

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

OCTOBER SESSION, 1897.

(Continued.)

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Township Poor supported at the County House.

Table listing township names and amounts for poor support. Includes Buchanan, Benton, and others.

Inventory of Property:

Table listing property items and their values. Includes Farm and buildings, Live stock, Farm implements, etc.

that could not be brought in the County House. We believe a small two-room building will be sufficient; it could be used for dead bodies awaiting shipment.

Signed: T. W. REYNOLDS, J. A. DONALDSON, Superintendents of Poor.

On motion of Mr. Gard, the Board proceeded to the election of County Drain Commissioner.

On motion of Mr. Rouse, the chair appointed Messrs. Rouse, Matrau and Forler tellers.

A formal ballot was taken with the following result: Whole number of votes cast 31, Joseph P. Beistle received 18, John E. Burbank 10, M. W. Jennings 1, John Glavin 1, Stephen Harner 1.

Mr. Beistle having received the majority of votes cast, was declared elected by the Chairman.

Mr. Gard moved to proceed to the election of County Superintendent of Poor to take Mr. T. W. Reynold's place.

Motion prevailed. A formal ballot was taken with the following result: Whole number of votes cast 29, Mr. Reynolds received 29.

Mr. Reynolds having received the whole number of votes cast, was declared elected by the Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Gard, a formal ballot on the election of a County Superintendent of the Poor, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Freeman Franklin was then taken with the following result:

Mr. Sanders having been nominated by Mr. Keith, and Mr. Correll by Mr. Clarke. Whole number of votes cast 31, Geo. A. Correll received 17, E. W. Sanders received 14.

Mr. Correll having received the majority of votes cast, was declared elected by the Chairman.

On motion of Mr. C. M. Smith it was ordered that the bills of John E. Burbank be taken from the table and returned to him.

Mr. Hemmingway submitted the following report: To the Honorable Chairman and Board of Supervisors:

Your Committee to whom was referred Bills No. 184, 227 and 238 would respectfully report, that we have had the same under consideration and that after due consultation with the Prosecuting Attorney, are of the opinion that a liberal construction of Section 17, Chapter 6, Act No. 254 of the Session Laws of 1897, will require this board to audit and allow these bills as this Board may think just, and pay the same out of the general fund of the County, the County to be reimbursed out of the first money coming in to the Drain Fund, for which these expenses were incurred.

We therefore recommend that these bills be referred back to the Committee on Claims. All of which is Respectfully submitted.

L. HEMMINGWAY, W. A. KEITH, J. A. PECK, Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Kingsley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Judiciary Committee and refer the bills back to the Claim Committee.

Motion prevailed. The following bills were audited and allowed.

Table with 3 columns: CLAIMANT, NATURE OF CLAIM, CLAIMED, ALLOWED. Lists various individuals and their claims.

Edgar H. Ferguson, board of prisoners, 968 70 969 30, Frank P. Graves, justice, 111 85 106 35, Earl Stowe, services, 81 55 54 80, R. Dobson, justice, 4 40 2 90, Alva Sherwood, deputy sheriff, 129 91 107 86.

On motion of Mr. Harder the Board adjourned until 1:30 this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION. At the adjourned hour the Board was called to order by the Chair.

Mr. Walker submitted the following letter from Mr. F. W. Davis, County Engineer and also a report of the Building Committee, which on motion of Mr. Gard were adopted.

October 14, 1897. To the Board of Supervisors: GENTLEMEN:—Your attention is respectfully called to the following much needed repairs in engine room at the Jail.

The lowering of the floor so as to expose the feed pipes to boiler; two gate valves for blow pipe; the cost of valves will be about \$6.00, also some repairs on boiler front. I have also put in since your last meeting an injector to take the place of pump in case of accident to pump at a cost of about \$20.75 and I further urge that you will take further action as to

a boiler compound to prevent scales in same. All of which I respectfully submit to your Honorable Board.

F. W. DAVIS, Engineer. Oct. 15, 1897.

To the Board of Supervisors: GENTLEMEN:—

Your committee on Public Buildings would respectfully report that we have repaired roof on Court House as instructed by your honorable body that the cost of same \$22.52. We also purchased and placed awnings on Jail Building at an expense of \$55.75. In the Engineer's department at Jail Building there were repairs ordered to the amount of \$20.75. Total \$99.02. We would also call your attention to the following list of repairs which we think are necessary and for the best interests of the County.

- Iron door to the mantle in library broken. Plastering off in two places. Tile loose at front of Court room door. Tile loose at front of Treasurers office. Tile loose at front of Clerk's door. Tile loose at bottom of stairs. Joints to fill over front door. Outside doors to paint and varnish. One broken chair. Coal rack for Library. Cement floor in Jail, and same in Sheriff's Office. Bulletin Board for Court Room.

We also find that the wooden steps on stairs at Jail Building are wearing and believe that it would be a matter of economy to purchase rubber covering for same. We would also call your attention to the condition of the west windows, which from shrinkage, allows a quantity of cold air to come into the rooms to the evident discomfort of the occupants of said rooms and we would respectfully request that you instruct us to remedy same.

Your committee takes pleasure in reporting to you the favorable condition of lawn. We will recommend that all mowing be dispensed with for the present season so as to give all the growth possible to protect roots during the coming winter.

Our success with shade trees was not as good as we would wish, probably owing to the dry and unfavorable season for tree growing, and probably owing somewhat to the unfavorable condition of soil, particularly on east side of lot, where we lost quite a number of our forest trees, which it will be necessary to replace this fall or next spring, as the Board of Supervisors may direct.

Your committee would also suggest repairing all iron work in Jail Building, destroyed by prisoners by sawing through in our recent jail delivery.

We will also call your attention to the report of the Engineer which we have attached to our report in view of the number of repairs that are included and the probable expense attached to same, your committee would recommend that your Honorable Body make provisions for \$300, for the Building Fund.

Respectfully submitted. F. A. WALKER, Chairman. ROBERT JONES, FRANKLIN GOWDY, Committee.

Mr. Gard submitted report of Finance Committee which on motion of Mr. Kingsley was adopted.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Finance after careful investigation estimate the following amounts necessary to be raised for the several funds of the County in the tax levy of 1897:

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount. Includes General expense fund \$25,000 00, For payment of bonds 10,000 00, Jury fund 6,000 00, Poor fund 4,000 00, Building fund 300 00, Asylum fund 3,400 00, Officers salary fund 5,600 00, Stenographer's fund 1,000 00, Soldier's relief fund 1-10 of one mill 530 69, Total County Tax \$66,880 69, State Tax \$98,764 21.

All of which is respectfully submitted. JOHN F. GARD, H. C. L. FORLER, Committee.

Mr. Gard submitted the following resolution which on motion of Mr. Kingsley was adopted: Section 5, Act No. 254 of Public Acts of 1895 requires the Soldier's Relief Commission to make to the Board of Supervisors at its October Session in each year a full report of its doings.

Whereas the Soldier's Relief Commission of this County have failed to comply with the provisions of said section, therefore Resolved, That hereinafter said Soldier's Relief Commission be required to report in full all its doings including the residence of each indigent person relieved and the date at which such relief was given as fully detailed as the reports of the County Superintendents of the Poor.

JOHN F. GARD, H. C. L. FORLER, Finance Committee.

Mr. Walker submitted the following proposition which on motion of Mr. Minnes was referred to the Committee on County Buildings: ST. JOSEPH, MICH., Oct. 15, 1897.

To the Board of Supervisors of Berrien County, Michigan: GENTLEMEN:—

The Benton Harbor and St. Joseph Electric Light Co. of St. Joseph will light the County Court House and County Jail for a period of three (3) years at sixty dollars (\$60) per month.

(To be continued.)

FARM AND GARDEN

THE SOY BEAN.

Its Value as a Feeding Station for Farm Stock. The soy bean, also called soja bean, has been the subject of thorough trial to discover its forage and food value since its introduction in this country.

From the agricultural department comes the assurance that there is no other crop so easily grown that is so rich and can be used to such good advantage in compounding feeding rations as the soy bean. Excepting the peanut, there is no other raw vegetable product known which contains such high percentages of protein and fat in such a highly digestible form.

In Virginia soja beans are planted between the hills of corn, so that two crops are produced on the same field at the same time. The yields of seed are often enormous. Soja beans are fed to stock green as silage or as hay. The haulms are rather woody and do not make the best quality of hay, but as either ensilage or green forage they are unsurpassed. The hay contains from 14 to 16 per cent crude protein and 5 to 7 per cent of fat. The beans contain from 32 to 42 per cent protein and from 12 to 21 per cent of fat in fresh material.

When fed to milk cows, a ration of soja beans increases the yield of milk, improves the quantity of the butter and

causes the animal to gain rapidly in weight. It is an excellent addition to a ration for fattening cattle.

For feeding to animals the beans should be ground and the meal used with some less concentrated feeding stuffs. Professor Brooks in Massachusetts found that it compared very favorably with cottonseed meal. Cows fed on soy bean meal gave richer milk and produced a better quality of butter than when fed on cottonseed meal, but on the latter the cream was richer.

Professor Geogenson of the Kansas station obtained excellent results in feeding hogs on a ration of which soy bean meal was a prominent constituent. The soy bean gives best in soils of medium texture well supplied with lime, potash and phosphoric acid. It endures drought well, is not easily injured by excess of moisture and may be grown about as far north as corn.

In some sections, particularly in the south, the soy bean is often pastured. Although hogs are perhaps most frequently used, all kinds of stock can be pastured on it. Farmers maintain that by this method of feeding the land is benefited as much as if the crop had been plowed under.

Greenhouse Tomatoes. A New York correspondent who is an enthusiast on the subject of the Lord's lard tomato for greenhouse culture gives his idea of getting them in American Gardening. He writes: "I have a skep of bees placed as shown in the cut at the end of the house, so that the bees are out of the way. No one would be afraid of getting stung, for no one ever knew of a bee stinging except when interfered with or struck at. They do a host of work for me both in my tomato houses and grapes when the vines are in bloom. I move the skep in then. One would hardly realize the help these bees are to me, and I never was stung."

"Now, not only the bees I admire, but also my tomatoes. I planted them in

ARRANGEMENT FOR FERTILIZATION. Pure loam with one-third cow manure mixed together, with a layer of fresh horse manure spread over the bench for drainage. Planting my tomatoes 18 inches apart, I run them single stem, and when they have grown to their limit I start another lot to follow. I don't believe in cutting off a leaf, and never syringe overhead or allow them to get too dry or too wet. I don't use too much manure after planting, for they then grow too much and rob the fruit. It would do one good to see these tomatoes."

Cross Drilling Grain. The idea of some farmers—that cross drilling grain, so that the seed grains should not lie so close together and crowd each other when growing, does not work well in practice. It is true that cross drilling does leave the grain plants more scattering, and especially with fall sown grain. We sowed some wheat once, cross drilling it, but the next spring the rows only showed one way, and that from the last drilling. The ridge thrown up when the drill ran across the first rows covered the grain so deeply that it sent up a long tender spike through the soil, which was snapped by the next winter's freezing and thawing.—American Cultivator.

Lifting a Beef or Hog. A tripod for lifting a carcass, with the poles 16 feet long, illustrated in The Rural New Yorker, is operated as follows: Bore the holes to let the poles spread ten feet apart at the base. To set up for use, dig three holes in the ground six inches deep, so that the tripod will

stand six or seven feet high when set in the holes shown in the figure. When slaughtering, fasten the beef to the tripod, have a rope from the base of the single pole to reach out between the other two poles and hitch on a team to draw the pole in toward the other two. Soiling will raise the beef as high as desired.

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COUNTY SEAT NEWS.

County Jail Inspectors, Geo. Correll of Bertrand, Wm. Reynolds of Berrien Springs, John A. Donaldson of St. Joseph, C. W. Whitehead of Benton Harbor, and Judge Van Riper of St. Joseph have inspected the county jail and St. Joseph city jail. The prisoners as usual were given opportunities to make known their troubles and A. B. Hill made an earnest plea for a pair of crutches and to be fed on a special diet. He was considerably listened to, but the Sheriff had not been notified to furnish the desired privileges.

Deputy Sheriff Wengert of Buchanan arrived Thursday night, with John Powell who was arrested charged with the larceny of a cross-cut saw from Pearl Price.

Mattie Harper, through her attorney, W. C. Hicks, has filed a bill for divorce from Elzie Harper upon the charge of extreme cruelty. She charges that he has kicked her, threatened her life and pointed a revolver at her. They have five children. An injunction was issued restraining him from molesting her.

Sam Livingston, who has been in the county jail for the past ninety days, was liberated Saturday morning, and left in the afternoon for Chicago.

The jury in the \$5,000 damage suit of Ola Brant vs. Rodney Pearl returned verdict, Tuesday morning, of no cause for action.

Wm. L. Stevens and Bert Wilson pleaded guilty, Tuesday morning, to the charge of violating the game law and each paid a fine of \$10 and costs. They shot ducks on Feb. 8, but did not do so with the intention of violating the game law. They had not understood the new law relating to ducks and were going under the old law. Both believe in enforcement of the game laws and would not have intentionally violated them.

Susan Waters, Geo. Kolb, E. Eisenberg, David D. Shearer, Ohas. Smith, Albert Ankl, Levi D. Mishler, Otis Rider and McClung & Smith pleaded not guilty to the charge of violation of the liquor law, Monday morning, and each gave bonds in the sum of \$400 for their appearance at the next term of court.

Judge Cootidge has decided not to render a decision in the Deam-Davies case, until after he has had personal talk with both sides of the controversy.

The Cary-Bean hearing has been adjourned until some date to be decided upon by both parties.

Don Unrath, charged with criminal assault on a Three Oaks girl, was brought back from Chicago, Tuesday by Deputy Sheriff Sherwood. He was arraigned before Justice St. Clair, Wednesday afternoon, and his examination was adjourned for March 14. He gave \$800 bonds for his appearance.

DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS. Alice Sherman, through her attorney, H. W. Davis, has filed a bill for divorce from Cory Sherman who she alleges has failed to support her since 1893. They were married in Benton Harbor by Justice Miller, March 27, 1891.

DIVORCE GRANTED. Chas. S. Rutledge was granted a divorce on Friday from Minnie M. Rutledge upon the charge of extreme cruelty. He is a jeweler in St. Joseph.

William A. Vinson of Benton Harbor has filed a suit for divorce from Sarah J. Vinson upon the charge of non-support. They were married Feb. 25, 1890, and lived together until 1892.

JAIL IMPROVEMENTS. Numerous improvements are being made in the engine room at the county jail. The boiler furnaces are being relined and the floor in the pump room is being lowered, and the machinery is being given a general overhauling.

GRAND JURY. The grand jury convened, Monday morning, and the witnesses examined before noon were all from Niles. There is a possibility that the jury may be in session for three weeks yet, as it is said there is now more business to be considered than there has been at any previous time.

The grand jury divided their time on Tuesday between Niles and Baroda, but the former place received by far the most attention. New cases are being brought before them daily and one of the members on Monday, from the south end, presented six new cases. From present appearances the work of the grand jury has just begun.

Six witnesses from Niles, including Chief of Police Geo. Francis and Nightwatchman Metcalf, appeared before the grand jury, Monday morning.

The grand jury were after the morals of Benton Harbor on Wednesday and numerous people, including men and women, were before them.

Wednesday morning witnesses were questioned as to the sale of beer in restaurants and saloons.

Tuesday afternoon City Clerk M. Weber of Joseph and Hon. W. A. Preston were before the grand jury and were questioned about the \$500 appropriation recently made by the city council for the river and harbor committee expenses.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Robert Chatten to J. E. Gibson, lots 46 and 47, Justice's add to city of Niles, \$15,000.

Jonathan Keigley to Wm. Snyder, 84 1/2 acres in New Buffalo tp, \$115. Mary C. Lamb to August Westland, 20 acres in Galien tp, \$400. Auditor General to Fred Benedict, 12 acres Morris' add to city of Niles, \$55. Sherman T. Kimball to Lena Smith, lots in Lakeside add to Bridgman, \$1.

Barnes C. Ingles et al to Henry D. Ingles lot in Baroda, \$125. Jonathan Keigley to Sophia Wells, lot 1, blk 6, Keigley's 2d add to Eau Claire, \$100. John Hinkle to Wm. Hahn, lots 109 and 180, Beeson's add to city of Niles, \$1.

Jonathan Keigley to Elgin Clark, 1 acre in Eau Claire, \$25. Sophia Wells to Elgin Clark, lot 1, blk 1, Keigley's add to Eau Claire, \$60. Enos Holmes to Chas. Ferry, 14 lot 14, Ross & Alexander's add to village of Buchanan, \$1. Enos Holmes to Frank Dunbar 11-12 lot 14, Ross & Alexander's add to village of Buchanan, \$25.

Lydia Smith to John Arthur, 5 acres in Bertrand, \$10. Ira Sparks to Alvin Sparks et al, property in village of Buchanan, \$300. Mary J. Sherwood to Laura Wells et al, property in Sodas, \$600. Caroline Niles to Wm. E. Elmer, lot 1, blk 9, Brookfield's add to city of Niles, \$1,600. C. C. Bell to Crescenza Johns, 22 13-100 acres in Sodas, \$2,000. Jasper P. Warner to Bert O. Johnson, lot 1, blk 10, Forest Beach, \$500. August Burr to Minnie Burr, 1 int. in property in Royalton, \$1. Minnie Burr to August 1/2 int. in Royalton, \$1.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. Rudolph Keigler, 29, Benton Harbor; Bertha Nitz, 25, Baroda. Predont DeGrove, 40, South Bend; Emma Keigley, 30, Berrien Center. Clarence Rollings, 23, Buchanan; Edna Arney, 23, Buchanan. Quimby Pindell, 23, Elkhart, Ind.; Phebe Mahoney, 21, same.

Cyrus P. Kane, 21, Galien; Elma M. Keigley, 21, same. Wm. H. Hill, 34, Buchanan; Anna L. Long, 21, same. Albert H. Collins, 23, Pipestone; Clara Edith Bailey, 21, same. Edward E. Marquis, 21, Eau Claire; Maud Hill, 20, Berrien Center. Geo. Bohler, 40, Three Oaks; Belle Fuller, 20, same.

BERRIEN CENTRE. From our Regular Correspondent. March 1, 1898.

Mrs. Chas. Bishop spent a part of last week visiting friends in this vicinity. Her many friends are glad to see her in better health.

The lecture by Rev. Mr. Seleg given at the village church last night was well attended and much appreciated.

Revival meetings begin again this evening at Berrien Centre by Rev. W. H. Hess.

L. O. T. M. had a quilting at their hall last Wednesday.

The local option committee have all their petitions copied and forwarded to headquarters.

Will Wright of Niles is visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Carret of Pokagon are going to Washington in a few days.

Messrs. E. Murphy, Thos. Mars and A. Thayer attended the M. A. C. Institute last week and report a grand time.

BERRIEN SPRINGS. From our Regular Correspondent.

The train from Buchanan was about an hour late last Friday evening having been delayed by a wreck on the Michigan Central.

Miss Effie Harman went to Benton Harbor last Friday to hear Clarence Eddy play in the Universalist church. Mrs. B. T. Burnham goes to Chicago this week to take treatment from a specialist.

A sleigh load from this place spent last Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Will Sparks, in the bend of the river.

E. C. Howe and Dr. A. O. Howe and family came from Chicago Friday to visit relatives, returning Sunday.

Carl Fox and wife and Mrs. S. D. Fox were down from Niles Sunday. The Wednesday Club entertained the gentlemen last evening at the home of Mrs. Savage.

Mr. Frisbee, the aged janitor of our school died last Thursday after a week's illness. The funeral was held in the Baptist church Saturday morning, Rev. Mill Smith officiating.

BARODA. From our Regular Correspondent. March 1, 1898.

Miss Alice Rowland of Stevensville was in town over Sunday.

Will Wright and Leeds Lemon think they know something about sailing so they are going "in case of war with Spain" into the U. S. Navy.

We were called up to St. Joseph last week to pay our respects to the Grand Jury.

Miss Jennie Lemon will lead the young people's meeting next Sunday night.

About sixty friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ireland called at their home in Bridgman Monday night to give them a farewell surprise. The evening was spent in games and enjoying an elegant supper furnished by the ladies of the community, after which a friendly and touching talk was given by Mr. Ireland, followed by prayer and the reading of an original poem, written by Mrs. McNeal for the occasion. Mr. Ireland has filled the pulpit of the Congregational Church for the past three years with the utmost satisfaction to all. He has been a true worker in our midst ever ready to uphold the truth and righteous ways of life. He leaves a large circle of friends who regret his departure and wish him and his family a prosperous and happy future wherever they may be. Mr. Ireland delivered his farewell sermon last Sunday, and leaves this week for Dundee, Mich. where he is called to preach. We wish him God's speed and hope he will remember us as we shall remember him.