

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Official Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners of Steele County, N. D.

Sherbrooke, N. D., Jan. 7, 1902.

Board of County Commissioners convened at 9 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment. All members present.

The Board proceeded at once to the County Treasurers' office where they began the work of examination and checking up the books, accounts and vouchers of the County Treasurer.

At 12 o'clock M. the Board returned to the Auditor's office.

The books and accounts of the County Treasurer having been found correct and the cash in all funds accounted for, the same were on motion approved.

On motion the Board took a recess until 1:30 o'clock p. m. of same day.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Board re convened at 1:30 o'clock p. m. All members present.

The Sheriff's report of uncollectible personal property taxes for the year 1900 was taken under consideration by the Board.

On motion the personal property tax of the following individuals for the year 1900 was cancelled as being uncollectible:

Ludwick Davidson \$2.83, Syver Arneson \$4.33, A C Hoyt .75c, Thos. Phelps \$1.13, Charles Taylor .93c, Nels Cliverson \$1.02, A W Stopher \$3.80, Ed Djosland \$1.13, J T Kirk \$13.53, Ed Peterson \$2.55, H V Ryther \$2.02, C E Shubert \$1.12, O Anderson \$1.12, E Bomen \$7.00, John Broderick \$2.33, Jens A Bjerge \$7.56, J W Kline \$5.20, Erick Peterson .84c, Nels Olson .78c, K J Munson \$1.12, Ole Larson \$1.04, Nathan Bentley \$5.06, J B Flanders .57c, Adam Kohlgraf \$3.36, F M Leeb, \$3.53, Wm Findlom .72c, M D Henry 15c, Hannah Kjaren \$1.57, Axel Nelson \$14.09, Eden S Pratt \$1.25, C E Pratt \$1.75, Lars Svendsgaard .93c, O P Smith \$6.48, J E Dunn \$12.80, Nels Jensen .87c, J G Neustal 10c, Abner Allaman \$1.12, Guy Baker \$1.12, J B Burrows \$1.12, Ed Beckerjeck \$1.10, C J Falkner \$1.48, H H Gillman \$1.12, Harry Hoover \$1.12, Allie M Keating \$0.70, J P Leonard \$1.12, R A McLean \$1.12, J H McNorwy \$1.12, Paul Norwick \$1.55, Reuben Round \$2.84, M Rastock \$1.12, A Robinson \$1.12, Geo Silk \$1.15, J B Seward \$1.12, Fred Schlick \$2.50, F A Stickney \$1.12, F M Ward \$1.12.

Bills were allowed and ordered paid from the county general fund as follows:

J A Sorum, sheriff, board of Steele county prisoners.....	\$15 50
Wamberg & Jacobson, legal cup, paper and telephone messages.....	5 70
J H McCollum, repairs for stoves in county offices.....	2 25
E J Pepper, collecting delinquent personal property taxes \$160.50, postage \$3.00, board of Steele county prisoners during district court \$5.25, total \$168.75, allowed at.....	8 25

That portion of above bill pertaining to the fees for collecting delinquent taxes being rejected for the reason that the law makes no provision for payment of fees by the county for collection of delinquent taxes.

J F Elliott, board of James Purdie from Oct. 1, 1901 to Dec. 31, 1901. \$35 20

Ethel Cochrane, conducting 8th grade examination 2 days..... 4 00

The bill of Wamberg & Jacobson amounting to \$12.65 for medicine furnished J H Sanderson, a well known patient, was, on motion, rejected.

The Justice report of E D Washburn for quarter ending December 31, 1901 was, on motion approved and fees ordered paid as follows:

Case of State vs. Perkins:	
E D Washburn, Justice fees...	\$ 2 20
C O Wheeler, deputy sheriff..	5 50
Case of State vs. Wm. H Morgan:	
E D Washburn, Justice fees...	4 00
C O Wheeler, deputy sheriff..	19 55
Dolf Vadnic, witness fees....	1 10
S M Carson, witness fees....	1 10
F N Gilmore, witness fees....	1 10
Ole N Elde, witness fees.....	1 10
Mons E Jerdee, witness fees..	1 10
C O Wheeler, witness fees....	1 10
L C Pa... witness fees.....	1 10
F A Tillotson, witness fees....	1 10

The Board took up the consideration of bridge business.

Bridge petitions for new bridge on quarter line connecting north and south through section 10 Enger township and for new bridge on line between section 31 Enger and section 3 Primrose, which petitions were laid on the table February 4th 1901, were, on motion, taken from the table.

F G Enger appeared before the Board relative to the construction of a new bridge on quarter line running north and south through section 10 Enger township.

On motion the petition of F. G. Enger and others of Newburgh and Enger townships for a new bridge on quarter line running north and south through section 10 Enger township, was granted as to said new bridge having been viewed by a committee of the commissioners prior to February 4th 1901.

Bridge petitions were presented to the Board as follows:

Petition of A H Stevens and others asking for a new bridge across county line between sections 13 and 21 Newburgh township.

Petition of M. Brumwell and others asking for a bridge across Beaver Creek on line between sections 23 and 24 Newburgh township.

Petition of Wm Olson and others asking for a bridge across Goose river on line between sections 5 and 6 Newburgh township.

Petition of Vm Domsier and others asking for a new bridge across the

southwest branch of Goose River on line between sections 9 and 10 Edendale townships.

On motion a committee consisting of each member of the Board of County Commissioners was appointed to inspect sites of bridges petitioned for.

On motion the County Auditor was instructed to advertise for bids for furnishing Steele county with 400 ounces of strychnine for distribution throughout the county for the purpose of destroying gophers.

On motion the Board adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. Jan. 8th 1902.

T. S. HUNT,
County Auditor.

Sherbrooke, N. D., Jan. 8, 1902.

Board of County Commissioners convened at 9 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment. Present Chairman Gray and Commissioners Johnson, Rindy and Elliott.

In accordance with Chapter 67 Session Laws of 1899, the salary of the county treasurer was estimated at \$1000 for the year 1902, and, on motion, the county auditor was authorized to draw a salary warrant at the end of each month in favor of the county treasurer for one-twelfth of said amount.

On motion the clerk hire for the Register of Deeds' office was fixed at \$600 for the year 1902, the Register of Deeds to be allowed one clerk regularly at a salary of \$50.00 per month.

The county treasurer's office was, on motion, allowed clerk hire for 1902 in an amount not to exceed \$150.00.

On motion, the county auditor's office was allowed clerk hire for 1902 in an amount not to exceed \$250.00.

On motion the Board took a recess until 1:30 o'clock p. m. of same day.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Board re convened at 1:30 o'clock p. m. Present: Chairman Gray and Commissioners Johnson, Rindy and Elliott.

Bills were allowed and ordered paid from the county general fund as follows:

A M McLaughlin, coal for Charles Morlett, poor person	\$ 8 00
O H Stay, fuel for Mrs Struxness, poor person.....	10 50
W H M Philip, salary county physician 3 months.....	10 00
Frank Gray, commissioner per diem and mileage, one day on poor board and one day on bridge business.....	27 70
G O Johnson, commissioner per diem and mileage.....	13 20
H J Rindy, commissioner per diem and mileage and two days on bridge business....	23 50
W E Elliott, commissioner per diem and mileage and two days on bridge business....	23 50
H N Horner, commissioner per diem and mileage.....	10 80

On motion the Board adjourned until Monday, February 17th 1902 at 9 o'clock a. m.

T. S. HUNT,
County Auditor.

INVENTS NEW LIGHT.

Abram S. Hewitt's Son Discovers a Cheaper and Better Illuminant Than Arc Light.

Over the entrance to the house of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, at 12 West Thirty-first street, there hung the other night what looked like a column of cold, blue white light, four inches in diameter and four feet high. It gave a brilliant illumination to the street for nearly half a block. Inside the house the auditorium was lighted by five similar lights, but of lesser diameter, and the light of the hall was almost like sunlight. Beneath these lights, which looked like big candles, sat several hundred members of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers to listen to the reading of a paper on "Electric Gas Lamps and Gas Electrical Resistance Phenomena" by the young inventor of the lamps, Peter Cooper Hewitt, son of Abram S. Hewitt.

Six years ago Mr. Hewitt came to the conclusion that a better and cheaper light than that supplied by either the arc or incandescent lamps could be obtained by the use of a gas as the conductor instead of the filament used in the incandescent lamps. He began to experiment, with the result that he has obtained such a light, and, except for the perfection of a few details, is ready to put it on the market.

Mr. Hewitt's lamp consists simply of a glass tube, with a bulb at one end, into which he introduces the gas generated from mercury. The tubes, when filled, are connected with the ordinary electric power in any building and the current turned on. The gas acts as the conductor, and as soon as the switch is turned, the tube is flooded with light.

Mr. Hewitt says he can produce his light at one-eighth the cost of the incandescent lamps and one-third the cost of arc lamps and of gas lamps.

NEW SAFETY DEVICE.

System Devised for Closing Water-Tight Doors on Steamships in Case of Accident by Electricity.

The first public exposition of a new system of closing water-tight doors on steamships, adopted two years ago by the North German Lloyd company, but thus far installed on only a few of its vessels, was given on board the Kron Prinz Wilhelm the other day at New York. The new system is one by which every bulkhead connecting door throughout the vessel below the water line can be closed automatically by the turn of a lever on the bridge and within the space of a minute. In order to close the 20 compartment doors of the Kron Prinz Wilhelm it is necessary to move a lever on the bridge, in doing which an electric bell is sounded for 20 seconds at every door, giving warning that the door is about to close.

Then the doors close slowly, and in order that the commanding officer may be sure that every door closes there is a board in the charthouse on which is an electric bulb number to correspond with each door. As each door closes tight the corresponding bulb in the charthouse glows.

Aside from this arrangement, the doors are so arranged that in case of any failure of the automatic system the doors may be closed by hand in the usual manner.