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COUNTY OFFICERS.

Commissioners—Martin Hanson, chairman; L. C. Day, John P. Pease, Alexander Curry, T. O. Schjeldahl.
 Register of Deeds—M. B. Cassell.
 Clerk of District Court—W. A. Winslow.
 Sheriff—Samuel L. Linn.
 District Attorney—George Murray.
 Treasurer—K. H. Brunsdale.
 Auditor—Levi C. Goplerud.
 Surveyor—W. I. Warrey.
 Supt. of Schools—S. J. Axdah.
 County Judge—Laor King.
 Coroner—Dr. W. H. M. Phillip.
 Commissioners of Insanity—Laor King, Dr. W. H. M. Phillip, George Murray.
 Board of Health—George Murray, Dr. W. H. M. Phillip, S. J. Axdah.
 JUSTICE OF PEACE—Thomas Baker, Hope.

The North German Gazette frankly declares that our policy of reciprocity is certain to give us a controlling advantage over European competitors in South America. "German exporters will lose a great portion of their trade in that quarter," it says, and the suggestion is added that they will do well to be looking for new markets elsewhere. Such testimony in favor of Mr. Blaine's plan of tariff reform is peculiarly forcible.

Hope Pioneer: As an illustration of what the McKinley bill has done for our people we would cite the fact that our merchants are selling 17 pounds of granulated sugar for \$1, while woolen goods, such as clothing, etc., are quoted at prices lower than for many years past. We take notice that the bourbon newspapers keep very mum in regard to the McKinley bill of late and their lies which they spread broadcast last fall are hurled back in their teeth from all parts of the country. The McKinley bill is all right, and is working wonders for the laboring class, as in every community the good effect is already apparent.

As an illustration of grandiloquence the above quotation will do, but as a statement of facts or argument it is far astray. It is passing strange that any newspaper writer would be so foolish as to make the assertion that the opponents of the McKinley bill are keeping "mum," or that their predictions are proving untrue. The contrary is the fact, notoriously. The papers are as vigorously showing up the evils of tariff taxation as ever, and such flimsy statements will not deceive the people, as most of them are reading both sides of this question nowadays, and find out differently. Give us solid, honest argument. Supposing the statement of The Pioneer to be true, will it explain upon what theory putting a tariff on one will have the same effect as taking it off another? But its statements are not true. The tariff was taken off sugar and it is cheaper of course but the tariff on woollens was increased and woollens are dearer.—Fargo Commonwealth.

Its all very well for the editor of the Commonwealth to talk of "grandiloquence," "assertions," etc., but before we go further in the matter let him give us a few facts. All we ask is that he will just mention a few articles of woollens in general use on which the price has been increased by the McKinley bill. Just a few such articles, please. Will he also tell us the difference between the sugar schedule as adopted in the McKinley bill and the proposed one formulated by the democratic demi-god Mills? Will he also explain about this "dear" tinwear which he harps on, and which the democratic papers all said would go so high as to be out of reach of the laboring class.

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Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners.

Sherbrooke, April 25th, 1891.

Board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Chairman, Hanson and Commissioners Pease, Schjeldahl, Day and Curry.

The minutes of the meetings of April 6th and 7th were read and approved.

On motion, the following places were designated as market places for the sale of property sold on chattel mortgage foreclosure:

In Town of Newburg, at residence of Lewis Thompson on Sec. 2.

In Town of Norway, at the school house on Sec. 26.

In town of Norma, at residence of P. T. Duncan on Sec. 26.

In Town of Greenview, at residence of S. H. Nelson on Sec. 20.

In Town of Sherbrooke, in front of the County building.

In Town of Primrose, at residence of James Patterson on Sec. 10.

In Town of Eger, at residence of Iver Thompson on Sec. 18.

In Town of Edendale, at residence of J. M. Keene on Sec. 34.

In Town of Colgate, in front of Orser Bros. store.

In Town of Hope, in front of Hill's Livery Barn.

In Town of Riverside, at residence of Porter Kimball on Sec. 28.

The following resolution was upon motion adopted:

Pursuant to an act for the destruction of noxious weeds, approved March 6th, 1891, it is hereby ordered that all noxious weeds mentioned in said act, found noxious in the County of Steele, State of North Dakota, be destroyed in the following manner: either by pulling or any other manner that may be effective in destroying the same, said destruction to be performed between the 15th day of June and the 1st day of August, 1891, and that the County Auditor is hereby instructed to mail a printed copy of this resolution and of said act to the township officers as provided in Sec. 2, of said act.

The bridge committee appointed at the last meeting of the board, submitted their report which report was accepted.

The following bridge petitions, were, on motion, granted and the County Surveyor was ordered to survey the sites and make plans and specifications for the bridges: petition of C. J. Paul and others for repairing bridge on the east line of Sec. 13, Twp. 145, R. 56, known as the "Mitchell bridge." Petition of K. S. Knudson and others for a bridge across the south branch of Goose River, on section line between sections 13 and 21 in the Town of Primrose and petition of Frank L. Ray and others for a bridge across Goose River between sections 13 and 21 in Sherbrooke township.

On motion the following bridge petitions were laid on the table.

Petition of Wm. Brainard and others for a bridge between section 22 and 27, Eger

Township, petition of H. J. Rindy and others for a bridge between section 23 and 25, Township of Primrose and petition of Engebret M. Sondreal and others for a bridge across Goose River between sections 5 and 8 Newburgh Township.

The following bridge petitions were received.

Petition of Ole J. Colton and others for bridge across branch of Goose River, between sections 24 and 25 Norway Township and petition of John H. Van Dusen and others for a bridge between sections 21 and 22 Lincoln Township.

On motion Mr. T. O. Schjeldahl was appointed a committee to inspect the location of the bridge petitioned for in Norway Township and L. C. Day to inspect the location of the bridge petitioned for in Lincoln Township.

On motion the County Auditor was directed to advertise for bids for bridge lumber, bids to be received up to 12 o'clock m., May 23rd 1891.

On motion the board adjourned until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

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

The Commissioners then spent about two hours in consultation with the assessors in reference to the performance of their duties.

On motion the following bills were allowed and ordered paid from the general fund:

T. G. Anderson, Mdee for Mrs. Monson, poor person,	\$ 10 00
C R Jackson, 950 lbs. coal furnished	
John Nybo, poor person,	4 05
Hegge & Nelson, Mdee furnished Ingeborg O'son, poor person, 2 bills,	20 00
L N Wood & Co. 104 1/2 gal kerosene.	17 77
W I Warrey wall paper \$12 70 hardware paint, lumber etc 5 10 work 10 50 total	28 50
Stone, Newman & Resser, costs in the case of St. Anthony and Dakota Elevator Co. against Steele County,	35 75
J P Pease, 1 day commissioner and mileage \$3 50; 2 days examining bridge sites and expenses \$9 30; total	13 10
L C Day, 1 day commissioner and mileage \$4 60; 1 day on poor board \$2 00; total	6 60
Alexander Curry, services as commissioner and mileage,	5 00
Martin Hanson 1 day commissioner and mileage	4 00
T O Schjeldahl, 1 day commissioner and mileage \$4 40; 2 days examining bridge sites and expenses \$5 90; total	13 30
Martin Hanson, 8 weeks board for Mrs Benson, poor person	24 00
T O Schjeldahl, 3 weeks and 1 day's board for Mrs Benson, poor person	9 43
L C Goplerud, cash advanced for freight \$4 78; postage \$2 50; total	7 28
Geo D Barnard & Co., 1-8 file document case for Register of Deeds	15 75
John H VanDusen, jurors fees at inquest held over the body of Albert St John	2 90
Wellington Van Dusen jurors fees at inquest held over the body of Albert St. John,	3 80
The bill of S. F. Heath for \$5 40 for stationery furnished Register of Deeds was on motion allowed at	5 15

The petition of The Col. and U. S. Mtge. Co. was taken from the table and discussed and upon motion the same was rejected.

On motion the board adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. Saturday, May 23rd, 1891.

L. C. GOPLERUD,
COUNTY AUDITOR.

Institute Summary.

The Steele County Teachers' Institute convened in this city on the 4th inst. and will continue two weeks from that date. County Superintendent Axdah had so thoroughly perfected all the necessary arrangements that the first day of the session without delay or hindrance. All the teachers in the county are present and are working vigorously to improve themselves to the utmost for the duties of their vocation. Dr. McNaughton, President of the Mayville Normal School, is in charge of the work as conductor, and is ably assisted by Mrs. Anna B. Ogden, who gives instruction in kindergarten methods and principles.

Hon John Ogden, Superintendent of Public Instruction, was present the first three days of the session, adding to the interests of the institute by giving instruction in reading and number lessons, and many valuable hints about school management. He also gave a very instructive lecture on "The duties of the hour," at the Congregational church Tuesday evening to a crowded house.

Monday forenoon was consumed in organizing, appointing committees, and arranging the minor details of the work. In the afternoon, Superintendent Ogden, Dr. McNaughton and Mrs. Ogden addressed the Institute on topics pertaining and preliminary to the regular work, after which Mrs. Ogden began her series of Kindergarten lessons, which she has carried thus far through the week to the great delight of the teachers and visitors. Superintendent Ogden then gave a very interesting lesson in reading, followed by Dr. McNaughton, who gave a lesson in penmanship as preparatory instruction for lessons in language.

On Tuesday the following program was carried out:

MORNING SESSION.

9:00 Opening Exercises.	
9:20 Mental Arithmetic,	Dr. McNaughton.
9:50 Reading,	Supt. Ogden.
10:20 Recess.	
10:30 Kindergarten work,	Mrs. Ogden
11:10 Geography,	Dr. McNaughton.
11:40 Staging,	Mrs. Ogden.

Noon Intermission.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 Reading,	Supt. Ogden.
2:20 Froebel's 1st Gift,	Mrs. Ogden
3:00 Recess.	
3:10 History,	Dr. McNaughton.
3:40 Song singing,	Mrs. Ogden.
4:20 Miscellaneous.	

Wednesday forenoon was devoted to Reading circle work and Arbor Day exercises. The following program was very creditably carried out.

Importance of Arbor Day,	Mr. Marsh.
Music, America,	A chorus.
Forest Hymn, Reading,	Mr. Swenson.
The Last Hymn, Recitation,	Miss Edith Williams.

Planting the Apple tree, Reading, Miss Rida Northrop.

I Live to Love, Recitation, Miss Georgia Baker.

Song of the Little Flower, Mrs. Anna B. Ogden.

The Oak Tree, Reading, Miss Baldwin.

Address, by Superintendent Ogden.

Woodman spare that tree, A Double Quartet.

At the conclusion of these pleasant and instructive exercises the institute adjourned and Superintendent Ogden left the city for Fargo where the Cass Co. Institute is now in session.

Wednesday afternoon Dr. McNaughton gave instruction in Language Lessons. Mrs Ogden gave a talk to mothers and the session closed with a lesson in History by Dr. McNaughton.

Thursday's program was as follows: Forenoon, Mental Arithmetic, Dr. McNaughton; Drawing, Mrs. Ogden; Reading, Dr. McNaughton. Afternoon: Sand modelling, Mrs. Ogden; Froebel's 3d Gift, Mrs. Ogden, Spelling, Dr. McNaughton.

The work of the institute is going on vigorously, pleasantly and successfully and County Superintendent Axdah is busy everywhere attending to the needs of his teachers in a very effective and satisfactory manner.