

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Board of Co. Commissioners

OF

WILLIAMS COUNTY, N. D.

SPECIAL SESSION.

November 15, 1899, 9 o'clock a. m.

Board met pursuant to call of auditor.

Present: Com'r's Loughland and Stewart.

Absent: Com'r Gaines.

On motion, Com'r Loughland was made chairman pro tem.

On motion, the sheriff was instructed to remove all the furniture from the old court house to the new court house, preparatory to the removing of the old court house, by its owner, Mr. Parshall.

On motion, board adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

1:30 o'clock, p. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Com'r's Loughland and Stewart.

Absent: Com'r Gaines.

Chairman pro tem Loughland in the chair.

On motion, duly seconded, the road mill tax of Thos. Freeman was abated on account of said Thos. Freeman being over the age of 50 years.

On motion, duly seconded, the petition presented by D. V. Conter and M. L. Scramton, requesting permission to hold a social dance in the new court room, on the night of the 30th, was granted.

On motion, duly seconded, the assessment of Mrs. F. R. Zahl, was corrected as per assessment list of 1899, from \$1,276.00 to \$71.00, also the assessment of F. R. Zahl, was corrected as per 1899 assessment list, from \$1,680.00 to \$1,065.00, on account of clerical error, caused in transferring figures from assessors slips, to assessment list.

On motion, duly seconded, the request of county surveyor E. C. Palmer for an extension of time on county map, was granted.

On motion, duly seconded, the board resolved itself into a canvassing board.

On motion, duly seconded, E. Leonard was instructed to place cyclone insurance on the new court house, in the sum of \$8,000.00, at 4 per cent for three years premium, \$40.00 less \$6.35, as amount yet due on policy on the old court house.

Upon canvassing the returns of the 3rd commissioner district, the board of canvassers found that E. O. Westcott, received 23 votes; H. P. Rasmussen, received 10 votes; for county commissioner for third district.

On motion, board resolved itself into a board of county commissioners.

On motion, board adjourned until 9 a. m., Nov. 16th, 1899.

9 o'clock, a. m., Nov. 16th.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Com'r's Loughland and Stewart.

Absent: Com'r Gaines.

Board called to order by Chairman pro tem Loughland.

On motion, duly seconded, Wodley & McKay were awarded the contract of lettering the door of each office in the new court house, for a consideration of \$25.00.

On motion, duly seconded, upon the advice of superintendent of construction of the new court house, A. A. Austill, the court house was accepted as being complete, as per contract between Lease & Richards, and the board of county commissioners, and the final payment ordered paid from the general fund.

On motion, board adjourned until 1 p. m.

1 o'clock, p. m. 1899.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Com'r's Loughland and Stewart.

Absent: Com'r Gaines.

Chairman pro tem Loughland in the chair.

On motion, duly seconded, the resignation of C. A. Bryant, as road supervisor for district No. 1, was accepted.

On motion, duly seconded, Jud Pettis was appointed road supervisor for district No. 1.

On motion, duly seconded, the following bills were allowed and ordered paid: Lease & Richards, fifth payment on court house, \$1,737.60

Lease & Richards, final payment on court house, \$1,833.40

\$982.40 of the final payment to be drawn on the court house fund, and \$1,171.00 to be drawn on the general fund.

A. A. Austill, superintending construction of court house, \$171.50

Jud Pettis, coal and wood, 27.75

J. T. Brown, fence posts, 10.00

J. C. Field, postage, 1.58

Lizzie Pace, bread, 1.60

E. Gibbs, board poor, 5.00

Herald Publishing Co., tax sale record, 17.25

Joe Parret, labor on road, 36.00

E. Littlefield, road work, 12.00

C. A. Foster, road work, 13.50

Octave Pailleur, interpreter, 4.00

O. D. Hoff, spikes, 2.45

Thos Butts, labor for poor, 12.37

Herald Publishing Co., tax receipts, 20.00

G. W. Young, material for bridge, 17.15

W. J. Doyle, services as road supervisor, 27.00

Herald Publishing Co., tax sale certificate, 7.00

Herald Publishing Co., stationery, 40.25

H. V. Smith, messages and express, 3.00

H. V. Smith, messages and assigned bills, 30.00

H. V. Smith, assigned labor bill of Joe Butts, 11.87

Ola Bryn, time for poor, 2.50

Joe Sutherland, labor on bridge, 47.50

D. Burgess, fighting fire, 1.50

Benton Burgess, removing furniture, 2.00

Wm. Rohrer, removing furniture, 2.00

D. Burgess, removing furniture, 2.00

Jno Wagner, fighting fire, assigned by A. D. Danman, 1.50

Josephine Wagner, fighting fire, 1.50

Wm. Young, fighting fire, 6.00

Lam Hsen, fighting fire, 4.50

Clas Taylor, Stenographer fees, 24.92

T. E. Butte, juror fees, 2.10

S. Marmori, juror fees, 6:20

F. A. Jones, juror fees, 4.00

A. A. Austill, juror fees, 2.10

L. V. Conter, juror fees, 2.10

D. Bell, juror fees, 2.10

Jno Olson, juror fees, 2.40

Joe Carlier, juror fees, 8.20

W. S. Evans, juror fees, 8.40

T. F. Phillips, juror fees, 2.50

Jno Fagan, " " " " 2.10

M. G. Coleman, " " " " 2.10

S. Brownell, " " " " 8.20

Thos Freeman, " " " " 6.46

H. V. Smith, " " " " 2.10

Benton Bell, " " " " 2.20

T. J. Brown, " " " " 2.20

Joe Bell, " " " " 2.20

D. Bell, " " " " 6.10

Thos Shea, " " " " 2.10

Branch Young, 1 coyote, 1.00

R. S. Lockett, 15 coyotes and 4 wolves, 23.00

Jno Dupont, 10 coyotes and 6 wolves, 28.00

Thos J. Freeman, 5 coyotes, 5.00

F. R. Zahl, 1 coyote, 1.00

Wm. Loughland, inspector of election, 2.00

Nels Johnson Kamp judge of election, 2.00

Gust J. B. Jorklund, judge of election, 2.00

O. D. Hoff, clerk of election, 2.00

A. J. Carey, clerk of election, 2.00

Wm. Loughland, return of poll book and mileage, 5.50

Grinnell School District No. 4, use of school house and wood, 4.00

J. S. Costello, subsistence and guarding A. Renville, 22.00

J. S. Costello, moving furniture and stoves, 3.00

Hedderich Bros. & Co., groceries poor, 2.50

Frank Jones, fighting fire, 2.00

W. C. Jones, " " " " 1.50

Jno Scott, " " " " 1.50

F. A. Jones, " " " " 7.00

C. E. Bell, attendance at commissioners meeting, 4.00

I. C. Stewart, Com'r fees, 9.00

Wm. Loughland, Com'r fees and per diem, 11.70

Lease & Richards, moving safe, 25.00

On motion, board adjourned until 9 a. m., Nov. 17, 1899.

9 o'clock, a. m., Nov. 17, 1899.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Com'r's Loughland and Stewart.

Absent: Com'r Gaines.

Chairman pro tem Loughland in the chair.

On motion board proceeded to sign up warrants.

On motion board adjourned sine die.

H. V. Smith, Co. Auditor.

Town Board of Trustees of the Town of Williston.

Williston, N. D., Nov. 21, 1899.

Town board met pursuant to adjournment.

Board called to order by the president.

Present: Trustees Coulter and Bell.

Absent: Mr. Parshall.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The petition for opening Sassen Ave., was filed indefinitely.

Motion made and carried, to advertise for bids for the construction of a sidewalk on the north side of Broadway.

R. H. Copeland's bill of \$12, for printing, for the month's of September, October and November, was allowed.

D. Burgess' bill of \$2.00, for building a trough, was allowed.

On motion, board adjourned until next regular meeting.

A. H. Brown, Clerk.

The farmers who raised flax this year get the money both ways—from the crop and from the straw.

Fargo's fiber mill will employ about forty men when the mill begins operations. There is an immense amount of flax straw now on hand ready to start on, and more is coming in every day.

Bishop Edsall has authorized the sending of his cathedral car to New Rockford, where it will be used for church purposes this winter.

Bids Wanted:

Bids for the construction of a sidewalk on north side of Broadway from Main street to section line, will be received until December 5, 1899, at eight o'clock p. m. The walk to be constructed of cottonwood. The floor shall be six feet wide 2-inch plank nailed on 4x4 stringers, with thirty penny nails. The stringers shall be laid on stone bearings. Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By authority of the Board.

A. H. Brown, Town Clerk.

Dated Nov. 22, 1899.

Summons.

(Service by Publication.)

State of North Dakota, County of Williams.

In Justice Court, before J. F. Rowell, Justice of the Peace.

E. J. Davies, Plaintiff,

against

J. E. Cooper, Defendant.

The State of North Dakota to said Defendant.

By this second summons herein you are directed to appear before me at my office in the town of Williston, in the County of Williams and said State, of North Dakota at 2 o'clock p. m. of the 11th day of December, 1899, there to answer the complaint of E. J. Davies against you, alleging that you are justly indebted to him in the sum of ninety-eight dollars for goods, merchandise and money furnished to you and your employes during the month of August, 1899, at the town of Williston, in the State of North Dakota, and demanding that judgment be rendered against you for the said sum of ninety-eight dollars and costs of this action, and you are notified that unless you so appear and answer, the plaintiff will take judgment against you accordingly.

Given under my hand this 11th day of November, 1899.

G. F. ROWELL, Justice of the Peace.

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WOMEN SAFE IN SAMOA

A Woman Writer Says They Are Respected at All Times.

Even During a Rebellion the Warriors Are Respectful and Attentive to the Opposite Sex Regardless of Color.

During the nine years of our life in Samoa neither my mother nor myself ever had the slightest fear of the Samoans, though we lived through more than one war and a very exciting panic. During the troublesome times of 1893-94 there were constant rumors of an attack upon Apia by the rebels of Atua. Our house, Vaillima, lay on the road three miles behind the town, on the mountainside of Vaea, between the two opposing factions, and often on a busy morning we could hear the drums of a war party; men of the Taumasa (government party) coming up to Vaillima to skirmish for the enemy in the woods behind our house. Though we were well known to be Mataafa supporters, the Taumasa men would greet us cordially and willingly accept a breakfast of tea and ship's biscuits. Then the family would assemble on the veranda to hear the news, and there would be much joking and a lively exchange of badinage, for the Samoan is a cheerful person and easily moved to laughter.

Though not afraid of the men, I must confess to looking with considerable alarm upon their weapons, rusty old guns and rifles loaded to the muzzle and pointing in every direction, as they sat cross-legged on the mats hospitably spread for them and drank their tea. When they finally departed, with a friendly "Alofa," the few de jure they fired off in honor of the family was truly terrifying, as the bullets flew in all directions.

During that time I often went alone or with a party of native girls into the forest to get a certain plant. We would cut off the leaves, and sitting by a pool of water, strip the stalks into long white ribbons that we afterward wove into fans and baskets. During these excursions we often encountered bands of warriors, hunting or traveling parties of Samoan men. Instead of being afraid, we made them useful, begging them to carry our bundles of stalks or borrowing their terrible head-knives to cut more.

Late one afternoon I was riding up from town alone and met a war party coming down the forest road. They were in fighting trim; instead of the graceful lava-lava that reaches to the knee they wore little more than a breech cloth covered by a giraffe or leaves; on their broad brown shoulders were garlands of green, which they also twisted about their ankles; tall, sinewy men they were, polished with freshly scented coconut oil until their bodies shone like bronze. On their heads they wore scarlet turbans of the Malietoa, and they were armed with rifles and "dead tooth" knives.

I drew my horse to one side in the shadow of the trees to let them pass, saying: "Alofa, Alii!" (Greeting, O chiefs), to which they all replied with the single word: "Sula," that the dictionary defines as a term of admiration for wealth or beauty, and smilingly and courteously passed on.

Twice I have visited Mataafa's camp in wartime, and it is not surprising that we should be well received there, as it was known far and wide that our sympathies were on that side, and Mr. Stevenson and the grand old chief were friends of long standing. But to reach the camp we had to ride through Malietoa villages crowded with armed men, who knew our errand. On one of our excursions, as Mr. Stevenson, my mother and I reached the last town on the outskirts of the Taumasa, we whipped up our horses and passed at a good pace. On reaching the turn of the road I heard an exclamation from Mr. Stevenson, and looking back we saw my mother far behind us in the center of the village, surrounded by a crowd of armed men. With some alarm we turned and galloped back to find that these gentlemen had come to her assistance. Another time, during a skirmish between the two forces, I wanted to make some sketches, and my mother and I walked over alone to the camp of the Malietoa men. We wandered about without the least fear. The native houses are like huge bowl-shaped roofs set on short stilts, and are open on all sides to the gaze of the public. We could see the soldiers looking out at us, occasionally greeting us with friendly "Alofas" and invitations to enter. We accepted the hand of a handsome brown girl, who ran out and led us, like little children, into her house, and offered us freshly gathered coconuts to drink. A young man, I remember, was sitting on the floor filling cartridges, and he looked at us somewhat resentfully, but no remark was made except the ironical one of a passing soldier, who asked as we were leaving if we found the Malietoa men so much handsomer than the Matafaus that we came here "shadow-catching," as they call drawing and photography.

It is not that the Samoans particularly respect white ladies; they are kind and considerate to their own womenkind. They have many words in language of compliment to the fair sex. Aolele, the native name that my mother is known by, is a term of admiration meaning "beautiful as a flying cloud." There are Sata and Agalelei, and many others; also they have words of respect for the aged, which are carefully taught to well-bred children. The dictionary defines one as "a deprecating address, in asking a favor of an old person," and "an affectionate address to the aged," and many more of respectful esteem.—Providence Journal.

Griggs County Sentinel: The Minot Optic thinks that nomination by petition should be forbidden as it has a party weakening effect. We differ with the Optic on this point and think that, especially in local politics, it is a benefit to the interests of the voters. Lots of honest men have no political standing with either party while lots of rogues have no other standing. If we had more independent voting and less blind adherence to party we would in many cases be better off.

County Treasurer's Notice.

Rates of taxation and Time for Payment.

The tax lists for the year 1899 were received by me on November 1st, 1899, and the taxes for said year are due and payable. The rates of taxation for all general purposes, and the amounts raised for each specific purpose, are as follows:

FIRST COMMISSIONER DISTRICT.

State revenue	3.8	\$ 1,211.26
County revenue	0.5	159.69
County school	0.2	64.23
County revenue	10.0	7,244.10
Williston special school district	18.0	4,410.10
Bridge	2.6	637.31
Road	2.0	637.31
Town of Williston	18.0	1,609.86
County bond interest	2.0	637.31
Fire break	2.3	637.31

SECOND COMMISSIONER DISTRICT.

State revenue	3.8	578.52
State interest	0.5	78.06
State school	2.0	304.37
State bounty	2.0	30.54
County revenue	10.0	1,521.89
Stony Creek School Dist. No. 3	5.0	761.12
Bridge	2.0	304.37
Road	2.0	304.37
County bond int.	2.0	304.37
Fire break	2.0	304.37

THIRD COMMISSIONER DISTRICT.

State revenue	3.8	815.79
State interest	0.5	108.75
State school	2.0	443.63
State bounty	0.2	43.68
County revenue	10.0	2,173.67
Nelson School District, No. 2	10.0	1,112.91
Grinnell School District No. 4	9.0	954.71
Bridge	2.0	494.63
Road	2.0	494.63
County bond interest	2.0	494.63
Fire break	2.0	494.63

TOTAL VALUATION.

Commissioner District No. 1	\$18,572.00
" " " " " " " "	132,189.00
" " " " " " " "	217,307.00
Grand total valuation	\$688,468.00

TOTAL TAX LEVY.

Commissioner District No. 1	\$14,744.62
" " " " " " " "	4,579.88
" " " " " " " "	7,550.51

TOTAL RATE OF TAX LEVY.

Commissioner District No. 1	66.5 mills
Williston Special School Dist.,	42.5 mills
Stony Creek School District No. 3,	32.5 mills
Commissioner District No. 2,	29.5 mills
Commissioner District No. 3—	
Nelson School District No. 2,	34.5 mills
Grinnell School District No. 4,	33.5 mills