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THE LITTLE RED SHOES. There's a hole in the toe And they're battered and worn, A button is missing, The red is 'most gone, Yet I know of few things That I hold half as dear As the little red shoes On my high chandeller.

The hole in the toe Was the special delight Of the wee one who wore them So bonnie and bright; So I treasure them now And hang them above For the sake of that wee one, My dear little love.

They talk to me often, Those little red shoes, And tell of high revels, Gay laughter, soft coos, And many a frolic Joined in by us all For the sake of the wee one Who held us in thrall.

They mind me of walks Through nursery and hall To search for the moon Or to play hide and call; Of long, tender twilights When sleepy dark eyes Watched for the sandman To low lullabies.

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—Elizabeth Ordway, in Boston Transcript.

We nominate Dr. Wu for president of China's first republic. To Mr. Zero Weather: 'We expect ed you, but not so soon.

Try the good roads and see to it that they do not lead to bad ends. The Chinese insurgents also show superiority in their publicity work.

Has nature-faking completely died out, or is no one now calling the bluff? At that, Senator Stephenson's distribution is not quite up to Mr. Carnegie's.

They must continue to regulate liquor in Maine with the pure food and drug law. Where is the old-fashioned pork chop? asks an exchange. Up at the top of the price list.

The next time Crown Prince Frederick William feels like cheering out loud in the Reichstag, he won't. Governor Dix may be thankful that he will not be encumbered with a Tammany legislature next time.

President Taft voted all right—Sioux City Journal. So did a good many of his fellow-citizens. This brand shows conclusively that the weather man is more of a baseball fan than a football devotee.

"Tipping," says the Boston Herald, "is in the balance." Drop in a couple of pica slugs, anyway, to weight it down. A California judge, defying the recall and equal suffrage, ordered a woman lawyer to shed her hat in court.

By running his annexation gag into the ground, Champ Clark has put himself to the trouble of thinking up another joke. Old Doc Cook will not cross the ocean on any other steamer than the George Washington. It must be accounted for by his inherent love for the truth.

Added to all the other bellicose things to mar the approaching season of peace on earth and good will to men will be another session of congress. The literary world is doubtless grateful to Arnold Bennett for informing it that neither Thackeray nor Dickens was quite a first-class artist, though the information comes a bit late.

Helping the Rural Carrier

What the Law Requires and How One May Go Beyond It in Insuring the Best of Service.

"How would you like to be the mail man?" It is just a pleasant drive, if the day is fine and the way is new to you but after you have been over the same ground every day for months and know each stone in the roadway and the stumps on the side become old acquaintances, you will decide that it is indeed, a wearisome task.

If you want to see the "other side" of the rural carrier's life, come along some day when mud and water make the roads almost impassable or face a blinding snow storm steadily for 25 miles and you'll thank yourself that you're not the mail man.

But somebody has to be the mail man and you can help to add cheer to his daily journey and lessen his labors by observing the suggestions to follow. The Box—The postal laws require that every family before receiving mail by rural delivery, shall erect a suitable mail box. A list of makes of mail boxes that have received the recommendation of the postmaster general may be seen at your postoffice. If more than one family is to receive mail in the same box, an agreement to that effect must be given in writing to the postmaster.

The Location—Place the box where it will be the most convenient for the carrier. It must be so situated and of such height that mail can be deposited or removed without leaving the wagon. Attach the box firmly to a good solid post. Avoid setting the post on a hillside or in any position that will make it difficult or dangerous for the carrier to drive up closely to it in all kinds of weather. The easier you make the carrier's work, the more prompt his deliveries will be.

The use of the box—See that the door works easily at all times. Often in cold weather the door freezes shut and the carrier does not enjoy pounding it open with his half frozen fingers. Keep the snow off the mail box and shovel it away from the post. It is much easier for the carrier to remove letters deposited in the box for mailing if you will set them on end near the door instead of tossing them loosely on the bottom of the box. The postal laws require that money for stamps be placed in a little cup or box, instead of being thrown carelessly in the mail box, causing the carrier considerable loss of time and labor in pulling it out. Any such help inconveniences the patron but little, yet is of material assistance in improving the service.

The use of signals—Be sure that your mail box is equipped with a good signal as this feature is of great importance to the carrier. Raise the signal when you place matter for mailing in the box in order that the carrier will be sure to stop for it, even though he should have no mail for you. It is the carrier's duty to raise the signal, if it is not already up, when he leaves mail. You should then lower it so the carrier will not see it up and stop, needlessly, on his next trip.

The rate of postage on matter going on rural routes is exactly the same as though it were going to the farthest most point in the United States—there are no reduced rates of any kind. Letters require postage at the rate of 2 cents an ounce or fraction thereof. A letter, properly stamped, may be picked up at any point on the route, to be delivered to a party further along on the route. Carriers are permitted to carry parcels for their patrons and to

breeding and feeding that there ever has been in the history of any country. "At present they do things around here, and the think they are doing here is to help us toward the development of the domestic animals of the United States, as it is the greatest interest in America.

"The meeting you have here now, gentlemen, on this ground is one of the most magnificent examples of progress in the world's history. What a long time we waited for all this! Forty years ago congress endowed agricultural stations, and experimental stations later, for the purpose of helping the farmer toward the establishment of the science of breeding and feeding, among other things, and what an illustration we have today with regard to the latter! Our people are beginning to learn something about feeding. Take one of our crops, 2,500,000,000 bushels of corn grown, this year, which is to go to market, the greater part of it through our domestic animals. But our people are learning how to feed economically and to prevent waste.

"The most interesting feature of this exhibit to me, gentlemen, is the presence of those college boys. Chicago, with all its millions, could not have got fifty-five agricultural college boys here six years ago. They were not in America or Canada then—men who know how to score cattle as these young men have scored, and are scoring, and will score them through out this exposition. It means that we will go to the front as a people with regard to the production of meats."

The dates of this year's show are from December 2 to 9, and many new attractions have been added in connection with this year's event.

charge for this service, provided that it does not interfere with their regular work. However, any matter that they may carry that is subject to postage must be prepaid in the regular way. An article of merchandise weighing under four pounds is subject to postage. This means that if you ask the carrier to get you a spool of thread and bring it on his next trip you must send money for postage on it, at the rate of 1 cent an ounce. However, should you request him to bring you a suit case, or any other article weighing more than four pounds or not coming under any of the postal rates, there will be no charge except such as the carrier may ask for doing the favor. Carriers must not (nor anyone else, under penalty) place circulars, bills or other matter in mail boxes, unless prepaid at proper rate. The government means business on this proposition and will punish those who are caught violating this regulation. Moreover any matter that is placed in a rural mail box must bear the name of the person who is to receive it. Unaddressed matter, though properly stamped, cannot be placed in mail boxes by rural carriers.

Do not delay your mail man in any way, unless with a hot cup of coffee or something. He has a certain schedule to make and, as patrons expect him at a certain time it is injurious to the service to cause him needlessly to be delayed. An exchange of greetings and an occasional pleasant word is very proper but to detain him with gossip or lengthy conversation should be avoided. Do not ask the carrier to wait while you address a letter or make out an application for a money order. Instead keep a supply of stamped envelopes always on hand and get some money order applications so that you may have your application filled out when the carrier arrives. A supply of stamped envelopes will necessitate a very small investment and the blank applications are furnished gratis. Buy your stamp supplies direct from the carrier, instead of at the postoffice, in order that the carrier may get credit for the sales. The government keeps accurate record of each carrier's sales and routes that show small sales are in danger of being discontinued.

The rural mail delivery service is removing much of the drudgery from the life of the American farmer. No more lengthy evenings. The farmer is no longer shut out from the world. The mail man provides him with a daily paper, enabling him to keep up with the world's movements as well as, (and sometimes better than) city folks. And many farmers are not content with one daily, a metropolitan daily, and perhaps, a daily from some smaller city near by. Better yet, the letters from friends are now more frequent. No more weekly mails—the modern country home is receiving and sending letters away every day.

To repay the government for this splendid service, the patron can show his appreciation by co-operating with the postmaster and carriers in their work. If there are any difficulties to adjust, tell the carrier pleasantly what the trouble is and he will endeavor to make it right. The rural carrier is a human being like us other creatures and sometimes makes mistakes. When such occur, bring the errors to his attention, instead of getting angry at him. Any serious misconduct or error should be reported directly to the postmaster at the office from which the route originates.

What the Lee County Board Did at the Last Session Which Was Held at County House.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF SUPERVISORS

Proceedings of Body Are Herewith Given as They Appear on Records for Benefit of Citizens.

THE BILLS ALLOWED

Board met pursuant to adjournment. All members present.

The final hearing in the Theo. Kramer et al. road case was continued until 1:30 o'clock p. m. Afternoon Session. Board met pursuant to adjournment. All members present.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. All members present. The board proceeded to hear testimony in the Theo. Kramer et al. road case.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. All members present. Having concluded the hearing of testimony in the Theo. Kramer et al. road case, the board took a recess to view the proposed highway as petitioned for, and as recommended by the commissioner in said case, board to convene at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Board reconvened pursuant to adjournment. All members present. On motion the Theo. Kramer et al. road case was continued until Tuesday, Oct. 10th, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. All members present. On motion the following resolution was adopted, Supervisor Scheffler voting aye, and Supervisor Young voting aye, to-wit:

Resolution. Whereas, Theodore Kramer and others, on the 2nd day of March, 1911, filed a petition asking that a highway be established commencing at the northwest corner of Section 23 township 68, range 5, thence south eighty rods, thence north eighty rods, thence west twenty rods, thence south about forty rods thence southwesterly to a point about eight rods south of the northeast corner of the northwest one-fourth of the southwest one-fourth of Section 23, township 68, range 5, thence south about eighty rods to center of northwest one-fourth of the northwest one-fourth, Section 25, township 68, range 5, thence southerly following the Benbow road to the bridge across Devil creek in Section 26, township 68, range 5, all in Lee county, Iowa and

Whereas, on March 3 1911, the said Theodore Kramer filed a bond for costs, which bond on the 9th day of March, 1911, was duly approved, and, Whereas, on the 10th day of March, 1911, the county auditor duly appointed Gerhard Sanders as commissioner to examine into the expediency of establishing said road, and,

Whereas, said Commissioner reported against the establishment of said road as described but recommended that a road forty feet in width be established, and described as follows: To commence at the Fairlie road at north east corner of N. W. 1/4 Section 23, Township 68 N., Range 5, west, thence west about 80 rods less twenty feet, thence south one mile and about one hundred rods, the center of the road running south through the west half of Section 23 and Section 26 to twenty east of the line between the east half of the west half and the west half of the west half of said section, said road to be forty feet wide and to terminate at the West Point and Fort Madison road running southerly through the north half of the south half of the northwest quarter of section 26, Township 68, N. R. 5 west, and

Whereas, Notice as provided by law was duly made and served personally and by publication upon all parties interested, which notice notified such parties that all objections thereto and claims for damages must be filed in the Auditor's office on or before noon of the 21st day of June, 1911, and

Whereas, On the 20th day of June, 1911, Theodore Kramer and others filed a remonstrance to the establishment of the road as reported and recommended by the Commissioner, and asked that the road be established as originally prayed for, and,

Whereas, On June 20th, 1911, Theodore Kramer, filed a claim for damages if said road be established as prayed for by Commissioners, but made no claim if established as originally prayed for, and,

Whereas, H. F. Benbow, Albert R. Benbow, and J. L. Benbow, on the 21 day of June, 1911, duly filed their claims for damages, and,

Whereas, On the 22nd day of June, 1911, the Auditor duly appointed H. J. Schroeder, J. P. Cruikshank, and George Beelman appraisers to assess damages sustained by the parties filing claims for same, and,

Whereas, The time for filing the report of said appraisers was extended to August 15, 1911, and,

Whereas, Theodore Kramer appeared in person and by his attorney, R. N. Johnson, and H. F. Benbow Albert R. Benbow and J. L. Benbow appeared in person and by their attorney, J. L. Benbow, and said cause was continued from time to time with the consent of said parties, and the Board finds that all requirements as provided by law were duly ordered, made and followed, and now this matter coming on for final hearing at the regular September session before the Board of Supervisors of Lee county, Iowa, and said board after hearing all the evidence and requirements of counsel, and after personally viewing said premises, finds and orders that there be and is hereby established a public highway forty feet in width as originally prayed for, as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of Section 23, Township 68, Range 5, thence south eighty rods, thence south forty rods, thence southwesterly to a point about eighty rods south of the northeast corner of the northwest one-fourth of the southwest one-fourth of Section 23, Township 68, Range 5, thence south about eighty rods to northeast corner of northwest one-fourth, of the northwest one-fourth, Section 26, Township 68, Range 5, thence southerly, following the Benbow road to the bridge across Devil creek, in Section 26, Township 68, Range 5, all in Lee County, Iowa, upon the following conditions:

That Theodore Kramer be required on or before the first day of the next regular session of this board to enter into a contract and furnish a bond for the faithful performance of said contract to place said highway as established in a good, passable condition including the erection of all culverts and bridges at his own expense to the County of Lee and subject to the approval of and acceptance by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa.

It is further ordered that damages be awarded as recommended by the appraisers to H. F. Benbow in the sum of \$410.00 and to Albert R. Benbow and J. L. Benbow in the sum of \$35.00, to be paid by the County of Lee, and that said sum be paid to said parties as by law provided upon and after the said Theodore Kramer has entered into the contract above referred to, and it is further ordered that all costs of this proceeding as assessed in the Auditor's office be paid by Theodore Kramer, the petitioner.

Dated this 10th day of October, A. D. 1911.

I. HOSIER, Chairman.

Attest: A. P. Meyer, county auditor.

Table listing damages and costs: Kramer road case \$410.00, A. R. & J. L. Benbow, same 35.00, Will H. Barrow, Skunk river ferry 13.33, Jos. Hawkins, bridge work 48.30, Jos. Sallen, same 5.35, Ind. Lumber Co., lumber sewage drain Co. Home 17, C. B. & Q. Ry., Frt. road mtl Ft. M. 17.19, Sam Tubba, cutting trees C. H. Ft. M. 10.20, Wm. Girard, same 10.20, J. Slater, same 3.00, J. A. Tower & Co., repairs Furn. C. H. Ft. M. 1.67, Fred C. Glaser, same K. 21.25, Ora DeYong, roads, near K. 4.00, C. J. Carr, same 18.50, R. C. Davis, same, Ft. M. 1.50, BroW Bros., same, Mont. Twp W. C. Schubert gopher bnty. 5.50, State of Iowa Orphan's Home Acct. 36.00, T. H. Flood & Co., Iowa reports D. C. K. 3.00, Soudan Specialty Co., Sup. C H. Ft. M. 5.00, C. H. Rollins, stationery 3.90, Van Doren Bros., same 4.00, The following court certificates were allowed to H. J. Kennedy, county treasurer: Grand Jurors, D. C. 102.70, Petit Jurors, D. C. civil cases 7.40, Clerk, Grand Jury 15.00, Witness, G. J. 9.90, Bailiff, D. C. 128.00, Bailiff, G. J. 10.00, Court reporter D. C. 256.00, Total \$529.09

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mission of Lee county was approved and ordered filed. The claim of Dr. C. F. Applegate, for expert witness fees in the case of State vs. Samuels, was rejected. The minutes of today's session were read and on motion approved, whereupon the board adjourned to meet Monday, October 23, 1911 at 9 o'clock a. m. Monday, Oct. 23, 1911. Board met pursuant to adjournment. All members present. On motion the following claims were allowed, Supervisor Hosier voting aye, Supervisor Scheffler voting aye, and Supervisor Young voting aye to-wit: J. W. Kent Sup C. H. Ft. M. \$ 5.80, F. J. Berghold, Frt. & Drayage, C. H. Ft. M. 8.48, W. F. Abel, Furn., same 24.65, King Plumbing Co. plumbing C. H. K. 7.20, E. Corsepius livery B. of S. 5.00, E. Starkweather, Guard, pris hospital K. 48.00, Ft. Madison Foundry, bridge mtl 51.75, Jos. Hawkins, bridge work 48.30, James Johnson, same and mtl, 32.00, Van Buren Twp. road work, V B. Twp 150.00, On motion the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That there be levied upon the taxable valuation of the real estate, personal property, railroad property, telegraph and telephone lines and express companies in Lee county, Iowa, a tax of five-tenths of one mill on the dollar for county road building fund, for the year 1911, as provided by Chapter 24, 34th General Assembly. The minutes of today's session were read and approved, whereupon the board adjourned sine die. Attest: A. P. MEYER, county auditor. —Read The Daily Gate City.

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