

LOUP CITY, Neb., Jan. 28.—Pursuant to a notice which was published in the Loup City papers as follows:

Public notice is hereby given that a meeting of all persons interested in school land leases will be held at the court house in Loup City on Monday, the 25th day of January, 1904, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Dated Jan. 12, 1904.

By Order of Committee.

A public meeting was held in the court house at Loup City at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the meeting being called to order by the committee.

On motion, Senator J. W. Heapy of Litchfield was elected chairman and W. Hawk of Loup City secretary.

Remarks were made by the following named persons: G. H. Whitman, J. F. Vandrala, Jacob Albers, August Jaeschke, John W. Long, Rev. A. L. Zimmerman, Wm. Rucker, Frank Thompson, M. Rewolinski and others.

From remarks made by Senator Heapy, Mr. Huncker and others, it appeared that the inclemency of the weather had kept many people from their neighborhood from the meeting who were interested, but who authorized them to act on their behalf, and it was the desire of all present that immediate action should be taken for the purpose of securing the necessary counsel and making an effort to set aside the appraisal of school lands made in December, 1903.

After an examination of the list of school lands reported, with their appraisal, Mr. Vandrala was appointed as a committee to call T. S. Nightingale to the meeting for the purpose of consulting in relation to what should be done regarding the setting aside of said appraisal, and on motion the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

We, the undersigned, owners of school land leases in Sherman county, do hereby protest against the reappraisal made in December, 1903, of school lands, for the following reasons:

First. That said lands are not appraised at their true value, but that said appraisal is inadequate, unjust and oppressive.

Second. That said lands are appraised so far out of proportion to the true value thereof that, in many instances, they are appraised at three times their true value and the leases of said lands are of no value to the owners thereof.

Third. That said reappraisal is evidently the result of a mistake.

Mr. Nightingale being present, after an examination of the abstracts of reappraisal of school lands in the treasurer's office and the law relative to the reappraising of said lands, made a few remarks in which he expressed confidence in the Board of Educational Lands and Funds, that upon the matter being brought to their attention that the appraisal was inequitable and unjust, that they would probably reject the appraisal and appoint three disinterested free holders in this county to reappraise the same in accordance with law.

The convention then resolved itself into a committee of the whole and employed F. S. Nightingale to act as their counsel in the matter with full authority to do what he deemed best for the purpose of setting aside said appraisal and to report at some future meeting.

On motion convention adjourned subject to the call of the chairman and secretary.

W. HAWK, JOHN W. HEAPY, Sec. Chm.

The following is a list of the attending citizens: Michael Rewolinski of Ashton, John Romback of Sweetwater, William Carruth and Frank Thompson of Rockville, John Schoening of Divide, Alfred Malm and G. H. Whitman of Arcadia, J. F. Vandrala, James Vaclav, Joseph and John Huryta, William and Frank Huncker of Ravenna, Senator J. W. Heapy and John Weber of Litchfield, John T. Tockey, of Boelus, St. Lewandowski, W. Hawk, John Lenowski, J. Czaplewski, August Jaeschke, Webber Stott, Jacob Albers, Wm. McCombs, E. Janulewicz, and N. B. Thompson, besides many others whose names we did not secure.

## WAS IT A CASE OF SUICIDE.

### Joe Ray's Strange Death Puzzles His Neighbors.

Joe Ray, a bachelor who lived twelve miles north of St. Paul for many years, was found dead in a ravine near his residence on Thursday morning of last week. A shotgun wound under his left ear told in part the story of his tragic end but failed to explain all the facts connected therewith. Sheriff Alexander was notified and in the absence of the coroner investigated the case sufficiently to satisfy himself that it was merely a question of accident or suicide, and consequently no inquest was held. The body was brought to town Thursday evening and turned over to A. G. Goodrich, the undertaker. Burial was made Friday afternoon in the potter's field, Rev. J. P. Yost conducting brief services.

Ray lived on a farm formerly owned by John Jensen but which had recently been sold to a man by the name of Johnson. The new owner was at work repairing the house Wednesday afternoon when Ray started out to hunt rabbits. Soon after his departure several shots were heard but no attention was given them and at nightfall Johnson left the premises. He returned next morning and found that the house had not been occupied during the night. Inquiry was made of several neighbors, none of whom had seen the missing man, and then a systematic search of the neighborhood was begun. It had proceeded but a short time when the body was found as stated. Ray had evidently been some distance away and had returned to within a few yards of his home when the shot was fired. Opinions as to whether it was a case of suicide or an accident, are divided. The former theory is strengthened by the fact that Ray was considered a rather eccentric character. He had

given vague hints of self-destruction a number of times but had never been taken seriously. He was about 37 years old and had no known relatives. He left personal property worth about \$200. Sheriff Alexander has been appointed temporary administrator of the estate, pending a search for some one who is legally entitled to it.—St. Paul Republican.

### Rural Delivery for Arcadia

Orders have been issued by the government for the start of that much discussed rural free delivery route and the route will accordingly be commenced on February 15. The route as ordered by the government is as follows: Southwest to the northeast corner of section 28, thence south to the southeast corner of section 28, thence west to the southwest corner of section 28, thence north to the northwest corner of section 28, thence west to the northwest corner of section 29, thence south to the southwest corner of section 29, thence west to the southwest corner of section 30, thence south to the southwest corner of section 36, and then west to the middle of the south line of section 32, thence north to the middle of the south line of section 29, thence east to the southeast corner of section 28, thence north to the northeast corner of section 28, thence east to the southeast corner of section 24,

thence north to the middle of the west line of section 7, thence northeast and southeast to the northeast corner of section 28, east and north east to city limits. The total length of the route is 27 3-4 miles. The carrier has not as yet been designated but will be soon.—Champion.

### CLEORA.

(Received too late for publication last week.) Mrs. E. Engle has been very sick the past week.

Mrs. Camp and daughters visited Mrs. Allie Simmons Sunday.

School closes in the Zwick district Saturday. A short program will be given.

Mrs. Allie Simmons and daughter attended church in town Sunday night.

Mrs. William Engle is visiting with her mother-in-law for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Rapp of Ashton, has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Zwick, a few days.

Allie Simmons has purchased John Zimmerman's corn and is now busy hauling it home.

The Shippley boys have been shelling corn around Cleora.

Rev. Bohart preached at Cleora church Sunday morning.

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FRIDAY, FEB. 5th, 1904

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