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The Central Branch and K. P. Unite to Raise Freights.

Topeka Commonwealth.

From a correspondent at Clifton we learn that the engineers of the Kansas Pacific and Central Branch roads were on last Friday and Saturday surveying the line to connect the roads It is well known in railroad circles that ever since the roads met at Clifton there has been a war on freights. Our correspondent learns that a compromise has been effected between the roads, and a "pool" formed. It is understood that the Kansas Pacific company is to abandon their projected lines up the Solomon, and through Republic county. The Central Branch company is not to extend their line west of Concordia. Trains of the Kansas Pacific road are to run to Concordia, and all freight west of Clifton is to be "pooled." Rates are to be slightly advanced, and there is to be no more cutting on either line. This arrangement is to go into effect immediately and remain in force five years.

Our correspondent adds that stock and grain shippers are beginning to "squeal" and some of them declare they will quit business.

Timber Culture.

Senator Paddock, chairman of the sub-committee on Public Lands in the Senate, reported back the bill on timber culture with the recommendation that it do pass, and had a lively fight with Morrill and other old senators from the eastern states who opposed, but to the great credit of Senator Paddock he conquered the "mighty" and came out victorious. The measure as passed provides:— "Every person who plants, protected, and keeps in a healthy growing condition for ten years ten acres of valuable forest timber, the trees thereon not being more than four feet apart each way, on any quarter section of the public lands, [illegible] entitled to a patent for such quarter [illegible] at the expiration of ten years, [illegible]king proof of such fact by not less [illegible] two credible witnesses.

Provided, That any person who shall have planted and cultivated trees not more than twelve feet apart each way to the extent of twenty acres or more on a quarter section, and who shall in all other respects comply with requirements of this act, shall be entitled to its privileges and benefits."

Morrill tried to tack on an amendment excluding cottonwood and willow timber from the operation of the bill, but Paddock aptly answered him as follows:

'If my friend f'm Vermont was as wise in reference to the cultivation of timber in the west, particularly upon the plains west of the Missouri, as he is with reference to its cultivation in Vermont, he certainly would consider that he had moved a very absurd amendment. The cottonwood is the pioneer tree of the plains: its growth is rapid, its shade is delightful; it is valuable tree for lumber and for fuel, the most valuable tree we can have on the plains, that we can produce rapidly; and it would prove the severest hardship upon the forest culture of that region if the cottonwood should be excepted. I will state that I have on my farm in Nebraska a grove of cottonwood that I value as highly as I should one of the other varieties of trees that could be placed on the land.

Mr. Morrill—Does the senator attach the same value to the willow and to the poplar?

Paddock. Willow and poplar have not been cultivated there yet at all, and I do not know. It is well enough to leave it as it is and let those interested in forest culture in that country determine for themselves what varieties they will select. They will be sure to select those varieties which will grow most rapidly and be most productive and useful to them when grown."—*Seward Reporter.*

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COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS.

April 2d 1878.

A regular session of the Board of Commissioners was held April 2d 1878.

Present J. H. Hobart, G. W. Ball, L H. Luce Commissioners J. A. Tulleys Clerk, J. D. Post Sheriff.

Minutes of last two meetings were read and approved.

The following accounts were allowed;

Petit Jury, Feb. Term 1878	$71 50
J D Post Sheriff's fees,	$39 00
J A Tulleys, salary	$100 00
Borin & Springer, printing	$42.70

Question of submitting proposition to vote on Bridge Bonds to citizens of Guide Rock Precinct postponed for future consideration.

Ordered That a new precinct be formed from a part of Batin and Stillwater to embrace all the territory in Town 3 Range 10 W. Said precinct to be known as Elm Creek Precinct.

Ordered That that portion of Red Cloud and Harmony precincts within the limits of Town 3 Range 11 West be annexed to Batin Precinct so that that said Batin Precinct shall include all the territoy embraced in said Town 3 Range 11.

Reports of Co Clerk, Co. Judge Sheriff and Co. Treasurer, of fees collected for the quarter ending Mch. 31 1878 presented and approved.

Official Bond of B Kuhn Constable Potsdam Precinct presented and approved

Question of voting bonds to aid in the construction of the Republican valley Railroad submitted to the voters of the County, election to be held May 4 1878

Adjourned till April 3 1878 at 9 A M.

J. A. TULLEYS Clerk. J. H. HOBART Chairman.

April 3d 1878.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Full Board present.

The following accounts allowed.

Bill of Costs State vs Paul Smith $9.50

Peter McNitt Work in approaches to Bridge	$4 85
J. R. Willcox Attorneys fees	12 50
A. A. Pope Co. Supt's fees	81 00
Geo. W. Ball Com's fees	53.95
L. H. Luce " "	54 00

Bill of costs in case State vs *Holman* rejected.

Report of J. C. Warner Overseer of the Poor, Red Cloud Precinct presented and approved.

Contract for building Court House at Red Cloud awarded to R. B. Fulton for the sum of $3690.00

Ordered that the assessors of Guide Rock, Stillwater, Batin, Oak Creek, Glenwood, Harmony, Inavale' and Walnut Creek, Precincts be notified by the Sheriff to appear forhwith and correct and complete their assessment rolls. Adjourned till April 5th, 1878 at 10 A. M.

J. A. TULLEYS, Clerk. J H. HOBART Chairman.

April 5th, 1878.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Full board present.

The following appointments were made to fill vacancies:

I. H. Hummel, Judge of Election, Batin Precinct.

I. Polnicky, Judge of Election, Batin Precinct.

M. C. Williamson, Judge of Election, Elm Creek Precinct.

Ai Scribner, Clerk of Election, Batin Precinct.

T. J. Ward, Clerk of Election, Elm Creek Precinct.

Bond of R. B. Fulton approved and contract signed for building Court House.

The following accounts allowed;

D. T. Thomas, Ass'r Fees,	$42 54.
P. L. Hornbeck, " "	28 80.

Adjourned till May 6th. 1878 at 9 o'clock a. m.

J. A. TULLEYS, Clerk. J. H. HOBART, Chairman.

WEATHER Observations for the month of March 1878, at Inavale Neb Mean daily thermometer, 61; highest temerature, 86 deg on the 23rd; lowest temperature 40 deg on the 27th and 29th. Thermometer read at 12 M. Frosts 4, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 31. Thunder showers, 20, 26. Total rainfall .24 inches. No snow; no fog.

G. W. KNIGHT, Observer.

A Hastings man who came down here to talk against bonds made a remark that Hastings would be better off without the trade from the *Republican* valley. "Sour grapes" Look at the Hastings "ads" and locals in *Republican* valley papers.

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