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FINANCES OF THE COUNTY

Annual Statement Made by Mr. Chittick.

MUCH INDEBTEDNESS PAID OFF

Many Claims Liquidated During Past Year and Good Cash Balance Left.

R. E. Chittick's statement of the financial condition of the county appears in this issue. This statement shows a cash balance on hand of a trifle less than $71,000. During the year Mr. Chittick has paid out for all purposes, county general expenses and to township, school and village treasurers, redemption of bonds, etc., a total of $248,791.13. After paying this amount of indebtedness and claims there is a flattering balance on hand.

When Mr. Chittick took charge of the treasurer's office there was a heavy rush the first two months on the part of township and school treasurers who had been unable to get their money of the preceding treasurer as he was holding it so as to have a hundred thousand to turn over to his successor. During the month of February of last year he was calledupon for and paid out to school treasurers the sum of $8,425.-96; in March $13,191.28. During these two months he paid to township treasurers $6,352.23, to village treasurers $3,883.94, and on one bunch of warrants held by a fusion scalper $11,433.-08; or a total of $43,087.47. In addition to this there was paid during the months of February, March and April in O'Neill, Atkinson and Grattan township bond, sidewalk and judgment funds the sum of $10,301.71, making a grand total of $53,389.18. Almost the whole of this should have been paid out by the previous treasurer, who would thus have had his cash balance reduced to about $50,000.

It is noted by Mr. Chittick's statement that the warrants held in trust by him amounted to but $39.38 in excess of the amount the fusion strategy board claim in an injunction suit started to be the limit which he should turn over to his successor, namely $4,-500. The trust warrants amount to $4,539 38. It is also noted by this statement that he could lawfully have more than $8,000 invested in trust warrants. The fusion bosses were evidently going on the theory that the county treasurer's office was being run on the plan of their last treasurer and they would make a fine piece of political capital out of a law suit they probably had good reason to believe would be well grounded if the same conditions still obtained.

In connection with the fusionion leaders' boasted economy, an item of interest to the tax payers is noted in the difference in salaries absorbed by the treasurer's office in 1905 and that in 1906. In this respect aloue Mr. Chittick saved to the taxpayers pretty near his own salary and that of his entire force. Here are the figures for it: The treasurer's fee book shows that during Mr. Cronin's incumbency there were just nineteen people on the pay roll in 1905 in the treasurer's office. They were paid $5,760.10 as regular salaries and in addition $1,000 for "overtime." In 1906 Mr. Chittick and his office force drew in salaries al told $3,959.50. That makes just $3,810.-60 less than the fusion bunch of leaches got last year.

List of Jurors.

The following jury list has been drawn for the March term of district court:

George Sturdevant, P. H. Mulford, George Graham, M. B. Daily, W. J. O'Connor, W. H. Galaher, Peter Sigler, Frank Jute, S. P. Miller, L. Grunstead, J S. Noble, Joseph Roades, John O'Donnell, William Miller, George Travers, L. C. McKinn, C. P. Conger, John Nelson, W. W. Bathea, William Haines, Newton Carson, T. E. Alderson, Fred Wilson, T. D. Hanley.

Advertised Letters.

The following letters remain uncalled for in the O'Neill postoffice for the week ending Jan. 26, 1907:

S. R. Allen, W. T. Kealy, W. O. McCabe, Miss S. M. Robertson.

In calling for the above please say 'advertised." If not called for in two weeks will be sent to dead letter office

D. H. Cronin, Postmaster.

For Sale Cheap.

Eighteen years lease on one half section good hay land within two miles of Emmet. 29-tf

Mrs. A. Woolverton.

Notice.

I will buy and pay cash for cream delivered at my station one door east of Bentley's store and will meet all competition. J. W. Yantzi, O'Neill, Neb.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Architect Dyer of Fremont is in the city figuring on estimates and plans for the Knights of Columbus building.

All members of the Emmet Literary Society are requested to meet at the store of Neil Brennan next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Important business to transact.

T. H. Hadley was down from the western end of the county Monday and had bills printed for a big sale at his place ten miles northwest of Stuart on February 13.

A lad at Neligh adopted a novel method of warming his bed, and succeeded. He took an electric light globe to bed with him and turned on the current. The bed burned up.

Minnie Lathrop has begun suit for divorce in district court against her husband, William Lathrop. They were married in Wheeler county in November, 1905. Cruelty and non-support are alleged.

Coal prices are pretty stiff here, but North Dakotans would be glad to get fuel at the prices we pay. They are threatening to pull down depots and use them for fuel unless the railroads bring in some coal. The railroads catch it at every turn.

D. A. McDermot of Parkstown, S. D., has bought a half section of land close to Chambers and expects to buy more of Holt county real estate. He was in the city the first of the week, and informed a Frontier representative that he would probably move here soon.

The temperature has been right around zero for seven long weeks, with no indications for a permanent moderation soon, although the weather bureau predicted rain yesterday. The coldest point reached was Tuesday morning, when the glass tubes indicated 16 below.

C. R. Coucher, representing the Klopp & Bartlett Co., printers and stationers at Omaha, was before the county board yesterday endeavoring to empress upon that body the advantages of his loose-leaf record books. Mr. Coucher, by the way, was the fusion candidate for secretary of state last fall.

The ladies of the M. E. church gathered at the home of Mrs. Conklin on last Thursday and Rev. Abbott organized a "Ladies Aid Society." Twenty-two names enrolled. The first regular meeting will be held at Mrs. Conklin's Jan. 31st, at half past two o'clock. Business meeting at two o'clook promptly.

Wanted: By a prominent monthly magazine, with large, high-class circulation, local representative to look after renewals and increase subscription list in O'Neill and vicinity, on a salary basis, with a continuing interest from year to year in the business created. Experience desirable, but not essential. Good opportunity for the right person. Address Publisher, box 59, Station O, New York.

The firemen are endeavoring to get reorganized on a new basis and to this end a meeting was held Tuesday night and a number of committees appointed to look after several things escential to reorganization A new constitution willbe framed up and another meeting held on Friday evening. A well organized and well equipped fire department is an important thing in times of fire and any efforts looking to a more efficient fire protection should be encouraged.

O. F. Biglin was at Aliance Saturday and Sunday last, his mission pertaining to the Knights of Columbus. While away Mr. Biglin says he learned from what appeared tobe authoritative source some things pertaining to the proposed Midland Central railroad that will be of interest to the Chambers people. While talking with a gentleman from Newport who appeared to be on the "inside" he was told that the Midland Central company had enlisted the financial recources of an eastern bond company in the project and that the road would be built from Newport to Albion, arrangements being now about perfected to commence work when spring opens.

St. Paul Republican: Our Gage Valley correspondent vouches for the accuracy of the following remarkable story: One year ago last June a youth working for a neighbor bought two Chester White sow pigs at a cost of $3.50. They were bred in due season and had fifteen pigs. This fall one of the original hogs was sold for $26.30 and the other, of equal value, was butchered for family use. Six of the pigs, averaging 220 pounds, were sold for $5 87 per hundred weight, bring ing $77.50; one was killed early in the fall, estimated at $6; the other eight pigs will weigh more than 200 pounds a piece and are worth $5.70 or more, making $91 20. In other words, the $3.50 invested one year ago has grown to $227.30, an increase of something like 650 per cent.

EXPERT NOW AT WORK

Records of County Treasurer's Office Being Checked Up.

WILL COVER PERIOD OF 12 YEARS

County Enters Into Contract With E. P. Hovey of Lincoln to Investigate Several Years Back.

The work of experting the records of the office of county treasurer, that has been talked of for a year or more, has at last been taken up and is now in progress. The county has entered into a contract with E. P. Hovey of Lincoln to perform the work and Mr. Hovey is now engaged in the task at the treasurer's office.

The contract, which dates from January 25, calls for a thorough experting of the transactions of the office covering a period of twelve years. The expert begins at the close of business on January 4, 1895, and goes down through the records of the years to and including January 7, 1907. The work is to be completed by not later than May 25, 1907. For his services the expert is to receive $1200, payable $300 each month for three months, the last payment to be made when the work is completed and approved by the board of supervisors.

The contract provides that Mr. Hovey will appear in court in behalf of the county should the occasion arise.

Minor Mention.

For first-class printing see The Frontier.

Fred Swingley was down from Atkinson Wednesday.

A son was born Friday last to Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morrison.

J. A. Douglas of Bassett had business in the city Monday.

Wanted, a girl for general house work.—Mrs. J. A. Harmon.

Miss Phoebe Mullen entertained at cards at her home Tuesday evening.

A grand ball—the greatest event of your life—at Golden's hall February 4.

Wedding announcements and invitations furnished in the latest styles at this office.

Dr. and Mrs. Flynn are rejoicing over the arrival of a son at their home, born Tuesday.

A hundred envelopes with your name and address printed on them for 50c at The Frontier.

"The Bible and its Influence" is the Rev. T. W. Bowen's subject for next Sunday evening.

Don't miss the "Calico Ball" given by the Highlanders Monday, February 4, at Golden's hall.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs held their annual banquet at the Odd Fellows hall last evening.

Six forty was the top on the local hog market today, a goodly number of swine being marketed.

The Biglin furniture store is undergoing repairs, among other things a steel ceiling taking the place of plaster.

Fifty cents admits you to the "Calico Ball" on Feburary 4, where you will have ten dollar's worth of dance.

The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th weeks of each month except Fridays and Saturdays are Dr. Corbett's new dates for O'Neill.

New five room house in northern part of O'Neill, for sale.—Dorothy Haley, at office of county attorney afternoons. 32-tf

J. Lee Boyer of the Western Paper company of Omaha was in the city today and got a large order from The Frontier for paper.

The Misses McCafferty entertained a number of their young lady friends Tuesday evening and the affair was pronounced very enjoyable.

There is no lack of ice this season and the quality is first-class. Cakes of ice over a foot thick and clear as a bell have been taken from the Elkhorn.

Our flour is the only cheap article on the market. I will advise all that use it to buy now, as I am selling good flour cheap on account of money.—Con Keys.

Women folk and maidens must come clad in calico, bringing a necktie like their dress in an envelope, at the Highlanders ball Monday, February 4, at Golden's hall.

The Royal Highlanders Ball.

A "Calico Ball" will be given at Golden's Hall by the Royal Highlanders next Monday evening, February 4.

Women and maidens are requested to wear calico dresses and bring a necktie in an envelope, made of the same material as their gowns and as they enter drop them in a box as they enter. Admissson fifty cents. Everybody invited. Good music.

ABOUT TOWN.

A fashionable feminine headdress during the zero weather is a gauzy vail resembling a sheet of tissue paper.

A healthy looking citizen, who probably weighs 300 in the shade, declares he eats half a peck of apples and drinks a quart of milk every night before retiring.

A few young men have started to grow partial or full beards. It is said a number of girls have bound themselves by a compact to not marry a man without a beard.

An O'Neill man got up at 7:30 and made a five-mile trip in the country when the temperature was 10 below. He was heard to tell about it twenty-one times before sundown.

O'Neill has an admirable household of husband, wife and ten children. Nine hundred such families would make us a city of over 10,000. Think about it, husbands and wives.

When the ice is on the sidewalk
And the frost is in the air,
You have seen a man's feet go skyward—
And probably heard him swear.

A lady friend tells us she prefers cloudy weather during the full of the moon. She awoke the other morning and mistook the glare of the nocturnal illuminer for the rising sun, and not until after the kitchen fire was lighted and the kettle "singing" did she discover it was only 2 o'clock.

A local politician ventures to wager his next year's prospects for office that Theodore Roosevelt has had but one term as president and if nominated again will be a candidate for a second —not third—term. He says the president was elected only once and a second election wouldn't be a third term.

An O'Neill man with a keen eye to economy safeguarded his household from the long stretch of zero weather and incidentally got the edge on the coal man by ordering a car of coal early in the winter for another fellow and holding out his own winter's supply when the car arrived. The man for whom the coal was ordered unloaded and paid for the same before the freight bill came around, so the shrewd citizen got his winter's fuel for the simple act of mailing the order.

A Bank for Emmet.

Articles of incorporation have been drawn for a bank at Emmet, to be known as the Emmet State bank. It is capitalized at $25,000. The incorporators are Ed F. Gallagher, T. F. Birmingham, W. P. Daley and Fred H. Swingley.

Mr. Gallagher is to be the president, Mr. Birmingham vice-president and Mr. Daley cashier.

Emmet is rapidly taking on the air of a hustling village. A lumber yard, grain elevator and several new buildings went up there last year. The opening of spring will bring more new buildings and it is also stated that the Northwestern will build a depot.

Ray Items.

Good skating everywhere.

George Thavenet passed through here enrouted to Phoenix last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Sterns were visitors at J. Twyford's one day last week.

Henry Vequist is attending the Fremont normal; this makes his fourth week there.

Mrs. Jake Ernest, Sr., visited with her daughter, Mrs. Emma Johnson, one day last week.

Hazel Tanner and a few of the young people spent a pleasant evening at R. Twyford's home last Tuesday evening playing cards.

Miss Spindler we understand has resigned her position as teacher in the Stern's district, and will take up a position elsewhere.

Phoenix Pick-Ups

L. G. Coburn was a caller at Charles Finke's Wednesday.

Bert Parshall was a visitor at Mrs. T. Coburn's Tuesday.

Henry Bartels was a caller at Hans Storjohann's Friday evening.

O. N. Hendricks of Celia was a Phoenix visitor one day last week.

James Hood of Anncar was a caller at James Garin's Sunday morning.

Harmen Damero was an Atkinson visitor the latter part of last week.

James Reiser of Badger was a visitor at Ray Coburn's one day last week.

Mary Bartels visited at Ray Coburn's a couple of day's the last of the week.

Mrs. Thavanet, who has been quite sick for some time, is better at present writing.

Dr Stockwell was called from Butte Friday and again Saturday for Lena Damero who is very sick.

Elmer Enbody and Charles Andrus from near Emmet are in the neighborhood with their corn sheller.

A dance was given at Frank Ellis' over on Bush Creek Friday night and a pleasant time enjoyed by those present.

Mrs. Dr. Stockwell returned from Omaha Saturday, to her home at Butte. She is as well as can be expected, since her operation, as her friends here will be glad to hear.

Blanche: Poor Helen! Has the worst been told?

Grace: I think not. They're all waiting for your version.—Smart Set.

Oakdale Sentinel: Miss Edna Howe of O'Neill, who has been visiting her sisters, Miss Josie Howe and Mrs. Evans of University Place, stopped off for a few days' visit at the home of L. E. Tavener on her return home.

From the stuff being printed about seed corn one would think the farmers haven't known anything about their business.

The Price of Peace.

The terrible itching and smarting, incident to certain skin diseases, is almost instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Salve. Price, 25 cents. For sale by Gilligan & Stout.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

Of R. E. Chittick, County Treasurer, Showing Receipts, Disbursements and Balances for the Year, Beginning January 4, 1906 and Ending January 8, 1907.

RECEIPTS

To cash received from D. J. Cronin, ex-Treasurer	$106412 14	
total tax collected	157228 79	
school land principal collected	5446 00	
school land interest collected	1706 46	
school land lease collected	6918 43	
university land principal collected	48 00	
university land interest collected	149 40	
univeristy land lease collected	1471 66	
state apportionment	8936 30	
miscellaneous collections, county general	7601 03	
miscellaneous collections, county bridge	30 70	
fines and license	708 60	
interest on deposit	1214 06	
redemption	20458 00	
fees	1395 25	
from school district No. 135	60 00	
Total		$319784 82

DISBURSEMENTS

By state treasurers receipts, cons. state	$ 20689 85	
soldiers relief warrants paid	1100 00	
labor receipts	5283 00	
water bond	4774 73	
school orders paid, district levy	65404 23	
school bonds and coupons paid	1216 71	
special school	535 65	
township treasurers receipts	16058 84	
O'Neill judgment	2002 00	
village treasurers receipts	5432 40	
O'Neill railroad bonds paid	4109 95	
Grattan railroad bonds paid	4270 90	
special sidewalk	304 75	
county road warrants	168 00	
redemptions	19822 77	
Atkinson judgment	600 00	
orders of the county board	555 45	
university land, state treasurers receipts	1652 37	
school land, state treasurers receipts	13930 19	
school orders paid, state apportionment	8788 83	
salaries paid	3959 50	
county general warrants redeemed	55437 27	
county bridge warrants redeemed	8154 36	
warrants held in trust	4539 38	
cash on hand	70993 69	
Total		$319784 82

BALANCES

Consolidated State	$ 44 49		
Soldiers relief	742 35		
County judgment	84 43		
County school	1 72		
County funding	77 37		
Water bond	2466 54		
District school levy	27930 00		
School bond	13530 65		
Special school	4332 66		
Township	8117 18		
O'Neill judgment	1935 79		
Village	1774 14		
O'Neill railroad bond	855 24		
Irrigation	615 20		
Grattan railroad bond	2728 36		
Grattan judgment	204 54		
Special sidewalk	343 38		
Advertising	425 41		
County road	37 95		
Redemption	1787 29		
Atkinson judgment	421 91		
State apportionment	5259 99		
Railroad sinking	551 61		
County general	8 69		
County bridge	4123 61		
Center precinct court house bond	110 75		
Orders of the county board	24 47		
Excess fees and Docket fees	643 01		
Total	$79228 73		
Cash paid to J. C. Harnish, county treasurer		$70350 68	
Warrants in trust, turned over to J. C. Harnish		4498 53	
Warrants in trust, still held		40 85	
Amount due from Elkhorn Valley bank		3695 66	
Excess fees and Docket fees		643 01	
Total			$79228 73
Registered warrants on general fund			4539 38

State of Nebraska, County of Holt, ss.

I, R. E. Chittick, Treasurer of Holt County, Nebraska, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement of receipts, disbursements and balances is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. E. CHITTICK.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 26th day of January, A. D. 1907. W. P. SIMAR, County Clerk.

M. DOWLING, President JAS. F. O'DONNELL, Cashier

CAPITAL & SURPLUS $55,000.00

O'NEILL NAT'L BANK

Safety Deposit Boxes for Rent.

This Bank carries no indebtedness of Officers or Stockholders