

R. E. Grinstead On Drainage Question

Brock, Nebraska is about ten miles above Auburn on the little Nemaha river. A trip to that place on the 16th inst to attend a drainage convention and see how wet-weather people up there look feel and think and "what they are going to do about it," disclosed the fact that if any difference, owners of bottom lands have been hit harder there by the recent floods than here.

The object of this meeting was to devise if possible some means by which through co-operation, the water plane of the valley can be lowered in order that in the future the disastrous results of the occasional floods may be eliminated.

The convention decided to adopt the plan under which Burt, Washington and Douglas counties are now working, that is to file a petition and bond with the county clerk as provided for in Article 1 Chap 89 Compiled statutes 1903. At this convention were representatives, intelligent business men, whether owners of bottom lands or not. Some were owners of uplands, some were from Otoe county, some were newspaper men. Otoe county people then called a drainage convention to convene at Syracuse, in their county July 22.

One very pleasing thing in this convention was noticeable that there were no classes of men either members of the county board or others who have caught an in-

fections germ disease, a species of hydrophobia, found in violent forms in Richardson county occasionally which causes its victims to have some kinds of inexplicable fear that in the evening shades of the distant future, the waterman may by some kind of hocus pocus, legerdemain or hypnotism buy up or steal some county board and compel the members to surrender, manhood, integrity, the spotted cow and all in defiance to and contravention of law, the supreme court, common sense and the God of Israel, and make the guileless upland owners pay for improvements in which he has no interest whatever.

Let us not forget to attend the drainage meeting Saturday, July 23rd at the court house in Falls City. County supervisors, owners of uplands and business men throughout the county will, I am sure, be especially welcome. The object of this meeting is to devise a way whereby it will be possible for the overflowed lands, 40,000 acres to be reclaimed and have their productive and taxable value enhanced \$2,000,000, with fully one fourth as much more in annual products, and to eliminate for all time the impossibility of having good roads across these bottoms; all this at the expense of the lands benefited.

Yours truly
R. E. Grinstead.

Correspondence

News of the County as Told by
Our Special Correspondents

Barada.

Ora Dunn is among the sick.
Chas. Shulenberg left for Dakota Tuesday.
Bert McKee was over from Craig last week.
Mesdames, Art Nixon and Wm. Bowman were in Falls City the last of the week.

Wm. Drago and wife attended the social gathering at the home of Chas. Kuker Sunday.

Barada ball team played the Ohio boys and the score is 9 to 10 in favor of the latter.

Mrs. Carry Shulenberg left Tuesday for a weeks stay with her daughter in Shubert.

Delos Spickler, Lloyd Mitchell and Walter Morehead were among those who went to register for a chance at Uncle Sam's land.

We deeply regret the neglect

on our part to mention the excellent speech of Col Morrow of Shubert on the 4th of July in the interests of fraternalism.

An enjoyable crowd of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Chas. Kuker Sunday. The occasion was in honor of his departure for Europe to the home of his childhood after an absence of many years. His daughter Meta will accompany him and will be absent several months. We wish them a pleasant trip and a safe return.

Humboldt.

Gertrude Hayes from near Stella was here last week the guest of numerous friends.

Lou Slama and C. K. Cooper with their wives took an automobile ride to Falls City on Sunday.

Frank Stage, the new barber at Fisher's shop, moved his family up this week from Forest City, Mo.

Dr. Lewis who has been visiting relatives and old friends here



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O. P. HECK.

for the past week or two, left Tuesday morning for his home in Welsh, La. Mr. Lewis practiced dentistry in this city for many years until about four years ago.

Mrs. Ross of Atchison is in the city to see her sister, Mrs. S. B. Bobst who has been seriously ill for some time.

Joe Davis came down from Omaha this week and has entered the employ of A. D. Snow at the livery barn.

Rudolph Vertiska and Lute Skalak went to Bonesteel this week to register for land in the government drawing.

Minnie Murphy and Nellie Snoke left Sunday for St. Louis where they will spend a week or two at the fair.

Something like thirty young people from the city went out to spend Sunday at the farm home of Leopold Porr in Speiser precinct.

Mrs. Minnie Hughes was kicked by a horse while tying it to the hitch rack on Monday and received a very painful bruise on the right limb.

Mr. Tidball of Crete was in the city this week, a guest of Violet Sweeney who is spending the summer here.

Bertha Frank has returned from her trip to the international B. Y. P. U. convention at Detroit. While away she visited Chicago and spent several days at St. Louis fair.

Some eight or ten lads ranging in age from seven to fifteen years, were placed under arrest a few days since charged with stealing beer from the store house belonging to Jas. B. Davis. All the lads pleaded guilty and were assessed a fine of one dollar and costs each.

George Adkin and Mabel Pool experienced a runaway accident Sunday evening which came near resulting very seriously. The lines broke and the horses started to run, Mr. Adkin being thrown out and under the wheels. Miss Pool jumped from the buggy and was quite badly bruised up but suffered no permanent injury. The buggy was quite badly demolished.

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