

THE COMMISSIONERS.

Doings of the Board of County Commissioners.

Plattsmouth, Neb., March 7, 1893.—Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present Jacob Tritsch, S. W. Dutton and J. H. Hayes, county commissioners. Frank Dickson county clerk.

Minutes of February session read and approved, when the following was transacted in regular form.

The following appointments were made:

ROAD OVERSEER. Jacob Person, District No. 7. Wm. Morson, District No. 18. R. Morson, District No. 19. Wm. Leesley, District No. 26. J. H. Davis, District No. 43.

OFFICIAL BONDS APPROVED. M. B. Williams, District No. 33. Fred Dreessen, District No. 20. J. W. Collart, Elmwood precinct.

COUNTY PHYSICIAN. B. F. Brendel, District No. 2. E. Bazick, District No. 5. J. H. Hasemeir, District No. 4. J. W. Thomas, District No. 3. N. R. Hobbs, District No. 6. E. W. Cook, District No. 1.

Claim of J. M. Ward for furnishing coffin for pauper reconsidered and allowed.

Claim of Geo. H. Oliver for refunding part of tax 1891 on lots 3 and 4 block 99. Weeping Water was refused, as the evidence from the assessors book for that year shows no clerical error was made in the assessment of said property.

March 8, 1893.—Resignation of Dr. W. Kirk, Justice of the Peace in and for South Bend precinct filed and accepted.

March 9th 1893.—Contract for constructing of county bridges for the year 1893 was awarded Todd & Dundas of Lincoln Neb., at \$4.08 per lineal foot.

The following bids were received: Wrought Iron Bridges Co. of Canton, Ohio \$4.30.

Todd & Dundas, \$4.08. Milwaukee Bridge Co. of Council Bluffs \$4.50 per foot.

T. J. Cromwell of Ashland \$4.25. St. Joe Iron & Bridge Co., \$4.48 per foot.

H. J. Mayer of St. Joe \$5.25 per foot. H. K. Marey of Ashland, Neb., \$4.18 per foot.

It was also agreed with Todd & Dundas, that for all bridges repaired, they are to receive 50 cents per lineal foot for piling, including caps \$30 per M. for all lumber furnished, including all labor.

CLAIMS ALLOWED GENERAL FUND.

Jacob Tritsch, sal & exp. \$22.20

S. W. Dutton, same. 40.00

J. C. Hayes, same. 17.00

Frank Dickson work sal and expenses. 310.28

Ben Hempel, janitor and extra time. 60.00

C. W. Sherman, stationery. 57.75

A. B. Knotts, same. 3.00

W. J. White, coal to Co. 104.65

Bennett & Tuttle, mdse to poor (2 bills). 32.00

Brown & Barrett, mdse poor. 6.20

Seb Telephone Co., tel rent. 24.80

R. Wilkinson, coffin for pauper. 24.00

J. M. Ward, same. 6.00

Platts Gas & Elec Light Co., gas. 30.30

Aug Bach, mdse to poor. 8.00

C. S. Twiss, work at court house. 7.00

A. M. Russell, def prisoners in district court. 30.00

M. Hight, bdg pauper. 12.00

Joseph Graham, care to poor. 15.00

E. Stutzenegger, mdse to poor. 16.00

J. C. Eikenbary, bdg paupers less rent. 60.10

Lehnhoff Bros., stationery. 21.60

Matthew Gering, def prisoners district court. 30.00

A. H. Weckbach, mdse to poor. 12.45

State Journal Co., mdse to County. 16.10

C. E. Wescott, mdse to poor. 10.00

Dickson Stophor Co., coal to poor. 9.63

A. Clark, mdse to poor. 9.05

G. W. Noble, institute funds sal and exp. 128.50

D. A. Campbell, vol 34 Neb., reports. 2.50

J. Schippacasse, bdg jury. 6.50

F. S. White, mdse to poor. 23.00

Snyder Bros., same. 20.00

John Swoboda, same. 4.00

J. C. Smith, keeping poor. 10.00

F. McCourt, mdse to poor. 36.00

W. F. Richardson, rent of house to poor. 10.20

Omaha Printing Co., stationery. 17.00

Joseph Mullen, service on soldiers relief com. 24.00

J. W. Johnson, same. 20.00

J. H. Davis, same. 22.50

State Journal Co., printing bridge notice. 12.50

B. F. Brendel, phy salary. 6.00

Wm Tighe, bdg and ldg prisoners, etc. 127.50

Chris Strahr, witness district court. 3.20

W. H. Dearing, costs J. E. Stull et al vs. Cass county. 4.93

Cost Bill, State vs. Vander-venter. 13.15

Cost Bill, State vs. Weaver. 152.23

J. Hansen, mdse to poor. 17.00

F. Fowler, mdse to poor. 10.40

Table with financial data: Total \$1761.35, COUNTY ROAD FUND, John Kleiser, viewing road 2.50, N. H. Meeker, Adner, road damage 100.00, DIST ROAD FUND, O. E. Chandler, District 21, 35.72, Board adjourned to meet in regular session Tuesday, April 4th 1893. FRANK DICKSON, County Clerk.

MURDOCK.

Mr. McGuire sold his business in the Pool hall to Mr. Wm. Wright of Manley who will take possession about March 11th.

A. Zudbel, our genial postmaster and merchant has bought out Mr. F. Haas' stock of general merchandise and re-located the store building also. It is the best in town. He will take possession at once, and move his goods from the present place into the rooms of his new quarters. We wish him success.

An uncle of Mr. F. Stock is here on a visit from Missouri.

A little boy of Mr. Long is very sick with typhoid fever. Dr. Friday of Ashland is attending the little sufferer.

A surprise and birthday party was given to Mrs. E. W. Evans in commemoration of her 73d birthday. A large number of her friends were present and a very enjoyable time was had by all.

We think that Mr. P. Eveland beats everybody in getting his wheat sowed this year, as he commenced March 10th.

Peter Eveland was the most surprised man we ever beheld on the evening of March 10th, when about sixty of his friends gathered at his always hospitable home, the occasion being his 47th birthday. A very enjoyable time was had by all. Games by the young people and chats about old times by the old, were kept up to a late hour, when a fine oyster supper was served, after which all departed for their homes amidst a fearful wind-storm, but with the assurance of having spent a very pleasant evening.

Dr. Kirk of South Bend, gave a lecture on "Modern Christianity" in our school house, last Thursday evening, which was the beginning of a series of meetings to be held by the Christian church. The meeting is carried on by a lady missionary whose name we were unable to learn.

A big time is expected by everybody next Friday night, when the musical entertainment will take place in Murdock. All that can should turn out and hear the scholars of Mrs. Bishop.

Grandpa Nippert is quite sick at his home here. Dr. Madding is attending him.

Dr. Madding returned from his trip to Frontier county, Neb., and reports things booming out there.

The excavation for the new parsonage for the Lutheran congregation has commenced, and the work will be pushed as fast as it can.

Rikli & Neitzle have their new implement house about completed.

EIGHT MILE GROVE.

An exhibiton will be given at the school house, in Eight Mile Grove on Friday evening, March 17th. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Mrs. R. Marrow is very sick with typhoid fever.

Miss Iva Minford and Miss Cora Davis were passengers to Omaha Monday afternoon.

Mr. S. M. Davis is keeping alive the enterprise of our vicinity by laying the foundation for a new house on one of his new farms.

A. S. Will leads out in farm labor by setting his men to cutting stalks.

Mr. Niley Davis has purchased the entire stock of the firm known as Edmonds & Root, of Murray.

Mr. Jacob Vallery shipped a car load of cattle to Omaha today.

The warm days last week coached the boys out to gather the corn that was snowed under last December.

Mr. Howard Young who has been teaching school east of Eight Mile Grove was taken suddenly ill last Tuesday and compelled him to close his school.

Ely Perkins Discovered a Puzlist. Melville D. Landon, who is known to the public as Eli Perkins, was battered and bruised Monday in a fight with a Pullman car porter.

The trouble arose over an argument Mr. Landon entered into with the porter. Hot words brought on blows. The porter was discharged when the train reached St. Louis.

"This coat is too tight across the chest."

"Well, it won't be long. You are a cigarette smoker you know."

A FRONTIER FARMERS WIFE.

Her Burdens Are Many, and Her Pleasures Are Few.

The woman who live in cities can form no estimate of the work done day after day by the farmer's wife on the frontier. There are no convenient laundries, bakeries or stores where she could buy the ready made articles she is compelled to make for herself. It is unceasing work with her from early sunrise until long after the hours have grown small at night. She lights the fires for breakfast.

Nowhere is a man so completely lord and master as on the farm. His mother was a farmer's wife and lighted the fires his wife shall do the same. While the kettle is boiling she does the milking, and cases are not rare where a farmer's wife milks as many as 8 or 10 cows twice a day. The milk is carried into the cellar in great heavy pails that would try a man's strength, and she returns to the work of getting breakfast. During the progress of the meal she cannot sit back and eat and rest, as many do, but is kept jumping up and down waiting on the men folks and children. It is often a question to strangers who visit on the frontier if she ever gets a chance to eat at all. Then the children are to be started off to school, and though the credit of their education falls to the father it is the mother who does extra work that they may go, and who pulls them out of bed and starts them off in time every morning.

The milk is to be strained and put away, crocks scalded, butter churned, and the dishes and chamber work still wait. Dinner and supper and afternoon work take up her day. Then in their turns throughout the week there are washing, ironing, baking every other day, scrubbing, sweeping, sewing and mending. In harvest time she will have as many as 14 to cook for and does it all alone. It is seldom that a farmer feels that he can afford to hire help in the kitchen. She has the vegetable garden to see to. To brighten the dreariness of her life she has close to the seldom opened door a bed of half staved looking flowers—old fashioned coxcomb, four o'clocks, grass pink and a few other cheerful looking plants that will thrive under neglect. She makes everything that her family wears except hats and shoes. She has no time to think of rest or self.

It is in most cases her lot to welcome a new baby every other year, and the only time when help is employed to assist her is for a period of two or three weeks when the little stranger arrives. The births of the babies are about all that vary the monotony of her life. Occasionally death calls and takes from her tired arms a little life and leaves in its place an added pain in her heart. She is old and tired out at 30.

When her daughters reach the age at which they could assist her, the dreary prospect of a frontier life appalls them, and they seek employment in town. Nothing in her house is of late improvement. Her washboard is of the kind her mother used, and her churn in its heavy, clumsy build shows that it belongs to the same date. Improvement stalks along over the farm and leaves no trace in the kitchen. Her pleasures are few. The satisfaction that she is doing her best seems to be all that rewards her. She is heroine in a calico dress, wrinkled and steep shouldered—a woman with a burden who never complains. Late at night, when all the members of the family are in bed, a light will shine out across the prairie from the family living room. It is by this light the farmer's wife is doing her mending and sewing, and it will shine out long after the occasional travel that way has stopped, and no one but the one who blows it out knows at what hour the patient burden bearer's labors cease.—Baltimore Herald.

Drying Brewers' Grains.

A special machine has been devised for effecting the drying of brewers' grains in vacuum at a low temperature. "Brewers' grains" are now largely employed for feeding cows and horses, but the high nutritive value of the spent grains known by that name is not generally known. The desiccated product of the new process has proved to be of a highly satisfactory character, being free from the peculiar bitter taste so often possessed by brewers' grains and showing on analysis a very high percentage of proteids and fat producing material.

The advantages claimed for the vacuum drying process are: The lowest working expenses with greatest capacity, rapid drying at lowest temperature and consequent excellent quality of the dried grains; no loss of material or nutritive properties, as the grains are not pressed before drying; a clean and simple process, and the avoidance of vapor in the drying rooms or vicinity.—New York Telegram.

Deceptions of Wild Birds.

Falcons, hawks—the largest species—can compress their feathers and look very slim, if they think it necessary to do so. As to the owls, they can hump up into any position they think most suitable. It is useless to look for these self preserving traits in any of the family kept in zoological collections, for the birds are so accustomed to see large numbers of people passing and re-passing, or standing in front of them, that they treat the whole matter with perfect indifference. They know that at a certain time their food will be brought them, and that they are otherwise perfectly safe. Then the raptors in a wild state have a bloom on their plumage like the bloom on a bunch of grapes, which is not often seen when in captivity.—Cornhill Magazine.

Looking For Bear.

A party of farmers in Wales once set out in search of a bear which had escaped from a traveling menagerie and roamed their lands with considerable detriment to their live stock. In the course of their quest one of the farmers, observing a brown animal of considerable size lying apparently asleep under a tree, discharged his gun at it with fatal effect. The victim of his zeal, however, turned out to be a common donkey. The bear was ultimately tracked.—London Tit-Bits.

THE HERO OF TODAY.

ELEMENTS OF CHARACTER WHICH RAISE MAN TO THE FORE.

A Man is Often Judged by the Men He Admires, as is a Nation by the Kind of Men She Honors—Courage is Not the Only Quality Requisite to a Hero.

It is a truth which has not yet come to be fully realized that much of the character of an individual depends upon his ideas of heroism. What he admires and honors is a good test of what he is, or rather what he longs to be, and his heroes will always have a strong attractive force, which will draw him as far as possible into their sphere. In all the various types of the hero one quality remains forever prominent—courage. The cannibal who has distinguished himself by the number of his murders, the robber chieftain who had held thousands at bay, the Indian with his belt adorned with scalps, the duelist who holds his life cheaper than his fancied honor, have all in times past been regarded as heroes, and whatever estimate they now receive, no one denies their courage.

Equally so, the martyr who goes cheerfully to the stake; the man who braves obloquy and contempt for truth as he holds it; he who risks his life to save another, or devotes it unreservedly to the good of mankind; one who can bear and endure, and another who can dare and do, all are, in turn, heroes to those who appreciate them, and all are distinguished by the same element—courage. Whatever be the virtue or the vice; whatever the cause engaged in; whatever the motives which govern the life—no one has ever been made a hero, even in thought, unless in some way he has shown strength and bravery. Cowardice and weakness, pusillanimity and fear, are opposed in their very essence to all heroism, and no merits, however great, can form a connecting link between them.

The mistake, however, which has long been made, and which we are only beginning to correct, is that courage alone can make a hero. To some extent we have given up this notion. Our present heroes are no longer cannibals or robbers or duelists, however courageous such men may have been. We have come to admit that something else must be united to bravery to create heroism. And what is that something else? Is it not some noble purpose outside of self and its interests. The glad and willing sacrifice for something higher than pleasure or interest, comfort or ease, united to the courage which scorns all mean temptations and persists in the truth and right, as far as it is seen, spite of all obstacles—that is the true heroism which we are vaguely seeking and beginning to appreciate.

The prizefighter may be bold and intrepid in giving and receiving blows; but, except to a few like himself, he has ceased to be a hero, for his purposes are low and selfish. The suicide may have the courage to throw away his life, but he has not that heroic courage which lives on, enduring, hoping and working, in spite of all the adverse circumstances of his lot. The great conquerors of the world who have plunged their nations

into cruel wars for the sake of their own glory and aggrandizement were pre-eminently the heroes of a past age, but we are gradually learning that the true hero of his country is the man who seeks her best welfare, who defends her rights and consults her interests, and who for this great purpose is ready to take praise or blame, to govern or to be governed, to live or to die. Our own Washington and Lincoln were men of this stamp, and we are justly proud to have them head the list of our country's heroes.

Not, however, only in public life and under the gaze of the multitude do we find the true hero. In the home and in the school-room, in the office and the workshop, in the crowded street and open field, he may be discovered by those who can appreciate what heroism really is. Whoever has a high and worthy purpose at heart, whether of truth or duty or love, and also has the strength and courage to work, to sacrifice and to suffer, if need be, for its sake, is worthy of the name.

One quietly denies himself pleasure or comfort or ease for the aged parent or the sick child. Another gives up cherished plans because they would interfere with the claims of a dependent family. One faces the displeasure of friends and society sooner than forsake his principles, another employs all his power in defense of the weak and against the oppressor. Our hero must be strong and brave, but he must also be magnanimous and unselfish, not counting the cost, in his great desire to further his noble purpose.

Such men and women are always among us, but in the retirement of private life they are inevitably known but to a few. Those few, however, should esteem it their privilege and duty to honor such true heroism, and to extend its influence. Especially should the young be taught to recognize and revere it. It should be an important part of the education of every child to form within him a true and worthy conception of heroism, and to enable him to recognize it wherever it exists.

Too often his only idea of it is found in the sensational romance, or in the examples around him of men who, for praise or glory or gain, will do daring deeds and manifest a physical bravery often at a fearful cost to their fellow-men. Let us give him a truer ideal and afford him a higher example.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Didn't Know It All.

Boy—I seen a card on y'r winder wid "Boy Wanted" writ on it. Got one yet? Merchant—I have not found one to suit me. Have you had any experience in our business? Boy—No, not much, but I s'pose you'll be around yourself some o' th' time.—Good News.

Difficult to Distinguish.

Bilkins—Is your friend an English author? Wilkins—No; he's only a dyspeptic.—New York Weekly.

Richter was fond of pets and at one time kept a great spider in a paper box carefully feeding and tending the creature for many months.

The Japanese say, "A man takes a drink, then the drink takes a drink, and the next drink takes the man."

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