

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS.

Board met according to law this 31 day of January, A. D., 1899—present J. Buchheit, N. Hemmingeon and J. T. Fosholdt—The minutes of last meeting read and approved.

On motion board adjourned
The new board of Commissioners met, —present—Buchheit, Fosholdt, and Chas. Nelson.

On motion, J. Buchheit was elected permanent chairman of the board.

The resignation of Mr. R. C. Cooper as a member of the board was presented and on motion the same was accepted.

The board called in the County Judge and Auditor and proceeded to the appointment of a County Commissioner to succeed Mr. Cooper.

On motion an informal ballot was taken which resulted as follows: Carl J. Lucken 2, J. O. Oie 2, E. Warner 1. First formal ballot taken resulted as follows: Carl J. Lucken 1, J. O. Oie 1, whereupon Carl J. Lucken was declared appointed County Commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Cooper.

On motion Board adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

Board met according to adjournment—present—Buchheit, Fosholdt, Nelson and Lucken.

On motion it was ordered that the personal tax judgment against Tom Olson be satisfied upon his paying the net amount of taxes amounting to \$9.19

On motion the County Treasurer's bond was fixed in the amount of \$40,000.

On motion the Griggs County Sentinel was designated as the official paper for the coming year.

Moved, seconded and carried that the First Bank of Cooperstown be and the same is hereby designated the county depository for the funds of the County of Griggs.

On motion T. F. Kerr was appointed County Physician and medical member of the County Board of Health.

On motion the following bonds were approved: Bond of Benjamin Tufte, States Attorney for \$2,000. Bond of James H. Sinclair, Register of Deeds, for \$5,000. Bond of Oscar D. Purinton, Clerk of Court for \$5,000. Bond of Peder A. Melgard, County Auditor for \$5,000. Bond of J. C. Thinglestad, Sheriff for \$2,000. Bond of N. A. Bergstrom Coroner for \$600.

On motion the following bills were allowed:

N. A. Bergstrom, witness insanity case of Miller.	\$ 2.00
Iver Udegard for carbides and express	\$ 34.31
Anton Enger, mdsc. repair court-house	\$ 8.28
J. C. Flynn for drayage	\$ 17.90
Griggs Courier for printing etc.	\$ 11.50
Fargo Printing and Binding Co. for blanks.	\$ 3.20
Andrew Sinclair for mileage as Sup't of schools	\$ 52.88
Jack N. Brown for services as engineer	\$ 95.50
John Syverson for mdsc.	\$ 20.25
David Bartlett for salary as States Attorney \$125. and for expenses going to James-town \$1.50 pd. in one warrant	\$ 129.50
Pioneer Pub. Co. for stray paper	\$ 5.00
Emil Marquardt for ice.	\$ 7.73
Gull River Lumber Co., coal etc.	\$ 41.14
Claus Jackson for salary as Janitor and Jailor	\$ 91.50
Ole K. Kjorvestad for bridge material	\$ 1.75
Urquhart and Downe for repairs	.90
Claus Jackson, fees on tax sale	\$ 101.40
John Fosholdt for moving bridge timber \$7.50, for mileage and expenses making proof for T. Olson \$8.50, paid in one warrant	\$ 16.00
A. J. Gorthy for road receipt	\$ 2.24
Walker Bros. for blanks	\$ 11.93

The Justice quarterly report received and costs allowed therein in accordance with the opinion of States Attorney.

T. E. Warner for Justice fees as per report.	\$ 10.10
Anton Christianson for marshall fees	\$ 9.30
Claus Jackson, sheriff fees	\$ 7.00
Andrew Olson witness fees state vs Peterson	\$ 1.10
Ole Moe witness, state vs Peterson	\$ 1.10
Martin Wold " " "	\$ 1.10

On motion a refunding order was ordered issued to A. Rhodes for \$1.00 school poll, the same having been paid in two assessment districts.

On motion the County Auditor was instructed to compute and refund to J. E. Johnson taxes on 8 acres of land the same having been taken for road purposes.

On motion the taxes for the year 1896 on east 15 ft. of lot 19 and lots 20 and 21 block 45, village of Cooperstown, was abated—the same being the prop-

erty of Emanuel Lutheran church.

On motion the bill of Knud Thompson was laid over until next meeting.

On motion Hans O. Lien's bond as abstractor was laid on the table.

On motion bill of T. F. Kerr as County Physician, \$33.31 payment of same being made on auditor's warrant—was approved.

On motion, bond of Andrew Sinclair Sup't of schools in the sum of \$1,500 was approved.

On motion, board adjourned to meet Jan. 31st, 1899 at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment

On motion bond of Andrew Berg county treasurer elect in the sum of \$40,000 was approved.

On motion the following bills were allowed:

Nic Green for labor in Treasurer's office	\$ 138.00
Hans O. Lien for postage	\$ 7.50
Bond of R. J. Biorn as constable in the sum of \$500.	approved.

Bond of Wm. Stewart as justice of the peace in the sum of \$500. approved

On motion board adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Bond of C. H. Johnson as County Judge in the sum of \$2,000 was on motion approved.

Bill of C. H. Johnson as county judge for salary under sec. 7596 codes of 1895—for the years 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898 at \$45. was on motion allowed, total \$180.00

On motion the county auditor was instructed to draw his warrant for \$300. in favor of Iver Udegard outgoing Co. Treasurer the same being balance due on salary.

On motion bill of Hans O. Lien for Clerk hire was laid over until next meeting.

On motion board adjourned to meet January 17 at 1 o'clock, p. m.

P. A. MELGARD,
County Auditor.

Practical Imperialism.

In a dispatch to Gen. Otis on Jan. 1 Secretary Alger informed the American commander at Manila that—

President instructs giving the insurgents the assurance and informing them of the purpose of the Government; assuring them that while it will assert its sovereignty, its purpose is to give them a good government and security in their personal rights.

Another member of the Cabinet is reported by a Washington correspondent as saying of the Filipinos:

They will be allowed all reasonable concessions, but they will not be given their independence, and they must recognize the sovereignty of the United States.

Mr. McKinley has surely progressed at a rapid rate since he said in his message to Congress that "forcible annexation would be criminal aggression."

In the protocol dictated by our Government to Spain the "disposition, government and control of the Philippines" was left to the decision of the Peace Commission. But when this question was reached our Commissioners under the "guiding hand" of the President—as Judge Day confessed in his speech at Canton—presented what was practically an ultimatum for the cession of the entire archipelago.

This the Spanish were forced to concede, and then it was said that the entire subject of the "disposition, government and control" of the Philippines would be left to congress. The President was represented by his friends and supporters as resolved to turn the whole matter over to the representatives of the people.

Yet now the Secretary of War conveys to Gen. Otis the President's "instruction" that our government will "assert its sovereignty"—which it bought of Spain—and that its purpose is the paternal one of "giving good government" to the people—at the cannon's mouth if necessary. And another member of the cabinet states as a finality that the Filipinos "will not be given their independence," but "must recognize the sovereignty of the United States."

This is imperialism indeed! It is the true ring of despotic absolutism. Emperor William himself could not improve upon the egotism or the imperative mood of this proclamation. The policy of the president, as gradually revealed is to set up a military Satrapy in the Philippines and ask Congress to provide for its support.

Will Congress be satisfied with this role? Will its members quietly consent to this usurpation of their prerogatives? How do they like Imperialism in actual operation?—N. Y. World.