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J. P. GALLAGHER

OPINION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Can Repair the But Not Build a New Bridge.

The legal opinions as to the repairing or replacing of the Lynch bridge, which was swept away by high water a month ago, are now available for the guidance of the supervisors of Holt and Boyd counties. County Attorney Whelan took the matter up with Attorney General Thompson to ascertain if this county had authority to contract for repairs or reconstruction of the bridge under the existing condition of the bridge fund. The attorney general replies that the board has such authority and also that should they refuse the adjoining county could collect a share of the expense if they made the repairs.

Mr. Whelan in a letter to the attorney general, sets forth the present condition of the bridge fund in this county and directs several questions to the head of the legal department. He says the bridge fund for 1908 is totally exhausted, nor is there anything left from previous years. The 1909 levy will approximate \$13,000. Judgments of about \$16,000 are now standing against the bridge fund with \$4,000 more in sight, which will make \$20,000 by July 1. "The levy for 1909 cannot therefore, even if collected in full, equal more than 65 per cent of the judgment indebtedness against this fund."

"This disproportionate indebtedness," says Mr. Whelan, "has been caused for the most part through the necessity of rebuilding and keeping in repair these four bridges across the Niobrara river, and for the past two years all such work has been done under the emergency clause."

It was for the purpose of ascertaining whether the county board had the authority to proceed with bridge repairing that the aid of the attorney general was enlisted and the points involved are embodied by Mr. Whelan in a series of nine questions. Does the law permit a county board to declare emergencies for the repair of bridges? Can the adjoining county compel this county to enter into a joint contract to repair said bridge, or upon its refusal can the adjoining county have the bridge repaired and compel this county to contribute? These are the main points although other details are inquired into.

The attorney general holds that the county board has a right to declare an emergency relative to any bridge that needs repairs but cannot construct an entirely new bridge under an emergency pretext. He also holds that an overdrawn fund is not sufficient excuse for refusal to repair a bridge where needed and that an adjoining county can compel a joint contract for the repair of the bridge. According to Mr. Thompson's construction of the law this county cannot at present enter into a contract for a new bridge at Lynch and all we can do is to repair the damaged bridge. This is the view taken also by the county attorney and some members of the board of supervisors. A new steel bridge has been talked of, but this would mean additional indebtedness against the bridge fund of \$12,000.

The county board meets next Monday when it is expected that the bridge matter will be disposed of in some way.

For Sale.

A good five room house and barn 12 feet wide by 40 feet long and eleven acres of land, joining the town of O'Neill. M. H. McCarthy. 38-4

A Breeze From the Windy City

Mrs. Marie Keough appeared at the opera-house Sunday evening according to announcement and in a sympathetic appeal, supplemented with numerous references to personal achievements as well as personal thrusts from race and religious view points, held the attention—approvable or otherwise—of one of the largest audiences ever assembled for a similar occasion while she handled the liquor proposition. She remained over Monday and spoke again that evening. She was in the city under the auspicious of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, of whose work as a national and world-wide organization she spoke in highest praise.

The main feature of Sunday evening's talk was a sympathetic appeal for sobriety and the abatement of the liquor traffic, and abounded with illustrations of the practical effect of persistent liquor drinking familiar to all. She first became interested in the children side of the liquor traffic when as a member of the board of education of Chicago she came in contact with diseased, deformed and crippled children of inebriated parents and had an active part in establishing a school for these little unfortunates. She gradually widened her scope of work and is now on the platform to raise her voice against the licensed saloon.

Barring, perhaps, a tendency to display personal vanity and a keen disposition to reflect on other races and religions, her address was well received and contained some wholesome truths for old and young.

O'Neill usually turns out a critical audience, hence they were not slow to condemn some features which marked the speech of Monday evening. It was even more profuse with race and creed feeling than the one of Sunday evening and precipitable disapproval was manifested by the audience. She paid her compliments to the town in a general way that made the people feel that she ought to stay out west a while and fumigate with Nebraska breezes the Chicago smoke and dust from her brain and lungs.

Asks \$30,000 Damages.

Another railroad damage case comes from Dawes county to be tried in the district court of Holt county. A suit has been filed against the Chicago & Northwestern by Frank Hoffman, administrator of the estate of George V. Glover, deceased, asking for \$30,000 for the life of Glover who died at Chadron November 12, 1907, his death alleged to have been caused by injuries sustained on the defendant company's railroad.

Glover was a brakeman working for the company and about 2 o'clock on the morning of November 11, 1907, the petition sets forth, started for his home from the railroad yards in Chadron and was struck by a train while crossing a railroad track, sustaining injuries from which he died the next day. The petition alleges negligence on the part of the railroad company because it "failed to give notice or warning to said George V. Glover of the approach of said car, and that the movement of said car, at said time, in the dark, without a light and without a brakeman thereon, and without giving notice or warning of its approach, was a reckless, careless and negligent act."

Glover left a widow and three minor children and the suit is brought in their behalf by the administrator, through M. F. Harrington and R. M. Johnson.

A Sad Death.

One of the saddest deaths that has cast a gloom over our midst in a long time was the passing away yesterday morning of Martha, daughter of S. F. McNichols. Martha had been hovering between life and death since Sunday and death came not unexpected to the relatives and friends. She had been ill for about two weeks, having come down with tonsillitis on March 18 or 19. The tonsillitis was apparently under control and would have proved nothing serious had not septicaemia or blood poison developed and was the immediate cause of her death.

Martha, age 15 years, 11 months and 22 days, was a charming young personality who was beloved by the entire community for her exceptional loving and cheerful nature and her many friends can hardly become reconciled to the fact that she is gone. It is a peculiarly hard blow to the immediate family as it is less than a year that the mother and grandmother were laid away. The father especially feels the blow as he and Martha were great companions. She was a member of the graduating class of St. Mary's academy and had she lived would have no doubt had a bright future.

The remains were shipped today to Colo, Iowa, accompanied by her father, brother and sister. Her mother is buried there, having taken ill and died there when she went to attend the funeral of her father a little over a year ago.

Pencil marks can sometimes be removed from white paint by gently rubbing them with bread crumbs in the direction of their course (not across), or by rubbing with a slice of lemon or raw potatoe. In more obstinate cases all traces can be removed with a soft piece of linen moistened with pure turpentine or benzine, taking care to wipe it off quickly with a dry rag afterwards. The polish can be restored to the surface by lightly rubbing with a soft rag dipped in a very little pure linseed oil, or by just polishing with a little whiting. If the pencil has left indentation marks they can be got out by laying a piece of felt that has been wrung out of water over the place, then pressing a very hot iron over the felt.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the electors of Grattan township will be held at the court-house on Tuesday, April 6, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of making settlement with the township treasurer, making levies for the ensuing year and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

J. C. Carney,
Township Clerk.

To Let, Sell or Trade.

I offer the Pfund building in O'Neill for rent, sale or trade for land. Address Geo. E. Hansen, Leonie, Neb. 38-5pd

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold their usual Bazar on Saturday, April 10th, at the McManus Annex. In addition to the regular offerings, there will be a Dutch booth and a Dutch garden. Everyone should patronize this unique bazar.

I own and offer for sale or rent the best farm on the Elkhorn river, five miles west of O'Neill. Big timber and blue grass pasture, good hay and splendid land.—Peter McMonigal.

MINOR MENTION

The Portland (Oregon) Daily has the following to say about "Tilly Olson" which will play at the opera-house Tuesday evening, April 6th. The usual Sunday turnout was present at the Empire theatre yesterday to greet "Tilly Olson." This play was written to play to the same patrons as "Ole Olson" and "Yon Yonson" and has succeeded in getting the game. Tilly is a Scandinavian girl who has enough adventures to satisfy a dozen ordinary heroines, and all the time these things are happening she is making the audience laugh. Tilly is a servant girl on a farm, but leaves to go to Minneapolis, where she frustrates a bank robbery. Of course, Tilly is always doing something funny and this is what she is expected to do. Aimee Commins is playing the Swede girl this season and she appears to be successful, for the Empire patrons liked her. Besides the fun written in the play, there are a number of specialties introduced at odd moments when the play stops to take a rest. The specialties went well.

O'Neill has just had a kidnapping sensation. The kidnapers have not been apprehended but the stolen "child" is reported to have arrived safely home. A pet dog belonging to an O'Neill woman was "kidnapped" and a letter addressed to the owner demanding that \$24.25 be deposited in the vacant lot between the two cemeteries on last Friday night or the "kidnapers" would mutilate the dog by cutting off his tail, punch out his eyes and clip his ears. When the dog disappeared the anxious mistress supposed it stolen or that it had come to a tragic end by taking poison, but the letter seemed to explain the disappearance of the canine member of the family. In great excitement she telephoned her husband that she had news of the lost dog. He couldn't carry the joke any farther. He had a good laugh out of it, but it is also said his wife hasn't spoken to him since.

It took the last day for filing petitions for nominating candidates for city offices to stir things up. Last Saturday was the last day and petitions were circulated that day placing in nomination D. A. Doyle for mayor and one for Sheridan Simmons nominating him for the same position. Doyle's petition was filed that night, but Simmons' was not filed so the candidates for city offices are as follows: Mayor: O. F. Biglin, D. A. Doyle. City Clerk: Clarence Campbell, Herb Hammond. City treasurer: J. F. Gallagher. Councilmen: First ward: D. H. Cronin, T. A. Quilty. Second ward, Frank Campbell, M. H. McCarthy. Third ward: C. E. Hall.

Plainview Republican: The death of Tobias Jasek still remains a mystery. His friends at O'Neill have failed to locate the money, gold watch, rifle and valise which Jasek had when he left Wisconsin. Shortly before leaving for O'Neill Jasek wrote that if his friends needed money he would be pleased to send them some. The friends at O'Neill are now convinced that Jasek was the victim of foul play. It is thought that the two suspicious strangers who boarded the freight train at Copenhagen that night for Sioux City were not in that vicinity for their health but for the wealth of Tobias Jasek.

I have a 400 acre good pasture, running water, and will take a limited number of horses to pasture for the season of 1909, at 40 cents a head, per month.—George E. Hansen, Leonie, Neb. 41-2pd

An Oakland, Calif., paper contained the following account of Jack Sullivan's fight with Al Neill, before the Oakland sporting club on March 19th. From this account it seems that Jack was entitled to the decision but was given the worst of it by the referee: "Montana Jack Sullivan, who furnished the main event with Al Neill, had the decision about as far as from here to Yokohama, but Eddie Smith wore his smoked glasses again and could only see enough of Sullivan's hard work and lead over Neill to give him an equal break. Sullivan showed his liking for a longer route by slipping one over on Eddie, just to show his disapproval of this decision, and Mr. Smith went down for the count of nine. When he was able to remove his above-mentioned smoked glasses, all he could see was Sullivan's brother, on whom he proceeded to seek 'revenge.' Sullivan is packing around a nicely-painted eye today to show that Eddie still knows the game, from one angle, at least."

Two candidates are now out for mayor and both state they have a platform. Candidate Biglin says he stands for a "clean up" of the town, conservation of resources and public improvements. Candidate Doyle's platform is similar with the material addition of the "daylight saloon" program. That implies closed saloons at night. No bitterness nor vindictiveness seems to animate either candidate who say they will pleasantly abide by the "will of the people."

Last Tuesday M. J. Vaughn sold his farm, three miles west of this city, to John J. Schmahr, of Saline county, receiving \$4,800 therefor. For several years Mike Vaughn was a conductor on the Burlington railroad with headquarters at Alliance, having moved here from that city a year ago. Mike says that he has no intention of returning to railroading but will hang around here and re-invest his money in Holt county soil as he says there is more money in that than swinging a lantern and punching tickets.

E. E. Halstead of Ponca, president of the Fidelity Bank, was in the city Tuesday and attended the annual meeting of the stockholders of that institution that evening. The old officers were all re-elected and a dividend of ten per cent was declared and 10 per cent was added to the surplus fund. The stockholders expressed themselves as highly pleased with the prosperity of the bank under the guidance of Cashier O'Donnell, the deposits having more than doubled since he took the management, less than a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. David Brion of Ewing celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary last Saturday. They are among the most prominent citizens of that thriving village. Mr. Brion for years conducting a general mercantile establishment there, and last Saturday they celebrated their wedding anniversary by keeping open house and received the hearty congratulations of their townspeople.

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Sanitary Extra Super—Moth proof and reversible 36 inches wide, 35c.
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 Double Extra Super—All wool, 36 inches wide, 75c.
 Smith Axminster—Dark and light patterns; 27 inches wide, \$1.15 per yard.
 Smith Saxony Axminster Rug—9 ft. by 12 ft., \$25.00.
 Smith Saxony Axminster Rug—9 ft. by 10 ft., \$19.00.
 Electra Axminster—9 ft. by 12 ft. \$27.00.
 Electra Axminster—8 ft.

by 10 ft., \$22.50.
 Lancaster Art Square—9 ft. by 12 ft., all wool, \$10.
 Ventnor Wilton Rugs—Sizes 3 ft. to 7 ft. long, \$2.75 to \$7.
 Axminster—Sizes 2 to 7 ft. long, \$1.25 to \$5.00.
 Floor Oil Cloth—4, 6 and 8 quarter, 35c square yard.
 Floor Oil Cloth—Oak border, 4 quarter, 50c square yard.
 Imported Printed Linoleum—2 yards wide, 62c square yard.
 Granite Inlaid Linoleum—2 yards wide, \$1.00 square yard.
 Chinese Straw Matting—36 inches wide, 15 to 25c.
 Jap Matting—36 inches wide, 25 to 40c.