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CRAWFORD CASE IS CREATING A BIG INTEREST

LEO KALAHAR, BANK EXAMINER TELLS OF UNCOVERING SHORTAGE ITEM.

"Needed the Money" Bank Cashier Said

Attorneys for both the state and the defense are battling for every possible advantage in the case of the people against Alfred F. Crawford, prominent resident of Breckenridge, and for a score of years the cashier of the First State Bank of Breckenridge, who is charged with the embezzlement of funds from the institution.

Although starting last Thursday the case did not really get under full headway until Monday, as the final days of last week were used in picking a jury to hear the case. Both prosecution and defense went over the prospective jurors with a fine-tooth comb, before being satisfied with the twelve men, who were finally chosen to hear the evidence to be submitted by the various witnesses to be called by both sides.

William A. Bahke of this city, A. McCall of Ithaca, and Atty. Stone also of Ithaca, who are representing the defendant in the court started a legal skirmish Monday, but met with little success. An attempt was made to secure a continuance, which the prosecution vigorously opposed. The prosecution won this point and the next two. An attempt was made to get endorsement of names on the information, and then an attempt was started to get the information squashed.

Dr. Norman Morey, a Breckenridge dentist, was called to the stand to tell about a particular item of \$2,000 on which the embezzlement warrant is based. Morey told of having borrowed the money, giving a \$1,500 mortgage and collateral for \$500 to secure the loan. Morey claimed that when he paid the note, he received his mortgage and collateral, but not the note. Later he went to the bank for the note, he stated, and was told that it had been sent to a correspondent bank but probably would be back in a few days. This was in October.

January 31 Leo Kalahar and Harry Millard, bank examiners, arrived at the bank to examine it, said Leo Kalahar on the stand. They discovered a shortage, and when Crawford was confronted with it he produced the Morey note to make up the amount. His attention, Kalahar said, was directed to the fact that the note was stamped paid. He claimed that Crawford said that it had been stamped by accident. Kalahar said that they found that it had been paid confronted Crawford with the fact and then he admitted that it had been paid, and the money deposited to an account that Crawford is said to have used in his lumber dealings. The account was overdrawn at the time. Crawford, said Kalahar, stated that it was thus deposited because the account needed the money.

Tuesday Kalahar was on the stand practically the entire day. Orville Colthorpe, one of the employees of the bank who had been interested in some lumber deals with Crawford, was put on the stand to identify the account and to show their lumber dealings in which Colthorpe said he did the work and Crawford furnished the money.

Wednesday several witnesses were called to the stand to show various transactions. It was shown that Ernest Muscott of Emerson township, had paid \$1,640 on a mortgage which he had assumed, and it was claimed that this money had been deposited by Crawford, the cashier of the bank to his personal account.

Another such transaction came under the spotlight Wednesday. It was testified that G. W. Robinette, a farmer, had paid \$1,025 on mortgage, sending the money to the bank for payment. It was claimed that Crawford also deposited this to his personal account.

Mrs. Grabowsky Hurt Thursday

Mrs. Robert Grabowsky, wife of Robert Grabowsky, telegraph operator at the office at the Republic Motor Truck Company's plant here, was badly injured last Thursday, when an automobile in which she was riding went into a ditch at a corner in the north end of the city.

It is said that as the automobile started to turn the corner another auto approached and forced a wide turn on the corner, the automobile being sent into the ditch at the side of the street, before the corner turn could be made.

DuBois, Legion Commander Now

Dr. Charles F. DuBois, one of Alma's newest physicians, and yet one of the prominent younger residents of the city, is the new commander of the George W. Myers Post No. 132, American Legion, having been recently elected to this place by the members of the post to succeed H. E. Reese.

Dr. DuBois, first lieutenant in the medical corps during the war, while not overseas, saw plenty of work in the various camps of the eastern states, having been on duty in nearly all of them. He was at Hoboken, ready to sail for Europe when news of the armistice stopped him. At that time he was commissioned a captain, but did not receive notification of the commission. With the war over, he was glad to get back into his "civilian" without chasing up the commission.

During the time that he has been a member of the George W. Myers Post DuBois has been very active in Legion affairs. Previously he has served the Legion Post as the vice commander.

Supt. H. Elair DuVall of Ypsilanti was calling on old friends in town Saturday.

FORTY-NINE IN EIGHTH GRADE

NEARLY FIFTY PUPILS WILL COMPLETE INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

On Friday 49 eighth graders will receive their semester marks, which will pass them into the high school when the Alma public schools open in September.

The custom of holding eighth grade promotion exercises was done away with last year, and in pursuance of that policy no exercises will be held this year. There are a number of good reasons for not holding these exercises, which were given a year ago when they were abolished.

Those who will finish the eighth grade and be ready to start high school work in the fall are the following:

Virginia Allair, Celia Bradley, Vernon Brown, Eleanor Church, Florence Carnicom, Marguerite Conklin, Opal Dexter, Elizabeth Deitz, Kathleen Ellison, Golda Fitzgerald, Barbara Grove, Velma Hanford, Marian Johnson, Mary Johnson, Isabel McKee, Josephine McFarland, Minnie Nelson, Neva Parker, Jessie Platt, Marie Purdy, Elizabeth Putnam, Fern Reed, Ethel Rowley, Lucille Sabin, Luella Sanderhoff, Penelope Sawkins, Thelma Woodward, Maurice Baldwin, Arden Bennett, Leon Bowman, Fay Bragg, Clifford Bragg, Harry Burt, Kenneth Buck, Alery Dick, Alfred Dyer, Preston Elder, Donald Harrell, Norris Howell, Cecil Knapp, Bruce Mathewson, Aubrey Palmer, Fay Parish, Floyd Shouly, Lawrence Waite, Charles Watkins, Martin Willis, and Robert Wine.

Carson City Wins Easily

The Elm Hall baseball team opened its Republic field series of games Sunday in a way that was not at all enjoyable to the Elm Hall fans, who were present in force to witness the deciding contest of a series between Carson City and Elm Hall.

The Carson aggregation of club artists had their eyes on the pill and drove it to the several corners of the lot in various innings, and with the aid of errors on the part of the Elm Hall nine was able to shove men around to the paying station eleven times during the nine innings of the fray. Elm Hall was able to show only four marks in the scoring column when hostilities came to a close.

Although the two teams were not in the class of the Republic team which gained fame through this section of the country last year, a large number of people turned out to witness the game.

INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION

Everything is ready for the opening of the big industrial exposition to be given by the Saginaw fair society on their grounds Monday, June 27, to July 4. Hundreds of Saginaw manufacturers will exhibit. The horse races start Monday, Tuesday night there will be a \$2,000 boxing program on a ring pitched in front of the grandstand. Each day and night there will be some special feature. Saturday is the big American Legion and Metropolitan club program with its sham battle of 500 soldiers. Monday, July 4, there will be auto races between the fastest drivers in the state with Bob Wilcox the state champion defending his title. The industrial exposition is costing the fair people many thousands of dollars to put on and is the biggest single attraction in the state this year.

ALMA SENIORS WERE MARRIED LAST FRIDAY

MISS HELEN LOSEY AND ALTON STEARNS FOOLED THEIR ALMA FRIENDS.

Knot Was Tied on Trip to Crystal

Quietly, so quietly that they did not think anyone would find out about it, Miss Helen Losey and Alton Stearns, left Alma Friday afternoon to get married, and had the knot tied in Summer, while on their way to Crystal lake to spend a few hours.

Two high school friends accompanied them, and they were expected to keep the secret, until such a time as Mr. and Mrs. Alton Stearns were ready to make the announcement of their marriage.

Like some secrets of state, however, a leak developed, and it was not long before the many Alma friends of the two popular high school seniors had learned of their marriage and were extending congratulations to the newlyweds.

Mrs. Stearns is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Losey of this city, and a member of the senior class of Alma high school. She has been prominent in the younger set for some years.

Mr. Stearns, also a member of the class of 1921, has been one of the leading athletes of the high school for the past four years, and is well known throughout this part of the state. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stearns of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Stearns will each receive another certificate tonight at the commencement exercises of the high school. It will be a different one, however, than the one that was duly executed and witnessed last Friday at Summer.

White Shrine Initiates Many

Tuesday, June 14, marked a real red letter day for the St. Alma White Shrine.

A class which numbered 94 was initiated into the lodge, 43 during the afternoon and 51 in the evening, making the largest class that has ever been taken into the lodge at one time, and possibly one of the largest classes that any White Shrine lodge in the state has taken in. A sumptuous dinner was served to nearly 300 people at 6:30. The dining room was beautifully decorated in the colors of the order, white and yellow. Bernice Eaton, S. W. H. P. of Kalamazoo, and Lulu Carr of Grand Rapids were present as well as many other people from out of the city.

The Grand Worthy Matron, Frances Bell Watson, of the O. E. S., was initiated at the evening session. (Republished because of typographical error last week).

Hold Children's Day Exercises

Children's Day exercises were held at the Presbyterian Sunday School this past Sunday morning in charge of Mrs. Hudson, at which time twelve children were baptized by Rev. Gelsion. The program was of unusual interest and speaks highly of the training that the children received from Mrs. Hudson.

Following was the program: Doxology. Invocation. Chant. Responsive Reading. Selection 49. Opening Recitation, by Gertrude Williams. Summer is Coming, by five girls. Songs, by Primary department. Announcements. Offering. Selection, by Choir. Baptism. Song, 451. "A Baby's Flower Garden," by William Randels. Recitation by Charles Smith. Sermonette. Song No. 456.

Capitol Lodge I. O. O. F. Here

Capitol Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Lansing, about 75 members strong, came to Alma Saturday evening to confer degree work for the local lodge.

Nearly every lodge in the county had representatives at the session here, and it is estimated that nearly 300 members of the I. O. O. F. lodge were present during the evening. In addition to the regular degree work of the evening, some fine entertainment was enjoyed by the I. O. O. F. members.

The Trunk Line Bids Were Opened

Bids for the work on the state trunk line roads in Grafton county for the state highway department were opened at Ithaca Tuesday. Holmes, Crane & Bartling had the low bid. This firm also had the lowest bid for the city's end of the work on the state trunk line roads within the corporate limits of the city, and the probabilities are that the contract will be awarded to this firm by the state department. As it is necessary for one firm to handle both the state and the city work, the firm that is given the state contract will be given the city contract. Holmes, Crane & Bartling were much lower in their bid for the city work than were the other bidders, there being a difference of over \$3,000 on the city end of the work.

MRS. RANDELL GIVES RECITAL

The recital given Monday evening, June 20th, at the Strand by Mrs. R. A. Randell, pianist, assisted by Mrs. Lotta Fullerton, soprano, was well attended and much enjoyed. The event was put on under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of the St. John's Episcopal Church of this city.

Mrs. Randell is a pianist of exceptional ability and her interpretation of the numbers given was both expressive and sympathetic.

WILL MEET FARWELL SUNDAY

The Elm Hall baseball team, which has secured the use of Republic field here for the summer will play the strong Farwell town team Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. city time. The two teams recently put up a brilliant 14-inning contest, Elm Hall winning 5 to 4. The game Sunday promises to be a real battle from start to finish as Farwell is out for revenge for the previous defeat.

WERE INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

MRS. BURTON AND SON OF JACKSON WERE INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Mrs. Claude Burton and son of Jackson, were both injured Sunday, when their automobile in which they were driving into Alma from the home of Mrs. Burton's father, E. J. Ross of Elwell, was struck by another automobile driven by R. C. Cline of Coe, who was on his way to Crystal lake with his wife. The accident took place about four miles west of Alma. Mrs. Burton, who has been visiting at the home of her father, had started to drive to Alma with her son and niece to attend church. Mr. Cline, who was driving west with his Ford, is said to have momentarily lost control of his machine and it crashed into the one driven by Mrs. Burton. Mrs. Burton was badly cut about the wrist and eyes by glass from the windshield, which was broken. Her son was cut on the wrist and about the face.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline and their children escaped without injury, other than being shaken up, although one of their children, a girl about three years old, was thrown from their auto. About one hundred dollars damage was done to the automobiles.

FARM BUREAU NEWS

Many farmers in the north central part of the county were unable to deliver their wool June 8th. To accommodate these men the graders will be at St. Louis, Saturday, July 9th. Remember the date.

The federal Land Bank has given its consent for a Loan Association to be formed with Ithaca as a center. There are now three Loan Associations in the northern part of the county and the new one will cover the southern and central part.

At present there is only twenty thousand dollars available for the Ithaca Loan Association and it is nearly all spoken for. All who are interested should communicate with the County Farm Bureau as more money can be secured.

The Pig and Calf Club members and their friends are planning a trip to East Lansing early in July, to receive instruction in judging cattle and hogs. Why not make it a general Grafton County farmers' day. We could visit the college and also the State Farm Bureau.

LEGION FIELD DAY

The Saginaw Post American Legion and Metropolitan club is putting on a mammoth field day in connection with the Saginaw industrial exposition at the fair grounds. The firemen, policemen and mail carriers are cooperating and Saturday, July 2, is going to be a great day. There will be a sham battle with 500 soldiers taking part, the 'ole Darktown fire brigade will be on the job, fire-horse races, half a hundred features full of pep. You shouldn't miss this great treat. It will be the biggest thing the Legion has put on.

CITY TO HEAR OBJECTIONS ON LOCAL PAVING

COMMISSION HAS NO DESIRE TO FORCE PAVING ON ALMA RESIDENTS.

Simply Taking Legal Course

A second petition was submitted to the city commission asking that the street on which the petitioners reside should not be paved this year, at the Tuesday evening session of the commission.

The first such petition was from residents on Elwell street. The one submitted Tuesday evening was from residents of Prospect avenue, and is said to contain the names of a majority of the property owners on the street. By resolution the city commission has fixed the time of the hearing of objections against the paving on the various streets of the city as July 12, at which time all persons interested in the matter will have a full and complete opportunity to be heard at the city hall, and complete data on the costs of the paving, etc., may be secured.

In the case of every street, which the city officials expected to pave, except for the city paving on the state trunk line roads, petitions signed by a majority of the property owners on the streets were submitted to the commission asking that these streets be paved. This left no other course open for the city, except to prepare plans, specifications, profiles, etc., and to appoint a time for the hearing of objections to the paving. The city charter provides that this shall be done when petitions are received from a majority of the property owners.

It was clearly stated at the commission meeting Tuesday evening that the city commission had no desire to force paving on any streets where it was not desired, and if the majority of the property owners on the streets to be paved raise objections to the paving this year, it undoubtedly will be held up during 1921. Notice of the hearing of objections will be found elsewhere in this issue.

It is rumored that in some cases the objections to the paving have been raised by some individuals because they had heard that the paving would cost several hundred dollars for each fifty foot lot. Residents on the various streets may easily find out cost of the paving to themselves from the following information secured from William E. Reynolds, city manager, which gives the cost of paving per foot on the streets for which the city received paving petitions.

The cost per foot on Elwell street is about \$5.00 per foot, the paving on that street to be 26 feet wide.

On Prospect street the cost per foot is placed at \$6.15 per foot, the paving on this street to be 30 feet wide.

On North Woodworth avenue the cost per foot is placed at \$6.90 for 30 foot paving.

On South Woodworth the estimated cost is \$5.99 per foot for paving 30 feet in width.

Paving 25 feet in width is to be constructed on Pine, West Downey, Park and West End streets. On Pine avenue the cost per foot is placed at \$5.36. On West Downey it is estimated at \$5.50, on West End at \$5.41 per foot front and on Park avenue at \$5.22 per foot front.

To ascertain very closely the cost of the paving residents on these streets should multiply the cost per foot by the foot frontage of property that they own on the street.

The cost of construction of the paving on the various streets varies slightly by reason of the fact that on some streets there is more excavation than on others, and more fill. The drainage problem is also an item in the total cost.

The city is planning on spreading the cost of the paving over a five year period, where it is so desired. This will allow residents to take advantage of the five year period to pay the cost of the paving at the time of construction. As it is spread over a five year period it will not be necessary for the first payment to be made until next year, although of course the city would much prefer to have the first of the payments this year.

Cost of water and sewer connections, of course, must be paid for at the time that they are made.

BEE KEEPERS' BASKET PICNIC

The Grafton County Bee Keepers' Association will hold its annual basket picnic on Thursday, June 30, at the J. N. Harris apiaries, located two miles south and one mile east of St. Louis. This association includes the bee keepers of Montcalm, Isabella, Saginaw and Grafton counties. Every one interested in bee keeping and their families are invited to be present. Pot luck dinner will be held.

A Right Way Meeting Held

An interesting Right Way meeting of employees of the express company was held Sunday at the local offices, at which a number of addresses of a very interesting nature to the express workers and to shippers were made.

George L. Witherin, cashier, who acted as chairman of the meeting, gave an address on "Putting the Right in The Right Way Plan." He suggested refusing all shipments not properly marked, packed, etc., but for employees to be courteous and to instruct the shipper in the right way to prepare the shipment. It was his view that a shipment started right is half-way there.

Mr. Ross, route agent of Saginaw, gave a short talk on "Putting Our House in Order," touching upon such points as receiving shipments, care of supplies, etc.

R. P. McGarrity, the local agent for the company, gave a talk on the care of equipment.

E. G. Cleek spoke in regard to C. O. D. M. Rolav giving an address on care of supplies, Mr. Kishy, speaking in regard to preventing loss in the handling of shipments, Mr. Gibson and others gave interesting addresses.

DAIRYMEN TO HAVE OUTING

WILL PICNIC AT THACA JUNE 28 AND HEAR SOME FINE SPEAKERS.

There will be a basket picnic held in the park at Ithaca on Tuesday, June 28, to which all dairymen of the county are most cordially invited and urged to attend.

Questions of vital importance to the dairymen will be taken up at the meeting. These questions will be taken up by speakers of national reputation in the dairy business. D. D. Atkin, president of the Holstein-Friesian Association; J. W. Norton, Jr., commissioner of animal industry, are among the speakers who will be present.

Breeders of registered Holstein cattle are especially urged to attend the picnic, as a Grafton County Holstein-Friesian Association will be formed at that time.

The program follows:

10:30 a. m.—Organization of Holstein-Friesian Association.
12:00 Noon—Picnic dinner.
1:30 p. m.—Cooperative Marketing, by F. C. Fernet of St. Louis.
2:00 p. m.—Address by D. D. Atkin of Flint.
3:00 p. m.—Address by H. W. Norton of Lansing.

Autoists Warned About Speeding

Rumors of speeding automobiles, automobiles running in the evening at times without headlights, and a number without having the rear light going, are being frequently heard around the city, and unless there is a change in the careless manner of some autoists they may find themselves in a justice court as a result.

These things do not often happen on the main streets of the city, where the police officials are to be found at all times during the day and night. Rather do a number of automobile drivers seem to take real delight in speeding on the streets once they are out of sight of an officer. It is very evident that they know as a result that they are violating the traffic laws, from the simple reason that they make certain that no officer is around.

People often are prone to blame police officials for not arresting such speeders. It is hard for these officials to be in a dozen places at once, and it is still a harder proposition to arrest a man for speeding that they do not know has been speeding. And they usually do not know of speeding unless the speeders are seen by them. The public very seldom gives such information.

The traffic laws are specific regarding speeding and lighting of autos, and if the police official or two should happen to appear in a district not usually patrolled and arrest a few speeders, they should remember that they are alone to blame for being arrested. The officer is not.

There are places in the city where it is highly dangerous to the public to have automobiles speeding, and it is a practice that should be stopped. Police action should not be necessary if the speeders have the least consideration for the safety of the public, particularly for the children of the city.

SEVILLE-SUMNER CLUB

The Seville-Sumner Farmers' Club will hold its annual picnic at Crystal lake July 4. The Arcada Farmers' Club has been invited to join with them at the picnic. Don't forget to bring well-filled baskets.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WILL GET DIPLOMAS

FORTY-SIX TO COMPLETE WORK IN ALMA SCHOOLS AT THE COMMENCEMENT.

Osborn Speaker at Tonight's Exercises

The forty-third annual commencement exercises of Alma high school will be held at the high school this evening, at which time forty-six seniors will complete their high school courses, and be ready to face life's battles.

The Honorable Chase S. Osborn of Sault Ste. Marie, former Michigan Governor, known as the "Silver-tongued orator," will give the commencement address to the graduates of the high school. Mr. Osborn is a deep student and strong thinker, and his address will without doubt be one of the best commencement addresses that has been heard in this city in some years.

The diplomas will be presented to the seniors, following the address by J. W. Kelder, superintendent of schools.

The program for the exercises will be as follows:
March—Mella Spinney.
Invocation—Rev. Willis Gelsion.
"The Two Grenadiers"—High School Chorus.
Address—Honorable Chase S. Osborn.

"Moonlight"—High School Chorus.
"Viking Song"—High School Chorus.
Presentation of Diplomas—J. W. Kelder, Supt.

Benediction—Rev. Willis Gelsion.
The members of the graduating class which receive their diplomas Bentley, Vera Bollinger, Doris Bradshaw, Fred Collins, Bradley, O. Irene Bridwell, Norman Buck, Juanita Carr, William Collins, Earl Cross, Leona Cross, Mildred Fletcher, Donald Grover, Anna Harwood, Madge Johnson, Vera Johnson, Walter Kemler, Helen Kennedy, Leona Leonard, Jean Lignian, Helena Losey, Lee Lyon, Bernadette Manning, Freeland Marshall, Floyd McDavid, Emilie McPaul, Ruth McKinney, Matilda Miller, Eva Mills, Pearl Mitchell, Paul Moore, Marvel Mardock, Russell Murphy, Verle Orsted, Donald Pugsley, Charles B. Sartor, Mildred Schick, Mildred Schick, Frances Severens, Karl Small, Alton Stearns, Audrey Steenburg, Dorothy Sutton, Leona Thomas, Leta Thomas, Nellie Waber, Elizabeth Williams, and Winifred P. Wilson.

To the girls of the senior class go the class honors. Emilie McPaul is the Valedictorian, and Miss Elizabeth Williams, the Salutatorian. Miss Anna Harwood is given honorable mention.

The officers of the graduating class are the following: President, Lee E. Lyons; secretary, Anna Harwood; treasurer, Donald Pugsley.

The class will leave as a memorial to the high school a Victor motion picture machine.

Baker Killed Near Shepherd

Erza Baker of Shepardsville, one of a party of four, who had started by automobile on a fishing trip Sunday morning, was killed at Shepherd Sunday, when the automobile in which the men were driving went into the ditch on the curve in the road about a mile south of Shepherd.

The four men, Baker, A. J. Hettiger, both of Shepherd, and Alfred Squires and D. B. Shepard of Ovid, left home early Sunday.

When the automobile turned over in the ditch, the men were pinned under the car. Baker was killed instantly. Squires was badly injured, and the other two men were bruised to some extent.

It is said that the men had been drinking some hard cider previous to the time of the accident.

Baker is survived by four children.

CHANGES TIME

The Ann Arbor Railroad announces the following schedule for steam trains and motor cars at the Alma depot:

Northbound	Southbound
2:31 a. m. S*	1:02 a. m. S*
8:35 a. m. M	7:15 a. m. S*
12:25 p. m. S	6:39 a. m. So
4:34 p. m. M*	10:00 a. m. M
9:05 p. m. S*	12:10 p. m. M
10:36 p. m. So	4:58 p. m. M

S*—Steam train. S*—Steam train daily except Sunday. So—Steam train Sunday only. M—Motor car daily. M*—Motor car daily except Sunday.

Leo Matzen went to Saginaw Friday evening to spend the week end with his parents.