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COUNTY OFFICIALS
State Attorney—M Hrynjaolson
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Auditor—Wm. W. Felson
Treasurer—Ellis Thorvaldson
Register of Deeds—John F Gill
County Judge—H G Vick
Supt of Schools—F M Sherarts
Surveyor—E E Helbert
Coroner—Dr W M Brown
Public Administrator—T E Shaw
1st—P C Myrick, Pembina
2nd—S Sigurdson, Gardar
County Com's—1st—Adam Norton, Caval
2nd—N A Horgan, Neche
3rd—Wm Bigwood, St Tho's

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD.

As this paper was discontinued as one of the officials at the late meeting of the county board, we shall hereafter print the proceedings of the board in brief, but we think clearer form, omitting nothing of real value. Hence the reader will hereafter find the warrants issued during the session in a body by themselves, while the other business of the meeting will be stated in regular narrative style.

This week, partly for our own curiosity, and partly for the information of the readers of the Pioneer Express, we have classified the warrants issued, so that we might know what the money goes for in totals. Though it represents considerable extra labor, yet the results pay. By this classification we see how much was spent for the poor and how much for salaries, etc.

In looking these over we at once come to the conclusion that it costs lots of money to run a county like this. This quarterly session, with only the expenses of the O'Brien murder case as extraordinary expense, foots up to the very large sum of nearly eleven and a half thousands of dollars.

We have no criticism as to the total. It may need every dollar expended, but it certainly does need watching on the part of the county board—and the taxpayers as well. The latter is sometimes forgotten. If any reader sees that any of this money, which is his, is being misappropriated, he should make a kick. He is entitled to an explanation at least. He will doubtless get such explanation if he asks for it. And if he knows of anything wrong, he should inform the county board, who will be glad to have the information and to make it right.

Necessarily the board cannot know all about many bills that are sent to them. One of the items in the present list is a sarcasm on the primary election law. By a decision of the supreme court, the fees paid by the candidates at last election were illegal and now the county has begun paying them back. About \$300 was paid back this time and there are others.

Something over \$1,700 for poor is a big sum, but we have the poor always with us. That St. Thomas family seemed a little expensive to get rid of \$110 for passage money alone, besides some store bills, but probably they would have cost more to keep. Commissioner Bigwood undoubtedly did the best he could with a bad bargain. Most of the poor bills from merchants and "caretakers" are for three months' time.

Salaries amount to about half the whole sum—and this year by action of law, salaries of principal officers being based on assessment which has been increased, have been also increased, as may be seen by the figures in the main part of the proceedings.

The expenses of the O'Brien case are about \$800, and there will be more items later. However, as a murder trial costs anywhere from four to ten thousand dollars we may consider the county fortunate in this case. The total actual cost of the detective for seventeen days, including his expenses, was only \$210.55. The printers' bill includes the advertising of the tax sale, which was about \$235 in itself.

The Feeble Minded Asylum now collects \$30 for each six months for each indigent patient and the Insane Asylum about \$10 a month. These are new and rather expensive charges on the county. But we advise the taxpayers to keep their eyes on the expenditures. It is your money that is being paid out so extensively. You do not grudge any sum necessary, but you do not want to have a dollar spent needlessly or extravagantly.

GRENA SALOONS.

The Neche Chronotype, after hearing the evidence at the Le Claire inquest, severely scored the saloon men of Gretna for keeping open Sunday and selling intoxicants to minors. The evidence was to the effect that the bars were open at all hours on that day and that liquor was freely sold to all. This was established by several witnesses. Two or more correspondents from Gretna, including Mayor Schultze, claim that Neche people are trying in this way to shift the burden of the crime to Gretna, and one of the correspondents asserted that Neche had six blind pigs in operation. The town board of Neche made a public declaration that they will pay one hundred dollars for information proving that there has been any blind pigging in Neche for the year last past.

The Gretna folks are rather illogical. If there were six blind pigs in Neche there would be no object in people going to Gretna to get liquor. Besides, it would make Gretna no better if Neche was full of pigs. That both of the unfortunate principals in the tragedy went to Gretna for liquor on the fatal Sunday, that both were minors and that both obtained all the liquor they wanted there is true.

But it is also true that in Gretna, as well as at every other place where liquor is sold under the license system, the saloonkeepers break the law and go beyond its provisions just as far as they dare—and that is always just as far as public sentiment in that locality permits.

That many of the good people of Gretna regret and oppose the illegal sale of liquor there is doubtless true, but that the most people there think it "good business" to get the Yankee money from across the line is made certain by the fact that such "business" is permitted to be done openly.

Neche was no better some years ago. There was the same kind of sentiment there, but that sentiment has had a radical change in the later years, and for at least a year Neche has been a "dry" town. It is not altogether blameless for the original causes of the tragedy, but it is not for recent sin in that direction that it has to repent.

"It is just as much a sin for some men to be poor as it is for other men to be wealthy."—Rev. A. Karr in Sunday sermon.

District Court of the United States District of North Dakota

In the matter of C. W. Benjamin, bankrupt. In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of C. W. Benjamin of Glasston, in the county of Pembina, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given, that on January 8th 1908 that C. W. Benjamin was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held in Grand Forks, N. Dak., at the office of Chas. M. Cooley on January 27th, 1908 at 10 o'clock a. m., it being manifestly inconvenient for the parties in interest to hold the meeting at Pembina in the county seat of the county in which the bankrupt resides, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before such meeting.

CEAS. M. COOLEY, Referee in Bankruptcy. Grand Forks, N. D., January 9th, 1908.

N. B. The schedules show no assets above exemption claimed.

Marriage License

Helgi Sigurdson of Winnipeg and Siguriong Jonnasson of Mountain. Sanford Quinell and Minnie LaPlante of Neche. Eugene Delisle of Delisle, Sask., and May D. Bourgeois of Pembina.

A good second hand Radiant Home heating stove, for coal or wood, for sale. Apply at this office.

Commissioners Proceedings.

Condensed from official copy.

Commissioners met Monday, January 6th, 1908, all present.

Adam Norton was elected temporary chairman, and following Wm. Bigwood was elected chairman for the ensuing year.

The right and title of Pembina county in the orphan boy, Harry Roscoe Richardson, was voted to be given to the N. D. Children's Home.

A communication from N.W. Husband accompanied by a bill from Dr. Hugh Willson for professional services for Peter Hartze, was rejected as not a proper charge to the county.

Taxes cancelled on lots 1 and 2, block 4, Foster's add to Bathgate, for years 1903 and 1906, provided taxes for 1904-5 and 1907 are paid within thirty days.

Q. C. deed given J. T. Briden for n. h. ne qr. 12-153-56, on payment of taxes of years 1894 and 1896, delinquent tax of 1896 cancelled.

A petition asking that parts of sec 13 and 14, 151-54, in district 6 be annexed to 34 was rejected of insufficiency and not best interest of district.

The Independent of Hamilton, Chronotype of Neche and Echo of Drayton were made official papers.

Brander Johnson was appointed junior.

Salaries of county officials were fixed for the ensuing year as follows: Auditor, \$1,000; treasurer, \$1,500; clerk of court, \$1,300; states attorney, \$1,500; registers of deeds, \$1,700; superintendent of schools, \$1,545; county judge, \$1,646.18; all above fixed by law.

Deputy treasurer, auditor and register each \$95; deputy clerk of court, \$70; deputy superintendent of schools (statutory) \$64.37; clerks who have served over one year, \$60; less than one year, \$55; janitor \$60; stenographer \$55; jailor \$55. Boarding prisoners, per day 35 cents.

Sheriff reported \$262.58 delinquent taxes collected in November.

W. M. Brown resigned as coroner and Dr. F. N. Burrows of Bathgate was appointed.

Geo. Hensel's assessment in Pembina city was reduced \$412 for erroneous assessment.

Taxes on lots 6 and 7, block 18, Bathgate were cancelled for the years 1902 to 1907, upon the payment of the taxes thereon from 1898 to 1901.

The county board deeming it for the best interest of the county to abolish Sec. 1933 R. C. 1905, relating to letting cattle and other stock run between the months of December and April each year, it is resolved that it shall be unlawful hereafter for cattle and other stock to run at large in this county between the 1st day of December to the 1st day of April each year. And it is further resolved that the question of abolishing said section shall be submitted to the voters at the next general election.

Whereas E. G. Stong has commenced action against the county the states attorney was directed to answer and defend the same. (The ground of said action is for repayment of taxes paid by the Farmers Bank of St. Thomas on the general ground that said taxes have been assessed against the bank instead of the individual stockholders as provided by law.)

Citizens Bank of Bathgate was made a county depository on filing a bond of \$5,000.

Dr. Harris of Pembina and Dr. Quigley of Bathgate were appointed president and vice president of the county health board for one year.

Temporary deposits of the county treasurer exceeding the bonded liabilities of the county depositories arrangements were made to allow several of the banks to deposit additional bonds to cover said deposits.

County Judge Vick made report in cases of Alice and Ethel Williams and Mary Ann Bjornson inmates of Feeble Minded Asylum.

Sheriff's yearly report of jail received and approved.

J. A. Beaudry's assessment and tax of \$2.30, Neche, was abated as he was not a resident until after April 1st 1907.

Board inspected jail and found things in first-class order.

Adjourned until February 3rd.

WARRANTS, SUPPORT COUNTY ROAD.

Children's home society. Richardson \$65 00

H Pico, coffin, Johnsdottir 20 00

H Vistrand, board and care, Johnsdottir 25 00

P Koch, board and care, Hassar 5 25

J Bjatnsen, board and care, Huskildson 24 00

J B Gibson, goods Keroskie 9 70

J J Walker, hospital, Messer 27 00

O Johnson, board and care, Simonson 42 00

C F Saylor & Co., goods, Ladoucier 10 00

St. Thomas, Mercantile Co, goods, Richardson 25 85

J K Switzer, goods, Lepp 8 00

C H Pearson, livery, Mayo 2 00

Wm Bigwood, cash transportation, Karvaski 110 00

John Horgan, fuel, Burke 6 50

S W Fry, cash, rent, Burke 23 00

J T Briden, goods, Boyer 20 00

J T Briden, goods, Bartlette 30 00

H Haldorsdottir, board and care, Olafson 30 00

McQuarrie & Hellfach, medicine Ladoucier 18 25

A Latreverser, goods, Bruce 30 00

St Hillaire Co, fuel, Newell 15 75

Garnett Bros, goods Karvaski 40 00

Young Bro, goods, Gladue 10 00

H H Arman, board and care, Johnson 45 00

Morin & Co, fuel, Gladue 10 00

H H Reykjalin & Co, goods, Boland 15 00

S M Breidford, goods, Johnson Ganssle & Grant, goods, Karvaski 24 00

J K Switzer, goods, Lepp 15 10

J Heneman, goods, Johnson, et al, Nov 4 00

J Heneman, goods, Johnson, et al, Dec 48 30

C B Harris, professional services county poor, 6 months 100 00

O Thorsteinson, board, Skaro J Bousin, board and care, Mayo 12 50

G Olson, hauling wood, Johnson Holmes & Briden, goods, Gladue 5 00

Holmes & Briden, goods, King 35 00

Holmes & Briden, goods, Gladue Mrs. A. Gerardine, board and care Evans, et al 21 00

Drayton Hospital, care Peck, et al 183 00

Jos Berard, fuel, Bolosh, et al 226 00

Wm Bigwood, cash, Richardson 91 75

M. Maritson, board and care Vold 1 95

A L Akers, case and transportation, M Wagner, poorhouse 40 00

T R Shaw, medicine, 4th qr, 1907 4 00

E Thorwaldson & Co, goods Johnsdottir 50 00

E Thorwaldson & Co, wood Jacobson 2 60

C D Kern, meat, Thomas 32 56

Chas Full, goods, Dobie et al 19 50

E Thorwaldson, cash, Johnson 5 00

E Thorwaldson, cash for wood 45 85

A E Myrick, rent Rondo, 60 00

W H Otten, rent, Nesbit 18 00

WARRANTS, FEEBLE MINDED INSTITUTE. Bertha Frechart 15 00

G Asmundson 26 97

R Eriksdottir 1 00

Alice Williams 43 59

Ethel Williams 10 00

T Skrahberg 35 59

G Asmundson 50 00

R Eriksdottir 50 00

B Frechart 50 00

T Skrahberg 50 00

Fred Riggers 50 00

Walter Webb 50 00

H G Vick, expenses case W Webb 6 75

Total \$436 12

WOLF BOUNTY GRANTED

N R Burley 2 00

John Yeado 3 00

M Fevin 2 00

H Haugh 2 00

A L Airth 2 00

Ole Anderson 2 00

Total \$12 00

EXPENSES OF INSANE

E W Conmy Semf case et al 22 00

H G Vick, Hiller, Bjornson, Semf 46 00

C B Harris, Martinson et al 86 50

Robt Strachen, Hefherington 31 40

Robt Strachen, Hiller 15 75

Geo Roadhouse, Bjornson 20 70

Geo Roadhouse, cash adv. for guard of same 4 00

Geo Roadhouse, attendance on insanity board 18 00

C H Jephcott guard insane 8 00

Total \$252 35

REFUND PRIMARY ELECTION FEES

John F Gill 34 00

F M Sherarts 31 40

Geo Roadhouse 32 00

Geo Peterson 24 00

H G Vick 32 92

Wm Bigwood 3 00

F C Myrick 3 00

W W Felson 32 00

Total \$192 32

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Heneman Says:

A few Ladies' Furs he will close out at the following prices:

One set muff and scarf \$7.50, now	\$5.00
Ooe only boa, regular price \$8.50 now	5.75
One only boa worth \$6.50 now	4.75
One only boa, worth \$6.25, now	4.50
Two boas each worth \$3.50 now	2.25
One child's set worth \$3, to close out	2.25
Two muffs each worth \$3.25 now	2.50
A few misses and children's coats	1-2 off

JOHN HENEMAN.

Holiday Greeting.



The happy Xmas time is about closed and again we take pleasure in inviting you to inspect our well selected stock of

Watches, Jewelry, Solid Silver and Plated Ware Rich Cut Glass, Silver and Art Novelties.

Do not forget that we pride ourselves on our good goods and low prices.

The goods speak for themselves. Our personal reputation guarantees honest prices.

M. H. MILLER.

The Holiday season is closed and we are entering upon a new year with bright prospects. The year that is closing, from a business point of view, has been all that one could ask for, and we feel grateful to our town and country customers.

For the next few weeks

Bargains in Many Lines.

R. A. BRANCHAUD.