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ANOTHER CHAPTER ABOUT CLOSED

With the withdrawal of General Pershing's punitive expedition from Mexico and the sending home of the national guardsmen, another chapter of the very vexing Mexican muddle will be closed. Villa, Carranza, Zapatta and Feliz Diaz will be given another opportunity to settle matters within themselves. It has been asserted and, probably, there was basis for the assertion, that German influence had much to do with fomenting trouble on the Mexican side of the border, for the purpose, if possible of involving war between the United States and Mexico. Whether true or not, it is not likely that such activities will be continued. Germany, as well as the other warring nations, expects the United States to be an important factor in arranging peace terms whenever they get sufficiently tired of fighting.

Many people seem to think that the mobilizing of the national guard on the border was wholly unnecessary and a useless expense. The mere fact of displaying a sufficient force on the border overawed the marauding Villista bands, so that the raiding business on the American side ceased and their purpose of forcing the United States to intervene was defeated. Moreover, the few months on the border made seasoned soldiers of the guardsmen and, if intervention finally becomes necessary, these guardsmen will form a nucleus around whom an army can be quickly whipped into shape.

While it is probable that the United States will not become involved in war with neither Europe nor Mexico, no one can say what the next few months may bring forth. The knowledge of military matters obtained on the border will not be amiss, should the United States be forced to take up arms again.

It is not expected that Villa will undertake raiding on this side of the border again. But if he does, the regular army is so well distributed that any force Villa may be able to send across the line, will be well taken care of. It is safe to say that our troops will not be surprised again, as they were at Columbus.

MORE THAN TALK NECESSARY

At the recent annual meeting of the shareholders of the Linn County Fair, the sentiment seemed almost unanimous to retain the fair at Scio. In fact considerable enthusiasm was manifested.

But the enthusiasm should go further than mere words. It should cause every man or woman interested in maintaining a successful fair in Scio, to reach down in their pockets and bring out \$5, \$10 or \$20 and place it in the fair treasury.

It is necessary to have a considerable sum to place the grounds, buildings, fences, etc., in a fit condition for another fair.

Many of us have already contributed from \$20 to \$100, while others who say they want the fair retained in Scio have not contributed a cent. Now how badly do you want the fair kept in Scio, measured in dollars?

The Linn County Fair was never expected to be a money maker and pay dividends to the shareholder. It has been the policy to use up all funds received at the gate, from entry fees and from appropriations for the payment of premiums and necessary expenses. But the main and primary purpose has been to build up the agricultural, stock and dairy interests of this section of the valley. How well we have succeeded can be ascertained by comparing our products and stock of today with that of ten years ago.

But there is much to be accomplished yet. More high bred and better kept stock should be found on our farms. By seeing the highly bred and splendid animals placed on exhibition annually, we are gradually educating our boys and girls to know and desire to own such animals. They are learning, too, that only proper care and breeding can produce such animals. It is to accomplish these purposes, many of us have given both time and money to establish and maintain the fair. But we need the help of all at the present time. Anybody can well afford to own a share of fair stock. In fact it is your duty to do so if you have a particle of public spirit in your makeup.

THAT SALARY BILL

Linn county members of the legislature got busy last week and introduced a bill which, if it becomes a law, will make several changes in the salaries of Linn county officials, to take effect January 1, 1919.

The county judge gets an increase to \$1800 per year; county commissioners per diem is increased to \$4; county treasurer \$1200 per annum; county clerk is reduced from \$2000 to \$1800; recorder of conveyances is reduced from \$1800 to \$1200; the sheriff remains at \$2000; assessor, whose present salary is \$3000 but who must employ his own field deputies, reduced to \$1600, but the county to employ the field deputies.

Our county judge is one of our hardest worked county officials and, besides, he bears a great responsibility. Coupled with this fact is the great amount of abuse he gets because he will not decide questions just to suit some particular individual. The raise in salary from \$1200 to \$1800 is merited. But The Tribune believes that a better plan would be to relieve him of probate business and place this business with the circuit judges, where it probably belongs and leave the salary at the present figure.

We also think the change in the assessors salary is unwise. While the county pays the field deputies, the office is almost sure to become more expensive than at the present time. There will not be the incentive for economical work that now exists.

Aside from these two features, the bill is meritorious, unless the allowance for the school superintendents deputy be increased. \$300 per year will employ but inferior help; for no man or woman can pay board and live on \$25 per month. At least as much pay should be provided for this as for other deputies about the court house.

Linn county has received \$3470.02 of the license money paid by her automobile owners to the state. The total amount paid was \$4229, but the administration cost was \$758.98. The administration cost is too high.

ALBANY STILL WANTS TO SECURE THE FAIR

Letter From Cashier Schmitt and Answer
Are Self Explanatory About
the Matter

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county and the persistent efforts at Albany in organizing an opposition fair, and using such means to detract from the county fair, that it would be much better for Albany to have the fair than the ever present continued opposition. I also stated at this meeting that wherever the county fair might be held, that other localities should remain out of the fair business and lend their support to the county fair proper and make it the success which it deserved and which our board stated, we were willing to do, if the fair was moved to any other locality.

The board of directors at this meeting asked your committee in submitting a proposition, to make the best offer possible and not the lowest. For in submitting the same to the stockholders, the result would be final.

After your committee, together with the board inspected the land and personal effects at the fair grounds, made a verbal proposition to pay \$5 per share, of 400 shares, or a total of \$2000 and assuming the real estate.

In analyzing this proposition, we found we had 403 members, common stock 330, preferred land stock 73 shares.

The number of shares held in Albany being 75, at \$5 each or a total of \$375. This amount, \$375 being deducted from the \$2000 offered, as it probably would not be taken up, left the Scio membership \$1625.

After taking up the preferred land shares, 73 at \$10 each, \$730 and paying the local debt of \$250, there would be remaining the sum of \$645 to be divided among 255 members or a dividend of \$2.52 each. A careful inventory of all personal effects and material which could readily be moved and used to good advantage for fair and other purposes, showed a valuation of \$1450 and this did not include valuable lumber, fencing and like material which amounted easily to \$250 more. Offers of purchase of the real estate and buildings were made at the meeting for \$2500 and I am satisfied will easily bring \$3000.

We would then have as follows:

Personal property	\$1450
Lumber and fencing	250
Real estate	\$3000
Total	\$4700
State funds	\$1700
County funds	500
Or a grand total of	\$6,900

Against these available resources we had obligations of only \$1450, leaving us a clear \$5450 valuation.

For and in consideration of all the effects, titles and privileges, you made us an offer of \$1625, net to the Scio members, which you stated was the extreme limit which you would give.

With these facts before the meeting, the matter was closed by rejecting the proposition, as entirely inadequate.

While I was not present at this meeting, I understand that the Linn County Fair Association has no counter proposition to make, and decided that the fair should remain at Scio.

Consequently, I have nothing further to offer your committee. However, if you have any other proposition to submit, the board of

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