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## BOOM IN REAL ESTATE. Lands Double In Value.

If the number of farms and the value in figures, of the lands which have changed hands in Sherman county, in the past five years were placed before our readers, its magnitude would strike many of you as a revelation. We take the period of five years, because, while it is a fact that a great many more farms have been sold in proportion during the past two, still this movement in Sherman county lands began fully five years ago, and it is probably safe for us to make the statement, that more lands have changed hands in Sherman county, in that length of time, than any other county in the state of Nebraska. There is some cause for these conditions, we have arrived at the conclusion that we have several firms of real live, energetic real estate dealers, and in part, this position which our county has attained is in no small degree due to their unceasing efforts. Very few of us realize the benefits our community has derived thereby: The farmer who has wished to sell his land has had the opportunity to do so, the one who elected to stay with his land now has a farm worth fully twice as much as it was five years

ago, and the new purchasers are proving themselves to be desirable citizens and neighbors, of whom any community has just cause to feel proud, and honored by their presence. Our towns have, and are enjoying a period of business prosperity in sharp contrast to its past stagnant condition, and the present seems to us to bear more promise for future business success than at any time in the past.

Some of the representative large sales have been the Monnette and Talbot lands—2560 acres, for \$30,400.00 to Henry Kuhl, a stock raiser from Iowa, who on March 1st will bring his family to their future home, six miles south of Loup City and with him a fine herd of Short Horns. The Rawson-Paige-Pedler tract of 609 acres and the Carsten Truelsen farm of 920 acres for \$13,000.00 and \$2000.00 respectfully, to the Stenger Brothers, who are to stock the Truelsen place next spring. The Wollcott of 1720 acres near Hazard, and many smaller deals of 1000 acres and less, might be mentioned but space forbids. We are glad to make note of these facts, as it bespeaks a prosperity in which all must participate.

## GRANTED A FRANCHISE. Village Board Befriends Enterprise.

Loup City Neb., Dec 17, 1903. Regular meeting of village board of Loup City. Present: E. S. Hayhurst, chairman; O. F. Peterson and Henry Ohlsen.

Meeting called to order by E. S. Hayhurst and meeting of July 16 read and approved.

On motion the following claims were audited; allowed and warrants drawn on their respective funds as follows:

GENERAL FUND.	
James Depew,	\$ 80
W. J. Fisher	10 00
STREET FUND	
H. W. Pedler	\$40 00
James Conger	50
H. W. Pedler	2 30
Keystone Lumber Co.	10.17
WATER FUND.	
Keystone Lumber Co.	\$21 29
H. Jenner	38 85
Keystone Lumber Co.	17 20

Ordinance No 61, granting the Loup City Telephone Company a franchise was passed and ordered published and is recorded in Ordinance Record No. 1, of Loup City.

There being no further business to be transacted board adjourned to Jan. 24, 1904.

W. J. FISHER,  
Village Clerk.

The above telephone service is a branch of the Central Telephone Company at Broken Bow and, as we stated last week, it connects us with all the principal towns and a large area of farming country in our sister counties to the north and west. The line is completed to Loup City and the station is to be at the drug store of Odendahl Bros.

## MANSLAUGHTER THE VERDICT. Sentenced For Five Years.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week was consumed in the trial of the Duesterhoft case. The state was ably represented by County Attorney J. S. Pedler and Hon. H. M. Mathew and the defendant's counsels, Hon. Aaron Wall and Robt. P. Starr made a splendid effort in his defense. The argument to the jury by Judge Wall was eloquent and forcible.

The large array of witnesses for the state wove a chain of circumstantial evidence so closely around the accused that it was quite impossible to convince the jury of his innocence, yet it seemed clear that while he was responsible for the death of his wife, there was no intention or premeditation on his part to commit murder, and because of these circumstances the jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter and recommended a light sentence. The judge passed sentence about 11 o'clock Saturday morning, giving the prisoner five years in the penitentiary at hard labor.

The jury went into the box about 8:00 o'clock in the evening and

brought in the verdict at 10:00. Judge Gutterson paid the jury a very high compliment, saying that he believed the verdict was just and in accordance with the law and evidence. The jury in the case was composed of the following named citizens from different parts of the county:

John Zoehal, John Dickerson, Fred Bereck, Sylvester Krance, Frank Bonezynski, Wallace Peters, R. H. Gibson, Gus Lorentz, Benson Parkhurst, Albert Snyder, H. W. Brodock, Vincent Bogacz.

The verdict and sentence seems to give general satisfaction.

Sheriff Snyder took his prisoner to Lincoln Wednesday.

Quite a number of other cases were disposed of and a few were put over to the next term. Judge Gutterson adjourned court sine die Saturday at 12:00 m., and in doing so stated that it was quite likely that Judge Hostetler elect would hold his first term of court in Sherman county some time in January.

The costs in the Duesterhoft case

amounts to a very large sum. The following is a list of costs as estimated by the county clerk:

Court expenses, ..... \$ 243 98

Defendant's counsel, Wall, 140 00

Defendant's counsel, Starr, 140 00

Extra counsel state. Mathew 100 00

Cost of jury in case ..... 125 00

Board for jury..... 46 00

Bailiff in case..... 12 00

84 days board of prisoner... 169 00

Taking prisoner to Lincoln. 25 00

Total..... \$1,000.98

## SHEEP INDUSTRY. Business Thought To Be Profitable.

A gentleman by the name of G. H. Gietzen, of Columbus, Neb and who purchased the section of land 4 miles southeast of town, known as the Shmacker farm has recently had a flock of 2,200 head of sheep shipped here from Wyoming. The sheep have been here over a month and are said to be looking

fine. Mr. Gietzen has purchased several fields of corn south of town and letting the sheep do the husking. At present the sheep are being kept at the farm of Wm. Criss or the Pilger farm. Mr. Gietzen is a practical stock man and seems to think this is a fine sheep country. He is also feeding four ear loads of cattle at Central City.

## NEWS FROM CLEORA. Christmas Exercises at Church.

A number of the young folks from Cleora attended the party given at Mr. Sweetland's Tuesday evening. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Frank Zwink returned from Ashton Wednesday where he has been visiting his grand parents a few days.

Mr. Allie Simmons purchased a fine new top buggy of T. M. Reed last Saturday.

Miss. Mabel Spohr returned from York to spend the holidays

with her parents.

Mr. John Zimmerman and sister Icie, Mr. Richard Spohr and sister Mable attended church in town Sunday evening.

School closes in the Zimmerman district Thursday afternoon for a weeks vacation.

Every one is invited to attend the Christmas exercises, which are to be held Thursday evening at the Cleora church.

Mr. Fred Zwink entered school in the Zwink district Monday.

## TROUBLE AT ASHTON. More Than Fifty Shots Fired.

Ashton was the scene of much trouble last Tuesday night and all over the disputed right of possession of a B. & M. freight car. Robt. Watka was the man who is credited with having created the disturbance and is now under arrest. Sheriff Snyder at the county seat, received a telephone message Wednesday morning to go down to Ashton, but as he had arranged to go to Lincoln, deputy sheriff Brewer was sent in his place. Mr. Watka is a grain buyer at Ashton and had ordered two cars to ship wheat, one had been furnished, filled and shipped. But he needed another and so, it is said, swiped one from Mr Taylor, another grain buyer, and proceeded to fill it in spite of the objections of the station agent and Mr. Taylor. The matter was reported to the superintendent, who

ordered the section bosses from Loup City, Ashton and Farwell to dump the wheat on the ground and return the car to Mr. Taylor. Accordingly section foreman, J. Synak from Loup City and the others from Ashton and Farwell proceeded, as per instructions, to unload said car, when the trouble began. It was now night and Watka stood guard over the car all night. It is alleged that he got inside and began shooting. Not wishing to put themselves up as targets, the foremen retired to the section house. Soon several of Watka's sympathizers armed themselves with shotguns and other guns and kept up a continual shooting until morning. It is stated that about fifty shots were fired, some taking effect in the B. & M depot and some in the Taylor elevator office. No one was hurt but some arrests were made.

## A. O. U. W. RECORD. Early History and Growth.

\*The Ancient order of the United Workmen, organized in this city, on the 17th, day of March 1884, the local organization being known as Loup City Lodge, No. 33. J. Phil Jaeger, one of our merchants and whom nearly all our citizens remember, was the leading spirit in this the organization of the first beneficiary lodge in Loup City, being a member at that time, of a Burlington Iowa, Lodge. At its organization, there were thirty members enrolled on the charter, as follows:—J. Phil. Jaeger, W. H. Lalk, James Landers, W. H. Morris, M. H. Mead, James E. Blackman, A. M. Bennett, C. W. Conhiser, W. T. Chase, A. E. Charlton, W. R. Mellor, M. P. Ford, M. S. German, G. H. Gibson, W. T. Gibson, J. C. Edmonson, James Gouley, G. W. Hunter, M. A. Hartley, C.

J. Odendahl, J. E. Simpson, F. Sattus, Aaron Wall, W. A. Wilson, T. D. Wilson, Geo. E. Wilson, S. G. Woockey, O. B. Willard, Peter Truelsen and John Wall. Of the thirty enrolled there still belongs to the lodge the following: J. Phil. Jaeger, James Landers, W. H. Morris, C. W. Conhiser, W. T. Gibson, G. H. Gibson, G. W. Hunter, C. J. Odendahl, T. D. Wilson and S. G. Woockey. Just one third of the original thirty are left in 20 years, and of the other two thirds, W. A. Wilson and J. C. Edmonson died and their beneficiaries received the \$2,000 promised at their death, five of the other 18 died but were not in good standing at their death and the order was not liable, and 13 are still living but have severed their connection with the order. At present

there is 23 living out of the 30, after 20 years. At this time 113 members is in the Loup City lodge, carrying an aggregate of \$223,000, insurance. The state has the enormous membership of nearly 38,000 and is second to but one other kindred order in point of membership. The old reliable A O U W. so recommends itself to the people of our state that its growth is almost phenomenal. The increase last year was 3,258 and in 1903 more than double that number. We have at this time, the second largest membership of any state in the Union Kansas alone outnumbering us and on the first of this month their lead had dwindled to 837, which we ex-

pect to overcome before July first next. We pay our loses promptly without any quibbling if the brother is in good standing. One of the losses in this lodge being paid in exactly ten days after the death. Our cost totals about \$19.00 for the year, local lodge dues and all, and a good member will receive benefits fraternally equal to that amount every year. We mean by a good member, one who attends lodge meetings regularly. Are you insured? If not who is carrying the risk, you or your wife and babies? Call and get an application and join the band right away and be "in it" on St Patrick's day when we celebrate our 29th. anniversary.

## ANOTHER OLD CITIZEN GONE. Henry Leininger Dead.

The sorrowful news of the death of Mr. Henry Leininger was received here Wednesday when a telegram was received by his son George. Since last August he has been affected with cancer and although everything possible has been done to alleviate his suffering and restore health, it has been generally known for several weeks past that the end would soon come. He endured great physical pain though his mind was calm and peaceful to the last. He was an exemplary man and in his death we mourn the loss of a valuable citizen, a kind hearted christian gentleman and a loving husband and father.

Henry Leininger was born in Starke county, Ohio, in 1836 and died Wednesday, December 23, 1903 at the age of 67 years, 5 months and 19 days. When a boy he moved with his parents to Mercer county, Ohio, where he lived until 1889 when he came to Sherman county and bought land in Washington township where he has since resided. He was just arranging to retire from the farm and had purchased a residence in this city,

when his sickness became of a serious nature and he was compelled to go to a hospital for treatment. He had been at the Methodist hospital in Omaha nearly a month when a few days ago word was received of his fast failing condition and his wife and son John, quickly hurried to his bed side.

Mr. Leininger was married to Miss Margaret Meyer, in Mercer county, Ohio, in October 1862 and to this union was born six children, John P., Mary C. (Houser), Jacob F., Geo. S., Margaret E., and Chas. H., all living but the son, Jacob, who died May 27, 1889 and is buried at Arcadia, Nebraska.

The remains, accompanied by Mrs. Leininger and her son John, were brought home yesterday on the 5:45 B. & M. train. They were joined here by relatives and passed through town to Arcadia where the services will be held from the Congregational church today at 11:00 a. m. He will be buried in the Arcadia cemetery beside his son and where his brother Samuel who died some two years ago, is buried. The bereaved family have the profound sympathy of all.

## 3 BOYS IN CORNFIELD. Large Sum Earned.

By industriously tending a patch of corn all last summer three Missouri boys earned not only the sum of \$4,154.52, but soon sufficient distinction to have the fruit of their industry selected to be one of the features of Missouri's exhibit at the World's Fair, and to cause the commission to place their photographs in a place of honor in the Missouri building.

The boys are John, George and Joseph Christian, aged 18, 16 and 12 years respectively. They are the sons of C. A. Christian, and their home is in Tarkio, Atchison county. The work was all done in the time intervening between May 1 and November 1, and the boys are now in school and laying plans for enjoying to the utmost the world's fair next year.

The Christian boys accepted an offer from Davis Rankin of Atchison county, Missouri, who is an extensive cattle feeder. Mr. Rankin has 30,000 acres of land in Atchison county, and each year he raises corn on from 15,000 to 20,000 acres.

When the Christian boys applied for a tract of land on which to raise corn for Mr. Rankin he promptly closed a deal whereby he turned over a tract of good land, 540 acres in extent. He agreed to pay them twelve cents a bushel for every bushel of corn they would raise on the land.

Then the boys showed what

kind of stuff they were made of, Hitching six Missouri mules to the lister they attacked the land. This machine plows harrows and seeds all at one operation. They worked like trojans and soon the 540 acres were all planted. Then the boys had a breathing spell. When the corn began to grow another task appeared for them and three times the growing corn had to be cultivated.

Meanwhile the corn had grown and ripened and when November rolled around the crop was made and the harvest was begun.

Up to this time the work of making the crop had been done altogether by the three boys with an occasional bit of help from their father. Extra help was employed in the harvest however, and when the corn was gathered and measured into Mr. Rankin's great cribs it was found that the boys had grown 34,631 bushels of corn. At 12 cents per bushel this netted the handsome sum of \$4,154.52 and Mr. Rankin gave them a check for that amount.

The corn was of splendid quality. When the account of the feat reached the Missouri World's Fair commissioners they determined to honor the boys by a World's fair exhibit. Some of the corn was obtained, and it will occupy a place of honor in the Missouri agriculture exhibit. — Daily Drivers Journal-Stockman.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS. HAPPY NEW YEAR.