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FEBRUARY... A sheet of ice adorns the crest And glistens on Dame Nature's breast. The crystal diamonds deck the trees And glist in jeweled ecstasies!

Calendar for February 1907 showing days of the week and dates.

NEW ROAD DISTRICT SYSTEM.

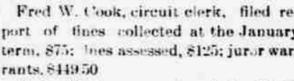
February Term of the County Court, Adopts New Road District System - Much Important Business Disposed of.

Our county court was in session last week, and owing to the illness of Judge Cotton, who is confined to his house from a severe attack of la grippe, the two remaining judges, Judges Wright and Hunt, stayed by their job until their docket was well cleared. It was an unusual term, from the fact that the court redistricted the entire county into 87 road districts, believing it for the best for the county, and while some may differ with the court, it is thought after a year's trial it will prove more satisfactory than under the present system - the new system is practically a local option system. Since the decision of our supreme court that the 15 cent special road and bridge tax is unconstitutional, it has been a problem to secure funds for road work under the law making road districts as now in force in our county. But the legislature of 1901 enacted a law by which districts may be composed of not less than one nor more than six school districts, the boundaries must be the same as the school districts. This law further provides that each road district



JUDGE WRIGHT

may vote an additional tax not to exceed 20 cents on the \$100 valuation for road purposes at their annual school election. The road overseers are also elected at the annual school election and have charge of the roads in their respective districts. This seemed to be the only way by which the court could permit funds to be raised. The court not knowing what districts could be set work together made each school district a road district, until such time as two or more districts might wish to consolidate. Andrew county is now working satisfactorily under this law and for the year 1905, some 15 districts voted an additional road tax.



JUDGE HUNT

Fred W. Cook, circuit clerk, filed report of fines collected at the January term, \$75; fines assessed, \$125; juror warrants, \$49.50. E. A. Welby as county clerk, R. C. Raley as circuit clerk and H. T. Alkire as probate judge filed their quarterly report of fees received as such officers.

Bridge - Commissioner Morris filed his report on bridges 1 to 12 and an extra bridge built near Jacob Hornecker's, under the May, 1906, letting. The report was filed.

Albert Loucks was appointed justice of the peace of Hickory township.

The annual poll tax for 1907 was fixed at \$3, and the clerk instructed to make the poll tax book by road districts. The court fixed the valuation of the various railroad properties for taxation as follows:

Table listing railroad properties and their valuations: K. C., St. Joseph & Council Bluffs, main line at \$10,000 per mile. The Nodaway Valley, at \$5,000 per mile. The Tarkio Valley at \$5,000 per mile. The St. Joseph & Nebraska, at \$10,000, and the Atchison & Nebraska, at \$10,000 per mile and the Rulo bridge at \$75,000.

Table listing telephone companies and their rates: The American Telephone Co., poles at \$30 per mile. Missouri & Kansas Telephone Co., wire \$15; poles \$20 per mile. Northwest Mo. Telephone Co., poles \$16, wire \$7 per mile. Oregon & Forest City Telephone Co., poles \$16, wire \$7 per mile. Craig Telephone Co., poles \$16, wire \$7 per mile. Holt County Independent Telephone Co., poles \$16, wire \$7 per mile. Fairfax Telephone Co., poles \$16, wire \$7 per mile. Hanama Telephone Co., poles \$16, wire \$7 per mile.

The annual report of the various road districts was filed by the commissioners of the following, and strange as it may seem, five of the districts failed to have any reports on file whatever. The report of district 10 was so incomplete that the report was rejected. District 6 according to County Collector Thompson's book show but two out of the 153 poll tax payers of the districts have paid their poll tax, no receipts having been filed with him. This will entail an unusual amount of unnecessary labor on him, as he will have to bring suit for the collection of the tax through the respective township constables.

Financial summary for District 2 Nodaway: Poll tax \$336.00, Land tax 214.05, Personal 103.13, Total disbursements 653.18.

Financial summary for District 7 - Lewis: Poll tax \$474.00, Land 296.04, Personal 122.65, Total disbursements 892.69.

Financial summary for District 8 - Forest: Poll tax \$249.00, Land 171.31, Personal 54.99, Total disbursements 475.30.

Financial summary for District 9 - Minton: Poll tax \$438.00, Land 295.63, Personal 68.50, Total disbursements 702.13.

Financial summary for District 10 - Union: Poll tax \$540.00, Land 430.54, Personal 180.01, Total disbursements 1,150.55.

Financial summary for District 12 - Lincoln: Poll tax \$210.00, Land 157.99, Personal 100.78, Total disbursements 468.77.



JUDGE COTTON

Dr. C. L. Evans was appointed county physician at an annual compensation of \$24, to be furnished his own medicines.

Seborn Carson was appointed superintendent of the county poor farm, at an annual salary of \$250. The court redistricted the road districts according to sections 9626 A to 9626 Y acts of 1901, Revised Statutes, and same were declared to be operative in Holt county for one year from date. Said districts as constituted shall be as follows:

Table showing road districts and school districts: Road District No. 13 shall be the same as School District No. 13. Road District No. 14 shall be the same as School District No. 14. Road District No. 15 shall be the same as School District No. 15.

Table listing names and amounts: 27 shall be the same as \$27, 28 " " " 28, 29 " " " 29, 30 " " " 30, 31 " " " 31, 32 " " " 32, 33 " " " 33, 34 " " " 34, 35 " " " 35, 36 " " " 36, 37 " " " 37, 38 " " " 38, 39 " " " 39, 40 " " " 40, 41 " " " 41, 42 " " " 42, 43 " " " 43, 44 " " " 44, 45 " " " 45, 46 " " " 46, 47 " " " 47, 48 " " " 48, 49 " " " 49, 50 " " " 50, 51 " " " 51, 52 " " " 52, 53 " " " 53, 54 " " " 54, 55 " " " 55, 56 " " " 56, 57 " " " 57, 58 " " " 58, 59 " " " 59, 60 " " " 60, 61 " " " 61, 62 " " " 62, 63 " " " 63, 64 " " " 64, 65 " " " 65, 66 " " " 66, 67 " " " 67, 68 " " " 68, 69 " " " 69, 70 " " " 70, 71 " " " 71, 72 " " " 72, 73 " " " 73, 74 " " " 74, 75 " " " 75, 76 " " " 76, 77 " " " 77, 78 " " " 78, 79 " " " 79, 80 " " " 80, 81 " " " 81, 82 " " " 82, 83 " " " 83, 84 " " " 84, 85 " " " 85, 86 " " " 86, 87 " " " 87, 88 " " " 88, 89 " " " 89, 90 " " " 90, 91 " " " 91, 92 " " " 92, 93 " " " 93, 94 " " " 94, 95 " " " 95, 96 " " " 96, 97 " " " 97, 98 " " " 98, 99 " " " 99, 100 " " " 100.

Table listing names and amounts: E. N. Doebbling 66, E. E. Hickman 67, W. W. Murray 68, Jas. Mavity 69, Ed. Lawrence 70, J. H. Butts 71, Alex Gray 72, Jas. Cordrey 73, E. E. Bunker 74, W. T. Mitchell 75, Ed. Fuhrman 76, Wm. Mahan 77, Claude Petree 78, Allen Brock 79, C. H. Carter 80, Frank Morris 81, M. R. Cummings 82, C. W. Hurst 83, M. Gelvin 84, C. L. Kunkel 85, Taylor Davidson 86, R. M. Meyer 87.

The court made an order that the road tools, machinery, etc., now in the different townships, shall be divided as nearly equal as possible, and the use of graders shall be used in turn by the districts as follows, except where districts may mutually agree to a different arrangement. Districts of lowest numbers to have first use for four days of each month of grader assigned to said group of districts, as follows:

- Districts 15, 16, 17, 19, 41, 42, 44 and 65 to use graders now in Clay township. Districts 13, 14, 33, 34, 35 and 87 to use graders now in Hickory township. Districts 73, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 18 and 24 to use graders now in Forbes township. Districts 20, 21, 23, 27, 29 and 25 to use graders now in Lewis township. Districts 22, 28, 45, 46, 74 and 26 to use graders now in Forest township. Districts 47, 48, 49, 56 and 59 to use graders now in Minton township. Districts 30, 31, 32, 36, 40, 53 and 68 to use graders now in Benton township. Districts 37, 38, 39, 43, 57, 71 and 75 to use graders now in Liberty township. Districts 50, 51, 62 and 62 to use graders now in use in Bigelow township. Districts 54, 55, 60, 61, 62, 64 and 72 to use graders now in use in Union township. Districts 66, 67, 70 and 69 to use graders now in use in Lincoln township.

The Telephone in Religion.

The telephone has found its way into religion. It has come to be one of the chief aids of the religious campaigner. During a recent grand revival in Kansas City some of the leaders conceived the idea of utilizing the telephone to reach those not reachable in person. The Bell company installed special telephones in the workers' headquarters so the calling could be done from there. The meditations of a housewife or business man were often interrupted by the telephone bell and a few seconds later this would come over the wire: "Hello, we wish to invite you to the revival now being conducted by the churches of Kansas City." And the telephone invitation brought them out, too.

The most distinguished churchman in the world is one of the most constant and enthusiastic telephone users - Pope Pius X. When as Cardinal Sarto he left Venice to become Pope Leo's successor, he bade his friends good-bye. He has never returned there, of course, and never again will step foot in the city so long as the Pope remains a prisoner in the Vatican. Shortly before he became high pontiff a telephone had been installed in the Vatican and since then his friends and former parishioners have heard his voice many times over the wire. Last Easter he bestowed the apostolic blessing on his old parishioners by means of the telephone.

One enterprising pastor in a Missouri town got up a telephone service for his entire congregation on a stormy Sunday evening when the roads were not passable. It worked very well until he came to the announcement, "Brother Blank will now pass the collection box." Then there was a suppressed giggle all along the line. The reverend gentleman afterwards maintained that the telephone was a fine thing in disagreeable weather but mighty hard on the pastor's salary.

Fire at Bigelow.

Flames destroyed five houses at Bigelow early Thursday morning of this week, February 14, 1907. The fire originated in the Catron drug store, the building being owned by Sherman Noll, just south of the bank. The flames then took to the Hogan restaurant, the Osborn meat market, a residence, occupants unknown to us, and then destroyed the boarding house conducted by Charles Yount. The fire was then gotten under control, saving only the one house just north of the Schoonover hotel. The buildings were all frames, and some very old structures. Some insurance was carried, but not near sufficient to cover the loss.

M. D. Walker has been appointed guardian for Roy and George Bishop, minors of Clay township.