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COUNTY LEGISLATORS MEET.

The Board of Supervisors, of Moultrie County, Illinois, met at the court house in the city of Sullivan, Illinois, on Tuesday, the 9th day of December, A. D. 1902, at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Minutes of meetings of September 11 and 12, 1902, read and on motion approved as read except as to that part of the minutes relating to the appointment of superintendent of the county farm for four years.

On motion the board adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Board convened at 3 o'clock P. M., and was called to order by the chairman.

Annual report of official fees and emoluments received and expenditures made by A. J. Patterson, county treasurer of the County of Moultrie and state of Illinois.

Total receipts, 2085 44; Expenditures, 400 00; Total, 2085 44.

Report of E. A. Silver, Circuit Clerk.

RECAPITULATION. For recording, Schedule A, \$ 649 35; For clerk's fees in suits in court, Schedule B, 437 00; Total earnings of half year, 1086 35.

Report of A. J. Patterson, County Treasurer.

RECAPITULATION. Total receipts, 995 85; Total disbursements, 1106 89; Balance due clerk, 111 03.

Report of E. A. Silver, Circuit Clerk.

RECAPITULATION. Total receipts, 1089 85; Total disbursements, 250 00; Balance due clerk, 839 85.

State of Illinois, Moultrie County, ss.

We, your committee, appointed by the Chairman of your Honorable body to audit the books and accounts of L. K. Scott, county clerk of the receipts and disbursements of his office for the four years ending November 30, A. D. 1902.

Account of L. K. Scott, County Clerk. To court fees and miscellaneous items received, \$4105 71.

By clerk's salary for four years, \$48 00; By deputy clerk's salary for four years, \$280 00.

State of Illinois, Moultrie County, ss. To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Moultrie County, Illinois.

Total amount of fees retained in suits in court, \$2404 00; Total amount of county warrants paid, 2187 00.

Your committee would further report that we find from the semi-annual report of A. E. Foster, sheriff for the four years ending Nov. 30, 1902.

Correct total of fees received by sheriff for four years as found by your committee, \$3404 00.

Semi-annual report of official fees and emoluments received and expenditures made by L. K. Scott, County Clerk of the County of Moultrie and State of Illinois.

RECEIVED. Sept. 1 To balance on hand, 4804 14; Sept. 1 To from L. K. Scott, county clerk (R. Clark creek), 10 00.

PAID OUT. Sept. 30 By cancelled county orders and jury certificates, etc., 6941 41; Oct. 31 By same, 301 90.

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Your committee would further report as to the amount of A. J. Patterson, county treasurer, as follows to-wit:

County Fund. Received from Wm Kirkwood, co. treas. \$ 7467 02; Taxes 4 years (less com.), 7282 04.

On motion of Supervisor Patterson the report of committee on officers reports was approved.

Committee on claims made its report to the board as follows:

A. E. Foster, transportation of E. Bridges, 23 75; J. R. Eden, livery for cow, 1 75; F. H. Foster, same, 1 75.

On motion of Supervisor Kenney the resolution was adopted.

Whence all the registered bond debt of Moultrie county has been paid and canceled.

Resolved, that the auditor of public accounts of the state of Illinois be and is hereby requested to issue his warrant on the state treasurer payable to the order of Robt. Selby, county treasurer.

Whence all the registered bond debt of Moultrie county has been paid and canceled and there is still in the hands of the state treasurer an unexpended balance of \$1873.56.

Resolved, that when Robt. Selby, county treasurer receives the same from the state treasurer he shall pay the same from the county fund of said county.

same to Jeff Gough, 1 40; T. A. Ascher, mds to B. Trigg, 2 00; A. M. Wauad, mds to B. Trigg, 2 00.

same to Howell child, 1 00; Barton & Enslow cash paid on claim of Dora Feist, 20 00.

same to Mrs Morgan, 5 15; same to Dora Feist, 4 30; same to poor, 15 00.

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W. J. Kenney, B. W. Patterson and W. H. Snyder.

Motion by Supervisor Elliott that the expense for room rent for all general elections be paid by the county and that the amount paid be the actual expense for said rent as made by the supervisors of the several townships.

Motion by Supervisor Elliott that the petition be granted.

Motion by Supervisor Dick that the bid of John P. Lilly, for printing the proceedings of the board for one year be accepted.

Motion by Supervisor Kenney that resolution be adopted.

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EXCURSION TO THE ORIENT.



Prof. B. F. PEADRO.

Twenty years ago B. F. Peadro entered upon the duties of county superintendent of schools of Moultrie county the handsomest and youngest county superintendent in the state. Worn out with the cares of looking after his large family of teachers and some 6,000 school children, he goes on quite an extensive trip to the Orient and will be away some months. On his return he will assume the active duties of life in whatever calling he feels that he can be of most use to men.

In speaking of travel, he says it is the great educator and no one can lay claim to a finished scholarship who has not traveled. The thought that for a meager sum of money one may (in one trip) see all the countries of historical interest in Europe and Africa, visiting Thebes, Jerusalem, Babylon, Constantinople, Athens, Rome and other famous cities where originated our civilization.

The young man or woman with one-half a high school or college education, supplemented by a year of judicious travel, will be much better equipped for the enjoyment and duties of life than the one who depends alone on book knowledge. Lord Bacon spent one year in the university and completed his education by two years of travel. "Study man and his works through the ages." This was the source of his great power as leader of thought for all the ages since he lived. I would say to the young man, purpose to travel. Save your pennies for that purpose.

LEARNING THE TRICKS

Broomcorn Growers of Egypt Putting Their Brine Into Brine.

William Checkly was down in Wayne county this week buying broomcorn and he ran upon a star. Just as he was going into a farmer's barn lot to view his broomcorn he saw the farmer and several of his hands dragging away a large tub. Investigation showed that the tub had brine in it. Further investigation showed that the men had been busy putting the brine into the brine.

The theory is that the broomcorn growers have learned tricks that the central Illinois producer would not think of. By putting the broomcorn into the brine it absorbs the water and weighs heavy, while the brine or saline solution keeps it from heating in the bale and thus ruining the heat.

Egypt, it seems, is not only wise in politics, but is learning all the tricks in the broomcorn business.—Mattoon Journal.

ARTHUR ODD FELLOWS.

Dedicate Their New Hall With Ceremony Friday Night.

The new I. O. O. F. hall at Mattoon was dedicated with impressive ceremonies in the afternoon and evening of Friday night. Past Grand Master J. W. Yanis, of Shelbyville was the principal speaker and music for the occasion was furnished by the orphans' home band of Lincoln. Notwithstanding the muddy weather many out of town visitors were present.

The lodge here, which is composed of about 100 members, is in a very prosperous condition. Besides the new 44 by 80 foot hall they own two store rooms beneath and the real estate, a valuation of \$9,000.

The public schools of this city will be dismissed Dec. 24 and will begin on Jan. 5, 1903.

W. C. DEMONBRUN.



Mr. W. C. DeMonbrun, manager of the drug firm of Pate & Co., wishes to thank his friends and neighbors who have patronized him during the past year. We shall continue in business at the Peoples' Drug Store on the northeast corner of the square.

W. C. DeMonbrun was raised on the farm and began clerking in a drug store when sixteen years old and has been in the business ever since. He will attend to your wants with accuracy and politeness. We again thank the generous public for their past favors and by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, we are,
Yours Truly,
PATE & CO.

Correspondence.

Bruce.

Harry Reed and family will move into A. G. Hughes' property.
Dr. W. H. Gladville will soon move to Indiana.
The new elevator is running with W. H. Dunlap as engineer and J. C. Richter as buyer.
Al Luttrell and Dick DeHart started south with their show the first of the week.

Lovington.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foster, son, Will, Mr. and Mrs. George Lindogbe and Mrs. Casteel have gone to Daytona, Fla., to spend the winter.
Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Drake and children, Miss Bonnie and Jacob, have gone to Southern California to spend the winter.
Fulton Dixon has opened up a butcher shop in the Damont building.
The cells for the new city prison have arrived.
The dancing club will give a ball Christmas night.
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hudson will go to Arizona to spend the winter. Their daughter, Miss Iva, who has been there for several months, is improving in health.

Bethany.

C. N. Han has gone to Colorado for his health.
The silver medal contest, held under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. at the M. E. church last week, was well attended and the program was an excellent one. The contestants were E. R. Robertson, Misses Clara and Ruth Edwards, Iva Sawyer, Florence Robinson and Ollie Sharp. Miss Sharp was awarded the medal.
Quarterly meeting began at the M. E. church and will close Sunday night. Rev. William Brandon, of Decatur, will preach Sunday night.
Born, recently, to Mr. and Mrs. John Ryan, a daughter.
Walter Robertson has gone to Chicago to work at the printing trade.
O. F. Donor, the auctioneer, now makes his headquarters at Mattoon.
Walter Sanner and wife have moved back from Louisiana, where they have been for the past two years.

Gay.

Riley Miles and wife have returned to Los Angeles, Cal., for the winter for the latter's health. He has returned from a farm near Fred Rose for next year.
Mrs. Leslie (Jackson) started Saturday for Los Angeles to join her husband, who went some time ago to practice osteopathy.
Farley Young is down in the delta of the Mississippi on a hunting expedition.
Elder Harrell has closed his work with the Christian church at this place.
Edgar Moore and Miss Emma Cross, of this place, drove to Windsor Wednesday evening of last week and were married by their pastor, Rev. W. M. M. Barber. They will reside in Chas. Colbert's house.
James Scott has quit work for the Big Four for a short time on account of poor health.

Both the C. P. and M. E. churches are preparing a program for Christmas.
Jene Armantrout is boarding at Samuel Bristow's in Sullivan.

Mrs. A. M. Blythe and Ruth visited in Dalton from Saturday till Monday evening.

Miss Myrtle Mattox, of Mattoon, visited her parents over Sunday.

John Bolan will start to California next week.

Mrs. F. S. Casteel and children started to Arkansas Thursday to spend the winter.

Jesse Armantrout returned from Sullivan Monday.

Mrs. Thomas Kinkaid started to Southern Missouri to spend the winter with her husband, who is here now.

On account of the inclemency of the weather, the C. of H. postponed their oyster supper of last Thursday night to some time in the future.

A Communication.

To the honorable board of supervisors of Moultrie County: Greeting:

1st We, the undersigned democratic township committeemen beg to inform and submit and petition you in manner following, To-wit: That whereas the voting precinct of Marrowbone is not properly guarded with a ballot box having a lock and a key in the law requires, but on the contrary is not locked at all.

2nd That the ballot box is not properly protected with a railing 6 feet from same within which enclosure no one but the judges, clerks and challengers shall be allowed only when a voter is depositing his vote (one at a time) as the law requires. But on the contrary there is no railing or enclosure of any kind and voters and those that have voted and others to the number of 6 or more frequent crowd about and around the ballot box, contrary to law.

3rd We submit that in this precinct the judges and clerks have habitually and for many years, and at the election just held done and permitted many things to be done contrary to the letter and spirit of the law, some of which we beg to advise you of. It is the practice of the judges to hand out tick-

GUARDIANS OF THE MOULTRIE COUNTY ALMS HOUSE.

We are pleased to present to our readers a sketch of one of the prominent and popular citizens of Moultrie county. After having been a successful farmer, he has now charge of the county alms house. The subject of this sketch is a native of the Buckeye State, and was born in Marrow county, Ohio, October 30, 1855,

pointed Superintendent of the County Alms House, and has demonstrated his ability by holding the position for seven years and has recently been appointed for another term. Mr. Warren is a thorough business man and a financier, which has been proven, as he has turned in more money to the County Treasurer



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM J. WARREN, Superintendent and Matron of County Farm.

where he acquired his early education attending the common school and assisting in the duties of farming. When he reached the age of 22 he celebrated his birthday by uniting in marriage with Miss Jennie Young, also a native of Ohio. One son has been the result of this union—Roy. In the year 1896, Mr. Warren was ap-

than any previous Superintendent. Ordinarily, in a majority of counties, a county alms house is not self-sustaining. Mr. Warren is ably assisted by Mrs. Warren, who is matron, and renders valuable assistance in the care of inmates, who claim to receive the best of treatment.

ets to voters (sometimes 4 or 5) before their names have been found and checked on the register.

And when affidavit is required for illiteracy or any other disability and even for want of registration the voter is allowed to receive and make out and frequently deposit his ballot before being sworn or subscribing to affidavit.

And the judges and clerks have sometimes looked up from the register and given to persons outside, information in regard as to who has not yet voted, and ask why they have not voted, sometimes making written lists of names and which notions your petitioners think at least not proper and detrimental to the interests of their party.

Your petitioners, acting as Township Committee-men, have not been consulted (as has been the time-honored custom) by the Supervisor of Marrowbone Township in the selection of Minority Judge of Election, and later the Judges have not consulted said Committee in the selection of Minority Clerk and we feel will thereby greatly endanger our party in their law-given right to have representation on said Election Board, in that it leaves to a Republican Supervisor's own judgment as to whether his appointees are Democrats or even as to their fitness and ability to represent the party.

We, therefore, pray that you may require such necessary fixtures to be provided and that will protect the ballot and to take such other steps as shall be lawful and right to secure to the minority party here in this Township such recognition as will enable them to protect the interests of the party at the polls and in the count.

We submit that we do not wish you to consider this petition in the nature of a complaint for the past, only so far as pertains to a remedy for these conditions in the future.
GEORGE REUSS,
R. B. WHEELER,
R. L. VANFOSSEN,
Democratic Township Committee.
Dated at Bethany, Ill., November 6, 1902.

POOR SULLIVAN.

That Which Has Transpired and That Which We May Expect.

A correspondent from Sullivan who signs "G. A." writes thusly to the Lovington Reporter:

A little flower of intelligence and general information unfolded itself within the columns of the Evening Post. The mental floriculturists who germinated this embryo and kept it budding through a period of two long weeks were gentlemen whose ability in the fields of imagination and daily wonders are unquestionable, as the discoverers and grafting producers of public organs of pugilistic hybrids, which no one else would have the courage, grit, audacity, mendacity and latent ability to place before the cultured, refined, literary reading public of Sullivan.

The little mongrel came to life in the Democrat office Nov. 23, 1902, a little, delicate, pink child of the press, which was expected to develop into a sporting Amazon. In one week's time one of the parents, Creech, turned up his heels and "flumixed," leaving Billy the case to tend. By hiring an experienced nurse on Sunday and frequent doses of nitroglycerine this infantile clot of the parent stock survived one more week and gave up the ghost Dec. 6, 1902.

Poor nocturnal child of the quill that came knocking at the door about 8 p. m. A shuffle, a flare of the lantern, that was all. What was in it? "Dunno."

Where did it go? A puzzle for "Hearst's American."

Epitaph:
Faithful, gentle, good,
Wearing the pink of babyhood.
Well, we are having it tough in Sullivan. Just think, our lights put out, our gaming tables burned, our saloons crippled by an upstart mayor, our ball fight called off, the Evening Post dead. I fear some fool police will be around next and suggest it is not healthy to spend the evening in the dark and quiet seclusion of the street with our best girl. I guess I'll go west.

An Amusing Incident.

While playing in a town in central Tennessee recently the "Millionaire Tramp" company had in its audience an aged darkey named Mose. Mose was deeply interested in the play, but his whole soul was centered in the experience of the darkey character, Abe. In the third act Abe starts out to celebrate Christmas eve and incidentally got on board more gin than he could carry. While in this condition he is approached from behind by a supposed ghost in the

person of a tramp. Abe stutters and eventually becomes unable to speak through fright; his knees and hands tremble and he displays all the signs of his great fear. Old Mose watched all of this with wide open eyes and astonishment. When finally the scene neared its climax, old Mose could stand it no longer and belched out in a deep bass voice: "What you all skeered of niggab, dat ain't no ghost, dat's dat d—n tramp." Suffice it to say that the negro in front got a bigger laugh than the one on the stage. At Titus opera house next Monday night.

The Douglas Hotel.

The hotel Douglas at Tuscola has been traded for Mississippi lands. The Tuscola Journal-Republican says: The value placed on the hotel by the Douglas corporation was \$30,000 and in lieu of that property accepted 1000 acres of land located near Okolona, Miss. With the exception of 320 acres 18 miles from Okolona the land is in cultivation and 80 acres joins the corporation of Okolona which has a population of 3000. The former owners of the Douglas hotel, Mr. and Mrs. John Whitaker, J. L. Riddle and Will Whitaker assumed a mort- of \$7,000 on the land.

POPULAR CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



ANDA F. BURWELL.

Anda F. Burwell was born in East Nelson township February 9, 1866, where he received his education attending the schools. A few months after reaching his majority he decided to quit the bachelor ranks and merged his life with that of Miss Oma Armantrout. They are now the parents of four children—all boys. He resided for a few years on a farm near the Smyser church and then purchased a farm near Kirksville, where he resided until the spring of 1879 when he removed to Sullivan. He has held the position as assistant in the county clerk's office for four years and also been elected the second term as Assistant Supervisor of Sullivan Township, of which body he is chairman. Mr. Burwell is a man of ability and takes an interest in the up-building of the community. He is a member of the K. P., Red Men and M. W. A. lodges.