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## Roosevelt County Loses \$70,000 in Bank Failure Chester Beiseker Is Again In Toils of The Law

### DEPOSITS IN DEFUNCT FIRST NATIONAL OF POPLAR WAS NOT SECURED

County Stands to Lose the Entire Amount—County Treasurer Tidland and County Commissioners are Said to Be Responsible on Their Bonds to the County for the Negligence.

### PAPERS HAVE KEPT MUM ON THE SUBJECT

Officials Do Not Want People to Know of Catastrophe That Has Overtaken County—Von Hindie Weinrich May Have Curses Coming Home to Roost.

Roosevelt county is said to be broke as a result of the failure of the First National Bank of Poplar a couple of weeks ago. It is rumored, although the officials of Roosevelt county are as mum as claims on the subject, that when the First National Bank of Poplar went to the wall with a smash, in spite of all that could be done in the effort to save it, it took with it \$90,000 of the money belonging to the taxpayers of Roosevelt county, \$70,000 of which was absolutely unsecured and unsecured, being carried in that bank in a manner illegal and contrary to the laws of the state, and that the county has very little chance of ever recovering even a small fraction of the money.

**RUMOR NOT VERIFIED**  
The rumor has not been verified, but it comes from very good authority and is no doubt true. The papers of Roosevelt county are as silent as cypresses on the subject, but it will be remembered that these papers did not report the failure of the First National Bank of Poplar until three weeks after it happened and after the same had been reported in the Producers News, the only newspaper in northeastern Montana, so no first hand information on the subject is available, but the rumors are probably based upon the facts. It seems to be the policy of the Roosevelt county papers to suppress the news which the gang that is looting that county does not want printed.

**DEPOSITORY LAW**  
The law provides that county money deposited in the banks in the county must be deposited pro rata, according to the capital stock of the different banks and the acceptable security furnished and approved both by the county board and the county treasurer and that no money can be left in the banks without indemnity bonds, personal bonds, mortgages or county, school district, municipal and state warrants or bonds or U. S. bonds or other security approved by the board of county commissioners. When the county treasurer deposits money in the bank contrary to law, and the money is lost, he is personally responsible and can be convicted and punished for embezzlement by a term in the penitentiary.

**COMMISSIONERS' BONDS RESPONSIBLE**  
The county commissioners who knowingly allowed such deposits and approved them, are personally responsible to the taxpayers and either they or their bondsmen must pay.

**CURSES COME HOME TO ROOST**  
To an onlooker, it looks as if curses are coming home to roost in Roosevelt county. Under the leadership of old Von Hindie Weinrich, who holds the office of County Commissioner of Roosevelt by virtue of being able to get an office to which John Anderson was honestly elected, and who by reason of his pull in certain quarters was able to hang a judgment against John Anderson in the sum of \$1,000 for attorney's fees for daring to go to court to ask "for the office to which the people elected him, and which deal is one of the dirtiest and rottenest ever recorded in judicial records at any time or any place, Roosevelt county is now bankrupt and in a worse condition than Sheridan county was when the same gang was tried out of office here by enraged taxpayers last year. And if this same Weinrich is finally stewed in his own juice it will be grim justice, and it will seem that there still is in existence a law of compensation that works silently in the dark.

**WEINRICH NOW RICH**  
When Frank Weinrich was first elected county commissioner of Valley county years ago, he was a poor man. He has been in office steady since that time. He is now a rich man. If the story of the deposit of \$70,000 in the defunct First National bank is true, Von Hindie may retire to private life again just where he started.

**ROOSEVELT COUNTY IN BAD**  
Roosevelt county is gang ridden and gang robbed. There is no law there. Horse thieves and cattle rustlers are so thoroughly in power that the culprits are reported by state officers to be under the protection of the officers and it is impossible to bring them to justice.

### CHESTER HAWLEY LEAVES PLENTYWOOD

Brother, Alvin Hawley, Comes Over to Accompany Wounded Man Home—Had Been in Custody of Sheriff—Makes Wonderful Recovery.

### IS ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY

Chester Hawley, who was shot by Barry Stevens' of Outlook as a result of a row provoked by a quarrel in a poker game, at Dooley, some weeks ago, and who has been in bed at the Leland Hotel in this city under the care of Dr. Campbell and a nurse, and under the protection of a deputy sheriff, recovered sufficiently to be able to be out Wednesday, and Thursday his brother, Alvin Hawley, clerk in the Indian Service at Poplar, came over and accompanied the injured man to his home at Poplar, leaving Plentywood on the afternoon train Thursday.

Chester Hawley, who is a quarter breed Indian, was shot through the lungs and through the head, the bullet going through the head, entered the right cheek and came out in the left side of the neck. Dr. Campbell cut the steel packeted dum-dum bullet out of the back of Hawley's neck, where it had lodged, Wednesday afternoon. The bullet was only slightly dented on one side—the other bullet went clear through Hawley. The recovery of the young man from his wounds is one of the most marvelous recoveries ever recorded and is indeed a miracle.

**HAWLEY WANTED A GUARD**  
Alvin Hawley came to Plentywood immediately upon hearing of the shooting of his brother and he insisted that the brother be kept under the constant guard of a deputy sheriff and refused to leave Plentywood until the guard was furnished, as he was farseeing that if the young man was left alone another attempt would be made to finish murdering him.

Sheriff Oscar Collins armed Selmer Stangeland of Raymond and put him with Hawley as a guard and Stangeland has been with the wounded man constantly until he left Thursday for Poplar.

**ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY**  
Wednesday afternoon Chester Hawley was arrested on information signed by the county attorney and filed in Judge Olson's court on a warrant charging him with robbery by force. Hawley plead not guilty and bonds were set in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars which were signed by Alvin Hawley and Harry Walker, furniture men of Poplar. To secure the signers of the bond, Alvin Hawley deposited \$1500 cash in a bank at Poplar.

**TRIED IN JANUARY**  
Hawley will return to Plentywood for trial at the January term of court.

**ARMED MAIL GUARDS ON MONTANA TRAINS SOON; ORDERS, KILL**  
Helena, Nov. 15.—All passenger trains running through this state that carry mail now have or soon will have armed civilian guards. G. N. Fuller, chief clerk of the railway mail service, said here Tuesday. Pistol and sawed-off shotguns are the arms and orders are to shoot to kill.

### BANK OF N. D. SOLVENT AS LONG AS STATE IS, SAYS SUPREME JUSTICE BIRDZELL

Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 17.—"As long as the State of North Dakota is solvent, the Bank of North Dakota is solvent," declared Associate Justice Birdzell of the supreme court today, interrupting Ormsby McHarg, attorney for the "Jamestown Taxpayers," in his argument to have the injunction recently issued by Judge Coffey of Jamestown upheld and the Bank of North Dakota declared insolvent.

Several other justices closely questioned McHarg. Justices Christianson and Robinson being especially searching in their inquiries. To one question as to the law, McHarg, completely at a loss, said to the court: "You are fazed, said to the court: 'You are fazed above the law,' but this compliment did not seem to satisfy the judges and McHarg quit after a few more attempts to give his reasons.

Attorney General Lemke, calling the attention of the supreme court to the law that made it "the duty of

### League's Duty Is To Contest ONLY SO CAN GREAT PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE BE DEFENDED

Courier-News Mailbag:  
To the Editor: We have just read the article in The Courier-News of November 4 concerning the stand taken by the Dunn Center people and we heartily indorse their views and resolutions.

The fundamental principles of the Nonpartisan League and the program are to secure justice, and this is what we ask for and all that we ask; and we believe in the fight for justice we should endeavor to secure the same by just and honest methods; but should we not also demand justice in our dealings with the opposition? If we do not do this, will we ever succeed? Is it justice to ourselves and our principles to permit the opposition to over-rule us by their deception, fraud and trickery? It should seem that this was an illegal election when we consider the frauds and lawlessness in securing signatures on petitions, and have reason to believe they have sufficient illegal votes to defeat them yet. Therefore, we believe we are justified in determining the legality of their victory before surrendering the office to possible undeserving victors. It would seem a confession of guilt when the Grand Forks Herald stated that:

"The only thing that can keep our men out of office now would be court action."

It might seem prudent to some to

permit them to go on with their illegotten right to ruin the program we have won regardless of the written law or voices of the people as has been definitely stated by Neatos and his co-workers; but we must consider what we as an organization and as individuals stand for: "Justice" only, and if we do not demand this all along the line it would seem a weakening in our principles. It seems very hard to step aside at this time when financial boycotting is broken and we could secure relief from the bondage of the banking system and hasten the execution of our program, and even harder if we must submit to unfair advantages.

The fight has been very difficult on account of financial conditions but we have a wealth of determination, which, after all, is the thing that counts, as has been proven by the loyal workers in the western part of the state who rightfully may claim much credit for the defeat of the I. V. A. laws. We are undaunted by our partial defeat. It is simply convincing us that we are fighting openly our enemies, conscienceless, cowardly, monstrous demons in ambush and we must continue to fight, but harder. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

With kindest personal regards, we remain in the trenches.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Leonard.

### ERICKSON LOCATES BANK ROBBER

Has Man Suspected of Being Implicated in the Robbery of the Homestead State Bank Arrested in Sacramento, California.

### GOV. DIXON ASKS FOR EXTRADITION

Undersheriff Salisbury Leaves Tuesday for West to Bring Man East for Trial in January.

County Attorney Erickson located the man who he thinks is one of the gang of bank robbers who robbed the Homestead State Bank in September, last week in Sacramento, California, and for which crime, Arthur Davison has been arrested and held in jail for trial, and left last Friday morning for Helena to get extradition papers from Governor Dixon to the Governor of California, which papers were duly issued by Governor Dixon and Monday Attorney Erickson telegraphed to Sheriff Collins to send a deputy to assist him in bringing his man back. Undersheriff Rodney Salisbury left on the train Tuesday afternoon for Sacramento where he will join the County Attorney who left Helena over the Northern Pacific for the capitol of California immediately to bring the prisoner to Sheridan county for trial.

The officers are expected back with their man in a few days barring any unforeseen difficulties.

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### ALIENS NATURALIZED NOVEMBER 14

Before Hon. C. D. Borton, Judge Presiding, and G. W. Tyler, Examiner, of Seattle, Wash.

George Nielsen, Comertown.  
Ben Olsen Stenberg, Flaxville.  
Anders F. Kjerrungaaal, Archer.  
Klaas Meyer, Whitetail.  
Sigurd H. Birkeland, Antelope.  
Benjamin Davies, Coalridge.  
William A. Deem, Medicine Lake.

### WINTER GRABS US

According to the predictions of Prof. Flettie, the storm center of the fourteenth of November brought precipitation, but more than he looked for, it seems. Monday was a nice day, but it clouded toward evening as Venus influence gave way to Mercury, and clouds covered the sky, followed by a snow storm which was general all over the north Mississippi valley as far west as the Rocky Mountains. The snow crept up from the east and a great deal of snow fell in Minnesota and North Dakota. The weather was warm, but Tuesday the snow did come down all day in large flakes, leaving the country looking like a Christmas picture. Automobiles were stopped for a couple of days but the roads have since been broken out and cars are now going everywhere again. Wednesday and Thursday it was warm and thawed considerably, but Thursday night it turned cold, the temperature dropping well below zero and Friday morning broke very cold and clear. The ground is covered with about six inches of snow. All signs point to a stimulation of the coal and underwear and overshoe business.

### CHARITY BALL

Thanksgiving Night at Outlook for Benefit of the Community Hospital.

### DO A "GOOD DEED" BY ATTENDING

There will be a big Charity Ball at the Stivers Hall, Outlook, Thursday evening, Thanksgiving night, for the benefit of the Outlook General Hospital, which hospital is an enterprise owned by the community and which deserves the support of everyone. Do a good deed Thanksgiving Day by attending this ball. The tickets will be a dollar and there will be a basket social supper at midnight, which will also cost a dollar. The ladies are asked to bring a basket lunch for two. The baskets will be numbered by the committee and duplicate numbers sold in a sealed envelope for a dollar, the buyer locating the basket which he bought and eating supper with the owner thereof. There will be lots of fun. The Redstone Orchestra will furnish the music. Be one of those who will celebrate the holiday by doing a good deed in the way of helping the hospital and by that, helping the sick. Do your bit.

**WANTED TO RENT**—A good room with private family by young man. Inquire at this office.

### Cashier of the Defunct Sheridan County State Bank Arrested Wednesday Night on Charge of Publishing False Statements—Given 48 Hours to Get Bonds By Judge Olson.

### CHARGES FOLLOW THICK AND FOLLOW FASTER

### H. S. TEAM TO PLAY FIRST GAME

Plentywood High School Teams Play First Games of Season Saturday Evening—Dance After Games.

The High school boys and girls play their first basket ball game in the Community Hall, Saturday evening, November 19th, with the city teams. The girls will play the first game, beginning sharp at 8:00 and the boys play immediately after the finish of the girls' game. There will be a dance given immediately after the games. The "Novelty Four" will play for the dance. The receipts go to the High School Athletic Association.

In an interview with the News regarding the team and the outcome of the game, Coach Moe, states that the High School team has shown wonderful progress for the time that they have been out for practice and considering the fact that most of the players have played little basket ball and none last year and that if all prospects for the first team keep up in their grades as required by the state athletic rules, Plentywood stands a good show of climbing to the top of the ladder at the State conference.

In regard to the outcome of the game Saturday evening, Coach Moe states that the high school is quite certain to win over the city team; that the city team has some good individual players but lack practice enough to overcome the team-work of the high school team, but that the game will be interesting and that the public will see better playing than they expect and that with more practice Plentywood will defeat the teams in northeastern Montana. Moe refused to state who would occupy position on the first team, stating that only those up in their grades would play as regular first team men.

The girls are developing a good team and will make equally as good showing as the boys. They have been practicing hard and are out to win. They are facing a strong team in the city girls' team and the outcome is an uncertain quantity.

The high school is looking for a record-breaking crowd to start the ball a-rolling for the season.

### ARTHUR DAVIS ARRAIGNED FOR BANK ROBBERY

Pleads Not Guilty and is Bound Over the District Court for Trial—Sheriff Collins Asks District Court to Transfer Prisoners to Other Jail for Safe Keeping.

### PRISONER IS TAKEN TO THE JAIL AT GREAT FALLS

Arthur Davis, who has been held at the county jail for the past six weeks as a suspect for the robbery of the Homestead State Bank, was arraigned before Judge L. S. Olson, Tuesday, November 15th, in the morning on an information charging him with robbery by means of explosives of the Homestead State Bank a certain night in September.

Davis pleaded not guilty and in default of bonds was remanded to jail in the custody of the sheriff, to await trial at the next term of court which will occur in January.

### COLLINS ASKS REMOVAL OF PRISONER

Sheriff Collins, because of the fact that the county commissioners on a plea of economy, has reduced his force, taking away his night watchmen, immediately appeared before Judge Borton of Glasgow who has been holding a term of chamber court, and asked for an order to transfer the prisoner to some other jail for safe keeping, setting up that Davis is a desperate and active character and the jail here not of the best, and because of the fact that the county commissioners would not allow him a night watchman, that he did not think it would be safe to keep Davis in the jail at Plentywood. The Judge ordered, after advising with Sheriff Collins, the removal of the prisoner to Great Falls.

Undersheriff Rodney Salisbury and Jailer Corkery left with the prisoner for Great Falls Tuesday afternoon on the train where he was placed safely in jail to await trial.

Undersheriff Salisbury went on to the Pacific coast for another prisoner, and Jailer Corkery has returned home.

Henry Hendrickson of Antelope was a caller in this city Saturday.

Chester Beiseker, cashier of the defunct Sheridan County State Bank, which institution failed eleven months ago today, under very suspicious circumstances, and which banks has not yet been opened by T. L. Beiseker as agreed, in several signed agreements and who was arrested and was in the Sheridan county jail last summer about two weeks in default of bonds on several charges growing out of alleged irregularities in the conduct of that institution, and who was later released on bail pending trial in the district court on the charges preferred against him on informations filed, was again arrested Wednesday evening on further charges in connection with the management of the same bank by Sheriff Oscar Collins, on information signed by Martin Norager of the Outlook precinct, charging Chester Beiseker with "Publishing a False Statement of the Financial Conditions of the Sheridan County State Bank last December in the Plentywood Herald." The maximum penalty provided by law for a crime of this kind is five years in the penitentiary and the minimum two years in the penitentiary.

### ARRESTED AGAIN WEDNESDAY JUD MATKINS INVOLVED

Wednesday morning, Beiseker was again arrested on an information signed by Judge Olson's court, charging Beiseker with "Larceny of \$500 and Giving it to J. D. Matkins." Mr. Matkins is County Commissioner of Sheridan county. The penalty for a felony of this kind is as high as fourteen years in the penitentiary.

### SEED GRAIN RELIEF

The second grain grew out of the handling of the last seek grain relief proposition, when the county bonded in the spring of 1920 to furnish seed grain to those who were too poor to buy the same and did not have it. This seed grain bonding venture was a banker-inspired undertaking to get seed grain for clients whom they were unable to finance further, at the expense of the rest of the taxpayers. The people of the villages put the issue over the county voted it down. As soon as the bond were authorized, it is claimed that Rev Movius, then county treasurer, and Chester Beiseker, formed a seed grain dealing company under the name of Movius & Beiseker and bought up the seed grain and sold it to the county at fabulous prices, the company using the county money furnished by County Treasurer Movius for the purpose of financing the seed buying, and it seems that at divers times the firm paid Jud Matkins and Jake Timmons various sums from five hundred up to a thousand or fourteen hundred dollars on claims that are vague and uncertain, and the records are said to disclose that Jake Timmons made, on the same days, deposits in the same amount in the favor of his wife, Mrs. Timmons. The company is alleged to have made a tidy sum at the expense of the taxpayers, of which more will probably come to light later.

### FIND FLAW IN INFORMATION

Onstad & Greer, the local collection attorneys, who are handling affairs for Mr. Beiseker, appeared before Judge Olson and immediately moved for the dismissal of the information on the grounds that the information alleged the crime to have been committed in 1921, instead of 1920, being a clerical error. Judge Olson called up Attorney Vollum who at once appeared in court and asked for time to amend the complaint, whereupon Judge Olson turned the prisoner loose until the information was amended, allowing ten days to amend. This turns of events pleased Attorney Greer immensely, and he looked very wise, but the smile froze suddenly when Attorney Vollum pulled another document out of his pocket which he announced was another information.

### BEISEKER ARRESTED AGAIN

Mr. Beiseker sank into his chair and Mr. Greer protested that his client was being persecuted beyond endurance. Mr. Vollum announced that he would swear to the new complaint which contained about forty pages and looked ominous enough, indeed. Mr. Greer, stuttering, insisted that the oath should be properly put to Mr. Vollum, and that gentleman putting up his right hand, swore the most binding oath that opposing counsel could insist upon, and the information was filed and a warrant issued, charging Chester Beiseker with the crime of "Receiving on Deposit in the Sheridan County State Bank \$25,000 of County Money, when the Bank was Insolvent." The penalty,

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