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CONCERNING CAPTAIN NEIDENHOFFEN

Captain Alex Neidenhoffen, clerk of the district court of Silver Bow County, has been named by a number of prominent newspapers of the state as a promising possibility for secretary of state. Madison County people are interested in him and his candidacy because he is a Madison County boy. He was born right here in Virginia City about 29 years ago. He is a charming young man and very popular among all classes in Silver Bow County. In politics he runs like a streak of greased lightning. Perrin Irvine was his political opponent in the canvass of three years ago. In those days Irvine enjoyed the confidence of the Democracy of Silver Bow and was considered a strong candidate, but he was left at the post when the political flag dropped—the Captain beat him nearly two to one. The convention is yet away off in the future, but should the captain receive the nomination nothing could prevent his election. He is a bright, clean, young Republican.

THE WEATHER SERVICE.

Virginia will probably soon be enjoying Uncle Sam's Weather Bureau service. Acting on the MADISONIAN'S suggestion the council appointed a committee to look up the matter. A flag pole will probably be erected on the MADISONIAN building from which place the regulation signal flags will publish the weather forecast daily. To say the least we will be up-to-date, and the innovation ought to be popular. 'Tis true that over in Butte some "copper" the forecasts, but this practice is probably limited to those not in love with the Thompson administration. Uncle Sam is a scientific weather prophet, not infallible—and who is. Even the MADISONIAN makes mistakes occasionally. Charlie Mead will attend to the raising of the flags, daily, except on Fourth of July and other occasions of national jubilation and lightheaded jollification, when he will appoint some responsible individual—presumably the editor of this journal—to do the work while he attends to the festivities. As a rule the weather service forecasts are correct. All the big storms are anticipated. A forecast is sent out every day, predicting something, bad or indifferent. The MADISONIAN certainly hopes that the council will be successful and that Virginia will soon be enjoying the service.

COME AND SEE US.

Scientists have never yet figured out just how long a man can live on mountain scenery and Ruby Valley ozone. We do not desire, either for the sake of a science or the glory of conducting a model country weekly, to make a practical solution of the matter, and we therefore cordially invite those in arrears to come in when convenient, and see us substantially. Several thousand dollars are due this newspaper on subscription. If 50 per cent of this amount had been paid in, this year, we could now be enjoying ourselves at the Atlanta exposition, and giving those of our subscribers who failed to make the necessary connections to visit Dixie, breezy pen pictures of our own, and the exploits of several thousand other people. As it is we are forced to remain at home and put in our time, between doctoring a sick press and heralding Madison County events to an expectant world. In terra-cotta our office stove with tobacco juice and cogitating on the utility of human hope.

Gentle reader, if you are a delinquent subscriber, come and see us financially. If you will pay up to date you will be accorded all the privileges of this ancient and honorable institution. If you will pay a year in advance you can put your feet on the sanctum table and the editor hereof will step with wrapt and respectful attention to any suggestion which you may have concerning the true method of conducting a newspaper.

COUNTY AFFAIRS

Synopsis of the Proceedings

Of the Board of County Commissioners

Of Madison County, Montana

Regular December Session 1895.

FIRST DAY—DEC. 2.

The board of county commissioners of Madison county met in regular session at the office of the county clerk of said county on Monday, Dec. 2, 1895, at 10 a. m. Present Joseph Smith, J. S. Crissman and George Copp, commissioners and Barclay Jones, clerk.

The books of the county treasurer being in active use in the collection of taxes, and the treasurer not being required to report until the second Monday of the month, the board proceeded to examine and pass upon the reports of the several road supervisors of the county, as filed with the county clerk relating to the special road tax receipts issued by them since March 1, 1895, when it was found:

That of the 125 receipts delivered to supervisor of district No. 1, 89 have been issued and 26 have been returned unissued. Report approved.

That of 50 receipts issued to the supervisor of district No. 2, 36 have been issued to persons performing labor; 10 to persons paying \$3.00 each in cash and 4; have been returned unissued; it is also found that said supervisor has paid the sum of \$30.00 so collected in the county treasurer. Report approved.

That of the 75 receipts delivered to the supervisor of district No. 4, 52 have been issued by him to persons performing labor; 2 have been issued to persons paying \$3.00 each in cash and 21 have been returned unissued; it is also found that said supervisor has paid the \$6.00 so collected into the county treasury. Report approved.

That of the 150 receipts delivered to the supervisor of district No. 5, 24 have been issued to persons performing labor; 94 have been issued to persons paying \$3.00 each in cash and 32 have been returned unissued; it is also found that said supervisor has applied the cash so collected, viz: \$282.00 in payment of expenses incurred in maintaining the roads and bridges in his district. Report approved.

That of the 60 receipts delivered to the supervisor of district No. 6, 42 have been issued to persons performing labor, and 8 have been returned unissued. Report approved.

That of the 100 receipts issued to the supervisor of district No. 7, 57 have been issued to persons performing labor; 3 have been issued to persons paying \$3.00 each in cash; 11 have been issued to persons in the employ of the Aurora Mining Co., and 29 have been returned unissued; it is also found that said supervisor has applied \$6.00 cash collected as a credit upon his claim against the county, presented at the June 1895 session; that he has applied \$27.00 cash collected as a credit upon his claim against the county presented at this session and has deposited \$3.00 with the county treasurer, leaving a balance due on account of receipts of \$6.00; which sum was ordered deducted from his bill presented at this session, upon condition that he will be reimbursed therefrom upon making a proper accounting for, or return of such receipts.

That of 100 receipts issued to the supervisor of district No. 8, the entire number have been issued to persons performing labor, and that he has worked 11 men upon the roads for which receipts have not been issued. Report approved.

Board adjourned to 9 a. m., of Tuesday the 3rd instant.

SECOND DAY—DEC. 3.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. All members present, and resumed the examination of reports of road supervisors, when it was found:

That the supervisor of road district No. 9 had on hand at the beginning of the year, 25 receipts, held over from 1894; that he received 50 receipts during 1895; that he issued 26 of such receipts to persons performing labor, and that he has returned 19 of such receipts unissued. Report approved.

That of the 75 receipts delivered to the supervisor of district number 10, 42 have been issued to persons performing labor; 28 have been issued to persons paying \$3 each in cash and 5 have been returned unissued. It is also found that he has applied \$81.60 as a credit upon his claim against the county presented at this session, and has allowed the Revenue Mining Company a commission of \$2.40 for the collection, for him, of \$18. Report approved.

That of the 25 receipts delivered to the supervisor of district number 3, 24 have been issued to persons performing labor and one has been returned unissued. Report approved.

That of the 75 receipts delivered to the supervisor of district number 11, 54 have been issued to persons performing labor and 21 have been returned unissued. Report approved.

That of the 175 receipts delivered to the supervisor of district number 12, 131 have been issued to persons performing labor and 18 have been returned unissued. Report approved.

That of the 50 receipts delivered to the supervisor of district number 13, 32 have been issued to persons performing labor and 44 have been returned unissued. Report approved.

That of the 99 receipts issued to the supervisor of district number 15, 73 have been issued to persons performing labor; one for cash \$3, and that he still holds 25 of such receipts to be issued for labor to be performed during the month of December. It is also found that he has deducted the \$3 collected from his claim against the county presented at this session. Report approved.

That of the 50 receipts issued to the supervisor of district number 16, 45 have been issued to persons performing labor and 5 have been returned unissued. Report approved.

That of the 50 receipts delivered to the supervisor of district number 17, 40 have been issued to persons performing labor and 10 have been returned unissued. Report approved.

That 25 receipts were delivered to the supervisor of district number 18, and that he has returned the same unissued. Report approved.

That of the 25 receipts issued to the supervisor of district number 20, 8 have been issued for labor performed and 17 have been returned unissued. Report approved.

That of the 75 receipts delivered to the supervisor of district number 22, 48 have been issued to persons performing labor and 27 have been returned unissued. Report approved.

The clerk was directed to settle and balance the accounts of the several supervisors, to date, in accordance with the foregoing findings of the board.

The stubs of the licenses issued by the treasurer for the last quarter, were checked with the treasurer's register, and the same found to be correct.

The superintendent of schools appeared before the board and presented her report with her recommendations relating to the schools and school districts of the county; which matters the board agreed to consider later in the session.

The Reports of the clerk and recorder, sheriff and assessor, were examined, and it appearing that all of the monies collected by such officers for the last quarter have been paid into the county treasury as required by law, the said reports were approved and ordered filed.

Board adjourned to 9 a. m. of Wednesday the 4th inst.

THIRD DAY—DEC. 4.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, all members present, and proceeded to examine the claims on file and of record in the clerk's allowance book, and the following orders were made and entered in relation to certain of said bills, viz:

The claim of A. Fisher for work on roads in district 13 was reduced \$1.00; the claim of Chas. Frazier for work on roads in same district was reduced 50 cents, and the claim of Alex Norris for work on roads in same district was reduced \$3.25, all on account of charge of \$5.00 per day for man and team the board having heretofore ordered that but \$4.50 will be allowed for the work of one man and team upon the roads.

The claim of William Farlin was reduced \$4.50 for the same reason.

The claim of W. H. Fitch, sup. district 22 was reduced \$3.00 on account of charge made for "warning out men" to work.

The claim of L. S. Pendarvis was also reduced \$6.00 on account of charge made for "warning out men" to work.

The claim of Albert Mason was reduced 50 cents on account of charge of \$5.00 for man and team on road.

The claim of William Sowers, sup. district 16 was reduced \$12.00 on account of charge for use of team while working on Sand Creek road.

The sum of \$6.00 was deducted from the claim of C. R. Cornforth, on account of two special road receipts not accounted for, as shown by his report.

The claim of H. Kroger was reduced \$1.25 on account of error in addition of the several items.

The claim of M. H. Lott was reduced 50 cents on account of charge of \$5.00 per day for man and team.

The claim of E. H. Sparrell was reduced \$5.00 on account of charge of \$2.50 per day for use of team 10 days.

The claim of A. Fisher for \$10.00 and the claim of Alex Norris for \$8.50, were both disallowed, the same appearing to be duplicated in the claims this day allowed, and for the further reason that the claims do not show the date or place of performing the labor charged for.

It was also ordered that the balances due upon the several claims above named, together with the claims heretofore enumerated, be allowed and that the clerk issue the proper warrants upon the road fund in payment of the amounts allowed. (See list of road fund bills.)

The county attorney having requested the board to employ additional counsel to assist him in the prosecution of the action of the State vs. Morgan Jones, charged with murder, and the importance of the case appearing to justify such action, the board employed Robert B. Smith, Esq., for such purpose, and he having presented his bill for such service in the sum of \$300.00, on

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motion it was ordered that the same be allowed, and that the clerk issue the proper warrant on the general fund in payment.

Board adjourned to 9 a. m. of Thursday, the 5th inst.

FOURTH DAY—DEC. 5.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, all members being present and resumed consideration of claims against the county, and made the following orders in relation to certain of said bills, viz:

The claim of P. V. Jackson for provisions furnished H. S. Goodwin having been withdrawn, the clerk was directed to make the proper entry in the allowance book.

The bill of Ras Rochester for clothing furnished Hugh Kelly was again continued.

The bill of A. M. Park of \$7.00 was rejected, a new bill having been presented covering the same items therein charged for.

The bill of L. Dolcini for expenses incurred in the matter of the death and burial of George Pettingill, was reduced in the sum of \$5.00 on account of charge made for cleaning his house.

It was also ordered that the balance due on the last named bill, together with the other claims heretofore enumerated be allowed and that the clerk issue the proper warrants upon the poor fund for the amounts allowed. (See list of poor fund bills.)

The board also audited and allowed certain other bills on file and of record in the allowance books, and directed the clerk to issue the proper warrants on the general fund in payment of the amounts allowed. (See list of general fund bills.)

Board adjourned to 9 a. m. of Friday, December 6 1895.

FIFTH DAY—DEC. 6.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, all members present, and resumed examination of claims on file; the following claims were audited and allowed and warrants ordered issued on the contingent fund in payment, viz: (See list of contingent fund bills.)

The chairman of the board and the county clerk having heretofore issued two warrants to the county attorney, in payment of his salary for the months of September and October, at \$50 each, and three warrants of \$33.86 each to the court stenographer in payment of his salary for the months of Sep., Oct. and Nov., as provided by law, on motion the action of the chairman and clerk were ratified and confirmed.

The remainder of the day was occupied in checking up the treasurer's register of tax collections and licenses and the county clerk's register of receipts.

Board adjourned to 9 a. m. of Saturday Dec. 7, 1895.

SIXTH DAY—DEC. 7.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, all members being present, and occupied the day in checking the receipts issued by the treasurer, with the books of said treasurer and the county clerk; the examination having been completed and the books found to be correct, the board adjourned to Monday, Dec. 9, 1895, at 9 a. m.

SEVENTH DAY—MONDAY, DEC. 9.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, all members being present, and proceeded to the examination of miscellaneous matters before them.

The report of Albert E. Wilcomb, sup. of dist. 14 showing that he had received from the county clerk 25 special road receipts, and that he had issued the entire number to persons performing work upon the roads, was approved.

The report of Thomas Duncan, clerk of the district court, covering the quarter ending Nov. 30, 1895, was examined and approved and ordered filed.

The report of the county treasurer, showing the financial transactions of the county for the last quarter was examined and compared with the books of said treasurer and the county clerk, found correct and ordered filed and entered in full upon the journal.

The report of the superintendent of

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schools in relation to changes made in the boundaries of certain school districts and other school matters was examined and approved and ordered entered of record as follows:

To Honorable Board, County Commissioners, Madison county, Montana, in regular session assembled, December 3rd, 1895.

I, county supt. of schools, would respectfully submit following reports:

I. I would report I have fixed boundary line between dists. 31 & 35 on Red Rock, to-wit: "a line running N & S across valley; in line fence between Jones & Winslow ranch houses."

II. I have fixed boundary line between dists. 30 and 25 to-wit: "along summit of Ruby range."

III. Have fixed boundary of Harrison dist. No. 25 according to description submitted by ——— clerk (subject to correction.)

IV. Have transferred Mr. M. Elser from Laurin district No. 4 to Sheridan district No. 5, for the reason it is much more convenient for him to send children to school.

V. Transferred Amos Eastman of Pageville district No. — to Twin Bridge district No. 7.

The petition for a new school district on the Madison valley, with the county superintendent's recommendation thereon, was also approved, and ordered entered of record as follows

To the Honorable Della L. Herndon, superintendent of public schools in and for Madison county, Montana.

We the undersigned citizens and tax payers of Madison county, do hereby petition your Hon. to establish a school district in said county, with boundaries as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a point where the Madison river crosses the North boundary line of section twenty township six south of range one west, then running east to the east boundary line of said County, commencing again at the point where the Madison river crosses the North boundary line of said section twenty, thence running up said river in a southerly direction to a point where said river crosses the south boundary line of section seventeen, township seven south of range one west, thence East to the East boundary line of said Madison County in said Territory, there now live thirteen children of school ages who live from four to six miles from any school house, herewith is name and ages of said children Lena Gilmer, 19; Clarence Thornton, 13; Mattie Howe, 12; Stella Howe, 8; Letta Howe, 6; Maggie McDonald, 11; Frank McDonald, 8; James H. McDonald, 6; Ellen McDonald, 6; Thomas McDonald, 6; May Rose McDonald, 6; Mary Crowley, 8; Tim Crowley, 6; and we ever pray, signed E. J. Meier, J. F. McDonald, Terrance McDonald, and 33 others.

Ennis, Montana, Nov. 25, 1895.

We, residents of proposed new district No. 40 on Madison Valley do hereby promise to build a school house in such location as will be accessible to all children included in proposed district without taxing such fund as will be paid dist. by county; we also guarantee a three months school at least in each school year and promise to board the teachers when necessary in order to hold a profitable term; signed George Howe, C. Gilmer, Daniel J. Crowley, and 16 others.

Virginia City, Montana, Dec. 7, 1895.

To Hon. Bd. Co. Commissioners; in regular session assembled Dec. 7, 1895.

I would recommend the petition of residents of Madison Valley for new school dist. be granted. This dist. be known as dist. No. 40.

Respectfully yours

Della L. Wilcomb.

Indorsed; Examined and approved, Jos. Smith, chairman.

There appearing to be some question as to whether the supervisor of road district No. 3, or the supervisor of road district No. 4, should have charge of the work upon and supervision of the road known as the "Van-Brocklin lane" running west from the road

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