ARE ENGLISH PEERS DOOMED?

HOW VERY EXISTENCE OF HOUSE OF LORDS IS MENACED.

JEOPARDIZED BY BUDGET FIGHT

What the Budget Is and the Taxes That Caused the Trouble-Extraordinary Debate That Has Amazed the Nation-Lords' Former Offenses.

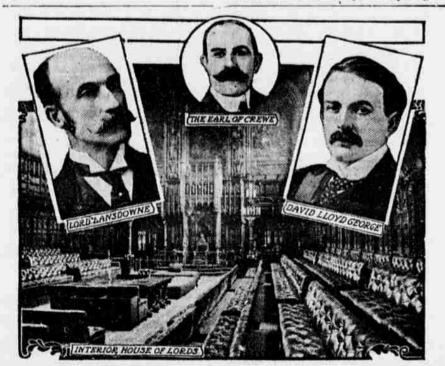
I the British house of lords about to be abolished or radically shorp of its power? That is the larger question looming up behind the fight over the budget in England. The warning of Lord Rosebery that the very existence of the upper chamber is in jeopardy was not an idle threat. It was given all the more force by the fact that Rosebery himself is opposed to the budget. He would like to see it defeated, but questions either the right or the policy of the lords to bring about that defeat. He regards the stake as too great. In destraying the budget they destroy themselves. He was ably seconded by Lord Balfour of Burleigh, who in plain English told the peers that if they won in their fight against the budget their victory would be but temporary, while if they lost the defeat would be permanent. They would not only fail in killing the showed them to be not only common budget, but would end their own clay, but as beneath the average in in- single file, I leading. The big beast

few attend the sessions of parliament. ROOSEVELT'S the precincts of the house of lords. They are not only absentee landlords, but absentee legislators. The budget fight, however, brought practically all of them to London. They swarmed out of their castles as the rats swarmed out of Hamelin town at the call of the Pied Piper. Hundreds of strange faces appeared in the upper chamber that never were seen there before and perhaps never will be again. It was ing to the defense when an attack on privilege was threatened.

be long remembered in England, though not for its brilliancy. It amazed the nation. To call it a schoolboy affair would be to insult the schools. One minister termed it babyish. Outside of a few men like Rosebery and Balfour, Lord Salisbury and the Earl of Crewe it displayed lack of grasp, breadth and statesmanlike qualities. It was selfish, a big rhinoceros charging on one with personal, sordid. It was the whine of nothing between one and certain death a spoiled boy. When not petulant it but a rifle. Describing how he killed was deadly dull. It was an attempt at the rhinoceros with two shots, he says; argument by men unfamiliar with in- "The huge beast was standing in entellectual habits. Yet the spectacle had tirely open country, although there its educational value. It showed to were a few scattered trees of no great the British people their so called nobil- size at some little distance from him. ity in its true light. It stripped off the We left our horses in a dip of the glamour of name and tradition. At the ground and began the approach. I disillusionment the people at first gasp- cannot say that we stalked him, for ed and then laughed.

The Feet of Clay.

lords-if not next year, then in the high, and, though it was so thin that near future. It revealed these peers of we could distinctly see him through the realm as selfish and allied to the the leaves, it shielded us from the worst elements in the kingdom. It vision of his small, piglike eyes as we telligence and morality. Today English-



NOTABLE PARTICIPANTS IN ENGLISH BUDGET FIGHT-HOUSE OF LORDS, SCENE OF THE DEBATE.

In adopting Lord Lansdowne's mo- | men are gathering by the thousand and tion to reject the budget pending an cheering for the budget and David appeal to the nation it is contended Lloyd-George, its author, the Welsh that the peers are guilty of a twofold schoolteacher who rose to be chancela against the commons and the other against the ing as the French sang the "Marseil king. Since 1688 the exclusive control laise" more than a century ago, and of financial matters has been in the the burden of their song is that the house of commons. For the lords now | land is for the people. Lloyd-George to assume the right to reject a finan- and Winston Churchill are ridiculing cial measure is the first act of usurpa- the dukes with a sarcasm that is tion. Lord Lansdowne's motion requires a dissolution of parliament. The right to dissolve parliament, however, belongs to the crown. This is

the second act of usurpation. The Day of Settlement.

The rejection of the budget is not the first offense of the lords. Several other reform measures proposed by the present government and passed by the commons have met their death in the upper chamber, just as Gladstone's home rule bill was killed a few years ago. All these things have been allowed to accumulate against the day of wrath. They have not been forgotten. They were kept in abeyance only to be presented as different counts in the indictment when the people of England came to pass judgment on their house of peers. Has the day of settlement finally come?

The British budget is the omnibus financial measure of each year, containing the taxation and revenue provisions. The present one, over which all this fight has been raised, is denounced as socialistic, but the definition is not accurate. The budget is more in line with Henry George's single tax, which is quite another thing from socialism. The single tax, or a modified form of it known as the land tax, has already been adopted in portions of the British empire, notably in New Zealand and Australia. This measure would put it in force in England, Scotland and Ireland. The tax is laid with especial emphasis on the "unearned increment"-that is, the value which is put into the land by the community and not by the owner. For example, a man owns a farm near which or on which springs up a city. Because of the city the land increases immensely in value, although the individual owner has contributed nothing to that increase. It is made wholly by the community. This is the unearned increment, and on such social value accruing in future the budget lays its impost. There are other provisions in kind; also a considerable tax on liquor. It is the land tax and liquor tax that have caused the trouble.

Lords and Liquor Interests.

In Great Britain the land is largely owned by the lords, and it now transpires that these scions of nobility are financially interested in the liquor concerns. Between the two they get it both ways. They are being hit in the pocketbook, and that is the reason they are usurping a power that no British house of lords has dared assume in more than 200 years. Dare they assume it? This momentous question is now to be answered by the electors of England, Scotland and Ire-

There are more than 600 peers in the three realms, but ordinarily only a don't they?"

lor of the exchequer. spreading a grin over the three nations. It reminds one of the days when Thomas Paine wrote his "Rights of Man" in defense of the principles of the French revolution, in which he scored the aristocracy in words that ring yet. Paine has been dead a century, but the truths he voiced are the most living things in England.

HUNTING TRIP IN AIRSHIP.

Latham Carried His Gun There and Bag of Game on His Return.

Hubert Latham performed a sensational feat in his monoplane the other day. He was invited by the Marquis de Polignac, president of the committee on aviation, to join in a hunt at Berru, near Rheims, France. Latham went thither from his aviation garage at Mourmelon, a distance of about nineteen miles, in his Antoinette monoplane in just half an hour. He took a double barreled shotgun and a sunply of ammunition with him in the

He landed at the Marquis de Polignac's shooting box, breakfasted with the party, took part in the hunt and flew back to Mourmelon four hours later. carrying on the monoplane not only the shotgun, but also the bag of game, mostly pheasants, which he had killed. Great interest in the feat was shown by the hunting party. The members of it were watching for Latham, and the monoplane was made out while it was still far away. It appeared very the agility of a polo pony. As he rose small when first seen, but rapidly grew I put in the right barrel, the builet larger and soon was above the heads going through both lungs. At the of the huntsmen. Latham made two circles before he chose a landing place and then came down easily and landed without the slightest trouble. It was almost sunset when he started on his

The Chimney Climber. Quoth Santa Claus, "I'm getting fat, And, though I'm not a churl, I think the person for this job Would be the hipless girl." -Harper's Bazar.

Seeing Sights In Washington, Representative Tim Ansberry of Ohio had a number of his constituents in tow at the house of representatives the other morning. He showed them many strange and interesting things, and they were most enthusiastic. Homer Davenport and his Arab slave boy, who were meeting all comers, proved the center of attraction for a time until the rollicking Representative Hughes of New Jersey en-

tered the lobby. "That is Billy Hughes of New Jersey," Mr. Ansberry informed his party. "My goodness," remarked one of the women, "they come from all over,

HOW FORMER PRESIDENT STOP-PED RHINOCEROS' CHARGE.

The ensuing debate is one that will Former President Writes Story of His Hunting Trip-Tells How Wounded Bull Rhino, Maddened by First Bullet, Almost Reached Hunter.

N the December Scribner's ex-President Theodore Rooseveit in his article on "African Game Trails" tells how it feels to have the approach was too easy. The wind blew from him to us, and a rhino's sight is dull. Thirty yards from where That debate doomed the house of he stood was a bush four or five feet advanced toward it, stooping and in Secretary Knox's Plan to Promote Betstood like an uncouth statue, his bide black in the sunlight. He seemed days when the beasts of the prime ran Knox.

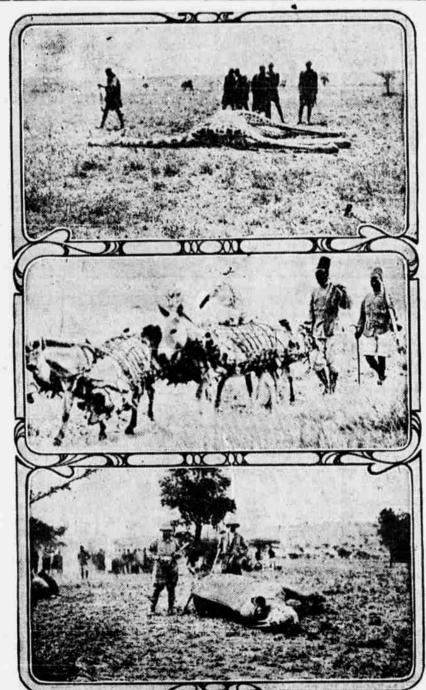
stunted. Like the rhinoceros, the ordinary or prehensile lipped rhinocerosthe giraffe is a browsing and not a grazing animal. The leaves, buds and met pursuant to adjournment. Pres AFRICAN HUNT twigs of the mimosas or thorn trees form its customary food. Its extraor-Henry Sunderman and John Malone. twigs of the mimosas or thorn trees ent. County Commissioners Burr Taft, dinary height enables it to bring into play to the best possible advantage its were read and approved., noteworthy powers of vision, and no animal is harder to approach unseen. Again and again I have made it out a mile off, or, rather, have seen it a mile off when it was pointed out to the holders of special privilege rush. HIS PEN PICTURE OF A GIRAFFE me, and, looking at it through my glasses, would see that it was gazing steadily at us.

> Looks Awkward Even at Rest. "It is a striking looking animal and handsome in its way, but its length of N. H. Ray, draying...... leg and neck and sloping back make it Irvin & Melcher, supplies for appear awkward even at rest. When alarmed it may go off at a long swing- Roy Pettitt, wolf scalp..... ing pace or walk, but if really frightened it strikes into a peculiar gallop or canter. The tall is cocked and twisted, and the huge hind legs are thrown forward well to the outside of the fore Hume - Robertson - Wycoff Co., legs. The movements seem deliberate. and the giraffe does not appear to be Hume - Robertson - Wycoff Co., going at a fast pace, but if it has any start a horse must gallop hard to over- Hume - Robertson - Wycoff Co., take it. When it starts on this gait the neck may be dropped forward at Hume - Robertson - Wycoff Co., a sharp angle with the straight line of supplies for pauper...... the deep chest, and the big head is N. A. Housel, salary for Nothrust in advance. Giraffes are defenseless things, and, though they may kick N. A. Housel, office expenses. . at a man who incautiously comes with- Geo. E. Richardson, office exin reach, they are in no way danger-

EXCHANGE OF PROFESSORS.

ter Feeling With Other Republics. An exchange of professorships and Chittenden & Snyder, sharpstudents between universities and what he was-a monster surviving academies among all the American reover from the world's past, from the publics has been proposed by Secretary

riot in their strength, before man grew | The suggestion has commended it-



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YOUNG BULL GIRAFFE AND BIG RHINOCEROS SHOT BY MR. ROOSEVELT-GROUP OF SKIN LADEN MULES ON THEIR WAY TO THE RAILROAD.

so cunning of brain and hand as to self to the governing board of the inhundred yards off he actually lay

Charged Though Badly Wounded.

"Walking lightly and with every sense keyed up, we at last reached the bush, and I pushed forward the safety of the double barreled Holland rifle which I was now to use for the first time on big game. As I stepped to one side of the bush so as to get a clear aim, with Slatter following, the rhino saw me and jumped to bis feet with same moment he wheeled, the blood spouting from his nostrils, and galloped full on us. Before he could get quite all the way round in his headlong rush to reach us I struck him with my left hand barrel, the builet entering between the neck and shoulder and piercing his heart. At the bullet entering the neck vertebrae. Plowing up the ground with horn and feet, the great bull rhino, still head toward us, dropped just thirteen paces from where we stood."

Hard Animal to Approach.

In the same article Mr. Roosevelt of the ungainly giraffe as seen in the

"Of all the beasts in an African landscape none is more striking than the o'clock. He arrived at the Pine Brook giraffe. Usually it is found in small hotel at 6:34.45. For the first mile the parties or in herds of fifteen or twenty or more individuals. Although it will of the journey was on almost level drink regularly if occasion offers, it is ground. Larson covered the first mile able to get along without water for months at a time and frequents by choice the dry plains or else the stretches of open forest where the trees at two miles were made by skating stretches of open forest where the trees are scattered and ordinarily somewhat on the skees.

master them. So little did he dream ternational bureau of American repubof our presence that when we were a lics, which has recommended that the proposed interchange shall figure in the program of the fourth pan-American congress, to be held at Buenos Aires next summer, and the director of the bureau of American republics has been justructed accordingly.

The aim of the proposal is declared to be not merely to maintain the friendly relations between Latin America and the United States, but to increase and strengthen them by enlisting the co-operation of the intelligence and intellectual resources of the various countries of the western hemi-

SWIFT WORK ON SKEES.

Norwegian Shot Down a Mountain Side

at a Two Mile a Minute Clip. Nels Larson, a Norwegian, gave a remarkable exhibition the other morning at Caldwell of proficiency in the Fred Heath, work, road dissame instant Captain Slatter fired, his use of skees. He randown the western slope of Caldwell mountain to Pine Fred Terry, straw, road dis-Brook, N. J., a distance of nearly four miles, in four and three-quarter min- Frank Ranney, work, road disutes. The run was made in the snow crust and was timed by George Race John Hoffman, work, road disand Harold Jones.

Before sunrise the whole of northern New Jersey was covered with a gives the following interesting picture stiff snow crust which would almost bear up a horse. Larson started from a point on the mountain brow just south of the Monomonock inn at 6:30 descent was very steep, but the rest

Commissioners' Proceedings.

Madison, Neb., Dec. 13, 1909, 1 p. m -The board of county commissioners The minutes of November 23, 1909

On motion the following bills were allowed, and the county clerk was di rected to draw warrants for the same Dr. F. A. Long, fees, insanity cases\$ 25.00 Battle Creek Hardware Co., room for election.....

Madison city, lights..... 28.80 Harry Barnes, premium on treasurer's bond pauper 54.00 2.00

C. J. Verges, disinfecting small pox Hume - Robertson - Wycoff Co., lumber, road district No. 14. 19.69 bridge lumber 31.54 lumber, road district No. 16. tile, M. C. Garrett.....

vember penses Chittenden & Snyder, sharp-

9.10

2.60

16.8

4.00

7.00

7.00

48.00

West half of northwest quar-

ter of section 11, town 22,

range 1, west.....

not used for dwelling purposes.

block 5, Norfolk, Neb., \$400.

alter tax list accordingly.

warrants for the same:

approved:

26.00

Grove precinct.

trict No. 15.

Meadow Grove.

Highland precinct.

On motion the following bills were

Burr Taft, labor and mileage ... \$63.30

On motion the following bonds were

Henry Neuwerk, justice of the peace

A. W. Finkhouse, constable, Norfolk.

William M. Darlington, deputy coun-

Henry Sunderman, labor and

William Bates, county judge.

ly assessed.

ening grader Chittenden & Snyder, sharpening grader, Linn...... Chittenden & Snyder, ballot box ening grader Chittenden & Snyder, sharpening grader Frank Machmueller, mowing road, Warnerville precinct ... Farmers Mercantile Co., supplies for pauper..... G. E. Kierstead, hall for elec-

A. J. Wells, livery, Housel, assigned to H. Barnes..... A. J. Wells, livery, Johnson, assigned to H. Barnes..... A. J. Wells, livery, Sunderman, assigned to H. Barnes.....

J. Clements, salary and r. B. Hord Grain Co., coal ... Schauman Drug Co., supplies for court house M. R. Hackler, grading, commissioner district No. 3... M. R. Hackler, grading, road

district No. 3..... L. W. Lyon, grading, commissioner district No. 1...... V. W. Clinch, grading, commissioner district No. 1..... Steve Lyon, grading, commissioner district No. 1.....

F. McWhorter, work, commissloner district No. 2..... P. L. Bussey, grading, commissioner district No. 2.... Knud Nelson, grading, commissioner district No. 2.... Christ Nelson, grading, commissioner district No. 2.... Lorence Bussey, grading, commissioner district No. 2.... Ora Bussey, grading, commis-

sioner district No. 2..... P. L. Bussey, express, grader wheels, general..... J. T. Moore, work, commissioner district No. 2, assigned to J. Koenigstein A. J. Sexton, dragging road, road district No. 10..... B. B. McGinnis, work, commissioner district No. 2.... B. B. McGinnis, bridge work,

work John Kent, work, commissioner district No. 2..... Wm. Clasey, work, road district No. 6, assigned to H. Barnes Wm. Clasey, bridge work, assigned to H. Barnes.....

Frank Moldenhaur, bridge

Battle Creek Hardware Co., hardware, road district No. 6 Peter Emig, grading, commissioner district No. 3...... M. R. Hackler, bridge work... Loonan Lumber Co., bridge

lumber Battle Creek Hardware Co., bridge material..... Albert Degner, nails, road district No. 2.....

P. L. Bussey, work, road district No. 2..... Chittenden & Snyder, repairs, road district No. 14..... Edwards & Bradford Lumber Co., lumber, road district No. 4..... E. E. Dodge, work, road dis-

trict No. 4..... B. B. McGinnis, work, road district No. 8..... E. O. Leubcke, work, road district No. 8..... R. C. Sleeper, work, road district No. 8..... R. Timperly, work, road district No. 8..... Ernest Raasch, work, road district No. 2..... triet No. 8..... trict No. 8..... trict No. 8..... triet No. 8..... Howard Miller Lumber Co., lumber, road district No. 7. Howard Miller Lumber Co., coal for pauper.....

W. L. Bickley, work, road district No. 9..... Peter Long, work, road district No. 10..... H. Katterman, work, road district No. 10..... Julius Knapp, work, road district No. 10..... Peter Long, work, road dis trict No. 10..... Richard Black, work, road district No. 10.....

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| trict No. 10 | N. A. Housel, county superintendent. |
|---|---|
| Wm. Breen, work, road dis- | W. M. Palmer, road overseer, road |
| trict No. 10 | district No. 18. |
| Dan Trapp, work, road district | P. J. Johnson, justice of the peace, |
| No. 10 5.00 | Shell Creek precinct, |
| John Trapp, work, road dis- | S. R. McFarland, county clerk. |
| trict No. 10 5.00 | Samuel C. Blackman, deputy county |
| Hume - Robertson - Wycoff Co., | clerk. |
| nails, road district No. 10 7.30 | Security bank, Meadow Grove, de- |
| Ed. Rowlett, work, road dis- | pository bond, \$2,000. |
| trict No. 16 28.00 | C. D. Johnson, steward of the poor |
| Baker Mfg. Co., wheels for | farm, filed his report for the quarter |
| grader, general 6.00 | ending November 30, 1909, as follows: |
| Smith-Premier Typewriter Co., | Battle Creek, Neb., Dec. 10, 1909— To the Honorable County Commis- |
| balance on account 15.00 | sioners of Madison County, Nebraska |
| On motion the county treasurer was | -Gentlemen: I herewith hand your |
| authorized and directed to make the | honorable body my third annual re- |
| following transfer of funds in his of- | port, as follows: |
| fice: | Cash on hand Septem- |
| From 1907 county general | ber 1, 1909 \$.09 |
| fund to 1908 county general | Cash received from 3 |
| fund\$2,000.00 | Steers, 3 cows, 1 bull , 210.00 Cash per Dixon for hay |
| From 1908 county general | and board 30.10 |
| fund to 1909 county general | Cash paid out as fol- |
| fund | lows: |
| From 1908 county bridge fund | H. J. Backer, tree and |
| to 1909 county bridge fund 1,600.00 | shrubbery \$ 6.00 |
| From 1908 commissioner dis- | M. L. Thomsen, mer- |
| trict No. 1 to 1909 commis- sioner district No. 1 fund. 154.00 | chandise, old bills 17.63 |
| sioner district No. 1 fund. 154.00 From 1908 commissioner dis- | J. A. Moore, colt pas- |
| trict No. 2 to 1909 commis- | Carl Bohske, work on |
| sioner district No. 2 fund 154.00 | cave 1.50 |
| From 1908 commissioner dis- | Charles Ulrich, meats. 9.00 |
| trict No. 3 to 1909 commis- | L. O. Johnson, extra la- |
| sioner district No. 3 fund 154.00 | bor 9.90 |
| On motion the county clerk was di- | F. Koester, 40 head of |
| rected to assess the following amounts | cabbage, at oc per |
| paid for mowing weeds against the | head 3.20 H. M. Read, clock 1.00 |
| following lands: | H. M. Read, clock 1.00 J. H. Criss, stove fix- |
| Southwest quarter of south- | tures 2.00 |
| west quarter of section 2. | Aug. Steffen, rug 5.00 |
| west quarter of section 2, | Balance on hand in |

town 23, range 1, west.....\$ 1.00 Balance on hand in Valley bank 170.01 1.00 The following bills incurred by the

On motion the county clerk was in- poor farm were audited and approved structed to notify the incoming sheriff and the county clerk ordered to draw that the southwest room on the lower warrants for the same: floor of the jail building be reserved Charles Ulrich & Son...... \$ 24.90 and kept as a room for the detention Morris & Con..... of children and insane persons, and Joseph Maas..... Howard Miller..... not used for dwelling purposes.

On motion the county clerk was instructed to correct the personal assess.

Battle Creek Hardware Co... 31.15
E. Hans... 39.01
Dr. Charles A. McKim... 16.50 ment of Mrs. E. A. Marquardt in Nor- Howard Miller.... folk precinct for the year 1909 by Battle Creek Roller Mills..... computing her tax in school district John Schobkin........... 31.50 No. 20, instead of No. 2, as erroneous- R. L. Osborn......... 2.50 L. B. Baker..... 62.94

On motion the county clerk was in- F. Koester..... 2.10 structed to file claims with the county C. D. Johnson.... C. J. Stricker.... by Madison county on the county line Fees in the case of the State vs. between Madison and Platte counties: Bridge by C. H. Bakkrud place.\$ 57.13 Kingkaid, certified by W. H. Field. Bridge by C. K. Olson's place. . 109.56 clerk of the district court, were al-The north 110 feet of lots 7 and 8 lowed as follows:

of block 5, Original town of Norfolk, Neilie Horst......\$5.20 Neb., being assessed in the name of Lou Gilland...... 5.20 August Degner for the year 1909 at Wm. P. Kennedy...... 5.20 \$625, actual value, and Richard Peter Frank Baisch, claimed \$5.20 albeing the owner of the following part lowed at..... 4.10 of said premises: the north 50 feet of Wm. Bates...... 2.00 lot 8 and the west 40 feet f the north Geo. W. Wycoff........... 4.10 50 feet of lot 7 in said block 5 of said Otto Wolf, claimed \$3.20, allowed town, and said parties being desirous at 2.10 of having said assessment divided that Wm. J. Smith, claimed \$5.20 aleach may pay the taxes on the prop- lowed at...... 4.10 erty owned by him, on motion said Matt. Hennis, claimed \$3.20 alassessment was divided as follows: lowed at...... 2.10

Richard Peter, north 50 feet lot 8, J. B. Donovan...... 4.10 and west 40 feet of north 50 feet lot 7, C. S. Sutton...... 2.10 J. E. Douglass..... 4.10 August Degner, south 60 feet of Elmer Walker................ 1.10 north 110 feet lots 7 and 8, and east John Horn, assigned to W. H. 30.72 10 feet of north 50 feet of lot 7, block Field 5.20 5. Original town of Norfolk, Neb., D. Q. Nicholson........... 3.20 E. H. Horst..... 2.10 The county clerk was instructed to S. C. Blackman. 4.10 A. K. Donovan, claimed \$5.20 al-

lowed at..... 4.10 allower and the clerk directed to draw Henry Clausen, claimed \$3.20 allowed at..... 2.10 Nels Miller.... 4.10 John Malone, labor and mileage 11.40 W. S. Tannery 2.10 mileage 28.35 Walter Planck 2.10 On motion the following bills were

wholly disallowed as not being a prop-E. H. Crook, constable Meadow er charge against the county: Bill of J. C. Studts for \$32.50 guarding Charles Knapp, prisoner, assigned to Tom Smith.

Bill of Harry Lamb for \$37.50 guarding Charles Knapp, prisoner, assigned Philip Reeg, road overseer, road dis- to the Farmers Mercantile Co. On motion the board then adjourned I. J. Scott, justice of the peace, to January 5, 1910, at 1 p. m.

Geo. E. Richardson County Clerk