

THREE DEMOCRATS DID IT.

County Employes Chosen by the Commissioners at Yesterday's Session.

NOTHING THERE FOR A REPUBLICAN.

Judge Stenberg Makes a Few Criticisms on the Move, but the State Went Through—J. Mahoney and Wife Were Re-elected.

The two republican members of the Board of County Commissioners met in their time yesterday afternoon in helping to shake the political fruit trees, while the three members with democratic proclivities were around and gathered up the apples of discontent.

The meeting was opened by County Clerk Sackett reading a petition asking that Dr. H. W. Connell be appointed county physician. The petition went to the table, there to slumber during the far-reaching future.

Dan Dalley was on hand with an application and was appointed constable of Union Precinct to fill vacancy.

Judge Stenberg scented game and in speaking upon a question of privilege stated that it had not been the custom to call upon the chairman to vote, unless it was to decide a tie.

He wanted the chair to be placed on record in order to share the responsibility equally with the other members.

Major Paddock could find no law to excuse the chairman from voting, and it was decided that in the future his vote should be recorded for or against each and every proposition.

Some Routine Work. The official bond of John P. Henderson, member of the Soldiers' Relief commission, was presented and approved.

County Treasurer, in a communication informed the board that ex-County Treasurer Snyder had drawn the full salary of the office to January 6, but had failed to complete the records to that date.

Major Paddock moved that they lay upon the table.

Mr. Berlin wanted them considered, but upon the table they were assisted there by the votes of Messrs. Paddock, Van Camp and Chairman Timme.

Following the disposition of the motion was where the three democratic members got in their clever fruit picking, leaving Mr. Berlin and Judge Stenberg to hold the sack.

Major Paddock started the political ball rolling by moving that the board proceed to the election of county employes.

Commenced the Circus. The motion was carried by a strict party vote, and reaching into his pocket Chairman Timme drew forth a paper, which he said the auditor would be the first man to be elected.

Mr. Berlin suggested that the chairman read his entire paper, and upon which the remark not calling for any reply, Mr. Van Camp placed John F. Evans in nomination for the position.

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