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HIGHEST WAGE RATE EVER KNOWN.

American Economist: An advance of 10 per cent in wages to more than 20,000 employees of the National Tube company is to take effect April 1. This is the second increase of 10 per cent granted by the same company within six months and makes the wages of common labor higher than at any time within the history of the works. The tendency all over the country is to advance wages to the highest point ever known. Not only that, but to give steady employment to by far the largest number of wage earners ever found at one time on the pay rolls of the industrial institutions of the United States. To do just this thing was one among the pledges made four years ago on behalf of the party of protection and sound money. The Bryanites said it could not be done, and that a cheap dollar was the only thing that would put an end to the awful paralysis inflicted upon the industries of the country as a result of four years of Cleveland and tariff reform. Mr. McKinley said that the first thing to do was to open the mills. The country took this view of the matter. Result, the highest rate of wages ever paid and the largest amount of steady employment ever known by wage earners.

Morris—Henry Baldwin, one of the pioneers, died after a short illness. He carried the mail from St. Paul to the forts in the Dakotas by dog sleds in the fifties, and was a friend of several noted Indian chiefs. He had held nearly all the county offices for Stevens county and several village positions.

The Wisconsin Central is contemplating many track improvements this season, notably the reworking of the Chicago division with ninety-pound rails.

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Hewett Bridge Co., of Minneapolis, Awarded Contract for Platte River Bridge at \$1,247.

BRIDGE TO BE COMPLETED AUG. 1.

Bills Allowed and Other Matters Considered—Board Adjourned at 10:30 Wednesday.

The board of county commissioners of Morrison county met in special session Tuesday morning. Those present were Geo. LaFond, J. J. Jacobson and J. J. Gross; absent Commissioner Enke and Chairman Lakin.

The board proceeded to the consideration of general business, and the application of Ignatz Klamborn, asking to be set off from school Dist. No. 20 and attached to Dist. No. 9 was granted.

The application of John Muschke, to be set off from school Dist. No. 10 and attached to Dist. No. 41, was rejected.

The application of M. E. Dow, for correction of assessment and abatement of taxes on lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, block 23, city of Little Falls, was accepted by the board and recommended to the state auditor for approval.

The following bills were allowed:
H. A. Kider, boarding prisoners month of Feb. \$ 1.71
Same, month of March 15.39
Little Falls P. Co., court calendar and stationery 23.39
Same, publishing treasurer's statement of condition of county 5.25
W. B. Jones, work on radiators of court house 5.70
Paulina Rhoda, bill in the sum of \$25.00 for damages on judicial road allowed in part 12.50

The board then took up the Platte river bridge matter. The committee appointed to look over the site reported favorably, and the board decided to receive bids for the construction of bridge at a site selected by the committee of county commissioners and citizens Monday S. M. Hewett who accompanied the committee to the site of the bridge, had a set of plans and specifications prepared which were adopted by the board, and 2:30 this afternoon was the time set for opening the bids the right being reserved to reject any or all bids.

The specifications calls for a single span bridge 120 feet long, combination wood and iron structure, with eight panels and a sixteen foot roadway, piers to be built on piling. The plans and specifications were left in the auditor's office for the inspection of all those who wished to put in a bid.

At this afternoon's session Chairman Lakin and Commissioner Enke were both present, Chairman Lakin presiding.

Among other matters considered was the petition of John Kobelka and others for the formation of a new school district in towns of Buckman and Pierz. A hearing was granted.

A resolution was adopted whereby the county auditor was directed and authorized to issue his warrant in the sum of \$200 each to Honore Honle and Leander Bellefeuille, in payment for damages to their lands by reason of the laying out of a county road known as the Gravelville road upon the presentation by them of the deeds for said lands to the county.

A resolution directing the county auditor to issue his warrant for \$35 to Chas. Van Hercke for damages to land by laying out a county road in town of Buh was also adopted.

The applications of And. Shelling, Henry Sheibel and John Bernick each for correction of assessment and abatement of real estate taxes were accepted by the board and recommended to the state auditor for approval.

The time, 2:30 p. m. having arrived for the opening of the bids for the Platte river bridge the board took that matter up. There were six bidders and the bids were as follows:

100 ft 120 ft span	span	span
A. D. Harrison	\$1525	
S. M. Hewett	\$1247	1497
Illinois Bridge Co.	1460	1700
Gillette-Hersog Co.	1296	1591
Joliet Bridge Co.	1598	1879
L. H. Johnson	1388	1695

The Hewett Bridge Company, of Minneapolis, represented by S. M. Hewett was awarded the contract for the construction of the bridge across Platte river by the board of county commissioners Tuesday afternoon, its bid being the lowest. The board required bids for a 100 foot span bridge and also for a 120 foot span bridge, but decided after the bids were in that the former size would be required. Mr. Hewett's bid for a 120 foot span was \$1497, and for a 100 foot span \$1247. The latter bid was accepted. A. D. Harrison of this city was within \$28 of Mr. Hewett's bid for the 120 foot span but did not put in a bid for the 100 foot span.

Mr. Hewett and the board entered into a contract whereby the company agrees to have the bridge built

according to plans and specifications furnished on or before Aug. 1, 1900. Commissioners Lakin and Gross were appointed a committee to supervise the construction of the bridge.

The petition of Peter Virnig and Jos. Virnig to be released from bonds to furnish to Theresa Theiser \$4 per month for the support of her illegitimate child, of which Jos. Virnig had been declared by the court, the father, was considered by the board. An agreement had been reached whereby the mother of the child and her husband, John Macho, agreed to support and educate the child and release Jos. Virnig from further claims for the consideration of \$250. The board approved of the settlement and granted the petition.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the division of \$300 school funds in the hands of the officers of school district No. 30, and that \$400 of said funds be placed to the credit of school district No. 100, formerly a part of district No. 30.

A hearing was granted on the petition of J. J. McRea and others asking for a change of a county road in the town of Swanville.

The application of N. Doucette for correction of assessment and abatement of taxes was granted by the board and recommended to the state auditor for approval.

The following bills were allowed:
Joe Picotte, 18 cords wood for C. H. Peter " 31 1/2 same 70.88
James Chadwick, 12 1/2 same 28.34
C. L. Housman to school district and stationery 5.00
H. Neugebauer, wood to C. H. Jacob Warner, same 7.23
McGill-Winger Co., blanks, books and stationery 176.25
Emma Bahr, type, writing 2.00
John Schutts, road and bridge work Transcript Pub Co., stationery for auditor 6.00
Morrison Co Dem, to publishing proceedings of county board adjourned regular session 98.75
B. H. K. & Monet, 30 1/2 cords 100.00
J. H. Kay, assistant sheriff in bringing Drellock to probate court 5.00
E. Van Buskirk, 2 days work and mileage, carrying water and setting posts in basement of C. H. Chas. Van Buskirk, 2 days work and mileage 6.42
H. A. Rider sheriff's fees 115.20
S. P. Brick, clerk of court's fees 174.30
Paul Moog, justice fees 1.00
Wm. O'Shea, Jr., witness fees and mileage 2.24
F. X. Richard, same 1.00
G. Van Herke, same 2.44
O. DuFort, same 1.96
A. Racine, same 1.96
Geo. F. Foster, deputy sheriff fees 3.85
John O'Shea, witness fees and mileage 2.24
Geo. LaFond, committee work and mileage 15.00
Jos. Genesee, witness fees and mileage 1.24
W. X. Heroux, constable fees 5.00
W. C. Raymond, juror fees 1.00
W. J. Oomen, work on radiators C. H. Town of Culdrum, for road work 75.00
F. E. Lakin, commissioner's services and mileage 17.40
Martin Enke, committee work and mileage 11.00
Geo. LaFond, 2 days com work and mileage 6.20
J. Gross, committee work and mileage and services Co board 10.00
J. J. Jacobson, com work, services on board and mileage 13.60

The following bill was rejected:
Little Falls P. Co., extra and additional space in publishing forfeited tax sale 312.40

Motion made and carried that the bill of the city of Little Falls for sewer laid on south side of court house square be allowed in the sum of \$144.00, and the order made payable to the sewer fund of the city of Little Falls.

The board adjourned.

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THE FAMILY LOST EVERYTHING.

Fire Destroys the Home of Jos. O'Conner Monday Evening and the Household Goods Were a Complete Loss.

A fire attended by unusually unfortunate results in property loss occurred at about 9 o'clock Monday evening. Just before 9 o'clock the large, two-story frame dwelling occupied by Jos. O'Conner and family, and situated on the corner of Sixth street and First avenue northeast, was discovered on fire. The alarm was immediately sounded and the department turned out promptly, but was laboring under disadvantages. In the first place the streets were in bad condition for hand apparatus to make time, and the distance to the fire was great. These difficulties considered the department made good time in reaching the burning building, but it was found to be afire from the ground floor to the roof when they arrived. Some delay was caused by the bursting of a length of hose. The time necessary to change the broken hose for a new length was taken advantage of to put on the Stamese, and when the water was turned on again the firemen had two streams instead of one to work with. For several minutes the firemen did good work but soon found themselves without water again. After an investigation which required several minutes it was discovered that someone had shut off the valve of the Stamese.

At this juncture Hose Co. No. 3 came up and the department soon had three streams from the hydrants and both chemicals playing on the burning building, and the flames were rapidly subdued.

When the firemen got there it was impossible to get into but one room of the house. The parlor was closed and the fire had not reached it, and the contents of that room including the piano were saved. The building is badly wrecked, and it is doubtful if it can be rebuilt without first being torn down.

The property loss falls heaviest on Mr. O'Conner. The piano and other articles saved were the property of his mother-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Buskirk, who also owns the house. She carried insurance on the building and her household furniture. Everything in the line of household goods, wearing apparel and personal effects of Mr. O'Conner and family was destroyed, and he did not carry a cent of insurance.

The origin of the fire is not known but it is supposed to have started from one of the stoves. The family had left the house shortly after dinner and was not at home when the fire started. Mr. O'Conner knowing the family was away did not go to the house after quitting his work on the switch engine at 6 o'clock, and was down town when the alarm was given. Mr. O'Conner's loss is \$900 or \$700.

Mrs. W. H. Buskirk, who owned the house and a portion of the furniture, carried \$650 insurance on furniture and \$1,300 on the house.

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J. R. Garrison, cashier of the bank of Thornville, Ohio, had been robbed of health by a serious lung trouble until he tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Then he wrote: "It is the best medicine I ever used for a severe cold or a bad case of lung trouble. I always keep a bottle on hand." Don't suffer with coughs, colds, or any throat, chest or lung trouble when you can be cured so easily. Only 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at L. D. Brown's Drug Store.

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Rudyard Kipling is going to tell of "The Beginning of the Armadillos," in the May Ladies' Home Journal. Of course, Mr. Kipling brings to bear an irresistibly funny, but withal a highly ingenious, philosophy in describing the peculiarities of the armadillo. He evidently found enjoyment in writing these stories—he calls them "Just So" stories—for he has interwoven more, unimitable humor into his account of the way by which the armadillos came into being, and the others of the series, than in anything else that has come from his versatile pen.

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