

COSTLY ROADS AND BRIDGES

Douglas County Taxpayers Stand for Some Heavy Expenses.

PROLIFIC SOURCE OF POLITICAL PIE

Funds Wasted by the County Commissioner and County Surveyor in a Most Reckless Manner.

The figures from the road and bridge appropriation sheets of Douglas county tell an eloquent story of extravagance and waste.

Table with 5 columns: Year ending, Year ending, Year ending, Year ending, Year ending. Rows include Grading, Supervising, Culverts and bridges, Lumber, Center and Dodge Sts., Damages, Miscellaneous, and Totals.

Where the Increase Lies.

From the table it appears that the increase comes in the item of bridges and culverts and the taxpayer might surmise that his money has been invested in new bridges, but such is really not the case.

The most striking items in the table, when shown from underneath the surface and in connection with each other are those for "grading," "surveying" and "supervising."

It should be explained that the supervising item shows the money paid out by the county to the road supervisors of the various districts and the surveying item represents the money paid to the help in the county surveyor's office, but does not include the salary of the county surveyor, which, as has been stated, comes from the general fund.

Supervisors are a Luxury.

There are two or three road supervisors in every precinct in the county, but no county commissioner can tell clearly and definitely what are the duties of these officials.

The county surveyor's department is no less an expensive luxury than is the force of road supervisors. The surveyor himself draws \$2,000 a year and his assistants pull about \$3,000 a year from the county treasury.

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the work done by day labor instead of by contract. If the day labor system were practiced in good faith the results achieved might be satisfactory, but the fact is that the men who are employed to work on the roads by the day secure their positions through political considerations and consequently do very little work.

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An unusual effort will, it is stated, be made by the city treasurer to collect in these taxes as soon as possible after October 1. The records are not quite complete, but will be by October 1 and all persons who call at the treasurer's office on or after that date will be furnished with statements.

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ENERGETIC EFFORT FOR COLLECTION

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BISMARCK AND THE GAME LAW

Justice of the Peace Alstad Offends the Estate Game Warden.

POSSESSION OF FISH THE QUESTION

Dispute Arises Over How Many a Man May Have at One Time and a Serious Controversy Looms in View.

George Simpkins, deputy state game warden, has declared war upon Justice of the Peace Alstad and is taking steps to have that officer removed from his position. The trouble between the justice of the peace and the deputy game warden began a week ago when H. Brown, a peddler, was arrested for having more fish in his possession than is permitted by the game law, the provisions of which it is the special duty of the deputy game warden to enforce.

When arrested Brown had a few more than 100 fish in his possession, where the law permits him to have but fifty. He was brought before Justice Alstad and as a defense asserted that he purchased the fish from a party, whose name and address he gave. The justice of the peace requested the representative of the state who was prosecuting the case to have the man who sold the fish to Brown brought into court. This the complaining witness refused to do, claiming that the charge against Brown had nothing to do with the illegal catching of the fish, but simply related to the number in his possession and that there was nothing before the court which required proof to the contrary.

The justice dissented from this view and released the prisoner after all fish in excess of the legal number had been confiscated and donated by the game warden or his representative to certain charitable institutions of the city and county.

The discharge of Brown exasperated the representative of the deputy game warden and other persons interested in the enforcement of the game law. They brought the matter to the attention of George Simpkins, the deputy game warden, and he is now in the city to investigate the matter. Speaking of the case yesterday, he said: "I am going to carry this case to some court where it may be finally determined whether or not a justice of the peace has a right to dismiss a person arrested under this law against whom the proof is conclusive. I expect to secure a transcript of the entire proceedings and lay the facts before the justice general. If there is any way to get at that justice of the peace I am going to take it. There was no question regarding the facts and the law is plain. I do not know exactly what course I will have to pursue, but I expect to find out after consulting with the attorney general."

Neither Victim Will Die. Sleepers Slept Well Last Night and Are Now Reported to Be on the Mend.

The victims of the attempted murder and suicide in a North Twelfth street resort Tuesday afternoon are both doing well today, and it is believed now that they will recover. R. P. Sleeper, who fired three shots at his wife and afterward tried to cut his own throat with a razor, is still in his cell at the city jail. The turkey says he spent a comfortable night and that after breakfast this morning he called for a pipe and tobacco and spent an hour smoking.

The woman is still in her room at 105 North Twelfth street. The physicians think it will not be necessary to send her to a hospital.

Frank Stiger Out of Jail. Alleged Anarchist, After Several Days of Imprisonment, is Given his Liberty.

Frank Stiger, the alleged anarchist who was arrested in a Cuming street saloon ten days ago while making an inflammatory speech, was discharged in police court yesterday, as the witnesses who had been subpoenaed failed to appear against him. He was accused of commenting the work of Colozog and of using the words: "McKinley should have been killed long ago."

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