

call case should occupy the attention of the courts for years without reaching a settlement, when promptness could so easily be provided for.

Brewster News: There are a few amendments necessary to make the bill a law a success, chief among which is a limit to the amount of bonds allowed districts to vote in constructing ditches.

Crete Vilette: Our legislators will doubtless make an effort this winter to amend the banking law. It is thought they can make any change whereby deposits will be safer.

Grand Island Independent: Lyon post should lead in the movement at this time to amend the law of having a second and absolutely useless Soldiers' home at Milford.

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

Des Moines Capital: Iowa is justly proud of its representative government. It is gravely anxious over the senatorial election about to be made in other states.

Burlington Hawkeyes: Iowa in the matter of improved roads. They have not only the necessary laws, but the improved roads and highways.

Clinton Democrat: The people of this state have discovered they put themselves in bad shape when they fused last year with the democratic party.

St. Louis City Tribune (dem.): It is one of the anomalies of the present political situation that Charles Walsh, secretary of the democratic party in Iowa, is being used by the republican party.

Chicago Press: Brown—Do you intend to keep house with a silver mine? Jones—That depends on circumstances.

Washington Star: "Be man that nebbish gets 'contracted,'" said Uncle Eben, "am shure he'll either get 'benefactor' or 'terrible nuisance.'" in 'em 'em.

Brooklyn Life: Sam Gringlet—Do you honestly mean to say that you spend less money since you married? Benny Dittus—My dear fellow, I have to.

Washington Tribune: Reporter—Three men all live in the same house. One is a doctor, one is a lawyer, one is a politician.

THE INAUGURATION BALL. Washington Star. Men and women, Monday, Jan. 12, 8 o'clock. Take a fashion magazine. An' study 'em.

What's that 'bout how I voted? Now, jess let bygones be bygones. The fact that he's the president is quite enough for me.

Oh, for such an education— Knowledge prospering in the land— As shall make the business nation— Great in heart, abundant in hand.

Knowledge free and unnumbered, Wearing no dogmatic fetters; Quickening minds that long have slumbered; Doubling life by living letters.

Pulse of Western Progress.

Six months ago the Denver News, in a special from Lake George, made brief mention of Puma City, and advanced the proposition that the showing then warranted further developments.

Of all the strange fishes or animals or snakes of the sea, the strangest drifted ashore at Tillamook a few days ago, says the Astoria dispatch to the San Francisco Examiner.

A 200-foot tunnel has just been completed on the McConnell asbestos mine at Casper, Montana, says the Astoria dispatch.

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route was direct to Colorado, thence to Oklahoma, and on into Texas. They passed through one ranch in Texas that was 200 miles long and twenty-five miles wide in its narrowness.

Five strange Lewistown, Idaho, Indians were caught by Fred Noff of the Boston Herald in Peavine, a mining camp of 200 men, some of whom the Indians were made to give up the goods.

The Corvallis creamery project is no longer a visionary scheme, but has now taken definite shape, and work on the plant promises to begin in an early date.

Max Richter of Mount Vernon, Grant county, tried the experiment this year of shipping his wool clip to London on his own account.

The citizens of the town of Snodish have not yet given up the costly seat fight and hope to find in the supreme court's recent decision something to hang objections on.

The North Yakima land office yielded the government title to the 300-acre tract, and required \$28,250 to maintain it during the same time, a net loss to the department of \$90.

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ABOUT A HUNDRED THOUSAND

Amount of Claims Following the "Poor Farm Case."

Some Difference of Opinion Among Members of the Board as to the Best Method of Carrying on the Claims.

The adjustment of the claims against Douglas county on account of the decision of the supreme court in the "poor farm cases," bids fair to engage the attention of the Board of County Commissioners for some time.

Under the law the board is required to make an estimate, at its first meeting in January, of the amount of funds which will probably be required to meet the claims of the county during the ensuing fiscal year, commencing July 1, following.

The total amount of this estimate may not be exceeded by the board when the annual levy is made in June. There is a diversity of opinion among the members of the board regarding the manner in which the claims against the county should be adjusted, and as this matter enters very largely into the question of the levy and estimate, it will form a very lively issue from the very first meeting of the new board.

Commissioner Stenberg favors making a levy to partially pay the judgments entered by the court, and resisting the payment of claims against the county which have not been adjudicated in the courts.

The maximum levy allowed by law for county purposes is 15 mills, and this will not admit of a levy large enough to pay all the judgments in addition to meeting the ordinary expenses of the county.

Mr. Stenberg will urge as large a levy for the judgment fund as the law will permit, and will resist any attempt to settle the other claims outside of court.

Commissioner Kierstead on the other hand, favors paying the claims which have not been adjudicated on the same basis as the judgments are paid. He takes the position that the county can never give the purchasers of lots in Douglas addition clear title and says that the action of the commissioners in refusing to act on the claims when they were presented prevented the claimants from bringing suit.

Mr. Kierstead says the present board is morally bound to carry out the agreement of the former board and he strongly favors paying off the claims in full.

Other members of the board have not expressed any opinion as to how this matter should be adjusted, the new members saying that they are sufficiently familiar with the subject at this time.

ALMOST A HUNDRED THOUSAND.

The claims filed against the county which have not been taken into court, aggregate \$99,801.51. Some of the claimants make a claim for a very large amount.

When the claims are paid, the judgments, while others make no such claim, but all would undoubtedly claim interest from the date of the demand made upon the board.

These claims are as follows: Mrs. Clowdy Weinberger \$1,591.14 Henry Ritter 1,825.29 Sarah J. Dewey 11,279.47 Maria Krebs 2,619.89 Ailie B. Walters 2,124.16 George W. Scott 1,779.27 David A. Ball and wife 91.05 Mary Ellen Costello 291.65 Charles F. Driscoll 1,049.29 Henry J. Hammond 1,965.71 H. J. Lee 906.92 Charles Cook 529.21 Sarah J. Dewey 12,946.47 William I. Kierstead 3,741.29 Cyrus W. Beck 1,251.00 John P. Ewing 125.00 D. C. Patterson 1,528.22 P. Bressler and D. C. Patterson 1,141.55 Thomas F. Brennan 1,912.50 G. P. Berneer 709.00 Christ Johnson 12.00 Mrs. Anna C. Fell 2,009.00 John Alfred Gustafson 1,159.00 John O'Connor 925.99 Andrew Johnson 1,175.00 John A. Grandon 1,083.23 J. C. Hartman 1,448.88 Frank W. Boukal 1,229.50 George W. Sturtington 255.13 Alice Cooper 2,326.92 John Simmons 6,246.47 Fredrickson 1,000.00 Johanna E. Peisker 1,029.29 James Montgomery 4,250.20 Mrs. M. J. Johnson 163.79 A. C. Larson 963.79 Walter G. Clark, administrator 359.48 J. C. Hartman 1,448.88 Thomas F. Mahoney 991.65 James F. Vilia 921.80 John G. Guinan 4,266.30

Total \$99,801.51

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