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The Bridge of Prayer.

BY ELIA WIELLE.

The bridge of prayer, from heavenly heights suspended, Unites the earth with spirit realms in space; The interests of these separate worlds are blended, For those whose feet turn often toward that place.

In troubled nights of sorrow and repining, When joy and hope seem sunk in dark despair, We still may see above the shadows shining, The gleaming archway of the bridge of prayer.

From their fair height our souls may lean and listen To sounds of music from the farther shore, And through the vapors sometimes dark eyes glisten, Of loved ones who have hastened on before.

And angels come from their celestial city, And stand as forth full of divinest light, God sends us forth for burdens we must bear.

O you whose feet walked in some shadow'd by-way, Far from the scenes of pleasure and delight, Still free to you hangs this suspended highway, Where heavenly glories dawn upon the sight.

And common paths glow with a grace super-ior, And happiness walks hand in hand with care, And becomes a knowledge fixed, eternal, For those who often seek the bridge of prayer.

News Notes.

Bismarck, 9: At a meeting of the board of directors of the Dakota penitentiary here today the contract time for the enclosure of the building was extended to June 1. The chairman of the building committee reported that the walls and artificial trimmings had not been in the least injured by the frost and snows of the winter. Work on the building will now be pushed rapidly.

Bismarck, 9: The executive order restoring the public domain that portion of the Sioux reservation opposite Standing Rock on the Missouri, opposite the mouth of Grand river, and the old Shesenne agency, has just been received at the Bismarck land office. The promulgation of this order explains the action of the Fort Yates parties in gobbling the townsite opposite that fort. The affair is causing much unfavorable comment here and at the fort.

Yankton 9: The city is full of witnesses subpoenaed before the grand jury. The charges of corruption in the organization of Faulk county are being investigated. A. B. Tebbets of Pierre, is the principal witness in the case, and the person named as the grantee in the deeds for Faulk county property given for the location of the county seat, has fled, and the officers are unable to find him. Nothing seems to have been done in the matter of the capital commissioners.

Federalburg, Ind., 11: Miss Cecelia Bush, a lady of great wealth, was murdered by burglars in her own house last night. Her throat was cut from ear to ear, and her skull crushed in a horrible manner. The body was dragged to and hidden in an adjoining woods. There was every evidence of a desperate struggle. The nails were torn from her hands and the hair from her head. The house was robbed of several thousand dollars, in money and valuables. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the crime. A lynching party is searching the neighborhood.

Dispatch: The bill adopted by the lower house of congress yesterday providing that no person shall be eligible to the office of governor of any territory who has not been a resident of such territory for two years immediately preceding the date of his appointment, is one that will commend itself to everybody. It will do away with "carpet-bagging," and the attendant train of ills, and give to each embryo commonwealth a head of affairs who will be identified with the common interest. So far as our neighbor, Dakota, and Col. Leunsberry's prospects are concerned, it is most opportune.

Jacksonville, Mich., 9: This morning Thomas Scott, better known as "Scotty," a well known thief in jail here, made some pretended revelations concerning the Crouch murder, stating that he had seen at Minneapolis certain papers supposed to have been taken from the house the night of the Crouch murder. The statements were made in the presence of the mayor and nine prominent citizens. He refused to tell in whose possession they now were. The prosecuting attorney then offered him \$5,000, a full pardon from the governor, and a ticket to Liverpool if he would tell the name of the murderers. This he refused to do. The committee departed satisfied that Scotty was lying from beginning to end.

LaCrosse, 9: Between 12 and 1 o'clock this afternoon H. C. Atkins, assistant general superintendent of the Milwaukee & St. Paul, while walking on Front street, fell to the sidewalk insensible. He was taken to the Camaroh house and Dr. Haegh and Ballard called in, who pronounced Mr. Atkins suffering

from paralysis. Dr. Haegh says there has been a rupture of a blood vessel in his brain, and that it is a serious affair, but not more so than other cases of the same nature. Mr. Atkins is conscious, and slept some during the afternoon. The physicians talk hopefully of his recovery. Mr. Atkins came to the city this morning, accompanied by Division Superintendent Collins, and was met here by Superintendent Case, of the River division.

New York, 11: Joseph Agate, a well known retired merchant of this city, residing in a castle on the Hudson, at Yonkers, committed suicide at Carter's hotel, early last evening. He came to the city with his son at noon, and took a room at the hotel, registering an assumed name. At 5 o'clock he went to his room and two hours later a pistol shot was heard, and smoke was seen issuing over the transom of his room. The door was immediately forced, and Mr. Agate was found lying on the floor with a big hole in his head, and a large revolver lying at his side. He was dead. Inability to secure sleep, because of nervous prostration, led to the act. He was worth between three and four million dollars.

Mitchell, 9: J. T. Pierce, city marshal, was murdered in cold blood this morning by Hank Lewis, and had been called with a posse of men to the assistance of Louis Eilers, night watchman. Eilers had previously attempted to arrest Lewis, but was deterred by H. A. Sherwin, of the Mitchell Mail. Lewis kept a low dive, and has been engaged in several shooting affrays. Pierce was a good citizen, and quiet and unassuming. Lewis is in jail and Sherwin under \$500 bail, to await the action of the grand jury. The coroner's jury returned a verdict which makes a clear case of premeditated murder. Great excitement prevails and fears of mob violence were entertained this morning, but all is now quieted down.

Washington, 12: There was a conference of leading Democratic congressmen last night at which Morrison, Carlisle and others were present, and it was there decided to adjourn congress on or before the first of July. It is Carlisle's own idea, and he is determined to carry it out. From this date on, then, the public may expect to see legislation pushed through as rapidly as possible. The programme is to call up the tariff bill on Tuesday, and if the house decides to consider it, to limit debate to a given limit of time. If the house declines to consider it Tuesday, Mr. Morrison will call it up again and again, in order that both parties may make a square record upon it, whether it wins or loses. When the tariff question is out of the way the appropriation bills will be hurried through, for Randall will have no further excuse for delay.

Appleton, Wis., 9: On Monday the citizens in the neighborhood of the town of Greenville were startled by the intelligence that Theresa Granger a member of that community, had suddenly died on that day. An investigation proved beyond a doubt that the young lady's death was effected by Paris green, administered by her own hand, and numerous rumors relative to the cause immediately gained circulation. The principal one, however, and very likely the only one which will bear repeating, is that of a ruined character. Not many weeks since, the young lady who so abruptly ended her earthly career, caused the arrest of one Ed Tiepner, an Antigo land agent, charged with adultery. Tiepner, on the preliminary examination, was bound over, and the girl, who had been a domestic in his family for only a few weeks, returned to her home in the town of Greenville, where she lived up to the time of her demise. The probabilities are that the magnitude of the transaction, and the realization of the tainted character which she must necessarily bear through her remaining days, caused her mind to become unsettled. She was nineteen years old.

Commissioner's Proceedings.
Territory of Dakota, ss
County of Richland, ss
Auditor's office, Wahpeton, April 7th, A. D. 1884. Regular session of the board of Co. commissioners.
Board called to order by the chairman at 9 o'clock a. m. Members present, Messrs. John N. Davis, Frank E. Davis, county commissioners, and Fred E. Stauff, county auditor.
The board examined business of the session and heard petitioners. On motion board adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.
2 o'clock p. m. board called to order, members present as before.
On motion Fred Machuta was refunded the sum of one and 10-100 dollars, he having a road certificate and paid his taxes in cash.
On motion Mr. David Johnson was granted an auctioneer's license for one year from date and the auditor was instructed to issue same on receipt of ten dollars being paid into the county treasury, and receipt for same filed with the auditor.
On motion Alexander Springer was refunded the sum of \$150

on road certificate he having paid his taxes in cash.
On motion the sum of eleven and 75-100 dollars was refunded Eugene Deans, this sum having been paid on the NW 1/4 of section 11, township 129, range 48, the title of said lands remaining in the U. S. government up to Dec. 4, A. D. 1883.
A petition was presented by O. K. Ulsaker, praying that the interest and penalty accrued against the personal taxes assessed against O. N. Olegard be abated, he having received the taxes from Ole N. Olegard by way of an error which occurred through the similarity of names.
The petition was accepted and the abatement made according to petition.
On motion the taxes assessed against the NW 1/4 of section 2, township 130, range 49, was ordered abated for the year 1883, as the lands so assessed are held as treeclaim.
On motion board adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m. April 8th 1884.
April 8th, 1884, 9 o'clock a. m. board called to order. Members present Messrs John N. Deans, Frank E. Davis and Theo Doerr, county commissioners, and Fred E. Stauff, county auditor.
The petition submitted by the Wahpeton Water company was read and after due consideration, ordered to lay it on the table.
The petition signed by W. H. McCann and others, asking that township 130, range 52, now included in the school township of Shesenne be organized as a district township, was laid over to next meeting and the clerk instructed to notify the supervisors of said township that action will be taken at an adjourned meeting.
A resolution of the chamber of commerce asking the county commissioners to employ two experts and have said experts investigate the financial condition of the county was read and the following preamble and resolutions unanimously adopted:
Whereas, a resolution from the chamber of commerce of Wahpeton was presented to the board of county commissioners requesting them to employ two experts to make a full and thorough examination of the receipts and disbursements of the county funds since the organization of the county therefore:
Resolved by the board of county commissioners of Richland county, First, that in order to have such an investigation of any public benefit or utility to the county, it would be necessary to commence at the beginning and go step by step and prove the balances as they go along, thereby taking a large amount of time, and necessarily entailing a large expense on the county, which the present condition of the general county fund does not warrant. Therefore, the commissioners do not feel at liberty to incur the above expense unless authorized so to do by a majority of the legal voters of the county, and then must have the power to raise the money to defray the said expense; and be it further resolved: That if the chamber of commerce of Wahpeton or the citizens of the county wish to investigate or employ experts to investigate at their own expense or the voters by a vote give the commissioners legal power to raise the money to defray the expenses, that the commissioners and the county auditor will gladly and willingly grant them all the facilities in their power so to do, and will also give what time and labor they can to further the same; and be it further resolved: That the records of the county are all public records, and the citizens of the county are invited to examine the same to their entire satisfaction.
On motion Mr. Frank E. Davis was appointed a committee to investigate the bill presented by Mr. M. Stevens, a consultation was held with the several town assessors elected tending to secure a uniform assessment in the county.
On motion board adjourned to Wednesday, April 9th, A. D. 1884, 9 o'clock a. m.
Wednesday morning 9 o'clock a. m. board called to order. Members all present.
Mr. Davis, the committee appointed to examine the bill presented by Mr. Stevens, reported in favor of allowing fifty-six and 57-100 dollars in payment in full, the sum of eleven and 25-100 dollars ordered by Oliver & Muecke and erroneously charged to Richland county, was deducted from said bill.
The following resolution was accepted and adopted: Resolved, that the county treasurer be requested to pay the coming court expenses for jurors' and witnesses' fees, on the clerk of the court's certificates properly sealed, and that the county treasurer make a report of such expenditures to the county board at their next meeting for adjustment.
On motion the taxes assessed against the SW 1/4 of section 8, township 132, range 47 was ordered abated, the same having been illegally assessed for the year A. D. 1882, as government subdivision and also town lots.
On motion the board adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.
2 o'clock p. m. April 9th, 1884, board called to order by chairman, members all present.
On motion it was ordered to re-

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was appointed a committee to collect the claim pending against Erick Lien.
On motion the board adjourned to Thursday April 10th, A. D. 1884, 9 o'clock a. m.
Thursday, April 10th, A. D. 1884 9 o'clock a. m. board called to order, members all present.
The quarterly report of Justice C. H. Wells was rejected, and referred to Mr. Davis for investigation.
The quarterly report of Justice P. H. Hackett was approved and ordered paid with instructions to the county treasurer to collect fines.
The quarterly report of Justice Charles E. Wolfe was accepted and allowed and ordered paid.
On motion the board adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.
2 o'clock p. m. board called to order, members all present.
Board resumed the examination of reports and claims.
The following list of claims was examined and allowed as follows, to-wit:

Date.	No. of claim.	Name.	What for.	Am't. Claim.	Am't. All'd.	Fund.
April 7th, 1884.	229	Smith De Silva,	hauling sand.....	\$	6 350	General
do	230	Fred E. Stauff,	money advanced.....		7 51	do
do	231	B. Bredeson,	witness fees probate court.....		4 30	do
do	232	C. A. Wells,	salary of Co. physicians.....		62 50	do
do	233	C. W. Childs,	overseer of roads.....		20 10	Road
do	234	Neil Campbell,	house rent for election.....		3 00	General
do	235	Geo T. Propper,	insurance court house furniture		7 50	do
do	236	R. B. Myers,	do do do		7 50	do
do	237	Chas R. Loomis	do do do		15 00	do
do	238	Geo P. Garred,	public printing.....		74 50	do
do	239	Pioneer Press Co,	center letters for books.....	50	20	do
do	240	do	envelops.....		13 50	do
do	241	do	letter leads.....		12 50	do
do	242	do	record book.....		10 50	do
do	243	do	subpoenas.....		10 50	do
do	244	do	stationery.....		35 50	do
do	245	do	stationery.....		6 00	do
do	246	do	official blanks.....		5 50	do
do	247	do	deed record.....		18 00	do
do	248	do	stationery.....		12 00	do
do	249	do	stationery.....		6 50	do
do	250	do	stationery.....		8 50	do
do	251	do	stationery.....		4 00	do
do	252	Seely Hyatt & Co,	coal for county.....		111 00	do
do	253	C. C. Gifford,	furniture for court house.....	65 02	62 02	do
do	254	James G. Nash,	janitor's services.....		80 00	do
do	255	James Chilson,	fixing sidewalk.....		1 00	do
do	256	M. T. Stevens,	mile for county.....	67 83	67 83	do
do	257	W. S. Lauder,	salary judge of probate.....		75 00	do
do	258	Chas. Damare,	hardware court house.....	24 41	20 06	do
do	259	N. A. Page,	quarterly salary.....		75 00	do
do	260	N. A. Page,	mile and service rendered.....	183 00	160 00	do
do	261	Fred E. Stauff,	auditor's salary and clerk hire		200 00	do
do	262	Michael Schmidt,	boarding Doerr etc.....		3 00	do
do	263	Bernhard Bradson,	constable fees and expense		40 35	Poor
do	264	Henry C. Reno,	Co physician salary.....		62 25	do
do	265	J. C. Pratt,	salary of county attorney.....		75 00	do
do	266	Geo D. Swaine,	service on insanity board.....		7 00	do
do	267	J. R. Buxton,	service on insanity board.....		4 00	do
do	268	Frank E. Davis,	support of poor.....		32 50	Poor
do	269	Theo Doerr,	commissioners services.....		3 00	General
do	270	John N. Deans,	commissioners services.....		23 00	do
do	271	Frank E. Davis,	commissioners services.....		20 70	do

No. of claim.	Name.	Nature of claim.	Amount claimed
1	A & M Stern,	clothing.....	2 85
2	J. H. Nelson,	road labor.....	15 00
3	Pioneer Press company,	stationery.....	13 42

On motion the proceedings were read and approved.
On motion the county board adjourned to May 13, 1884, 9 o'clock a. m.
Attested:
FRED E. STAUFF,
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