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ACTIVE COMMISSIONERS

The county commissioners of Stutsman county are certainly doing good work and everything possible to reduce the running expenses of the county and thereby save the taxpayers money wherever it can be done without slighting any of their duties. One of the important things they did was to clean out the court house of some of the surplus help which had accumulated there for years past and who had been set fixtures on the county's pay roll until the present board took hold of things. They decided the county was allowing far too much money for clerk hire for the amount of business being transacted, and began an investigation and found that the men that the taxpayers elected to fill the different county offices were devoting their services elsewhere, and in order to keep up the county work were compelled to have an extra clerk or two for which the taxpayers had to pay.

The efficient chairman, with the county's capable commissioners, soon put a stop to this extra expense by allowing them the amount of help they thought was necessary and also made it known to them the hours that the law required of them at their office, which was rather hard on some of them to be confined so close to the business that the taxpayers elected them to look after.

There has been large bills for services, etc., sent in against the county that were formally allowed, but with the up-to-date system now being followed bills of doubtful value get a thorough investigation before being allowed, and it has been found that a number of bills were not paid on account of the parties demanding more than a reasonable sum for their service. This one item alone has proven a great saving and shows that the commissioners are working for the taxpayers' interests.

Their latest endeavor was the advertising for bids for printing county election supplies for the coming primaries and fall elections. This printing, up to the last meeting of the commissioners, had been given to some big outside concern, which generally makes a specialty of grabbing all the county printing obtainable and charging whatever they feel like they want, as they know it will be allowed, which always proves to be far in excess of what it ought to be. The advertising for bids gives the printing offices of the county a chance, which concerns should be given consideration.

There has been many other items which the county commissioners have saved money on for the county, and it is only justice to them, regardless of politics, that they be allowed their full share of credit, all of whom are working for the best interests of the taxpayers.

Kensal News Items

Harry McKechnie of Cathay, spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week at the Roach home.

P. Knudson of Rochester, arrived the latter part of last week and will be employed by J. H. Brewer during the farming season.

C. E. Thayer and family Sun-

dayed with relatives in Leal.

N. B. Sorenson and grandchild Axel left last Sunday morning for Concord, N. D. where they will make their home.

J. M. Robertson of Keister, Minn. spent several days last week at the Christopherson home, leaving here Friday evening for Billings, Montana.

Mrs. C. E. Thayer and son Lester spent Thursday with Mrs. John Kline at Wimbledon.

Miss Louise Hjorth Sundayed at the F. L. Thompson home in Carrington.

Miss Irene Meyers who has just closed a successful term of school in the Ferguson district south of town, left on Sunday morning for New Home where she will spend her summer vacation with her brother on the farm.

Martin Larson spent Sunday with his wife at Valley City, Mrs. Larson is now up and around, but is still a patient at the Platou Hospital, but will soon be able to return home.

F. L. Thompson of Carrington spent Sunday evening here with friends.

S. C. Shockley drove over from his farm near Woodworth on Saturday, and on Monday he left with his family and household goods for that place where they will make their home on their farm near that town. Mr. Shockley having just completed his residence on the farm.

Dr. Cusiek of Carrington spent several days here last week on professional business.

Roscoe Brown left last week for Ray, N. D. where he expects to remain during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenton who have spent the winter here with their daughter Mrs. Wm. Wolsky, left on Sunday evening for their home in Waterbury, Conn.

J. M. Asal of Arlington, Minn. arrived the latter part of last week and is employed by O. E. Holmes as druggist. Mr. Asal is a ball player of some repute, and will assist the boys materially in their nine during the coming season.

Ernest Christopherson arrived Sunday morning from Swift Current, Sask., and spent the day here with his brother O. B. and family. Mr. Christopherson left the same evening for points in Minn. where he will visit for a short time with relatives before returning to Canada where he is engaged in the real estate business.

Mr. E. W. Stroh and family left on Thursday bound for their claim in S. D. Mr. Stroh left on the freight accompanying his car of household goods and stock. Mrs. Stroh and the children left on the evening train for Sanborn where they visited several days with relatives before going on to their S. D. home. We are sorry to lose this estimable family from the community, as Mr. Stroh has been one of Kensal's prosperous business men for the past three years and took an active part in all commercial departments of our village. Mrs. Stroh will be missed by society where she was a leader and by the church where she was an active worker. We wish for Mr. Stroh and family abundant success and prosperity for the future in their new home.

J. E. Son and Hans Hjorth went up to Carrington on Monday to attend the play "Tennessee's Partner"; a dance was given at the close of the play and they assisted with the music.

A much needed fire escape has been built on the rear of the I. O. O. F. Hall.

Geo. E. Berg went to Minneapolis last Thursday evening and while away purchased a new five passenger Overland auto, which he expects in a few days.

News from Jim Lake

A quiet wedding was celebrated at the home of Henry Thorman last Sunday, the contract-