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Good Roads Meeting.

The committe appointed by the good roads meeting met at John Nulk's office Wednesday. There was present W.A. Greenwald, G. A. Abbott, R. E. Grinstead, G. J. Crook and Mr. Babcock members of the committee. Senator Tucker, Representatives Hogrefe and Lord were also in attendance.

W. A. Greenwald was elected chairman, after which it was determined to recommend the following amendments to the road law.

1st To do away with the office of road supervisor.

2nd To provide for the office of county engineer, at a salary of $800.00 a year in addition to the fees of county surveyor. This officer to draw all plats and specifications for bridges and to inspect and pass on bridges as built. This will operate to do away with the bridge committee.

3rd All poll tax to be paid in cash, no man under fifty years of age to be permitted to vote until his poll tax is paid.

4th All roads to be built and repaired by the townships the same to be done by the lowest bidder.

5th Fifty per cent of the road fund to be expended annualy under the supervison of the county engineer in the construction of permanent roads.

The following resolution was adopted by the committee.

After which the committee adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

It is the opinion of this committee that any change in our present road laws must be local option in kind, must eliminate the personal services of the unskilled population in the construction of roads, and the substitution therefor of an intelligent authority that will equitably distribute the burdens of cost and use good business methods in the construction and maintainance of public highways. We would further recommend that in a county like Richardson, where one twelth of the entire area of the land surface is subject to inundations, which together with the seapage waters that disastrously affect our road grades in times of excessive rainfalls, both across the bottoms and along the uplands where seapage occurs, that an intelligent system of drainage is indespensibly connected with any successful road building and further, that preliminary thereto a topographical survey should be made by a competent civil engineer, especially those roads along and across the bottoms and all other lands affected with seapage water where permanent roads are to be constructed.

Your committee would further represent that our legislators should lend all possible aid to the enactment of any equitable drainage laws or to the needed amendment of any such laws as we now have on the statutes, by which all swamp or wet lands over which county roads are to be located may be reclaimed from periodic overflow to the end that permanent good roads be made in all parts of the county at a minimum expense, more especially to the end that the one impossibility of accomplishing the same may be permanently and forever eliminated.

This committee would further represent that in the construction of any drainage system for the aforesaid overflowed lands, a topographical survey to be made by a competent engineer is necessarily preliminary thereto, and when the same shall have been made, it will also serve the purpose preliminary for successful road building, the same therefore, should be encouraged by our county board of supervisors and all other citizens as provided for in chapter 89 article 1 of compiled statutes of 1903. The expense of the same to be paid for by a tax on the lands reclaimed.

A Christmas Sermon.

But Christmas is not only the milemark of another year moving us to thoughts of self-examination; it is a season, from all its associations, whether domestic or religious, suggesting thoughts of joy. A man dissatisfied with his endeavors is a man tempted to sadness. And in the midst of the winter, when his life runs lowest and he is reminded of the empty chairs of his beloved, it is well he should be condemned to this fashion of the smiling face. Noble disappointment and noble self-denial are not to be admired, not even to be pardoned, if they bring bitterness. It is one thing to enter the kingdom of heaven maim; another to maim yourself and stay without. And the kingdom of heaven is of the childlike, of those who are easy to please, who love and who give pleasure. Mighty men of their hands, the smiters and the builders and the judges, have lived long and done sternly and yet preserved this lovely character; and among our carpet interests and twopenny concerns, the shame were indelible if we should lose it. Gentleness and cheerfulness, these come before all morality; they are the perfect duties. And it is the trouble with moral men that they have neither one nor the other. It was the moral man, the Pharisee, whom Christ could not away with. If your morals make you dreary depend upon it they are wrong. I do not say "give them up," for they may be all you have; but conceal them like a vice, lest they should spoil the lives of better and simpler people. * * *

People nowadays are so fond of resisting temptations; here is one to be resisted. They are fond of self-denial; here is a propensity that cannot be too peremptorily denied. There is an idea abroad among moral people that they should make their neighbors good. One person I have to make good; myself. But my duty to my neighbor is much more nearly expressed by saying that I have to make him happy—If I may.
—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Seed Corn Special.

The Burlington "Seed Corn Special" which was advertised to reach this city at 1:15 p. m. on Monday arrived on schedule time and was greeted by a large crowd of farmers, who were anxious to learn what they could of the relative values of the different varieties of corn for this section of the state. The train was composed of three coaches and a dining car. The coaches were provided with a temporary platform at one end of each and there were samples of all the best varieties of corn displayed in great abundance. When the train arrived the farmers were invited to enter the coaches which they did and they were treated to a scientific lecture of a high order on the care and selection of seed corn as well as the proper manner in caring for their crops while growing. They were invited to question the lecturers which invitation many of them took advantage of and thereby brought out many points of advantage to both the lecturer and the listeners. We were informed that Falls City turned out a larger number to the lecture than any other place between here and Lincoln, there being almost 250 in attendance. There was a large number of farmers boarded the train at Humboldt Dawson and Salem and came down here, returning with the train and they had a double advantage as they kept plying the lecturers with questions during the entire trip. Following are the names of those in charge of the train: W.H. Mans, Industrial Commissioner, C. B. & Q., Chicago, Ill.; O.V. Ober, Sec. to W. H. Mans, Chicago, Ill.; Prof. T. L. Lyon, Prof. S. Avery, Prof. A. L. Hecker, Prof. S. G. Montgomery, Prof. Pugsely, all of Agricultural Dept. University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Prof. A. N. Hume, University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.; E. P. Bracken, Trainmaster C.B. & Q. Table Rock; H. L. Lewis D. F. & P.A., Beatrice; Chancellor E. Benj. Andrews, Lincoln; Rev. Tuttle, Lincoln; D. C. Despain, State Dept. of Labor, also of Lincoln Star, Lincoln; J. L. Mendenhall, T. F. & P. A. C. B. & Q. Beatrice.

There is no doubt but that much good will result from this tour of the state as it is the means of bringing the farmers together to exchange ideas besides getting the valuable information from the experts in this particular branch of farming and we heard it suggested that these trains would eventually do away with the farmer's institutes.

Resolutions.

Whereas, It has pleased the Grand Architect of the Universe to remove by death from our midst, our beloved Brother Martin E. Saylor, in the prime of his life, and

Whereas, We have known Brother Saylor as a true and faithful brother among us, a worthy and useful citizen in our community, and a good man and true, whose untimely death, we, with the entire community mourn. Be it

Resolved, By Newkirk Lodge No. 21, A.F & A. M., in regular communication, that we extend to the bereaved wife and relatives of Brother Saylor our heartfelt sympathy for them in this sad hour, and commend them to Him who is our sole comforter in sorrow.

That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge;

That the charter of the Lodge be draped in mourning for a period of ninety days;

That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the bereaved relatives and that these resolutions be published in the city papers of Newkirk, Oklahoma, and Falls City, Nebraska.

J. M. Haynes,
Claude Duval,
E. A. Burke,
Committee.

Adopted at a regular communication of Newkirk Lodge No. 21, A. F. & A. M., Newkirk, Oklahoma, December 17th, A. D. 1904.

H. S. Braucht, Worshipful Master.
H. C. Brooks, Secretary.

John Dorrington came down from Lincoln Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Dan Watson of Reserve, Kas., visited with Mrs. Jessie Sears of this city on Wednesday.