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Holt's Assessable Wealth.

Assessor Weightman filed his assessment books with the county court Monday of this week, and the court after examining the same, made an order accepting the assessment as made. The returns as made, compared with the assessment of one year ago, shows a loss of \$44,900 in moneys, notes, etc., and a total loss of \$138,840 in all personal property, while there is a gain of \$28,580 in farm lands and \$12,000 in town lots. The abstract of the books shows the following valuations:

	No.	Value.
Horses	7,721	\$ 176,730
Asses	48	3,270
Mules	1,850	56,345
Cattle	19,581	278,650
Sheep	852	1,750
Hogs	33,370	142,414
Total live stock		\$ 659,160
Money, notes, etc.		1,083,590
All other		269,620
Total personal		\$2,012,370
Land, 279,709 acres		3,688,240
Town lots, 1,500		743,935
Total		\$6,425,545
*Telegraph and telephone		37,628
*Merchants		227,360
*Manufacturers		22,800
*Railroads		891,500
Total assessable wealth		\$7,604,333

*Estimated
The valuation of the town lots are as follows:

Mound City	\$249,910
Oregon	175,040
Maitland	111,560
Craig	93,520
Forest City	64,285
Corning	24,630
Bigelow	14,540
Forbes	7,770
Napier	1,720
Richville	950

Large Tax Collections.

Nicholas Stock, county collector, found the last day of the year, the last day of the month and the last day of the week a very busy one, owing to that peculiar quality of human nature which has such an abiding faith in the advisability of never paying any kind of tax if it can be put off until to-morrow. December 31 is the latest day upon which taxes can be paid with no penalty attachments, and all day on December 31, the eleventh hour, property owners were besieging Collector Stock to make out his tax receipt before the dawn of the new year. Collector Stock's monthly report filed with the county court, shows an increase of several thousand dollars over that of December, 1903, at which time his collections were \$67,657.88, while for the month just closed they were \$74,891.16. On all taxes remaining unpaid after December 31, a penalty of one per cent attaches which in cases of large assessments should serve as excellent memory jogs for the future. Those who have not yet paid their taxes for 1904, can do so during the remainder of January and February and up to the last of February when the year's books will be closed, and they will then become known as delinquent, and a penalty of one per cent is added. Mr. Stock's statement for December showed the following collections:

Land tax book '03 and interest	\$ 177 54
Poll tax book and interest	36 60
Ball tax, district 11	24 00
Current tax book	59,171 00
Delinquent personal tax, interest, etc.	56 35
Pool table	21 00
Dramshop ad valorem, etc.	479 42
Squaw Creek drainage dist.	4,745 07
Mill Creek ditch	97 50
Western Union Telegraph	208 79
K. C. St. Joe & C. B. R. R.	8,268 32
Atchison & Neb. R. R.	1,144 64
St. Joseph & Neb. R. R.	690 78
Oregon & Forest City tele- phone	39 71
American telegraph & tele- phone	120 15
Holt County Independent Tel- Co	44 61
Missouri & Kansas Telephone	38
Craig Telephone Co.	21 80
Northwest Missouri Telephones	22 92
Total	\$74,891 16

The board of Nodaway Drainage District No. 2, elected at the meeting held for that purpose at the bank, Saturday, December 24, met at the bank, Saturday, December 31, to complete the organization and elect officers. Ludwig Wa-gel was elected president and supervisor for a term of four years; Hugh George, supervisor for a term of three years; Abraham Lance for a term of two years and Robert Thornton for a term of one year. The purpose of this organization is to straighten the Nodaway river from a point about two miles north of the Fillmore mill to the mouth of the river. It is thought by those interested that overflow may be prevented and much valuable land reclaimed by this work. —Maitland Herald.

REV. HENRY FIEGENBAUM,



The Founder of the Western German M. E. Conference Passes Away at His Home in St. Joseph, Missouri, Friday, January 13, 1905.

"Death," wrote Faber, "is an unsurveyed land, an unarranged science. Poetry draws near death to hover over it for a moment and withdraw in terror. History knows it only as a universal fact, philosophy finds it only among the mystery of being, the one great mystery of being not. But we all rejoice in the fact that the light of our Christ hath penetrated this dark shadow. By his promise of 'whoso findeth me findeth life.'"

Rev. Henry Fiegenbaum, a pioneer German Methodist circuit rider of the central west and founder of the German M. E. conference, died at his home in St. Joseph, Mo. Friday afternoon, January 13, 1905, in the 84th year of his age. He was born in Ladbergen, Prussia, October 16, 1821, and came to America with his parents by the way of New York of New Orleans, in 1832. The family came immediately to St. Charles, Mo., where he spent his early life upon the farm. From here he went to St. Louis to seek employment, and while there he attended a German Methodist revival, and was converted. At this same revival a Miss Clara Kastebudt was converted and on April 11, 1847, she became the wife of Rev. Fiegenbaum.

Shortly after his conversion he felt that he should enter the ministry, and at once began preparations to dedicate his life to the Master's cause, and in 1847 he was granted exhorter's license, and the following year he was given the Okoa, Illinois, charge, until the annual meeting of conference, and his circuit afterwards was extended and for several years he preached as a circuit rider in Illinois, Southern Wisconsin, Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota, being in the Rock River conference and doing the pioneer work among the Germans in these various states. His home was in Galena, Ill., having charge of the Galena charge and for six years was presiding elder. During these eight years he traveled mostly by buggy and horse back, and was often in danger of his life from wild animals and Indians, which were plentiful in this sparsely settled country, but his zeal knew no limit, fearing neither weather, beasts or Indians, on he went, carrying the tidings of Salvation to his fellow countrymen, who had come to America to build themselves homes in our land of liberty. From Galena he went to Wapello, Iowa, where he served as presiding elder for four years, then taking a three years' charge at Pekin, another three at Quincy, Ill., brought him into the folds of the German conference, then known as the Southwest German conference. By this conference he was sent as presiding elder to the Missouri district, which extended over the western half of Missouri, all of Nebraska, all of Kansas and the west half of Iowa. After serving in this capacity two years, he took the charge at Oregon, Mo., where he worked successfully for three years, after which he again became presiding elder of the Missouri district, whose growth was so rapid as to form two large districts in themselves, and by the year 1878 he brought it before the Southern conference at Warsaw, Illinois, Bishop Merrill presiding. At that time there were but 37 ministers enrolled. Of these but ten are now in actual service, twelve are superannuated, and including Rev. Fiegenbaum, eleven have died. The conference included three presiding elders and 3,014 members. He lived to see the fruit of his early work extend until the conference today includes over 100 ministers, four presiding elders and 8,000 members. The original conference included the state of Iowa, but since has been transferred to St. Louis. The first session of the W-s conference was held in the old rock and brick church in St. Joseph, on the same site now occupied by the present German M. E. church. We here give Father Fiegenbaum's early fields of labor in his Saviour's cause:

- 1850-52, Muscatine, Iowa.
- 1852-60, Galena, Ill.
- 1860-64, Wapello, Iowa, P. E.
- 1864-67, Pekin, Ill.
- 1867-70, Quincy, Ill.
- 1870-72, St. Joseph, Mo.; P. E.
- 1872-75, Oregon, Mo.
- 1875-83, Presiding Elder, St. Joseph.
- 1883-86, St. Joseph.
- 1886-89, Sedalia.

While in Sedalia his health failed him and he retired from active ministerial work and returned to St. Joseph, where he had made his home since 1870, and where he lived up to the time of his death—thus giving 42 consecutive years of labor in the ministry. In his early day labors for the church, his circuits covered large territory, which would keep him away from his family for two and three months at a time, and would travel from place to place on horseback or using canoe and snow shoes, and frequently in the winter season would be taken from one German settlement to another in a sleigh.

He began his ministry when but 27 years of age, and during all these years he gave his life in extending the cause of Christ and building up the church; and although enfeebled from age and physical infirmities, he was ever ready to do what he could for his people. His ambition through life was service for the Master, and up to the last several years he was sturdy, active, earnest—always working—always busy. Even during his retired years he was frequently called upon to assist in revivals.

It is a remarkable incident in the history of this family; there were four brothers and two sisters—the brothers were all ministers and the sisters married ministers. Father Fiegenbaum is the first of the list to be called home by Him who gave him being.

The brothers and sisters are: Rev. William Fiegenbaum, Edwardsville, Illinois, aged 80 years; Mrs. Katharine Wellemeier, Warrenton, Missouri, aged 77 years; Rev. F. W. Fiegenbaum, Wathena, Kansas, aged 74 years; Mrs. Mica Winter, of Kansas City, Missouri, aged 71 years; Rev. Rudolph Fiegenbaum, Connell, Washington, aged 68 years. The combined ages of the family that are left, aggregate 370 years, something very remarkable, surely, in one family. His brother, Frederick W., and the two sisters and his surviving children were at his bedside when he died.

On April 11th, 1847, Rev. Fiegenbaum and Miss Clara Kastebudt were united in marriage in the city of St. Louis, and on Sunday, April 11, 1897, in their home in St. Joseph, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The wedding was solemnized in the German M. E. church in that city, immediately following the regular service. Their golden wedding anniversary came on Palm Sunday, and although having reached the golden stepping stone, and true to their early faith, wended their way to the house of God, they found the church a bower of palms. At the close of the regular service, Rev. Harmes, pastor in charge, called the bridal party forward and seating them before the altar, delivered a touching and fitting address to them. Mrs. Dorothy Lehman and Dr. Heinz, of St. Joseph, the only living guests and witnesses of the marriage in 1847, were present on the occasion of the golden anniversary. Mother Fiegenbaum died September 2, 1897, only a few months following their golden wedding anniversary.

The surviving children are Mrs. C. J. Steinmetz, Miss Mary and Anna Fiegenbaum, of St. Joseph, and Mrs. Tom Curry, of Oregon. There are also 12 grand children and three great grand children. The funeral was held from the German M. E. church in St. Joseph, on Monday afternoon, January 16, 1905, the services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. G. Becker, the interment being at Ashland cemetery.

"Well done good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Circuit Court.

As stated in our columns last week, circuit court took an adjournment on Wednesday last to Monday of this week, when it would take up the will case coming here from Flatte county by change of venue. At the first trial which was had at our April term, 1903, before Judge Woodson, of St. Joseph, acting for Judge Craig at the time, it proved a highly sensational case. The first trial ended in a victory for the plaintiff, and the defense filed a motion to set the verdict aside. During October of that year, Judge Woodson came and in an exhaustive review of the case sustained the motion and set the verdict aside, hence a new trial. The case has slowly dragged itself along since that time, until Monday of this week when it was called, and the battle again was on. The case is docketed as Fulton vs. Freeland.

William J. Fulton, the deceased, made a will, giving all his property to his second wife, and in the event of her death it was to go to Lizzie M. Pike, daughter of Mrs. Fulton, No. 2, by a former husband. Wm. Fulton's first wife was Mary Hadley, by whom he had one child, a son, James Fulton, the plaintiff in this case. There were domestic troubles that ended in a divorce, in which Mrs. Mary Fulton was divorced in the spring of 1879. The son took the side of his mother and has ever since. It was sought to be brought out that there were differences between James and his father; that the son had threatened his father; that the father was afraid of his life; that James was a constant annoyance to the elder Fulton. In the will, James is given one dollar, and he now alleges that the will in question was made under undue influence from Mrs. Elsie Fulton, the defendant in this case, together with Freeland, the executor, defendant also in this case.

Freeland was a clerk in Wm. Fulton's bank at one time, and was connected with him in different capacities in a business way. Wm. Fulton was a tie contractor dealing with the railroad at Parkville, and was a large land owner. The plaintiff also claims that the will so filed was not the last will of his father; that defendant had caused deceased to become "unduly" prejudiced against him; that the deceased had prepared another will, making substantial provisions for him. That such will had been lost or destroyed, or is in the possession of the defendants, who withhold or conceal the same. The plaintiff is represented by Chas. F. Bucher, of Savannah; T. C. Dungan, of Oregon; and G. W. Wright, of Kansas City. The defense was conducted by Francis Wilson, of Flatte county; John Kennish, of Mound City; H. B. Williams, of Craig; and by Woodson J. Peery and A. M. Woodson, of St. Joseph.

No time was lost in getting the case under way, Sheriff Williams having the jury ready, and on calling their names, the following answered: E. A. Buckminster, Lincoln; J. E. Hines, Minton; George Young, Nodaway; George Gaskill, Union; Marion Wilson, Forbes; Riley Swopes, Benton; A. J. Lyons, Forest; Andy Tochterman, Lewis; James Bucher, Lewis; Henry Weis, Lewis; Andy Burrier, Lewis; Charles Cowan, Lewis.

On Thursday the case came to a close by the jury returning a verdict for the defendant, but not until they were compelled to do so. Although sworn to try the case, they returned a verdict contrary to their convictions, the court having instructed the jury to find for the defendant. The jury notwithstanding the court's instructions twice returned a verdict for the plaintiff, and each time they were required to retire, as the verdicts were contrary to instructions—the third time the verdict was in accordance with instructions, but to our mind not in accordance with their oaths as jurors.

C. C. Narans has moved to town on account of his wife's health.

J. P. Tucker, editor of the Parkville Gazette, and one of the very best country publishers in our state, gave us a friendly call this week, while in attendance as a witness in the Fulton Freeland will case, he having been a witness to the making of the will. We always enjoy meeting him, not only for his congeniality, but for his excellent newspaper experience.

"Bill" Ferguson went into Hinde's drug store, Wednesday of this week, and while there concluded to wash his hands. He went into the rear room and seeing a crock with some water in it, proceeded to clean up. It was only a moment, when he discovered that it was "loud and strong" and "Bill's" hands were cleaner than they had been since he was a baby. He had washed in a crock full of dissolved crysallized carbolic acid, and as a consequence his hands were badly burned and blistered.

Arrival and Departure of Mails at the Postoffice, Oregon, Mo.

MAILS DEPART.

- 7:40 a. m. For Omaha and intermediate points, and all points north, east and west.
- 12:10 p. m. For all points north, south, east and west, except Tarkio and Villisca branches.
- 8:45 a. m. For St. Joseph and intermediate points.
- 3:30 p. m. For New Point only.
- 10:00 a. m. Helwig supplied by Rural Carrier, Route No. 2.
- 2:25 p. m. For Villisca, north, mail to all points north, east, south and west, except intermediate between Forest City and St. Joseph.
- 12:45 p. m. For all points north, south, east and west. Mail made up at 8:00 p. m.

MAILS ARRIVE.

- 9:10 a. m. Omaha—Mails from all points north, east, south and west.
- 10:20 a. m. Villisca and Tarkio Valley branches. Mails from north east, south and west.
- 11:30 a. m. From New Point only.
- 3:15 p. m. Main line K. C., St. Joe. & C. B. Mails from all points, north south, east and west.
- 6:00 p. m. From St. Joseph.
- 10:00 a. m. Rural Route No. 2, leaves. Returns at 4:00 p. m.
- 10:00 a. m. Rural Route, No. 1, leaves. Returns, 4:00 p. m.
- 9:45 a. m. Rural Route, No. 3, leaves. Returns at 4:00 p. m.
- 2:30 a. m. Main line, K. C., St. Joe. & C. B. Mail from all points.

Mails are made up promptly 15 minutes before departing time.

New Point mail arrives and departs daily except Sunday.

Mail to Fortescue, Rulo and points on the B & M. in Nebraska within 100 miles of this office, should be mailed before 8:45 a. m. in order to reach its destination the same day.

Mails for main line of K. C., St. Joe. & C. B. north and south, are made up and depart at the same time, for day train, 12:10 p. m.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Circuit Court.

Convenes first Monday in January; fourth Mondays in April and August.
William G. Ellison, circuit judge.
Ivan Blair, prosecuting attorney.
George W. Hogrefe, circuit clerk.
James A. Williams, sheriff.
Harry M. Irwin, stenographer.

Probate Court.

Convenes second Mondays in February, May, August and November.
Henry T. Altkre, probate judge.

County Court.

Regular Terms: First Mondays in February, May, August and November.
Jacob Wehrli, presiding judge.
George W. Cooten, judge 1st district.
Henry E. Wright, judge of 2d district.
Enoch A. Welty, clerk of county court.
F. L. Zeller, deputy county clerk.

County Board of Health.

Jacob Wehrli, president.
George W. Cooten, vice-president.
W. C. Proude, county physician.
Enoch A. Welty, secretary.

County Board of Education.

A. E. Coburn, Oregon.
W. W. Gallaber, Mound City.
Alberga G. Green, Craig.

Collector of Revenue, Nicholas Stock.
County Treasurer, George V. Cummins.
Recorder of Deeds, Robert Callow.
Commissioner of Schools, A. R. Coburn.
Public Administrator, M. D. Walker.
Superintendent of Poor, Seaborn Carson.
Surveyor, Wm. M. Morris.
Assessor, Will Fitzmaurice.

—Chris Lentz, of Nodaway township, has been quite sick for several days, and is not much better at this writing.

Holt's Annual Invoice.

The month of January is the season during which our local merchants and their employes work overtime taking their annual invoices of stock on hand. The rush of the holiday trade is over and the wise merchant wants to know exactly what remains before he completes his plans for the coming year. This annual taking of stock is an essential factor in successful business. It shows the merchant exactly what he has accomplished during the preceding twelve months. It points out classes of goods that have found a ready market and others that remain uncalled for on his shelves. It is the standard by which he adjusts his business for a fresh start, avoiding the mistakes of the past, and profiting by its lessons.

The people of our county are also entering upon another year. Her citizens are confident that it will be a year of progress and achievement. But they will do well to follow the example of the merchant and take stock of their resources and assets. This is a time for cutting away deadwood, burying past disappointments and marking out the lines along which progress may be most easily and permanently achieved. Our county has a population of 18,000 and an assessed valuation of \$7,604,000. Her bank deposits show the handsome sum of \$1,373,700, and the county free from any public indebtedness whatever. Her county warrants are worth 100 cents on the dollar, and the expenditures are kept within her income.

Best of all, her citizenship is of the highest order. Her business men are reliable and conservative. No county in our state, population and area considered, can show a more splendid array of assets.

Stand by Your Home.

The stability and strength of a community largely consists in the manner in which the various business interests stand by each other. In other words whether or not they will deal with their neighbors or friends who are in opposing branches of business, or will go out for some other town or city for such other supplies as they may need—imagining of course that they can have a larger stock and buy cheaper. Such people seem to forget that in doing this they destroy the community's interest in themselves, and further that goods as a rule in a large city retail higher than they do in the smaller towns, on account of very high rents, heavier taxes and other expenses costing much more in proportion. Local patriotism suggests to a community that its people must stand together if they would become strong and progressive and reach out for an enlargement of the business scope. Bargain hunters generally get bit—and a bargain hunting community is likely to go further and fare worse than if they trade among people at home whom they know and whose word as to the kind and quality of goods they sell can be relied on.

—Rev. Fred Kaltenbach, of Kansas City, was here for a short visit with his parents, this week.