

**SUPERVISOR SESSIONS**

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(Continued from last week.)

On motion the following amounts were transferred to the general fund of 1904:

County judgment fund.....	\$1426 85
County bond fund.....	3557 99
Advertising fund.....	1723 48
Interests on deposits.....	1822 68
County school fund.....	157 08

Total.....\$8688 06

On motion \$2500 of the above amount was transferred from the general fund of 1904 to the bridge fund of 1904.

On motion the following claims were allowed upon the bridge fund of 1904:

Wm Krotter & Co, apply on tax, \$25 16 and.....	48 73
Wm Krotter & Co, apply on tax, 41 10 and.....	23 04
Wm Krotter & Co, apply on tax \$10.32.....	14 80
John McManus, apply on tax \$45.15.....	46 10
M L Erb, apply on tax.....	47 00
Geo Bowden, apply on tax.....	10 00
James Binkard, apply on tax.....	27 00
E Carroll, apply on tax \$2.....	4 15
W G Ousley, apply on tax \$3.95.....	6 95
Patrick Barrett, apply on tax.....	5 00
Fred C Turner, apply on tax \$8.30.....	11 25
M P Sullivan, apply on tax \$5.25.....	15 00
A L Shannon, apply on tax.....	24 50
Thos Malloy.....	16 50
O O Snyder & Co.....	76 58
Edwards Bradford & Co.....	17 03
Wm Krotter & Co, \$4.62, \$3.84, 29 92	
Wm Krotter & Co, \$18.23, \$32.76, 18 35	
Wm Krotter & Co, \$24, \$28.58, 4 25	
Wm Krotter & Co.....	29 70
E Roy Townsend, \$17.70, \$35, 40 00	
E Roy Townsend, \$29.50, \$30, 7 50	
E Roy Townsend, \$31.50, \$49, 41 66	
E Roy Townsend, \$42, \$39.59, 39 00	
E Roy Townsend, \$31, \$58, 45 55	
E Roy Townsend.....	\$17.70, 33 40
G B Hodges.....	2 00
A W Burbank.....	\$6, 6 00
Will Gore.....	23 00
Joe Timmannas.....	7 50
M W Beebe.....	12 40
G W Pond.....	10 00
Canton Bridge Co.....	18 00
John Staples.....	4 00
F A Hatch.....	10 00
L L Cosner.....	9 75
H Hibbard.....	19 50
W R Mayer.....	6 00
Laurence Barratt.....	53 00
W L Tunender.....	12 00
Loren Simonson.....	10 00
Henry Martfeldt.....	5 00
John Smith.....	3 58
Hiram Stearns.....	2 00
C H Bigler.....	5 25
Nelson Ames.....	11 00
Galena Lumber Co, Atkinson.....	65 07
Joe Benash.....	1 50
John Kramer.....	13 00
C O Tenberg, apply on tax.....	2 80
Dan Lynch, apply on tax.....	6 00
Golden & Hodgkin, apply on tax.....	26 40
W J H Stearns.....	6 00
Ole Pearson.....	3 00
B P Smith.....	4 00
Ed Jacobs.....	5 00

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Louis Steabner.....	\$38, \$18, 54 00
Joe Timmermans.....	12 50
Brook Hdw Co.....	7 50
Pat Barrett, jr.....	24 00
K L Tunender.....	1 50
Lee Woods.....	5 25
C T Simonson.....	3 00
Dan Sullivan.....	9 00
Edward Murray.....	3 00
N Carson.....	6 00
J H Moler.....	15 37
John Davis.....	9 50
Dennis Murphy.....	19 50
Thomas Malloy.....	21 00
Claud Goodsell.....	3 00
D C McKay.....	2 25
Dexter Bros.....	1 60
J H Moler.....	6 00
F E Richardson.....	43 00
Frank Hughes.....	7 50
Anthony Murray.....	2 00
J D Selah.....	5 25
Chris Timmermans.....	17 00
D J Harrington.....	6 50
I D McClow.....	\$7.65, 15 20
Louis Steabner.....	76 00
O O Snyder & Co.....	\$57.72, 16 26
Edwards & Bradford.....	51 03
A B Vanzandt.....	30 35
Thomas Malloy.....	12 00

On motion a refund warrant was granted to J. L. Roll for \$37.70, for taxes excessively paid on lot 24, block 6, Ewing Village, for the years 1888 and 1889.

On motion the county attorney was allowed a stenographer from this date, as long as the board deems it necessary at a salary of \$40 per month.

On motion the county treasurer was instructed to employ what extra help he deemed sufficient in preparing the delinquent tax list, under instructions of the resolution passed by this board under date of Jan. 17th, 1905.

The county assessor submitted the following appointments as deputy assessors with their postoffice address.

Donat Seger, Atkinson; J. B. Dennis, Dustin; J. D. Grimes, Chambers; John Fundas, Dustin; Mike Ratherham, Ewing; L. P. Pucket, Emmet; A. B. Donaldson, Ewing; Isaac Millspaugh, Inez; M. L. Wintermote, Chambers; Anton Prusa, Atkinson; John Linden, Bliss; Martin Stanton, O'Neill; Horace Bradley, Inman; George Lambert, Martha; Wm Lell, Martha; W. D. Bradstreet, Paddock; John Alfs, Atkinson; W. H. Snell, Page; S. M. Aldridge, Celia; J. J. Nachtmann, Anncar; J. E. Wiley, Dorsey; R. J. Jennings, O'Neill; John O'Connell, Atkinson; W. A. Hiscow, Stuart; P. Kennedy, Amelia; U. Hoyer, Black Bird; J. C. Knudson, Page; Harry Stanton, O'Neill; H. S. White, Amelia; E. F. Porter, Chambers; J. J. McCafferty, O'Neill.

On motion the above appointments were confirmed.

On motion the board adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

F. W. Phillips, Chairman, E. S. Gilmour, Clerk.

**Healthy Mothers.**

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**De Soto, Discoverer**

When the lecturer assigned to me the task of speaking to the memory of De Soto, his plans and purposes, his explorations and exploits, I little thought of the moment and magnitude of this vast undertaking; as I thought it was a dry subject and one bereft of all interesting features to the present times and people here. I had read that he was a soldier of fortune and did not amount to much—that his life was a selfish and sordid one. Some authors painted him as a combination of the restless, roving explorer, the freebooter on land and a pirate on the high seas. So you may imagine my pleasing surprise when, after a thorough investigation, I found, instead, that he was one of the world's benefactors, whose noble deeds has made mankind his debtor. I could not find a life of him nor even a decent, well written biography of this great man in town, and so I did the best I could. And if the little data I have here, gleaned from the purusal of two cyclopedias and the writings of Hawthorne, Bancroft, Irving and Prescott will only interest you sufficiently to enthuse one single mind to the point of doing justice to this great Spaniard I will be amply rewarded for the time spent.

There were two great civilized nations on this American continent when the Spaniards came over—the Aztecs in the north (Mexico) and the Incas in the south (Peru and Chili). History knows comparatively little of those two ancient and highly civilized peoples, as the white man burned and destroyed all records and traces of their past life and times, their origin and development, hence we know nothing of them before the conquest and so the field of the antiquarian is almost a total blank.

Tusco was the chief city of the Incas, and the Inca name of Peru was Tavanhuxuya, signifying four-quarters of the world, and the kingdom or empire was divided into four equal parts, each distinguished by a separate and appropriate name or title of its own, and to each of which ran a great, well kept public highway of solid masonry, diverging from the capital city. It is said that the road between Cuzco and Quito and running thence to Chili was the very best in the world's history, not even excepting the famed Appian way of Rome.

But we know the military policies and government of the two peoples were vastly different. In dealing with other people the Aztecs were ferocious and cruel and carried on a war of extermination, signaling their triumphs by the sacrifice of haticombs of human captives; while the Incas, perhaps as fond of conquest, preferred a milder policy, substituting intrigue and negotiation for violence, and dealt with conquered foes so that their future resources should not be crippled and that they should come into the great empire not as foes but as friends. The Mexican vassals were ground down by the worst forms of oppression, only limited by the power of human endurance. There was no regard paid to their welfare. The Inca on the other hand admitted their new and conquered subjects at once to all the rights enjoyed by the rest of the community, and so solidified the empire's motely population by a bond of personal, provincial and national interests. Now a word for the territory in which the Incas lived. If you take a map and look at Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Chili, I think it covers the ground sufficiently well which at that time contained the western hemisphere's three most noted objects—the richest mines, the most polished and forward civilization and the greatest ruler of men, viz, the Copper mountains, the Incas and the Emperor Autohalpa. This was the country and now the time—1532—for Francisco Pizarro, the world's most natural soldier and leader of men, to appear on the scene and in company with Hernando De Soto, the subject of this sketch, to undertake the conquest of that vast empire, which they successfully did with an army of 180 infantry and 27 horse, and they raised the standard of Spain on the walls of the Inca cities and called the new possessions by the present name Peru. You may object to my calling Pizarro the world's most natural soldier and leader of men, but you will no longer do so if you read W. H. Prescott's "Peru" and keep in mind the fact that he (Pizarro) could neither read nor write. He was the neglected and disowned natural son of a colonel of infantry in the Spanish service. Both Pizarro and De Soto served under Cortez in his brilliant conquest of Mexico. It is needless to follow these two historic persons, or landmarks of that time, through the Inca wars to the storming of Cuzco and the sacking of the holy city; suffice it to say it was De Soto himself who captured the illustrious Incan emperor and it was he, too, who had the courage of his convictions and the stirring humanity to rebuke Pizarro, his chief, for the murder of the Emperor Autohalpa in his (De Soto's) absence. "You have acted rashly," said De Soto, "Autohalpa has been basely slandered; there

was no enemy at Huamachuco, no rising among the natives. I've met with nothing but good will and all was quiet. If it was necessary to bring the Inca to trial he should have been taken to Castile and judged by his peer, the emperor. I would have pledged my life to see him safe on board the vessel."

This speech provoked the ire of Pizarro and so began a feud between the two chiefs which grew apace and only ended after the battle of Vilacoopa, where De Soto gained a decisive victory over the Incas, after which he tendered his resignation of his commission to Pizarro. He did so for another reason that he might be able to go in quest of, find and conquer another Mexico or Peru.

You may ask, Who was De Soto, anyway? And this is just what I am striving to tell, so I'll now give you the answer of the International Cyclopedica: "Hernando De Soto—born 1496 and died 1542—was one of the early explorers of North America, and distinguished himself, when young, in literary studies and athletic exercises. In 1519 he accompanied Pendraicous Davilla, his patron, to the Ismus of Darien and was a most daring and independent opponent of the tyrannical rule of that officer who was afterwards the governor of Darien. Leaving Davilla's service in 1528 he explored the coast of Guatemala and Yucatan seeking for a supposed water communication or channel between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. In 1532 he was in Pizarro's expedition for the conquest of Peru and used all his influence to prevent the Spanish butcher from murdering the Peruvian king."

Having amassed a fortune, De Soto returned to Spain and married Davilla's beautiful daughter. In 1538 he was moved by the reports of the new found Eldorado and undertook the conquest of Florida. He sailed in April, 1538, with 20 officers, 24 priests and 600 men. May, 1539, he landed at Tampa bay and followed the tracks of Navare, a former Spanish invader. In July his ships were sent back to Havana, and the next year, 1540, he worked slowly northward, having many conflicts with the Indians. His second winter was spent in the Chickasaw country. These Indians, in the spring, burned his camp and their own villages because he attempted to force them to carry his baggage, and 40 of his men were burnt to death. After several days' marching, mainly through swamps, he reached the queenly Mississippi in June, 1541, and was the first European or white man who ever looked upon that mighty river's turbid waters. He constructed barges and crossed over, marching to the head waters of the White river, the western limit of his explorations, turning south and passing the hot springs of Arkansas, he passed his third winter on the Washita river and, in spring, moved down stream to the Mississippi and was marching along that majestic river towards the ocean when he was stricken with fever and died, in either May or June. To keep the knowledge of his death from the natives, his body was sunk during the night in the middle of the river. His wife died at Havana on the third day after hearing the news of his sad fate and end.

At the time De Soto undertook the conquest of Florida he was governor of Cuba, where he left his wife in Havana to govern till his return, thinking only of future success and that all would go well to that end. His purposes and plans were of a three-fold nature, viz, discovery, conquest and colonization; but unfortunately his followers were chiefly cavaliers and adventurers, and, therefore, poorly fitted and equipped for the methodic, plodding life of successful colonists.

Before the death of this great man the whole expedition was reduced to the extreme point of want and starvation. Their clothing was matts of bulrushes held together by the bark and lint of trees, but the proud spirit of De Soto buoyed them on and prevented their return home till they could do so under the auspices of success. Few people are aware that this intrepid, brave and daring explorer penetrated as far north as the present states of Missouri and Illinois, and it will be news to others that he planned settlements in Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia, and in fact laid the foundation of a colony at Ochus, now Pensacola.

Some writers call him a tyrant and say his disposition was cruel and harsh, but such is not the fact of truth. Towns and communities are not called after tyrants, and we know they are called after and named in honor of the good De Soto, who died in poverty and rags but without a stain on his great and glorious career. De Soto did many grand and noble things in the 46 years of his life, but his greatest achievement was the discovery of the Mississippi river, which is now and always must remain his glory, his grave and his monument. John J. McCafferty.

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