

Synopsis of Commissioners Court Proceedings.

J. O. Berryman, District Agent, U. S. Department of Agriculture in the farmers' co-operative demonstration work submitted the proposition to carry on the demonstration work in Colorado County, and after a thorough consideration of said proposition, the same was accepted, by the court, and the sum of \$400 was appropriated from the general fund of the county, which together with a like amount to be appropriated by the Department of Agriculture of the United States government, shall be applied to the payment of the salary of a competent man to be selected for conducting demonstration farm work in Colorado County; said money to be paid at the rate of \$40.00 per month upon receipt of proper certificate from the said department that the services have been properly performed.

The court entered into contract with Austin Bros. for the erection of two forty foot steel bridges upon concrete piers, one over Matthews Bayou, the other over West Bernard on Eagle Lake and Chesterville road, for the sum of \$4250.

The court entered into contract with the Des Moines Bridge & Iron Co., for the erection of a steel tower and reservoir for the City of Columbus in accordance with contract, plans and specifications on file, same to be completed in ninety days and to cost \$3800, payable one quarter cash on completion, and one quarter each year after until paid for in full.

The court entered into contract with County Surveyor A. F. Mitchell to make a new map of Colorado county, to show all original land lines, correct boundaries, railroads and water courses, the location of all important towns and postoffices, boundaries of commissioners', justices' and voting precincts, the location of all important bridges, and, as far as practicable, the location of public roads. The county to pay therefore the sum of \$300 and to be furnished with a copy of the map for each county officer and a copy to be placed on record in the map record of the county clerk's office.

The court entered into contract with Austin Bros. for the purchase of the oil pull engine and the road graders now at Weimar for demonstration work, the cost to be \$2600, one third cash and the balance in two equal payments.

Dr. C. A. Williamson presented his report as county physician, which was examined, approved and ordered recorded.

The court appointed R. A. Hastings public weigher for Precinct No. 1 to fill the unexpired term of the late Wm. Garner, deceased.

The court examined and approved the quarterly report of John Hastedt, county clerk, of the condition of the finance ledger.

R. A. Hastings, the newly appointed public weigher for Precinct No. 1, presented his bond to the court, same being examined and approved.

The sum of \$4000 was transferred from the county road and bridge fund to Precinct road funds Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, the sum of \$1000 to be credited to each of said funds.

The court examined the quarterly report of E. C. Burtischell, county treasurer, of funds received and disbursed by him for

the quarter ending February 12, found same correct and approved. The court appointed the judges of election for the several election precincts of the county.

A petition signed by more than fifty frog holders residing within Justice Precinct No. 8, praying for an election to be held to determine whether or not horses, mules, jacks, ponies, and cattle shall be permitted to run at large in said district, and after due consideration it was granted as prayed for and an election was ordered held at the regular voting place in the city of Eagle Lake on Tuesday the 2nd day of April A. D. 1912.

Upon the petition of Mike Stapleton and twenty-five others, praying for a change in the boundary line between School Districts No. 11 and 30, after due consideration the change was granted as prayed for.

The court appointed election officers for the election of school trustees and also for the election of a board of five county school trustees, said election to be held on Saturday, the 6th day of April A. D. 1912.

R. H. Ashford, superintendent of the waterworks of the city of Columbus, presented his report showing the collection of \$295.25 as water rent for the quarter ending February 1st, 1912, all of which has been turned over to the county treasurer and report approved.

The quarterly report of W. H. Fehrenkamp, tax collector, presented his report for the quarter ending Feb. 1st, 1912, and after examination by the court, was correct and approved.

The quarterly report of County Treasurer E. E. Burtischell of funds received and disbursed by him belonging to the city of Co-

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Stockholders of Eagle Lake State Bank Met Wednesday.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Eagle Lake State Bank held in this city on Wednesday, February 28th, a new set of by-laws was adopted for the bank, the number of directors being increased from nine to eleven members and an active vice president being provided for therein. It was also unanimously voted to immediately increase the capital from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Messrs. Geo. Herder and J. E. Roberts were added to the directorate, the latter being named cashier in place of M. E. Gwynn, who was designated active vice president. The capital of the bank in future will be \$75,000.00, surplus and profit line of about \$28,000.00 and deposits of about \$400,000.00. A large number were present at the meeting.

One of our exchanges, The Enterprise, published at Hamilton, Virginia, says if the poet who sang: "What is so rare as a day in June?" could be in his section of the country during the present blizzard, he could easily find out, and that, too, that it might be even a little bit rarer - if not perfectly raw.

At the present high cost of living, the newly married couples who imagine that they can live on love in a cottage will wake up some morning and find the rats leaving the place in disgust. Since the HEADLIGHT only recently began the housekeeping business, the writer knows whereof he speaks.

During the month of January the Texas fishermen sold \$80,000 in oysters and \$36,000 in fish.

The little boy emperor of China has abdicated and a republic is to be established. This is the end of the Manchu dynasty. They were a modern innovation and never fitted in to the Chinese scheme of things. They conquered the Chinese at about the time the Puritan fathers came to America and held their sway by superior strength or cunning. It seems hard to realize that the Chinese never wore the queue until forced to do so by their conquerors and the pig-tail will soon be as obsolete among the Celestials as it is among us poor terrestrial mortals. - Exchange.

A fire alarm was given at noon Wednesday, the occasion being a small blaze at the home of Mr. Chris Harris. The fire was on the roof and originated from a spark from the flue. The blaze was promptly extinguished without any damage to the house.

LOST - Pair of eye glasses in case.

JEWELL VINEYARD - Misses Lucy and Vesta Hart of Lissie spent several days of last week as the guests of Miss Ernestine Brooks, returning home Monday afternoon. - Weimar Mercury.

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We have a limited quantity of carefully selected HONDURAS and JAPAN SEED for sale. It is a well known fact that good seed rice is very scarce and getting more so all the time. Those who anticipate needing seed will do well to secure their wants now. We are booking orders for spring delivery, the rice to be paid for when delivered. Write or 'phone us your orders.

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Lissie Happenings

Mr. Charles Wilson of Scanlan, Kansas, has been the guest of Mr. Geo. Smith and family.

Misses Ophelia Thiel and Berna Murry spent the holiday in East Bernard.

Misses Lucy and Vesta Hart returned Sunday from a several days' visit to Miss Ernestine Brooks at Weimar.

Mr. J. T. Lee of Inez was visiting Lissie friends Wednesday.

Rev. J. Harbert returned to the Sandies Friday. Mrs. Harbert remained for a longer visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wiese.

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Nottawa News Notes

Mr. E. P. Deyo returned Wednesday from a visit at Lyford, Texas.

Mrs. Emma Dubois of New York is visiting her brother, Mr. E. P. Deyo.

Mrs. Darby and Mrs. Reed called on Mrs. Wm. Spalinger Wednesday.

Messdames R. E. and C. A. Elgnus called on Mrs. Roy German Wednesday.

A. W. Caylor tried out a new well Tuesday, and it was pronounced good.

The attendance at Sunday School Sunday was not the best ever. Everyone is invited to come and take part.

Rev. M. C. Rogers talked to the people of Nottawa Sunday and every one here is sorry to learn that he will soon depart for his home in the North.

Letters received here from the North say the snow is piled high and falling.

F. C. Boyden is leaving for his former home in Springfield, Ill., to attend the bedside of his father and mother, who are both very low.

As Nottawa is honored with so many illustrious citizens, we think it no more than fair to the public at large to introduce a few of them or tell "Who's who and Why." When the Queen of Heaven had a special favor to bestow on mortals here below, she went to her own private, highly enriched hot bed and plucking a tiny bud labeled it "Charley" and sent it to this sin-cursed earth where it grew and grew and finally plucking up its dainty roots came to Texas and as the Lone Star of luck was hovering over our little town it consented to reflect its goodness on the citizens of Nottawa and run its little automobile. It is one of the truly great men of this community and no needy man was ever turned empty handed from its door. It is lovable, generous to a fault, and loves cherry pie. It has a good bass voice, appreciates the opera and plays the violin. The above mentioned are only a few of the remarkable characteristics possessed by Hon. Charles Lincoln Comp!

We are sorry to note that Mr. W. W. Little's condition is but very little improved as this article is being written Friday morning. Mr. Little has been very low at his home in this city for the past ten days.

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