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The record of railroad wrecks at the beginning of the New Year is appalling. Even the new modern steel sleeping cars have come in for their share of the victims.

Now that a post office site for Columbus has practically been decided on, the next in order is to get the appropriation for the building as soon as practicable. And Congressman-elect Boyd can be depended on to do every thing to secure its consideration at the earliest possible time.

One of the measures introduced at Lincoln proposes to require every package containing stuff to fill "the cup that cheers" to be plainly labeled on the outside with the words, "intoxicating liquor." The next thing, every man who takes a drink will be required by law to put out a sign telling just how many he has had.—Omaha Bee.

The legislature of Nebraska was promptly organized by electing a republican speaker of the house and a republican president of the senate. It is to be hoped the legislature will promptly elect Norris Brown United States senator, enact promptly all necessary legislation and adjourn. It is not necessary for every legislature to tinker with all our laws, and introduce bills for the sake of putting in time. In law making, just as in business, let well enough alone.

There is a rumor that the Union Pacific intends enlarging the Columbus passenger depot in the spring, realizing that the present one is entirely too small for a town of this size. What is needed is an entirely new and modern depot, such as other towns on the main line now have. And we would suggest that the Commercial Club take the matter up and urge the company to build a suitable building, one that would meet all needs for years to come.

Governor J. H. Mickey now belongs to the "Down and Out Club," and we doubt greatly if he will ever belong to the "Ins" again, and yet no one can tell what the future may have in store for him. Governor Mickey is too much of a self righteous man, too much of a man who always seems to say, "I am holier than thou" to ever be a popular man, but as an official everyone must admit that Mickey has made a good governor He has devoted his entire time to the duties of his office, and has exercised good judgment in executing them. He is strictly honest himself, and as a rule his appointees have been of a high class. Some people and some newspapers are criticising the governor severely for pardoning Mrs. Lillie of David City, who was convicted of killing her husband. We are inclined to endorse the governor's action in this case. We have always believed Mrs. Lillie guilty of the crime charged against her, not so much from reading or hearing the evidence, but from the fact that she did not dare go on the witness stand and face judge and jury and say, "I am innocent." Of course, in doing this she undoubtly followed the advice of her attorney, but probably her attorneys knew she was guilty and feared the cross examination. Yet everybody admits there is some sort of a reasonable doubt. Mrs. Lillie has already been sufficiently punished. Let us have charity and mercy.

Senator Hemenway, of Indiana, proposes to appoint commercial travelers as American consuls to foreign countries. The proposition sounds most commendable. During the last fifteen or twenty years a gradual change has been going on in the selection of persons for consular purposes. For about a century the idea prevailed that all that was needed in a consul was some one to occupy the place and occasionally look after shipwrecked American sailors. With that idea of the little importance of the place, it is not to be wondered at that many inefficient men were selected for the minor positions. A few years ago the necessity for a change became so apparent that a closer scrutiny was exercised in making selections for consular positions, but still the service has not been raised to the standard of efficiency it ought to possess. America has come to be the great producer of the world and foreign markets are a necessity to use up our surplus. Those markets must be obtained or there will come a season of financial depression such as the country has never witnessed. A system of wide-awake, alert, enterprising consuls means a wider and a greater market; a wider and greater market means continued prosperity. Commercial travelers are familiar with what Americans have to sell; they would be quick to see how changes should be made in manufacture, packing and shipping to meet the requirements of the people of those countries who want to buy. In short, they would be "drummers" for American products.—Lincoln Star.

## Supervisors' Proceedings.

(Continued from last week)

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| R W Fifield act Lost Creek twp | $ 10 50 |
| John W Claburn same | 108 00 |
| John Mottlup same | 9 00 |
| Daniel Murdock same | 50 45 |
| Walrath & Sherwood lbr co | 276 29 |
| E L Rossiter co survlyor same | 4 25 |
| Wm Hennessey same | 2 00 |
| C J Carrig same | 2 8 |
| Sullivan & Dress | 5 00 |
| Walrath & Sherwood lbr to | 26 88 |
| Wm J Foley same | 9 00 |
| Edward Arndt same | 4 50 |
| Henry Clayburn same | 33 00 |
| Wm Marx same | 33 00 |
| Theodore Kramland act Bismark twp | 45 50 |
| Colfax county same | 190 0 |
| Sullivan & Dress act Shell Creek twp | 5 00 |
| E L Rossiter co survegor | 4 40 |
| Pitz Fuller same | 20 00 |
| Louis Goedeken same | 7 50 |
| Wm Goedeken same | 9 00 |
| Fred Goedeken same | 6 50 |
| P Nunnelley same | 6 00 |
| D Henke same | 14 00 |
| John Lechnit same | 3 00 |
| Ernst Arndt same | 9 00 |
| Bernard Eihausen same | 7 50 |
| H D clausen same | 26 00 |
| Louis Saalfeld same | 6 00 |
| Martin Hamling same | 4 50 |
| Emil Schoen same | 3 00 |
| Garrett Schulte same | 7 50 |
| Henry Kann same | 4 00 |
| M E Clother same | 2 00 |
| George Tieden act Loup twp | 11 75 |
| Fred Handel same | 3 00 |
| Jacob Kummer same | 3 00 |
| George Tieden same | 20 00 |
| Walter Tschudin same | 25 75 |
| Sam Connolley act St Bernard twp | 102 00 |
| Fred Suepper same | 73 50 |
| Henry Engelberts same | 141 00 |
| W H Deegan same | 8 50 |
| Patrick Ducey | 15 00 |
| Joseph Albrecht same | 72 00 |
| Bernard Johnson act Walker twp | 21 25 |
| Nye, Schneider Fowler co same | 41 80 |

The following bills on recommendation of the committee on roads and bridges was referred to the respective township board for payment:

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| M J Hennee act Granville twp | $ 19 20 |
| Edward & Bradford lmbr co act Joliet | 158 26 |
| " " " Shell Creek | 171 49 |

Action upon the following bills was on recommendation of the committee on roads and bridges deferred until the next session of the board:

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| Nye Schneider Fowler co act Walker | $ 239 45 |
| Walrath & Sherwood Co act Lost Creek | 34 56 |

The following was submitted:

Whereas; the board of supervisors of Platte county, Nebraska, at their session of October 10, 1906, have declared duly established the "Melcher Road" along the county line between Madison and Platte counties, approving the report of the appraisers awarding damages to the claimants at the basit of a 40 foot road and directing the clerk of this board to issue warrants in payment of same as follows: S. S. Chost $150, Henry Melcher $95, Christ Dohmen $26, Geo. M. Ruthmacher $24, and

Whereas, the board of Supervisors have been subsequently advised that the Madison county board have established said road 66 feet in width and have awarded damages to claimants at such basis, and whereas the law provides that the establishment of a public road along a county line may only be effected by the concurrent action of the respective county boards,

Therefore, be it Resolved, by the board of Supervisors of Platte county that their action in declaring the "Melcher Road" to be 40 feet in width be recinded and instead be declared duly established 66 feet in width and the county surveyor directed to survey said road in accordance therewith, and

Be it further Resolved, That additional damages be awarded to the claimants and the clerk directed to issue warrants in payment on srmg on county bond fund as follows

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| S S Chost, account Granville twp | $ 60 00 |
| Henry Malcher, same | 48 00 |
| Christ Dohmen, same | 24 50 |
| George M Ruthracher, same | 24 00 |

M E Clother,
A E Priest,
Louis Held.

On motion same was adopted.

The petition of B Kosal and others for the opening for public travel of a strip of land 10 feet in width, running north and south and being the west part of lot one in Gerrard's first subdivision of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 26, town 19, range 2 west, was returned with the following report: "Your committee on roads and bridges to whom was referred the within petition beg leave to report that upon due investigation we find that the strip of land described in the petition was conveyed by Edward A Gerrard and wife to Platte county for a public road, therefore we recommend that the county surveyor be instructed to survey said strip of land and file his survey with the clerk of this board; and we further recommend that the clerk be directed to notify the overseer of highways in whose district said strip is located, to cause to have all obstructions thereon removed for the purpose to have said strip in proper condition for public travel.

M E Clother,
A E Priest,
Louis Held.

On motion same was adopted.

The communication of the town board of Columbus township, relative to the bridges which span the irrigation ditch in said township, on recommendation of the committee on roads and bridges, was referred to the county attorney for a written opinion.

The petition of Julius Heibel and others for the location of a public road 40 feet in width, commencing at the southwest corner of section 22, town 18, range 1 east, and running thence north on section line one-fourth mile, was returned with following report: "We your committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the within petition would recommend that the Prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the clerk directed to proceed in accordance with law.

M E Clother,
A E Priest,
Louis Held.

On motion same was adopted.

The petition of Joseph L Sjulow and others for the location of a public road 40 feet in width, commencing at the northeast corner of section 24, town 18, range 3 west, and running thence due west on section line one mile, was returned with following report: Your committee on roads and bridges would recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and the clerk instructed to proceed according to law.

M E Clother,
A E Priest,
Louis Held.

On motion same was adopted.

The petition of Nels M Landeen and others for the location of a public road 40 feet in width, commencing at the southeast corner of section 7 town 20, range 4 west, and running thence due north on section line one mile, was returned by the committee on roads and bridges with following report: Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and the clerk directed to proceed according to law.

M E Clother.

On motion same was adopted.

The petition of John Maslonka and others for the establishment of a public road in Loup township along the north line of section 32, town 17, range 2 west, was on recommendation of the committee on roads and bridges, rejected by the board.

Relative to the petition of Franz Lachsinger and others for the alteration of part of "School Section Road" in Bismark township, the following report was submitted: We, your special committee, appointed at the last session of the board to view and examine into the expediency of the vacation and relocation of part of a public road detitioned for by Franz Lachsinger and others would report, that upon due investigation we find that the alteration of the road as petitioned for is practicable, but that it takes in too much territory, thereby causing too much damage, and that a curve around the ditch in said road commencing 250 feet west of the west bank and ending 150 feet east of the east bank of said ditch would be sufficient. Therefore we recommend that the former action of this board granting the prayer of the petitioners be rescinded and the petition rejected and that a new petition be prepared in conformity with our findings and same filed with the clerk of this board.

A E Priest,
Louis Held,
Wm J Newman.

On motion same was adopted.

The following bills were on motion allowed by the board and the clerk directed to issue warrants in payment of same on the county general fund:

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| J J Ducey, attending quarantine cases | $ 28 00 |
| Dr D R Westfall, professional services | 6 00 |
| Wm O'Brien, costs State vs Wm Webb | 16 25 |
| Wm O'Brien, costs vs Edward Tschudy | 4 60 |
| Ed Rossiter, constable same case | 3 45 |
| H C Lechnit, attending district cour | 26 00 |
| Telegram Co, supplies etc for county | 433 81 |
| Columbus Printing and Specialty House supplies for county | 59 60 |
| C A Speice, coal for court house | 192 85 |

The application of the Farmers' Institute of Humphrey, for the appropriation of $45.00 to assist in defraying the expenses of a two days institute, was on recommendation of the committee on accounts and expenditures granted and the clerk directed to issue warrant in payment of same on the county general fund.

The communication of H J Herbes requesting to cause to have refunded $21.00, amount of tax paid by him under protest, same being special side walk tax, was returned by the committee on claims with following report: Your committee recommends that no action be taken by this board in regard to the within request for the reason that no satisfactory proof has been furnished that the side walk constructed by the village board of Humphrey has not been built according to an ordinance of the village of Humphrey.

J Goetz.

On motion same was adopted.

The communination of C M Gruenther, clerk of the district court, asking that a new wide carriage type writer be purchased for use in his office, was returned by the committee on supplies and public property with following report: Your committee recommend that the clerk of the district court be anihorized to purchase a new type writer in exchange for old machine; provided the surplus cost does not exceed the sum of $75.00, as stated by him.

The following bills on recommendation of the committee on claims were on motion allowed by the board and the clerk directed to issue warrants in payment of same on the county general fund:

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| M E Clother, services on board | $ 73 00 |
| Louis Held, same | 9 00 |
| A E Priest, same | 36 40 |
| John Swanson, same | 72 00 |
| Wm J Newman, same | 37 25 |
| John Goetz, same | 33 40 |
| J F Schurr, same | 29 50 |
| John Swanson, cash advanced | 2 00 |

Moved by Supervisor Newman that the board of supervisors now adjourn until January 2, 1907, at 2 o'clock p. m. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Route No. 2.

Michael Johnson, son of Thomas Johnson, had the misfortune to get his arm broken while skating.

Wm. Newman, jr., was shelling corn Tuesday.

### Route No. 4.

Al. Campbell and Chas. Godfrey were in Columbus this week attending the Farmers' institute. Mr. Campbell took down some corn to compete for the prizes.

Some of the former patrons of the route now receive their mail at other places on account of the changes in the route.

L. D. Johnson and Charles Brown were in Columbus Tuesday.

Walter Groenecklaus was shelling his corn this week. He is getting ready to move to Sherman county in the spring.

### Route No 3.

Fred Bargemann is spending the winter with relatives in Kansas.

J. F. Godekin spent several days last week looking after his farming interests near St. Edward.

Quite a number of the young men from the route are attending the Columbus Commercial coll ge this winter.

Owing to high water at Fremont, the Misses Martha and Louise Seefeld were unable to return home as expected last week, but came home Monday. It was necessary for them to ford the Platte river buggy box deep for a considerable distance in order to reach the depot.

We have been informed that Fred Mindrup has sold his farm to Fred Behlen, jr., but Mr. Behlen does not take possession until next fall, when Mr. Mindrup will go to the theological seminary in New York and study for the ministry.

Considerable fat stock, in the way of cattle and hogs, were delivered from off the route the first of the week.

Mrs. Schneemann, who visited a few days with the family of Peter Luetjens, returned to her home in St. Louis Monday.

Miss N. Rose Rasmussen after a two week's vacation; began teaching again in the Brunken school district. This is Miss Rasmussen's first year in teaching, and her many friends will be glad to know that she is giving excellent satisfaction, and her manner of discipline in the school room it is claimed, would do credit to a more experienced teacher.

Baker & Sheldon are busy baling hay north of Columbus.

### Route No. 1.

Louis Wilkins has a force of men building a cistern for him.

Last Sunday evening the young people held a surprise party on Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Lueschen, jr.

Fredricks Bros. shelled their corn Tuesday.

Joseph Henggeler has been keeping batch while the young folks are visiting in Frontier county.


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## WOUNDING A FIRE.

**An Odd Superstition That Dates Back to Ancient Times.**

A curious modern attempt to rationalize one of the oldest of superstitions is to be found in Kipling's "Life's Handicap." There Mulvaney checks the author from stirring the fire with Ortheris' bayonet on the ground that fire takes the heart out of the steel. The real reason is much more mysterious. It was one of the maxims of Pythagoras "not to stir the fire with a sword," and to this day the wandering tribes of North America and of northeast Asia hold it a sin to take up a burning ember for a pipe light with the point of a knife. The explanation is undoubtedly given by Johannes de Plano Carpini when he tells us that one of the Tartar superstitions concerns "sticking a knife into the fire or in any way touching the fire with a knife or even taking meat out of the kettle with a knife or cutting near the fire with an ax, for they believe that so the head of the fire would be cut off."

This is evidently connected with the ancient idea that fire is a living creature, a sacred animal, which must not be wounded by its human owners in case it should be annoyed and deprive them of its valuable services. Is this in any degree more irrational than the belief still existent among housekeepers that a feeble fire can be made to burn up by laying the poker across it.—London Outlook.

## TEA BUGS AND TEA MITES.

**They Are the Plagues of the Assam Tea Gardens.**

Every animal and plant has its parasite, and from this general law, it seems, the tea plant is not exempt. Two insects are described as spending their lives in tea drinking. They are the plague of the Assam tea gardens and are known as the tea bug and tea mite.

The mites spend their entire lives on the tea plant and are never known to attack any other leaf. They live in families and societies on the upper side of the full grown leaf and spin a delicate web for a shelter. They then puncture the leaves and pump out the liquid in the plant veins.

They seem to become very dainty in their tastes, for a sprinkling of muddy water over their floor and tea table is the only remedy known to check their ravages. Even this is not always effectual.

The tea bug is still more destructive and is evidently possessed of an appreciation of the best kinds of tea, since it always attacks those of a mild and delicate flavor. Such as afford harsh and rasping liquors are almost entirely free from its attacks.—London Chronicle.

## PUNY EAST INDIANS.

**The Native Born of English Parents Are a Scrawy Lot.**

"The queerest sight you see in India is the native born," said the sailor. "The native born is the thinnest, softest, laziest, sallerest thing in the way of a white man that was ever invented.

"And he is the proof that England won't never colonize India. For the English can't live in India, you see. The moist heat of that there land, with its nights of 110 degrees and its noons of 130 or worse, takes the strength and backbone out of an Englishman, gives him liver trouble and makes a complete wreck of him.

"If he goes back home, he may recover his health. If he stays in India, he don't never recover it. If he has children born in India, those children are called native born, and for poor, little, puny, spiritless critters they're the limit.

"If them native born English have children in their turn—well, that third generation of native born has none, at least. It is a generation of idiots, paralytics, cataleptics, cripples. If you was to see an army of native born of the third generation, you'd think you had the rams sure.

"Let England get out of India. She does the Indians only harm, and what she does for herself is to turn tall, strong, bloomin' young colonists into them skinny, yeller, whimperin' specters what you call native born."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## THE ART OF TALKING.

**Things That Are Essential to a Good Conversationalist.**

To be a good conversationalist you must be spontaneous, buoyant, natural, sympathetic, and must have a spirit of good will. You must feel a spirit of helpfulness and must enter heart and soul into things which interest others. You must get the attention of people and hold it by interesting them, and you can only interest them by a warm sympathy—a real, friendly sympathy. If you are cold, distant and unsympathetic you cannot get their attention.

To be a good conversationalist you must be broad, tolerant. A narrow, stingy soul never talks well. A man who is always violating your sense of taste, of justice and of fairness never interests you. You lock tight all the approaches to your inner self, every avenue is closed to him, and when they are closed your magnetism and your helpfulness are cut off, and the conversation is perfunctory, mechanical and without life or feeling.

You must bring your listeners close to you, must open your heart wide and exhibit a broad, free nature and an open mind. You must be responsive, so that a listener will throw wide open every avenue of his nature and give you free access to his heart of hearts.—Success Magazine.

**Undiscovered Crime.**

"Can you point out a man who at the age of thirty has not committed at one time in his life a crime that would have sent him to the penitentiary?" remarked a trusty at the penitentiary the other day. "I do not believe that there is a man living, excluding, for the looks of the thing, the clergy, who has not done something to bring him here had he received his just deserts. It is not always a great crime that sends a man to the penitentiary. There are men in here for stealing chickens or clover seed or nothing at all. It is easy to get behind the walls. There are many men on the outside who should be in here. I am personally acquainted with a few myself. But the difference between these people and myself is that I have been caught and they have not."—Columbus Dispatch.

**Willie Also Discovers.**

A teacher in charge of the second primary grade at a Denver school was telling the children about Columbus one day not long ago. She told them all about the home life of the discoverer of America and all about his people.

"His relatives," she said, "were wool combers."

The next day Columbus was discussed again. "By the way, children," said the teacher, "do you remember what his relatives were?"

There was a moment of profound stillness. Then a little fellow in the rear of the room raised his hand.

"You may tell us, Willie," said the teacher.

"They wus barbers," said the boy.—Denver Post.

**Oranges.**

This is the West Indian way of preparing oranges for the table: Peel the oranges, taking off as much white skin as possible; then slice them off all round as you would an apple, regardless of the sections. This leaves the seed, tough, stringy central part and most of the inner skin together and is a much less tedious process than removing the skin by sections. Use a very sharp knife, so as to make clean cuts and not crush the fruit.

**Cold Calculation.**

"You should do something to claim the gratitude of posterity."

"What for?" asked Senator Sorghum, "I don't know that posterity will have anything I especially desire, and if it should have there is no way for it to deliver the goods."—Washington Star.

**Makes Him White**

"Jimmy's got a great scheme to get out o' school on nice days."

"How does he work it?"

"He goes out an' washes his face, an' the teacher thinks he's ill an' sends him home."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

**Noted the Symptom.**

A little girl went for the first time to church with her mother. All went well during the service, but the child grew uneasy during the sermon, which was a long one. The mother tried in every way to keep the little girl quiet, but in vain. Finally the child observed that the preacher had a pompous way of inflating his chest and lungs at a new paragraph or head. Just as the mother was assuring the child that the preacher would soon stop, he did—for another start—and the tired child burst out on her mother's assurance, "No, he won't; he's swelling up again."—Woman's National Daily.

**Reasonable Request.**

"The trouble," said the dentist as he probed away at the aching molar with a long, slender instrument, "is evidently due to a dying nerve."

"Well," groaned the victim, "it's open to you to treat the dying with a little more respect."

**The Combination.**

Miss Millyun—One can be very happy in this world with health and money. Deadbroke—Then let's be made one. I have the health and you have the money.—Illustrated Bits.

**A Fearful Duel.**

The most terrible duel fought at any time in Paris was the one between Colonel D., an old Bonapartist officer, and M. de G. of the Gardes du Corps, a mere youth, but of herculean strength. The two men, lashed together so as to leave their right arms free, were armed with short knives, placed in a hackney coach and driven at a tearing gallop around the Place de la Concorde. They were taken out of the coach dead. The colonel had eighteen stabs, the youth only four, but one of these had pierced his heart.


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