

WASTE COUNTY FUNDS

REVISION OF LAWS REGARDING BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS SUGGESTED.

COMMISSION PLAN IN SOME FORM RECOMMENDED

Special Counsel Sampson Declares Better Business Methods Could Be Adopted—Supervisors Frequently Unable to Give County Business Time Essential to Efficiency.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Jan. 6.—Over \$20,000,000 of the money of the people is expended annually on order of the boards of supervisors in Iowa; yet there is no branch of the state government conducted so loosely or with such great diversity as the cost add results.

This is the basis of a suggestion to the legislature that it is time to revise the law as to boards of supervisors and get the county business down to a business basis. Thru these boards there is handled the general county funds, the county road funds, the bridge funds, and expenditures for poor, soldiers, insane, orphans, etc. In the aggregate it is an enormous amount.

The ninety-nine boards of supervisors have a great responsibility in the handling of the business of the counties," said Henry E. Sampson, special counsel in the legal department of Iowa, "and it would seem that we should have that organization which would be most effective and give best results for the expenditure. This part of our public business is being handled almost without a system. It is expected that men will be elected to these positions who have large business interests of their own and who can devote only a little time to the public affairs. Attending to the county business is a kind of odd job, an after-supper task, something to be done on the side. Now in state affairs we have been at work systematizing and simplifying business methods and in municipal affairs we have made much progress away from the old town meeting idea of everybody attending to the public business; but we are clinging to the old hazardous way of doing the county business.

Chance For Reform.

"It is thru this channel that many millions of the money of the taxpayers is expended. No doubt most of it is properly expended. But one does not have to look far to be convinced that this trust could be administered more cheaply and economically if the men who are called upon to handle county business were picked for that purpose and could give practically all their time to it. I dare say that whatever weakness has been found, from time to time, in the system, arises from the fact that the members of the board have not been able to give the work that close attention it deserves.

"In Iowa there are 388 different persons engaged in handling these county funds as members of boards. There are fifty-eight counties with three members each, thirty-five with five each, and three with seven each. The payments to these supervisor boards in 1913 amounted to \$256,766. But the cost of the county boards varies greatly. In one county in 1911 the average cost per member was \$120.33 a year. In another county it was \$1,645 a year. One county in 1913 paid to board members over \$11,600.

Widely Varying Results.

"It is but a matter of fact that the results obtained are also widely different. For instance, in five or six counties of the state a county farm is operated, with total receipts from his farm less than the steward's salary. But here is another county with steward getting \$1,400 a year and total receipts of the farm \$12,000; another with a \$1,500 man and getting \$13,000. Take the item of printing—one county pays a total of \$1,765 and another pays \$11,354. One county has a charge for mileage for members of \$7,936.70 in one year. So, also, an examination of the records will show a great difference in expense on very many items. It all goes to show that the county business is not done on as close figuring as it could be.

"This is not an indictment of members of the board, not at all. For they are, as a rule, honest, conscientious, hard working men, sincerely seeking to do for their respective counties the very best possible. But the system is not adapted to conditions as we find them today. It was a splendid system for the time when it was instituted, when everybody knew everybody and all information regarding public business was common property.

Suggests Commission Form.

"It seems to me that the commission

BLACKHEADS AND PIMPLES ON FACE

Kept Getting Worse. Very Sore, Inflamed and Unsightly. Itched and Burned. Used Cuticura Soap and Ointment, in Short Time Well.

Route No. 2, Box 27, Frederic, Wis.—"About a year ago, pimples and blackheads broke out on my face and kept getting worse and worse. At first my face was covered with blackheads and in a short time small red spots appeared here and there which increased very rapidly. My face became very sore and inflamed. The eruptions were very unsightly and disfigured me badly. At times they itched and burned so I had to scratch them and that they got still worse.

"I used two different remedies but got no good results. I wrote for a free sample of Cuticura Soap and Ointment and that seemed to give good results so I bought three cakes of Cuticura Soap and a box of Cuticura Ointment. They stopped the burning at once, and in a short time I was entirely well, and all disfigurement was gone." (Signed) Gustav Friberg, November 5, '14.

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form, modified as may be needed, would be the case in the cities where it has been tried it has been a success. Is there any reason why a commission could not handle the county business just as well as the city business and the county be the gainer? In Los Angeles, Cal., they have organized a commission to handle the county business and put the men on salary. They believe it will be profitable. Certain it is that in very many counties of this state, if someone was devoting his entire time and effort to securing the very best results from county expenditures, there would be better results.

"The county business is far too important to be treated as an odd job any longer. It is time that the state makes it possible for counties that men are engaged to devote their entire time to the business of the counties they serve. Certainly no county that desires to move forward and try out a better method should be barred from making the experiment."

ANIMAL HEALTH BOARD

State Veterinarian Gibson Well Pleased

"With Some Phases of Work in Quarantined Counties and Displeased With Others—Stringent Measures to Be Continued.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Jan. 5.—A meeting of the state board of animal health is being held here for the consideration of the general situation as affecting the foot and mouth epidemic. The board, of which Dr. Gibson, state veterinarian, is a member, has general charge of the work so far as the state is concerned. Dr. Paxton, who represents the federal government, has worked in conjunction with the state board and department.

Dr. Gibson returned from a short visit to Cedar, Johnston and some other counties, well pleased with some phases of the work, but not with others. There has been a disposition in places to ignore orders and to evade the quarantine and this is declared to be the reason for fresh outbreaks. But in Cedar county there is to be vigorous cooperation on the part of the local authorities. A memorial was presented to Dr. Gibson by an association in Johnson county, for immediate removal of all restrictions, and also that the veterinary department circularize the farmers with instructions how to diagnose the foot and mouth disease and how to treat it and that of contagious pleuro-pneumonia. In regard to the latter the doctor says it is something wholly unknown here, and there is no treatment for the foot and mouth disease.

Dr. Gibson has just received the following letter from a very prominent breeder of Polled Hereford cattle, N. M. Leonard, of Waukegan, which gives some indication as to how the stock breeders of the state look upon the effort to stamp out the epidemic:

"As busy as I am, getting ready for our sale of Jan. 15, I want to stop long enough to commend you for your fight for a clean state. The fact that this whole country is not to be seeded down and eye-blingly enslaved by foot and mouth disease is wholly due to the great fight that has been put up.

"It is certainly to be regretted that at the moment when the fight is fairly won, and when the stock interests should be everlastingly grateful that a scourge is averted, that a few shrewd throw their influence against your effort in Iowa.

"I feel as though a few swift and sure prosecutions that will settle questions of authority of your department, would be a blessing to the state. We have suffered inconvenience and some loss, yet we feel fortunate.

"There will be no relaxation of the stringent measures and there will be no permitting of the shipping of stock to market from the immediately infected areas so long as there is danger.

MONEY AWAITS WOMAN.

Efforts Made to Find Iowa Heir to Arkansas Estate.

Waterloo, Jan. 5.—A small fortune awaits a woman and her two children in Iowa if they can be found. The woman, whose father's name was William Lingwood, was born at Waterloo, Iowa. Two attempts at marriage failed and she now is supposed to be in Des Moines or in some other Iowa city earning a living for her children by taking in washings.

The woman's father died in Texarkana, Tex., and left a snug sum of money in a Mena, Ark., bank. The police have been unable to get trace of her here.

ASKS \$15,000 DAMAGES.

Mrs. D. E. Phalen Sues For Alleged Injuries Sustained When Struck.

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Fort Dodge, Jan. 5.—Mrs. D. E. Phalen of Fort Dodge, has brought suit for \$15,000 for alleged injuries she sustained when an automobile, driven by Mrs. Marquis Madison, struck her on the main business street of Fort Dodge. Mrs. Phalen claims she was just about to step up on the sidewalk after crossing the street, when the car struck her, knocked her down, and inflicted injuries that have made her an invalid for months. Mr. and Mrs. Madison, who live on a farm near Humboldt, are the defendants in the case. Mrs. Phalen is wife of ex-deputy federal marshal, Dan Phelan.

ALBIA BLOCK BURNED.

Three Story Building Gutted by Flames—Six Firms Losers.

Albia, Jan. 5.—One of the most disastrous fires of recent years visited Albia at an early hour Monday and left in its wake a loss of more than \$25,000. One huge building containing three business firms on the lower floor, the annex to the Monroe hotel on the second floor and a skating rink and cigar factory on the third floor, was practically destroyed with the various firms carrying partial insurance on their stocks save one.

The fire was discovered and the alarm given about 2 o'clock Monday morning and is believed to have originated on the second floor in one of the rooms used by the Monroe hotel as an annex. Gaining rapidly, the fire was soon too much for the local department to combat successfully and the fire engine had to be used to increase the pressure from the city

water plant which was insufficient. Help was asked of Ottumwa fire department in the form of additional hose and within twenty-nine minutes from the time the request was made 1,000 feet of hose was received from Ottumwa for use in fighting the blaze. The firemen fought the blaze until 3 o'clock before deeming it safe to leave the burning building.

The structure is that once known as the old Cleveland house and is owned by Neils Peterson. The firms occupying the building and their approximate losses are: National Clothing Company, lower floor. Loss between \$8,000 and \$10,000; partly insured. Palace of Sweets on lower floor. Loss \$4,000 with no insurance. Brunswick billiard hall on lower floor. Loss \$1,000; partly insured. Toby & Beckett cigar firm, second and third floors. Loss about \$3,500, partly insured. The Monroe annex, second floor and a skating rink on the third floor were practically destroyed. Loss not given. The entire loss is estimated at between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Sioux City Girl Asphyxiated.

Sioux City, Jan. 5.—Ethel Smith, an employe of the Iowa Telephone Company, was found dead early yesterday in her room in the apartments of Mrs. L. W. Warren, 212 Perry street. She died of accidental gas asphyxiation. Evidence showed that the girl had been dead for some time.

Miss Smith had engaged rooms at the Warren place last Wednesday at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. She was last seen when she retired at 10 o'clock the same night. It is probable death occurred New Year's day.

According to an aunt residing in this city, Mrs. W. M. Wigton, 1115 Wall street, Miss Smith formerly resided with her parents at Langford, S. D. Recently she removed to Sioux City and accepted a position with the Iowa Telephone Company. She was 21 years of age.

Jewell News in Brief.

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Jewell, Jan. 5.—On Thursday evening will be held the annual church meeting of the Congregational church. Officers will be elected and other important business transacted. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock.

Mrs. O. Ostrem, who has been seriously ill of pneumonia, is getting better. Mrs. Farrow, of Elflora, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. G. Snyder.

Mrs. F. H. Alexander was called to Chicago on account of the death of her mother, Mrs. Quigley. Mr. and Mrs. Quigley were former residents of Jewell.

Girl Found Unconscious on Street.

Fort Dodge, Jan. 5.—Viola Thomas, of Manson, aged 21, was discovered in an unconscious condition in front of a local undertaker's establishment yesterday. She was taken to the Y. W. C. A. headquarters and did not regain consciousness until in the afternoon, and then immediately became hysterical. She was in such a state that nothing could be learned from her. A bruise was found upon her head, and foul play is suspected. A young Greek waiter named Pete Protopopis is being held for investigation. He had been seen frequently with the girl.

McCallsburg Has New Postmaster.

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McCallsburg, Jan. 5.—Mr. L. H. Bakka has been appointed as postmaster for McCallsburg and has been inaugurated in his new position. Mr. Bakka has been a resident of this community for the past fifteen years and the retiring postmaster has been in office about the same length of time.

Clear Lake Man Shoots Himself.

Clear Lake, Jan. 5.—S. A. Fortune, a laborer, attempted to take his own life at his home in the north part of the city. Fortune is alleged to be a "dope" fiend, and of late has been discouraged and morose, and it is thought that this led to his attempt to take his life. He probably will recover.

Iowa Pensions Granted.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Iowa pensions granted: Nancy A. Dicken, Shellrock,

BROOKS IS ACQUITTED

SIoux CITY MAN CHARGED WITH DOUBLE MURDER FREED BY COURT.

JUDGE INSTRUCTS JURY TO RETURN NOT GUILTY VERDICT

Sensational Trial For Killing of Former Hampton Man and His Stenographer Comes to Abrupt End—Brooks Fails to Make Strong Case—States Appears Dazed.

Wheeler, S. D., Jan. 5.—Robert Brooks, a Sioux City gambler, was acquitted of the charge of murdering William H. Menzie and Miss Blanche Signal, by a jury in the district court here. The jury acted on the advice of Judge Tripp. Brooks, who is an admitted drug fiend, heard the verdict without showing any sign of comprehension, he had been grilled on the stand for several hours just previously and appeared dazed. His wife sitting beside him smiled contentedly and patted his hand. Later the judge announced they would release Brooks, on his own recognizance, pending the disposition of another indictment against him, charging substantially the same crime.

Geddes persons who have held to the suicide theory since the tragedy, crowded about Brooks and shook his hand. Among those who congratulated the young man enthusiastically were those who had been in the court room since the trial began, ready at all times to applaud any occurrences favoring the defense. Two kissed the prisoner.

Judge Advises Jury.

Dismissing the jury after the defense had completed its case and the state rested, Judge Tripp advised the attorneys, that having heard the evidence, he had decided to advise the jury to acquit. The law of South Dakota does not permit the court to instruct a jury. In his opinion the court said the state had failed to establish the connect Brooks with the killing. The state agreed that argument would be useless in view of the court's stand.

"While it is not within the power of the court, under the laws of the state, to direct a verdict or to decide any points other than questions of law, there is yet remaining one point of law before this case goes to the jury," said Judge Tripp. "That question is: Is there any evidence here to connect this defendant with the crime? It is true that a man may be convicted on circumstantial evidence, but the evidence must be of such a nature as to extinguish any reasonable hypothesis of innocence. I do not think that is the case here."

State's Attorney Speaks. Judge Tripp said he appreciated the position of the state's attorney and invited A. Beck to say a few words to the jury explaining why the case was brought to trial.

With tears streaming down his face, the state's attorney told the jury he was sure that Menzie, who had been his friend, was not guilty of the murder of the innocent young woman who died with him in the lumber yard. He said the case had been prematurely forced to trial, but that he yet had hopes that the murderer would be brought to justice and the blot cleared from the name of Menzie, for the sake of his wife and family.

State's Attorney Beck's term of office will expire tomorrow when his successor will qualify. Sheriff L. W. Riffle, who has been active in the investigation of the murder, also retires, but it is stated that the investigation will not end here.

Waterloo.

Waterloo's improvements in 1914 totaled \$2,000,000. Of this amount \$1,400,000 were for improvements of a private nature. There were 305 buildings erected, remodeled or otherwise improved.

Storm Laps.

The date of Jan. 13 to 16, inclusive, has been set for the annual farmers' institute, which is claimed by the promoters that from every standpoint this year's program and premiums will exceed those of other years. The annual poultry show will be held during the same dates.

Orange City.

To date Mayor Sikkerveer has remitted \$1,155.13 direct to Queen Wilhelmina, of the Netherlands, to assist in the work of caring for Belgian refugees. This money has practically all been raised in Orange City and surrounding country. Individuals have also remitted various amounts to friends and relatives in the Netherlands, who are suffering hardships thru burdens imposed by the war.

Humboldt.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bicknell celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage here Wednesday night. Mr. Bicknell first came here from Oneida county, N. Y. in 1862, and was one of the very first school teachers in north-west Iowa. In 1864 he went to his old home in New York and returned with his bride, Sara A. Mills, to make their home in Fort Dodge, where he was a builder.

Webster City.

Mrs. Lucinda Adams Friday celebrated her nineteenth birthday at her home on Walnut street. The day was spent quietly with several callers during the afternoon and beautiful flowers were sent to her by her grandchildren. Mrs. Adams is one of the oldest settlers here, having come to Hamilton county with her husband in 1855. "Uncle Jimmie," as he was familiarly known, settled upon the farm six miles south

ODEBOLDT CHILD BURNED

Little Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mackey Fatally Burned in Fire Which Destroys Country Home—Rushes From House With Clothing Abiase, Into Mother's Arms.

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Odebolt, Jan. 5.—The house on the John Mauer farm, six and one-half miles southeast of Odebolt, burned to the ground at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The house was occupied by Ray Mackey and family. Mr. Mackey was away from home shelling corn and Mrs. Mackey had stepped out to the barn on an errand. When on her way back she met one of her little girls all aflame. She tore the clothing from the child, but the little one was burned so badly that it died at 11 o'clock Sunday night.

Montour News Notes.

Special to Times-Republican.

Montour, Jan. 5.—Born, to Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Bunce, a daughter. Helen Adkins returned to Grinnell College duties yesterday.

The following persons were appointed on the ways and means committee at the annual meeting of the Congregational church: Mrs. Edith Burroughs, Mrs. Alby Hoover and Miss Mary Berka.

LOSES AND RECOVERIES

Petersville Man's Belongings Found—Maid of Hometown Returns.

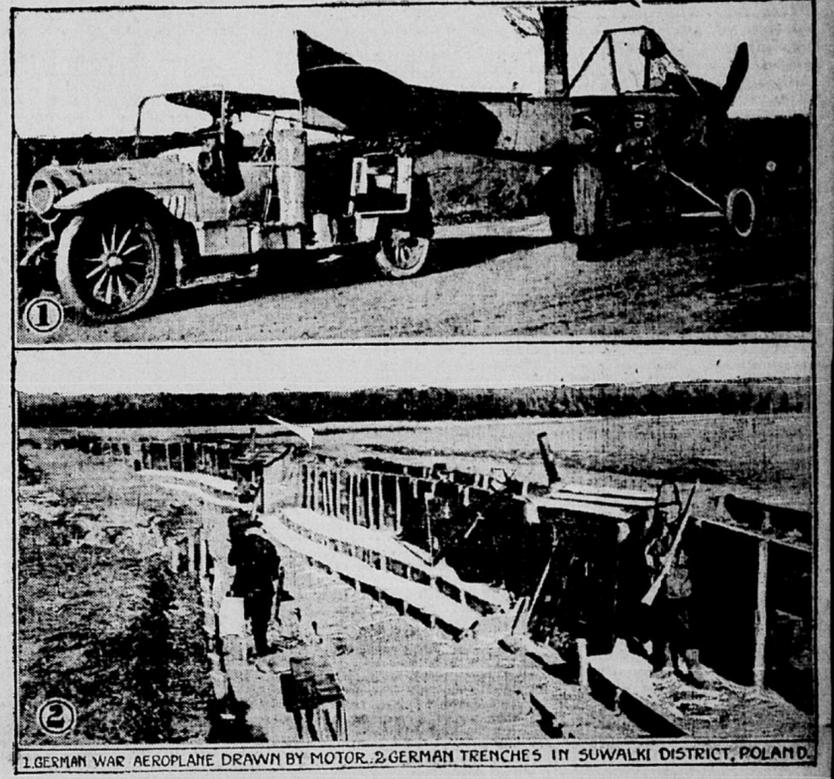
Special to Times-Republican.

Clinton, Jan. 5.—Some one in the employ of Julius Anderson here found a pocketbook Saturday night and handed it to the bartender, John Hansen, and called for it. Hansen, in the Saturday night rush, struck it in his pocket and forgot about it. Yesterday he felt it in going thru his pockets and, taking it out, opened it. It contained \$7,543 in cash, checks and drafts. With his eyes bulging he hurried to the police station and reported the find. M. J. O'Mera, of Petersville, had reported to the police that his pocket had been picked, the plunderers getting away with his pocketbook containing \$7,543 in cash, checks and drafts. The stories hitched and O'Mera was given the pocketbook, but not until he had purchased a lock and chain to hold it in. Of the amount \$700 was in bills.

It Wasn't That Kind.

"How was it that you didn't name your baby Woodrow Wilson when you told me that was your intention?" "We named it Mary Jane."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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