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## Important Items of Court House News

On Tuesday County Judge Wilhite heard the election case, wherein J. W. Spickler, republican, contested the election of William McCray, democrat, as supervisor in District No. 2. The plaintiff contended in his complaint that the canvassing boards in the several precincts composing the second district had not counted the ballots correctly and that he and not McCray had been elected. When the case came on for hearing C. F. Reavis appeared as attorney for Spickler while McCray's interests were looked after by attorneys Falloon, Gagnon and Gillespie. A number of witnesses had been subpoenaed and some of them testified. They were mostly election officials and members of canvassing boards. The court ordered County Clerk Tanner to produce the official ballots and poll books of the several precincts. This was done and the ballots were counted by the court, G. J. Crook and H. C. Davis, having been appointed as tellers. At this juncture Spickler moved by his attorney that the action be dismissed and the costs to be assessed against the plaintiff. The court sustained the motion and the contest case came to an end.

The closing days of the old county board were very busy ones. The committee on settlement with county officers pushed its work to completion and found everything satisfactory and in good condition in the various offices. The following resolutions were introduced by Hutchings and unanimously adopted.

Whereas, Our highly esteemed friend and colleague, W. H. Hummel of Dist. No. 4 is about to retire from the board of supervisors of this county, and

Whereas, Mr. Hummel has been a faithful, conscientious and efficient worker, a perfect gentleman and true representative of the best interests of this county, therefore be it

Resolved, That we consider the retirement of Mr. Hummel, a loss not only to this board but also to the whole county, and especially to his supervisor district, and that we as a board extend to him our best wishes for his future prosperity and success.

After allowing a few claims

and completing other unfinished business, the board adjourned sine die.

The new board met on Tuesday and the committee appointed to examine credentials reported the following as qualified members of the board: Chas. Santo, Chas. Snyder, John Hutchings, Joseph Glasser, as hold overs and John Hinton, W. J. McCray and J. J. Bowers as newly elected members. An organization was perfected by the election of John Hinton as permanent chairman of the board.

The chairman announced the appointment of the following committees:

Grounds and Buildings and Care of Poor—Glasser, Santo, Snyder.

Roads and Bridges—Hutchings, Santo, McCray.

Claims—McCray, Snyder, Bowers.

Supplies—Santo, Hutchings, Snyder.

Printing and Official Bonds—Snyder, Bowers, Hutchings.

Revenue and Taxes—Glasser, Snyder, Santo.

Settlement with County Officers—Bowers, McCray, Hutchings.

County Assessor Jorn sent in the following appointments of deputy assessors, and the same were confirmed by the board: Fred Nitsche, John Hoback, T. J. Whitaker, David Griffiths, W. B. Alexander, Chas. P. Dalbey, Geo. D. Kirk, Henry Ebel, O. O. Marsh, C. H. McDowell, F. A. Hummel, Otto Porr.

The committee on printing was instructed to tabulate the various bids on supplies, and report as soon as convenient. Bids have been submitted by the following: Davis & Davis, H. P. Custer, Omaha Printing Co., Klopp Bartlett & Co., State Journal Co., Reese Printing Co. and Ross & Ray. The committee reported and the contract was awarded to H. P. Custer.

County Judge Wilhite has issued the following marriage licenses:

Herbert Coplin, Humboldt .....23  
Mamie Eaton, Humboldt.....22  
J. Frank Gentry, Dawson.....25  
Edna Karr, Middleburg.....22  
Henry Faller, Falls City.....22  
Edith Kuhlman, Falls City.....20  
William B. Julian, Long Beach, Cal. .30  
Sue Alice Cain, Falls City.....29

Claude Whitney, Dawson.....22  
Mattie Birch, Barada .....19  
Clifford Agee, Falls City.....24  
May Harbaugh, Falls City.....15

County Treasurer Zook has just completed his semi-annual statement and it presents an excellent showing. The total amount of delinquent tax collected has been \$3,338.85. The total cash balance on hand is \$63,175.19. Of the 1903 tax \$47,633.19 has been collected since the tax became due November 1st. Of the 1902 tax 94 per cent has been collected. The total amount collected during the year has been \$211,941.72. At the present writing Richardson county has no bonded indebtedness and not an outstanding warrant. The treasurer's statement will be received by everybody with gratification for it reveals such a prosperous condition as has never before existed.

Last Friday night a number of Falls City Odd Fellows attended the lodge at Salem and thereby hangs a tale. They returned about midnight and it seems that Vet Simanton was plodding thoughtfully on his way in the direction of Sunnyside when his attention was attracted by what seemed to be the rapid discharge of firearms right down in the heart of the city. For a moment Mr. Simanton stood irresolute and then the firing increased in rapidity and he imagined that all the banks in the city was being robbed simultaneously, or the prisoners in the county jail had mutinied, or in short, there was "something doing." His desire to be on the firing line where bullets were whistling merrily, lead him to turn and advance at double quick, his pocket knife open in his hand. When he reached the business center of the city he learned to his great disappointment that the explosions were caused by the exhaust of the gasoline engine in the Tribune office. He there upon beat an orderly retreat and we don't know exactly how the story leaked out.

Mrs. E. E. Haskins, accompanied by her sister, left Sunday for Michigan in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of their mother.

Mrs. Barbara Custer left Monday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Robt. Norton, of Colorado Springs.

John Oswald has been confined to his home this week by an attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

### JOHN MARTIN APPOINTED

**Judge W. H. Kelligar Has Appointed John C. Martin, His Court Reporter.**

The charge was made during the late judicial campaign that the democratic party would reward Mr. Martin for his services, and the prediction has proven correct. Concerning this appointment, true republicans will think that the reward is not too great for the services performed. This laborer was certainly worthy of his hire.

The appointment of a republican stenographer by a democratic judge, is, we believe, without precedent in this or any other district. There are in this end of the district plenty of deserving young democrats to whom this appointment should logically have gone, and the fact that such has not been its case cannot be swallowed by the honest democrats of the district without a question.

The methods that were used to elect Judge Kelligar and the subsequent appointment of J. C. Martin solves several mysteries connected with the judicial campaign and explains a whole lot of things. The tears shed for John Burliegh et al may have been drawn forth by the sight of a vanishing job. Who knows? Keep the judiciary pure!

William Wey of Guyman, Kas., is in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. John Weber, and his daughter, Miss Maggie, who is attending the Ursuline convent.

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