

CURRENT EVENTS OF COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION. Try Moore's stock food. Dr. Roe, dentist, Merriam block. Eggs, 3 doz. 25c. Bartlett & Miller. Ask merchants for premium stars. Photos—Piatino or Aristo. Sherraden. Dr. Brown, dentist, room 301, Merriam blk. W. H. Stackhouse, ex-collector of internal revenue, of Burlington was in the city yesterday.

WORK ON ROADS WELL DONE

Colonel Baker Talks of the Condition of County Highways. Practical Plan Thoroughly Tested. Machine-Made Roads Withstand the Winter's Freezing and Spring Thawing and Present a Passable Surface.

The members of the Board of County Supervisors are taking a deep interest in the public road work that was done last summer on several of the main county highways and have started a systematic inquiry with a view of ascertaining how the roadbeds have withstood the spring thaw. Colonel Baker has perhaps taken more interest in this work than almost any member of the board, and he said yesterday: "We have every reason to congratulate ourselves and the people of the county who use the roads that the effort to construct modern highways was begun last summer. Of the twenty-four miles of roadway we constructed last summer our reports do not show a mile that is not in good passable condition. In many places where the roads were in a bad way we were able to get them up to a standard that will stand up to the heaviest loads that can be hauled. There has been more rain this season than last. The work we did has certainly demonstrated the wisdom of the board in investing a considerable sum of money in the road-making machinery we purchased and put into operation. We were considerably handicapped during a portion of the season on account of the excessive dryness of the soil, which could not be perfectly compacted by our system of harrowing and rolling. At all points where the new roadbeds were put up to the standard it will be found that the work was done when the ground was powdery dry. Wherever we had moist earth to work upon we gave a firm and solid basis for the road that has not been affected by the weather. The old Chautauque road, where we did some good work early in the season, is in a high state of repair. The farmers are pulling the heaviest loads over it. This road was almost impassable for heavily laden wagons until this year. We are fully satisfied with the work we did and shall continue on the same lines this season and reconstruct many miles of the principal highways in the county."

The new method calls for the use of a twelve-horsepower grader which is used for removing the earth from the sides of the road and piling it up in the center. As fast as it is deposited there it is spread out and thoroughly pulverized by a slender-toothed harrow which is followed by a heavy roller which smooths the surface. The earth is put on in layers of only about an inch in thickness, each subjected to repeated rolling. In this way a roadway, often several feet thick, is built up from the center out to the sides. The surface is compacted from top to bottom. The surface has an oval form which sheds the water readily. Formerly in the public highways a short distance from the center the road was a narrow roadway where all of the vehicles traveled, turning out only to pass each other. On the new roadways a surface of from twenty to thirty feet is used for supporting a double track of iron rails. The roadmaking committee in the county board announced that the same general plan of last year will be followed this year and that all of the tax levied for the purpose of levying in the general road fund of the county will be devoted to the work. This fund has amounted to \$20,000 a year for many years and it has been used for the purpose of levying it to the several townships and permit it to be used under the direction of the township road supervisors who have expended it together with the additional town levy to defray the cost of annually plowing up the roads. The board will endeavor to indicate to the city to consent this year to the relinquishment of its share of this fund to be used in making permanent roads in the immediate vicinity of town.

SUITS IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Clerk's Office Receives a Rush from Prospective Litigants. A number of suits were filed in the office of the clerk of the district court yesterday for the March term. But a short time remains when suits can be filed in time for docketing and the usual rush of the last days of the term.

Anna Griffin, Margaret Deah, Mary Flynn and Ella Maxwell, heirs of the late James E. McGinty, have brought suit to correct what they allege to be an illegal will of the attorney who drew up the will of McGinty. They claim that it was his intention to give them 200 acres of land and that in doing so he was misled by the attorney who was drafting the will made a mistake that caused the omission of forty acres of land, giving them only 160 acres. A number of other suits have been filed in which secured claims against this tract of forty acres are made defendants.

Another suit of a similar nature was filed by A. R. Prentice and others against H. A. Terry and others, all of whom are property owners living on Boyer lake. Many years ago when the lake was a portion of the river the government surveys were used as the boundary lines of their farms. In recent years the lake has filled up and the old line has been lost. The case is one of purpose of settling all disputes that may arise in the future all of the farmers interested have joined in the suit, asking to have the line judicially fixed and the costs of the suit apportioned equitably among all of the litigants. Several thousand acres of land are involved, and the owners have foreseen chances for serious complications in the future arising from conflicting claims to accretions, and they have reached the conclusion that it is better to have the matter amicably settled now while the proper evidence can be easily obtained.

Lena C. Shearer asks for a divorce from her husband, Clinton C. Shearer, who has been living since their marriage in Mexico, Mo., in 1878, on the grounds of brutal and inhuman treatment, which became unbearable to her in 1897. A number of damage suits were filed. In one of them Carl Nelson alleges that Lars Hansen has damaged his reputation to the extent of \$5,000 by uttering defamatory notices about him.

Attorney W. H. Ware asks for a judgment awarding him \$500 against Nathan Merriam, owner of the Merriam block, for reason of securing an injunction preventing plaintiff from putting into effect a writ of execution issued from the court of Justice Cook.

Mrs. Mary Jane Anderson asks for \$10,000 damages from Sankey Boyesen and the W. J. Lemp Brewing company upon the grounds that they conspired to make a drunkard of her husband by selling him intoxicants contrary to her husband's legal prohibition. She also alleges that her son Charles was permitted to buy intoxicants of the defendants, although they knew he was a minor and that her husband had become a confirmed drunkard and her son had been arrested and sent to jail from the consequences of drinking. For \$20,000 by the defendant. Mrs. Anderson recently prosecuted a case in one of the justice courts against bartenders who had sold her son intoxicants.

Dorcas Haines asks for \$500 damages from Lars P. Nelson. He alleges that he had advanced and conducted a public sale of farm products and appurtenances at his place a few miles in the country and that Nelson for some reason began a systematic method of making the sale a financial failure. He alleges that Nelson for days before the sale and while the sale was in progress busied himself in securing the owners of the buildings are included in the application. The notices were not served until after 10 o'clock last night. A number of the saloons have only been in operation a few days.

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Governor Gets After Trustee of the Glenwood Institute. Fills Own Purse at Expense of State.

Healy Committee Investigates Irregularities and if Wickham Does Not Resign Executive Will Remove Him.

DES MOINES, March 18.—(Special Telegram)—A cessation was caused today by the announcement that Governor Shaw has practically decided to remove J. E. Wickham, trustee of the Glenwood Institute for Feeble Minded Children from his position on the board. Wickham is charged with having used his position as treasurer of the board to fill his own purse at the expense of the state. The first discoveries were made by the Healy committee, which found that Wickham has received warrants from the state treasurer, sold them at a premium and pocketed the amount. Wickham testified on behalf of the state before the committee that he had in this way made about \$250, and after the committee had left, at the urgent request of Chairman Healy, he made restitution to the state of this \$250. Later it was discovered that he had been doing this kind of business for some time, and he was induced to pay back enough to bring the total to \$466.65. This time he insisted that he was positively square with the state, but Governor Shaw investigated and found that he had received a number of payments to the treasurer, making a total of not far from \$1,000 that was being pocketed by him. In addition to having pocketed the premiums on warrants which he sold, Wickham on one occasion sold a warrant for \$100 and received \$125, the discount had been \$25, taking the \$200 difference as his own profit. This charge is being investigated. People at Glenwood are angry at the action of the state representative Parker has been especially active. He has written Wickham that his best course would be to resign as soon as possible, unless he wants to be removed from the board. Wickham has given it out that he will remove himself unless he resigns. There has been a serious question in the minds of the trustees as to whether or not they should allow Wickham to continue in his position. The charge of reporting a larger discount than was actually made by the representative Parker, however, said this morning that he had agreed not to indict or prosecute him if he resigned at once.

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