THE NEW CLARION

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CHAPTER XXV.

A True Comforter.

FULTON suddenly shrank from Abner's touch. A shudder ran through him. He turned his distorted face to Abner. It was the face of a fiend goaded by despair.

"Huh!" he snarled. He rose and stood swaying to and fro like a reed in a windstorm. "You are jest up to yore old sly tricks. All you have jest said is to lead me into a trap. You need Howard Tinsley in yore business. Look here, Abner Daniel! You know you hain't got a feather's weight o' proof agin me. You are tryin' to bluff me."

Abner endeavored to step nearer the man, but Fulton slunk farther away.

"You let me alone, Abner Daniel," he muttered sullenly. "You stop doggin' me an' dingdongin' this thing at me. I ain't goin' ter put up with it from you nor nobody else. Thar is a p'int you hain't thought about yit, an'

"You let me alone, Abner Daniel," he muttered sullenly.

it's a big un. Do you want to know what it is? One man is already down on the docket to testify that he seed Howard at Craig's gate jest a little while 'fore the—the shot was fired. What ef another feller livin' in the neighborhood was to say—was to swear that he seed even more'n that—heard more'n that! How does that strike you?"

"It don't strike me at all, Abe," Abner answered, with a bluntness he could not restrain. "A man as guilty as you are couldn't stand up before a court full o' honest men an' tell a tale o' that sort an' make it go down."

Abe swayed back and forth.

"I give you fair warnin'," he muttered. "You keep me out o' this thing. I see what you are tryin' to do, but it won't work. It won't! It won't!"

He turned and stalked away.

Abner saw the figure of a man emerge from the shadow of the stable and approach. It was Pole Baker.

"Don't fly off the handle, Uncle Ab," Pole said, half apologetically. "I give you my word I ain't interferin' with you in this thing at all."

"Well, what do you mean by turnin' up so dang often?" Abner inquired. "Seems to me that I never see this feller without runnin' on you like a p'inter dog squattin' behind a stump some'r's."

"It's this way, Uncle Ab," Pole laughed softly. "I know you are runnin' this thing, an' I don't intend to bother you in the least, but I'm feelin' so bad over the little progress that's made that I thought ef I watched Abe like a hawk I mought by some accident drap on to a little some'n' that mought he'p you out."

"Well, have you—that's what I'd like to know?" Abner leaned on the fence, a picture of utter dejection.

"I've seed enough to know that Abe is as restless as the devil hisse'f goin' about seekin' some'n' to devour. I've seed 'im a dozen times when he thought nobody was lookin'. For one thing, I noticed that he goes regular every day down in the big swamp below his cabin. He's wore a little path o' his own in the weeds an' grass. An' t'other day, when I knowed he was off in town, I slipped down thar. But I didn't find nothin', Uncle Ab, except that his tracks come to a' end at a particular spot in the thickest part o' the swamp. I couldn't make nothin' of it except that he jest loved to go to some one quiet spot."

"I see, an' so that come to nothin'," Abner sighed.

"I actually don't know," Pole returned, "but it give me an idea. I knowed I could kiver my tracks, an' so day before yesterday I went down thar before he did an' hid myse'f as nigh the spot as I could with safety. I lay down flat in the bulrushes an' waited fer him to come. It was a long wait an' not pleasant, fer the gnats an' mosquitoes fairly chawed the meat off my bones, but after awhile I heard 'im a-comin'. The spot was mighty shady, an' I couldn't see his face good, but I heard 'im mumblin' some'n' to hisse'f. Then he set in to swingin' his arms about 'im, an' I heard 'im groanin' like he was in torment."

"Then—then what did he do?" Abner leaned forward, a look of tense eagerness on him as he spoke.

"Why, he started to go back," Pole replied. "He plunged into the canebrake an' willows, an' I heard 'im thrashin' his way through the bushes at a great rate. I was about to crawl out an' slip after 'im when I seed 'im come back. He stood twistin' his hands over his head an' behin' his back, an' then all at once he fell flat on his all fours an' stuck his face right in the mire. Then, Uncle Ab, I heard 'im prayin'. I couldn't catch what he was sayin', fer it was mostly groans an' grunts, but I heard 'im callin' on God. I heard 'im sayin': 'God help me! God have mercy!'"

"You heard that, did you?" Abner exclaimed. "Are you sure you heard that?"

"Yes, but that was all, Uncle Ab, an' I've been mad at myse'f ever since fer not runnin' on some'n' worth while. I hate like rips to be beat in this thing."

Abner was silent for a moment, then he looked at Pole with a grateful smile. "I'm glad you watched 'im. When you come just now I had plumb lost hope myself, but I feel better now. Pole, the whole truth, proof an' all, is locked up in Abe Fulton's heart an' soul. I've been hopin' that I could stir up pity in 'im an' git 'im to do the right thing before God an' man, an' I've been workin' to that end, but he said some'n' jest now that made me lose faith in that plan. In fact, I was beginnin' to fear that his conscience was dead, but it ain't—it ain't quite. Pole, a man killer that prays to God while his hands are wet with his victim's blood ain't hopeless. You didn't know it, but you've brought me the only news that could keep my hopes alive. Good night, Pole. I must go in."

"Good night, Uncle Ab. I'm due at home too. I ain't a prayin' man, but I feel like it sometimes—I feel like it when I hear a feller like you talk as you are a-doin' now. You are the best all round link betwixt this world and the next that I ever run across, an' ef I ever git to heaven it will be by hangin' on to yore coattail."

The next morning after he had left Mary at the office Abner walked around to the jail, taking a quiet side street to avoid passing through the business section of the town.

Abner ascended the narrow stairs slowly. The first flight was rather dark, and he had to place his feet carefully. However, there was more light in the neighborhood of Howard's cell, and as Abner drew near the bars he saw Howard rise from his cot at his approach and stand peering through the squares at him.

"Hello, Howard! How are you, my boy?" Abner asked, mastering his emotion with difficulty and trying to speak in a cheerful, offhand tone.

"Oh, I'm all right, Uncle Ab. How are you?" Abner was dismayed at the change in Howard's appearance since he had last seen him. He was paler and thinner, and worry had cut deep lines in his face. His eyes glowed with the fire of despair. His hair stood stiffly awry, and his hands quivered as they clutched the bars. "I say I'm all right, but I don't know that I am anything to boast of. I am only flesh and blood, after all, and this is a pretty tough situation. I try to hope. I keep saying to myself that it will come out right, but sometimes I doubt it. I know what I've got to face in my trial, and there is hardly one chance in a hundred of escaping the gallows. The more I think about it the worse the situation seems."

"Oh, you are blue," Abner returned, unsteadily. "Confinement has upset yore liver. It will do it fer the stoutest constitutions. You must keep up hope. The editorials you are writing are the finest things you ever done. Then thar's Mary—think of her, Howard."

Abner saw a look of inexpressible tenderness suffuse the wan, steel framed face and heard the prisoner sigh.

"Lord, Lord, Uncle Ab," he said. "I seldom think of any one else here of late. If I am condemned to death I'll carry to the end the sweet thought of what she has been and is to me. That is worrying me, too, and I don't know what to do about it."

"How is it worrying you?" Abner asked.

"Why, Uncle Abner" — Howard's voice shook, and he averted his eyes—"her beautiful young life, so full of sweet unselfishness, ought not to be associated in any way with mine. I brought this thing on myself. She used to warn me against my hot temper and plead with me to control it. If I had listened to her advice I'd never have been accused of this crime, and so now some people are saying that she and I are engaged to be married. She is the most wonderful girl in all the world and deserves a long life of happiness. She doesn't deserve having her name dragged in the mire like this. I don't care so very much for myself now. I've passed that point, but the consciousness that that dear girl is suffering through my worthless existence and may suffer even more is unbearable."

"Don't say that, my boy," Abner pleaded. "You now know what a woman's love means. You now know what many a husband don't know even after passin' a long life with a faithful wife. You have proof that Mary Trumbley would die fer you. Ain't that some'n'?"

Howard's breast rose under a billow of emotion. "We've never spoken of our love," he said. "We talk chiefly of our work. You see, I am not in a position to tell her how I feel. I didn't before this, and I can't now. I want her to know how I have grown to love her and lean on her since I came here, and yet I can't honorably mention it."

"I understand," Abner said tenderly. "You needn't bother about that, though. Mary knows. She shows it in her gentle face when she comes back to the office after seein' you. She has been my mainstay in this matter, Howard. She hain't never fer one second doubted yore release. She gits that from God direct. She is suffering keen pain over the way you are bein' treated, but she believes in her heart that it will end."

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Within half a mile of Trumbley's were the Hilldale camp meeting grounds, which were used annually by several Protestant churches for open air union services for a week. The time had come around again, the farmers having laid by their crops to wait for their ripening and being free to attend.

On the first Sunday of the meeting the spaces in the surrounding level woodland were well staked off and filled with housekeeping tents, each having its fireplace, where food was prepared.

On that first Sunday morning Abner rose and looked out of his window upon the road. He dressed himself carefully, putting on his best black trousers and coat, which was a long frock and worn without a vest in the summer, and then went out on the dew wet lawn. Here he met Mary, an empty pan under her arm. She was coming from the barnyard, where she had been to feed the chickens.

"I thought yore ma did that job since you become a up to date newspaper woman?" he jested as she greeted him with a welcoming smile.

"I do it on Sundays," she answered. "I don't want the chickens to forget me."

"Big meetin' they are goin' to have down at the shed," he remarked, brushing some lint off the sleeve of his coat. "They say Brother Wellman is a regular wheel hoss at whoopin' up sinners an' backsliders. You are a-goin', ain't you?"

She shook her head, put down her pan on the grass and began to retie his cravat, which she said looked like a shoestring. "I don't feel like it," she said, with a swift glance into his eyes, her lips quivering. "Last year Howard and I went together, and—and—well, I don't want to go."

"I remember," Abner said, seeing that her voice had completely failed her. "I remember when he come by fer you. Me an' him had a chat thar on the steps while you was primpin' up an' puttin' yore hat on. La, la, things have changed, hain't they? I watched you two as you passed through the gate an' strolled across the meadow to escape the dust o' the road, both of you pickin' flowers. I went on to meetin' an' 'set thar a good half hour 'fore you an' him finally come. You made a purty sight, as purty as I'd care to see. I remember I thought that you two didn't need no cut an' dried religion. Thar was youth an' happiness, good will an' faith shinin' out o' yore faces. I remember how you an' him giggled out loud when the bench give way an' Brother Carroll had sech a tumble in the straw an' got up so mad that he refused to pray when they axed 'im. Them seem happy days when you look back on 'em. We ort to look forward fer happiness instead o' back, but we don't as a rule."

"I can't go to the meeting, I simply can't," Mary half sobbed.

"You don't know what you are talkin' about, child. I've a good mind to be more plain in what I say. Don't you see God's hand in it all? After the time o' which I jest spoke, when you an' Howard was so happy, things begun to happen agin the harmony of it all. He indulged his natural pride an' hot temper an' this trouble came on him. An' what was the consequence? Why, he's learnt a great lesson. An' you—you have showed that you are a woman o' brain an' power an' heart an' have won his very soul. Mary, my child, he loves you with a love that is as rare as a flower growin' on a mountain o' ice—a love that never could 'a' been born any other way. His face melts an' glows, his voice shakes, when he talks about you an' how dear you are to 'im. He says he hain't told you about it, fer he feels unworthy of you because this blight is on 'im. Now—now, this is jest the earthly part of the whole divine process you an' him are goin' through, an' it ain't as bad as you think it is. You may be losin' faith an' hope, but I hain't. His love an' yore'n is too beautiful, too glorious, too Godlike, to ever be crushed clean out. He's goin' to be free, I tell you, girl. I simply will not give up. I won't! I won't! God will give us light. He will! He will!"

"Oh, Uncle Abner—Uncle Abner!" Mary began. "You are so good—so full of faith and courage! I'm going to meeting with you. I want to be by your side today, for I have almost given up." Tears in her eyes, she turned and walked away.

(To be continued.)

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COUNTY BOARD SPECIAL SESSION

Official Proceedings of County Commissioners of Kandiyohi County.

State of Minnesota, County of Kandiyohi,—ss.

County Auditor's Office, Willmar, Minnesota, Sept. 12, 1916.

The Board of County Commissioners of said county met on above date at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the County Auditor's office in the City of Willmar, pursuant to call.

Members present, Commissioners Wm. O. Johnson, S. A. Syverson, N. B. Johnson, C. J. Swenson and Albert Boersma. Absent, none.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, N. B. Johnson.

The petition of Sam Quam, asking to be set off from school district No. 94 to No. 45, which was at a previous meeting set for a hearing at this time, was now taken up for consideration.

Interested parties present were heard in the matter and after due deliberation and upon motion duly made and carried, the said petition was rejected.

In the matter of the new school district numbered 91.

The Petition of Isaac Gort and others for the formation of a new common school district, which previously had been set for a hearing on this date, was now taken up for consideration. The petition was publicly read. Interested parties present were given an opportunity to be heard. It was found that the notices required by law to be given had been duly posted and published and sent to the different clerks of school districts affected. On motion, duly made and seconded and carried by a full vote of the Board, the petition was accepted and granted whereupon the following order was issued and adopted:

Order Forming New School District.

Whereas, A petition signed and duly acknowledged by a majority of the freeholders who are entitled to vote at school meetings in their respective districts, residing within the territory of the proposed new school district asking for the formation of a new school district, which shall embrace the territory hereinafter described, with the approval of the County Superintendent of Schools endorsed thereon, was presented to the County Board of this County, at a session of said Board held on the 10th day of July, A. D. 1916, for the action of said Board thereon;

And Whereas, It was then ordered by said Board that a hearing should be had on said petition, at a session of said Board on the 12th day of September, A. D. 1916, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day at the County Auditor's office in the City of Willmar in said County;

And Whereas, Due notice of the time and place of such hearing has been given by posting a copy of said notice in three of the most public places in each of the school districts to be affected by said petition ten days prior to the day of such hearing, and by mailing to the Clerk of each of said school districts so affected thereby a true copy of such notice, at least ten days before the time appointed for such hearing, and by the publication of said notice for two weeks in the legal newspaper printed and published in said Kandiyohi County, to-wit, The Willmar Tribune, which said newspaper last mentioned is printed and published in said County, and was duly designated by said County Board for the publishing of the same, and due proofs of the posting and service and publication of said notice of hearing having been made and filed, by the affidavit of Isaac Gort, who posted said notice, and by the certificate of the County Auditor of said County, who served the said notice upon each of the Clerks of said districts affected thereby, and by the affidavit of the publisher of said newspaper in which the same was so published, respectively;

And Whereas, At the session of said County Board on said 12th day of September, A. D. 1916, said petition was publicly read and considered, and arguments of all persons interested therein for and against the organization of said proposed new district duly heard and considered:

It Is Hereby Ordered and Determined, That said petition be granted and the following described territory, to-wit:

The northwest quarter, and the south one-half of section fifteen; all of section twenty-two; all of section twenty-seven; the west one-half, west half of east half, and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter, section 34; the southeast quarter, the east half of the east half of the southwest quarter, the northeast quarter, and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 33; the east half of section 28; the south half of section 21; containing 3,280 acres more or less, all in the township of Roseland, County of Kandiyohi, be and the same is hereby organized and constituted a school district, and shall be hereafter designated and known as Common School District No. 91, of the County of Kandiyohi, State of Minnesota.

It Is Further Ordered and Determined, That the 28th day of September, A. D. 1916, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Isaac Gort, situated on the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, section 27, Township of Roseland, in said district be and the same is hereby fixed as the time and place when and where the first meeting of the electors of said district who are qualified to vote at school meetings, will be held to organize said district and that the County Auditor cause ten days' posted notice to be given of the time and place of such meeting as required by law. The County Auditor will mail to the clerk of each of the districts affected by this order a true copy hereof.

By order of the County Board of Kandiyohi County, Minnesota.

(SEAL) N. B. JOHNSON, Chairman of Board.

Attest: SAMUEL NELSON, County Auditor of said Kandiyohi County, Minnesota.

Dated this 12th day of September, 1916.

Commissioner S. A. Syverson offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the proposal of Kalman, Mattison and Wood and Wells Dickey Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, to extend the time to December 31, 1917 of that certain contract entered into on December 8, 1915 with Kandiyohi County, to furnish all money necessarily needed for drainage purposes for said county, be, and the same hereby is accepted. Adopted by a full vote of the Board.

On motion a recess was entered until 8 o'clock a. m., September 13, 1916.

The Board re-convened at 8 o'clock a. m., Sept. 14, 1916. All members present.

The following depository bonds from the hereinafter named banks, to-wit: First State Bank of Thorpe, First National Bank of Raymond, State Bank of Svea, Farmers' State Bank of Atwater, The Green Lake State Bank, The First National Bank of Atwater, The Farmers' State Bank of Sunburg, and State Bank of Kandiyohi, were presented and examined and on motion approved.

Petition of Mannie E. Jackson, praying to be set off from School District No. 38 to District No. 96, was presented, read and considered. On motion the petition was accepted and set for a hearing on Wednesday, the 18th day of October, 1916 at 2 o'clock p. m. The following order was thereupon issued and adopted:

Order of Hearing of Petition of Freeholder to be Set Off.

Whereas, A petition signed by Mannie E. Jackson, a freeholder of School District No. 38 in this County, with the approval of the County Superintendent endorsed thereon, representing that he is the owner of the following described lands situate in said District, to-wit: The NW1-4 and the E1-2 of SW1-4, section 23, township 118, range 33 and that said lands join School District No. 96 and asking that his said lands may be set off from said District No. 38 to said District No. 96 for the following reasons:

That he has two and one-half miles to school house in school district No. 38, while he has only one and one-quarter mile to school house in school district No. 96, and for that reason has shorter distance to school district No. 96, was presented to the County Board of Kandiyohi County, Minnesota, at a session of said Board held on the 13th day of September, A. D. 1916, for the action of said Board thereon.

Now, therefore, it is ordered that said petition will be heard by this Board at the session thereof commencing on the 18th day of October, A. D. 1916, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the office of the County Auditor in the City of Willmar in said County.

And it is further ordered that notice of time and place of such hearing be given by giving two weeks published notice thereof, and posting a notice of such hearing in three public places in each of the School Districts to be affected by said petition and by serving upon the clerk of each of said School Districts personally a copy of said notice of hearing, at least ten days before the time appointed for such hearing.

(SEAL) N. B. JOHNSON, Chairman of County Board, Kandiyohi County, Minn.

Attest: SAMUEL NELSON, County Auditor, and Ex-Officio Clerk of Board.

On motion the following time guarantee was granted for patients now at the State Sanatorium for consumptives:

Frans Newstrom, for three months from October 1, 1916;

Selma Johnson, for three months from September 22, 1916;

Louis Wold, for three months from September 21, 1916;

Eva Harris, for four months from August 18, 1916. Carried.

Commissioner C. J. Swenson, as road committee, reported in writing that work had been completed under a certain appropriation for the town of East Lake Lillian. Upon motion said report was accepted and ordered paid to said town in the amount of $450. Motion carried.

Commissioner Albert Boersma, as road committee, reported in writing, that the work had been completed under certain appropriations for the towns of Fahlun, Edwards and Lake Lillian. Upon motion the said reports were accepted and ordered paid to said towns in the following amounts: Town of Fahlun, $200; town of Edwards, $300; town of Lake Lillian, $200 and $250. Carried.

Commissioner C. J. Swenson, as road committee, reported in writing that the work had been completed under a certain appropriation for the town of Kandiyohi. Upon motion the said report was accepted and ordered paid to said town in the amount of $250. Motion carried.

On motion a recess was taken till 1:30 p. m., Sept. 13, 1916.

The Board re-convened at 1:30 p. m. All members present.

The petition of George Swenson and others for the establishment of a county road in the towns of Lake Andrew and Colfax, which petition had previously been set for a hearing at this time, was at 2 o'clock taken up for consideration. Interested parties present were heard in favor of or against the granting of the petition. The committee appointed to view the proposed road filed their reports in the matter. After hearing all parties interested, the hearing was declared closed. On motion duly made the petition was rejected by the following vote: Yeas, Commissioners Boersma, Swenson, Wm. O. Johnson and N. B. Johnson. Nays, Commissioner Syverson. So the petition was rejected.

Commissioners Boersma and Swenson, who were previously appointed a committee in the matter of a fishway at the outlet of Green Lake, reported verbally that they had investigated the matter and had caused plans to be prepared by engineer J. A. Rowat, which said plans had been sumbitted to the Game and Fish Commissioner and accepted by him. On motion the said report was accepted and the Engineer instructed to have said fishway constructed. Carried.

Commissioner Wm. O. Johnson proposed the following resolution:

Resolved that the County Attorney be, and he hereby is instructed to make a settlement in the case of the road appeal of Swan Nelson against Kandiyohi County, said case being No. 5 on the calendar for the 1916 March Term of District Court of Kandiyohi County, Minnesota. Adopted.

On motion a recess was taken till 8 o'clock a. m., Sept. 14, 1916.

The Board re-convened at 8 o'clock a. m., Sept. 14, 1916. All members present.

On motion duly made and carried, the Board proceeded to audit claims filed against the county, and ordered said claims paid in amounts set forth:

COUNTY REVENUE.

Names	For what	Am't. Clm'd	Am't. All'd
Kimball-Storer Co.,	office supplies	$ 10.02	$ 10.02
Kimball-Storer Co.,	office supplies	2.39	2.39
Sec. B. B. and Prtg. Co.,	blanks	1.45	1.45
Farnham Prtg. and Sta. Co.,	office supplies	1.92	1.92
Miller-Davis Co.,	primary election supplies	79.20	79.20
Miller-Davis Co.,	office supplies	16.94	16.94
Greer and Dalzer,	ink wells	8.10	8.10
City of Willmar,	electric current for court house	7.40	7.40
Dr. John M. Rains,	medical aid to prisoners	10.00	10.00
Republican Gazette,	legal job printing	48.90	48.90
Kerr and Chard,	coal for court house	616.85	616.85
Free Press Printing Co.,	blanks	19.65	19.65
Free Press Printing Co.,	4 claims, office supplies	75.10	75.10
W. M. Welch Mfg. Co.,	examination papers	17.50	17.50
City of Willmar,	electric current for court house	7.51	7.51
Tribune Printing Co.,	legal publishing	122.35	122.35
Tribune Printing Co.,	legal printing	4.95	4.95
Carl Ulfseth,	witness fee in Municipal court	1.12	1.12
Charles Johnson,	postage and expenses	7.00	7.00
State Sanatorium,	three claims:		
	For Oscar Bramvold, board and treatment for July	31.50	31.50
	For Selma Johnson, board and treatment for July	32.40	32.40
	For Louis Wold, board and treatment	31.65	31.65
City of Willmar,	electric current for court house	9.00	9.00
J. E. Seagren,	office supplies	23.40	23.40
J. G. Flann,	procuring pres. pref. prim. election ballots	1.00	1.00
Ohsberg-Selvig Co.,	hardware supplies	5.65	5.65
Carlson Bros.,	office supplies	21.25	21.25
Nels Knudson & Co.,	hauling ashes from court house	4.50	4.50
A. E. Mossberg,	office supplies and medicine for prisoners	28.50	28.50
Hoaglund & Diffendorf,	clothing for Louis Wold, patient at State Sanatorium	24.00	24.00
Hans Gunderson,	procuring primary election ballots	1.00	1.00
Samuel Nelson,	3 days' service on board of audit	9.00	9.00
H. J. Ramsett,	3 days' service on board of audit	9.00	9.00
N. B. Johnson,	3 days' service on board of audit	9.00	9.00
Geo. D. Barnard & Co.,	one deed record	24.40	24.40
Robert Otterness,	jury fee Municipal court	1.12	1.12
S. A. Syverson,	county commissioner's mileage	3.00	3.00
N. B. Johnson,	county commissioner's mileage	3.00	3.00
N. B. Johnson,	signing commissioners warrants	3.00	3.00
C. J. Swenson,	county commissioner's mileage	2.00	2.00
Albert Boersma,	county commissioner's mileage	3.60	3.60
	ROAD AND BRIDGE.		
Alfred Swenson,	labor on Eagle Lake road	42.30	42.30
Elmer C. Peterson,	hauling dynamite to Job 26 S. R. No. 5	10.00	10.00
Arthur Masler,	labor on Eagle Lake road	26.33	26.33
Lawrence Oberg,	labor on Eagle Lake road	35.55	35.55
Willie Lavander,	labor on Eagle Lake road	127.58	127.58
Carl Bratberg,	labor on Eagle Lake road	9.00	9.00
Ole O. Birkeland,	labor on Eagle Lake road	96.84	96.84
Ralph N. Forsberg,	salary as assistant to road engineer	9.00	9.00
Monson Bros. and Holm,	supplies for state roads	81.10	81.10
Martin Downs,	grading S. R. No. 1	165.50	165.50
Arthur H. Erickson,	dragging sec. 1, S. R. No. 4	10.60	10.60
D. B. Daugherty,	balance on job 14, 1916 S. R. No. 6	124.48	124.48
D. B. Daugherty,	hauling culverts	5.00	5.00
Wulf and Erickson,	hauling road scrapers	1.00	1.00
Erickson and Boe,	road tools repaired	4.10	4.10
P. P. Johnson,	dragging sec. 2, S. R. No. 3	8.75	8.75
W. L. Potter,	balance on maintenance work, sec. 4, S. R. 3	30.00	30.00
James Wilson,	dragging S. R. No. 1	11.25	11.25
Joe Downs,	services as road patrol to Aug. 15, 1916, S. R. 1	90.00	90.00
Carl M. Anderson,	dragging sec. 2, S. R. 4	45.30	45.30
George Herr,	dragging sec, 2, S. R. 8	41.20	18.30
P. M. Nelson,	dragging sec. 1, S. R. 8	6.10	6.10
Nelson & Gabbert,	dynamite for job 26, S. R. 5	34.10	34.10
Lundquist Bros. & Co.,	dynamite, fuse and caps	43.20	43.20
Oscar Olson,	grading job 28, S. R. 4	2.05	2.05
J. A. Erickson,	use of tractor 10 days with grader, job 28, State road 4	125.00	125.00
L. A. Tjosvold,	labor as foreman job 28, S. R. 4	18.60	18.60
H. Johnson,	labor grading job 28, S. R. 4	25.65	25.65
L. A. Tjosvold,	labor as foreman job 28, S. R. 4	49.80	49.80
Reuben Johnson,	labor grading job 28, S. R. 4	11.25	11.25
Reuben Johnson,	labor grading job 28, S. R. 4	5.63	5.63
S. E. Stansberry,	1 wheeler and 8 fresnos	193.92	193.92
Frank Lindquist,	dragging sec. 3, S. R. 4	134.50	134.50
Wm. and Christ Kjolsing,	rent for road tools job 21, S. R. 6	9.37	9.37
H. Johnson,	dragging and repair sec. 1, S. R. 3	52.60	52.60
H. Johnson,	labor grading job 28, S. R. 4	14.40	14.40
H. Johnson,	labor grading job 28, S. R. 4	64.35	64.35
Claud Doty,	dragging and repair S. R. 1	28.80	28.80
Raymond Johnson,	dragging and repair sec. 1, S. R. 3 and 4	4.50	4.50
Raymond Johnson,	labor grading job 28 S, R. 3	3.50	3.50
Raymond Johnson,	labor grading job 28, S. R. 3	9.00	9.00
Carl Olson,	dragging sec. 2, S. R. 2	62.60	62.60
Carl Olson,	hauling culverts to job 27, S. R. 2	6.30	6.30
O. H. Peterson,	dragging sec. 1, S. R. 6	64.00	64.00
O. H. Peterson,	dragging sec. 1, S. R. 6	43.95	43.95
W. L. Potter,	dragging sec. 4, S. R. 3	4.80	4.80
W. L. Potter,	labor on sec. 4, S. R. 3	22.25	22.25
W. L. Potter,	dragging sec. 4, S. R. 3	29.40	29.40
Frank O. Carlson,	dragging sec. 1, S. R. 2	69.09	69.09
Frank O. Carlson,	repair on sec. 1, S. R. 2	24.75	24.75
Frank O. Carlson,	dragging sec. 1, S. R. 2	13.20	13.20
Frank O. Carlson,	dragging sec. 1, S. R. 2	23.65	23.65
Agaton Dokken,	dragging sec. 1, S. R. 5	25.20	25.20
Samuel Rodman,	repairs on sec. 1, S. R. 2	16.65	16.65
C. J. Hanson,	dragging sec. 4, S. R. 6	29.65	29.65
D. B. Daugherty,	contract price for constructing job 15, 1916, State road 6	1,146.86	1,146.86
D. B. Daugherty,	extra work on job 15, 1916, S. R. 6	23.90	23.90
D. B. Daugherty,	laying culverts job 14, 1916, S. R. 6	21.50	21.50
D. B. Daugherty,	removing large stones on job 14, 1916, State road 6	19.25	19.25
Henry Rasmusson,	repair work on sec. 1, S. R. 2	42.75	42.75
Ralph N. Forsberg,	salary as ass't. to road engineer	74.00	74.00
Andrew Ehn,	repair work on sec. 1, S. R. 2	35.25	35.25
Laurence Hanson,	repair work on sec. 1, S. R. 2	40.05	40.05
Charles J. Estlund,	road engineer's expenses	7.95	7.95
Edgar Mattson,	labor on job 28, 1916, S. R. 4	55.80	55.80
S. Sondreson,	dragging S. R. 1	65.00	65.00
Andrew Peterson,	dragging sec. 3, S. R. 3	30.05	30.05
Reuben Johnson,	labor on job 28, 1916, S. R. 4	14.25	14.25
Sigfrid Nelson,	labor on job 28, 1916, S. R. 4	9.00	9.00
Jas. L. Jarrett,	dragging sec. 5, S. R. 6	137.75	137.75
Jas. L. Jarrett,	dragging sec. 5, S. R. 6	58.50	58.50
Jas. L. Jarrett,	dragging sec. 5, S. R. 6	15.00	15.00
B. F. Daily,	unloading culverts job 5, S. R. 1	7.65	7.65
Wm. Mingo,	repair work sec. 4, S. R. 3	2.50	2.50
Arnold Johnson,	labor on job 28, 1916, S. R. 4	21.60	21.60
J. F. Daugherty,	dragging sec. 3, S. R. 6	20.80	20.80
J. F. Daugherty,	dragging sec. 3, S. R. 6	102.20	102.20
Burdick Bjornberg,	repair bridge S. R. 6	1.00	1.00
Mike Downs,	labor as patrol to Aug. 15, 1916, S. R. 1	17.50	17.50
Martin Reierson,	dragging sec. 3, S. R. 5	50.10	50.10
Henry Bjelkengren,	labor on job 28, 1916, S. R. 4	54.90	54.90
Martin Hanson,	labor on job 21, S. R. 6	5.50	5.50
Galion Iron Works,	culverts for state roads	100.44	95.33
M. A. Ellingboe,	maintenance work S. R. 5	9.00	9.00
A. A. Skeie,	repair road tools	19.55	19.55
Gunder Pederson,	dragging and repair sec. 2, S. R. 2	30.05	26.75
Ben Berg,	labor on Eagle Lake road	96.75	96.75
G. J. Bratberg,	labor on Eagle Lake road	152.00	152.00
C. A. Baklund,	labor on Eagle Lake road	94.75	94.75
Wm. O. Johnson,	committee work on S. R. 6	7.20	7.20
Wm. O. Johnson,	committee work on S. R. 4	5.40	5.40
S. A. Syverson,	per diem and mileage as road committee	4.80	4.80
N. B. Johnson,	per diem and mileage as road committee	5.40	5.40
C. J. Swenson,	per diem and mileage as road committee	12.80	12.80
Albert Boersma,	per diem and mileage as road committee	5.40	5.40
	COUNTY DITCH.		
Albert Miller,	hauling gravel for catch basins and bulkheads No. 31	170.00	170.00
E. Nelson,	livery for engineer No. 33	28.50	28.50
E. Nelson,	livery for engineer No. 34	8.50	8.50
Eugene Ohsberg,	chainman and auto livery No. 33	17.25	17.25
J. A. Rowat,	engineer's bond No. 36	12.50	12.50
Improvement Bulletin,	advertising sale of jobs No. 10	19.20	19.20
T. O. Gilbert,	services as attorney for petitioners No. 10	10.00	10.00
John Feig,	service as viewer on No. 33	120.00	120.00
John Martin,	services as viewer on No. 33	125.00	125.00
W. J. Ruddy,	services as viewer on No. 33	210.00	210.00
Albert Miller,	hauling gravel for catch basins and bulkheads No. 31	25.00	25.00
J. A. Rowat,	inspection work No. 34	22.00	22.00
J. A. Rowat,	engineer's services No. 33	219.26	219.26
C. J. Swenson,	per diem and mileage as committee on Judicial ditch No. 1 (M. & K.)	6.70	6.70

On motion the meeting then adjourned.

(SEAL)

N. B. JOHNSON, Chairman of the County Board, Kandiyohi County, Minnesota.

Attest: SAMUEL NELSON, County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board.

THORPE.

Thorpe—Mrs. Jim Marshall of Saco, Mont., who has been visiting with Mrs. M. Anderson is now visiting with Mrs. Tom Carney in Bird Island.

Alfred Hawkins and Naido Johnson made a business trip to Bird Island Friday evening.

Eugene Melbye was a State Fair visitor on Monday last week.

Vera Melbye returned from Triumph Friday evening where she has been visiting friends.

The Ladies' Improvement Club will be entertained by Mrs. Gus Wickerscheim the last Thursday of this month. All are invited to attend.

E. J. Strom was a Willmar visitor on Friday.

There are a number of hunters here from Minneapolis, Litchfield and Bird Island.

The schools in Dist. 81N and 81S start on Monday, Sept. 18 with Miss Esther Hedin from New London as