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THE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Story of Their Doings as Continued From Week to Week.—Bonds Approved.

BILLS ARE ALLOWED BY THEM

Many Masters of Intest to the Tax Payers Itemized By the Clerk for Publication.

O'Neill, Neb., January 22, 1902, 9 o'clock a. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. All members present.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

Mr. Chairman: I move you the county attorney be hereby directed to forthwith file with the county clerk all guarantees taken by him in foreclosure actions brought by him in the name of the County of Holt to foreclose its lien for taxes. Motion carried.

On motion the county clerk was instructed to serve a copy of the above resolution upon the county attorney at once. Carried.

On motion Board adjourned until one o'clock.

One o'clock p. m. Board met pursuant to adjournment all members present.

On motion the following rules were adopted to govern the Board of Health of Holt county. (Said rules were printed in The Frontier, issue of January 16.

Moved and seconded that the chairman and secretary of the board of health be allowed to procure such supplies that are needed to enforce their regulations. Carried.

Committee on bonds presented the following report:

Mr. Chairman—We, your committee on bonds, herewith recommend that the bonds of the following named banks be approved as follows:

Citizens bank of Stuart.....	\$ 10,000
Farmers bank of Page.....	8,000
Inman State bank.....	6,000
Gallagher & Co.....	6,500
O'Neill Nat'l bank.....	30,000
Elkhorn Valley bank.....	15,000
State Bank of Chambers.....	5,000
First Nat'l bank.....	100,000

Respectfully submitted, M. Keefe, Frank Phillips, Conrad Kramer, Committee.

On motion the report was adopted. Committee on court house presented the following report:

Mr. Chairman—We, your committee on court house and jail recommend that Robert Williams be given the work of removing vault doors from the office formerly used by the clerk of the district court to the county clerk's office and filling up the space with brick left by the removal of doors from their present position, and that he be allowed the sum of \$30 for said work.

H. C. Howard, John Moler, Frank Phillips, Committee.

On motion report was adopted. On motion Board adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

R. J. Marsh, Chairman. E. S. Gilmour, Clerk.

O'Neill, Neb., January 23, 1902, 9 o'clock.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. All members present.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

On motion the bond of Erie Berg, road overseer of district No. 46, was approved.

Moved and seconded that the clerk be instructed not to make any charge for any acknowledgement taken in pension cases.

Motion carried.

On motion the Board adjourned until 10 o'clock Tuesday, January 28, 1902, for the purpose of going into committee of the whole for settlement with county officers.

R. J. Marsh, chairman, E. S. Gilmour, clerk.

O'Neill, Neb., Jan. 28, 1902.

Board met at 10 o'clock this morning.

Present Grimes, Howard, Keefe, Kramer and Chairman Marsh.

Messrs. Moler and Phillips absent on bridge business.

Minutes of proceedings of January 23 read and approved.

On motion the following bonds were approved:

Morton Greeley, justice of peace, Saratoga township.

S. M. Albridges, treasurer, Sand Creek.

On motion board adjourned until 1 o'clock, p. m.

Jan. 28, 1 o'clock, p. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment

all members present.

The following communication from County Attorney Mullen was read.

O'Neill, Neb., Jan. 28, 1902.

To the honorable board of Supervisors of Holt county:

Gentlemen—My attention has been called to a charge against W. W. Bethea, ex-county clerk of this county which is at this time being widely circulated in the press of Holt county. I have made a careful investigation and find that W. W. Bethea while county clerk of this county during the year 1896 retained \$200 in addition to his \$1,500 salary. This extra \$200 was retained by him for services as clerk of the county board. The law in this state is well settled that a county clerk is entitled to the maximum salary of \$1,500 and no more. Any amount retained in excess of \$1,500 is illegal. I would advise your honorable body to take the necessary steps to enforce the collection due the county from Mr. Bethea. As the law officer of this county I stand ready to take necessary legal steps in case Mr. Bethea does not pay without a suit.

Yours Truly, Arthur Mullen, County Attorney.

Mr. Chairman: I move that the county attorney be instructed to commence legal proceedings against W. W. Bethea, ex-county clerk and his bondsmen unless the said W. W. Bethea shall pay to the treasurer of Holt county the sum of two hundred dollars with interest from the first day of January, 1897. Said payment to be made before the 28th day of February, 1902.

John Mole, M. Keefe.

Aye and naye vote called for.

Ayes, Grimes, Howard, Kramer, Keefe, Moler, Phillips and Chairman Marsh (7).

Nays—None.

Motion made and seconded that the clerk be instructed to send Mr. W. W. Bethea a copy of the above resolution, also a copy of the letter of the county attorney.

Motion carried.

On motion the following claims on the bridge fund were allowed:

Galena Lumber co.....	\$189 50
.....	198 40
.....	87 35
A C Mohr.....	25 62

apply on tax

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apply on taxes.

Frank Weickman..... 3 30

J Brook..... 14 80

Buzelman Lumber co..... 94 13

Townsend and Davis..... 80 40

Wm Krotter & Co..... 49 25

Galena Lumber Co..... 197 75

G A Reed..... 1 65

apply on tax.

Jerry McCarthy..... 3 00

apply on tax.

A W Gunn..... 2 00

apply on tax.

Will Gorce..... 18 25

Townsend and Davis..... 75 16

John Enright..... 14 85

Lawrence Barrett..... 12 00

Bennett Martin..... 47 00

Eli Hershiser..... 6 00

W S Grimes..... 18 00

Townsend and Davis..... 69 00

Buzelman Lumber co..... 4 00

Townsend and Davis..... 99 00

A Menish..... 5 50

apply on taxes.

Chris Anderson..... 6 00

Townsend and Davis..... 98 75

Hugh O'Neill..... 20 00

apply on taxes.

W A Friend..... 3 25

G P Brennan..... 5 00

W S Miller..... 5 00

apply on tax.

Wilkinson & Hendricks..... 7 00

J B Jones..... 5 50

Bert Poisholl..... 5 00

P H Mulford..... 29 50

A D Havens..... 5 00

Andrew Larson..... 32 62

J M Cramer..... 22 50

C C Fuller..... 9 90

P C Peterson..... 18 00

Walrath & Sherwood..... 52 55

Krotter & Co..... 86 69

..... 53 92

CS Keller..... 14 00

James Brennan..... 15 00

J B Torbet..... 4 95

C E Howe..... 1 00

John Ceary..... 42 00

John F. Hunt..... 8 00

apply on tax.

Lewis Steabner..... 71 50

Farmers Bank..... 43 25

E G Fowler..... 23 50

W A Berry..... 9 00

C W Hagensick..... 22 50

apply on taxes.

John Ceary..... 10 00

L Derrickson..... 4 50

Barney Hynes..... 9 45

C E Mills..... 5 50

apply on tax.

Wm Brudder..... 6 00

apply on tax.

BETHEA MAKES REPLY

Explains the Transaction Which Has Caused Charges of Short- age to Be Made.

THOUGHT THE \$200 WAS HIS

Returns Amount to the Treasurer Plus \$70.89 Interest and Takes His Receipt for the Same.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors: My attention has but recently been called to the double leaded article in the Independent, and later to your resolution. I am somewhat surprised that the otherwise astute editor of the Independent has been so slow in getting onto this transaction. I would like to call your attention to the facts in the case.

The statute provides that the county clerk shall receive \$1,500 per year; it also provides that the county clerk shall receive a salary of not to exceed \$400 per year as clerk of the board of supervisors. I would refer you to the compiled statutes of Nebraska for the year 1901, page 648, which, in part, says as follows:

"For performing the duties of clerk to the county commissioners and attending to the business of the county, such salary per annum to be paid by the county quarterly as the commissioner of the county shall allow, not exceeding in any year the sum of four hundred dollars."

This section was in force in 1896. Acting on this law the board passed the following resolution on July 16, 1896, and will be found in supervisor record E, on page 609.

"That the county clerk shall be allowed the sum of \$200 for services as clerk of this board, provided the fees of the clerk's office pay it."

I would also refer you to the report of the attorney general for the years 1895-6 which will be found on pages 20 and 21. He says:

"For this the statute provides that the commissioners may allow him a salary to be paid quarterly not to exceed \$400. In my opinion this \$400 is an allowance for the specified duty, and is not covered or limited by section 42 in the amount of fees, and that the clerk would be entitled to whatever was allowed him by the commissioners as clerk of the county commissioners, in addition to the \$1,500 arising from fees."

This report is too long to copy in full, but can be found in W. R. Butler's office. I will further say I conferred with the county attorney in regard to this matter and his opinion was the same as the attorney general. I will venture the opinion that more than half of the county clerk's of the state at that time not only received \$200 for one year but received the full amount of \$400 for each year.

The above is my explanation of the matter so far as I have been able to look up the law at this time. If I am not entitled to this money it will be returned without any expense to the county.

I would like to call your attention to one instance. The year 1894 being my first year as clerk I failed to file my claim for making the tax list at the July meeting, thinking it would be better to wait until I had completed the work before asking the board to allow it. But the fund was exhausted and I had to carry it over until the following July and then settling at a discount. The tax list was made in forty acre tracts that year and my claim was \$1,600. In this transaction the county saved \$112 in the way of interest. I sold half of this warrant when allowed at a discount of \$25, the total loss to me being \$137. I will further say that during the time I carried this claim I paid the First National bank the sum of \$67.70 interest on borrowed money to conduct the office. This claim will be found entered on my fee book at face value, or \$1,600. In justice if not in law I should be reimbursed for the loss I sustained in this case.

Since writing the above I find by consulting council that there has been a case decided by the supreme court covering this case, the decision being given June 3, 1897, State ex rel vs. Russell, 51 Neb., page 774 (71 Northwest Reporter, page 785). Acting on this decision, I have turned over to the county treasurer \$200 with interest from January 8, 1897, amount of interest \$70.89, receipt No. 79.

In reading the above case you will note the judge of the district court held that the county clerk was entitled to retain and not account for \$400 as clerk of the board, but was reversed by the supreme court. I attach hereto an explanation of W. R. Butler and make it a part of this report. Respectfully submitted,

W. W. Bethea.

O'Neill, Feb. 1, 1902.—To the Hon-

orable County Board of Holt county.

—Gentlemen: In the matter of an allowance made to W. W. Bethea, ex-county clerk of Holt county, of certain money for performing the duties of clerk of the county board for the year 1896, I respectfully desire to inform you that, as county attorney of Holt county, I was asked for an opinion as to whether the clerk was entitled to any fees for this work and my opinion was that the clerk was entitled to such fees as the board was willing to allow, and my opinion was governed by the written opinion of the attorney general, A. S. Churchill, dated January 25, 1895, which opinion I regard as the law unless otherwise laid down by the supreme court of Nebraska. Respectfully yours, W. R. Butler.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

interesting Program for a Two Days' Session.

An interesting program has been prepared for a farmers' institute to be held in O'Neill on February 18 and 19. A number of prominent speakers from abroad have been secured and a profitable session is assured to the agricultural people. The program is as follows:

Tuesday, 1:30 p. m.—Growing Cattle on the Farm, John Brewer of York; Care and Management of Poultry, Hon. M. F. Greeley of South Dakota; Plain Foods and Plain Living, Mrs. Bertha D. Laws of Minnesota.

7:30 p. m.—Local.....; The American Girl in the Home, Mrs. Bertha D. Laws; Landed Homes, Hon. M. F. Greeley; Stereoscopic lecture, L. D. Stilson of York; The Nebraska Experiment Station and School of Agriculture.

Wednesday, 10 a. m.—Local papers. 1:30 p. m.—Fruit Growing on the Farm, C. H. Barnard; Alfalfa as a Farm Crop, John Bremer.

Utilizing Waste Products on the Farm by Sheep Feeding, Hon. M. F. Greeley.

How to Get the Most Out of the Corn Crop, L. D. Stilson.

The Market.

South Omaha, Feb. 5.—Receipts of fat cattle the past week have been very heavy, rather more than wanted, and prices have broken from 15c to 25c. There was a large run yesterday about 6,000, and market was generally 10 to 15 lower; The receipts today, much lighter, 3,000, with prices about steady.

Butcher stock has been in good demand all week and prices are about same as a week ago. Stockers and feeders have been in fair supply. Good weight and quality in good demand and prices firm. The bulk of receipts were of light and common grades and they were lower.

Receipts of hogs have been less than looked for and prices have kept about steady. Prices yesterday were 10 higher and strong to 5 higher again today. Prides range from \$5.65 to \$6.40, bulk of sales \$6.00 to \$6.20. Some light hogs very hard to move.

There has been very little change in either receipts or prices on sheep. What change in price there is, is for the better. We quote lambs \$5.00 to \$5.80; yearlings \$4.60 to \$5.10; ewes \$3.75 to \$4.25.

Nye and Buchanan Co.

Matrimonial

A quiet wedding occurred Wednesday morning at the Methodist parsonage in this city when Mr. Floyd A. Bolger of Marengo, Io., lead to the altar Miss Mamie E. Porter of O'Neill.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Porter of the Dewey hotel. She is a young lady highly esteemed by her friends and acquaintances and we don't blame Mr. Bolger for coming clear from Iowa for his bride. The groom is a stranger to most of our people. He has visited the city several times during the past year and has made a general favorable impression among those with whom he became acquainted.

The young couple departed on the morning F. E. passenger for a visiting in Boone county, this state, before going to Marengo, near where the groom has a home in readiness for himself and bride. The Frontier extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bolger.

Word has been received here that one of the members of the Meals-Hazelet mining party froze to death in Alaska. His name was Horesse Tuffin and he formerly lived in Iowa. The circumstances of his death are peculiarly sad. He was driving a mail sled drawn by dogs. They were overtaken in a storm and the dogs became exhausted and could travel no further. In the dreary waste of snow and alone Tuffin perished. He was found by his brother, who hauled the lifeless body a distance of forty miles on a hand sled.

SHORT LINE EXTENSION

Project to Carry the Road to Alliance and Thence to Salt Lake Again Reviewed.

THE "Q" IS TO BE THE LINK

Senator Clark Interested in a Project That May Result in Giving O'Neill a Through Line West.

Sioux City Tribune: That Senator W. A. Clark of Montana is at least associated with John C. Coombs in his plans for the development of the combination bridge, there is now no doubt.

Aside from the fact that this has been known in Sioux City, it was revealed by the conversation at Des Moines last week of an attorney associated with Clark. This attorney, while careful not to commit himself, indicated that "he knew the fact that Clark is associated with Coombs." He discussed the incident about Coombs securing control of the bridge freely, and indicated he was thoroughly conversant with the situation.

In this connection, there remains little doubt that the trip west by John C. Coombs after the meeting of directors of the Credits Commutation Company, in Chicago, was for the purpose of consulting with Clark interested.

Before Mr. Coombs had formed his trust in Commutation company's stock, he had looked over the railroad map, and taken into consideration the combinations of railroad interest west of the Missouri river. He saw that the Union and Southern Pacific systems were united, and not allied to the interests of James J. Hill. He took into consideration the circumstances leading up to the determination by Senator Clark to build the San Pedro line, from lower California to Salt Lake City. He saw that Senator Clark's line needed an eastern outlet, and he was sure that the terminals and bridge at Sioux City would be needed.

Senator Clark is hostile to the Union and Southern Pacific systems. They have charged him excess freight tariffs, he has claimed. This is why he is now building the San Pedro line. Certain it is, that, after he has invaded Union Pacific and Southern Pacific territory he could not look to them for an outlet to the east. The statement in New York financial circles that Senator Clark came to the help of the promoters of the great merger of northern railroads on Blue Thursday last May, is indicative of Senator Clark's work with the Northern Securities company's promoters.

There are but two gaps to be filled between Sioux City and Salt Lake City, to put Clark's line into Sioux City, one from Sioux City to the Q, the other from the Q to Salt Lake City.

That the O'Neill line can be bought from the Great Northern at a reasonable price is known.

That the Burlington has seriously contemplated connecting its Cheyenne line with Ogden and Salt Lake City is also known. The extension of the Short Line from O'Neill to a point on the B. & M. railroad, at or near Alliance, and the fulfillment of the Burlington plans to cross Wyoming to Salt Lake City, would complete the transcontinental connections for Senator Clark.

From Sioux City, the Milwaukee and Great Western railroads would put at his command the middle west. By way of Willmar and Sioux Falls north he, Mr. Clark, would find himself on the lines of the allied systems of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern. He would be in a position to compete with the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific.

That Mr. Coombs' plan is no less than this, seems certain. The fact that Coombs referred to his associate as a man whose name is a "household word," confirms this. The significant statement by Mr. Coombs that has plan involved very important connections for Sioux City, is consistent. Aside from the corroboration of the statement by a Sioux City man, who knows, and by Senator Clark's attorney, the plan is a most logical one for the utilization of the combination bridge.

As will be seen by extended advertising in The Frontier this week, Peter Kelly, one of the wealthy, prosperous and well known stockmen and farmers of Scottville township, will hold a sale on February 17. Mr. Kelly recently sold his place to J. V. Mer-nan of Lewis, Io., consideration \$9 per acre. Mr. Kelly has bought the F. M. Wade property in O'Neill and will move to town.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Henry of Atkinson visited Mr. Henry's parents in this city last week.

SOCIAL CLUB ENTERTAINS

Pleasant Affair Given By the Young Men Thursday Evening.

The soiree and musicale given by the Young Men's Social Club to the young ladies of O'Neill at its club rooms in the O'Neill National bank building last Thursday evening was a very neatly and ably conducted affair from beginning to end. Indeed it was a grand social success generally. The entertainment was entirely informal, the guests being all invited to make themselves at home and enjoy themselves to their heart's content. The genial president graciously offered the freedom of the house to each of the ladies and later announced to each and all of them that when they felt their appetites had been duly satiated with the pleasures of the evening and they were about to depart for their homes that they had his most welcome permission to take along with them anything standing upon two legs and not nailed to the floor, which they might choose to select as a souvenir of the very felicitous occasion. And as is well known every rule has its exception, so in this case the dissent applied to the president only, who it was suggested could not be appropriated by any of the fair dames for any such purpose at this time, as he earnestly desired to be left to look after the welfare of the house and care of the babies.

A string band, composed of members of the club, discoursed sweet music throughout the entertainment. A sumptuous luncheon was served and card and other games of many varieties were introduced for the amusement and pastime of the guests.

It is safe to say that everybody enjoyed themselves hugely and will long remember the happy event. It was to be regretted that owing to the incapacity of the club room to accommodate comfortably all who had been invited, the reception hour had to be so arranged that one half of the guests only could be present at one time. In consequence the persons invited for the first hour, and who failed to make prompt appearance at the hour designated, had their enjoyment curtailed to a very lamentable extent.

It is to be hoped that when the next occasion of this sort for the club rolls around again that it will be the happy possessor of more commodious and extensive quarters.

The club will wind up its social season with a grand ball at the opera house on Friday evening,—February 7.

MINOR MENTION

Bale ties at Brennan's.

Dr. Deck of Ewing was an O'Neill visitor Monday.

Teas and coffees at Harrington's. Defy competition. 31-3.

Brennan's is headquarters for all kinds of lamp's. 26tf

Andy Gallagher of Laurel was in the city Saturday.

Teeth or photographs at Corbett's, 16th to 39th of each month. 39tf.

The best line of shoes at the lowest prices at John J. Harrington. 31-3.

For farm loans, on reasonable terms call on Elkhorn Valley Bank. 13tf

C. W. Bigelow of Stuart had business in O'Neill the first of the week.

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