 1911.

Dated North Platte, Neb., Dec. 31, 1910.

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**Notice for Publication.** Serial No. 01994. Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb., Jan. 13th, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Andrew K. McIntire of Hershey, Neb., who on June 28, 1894, made Homestead Entry No. 2431, Serial No. 01994, for 8 1/4 NE 1/4, section 30, township 12, N., range 32, W. of the sixth principal meridian has filed notice of intention to establish five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver at North Platte, Nebraska, on the 30th day of March, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Charles Meyer and William Facka both of Dickens, Neb.; and George and George Garman, both of Hershey Neb. J. E. EVANS, Register.

**Serial No. 01995.** Notice for Publication-Isolated Tract. Public Land Sale. Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb., Jan. 13th, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 15, 1897, the following described land, to-wit: Lots 1 and 2 of Section 20, township 12, N., Range 31, W. of 6th Principal Meridian has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver at North Platte, Neb., on the 9th day of March, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Charles Meyer, of Dickens, Neb., Andrew K. McIntire, of George Garman, of Hershey, Neb., Alvin Zimmler, of North Platte, Neb. J. E. EVANS, Register.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.** Serial No. 02095. Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb., January 13th 1911.

Notice is hereby given that Joseph Everlanch of Nebraska, who on June 30, 1894, made homestead entry No. 3027, Serial No. 02095, for S.E. 1/4, section 20, township 12, N., Range 31, W. of the sixth Principal Meridian has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver at North Platte, Neb., on the 9th day of March, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Charles Meyer, of Dickens, Neb., Andrew K. McIntire, of George Garman, of Hershey, Neb., Alvin Zimmler, of North Platte, Neb. J. E. EVANS, Register.

**Serial No. 01912-02131.** NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. United States Land Office. At North Platte, Nebraska, Nov. 26, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that George H. Schaffer, of North Platte, Neb., on Nov. 23rd, 1903, made homestead entry No. 1977, Serial No. 01912, for the southeast quarter, and lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833,