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COUNTY LEGISLATURE.

Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners of Nobles County, Minnesota.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

Worthington, Minn., March 29th, 1888. The Board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Members present—County Commissioners J. H. Denton, N. B. Bedford, O. S. Melick, Richard O'Hearn and J. A. Town chairman. The minutes of the meeting were read, corrected and approved.

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"The Board of county commissioners may redistrict their counties respectively, at each United States or state census, making the population as shown by their said census as a basis. I hold that such redistricting must take place within a reasonable time after the result of the census has been ascertained, certainly not later than two years thereafter. If a longer time than two years should have passed, the enumeration obtained by the taking of the census may have, and it is safe to say as the western counties are concerned) that the same has changed materially, and the census would no longer be a proper basis for the redistricting of a county. If I am correct in my opinion, then, necessarily, it follows, and I do so hold, that the words 'after each United States or state census' are words of restriction, and the Board of county commissioners has no power to order a redistricting unless the same is done within a reasonable time after the census is taken and the result officially published. As this matter of redistricting the county will come before our county commissioners at the next meeting of the board, I am very desirous to obtain your opinion upon the subject whether your opinion above set forth is correct or not. Will you kindly examine the question and write me. Very Respectfully,

L. M. LANGE, County Attorney Nobles County.

STATES OF MINNESOTA.

DEAN STUBBS, Attorney at Law, St. Paul, March 28th, 1888.

L. M. LANGE, Esq., Worthington, Minn.

Dear Sir:—In favor of the U. S. as it is at hand. The statute seems to contemplate that the redistricting may be made after the U. S. or state census is taken, and would be construed to mean that it may be made within a reasonable time. There is much for your proposition that the statute directing when it may be made, would exclude the right to make it at any other time. At all events, as the advice is given to redistrict prior to the action of the board, I would suggest that your views be adopted, and that you advise the postponement of the action until after the taking of the next census. I am not prepared to say that if the redistricting has taken place, it could not be sustained, but it has not been made it would avoid all complications by adopting the safer course, the one above suggested. I am, Very Respectfully Yours,

MOSES E. CLAPP.

The above correspondence will show the reasons for my opinion. Very respectfully,

L. M. LANGE, County Attorney.

ON MOTION TO RESOLVE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MELICK AND O'HEARN VOTED "YES."

The motion was declared "lost," for lack of a majority.

BILLS AUDITED AND ALLOWED.

Geo W. Ca's, board and care of two children of Mrs DeVries, \$42.00 R D Barber, assisting in amputation for Doremacher, 25.00 Gilbert Anderson, summons petit jurors, 3.00 Gilbert Anderson, summons petit jurors, 3.00 Gilbert Anderson, costs P E Peterson, 5.00 F A Stevens, fees on town bonds, etc., 8.00 Same, 7 days board of audit, 15.00 Same, legal fees, tax list, etc., 14.75 U Ayer, short hand report, etc., 6.75 Globe Publishing Co., 3 bills, note heads, 14.00 S Hester, printer, publication, 15.00 F P Miller, del tax list, proceedings, etc., 81.46 Pioneer Press Co., assess-ment books and blanks, 21.00 Same, 3 books tax receipts, etc., 25.00 S Mills, 5 days on the board of audit, 15.00 J A Town, 5 days board of audit, 15.00 Same, 3 days board county commission-ers, and copy of the assess-ment, 18.00 R O'Hearn, 5 days board county commis-sioners and mileage, 20.25 J M Denton, same, 20.25 J B Bedford, same, 13.80 U G Grandsten, for rent of house to Mr. Gibson on 1st, 5 months, \$38.99, not al-lowed.

The board adjourned subject to call by the chairman.

J. A. TOWN, Chairman, Board Co. Coms.

E. S. MILLA, County Auditor.

Worthington, Minn., the home of A. P. WELLS and J. A. TOWN.

was organized about 16 years ago under an anti-saloon charter, and for many years was a temperance town. A defective law and whisky element finally broke down the charter, and it became an invulnerable bulwark, and it came a license town which it has been until the late election at which the license was deliberately voted under the surprise of many citizens by a vote of 124 to 112.—Covles (Neb.) Herald.

But the "license" ticket, in the main, was elected. We have heard many reasons given for the defeat of license this year, and one of the strong est is that a good many license men and saloon frequenters voted against it themselves to punish the saloons for fancied or real grievances. This vote will be a warning to saloons that if they expect to live in Worthington, they must keep to the strictest and straightest line of the law.

We have favored high license for some years, simply as the least of two evils. Suppression now is out of the question, and high license we believe to be the best method which has so far been devised for regulating and levying a high tax upon a great evil.

If we had our way, we would close every saloon in America before noon set, and no man should be allowed to make an exclusive business of selling liquor. The greatest evil connected with strong drink lies in allowing men to make an exclusive business of deal-ing with it out. This creates the "gro-gery" or "real grievances." This vote will be a warning to saloons that if they expect to live in Worthington, they must keep to the strictest and straightest line of the law.

Of course it seems inconsistent to "license" so great an evil, but suppose we drop the name of license and call it a heavy "tax," and a means of regula-tion and control. Won't that relieve both your conscience and your consistency?

A SOUND LEGAL OPINION.

E. Bainbridge Munday Esq., County Attorney at Law, Tex. Dear Sir:—I have your letter of the 27th inst. regarding the matter of re-districting the county at any time after the taking of a U. S. or state census, I would state that I am of the opinion that such redistricting can only be ordered within a reasonable time after the taking of a census is referred to. Deeming the matter of sufficient importance to have the opinion of the Attorney General thereon, I referred the question to him for his determination. The following is a copy of the correspondence upon the subject: WASHINGTON, Minn., March 3, 1888. HON. M. E. CLAPP, Attorney General, State of Minnesota. Sir:—An interpretation of the following pro-visions of § 13, Title 3, Chap. 3, General Statutes of 1878, whether the Board of County Commissioners can redistrict a county at any time after the taking of a U. S. or state census, I would state that I am of the opinion that such redistricting can only be ordered within a reasonable time after the taking of a census is referred to. Deeming the matter of sufficient importance to have the opinion of the Attorney General thereon, I referred the question to him for his determination. The following is a copy of the correspondence upon the subject: WASHINGTON, Minn., March 3, 1888. HON. M. E. CLAPP, Attorney General, State of Minnesota. Sir:—An interpretation of the following pro-visions of § 13, Title 3, Chap. 3, General Statutes

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They are coming, Father Abraham, a couple thousand more. The Pipe-stone Star says: J. E. Hannegan, passenger agent of the B. C. R. & N. railroad, writes us that his company is making big preparations for excursion trains into this portion of the country during the coming season, and from all he can learn, there are a large number of new home-seekers who will avail themselves of the opportunity to visit us, that these trains will offer Mr. Hannegan invites the cooperation of every farmer of Pipestone county to assist in bringing in settlers, which he truthfully says can be done by all speaking a good word for the country. "HACKMETACK" a lasting and fragrant perfume. Price 25 and 50 cts. SHILOH'S CURE will immediately relieve Croup, Whooping Cough and Bronchitis. FOR DYSPENSIA and Liver Complaint you have a printed guarantee on every bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer. It never fails to cure. A NAXAL, INFECTOR free with each bottle of Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50c. For sale at Barber's 4

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