

A Busy Week At The Court House.

Clerk Loree is getting ready to make up the docket for the May term of the district court, which will meet on May 9. The docket will contain a large number of cases.

The county board met Tuesday and the members have been very busy with their official duties ever since. Following is a synopsis of the business transacted:

In the matter of the application to widen the road between secs. 20 and 23 in Jefferson township the prayer of the petitioners was denied.

A number of official bonds were approved.

The appointment of Howard Long to be deputy assessor in Falls City precinct to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of A. H. Ernst, was confirmed.

On Wednesday the board took up the matter of the bridge contract. Bids were submitted by the following: Canton Bridge Co., John Gilligan, T. J. Crummel, Chas. G. Sheeley, Midland Bridge Co. and J. H. Sparks. When all the bids had been opened and considered, Glasser moved that the contract for building county bridges of every description for the ensuing year, be awarded to John Gilligan, he being the lowest bidder and that the county attorney be instructed to draw up a contract and that John Gilligan be requested to furnish a bond in the sum of \$2000 for the faithful performance of his contract. On motion of Hutchings further action on the motion was postponed until 1:30 p. m.

When the board met in the afternoon the matter of the petition of E. E. Barlow et. al. for a road between sec. 3 and 4 in Nemaha twp. was taken up and the petition granted and M. B. Ryan was allowed the sum of \$142 damages.

The First National Bank of Humboldt and the First National Bank of Falls City were designated as county depositories subject to the provisions of the statutes.

On motion of McCray further action on the bridge contract was postponed until April 14 at 2 p. m.

The fight over the bridge contract was resumed yesterday afternoon but it was not until nearly four o'clock that final action was taken. Some members of the board were in favor of throwing out all the bids and putting the county in the bridge business for itself. The county attorney gave it as his opinion that the course would be legal. A con-

trary opinion from another attorney was read and after further heated debating a vote was taken on the original motion by Glasser awarding the contract to John Gilligan. There were four votes cast for the motion and three against it.

The following marriage licenses have been issued.

Matthias Poitner, Falls City.....	39
Amelia Bippe, Falls City.....	37
Herman Bauer, Verdon.....	24
Mary Goll, Verdon.....	20
William R. Walker, Dawson.....	22
Katie E. Smith, Dawson.....	21
James Hopper, Humboldt.....	21
Mamie Sparks, Humboldt.....	19
Scipio Stringfield, Stella.....	32
Maude Ashcroft, Stella.....	22

On Tuesday County Judge Wilhite was called upon twice to perform the marriage ceremony. The parties were Herman Bauer to Mary Goll, both of Verdon and William R. Walker to Katie E. Smith, both of Dawson. On Wednesday he performed the ceremony which united in marriage Joseph Hopper and Mamie Sparks both of Humboldt.

The biggest mortgage ever recorded in this county was filed for record last Saturday and County Recorder Rieger has not yet finished counting up his fees. It was the first annual refunding gold bond mortgage given by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Co., to the Central Trust Co. of New York and David R. Francis, trustees, and involved \$163,000,000. This mammoth instrument, when recorded, filled 122 pages of the big record book. This mortgage covers all the lines of the C. R. I. & P. system, and as the company has about a mile of track in the extreme southwest corner of this county, it became necessary to have the mortgage recorded here. A special representative of the company visited Falls City for that purpose.

William E. Spratt, who was lately elected mayor of St. Joseph Mo., on the democratic ticket is an old friend and schoolmate of County Clerk Tanner. Although they had not seen each other for twenty years, when Mr. Tanner learned of his friend's success he sent his congratulations. Mr. Spratt replied in a letter that recalled to our county clerk many pleasant recollections of other days.

Sorosis Entertains.

The ladies of Sorosis entertained their husbands and the members of Friends in Council and their husbands at the home of George W. Holland on Wednes-

day evening. About sixty guests were present. The feature of the evening was an address delivered by Mrs. Moores of Plattsmouth. She has spent several years in Mexico and chose as her subject the Mexican people and their customs. She stated her impressions in an easy, yet forcible manner and brought to her hearers the result of careful study and close observation. Not only was the address intensely interesting but it was also practical and instructive.

At the close of the address elaborate refreshments were served. The house had been very prettily decorated in the Mexican colors. It was a typical evening with Sorosis which has come to mean an evening of pleasure and of profit.

School of Few Pupils.

The little islet of Nordstrand-schmor, in the North sea, boasts what is probably the smallest school in the world. Oceanic upheaval has wrenched the islet away from the island of Nordstrand, and the action of the sea is continually wearing the earth away. A century ago there were 50 inhabitants, who lived by fishing and rude husbandry, and in 1836 a little school was erected, capable of providing for about a dozen children. With the dwindling of the islet, however, the population has thinned, and now numbers no more than 15 souls. For five years past the school attendance has varied from nothing to half-a-dozen children.

Food for Escaped Prisoners.

In Siberia the houses in every village upon the main street facing the road have little windows with shelves about six feet above the ground, and on these shelves the inmates place whatever food they have to spare. This is a custom handed down from a former period to aid escaped prisoners, the shelves being placed at that height to prevent dogs from getting at the food.

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Lincoln
Omaha
Chicago
St. Joseph
Kansas City
St. Louis and all points east and south.

Denver
Helena
Butte
Salt Lake City
Portland
San Francisco and all points south.

TRAINS LEAVE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 42.	Portland-St. Louis Special, St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Louis and all points east and south.....	7:27 p m
No. 13.	Vestibuled express, daily, Denver and all points west and northwest.....	1:33 a m
No. 14.	Vestibuled express, daily, St. Joe, Kansas City, St. Louis and all points east and south.....	7:47 a m
No. 15.	Local express, daily Lincoln and points east, west, northwest	1:48 p m
No. 21.	Vestibuled express, daily, Denver, and all points west and northwest.....	1:35 p m
No. 16.	Vestibuled express daily, St. Joe, Kansas City, St. Louis Chicago and points east and south.....	4:30 p m
No. 22.	Local express, daily Atchison and points south and west....	4:44 p m
No. 41.	St. Louis-Portland Special, Lincoln, Helena, Tacoma and Portland without change.....	10:07 p m
No. 115.	Local accommodation, daily except Sunday, Salem, Nemaha and Nebraska City.....	11:30 p m

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A. O. U. W.

E. C. Phillips, deputy master workmen of the A. O. U. W. has been working in the city for some time in the interests of the order. Last night, as a result of his efforts twenty-five new members were initiated. This brings the membership up to 250 and makes it the largest lodge in the city.