

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

END OF THE YEAR'S BUSINESS COMES AT MADISON.

OFFICERS ARE CHECKED UP

Work of Closing up Year's Business by County Board, Which Formerly Took Several Weeks, Now Takes Two or Three Days

Madison, Neb., Jan. 16, 1 p. m.—Board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Present John H. Harding, John Malone and Burr Taft.

Fred Dierks was appointed road overseer of district No. 26. Clerk was ordered to draw a commission order for taxes of 1905 of Ellen Cleveland, Madison City, in Union precinct, \$3.24.

On motion it was ordered that application be made to the quartermaster general of the United States, Washington, D. C., for head stones for the following soldiers' graves: Robert Ward, private Co. C, Sixth Iowa cavalry, died December 21, 1903; Hiram Damon, private Co. A, Third Vermont infantry, died March 12, 1905. Said stones to be shipped to J. G. Damon, Tilden, Neb.

The matter of the letting of bridge contracts was put over till 7:30 p. m. and the board proceeded to the examination of the county treasurer's accounts.

7:30 p. m.—The matter of the letting of bridge contracts was taken up. Moved and seconded that the board accept the lowest and best bid for the construction of wooden bridges and for repair work and that all bids for the construction of steel and iron bridges be rejected. John H. Harding and Burr Taft voted "Yes." John Malone voted "No." Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the board accept the bid of John W. Towle for the construction of wooden bridges and repair work and that his proposition to furnish fir lumber at \$25 per M be accepted, the board to have the privilege of buying lumber elsewhere if they so desire and to also have the privilege of building bridges of 20 feet in length and under. John H. Harding and Burr Taft voted "Yes," and John Malone voted "No." Motion carried.

Moved and carried that John W. Towle be required to give a bond of \$2,000 for the fulfillment of his contract.

Moved and carried that the county send Mr. Malone to Lincoln to secretary of state board of irrigation to investigate the cost and construction of steel bridges.

Board adjourned to 8:30 a. m. January 17. Geo. E. Richardson, County Clerk.

Madison, Neb., Jan. 17.—Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present John H. Harding, John Malone and Burr Taft.

On motion the board ordered a Madison Telephone company telephone placed in the clerk of the district court's office.

The following bills were allowed:

M. J. Hughes, land, \$25.00
Ernest Strong, work on bridge, 1.25
Frank S. Perdue, commission on surety bond, 9.00

Wm. Low, road work, road district No. 7, 24.00
David Larson, road overseer district No. 13, 75.00

Geo. Seckel, road overseer district No. 14, allowed against commissioner district No. 3, 32.00

O. W. Beebe, sharpening grader, road district No. 13, 2.25

Herman Eucher, road overseer, commissioner district No. 3, 34.00

Chicago Lumber Co., Norfolk, bridge lumber, 71.82

Geo. Seckel, road work, commissioner district No. 3, 13.00

The following bonds were approved: R. A. Malony, justice of the peace, Madison precinct.

Geo. Seckel, road overseer, district No. 14.

J. A. Bressler, justice of the peace, Meadow Grove precinct.

Norfolk National bank, depository bond, \$30,000.

Citizens State bank, depository bond, \$6,000.

Newman Grove State bank, \$10,000.

First National bank of Newman Grove, depository bond, \$8,000.

The board then took up the examination of the treasurer's books.

Board adjourned to 1 o'clock p. m.

Jan. 17, 1 p. m.—On motion made and carried the petition of F. A. Long and others for the opening of a public road on the county line between Madison and Stanton counties commencing at the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of Sec. 12 in township 21 north of range 1 west of the 6th P. M., and running thence south one half mile on said county line was granted and said road ordered opened, subject to the concurrence of the county commissioners of Stanton county, Nebraska.

The board then resumed the examination of the county treasurer's accounts.

Board adjourned to 8:30 a. m. January 18.

Jan. 18, 8:30 a. m.—Board met. Present Commissioners John H. Harding, John Malone and Burr Taft.

On motion the county treasurer was authorized to make the following transfers from funds to funds:

From county judgment fund to 1902 and prior years to county general fund, \$5.36.

From insane fund to 1902 and prior years to county general fund, 28 cents.

From county sinking fund to 1902

and prior years to county general fund, 23 cents.

From county high school fund to 1902 and prior years to county general fund, 9 cents.

From 1902 and prior years county general fund to 1903 county general fund, \$200.

From 1903 county general fund to 1904 county general fund, \$2,500.

From advertising fund to 1904 county general fund, \$175.

From 1904 county general fund to 1905 county general fund, \$1,500.

From 1904 county bridge fund to 1905 county bridge fund, \$25.

From 1901 and prior years county road fund to 1904 road commissioners district No. 1, \$2.15.

From 1901 and prior years county road fund to 1904 road commissioners district No. 3, \$2.15.

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From 1904 road fund, commissioners district No. 1 to 1905 fund commissioners district No. 1, \$2.39.

From 1904 road fund, commissioners district No. 3, to 1905 fund, commissioners district No. 3, \$2.75.

On motion the following bonds were approved:

R. W. Linn, road overseer, district No. 17.

W. C. Elley, deputy sheriff.

Madison State bank, depository bond for \$16,000.

On motion the following bills were allowed:

Hammond & Stephens Co., supplies for county superintendent, \$13.80

August Volk, road work, road district No. 19, 5.50

Mitchell Lovelace, road work, road district No. 19, 4.50

Bud Pope, road work, road district No. 19, 9.50

Commissioner Harding offered an explanation of the record of the commissioners' meeting of January 3, 1906, with reference to an allowance of \$300 to Frank A. Peterson, to-wit: that said allowance was made for transferring the old tax sales record into a new book, also for bringing up or extending the three delinquent tax lists and for comparing and correcting old tax records, all of which was done by Mr. Peterson outside of the regular office work in the treasurer's office. Which explanation was ordered placed in the minutes of the meeting.

The checking of the books, accounts and vouchers of the county treasurer was completed and the same found correct and approved. The county treasurer's fee book was examined and found correct and approved, showing a balance of excess fees for the year 1905 of \$1,283.78.

The fee book of Emil Winter, county clerk, was audited and found correct and approved, showing a balance of excess fees for year 1905, turned into the county treasury of \$716.10.

The institute book of C. W. Cram, county superintendent, was audited and found correct and approved, showing a balance of \$35.50 turned over to his successor.

The fee book of J. J. Clements, sheriff, was audited, found correct and approved, showing fees amounting to \$492.25 earned from July 6, 1905, to January 4, 1906.

The fee book of W. H. Field, clerk of the district court, was audited, found correct and approved, showing fees amounting to \$823.80 earned since July 1, 1905.

On motion the board then adjourned to January 19, at 8:30 a. m.

Jan. 19, 8:30 a. m.—The board met pursuant to adjournment. Present John H. Harding, John Malone and Burr Taft.

The depository bond of the Security bank, of Meadow Grove, was approved at \$6,000.

On motion the county superintendent was allowed livery hire in excess of his salary for 1906 not to exceed \$150.

The following bill was allowed: Chr. Schavland, jury fees paid, \$327.40

The fee book of Wm. Bates, county judge, was audited, found correct and approved, showing excess fees for the year 1905 amounting to \$29.30, which he was allowed to retain to apply on clerk hire in his office for 1905.

On motion the board adjourned subject to call of chairman.

Geo. E. Richardson, County Clerk.

TELEGRAM SAID TO ARREST HIM

Sheriff Wright of Brown County Took Man—Message Not Backed up.

Ainsworth, Neb., Jan. 24.—Special to The News: Arrested and jailed here by the sheriff on the strength of a telegram from Rapid City, S. D., instructing the officer to hold him, Thomas Millican of Rapid City says he will make trouble for somebody on a charge of false imprisonment and slander. A telegram signed E. Holcom, Rapid City, instructed Sheriff Wright of this place to arrest Millican on a charge of horsestealing. Millican was arrested last Friday but as no sheriff turned up to take him back, the man was turned loose.

Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice at Norfolk, Neb., January 23, 1906:

J. A. Alexander 4, Mrs. Frank Bruner, Miss Clara Frahm, Miss Bluo Golden, Miss Ella Howe, Miss Desha Huston, Mr. J. B. Johnson, Mr. Mak, Kahler, Mr. R. R. Marsh, Mrs. Nellie Parker, Mrs. Adin Spotswood, Mr. Guy Taylor, Nellie Waltman.

If not called for in fifteen days will be sent to the dead letter office.

Parties calling for any of the above please say "advertised."

John R. Hays, P. M.

HOLD CONVENTION HERE

CEMENT CONCRETE BLOCK BUILDERS TO MEET IN NORFOLK.

EXPECT OVER 200 TO ATTEND

Machinery of Latest Models Will be on Display and Makers and Users of Cement Concrete Blocks Will Spend Wednesday and Thursday.

Norfolk is to have next week a big convention of cement concrete users. There will be 200 to 300 of the men engaged in manufacturing concrete blocks throughout northern Nebraska, and the convention will also be attended by contractors and those who contemplate building. The call for the convention is issued by the Norfolk Commercial club and the convention will be managed by J. W. Cooper, who has just come from the convention of National Cement Users association in Milwaukee and the Northwest Cement Producers association at Minneapolis.

The purpose of the meeting is to establish a better acquaintance among these tradesmen and those contemplating building, with the merits of the cement concrete block. A large exhibit of the very latest and best modern machinery will be on display in the city hall, where the meetings will be held, and these machines will be inspected by the visitors for the purpose of bringing them in closer touch with how to operate successfully.

The convention will be held here January 29 and 31, next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Reduced railroad rates have been promised on the certificate plan and those attending are advised to take receipts from local agents for fares paid. Those contemplating attendance will do well to address D. Mathewson, secretary of the Commercial club here, who may be able to provide hotel rates if the number attending is large enough.

Three Meetings in Nebraska.

There are to be but three meetings in Nebraska, Grand Island and McCook each being scheduled to receive one meeting. In this way the promoters hope to reach every section of the state and to increase the interest in the cement blocks and also the skill of makers in turning out better products.

Last year the first national meeting was held at Indianapolis and a week later the Northwest association met at Minneapolis. The national meeting was held this year at Milwaukee.

Last year the national meeting was held at Indianapolis and Mr. Cooper tried then to go to Norfolk, but failed because of so many other dates. A good convention was held at Ames, Iowa. Architects are invited to attend the meetings. Among the machines to be on display will be some of the most up-to-date for making cement stone, cement brick, cement fence posts and other articles. Those in this part of the state who have samples of good work are requested to place it on exhibition.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

R. E. Williams went to Battle Creek this afternoon.

L. R. Crosby of Wisner is in Norfolk on business.

Dr. H. T. Holden made a professional visit to Omaha today.

M. C. Hazen went to Madison this morning on local business.

Will Schelly has been laid up with rheumatism for the last week.

W. D. Butler, foreman for the Nebraska Telephone company, will arrive with his family Thursday to take charge of the installation work at the asylum.

F. A. Uttrecht, who has been with L. C. Mittelstadt for the past three years, has accepted a position with H. E. Owen. He will take charge of Mr. Owen's ranch on the Stanton road.

Miss R. V. Mason is placing a furnace under her house.

Sam Tewksberry moved his household goods to Albion yesterday. Burts Weston assisted him.

Miss Mae Olney will entertain the S. C. club this evening at the home of Mrs. Storrs Mathewson.

Mrs. E. I. Browne is much improved in health and will soon have completely recovered from her serious illness.

The saloon at Hadar began putting up ice Wednesday. The ice is being harvested about three miles east of Hadar.

R. F. Bruce has finished moving from his old home in the vicinity of the asylum to his new house on Eleventh and Madison avenue.

An attempt to cut ice yesterday at Creighton failed as the ice only showed a thickness of seven inches on the river, when work was begun.

The boys of the Norfolk Business college are talking over the proposition of installing a gymnasium in the building. The matter has been presented to Prof. Brake.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peter entertained at their home on Branch avenue last evening, the occasion being the birthday of Mrs. Peter. The evening was devoted to whist. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Dr. J. T. Pringle of Pierce gave a stag dinner party last night. Among those present were Dr. Alex Bear, Ann K. Leonard, Dr. P. H. Salter and W. B. Blakeman of Norfolk. They drove up yesterday afternoon.

The committee in charge of the Elks' annual ball, to be given at the club tomorrow evening, are working overtime in arranging the details of the function and one of the most successful events yet known in that organization is promised.

A large number of Mrs. H. T. Holden's friends were agreeably entertained yesterday at 1 o'clock luncheon, followed by cards and other social diversions. Mrs. Weatherly carried off the shouting prize, Mrs. D. Mathewson won the first prize and to Mrs. Ely fell the flinch prize.

The Highland Nobles installed their officers last night. After the installation ceremonies the evening was turned into a social session, with games as a feature. Refreshments were served later. Early in the evening four candidates were initiated into the lodge. The officers installed were: M. L. Ogden, past protector; H. L. Doughty, protector; V. V. Light, financial secretary; Mrs. Carrie Rasely, recording secretary; Miss Lena Mills, evangelist; J. T. Wolfkill, counselor; Miss Jessie Howe, escort; William Evans, warden; Mrs. Howe, treasurer; Ed Clements, inside guard; Alec Amarine, trustee.

The Browning club will hold a meeting at the A. J. Durland home tonight in honor of the seventieth birthday of Mrs. Martha A. McMillan who is one of the charter members of the club. The subject for the evening will be "Life." R. A. Stewart of Omaha will be toastmaster for the evening and toasts will be responded to by J. B. Maynard, David Rees, M. D. Tyler, Mrs. H. J. Cole, Rev. W. J. Turner, Mrs. Burr Maps, Mrs. A. J. Durland, Rev. J. J. Parker, Mrs. M. A. McMillan. This is the first birthday party that Mrs. McMillan has ever had for her own. The evening promises to be an extraordinary occasion with the organization.

TO BE FIVE NEW BRIDGES

MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PLAN BIG IMPROVEMENT.

TWO ON NORTH FIRST STREET

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The other bridges will be placed at Green Garden, Newman Grove and Madison. A sixth may be built later, after the cost is learned.

Engineer Here Now.

Assistant State Engineer G. W. Bates of Lincoln arrived in Norfolk at noon today and this afternoon he, together with the three Madison county commissioners, John Malone, John H. Harding and Burr Taft, drove out north of town to make an estimate of the cost of the new bridges.

As soon as an estimate of these two new structures, together with an estimate of the other three, is completed, advertisements for bids will be published. In about two weeks Engineer Bates expects to have completed the plans for the new bridges and then a set of the plans will be placed in every town in the county to allow bidders a chance to inspect them. One set of the plans will be placed in The News office in Norfolk for the accommodation of bidders.

Help to Norfolk.

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Club Has Forty New Members

All of Old Memberships in Commercial Club Continue, Also.

The membership of the Commercial club is increasing considerably since the "feed" of last Friday night at the city hall. All of the old memberships of last year are being carried on without any solicitation and new ones are coming in rapidly. From the present outlook there will be forty new memberships this year. This speaks well for the popularity of the club when it is known that no effort is being made to secure new memberships by solicitation.

"We do not feel like going out and begging for subscriptions," one of the directors said today. "It is not a charitable proposition and no one should give as an excuse for not belonging the fact that he has not been asked. It is a good thing for him and the town. He is getting his money's worth and should be willing to come in without being begged to."

BROKE HIS LEG.

Fred Runge Fell on Railroad Track, Sustaining Fractures.

Fred Runge suffered a fractured leg late Tuesday afternoon. He was walking along the railroad track when he stumbled, breaking the fibula between the knee and the ankle. The break is not serious although it will take some weeks to mend.

CALUMET Baking Powder

The only high grade Baking Powder sold at a moderate price. Complies with the pure food laws of all states.

Trust Baking Powders sell for 45 or 50 cents per pound and may be identified by this exorbitant price. They are a menace to public health, as food prepared from them contains large quantities of Rochelle salts, a dangerous cathartic drug.

FOUR PETITIONS STARTED

WILL BE SENT TO CITY COUNCIL FOR SEWERAGE BONDS.

FROM FOUR DIFFERENT WARDS

In Quest of Signatures of the Largest Property-holders, Four Petitions are Now Circulating—Ten Names to Each are Sufficient.

Four petitions to the city council, one from each ward, are circulating about Norfolk in quest of signatures. Those having the petitions are attempting to secure the signatures of a number of the largest property owners on them. Ten signatures from each ward are required and no attempt will be made to greatly exceed this number.

The petition asks the city council to put the proposition of issuing sewer bonds to a vote of the citizens at once. No amount has been mentioned in the petition and that will probably be left to the good sense of the council.

According to the Rosewater plans the cost of the sewer will be below \$40,000 and the council will probably ask for a vote on no more bonds than would be necessary to prosecute the work of building the sewer. The sewer, if voted for, will extend south from Norfolk avenue to the Elkhorn river with branches extending up Phillip and Madison avenues to Seventh street. This will be simply the skeleton foundation for a complete sewer system for Norfolk eventually.

SMALL BOY BREAKS TWO BONES

George Dewey Starkey, Exercising in Hotel, Has a Fall.

George Dewey Starkey, the 7-year-old son of a real estate dealer of Oklahoma City, Okla., who has been stopping at the Pacific hotel, met with a painful accident this noon when he broke both bones of his right forearm. The boy was balancing himself on the swinging gate of the check-room when he fell and broke the arm so that the broken ends of the bone protruded through the flesh. Medical aid was at once summoned and the bones set.

The boy has attracted much attention among the habitués of the hotel during the past week because of his long black curls and red topped boots. He had played around the lobby most of the time and made friends with all of the men so that the accident aroused a great deal of interest about the place.

NATIONAL LIVE STOCK COMMISSION COMPANY.

View of the Live Stock Markets at South Omaha, C. A. Mallory, Manager.

South Omaha, Jan. 25.—The cold wave that has been quite general throughout the country has given us more liberal receipts of cattle, but the demand has been equal to the situation and prices are 10 to 15c higher than the close of last week on all grades. The demand has been especially good for all kinds of stockers and feeders, especially those of good quality, and prices are the highest of the entire season. Good to choice feeders are selling from \$4.00 to \$4.30, while fair to good steers are bringing \$3.50 to \$4.00. The bulk of the fat cattle offered in this market is short fed steers and they are selling from \$4.50 to \$5.00. Good to choice well matured cattle would sell from \$4.85 to \$5.40, or well in line with any of the other markets.

Butcher stock is also in good demand at strong prices. We see no reason to change our oft-expressed opinion regarding the cattle situation and still believe prices will work to a higher level as the season advances.

Hogs—Our hog market has ruled fairly active and prices reached the high point of the season as it did in all other markets the forepart of the week. These prices allure shippers to pay \$5.00 freely at country points, causing liberal receipts, and with some of the urgent export orders well filled, packers were more bearish and we have had some little reaction from top prices. The moderate receipts in Chicago, together with the strong shipping demand, carried prices higher there so that during this week the Chi-

BURTON BUYS OUT JEWELER VAIL