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## COME! Be Kuppenheimered!

### EDITOR A SWINDLER.

#### Unfortunate Transaction for O.B. Congdon.

Monterey, Minn, May 30.—A few months ago S. L. Smith, a printer, came to Monterey and took charge of the newspaper. The former editor, O.B. Congdon, now of the Worthington Globe, was postmaster, and in turning over his business to the new man he also made him deputy postmaster.

Smith took hold of affairs with a seeming determination and issued several creditable issues of the paper. Then all at once, without any explanation, he disappeared. His young wife returned to their former home at Soldiers Grove, Wis., while it was supposed that Smith was looking up a new location, the field at Monterey having proved unprofitable and the paper ceasing publication.

The postoffice was turned over to M. A. Babcock and when an inspector checked over the affairs of the office it was found that a pad of blank money orders, about two hundred in number, was missing. They were thought to be lost and no suspicion was aroused, except, perhaps, in the mind of the inspector. Mr. Congdon's resignation as postmaster was accepted, and Mr. Babcock duly appointed in his stead. Smith was soon forgotten.

Lately it was announced to postmasters thruout the country to be on the lookout for money orders bearing the stamp of the Monterey office. It transpired that the 200 missing money order blanks were not lost, but had been stolen by Smith. With a criminal cunning

which no one suspected he possessed, he filled out several of the orders, generally for about \$50, and sent them to different parts of the country. No one could tell that they were not all right, as they were duly stamped and signed by Congdon as postmaster, per Smith, deputy.

At least one of the orders was cashed in this county, the usually they turned up at some more distant point, where they would not so quickly attract suspicion. Government detectives were put to work on the case and Smith is now in hiding, a fugitive from justice, with ultimate detection and conviction certain.

The amount of his peculations cannot at this time be determined, but it is believed he has already secured from \$700 to 1,000. The loss arising from his dishonesty will not fall upon the government, but upon Mr. Congdon, who was postmaster at the time Smith was deputy. In event of Congdon not being financially responsible for the amount, his bondsmen, business men of Monterey and farmers in that section, will have to make good the amount.

This is unfortunate for Mr. Congdon and it is hoped that further investigation will disclose the amount less than that given above. Mr. Congdon's many friends of this county will be glad however to know that the transactions are so clear against his deputy as to relieve him from any suspicion of being connected with the affair.

#### Farewell Reception.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Aull were tendered a farewell reception Tuesday evening in the parlors of the Presbyterian church. The rooms

and table were decorated with beautiful flowers, in the center being a large jardiniere full of Tartarian honeysuckles. A select musical program was given during the evening, consisting of vocal solos by Mrs. A. E. Hart, Miss Mary Damon and Mrs. A. N. Wetherell, of Estherville. These numbers were greatly enjoyed and heartily encored.

Considering the weather there were many present to bid farewell to the church's efficient pastor and his estimable wife. During the past eight years that Mr. Aull has been here he has worked hard and faithfully to promote the welfare of his church and its interests. Besides he was very active in everything which pertained to Worthington and its improvement, especially along social lines.

Mr. Aull is a most efficient minister as the growth of the Presbyterian church under his pastorage will testify, always among the first in relieving the poor and visiting the sick and unfortunate. His zealous charity was felt and appreciated in nearly every home in the city.

Mrs. Aull will be greatly missed in social and musical circles. Her excellent musical ability and training did much for a higher standard of music among our people. In benevolent work too, her absence will be greatly felt. The ladies of the congregation presented Mrs. Aull with a handsome cut glass fruit bowl in token of their love.

The Sunday School of the church will lose one of its best teachers in Mrs. H. O. Fletcher, Mrs. Aull's mother, who will accompany them. She has had charge of the primary department of the school for several years and under her direction it has grown to be the largest and most

important feature of the school.

Mr. Aull left late in the evening for Minneapolis where Mrs. Aull and son and Mrs. Fletcher will join him Wednesday. From there they will go directly to their new home at Moscow, Idaho. They have the best wishes of the entire community in the new field.

### FOUND DROWNED

The Body of Nels Martin Taken From the Lake.

Monday evening Nels Martin's lifeless body was taken from the lake at the park after lying in the water since last week Wednesday forenoon.

For a few days it has been G. R. Leonard's custom while going after his cow in Ager's pasture, to go to the lake shore and follow that as far as it was necessary for him to go, that he might possibly discover Mr. Martin's hat on the shore. Monday evening while going along the park shore he discovered an object about fifty feet away in the water, that looked like a man's head. As he went closer the waves revealed the head and face of Mr. Martin rising and sinking with the waves. The body was about thirty feet from shore in three feet of water on its face. He called to M. P. Mann, who was working in his garden and the latter phoned Lineman Carpenter to bring over a boat. In the meantime Mr. Leonard remained on the shore to watch the body if it floated. Mr. Carpenter picked up the body from the boat and they pulled it ashore. The coroner was called and then the undertakers, Swanson and Anderson.

The body was taken to the undertaking rooms, prepared and taken to the home. The funeral was held in the Catholic church Tuesday forenoon. Father Bartholome officiating and the remains interred in the church cemetery. There was a large attendance considering the time the notice was given.

Mr. Martin was born in St. Remi, Canada, June 10, 1853, came to this country 34 years ago and to Willmont in 1877, moving to Worthington ten years ago. He was married to Miss Salina Pareud, Somerset, Wis., twenty four years ago, no children were born to them.

About six years ago Mr. Martin, while working on the Worthington Hotel, while owned by Mr. Lear, suffered a sunstroke; the winter before this he passed through a siege of typhoid fever. While in Stillwater, at one time, he had a bad spell and was brought to the house and it was not expected that he would live then. About three years ago he wandered away from home and while in a low place where the old fair ground was, he came to and in a dazed condition returned home but had no recollection of how he got out in the field.

A week ago his head commenced to bother him and at last he was unable to sleep nights. When he left home he expected to go to Mr. Ager's place where some eggs were being hatched for him, he being a great lover of poultry. He collected some money down town and it is supposed started for Ager's as the searchers located him going in that direction when last seen. Mrs. John James saw him in the park the forenoon of his disappearance but was not positive that it was him. The man she saw threw up

his arms as if casting a fish line and when she looked again he had disappeared. This was at a point about fifty feet from where the body was found. His watch, knife, \$4.26, pipe and glasses were found in his pockets, but his hat has not been found as yet.

Mr. Martin was of a kind disposition and every one that knew respected him highly. This fact is testified to by his old friends searching for him every day in hopes of finding some trace. Mrs. Martin has the sympathy of the entire community in her sad bereavement.

Mrs. Martin's parents are living and reside in Somerset, St. Croix Co., Wis.

#### SPOFFORD.

And still it raineth. Verily such weather causeth the hard working farmer to wax discouraged when he has not got his corn planted.

Miss Emma Spafford went to Sioux City Wednesday to attend the graduation of her friend Miss Kate Hedding from the Sioux City High School.

The annual election of officers of the Bethel Sunday School was held last Sunday after the preaching services. The following officers were elected: Mrs. J. A. Spafford, Supt.; Mrs. A. D. Pigman, Asst. Supt.; Miss Ethel Barton, secretary; Mr. R. E. Davis, Treasurer; Miss Roey Pigman, Librarian; Miss Ethel Barton, Organist.

A number from here attended the Decoration exercises at Worthington, Monday.

Mrs. H. L. Barton returned home last Friday accompanied by her little niece, Sylvia Kendall.

Miss Ethel Olson, of Brewster, is spending this week with her brother Orville, who is teaching in the Dirks district.

#### INDIAN LAKE.

Miss Lillian Saxon returned last Saturday from Rochester where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Henry Haggard received a handsome new piano from Chicago last week.

Rev. Carlson, of Burlington, Iowa, gave a very interesting illustrated lecture at the Baptist church last Sunday evening.

The several road overseers have been doing some excellent work in the high ways which is a great improvement to the country. People driving through say that south west Indian Lake has the best roads they have seen since they left home.

#### UNIVERSITY GRADUATES.

Among those graduating at the state university this week are several who attended high school here and are well known in this vicinity. Miss Mabel C. Bryden, of Rushmore, graduated here in 1900. Miss Carrie Bedford, formerly of Rushmore but now of Provo, Utah, was in the '00 class for two years. Miss Hortense M. Smith, of Algona, Iowa, is a sister to our high school principal, Miss Rubie Smith, and is known by a number of our young people.

Horace Peterson, son of C. L. Peterson, of Pillager, graduates from the college of science, literature and arts, but will return and finish his course in law. He graduated here in 1899 and is favorably remembered as being an exceedingly studious and hard working young man whose success is assured. Don Carlos Dow, son of C. W. W. Dow, also graduates from the academic department and will return to take up law. He graduated here in 1898. Mr. Dow has practically earned his own way through college and great credit is due him for his pluck and perseverance. During the past year in addition to his senior academic work he took night law and acted as assistant in the university library from 1 to 5 every afternoon. In debating circles his influence was felt and there were few who could master or even equal him in a forensic contest.

Warren Shuck, of Rushmore, is another Nobles county young man who receives his degree this week, and he will probably continue till he finishes the law course.