

LEGISLATION OF COUNTY

MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVE ACTIVE SESSION.

BILLS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Claus Young, Chairman of the Soldiers' Relief Commission, Receives the Usual County Assistance—New Bridges the Coming Year.

Madison, Neb., Dec. 10, 1907, 1 p. m.: Board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John H. Harding, John Malone and Burr Taft.

Minutes of September 6 and November 7, 1907, were read and approved. On motion the clerk was instructed to correct taxes of R. C. Huddle on personal property in Schoolcraft precinct for the year 1907, by computing said taxes on a valuation \$55.00 less than the valuation on which said taxes are computed, on account of error in assessment.

On motion the following bills were allowed: Henry Uecker, work, commissioner district No. 2, \$18 00; Henry Uecker, work, road district No. 1, 9 70; Henry Uecker, work, road district No. 1, 164 65; W. P. Dixon, work, drainage ditch No. 1, 57 00; W. P. Dixon, work, commissioner district No. 2, 6 00; W. P. Dixon, work, commissioner district No. 2, 76 60; W. P. Dixon, work, commissioner district No. 2, 73 20; W. P. Dixon, work, commissioner district No. 2, 84 20; W. P. Dixon, work, commissioner district No. 2, 22 50; W. P. Dixon, work, commissioner district No. 2, 69 60; W. P. Dixon, work, commissioner district No. 2, 78 05; Above bills of W. P. Dixon were allowed subject to assignments: to Jack Koenigstein \$175.00, B. L. Suttley \$10.00, Charley Schroeder \$25.90, C. D. Johnson, steward, \$26.05.

W. P. Dixon, work, commissioner district No. 2, claimed \$99, allowed, \$49 00 (Assigned of above bill to Howard Miller Lumber Co., \$27.63, balance of bill, \$50, laid over).

W. P. Dixon, repairs, general fund, 1 50; Andrew Skiff, work, commissioner district No. 2, assigned to Jack Koenigstein, 10 50; Earl Ray, work, commissioner district No. 2, assigned to Jack Koenigstein, 13 50; Lloyd Benedict, work, road district No. 7, assigned to Jack Koenigstein, 22 50; Harry Wau, work, commissioner district No. 7, assigned to Jack Koenigstein, 16 50; John Wise, work, road district No. 7, assigned to Jack Koenigstein, 7 55; Lee Anderson, work, road district No. 7, assigned to Jack Koenigstein, 10 50; Otto Born, work, road district No. 7, 3 00; Battle Creek Hardware Co., hardware, road district No. 7, 4 00; Lee Taylor, work, road district No. 7, assigned to Citizens State bank, 10 00; A. E. Craig, work, road district No. 7, 50 25; Robert Schinkus, work, road district No. 7, 13 50; Frank Schinkus, work, road district No. 7, 15 00; Wm. Lowe, work, road district No. 7, claimed \$19.50, allowed less \$10.30 due the county for lumber, allowed at, 9 50; Wm. Lowe, work, road district No. 7, claimed \$88.30, allowed, 81 65; L. F. Merz, hardware, commissioner district No. 2, 5 45; A. Risor, work, commissioner district No. 2, 9 50; Henry Wagner, work, commissioner district No. 2, 16 25; Monroe Horner, work, road district No. 16, assigned Norfolk National bank, 27 00; Harvey Carson, work, road district No. 16, 7 50; Wm. Luebke, work, commissioner district No. 2, 26 25; C. A. Hedman, hardware, commissioner district No. 2, 80; John H. Heggemeyer, work, commissioner district No. 2, 48 00; Geo. Dinkel, work, commissioner district No. 2, 5 00; Welchman, work, commissioner district No. 2, 3 00; L. F. Merz, hardware, commissioner district No. 2, 4 90; Herman Wehrer, work, commissioner district No. 2, 12 00; Wm. Lowe, work, commissioner district No. 2, 3 50; Frank Davis, work, commissioner district No. 2, 13 50; Edgar Hoover, work, commissioner district No. 2, 6 00; Elmer Hoover, work, commissioner district No. 2, assigned to Wm. Lowe, 16 00; Lee Taylor, work, commissioner district No. 2, assigned to Citizens State bank, 22 00; Israel Miller, work, road district No. 16, 7 50; F. S. Carter, work, road district No. 16, 8 00; George Sewell, work, road district No. 16, 3 00; Frank Ranney, work, road district No. 16, 4 50; Arthur Pettitt, work, road district No. 16, 4 50; Vern Copeland, work, road district No. 16, 9 00; Rowlett, work, road dis-

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like James Ames, work, road district No. 12, 6 00; John Linstadt, work, road district No. 12, 2 00; Frank Wauer, work, road district No. 12, 5 50; W. W. Brown, work, road district No. 12, 1 00; Howard Miller Lumber Co., lumber, road district No. 15, 82 21; Brewer & Brown, hardware, road district No. 19, 3 86; Walter Baker, work, road district No. 19, 3 00; Frank Vilazny, work, road district No. 8, 6 00; J. V. Clinch, work, road district No. 8, 3 00; Knud Nelson, work, road district No. 8, 7 50; Will Duffy, work, road district No. 8, 8 00; C. Long, work, road district No. 8, assigned to Jack Koenigstein, 19 00; E. L. Duffy, work, road district No. 8, 9 00; J. T. Moore, work, road district No. 8, 65 00; T. W. Scribner, work, road district No. 8, 6 00; G. W. Chandler, work, road district No. 8, 4 50; Emma Thomas, work, road district No. 8, 1 00; Joe Benish, work, road district No. 9, assigned to Jack Koenigstein, 30 75; Roy Benish, work, road district No. 9, assigned to Jack Koenigstein, 16 50; J. F. Linstadt, work, road district No. 9, 4 50; Otto Radenz, work, road district No. 9, 4 50; Gus Radenz, work, road district No. 9, 6 00; Harry Morris, work, road district No. 9, 4 00; Roy Herrington, work, road district No. 9, 3 00; Frank Reed, work, road district No. 9, 6 00; Frank Moldenhaur, work, road district No. 9, 3 00; Frank Lehman, work, road district No. 9, 75; Joe Benish, work, road district No. 9, assigned to Jack Koenigstein, 16 50; Joe Benish, work, commissioner district No. 2, assigned to Jack Koenigstein, 9 50; John Friday, hardware, road district No. 1, 5 55; On motion board then adjourned to 7:30 p. m.; Board met pursuant to adjournment, present John H. Harding and Burr Taft.

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Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like H. Kilburn, register births and deaths, 5 00; Clyde Rynearson, register of births and deaths, 10 00; E. F. Ringer, register of births and deaths, 1 00; Chas. Lethby, register of births and deaths, 7 00; Julius Hulff, register of births and deaths, 16 40; B. H. Mills, register of births and deaths, 6 25; O. A. Sleeper, sub-register of births and deaths, 10; On motion the following settlement was made with the steward of the poor farm; To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Neb.—Gentlemen: I herewith hand you my third quarterly report; Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1907, \$ 77 71; Board by Dixon, 14 00; Six hogs, 99 75; Steer stag, 38 00; Total, \$229 46.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like C. A. Hedman, labor and mileage, \$ 40 70; Burr Taft, labor and mileage, 87 40; John H. Harding, labor and mileage, 86 95; W. H. Jenkins, work, road district No. 12, 2 50; L. B. Baker, lumber, 32 25; Nye, Schneider, Fowler Co., lumber, 460 65; John W. Warrick, lumber for bridge, 22 13; John W. Warrick, lumber for bridge, 95 52; John W. Warrick, lumber, road district No. 20, 68 94; John W. Warrick, lumber, road district No. 20, 56 68; John W. Warrick, lumber, road district No. 20, 63 97; John W. Warrick, lumber, road district No. 3, 12 02; John W. Warrick, lumber, road district No. 13, 32 23; Of the above claims \$112.90 to be applied on personal taxes of John W. Warrick for year 1907.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like From 1905 county general fund to 1906 county general fund, \$2,000; From 1906 county general fund to 1907 county general fund, \$1,500; From 1906 bridge fund to 1907 bridge fund, \$900; From 1906 road fund, commissioner district No. 1, to 1907 fund, same district, \$100; From 1906 road fund, commissioner district No. 2, to 1907 fund, same district, \$120; From 1906 road fund, commissioner district No. 3, to 1907 fund, same district, \$120.

HORSE THIEF FIGHTERS ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION. ELECT OFFICERS DECEMBER 30. Ten Subordinate Organizations of North Nebraska Are Now Affiliated With the General Association, With Headquarters in Norfolk. North Nebraska horse thief fighters will gather in Norfolk on December 30 for the second annual meeting of the North Nebraska Live Stock Protective Association. Officers for the coming year will be elected at the Norfolk meeting and it is possible that some new ideas may be embodied in the organization. Ten organizations in north Nebraska are now affiliated with the general association which has headquarters in this city. And the organization is constantly gaining strength. At this time it is understood that the Wayne association will probably come into the fold, while new organizations will probably be formed in a short time at Petersburg and Tilden. The recent horse-grabbing south of Battle Creek was the first instance in which thieves have molested a member of the association and the prompt action of the horsethief fighters and the immediate recovery of the stolen property have added prestige to the organized anti-horsethief men. Each local association is entitled to send a delegate to the Norfolk meeting for each ten members in the local association. An attendance of at least fifty is expected at the Norfolk meeting. G. W. Evans of Norfolk, acting secretary of the general association, is mailing copies of the by-laws to all who are interested in the organization. Speaking of the association the Battle Creek Enterprise says: "A meeting of the Battle Creek branch of the North Nebraska Live Stock Protective Association was held last Saturday. Several new members were taken in, bringing the local roster up to about seventy, and delegates were elected to the general meeting of the association to be held in Norfolk December 30. At the Norfolk gathering a reorganization will be effected. It is found desirable to have the machinery of the association put in smoother working order and to get the suggestions of men from all parts of the territory covered. Workers of national prominence in the movement for live stock protection will be in attendance." A PROSPEROUS SCHOOL DISTRICT The District of Verdgre Has Abundance of Funds. Center, Neb., Dec. 14.—Special to The News: Eight or nine years ago districts No. 9, 55 and 83, in Knox county, were consolidated to form district No. 83. This gave the Verdgre district nearly fifteen sections. A four-room brick building was built, and the plan worked successfully. The district includes about 175 pupils, and while there is no free transportation, some pupils drive in from a distance of four or five miles. The district has about five miles of railroad, and this, with the saloon licenses, cut the levy down to five mills. During the last three years the district has been voting ten mills, and now has in the neighborhood of \$4,000 on hand as a good start for a fine new building, which will become necessary in a few years. The district welcomes pupils from the country and admits them without charge of tuition as long as there is room for them in the school. Night School at Lindsay. Lindsay, Dec. 14.—Special to The News: A night school has been organized in Lindsay for the benefit of pupils not going to school during the day. Father Rabanus was instrumental in organizing the class. Now there are twenty-nine pupils enrolled with a staff of four teachers, consisting of Miss Dunne, one of the teachers in the public school, Rev. Rabanus, Matt Raemakers and Dr. Tobkin. All subjects have not been assigned, but it is proposed to have reading, spelling, writing, short hand, bookkeeping, arithmetic, grammar, physiology and hygiene. HARDWARE STORE CHANGE. E. S. South of Newman Grove Purchases Interest of W. W. Weaver. An important business change was announced in Norfolk last evening. E. S. South of Newman Grove purchasing W. W. Weaver's interest in the Norfolk hardware firm of Weaver & Coleman. Mr. South has entered the store, which will now be known as Coleman & South. Mr. Weaver will remain with the firm for a month; after that his plans have not been made. For a time at least he expects to remain in Norfolk. E. S. South, the new member of the firm for fifteen years, has been in the hardware business in Newman Grove, where he has sold his interest in the firm of Heman & South to his partner. He comes to Norfolk because he likes the town and because it offers a wider business field and a better place to educate his children. He will bring his family to Norfolk on January 15. There will be regret at Mr. Weaver's retirement from business on Norfolk avenue. Some local stores have been advertised more wisely, more adequately, this year than they were last—and they are bigger, better stores as a result. This fact is significant of your store, or enterprise, for 1908.

DON'T LIKE PLAN OF ELECTION

Member of the Commercial Club Protests Against Election by Mail. Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 14.—Editor of The News: If you will allow me space in your valued paper in opposition to the election of Commercial club directors by mail, as was stated in The News of December 10.

First, it is unconstitutional. The by-laws provide that the selection of directors shall be by ballot, all ballots to be deposited in a box provided for that purpose between the hours of 2 p. m. and 5 p. m. on the day of annual meeting and the election by mail is a violation of this section of the by-laws, hence this would be an illegal election, I think it is undemocratic. I reason, and I believe I reason correctly, the greater number of members of the Commercial club would favor an open meeting where candidates could be placed in nomination and voted on according to the by-laws of the order.

The same objection was raised last election, and if strongly contested for, would have resulted in disqualifying every director elected, as directors elected in this way could not hold the office and transact business, and business transacted by directors elected contrary to the by-laws would not be legal and would cause serious complications should the question arise by some member of the club who might see fit to take exception to this violation of the by-laws.

Again, it gives rise for too much dissatisfaction. A few members could, should they feel so disposed, manipulate the election, electing who they may see fit to elect. In fact, the nine directors would, or could, be elected before a majority of the members could or would have received their notices of election, and then the vote would be so scattering and would result in the election of a favored few, which is not fair to a majority of the members who pay their money, and who are entitled to know and have something to say about the way the affairs of the club should be conducted.

I favor a good, live Commercial club, conducted on good economical and careful business principles. The secretary should be paid a salary sufficient for him to give his entire time to the business of the club. I believe we have a good Commercial club, well officered, a No. 1 good secretary, but the secretary's time should not be divided.

A Commercial Club Member.

CALL UPON THE PRESIDENT.

Congressman Boyd and Senator Brown Visit Roosevelt.

Congressman Boyd of Neligh, accompanied by Senator Brown, called upon President Roosevelt Thursday. They were accompanied by A. E. Ward, private secretary of Congressman Boyd and the Omaha Indian delegation. Each member of the delegation was presented to the president by Congressman Boyd. The call was purely of a social nature, no business being discussed. The Indians, especially White Horse, were delighted with the visit.

Congressman Boyd has introduced the following bills: For a public building at Columbus, \$85,000; for additions to the public building at Fremont, \$75,000; for a site for a public building at Wayne, \$7,700; submitting the claims of the Omaha Indians to the court of claims.

Congressman Kinkaid has succeeded in keeping the patents in the O'Neill land office.

In October the commissioner of the general land office ordered that between 4,000 and 5,000 transcripts of patents which have been lying in the O'Neill land office be sent to Washington for record. Some of these patents in question are at least fifteen years old. However, Congressman Kinkaid has induced the commissioner to rescind this order because, it was explained, if these patents were taken from the O'Neill office at this time it would be embarrassing to real estate men. There has been considerable activity in real estate transfers in the O'Neill district recently and if the records are not easily obtainable much inconvenience would be experienced. The commissioner has consented to suspend his former order, at least temporarily.

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