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WARRANT DEMANDS \$200,000 FROM EX-WARDEN CONLEY

WARRANT GENERAL RANKIN HAS AMENDED COMPLAINT, ASKS GOVERNOR TO AID PROSECUTION - GREAT SUM ASKS ATTORNEY EMPLOYED BY PRIVATE CITIZENS.

April 5.—Former Warden Conley, of the Montana penitentiary, owes the state more than \$200,000, according to an amended complaint filed Thursday in the suit against him by Attorney General Rankin. This sum is the result of misappropriation of state property and indebtedness to the state as the result of business deals engaged in while in prison.

The original complaint filed several months ago, the state sought to recover from Conley only \$200,000. In the amended complaint a claim is made for \$200,382 actually, together with interest on the property valued at \$200,000, but which, it is said, will total \$200,000 more. The state also sought to recover \$200,000 more. The amended complaint filed several months ago, the state sought to recover from Conley only \$200,000. In the amended complaint a claim is made for \$200,382 actually, together with interest on the property valued at \$200,000, but which, it is said, will total \$200,000 more. The state also sought to recover \$200,000 more.

POPLAR PAYS POLITICAL DEBT; COUNTY FAIR IS THE PRICE

The county fair is about to be removed to Culbertson in payment of Poplar's debt to that town for their support in the county seat campaign two years ago, says the Bainville Tribune, if plans that are now under way do not go wrong. The Board of county commissioners, Wemrich and Patch, Leeson not having been taken in on the deal, is the agency through which the deal is being manipulated, according to the best of information obtainable at this time. Whether or not this will have anything to do with the county seat fight is problematical and only time itself can tell.

During the campaign of two years ago when Culbertson, who betrayed the people of the east end by repudiating their word of honor given over the signature of the president of the commercial club took their sudden flip for Poplar, reports were current that some deal had been made with that town and that their reward was to be the removal of the county fair to Culbertson. This theory has been borne out to the minutest detail during the past month or so and more especially at a late meeting of the board of county commissioners when the matter was brought up and that august body, who have the welfare of the county so well at heart, appointed Alva Jones and Bob McHugh of Culbertson, Frank McMahon of McCabe, C. A. Lund of Brockton and Chris Jensen of Poplar as a county fair committee to decide upon the removal of that institution and to name the place to which it should go. Of course there will be a hard fight on among the members of this committee to decide the momentous question and it may not be decided for some time.

So far as we know at this time nothing definite has been done aside from the committee making their report and asking that a board of appraisers be appointed and the matter will come up at the next meeting of the commissioners for their decision.

Just what the idea is for the removal of the county fair, if it is not to pay political debts and build up Poplar's chances for the permanent county seat, would be hard to say. Rumors have been rife ever since the last campaign that Poplar was to relinquish the fair to Culbertson in lieu of services rendered and about to be rendered and this last move seems to prove these contentions without a shadow of a doubt. In view of the fact that another campaign is looming up in the distance the payment was demanded at this time and the debt will doubtless be paid, the taxpayers of the county of course footing the bill, of course, as it should be, for what is a county fair or two between such inseparable friends as Poplar and Culbertson especially when the taxpayers pay the bills.

BIG VOTE AT SCHOOL ELECTION

N. L. Nelson Re-elected, Together With Chas. Christiansen, Who Will Succeed Fred Grawe on the School Board.

The school election last Saturday developed considerable interest. There were four names on the ticket as a choice, viz., Fred Grawe, C. S. Christiansen, A. S. Ziebarth and N. L. Nelson for school trustees with two to be elected. When the votes were counted, N. L. Nelson was high man and was elected to succeed himself. C. S. Christiansen was second man with one more than Fred Grawe and was declared elected to succeed the mayor.

Quite a fight was made on the proposed 15 mills additional levy for the general fund for the support of the school, but the levy was carried by a substantial majority, thus providing for a school levy of 36 mills for the Plentywood district.

HOMESEEKERS REDUCED RATES

The Great Northern Railway is sending out circulars to the effect that homeseekers rate will take effect from March and continue to November. This will be a fare and one-third, stopovers allowed twenty-one day limit.

The trial is to take place before Judge A. J. Horsky, of the Lewis and Clark county district court. The case is one in equity and will be tried without a jury.

NATION'S EDITORS GOING TO MISSOULA FROM JULY 19-22

St. Paul, April 5.—July 19 to 22 have been fixed as the dates for the annual convention of the National Editorial Association at Missoula, Mont., it was announced here Monday by H. C. Hotaling, secretary.

Special trains will leave Chicago, July 9, traveling via St. Paul, reaching Yellowstone national park in time for participation in the semi-centennial of the park's opening.

President Harding, according to Mr. Hotaling, has promised to attend the convention, if congress adjourns about July 1.

NOW IS THE TIME TO POISON GOPHERS

The Board of County Commissioners at the last regular meeting purchased a large supply of gopher poison and this will be available in about ten days. This poison is the Government formula, put up in liquid form so that all one has to do is mix the poison with the oats. This poison comes with all ingredients mixed with it, and is furnished in cans. One can is the exact amount required for six quarts of oats and should be sufficient to poison one quarter section of land.

The managers of the different farmers elevators throughout the county will help distribute in order that no one will have to come to the county seat to get this poison. The poison will be sold at actual cost to the farmers, can of poison to use for six quarts of oats for \$1.25. The farmer to furnish his own oats and in that way you need have no fear of getting foul seed introduced on the land.

From past experience in Sheridan county it has been proven that it pays to poison gophers and one gopher destroyed now will mean a great many less to contend with later on, likewise many bushels of grain saved. Every land owner whether he farms or not should poison his own lands, particularly should he do so in justice to the neighbor who does so.

All other counties throughout the State of Montana and North Dakota are making a big drive on gophers so let us fall in line. Every one do his or her share, have community gopher days and all get together and put the go in gopher. The county is doing its share, will you do yours.

GOV. SEED LOANS NOW AVAILABLE

All banks of Sheridan county have been supplied with the necessary blanks for seed loan application and likewise C. E. Peterson, the County Clerk of court, and they will assist any one wishing to make application.

O. E. Mason, field inspector for the department of agriculture in connection with seed loan work will be at the Plentywood hotel on Saturday, April 8th and 15th, when, anyone wishing any assistance or further information may call on him at that time.

The Government seed loan is now available and farmers will call at the local banks to fix up their application blanks. The method of making application and signing the crop lien and public voucher will be very similar to last year.

Object of Loan

Loans will be made to farmers for the purchase of seed only. The loan does not include feed. The loan will be made for the purchase of seed wheat, oats, barley and flax. The application will be accompanied by a promissory note and seed lien.

To Whom Made

The Government Seed Loan is for actual farmers, who have no other business. The loan is for farmers who had a crop failure last year and have no seed on hand and are unable in any other manner to finance the purchase of seed for the 1922 crop. No loans are to be made for any other purpose, or to any other class of farmers whatever than those mentioned in this paragraph. Crop failure will be considered as meaning a yield of less than five bushels per acre of wheat and the equivalent in other crops. Preference will be given to small farmers and to men using best farming methods.

Amount of Loan

The maximum loan to any one farmer or to one family will be three hundred dollars. The loan is made on the basis of \$1.50 per acre, although this amount will not be made when cost of seed per acre does not reach that figure.

Number of Loans

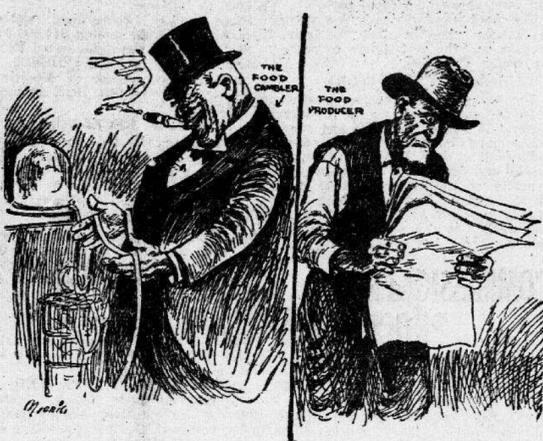
Due to the fact that Northeastern Montana had a fair crop last year and the demand in other sections is greater than last year and that there is only a million and a half dollars available for this loan, it will be necessary to keep to the absolute minimum and to confine loans only to those who fully meet the requirements. The seed loan act did not become a law until March 20th, 1922 when the bill was signed by the President of the United States. False statements in order to secure a loan is punishable by fines and imprisonment. Only bona fide farmers having no other business than farming may make loans.

No applications will be received after May 1st, 1922.

W. A. WHEELER WILL LECTURE APRIL 9TH

W. A. Wheeler, one of our best known and deep thinking farmers, announces that he will deliver a lecture at the Bon Ton Theatre, Sunday afternoon, April 9th, at 2 o'clock, taking for his subject, "Millions Now Living Will Never Die." Mr. Wheeler has given this matter a great deal of study during the past winter months and is prepared to present the facts as he sees them. There will be no collection taken and no cost to anyone, so there is no reason why Mr. Wheeler should not be greeted with a packed house. He extends to you a most cordial invitation to be present and hear his lecture.—Froid Tribune.

GAMBLING—PROFITABLE and UNPROFITABLE



No other industry except farming markets its products by futures, hedging, puts and calls and the other devices of our grain markets. President A. C. Townley urges that the government grain corporation be revived to stabilize wheat at cost of production and to abolish instead of regulate the grain market crimes. Think about this proposition. The more you thing the more you will see in it for the Northwest.

CITY ELECTION GENERATED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST

The city election promised Monday morning to be a very, very tame affair for Plentywood, where elections are the most popular indoor sport—winter, summer, fall or spring, but before the day was over it was again proven that things are not always as they seem.

There were only two aldermen to be elected and nobody seemed to care who were elected. Louis Hein had announced himself out of the race and a number of parties were boosting A. S. Ziebarth and a number were boosting M. S. Nelson for alderman in the second ward where the fight is always the most interesting because those for and against are the most evenly matched.

There had not been interest enough developed early to get anyone nominated so there were no names on the ticket and the names of the candidates had to be written in or pasted in by the sticker method. In the same ward there was manifested the same early lack of interest and no names appeared on the ticket.

By ten o'clock Monday, the news was out that Mr. Ziebarth had withdrawn, in the second ward in the favor of M. S. Nelson and that L. E. Hein had thrown his hat in the ring for re-election, and in the first ward, by several, found that he had competition in Len Rue who also backed in to succeed himself and Joe Kavon, thereupon Simmons dropped out and the fight was on in earnest. Soon posters were out supporting Joe Kavon for alderman in the first ward and L. E. Hein in the second, advising the electors how to vote when no names appeared on the ticket. The Nelson-Rue forces had Kramer, the painter, paint signs on the corners announcing the names of their candidates. In the afternoon several cars were out and there was a tall scrambling for votes. The polls closed at six and the judges got busy counting votes. 152 votes had been cast in the second ward and 79 in the first. The results in the different wards were as follows:

First Ward
Len Rue.....49 votes
Joe Kavon.....30 votes
Rue elected by 19 majority.

Second Ward
M. S. Nelson.....70 votes
L. E. Hein.....74 votes
Hein re-elected by 4 majority.

In the second ward 6 votes for Hein were not counted because no cross had been placed before the name which had either been written or pasted in, and 2 votes were not counted for Nelson for the same reason. This is appears that Hein was actually elected by 8 majority.

Interest in the results of election died out with the counting of the votes.

FORMER REDSTONE CITIZENS KILLED IN R. C. CUT AT BONNERS FERRY, IDAHO

Bonnors Ferry, Idaho, March 24.—Three men were killed in a rock slide in a railroad cut here yesterday afternoon during blasting operation in the cut.

The dead are Arthur States, William Clark and Dorvil Walters all of Bonners Ferry.

The men had placed a charge, which upon exploding failed to move the desired piece of rock. It was loosened, however, and when the men approached it, started a slide which crushed the three.

Former Redstone Citizens

Redstone, Montana, March 30th.—Telegrams were received here Tuesday by Emanuel States and B. J. Lossing announcing the death of Arthur States and Wm. Clark, who were both former residents of Redstone, having left here a few years ago to make their homes at Bonners Ferry. Arthur States was a cousin of Emanuel States, and a son-in-law of John Flair. The body was shipped to Crosby, N. D., where interment will be made. Mrs. Emanuel States and children and John Flair left for Crosby Wednesday over the Soo to be in attendance at the funeral services.

Mr. Clark who came to Redstone a number of years ago and homesteaded near here, is the father of Mrs. B. J. Lossing. The sympathy of the many friends of the two families in this vicinity is extended to them in their hour of sorrow.

WOLF POINT POSTMASTER SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS

Postmaster Hanson of Wolf Point, has been found short in his accounts which was revealed last week when an inspector checked up his office; just the exact amount is not known at this writing. Frank H. Smith, mayor of that city, has accepted the appointment of acting postmaster, and from this it is calculated that the Department contemplates the removal of Postmaster Hanson.

APRIL 14, FORD DAY IN PLENTYWOOD

Friday, April 14th, will be Ford day in Plentywood. It will be a day of instructive entertainment and fun. Everything will be free. You will be the guest of Henry Ford, who has a message to deliver to every one through the Montana Motor Company, his local representatives, which will be of great interest.

In keeping with a general plan to hold meetings on this day all over the country, the Ford day celebration will be held in Plentywood.

There will be a program consisting of lectures, moving pictures, and in the evening a big dance, to entertain the people who come to the county seat on that day. The speakers who are men of national prominence will lecture on farming methods and other subjects of vital interest to the farmers. The speakers are authorities on the subjects which they will handle. The pictures will deal with farming subjects and production at the Ford factories.

Everything Is Free

The ad announcing the great event will be found in another part of this paper.

Pete Anderson has returned from Minneapolis to his farm in the Outlook country.

BASEBALL MEETING HELD IN PLENTYWOOD

Quite a number of baseball enthusiasts met and discussed the organization of a base ball team for this season. The team will be under the management of Mr. Oscar Gullickson assisted by committee of five. The base ball park was leased from C. S. Nelson and the American Legion will make the necessary arrangements to put the baseball organization over. Only home boys will play and any one who is a ball player is eligible for the team. The team expects to be self supporting and no donations will be asked for from the business men and citizens only that he expects the best of support from the baseball fans of the city and community. Plentywood has a great deal of good material for baseball from near-by towns to young comers and an enthusiastic baseball season is looked for.

OKLA. GOVERNOR INDICTED IN BANK CRASH

BRIBE OF \$25,000 SPLIT CHARGE ON HIGH OFFICIALS

Okmulgee Financial Institutions' Failure Start Action on State Executive, Ex-Treasurer, Bankers and Business Men.

Okmulgee, Okla., April 5.—Governor J. B. A. Robertson of Oklahoma, submitted to arrest here Wednesday night on an indictment charging that he accepted a bribe to permit operation of the Guaranty State bank of Okmulgee while it was in an insolvent condition. The governor immediately gave bond of \$5000 for his appearance at trial.

The governor's indictment is a joint return naming Fred G. Dennis, former state banking commissioner, as the original recipient of the alleged bribe, a third of which, it is charged, was conveyed to Robertson in the form of an oil lease deal. Dennis is accused of accepting a \$25,000 check, conditioned on the deposit of \$150,000 of state funds in the Guaranty State bank of Okmulgee, then insolvent, a condition kept from public knowledge by Dennis, it is alleged.

For the alleged giving of the check John P. Cook, former president of the Guaranty bank, and John H. Rebold, former vice president, are also indicted.

THREE FORMER REDSTONE MEN KILLED WHEN ROCK SLIPS

Fifty-one warrants were delivered to Sheriff Frank Sowers by the district county clerk for the arrest of persons named in 23 indictments returned by the district court grand jury after an investigation into the failure of the Bank of Commerce here. A score or more prominent local men are understood to have been named in the bills in addition to the state and bank officials.

The indictment against the governor and Dennis charging that the money was paid to them with "felonious intent to influence the acts, decisions and judgment of them" after Dennis had conducted an examination of the bank affairs on same day and found the institution to be in an insolvent condition and that Rebold was liable to the bank for money borrowed in the sum of \$400,000.

Saved by Dying Man's Vote

The bribery charges against Rebold and Cook in a joint indictment, alleges that on September 27, 1920, the two men acting together, "did willfully, unlawfully, feloniously and corruptly" give \$25,000 in a cashiers' check to J. B. A. Robertson, governor of Oklahoma, and Fred G. Dennis, former state banking commissioner.

In a sensational report returned by the investigation committee of the house of the eighth Oklahoma legislature of March 31 of last year, the governor was charged with having accepted a bribe for misuse of his official powers in connection with alleged illegal transactions involving the Guaranty State bank of Okmulgee. His impeachment was recommended, but in a spectacular scene in which a democratic member of the house was brought to the chamber in an ambulance to vote, the body rejected the committee report, 42 to 42.

Put State Cash Into Failure

J. T. Perkins, of Oklahoma City, who left his sick bed to vote against the report, later died. The majority of the house were republicans and the governor and his friends at the time declared the attack on him was political. Thy executive denied in detail the accusations brought against him.

The report charging the governor with misuse of his official powers began with a report of an alleged transaction between the governor, Fred Dennis, then state banking commissioner, and John H. Rebold of Okmulgee, vice president and a large stockholder in the Guaranty State bank. In this connection the report declared that the Guaranty State bank of Okmulgee was nearing insolvency in the fall of 1920 and that Fred Dennis in an attempt to save the bank, deposited in it \$150,000 of state money. The same day John Rebold gave Dennis a check for \$25,000, of which Dennis later gave the governor one-third, according to the report. The money paid Dennis was said to have been for an oil lease sold by Dennis and the governor.

Oil Lease Held Subject of the report then asserted that the committee was of the opinion "that the lease sold by Dennis to Rebold was at that time, as both Dennis and Rebold knew, not worth one dollar an acre, and that the sale of this lease, if such sale was made, was a pretext to cover up a corrupt transaction in which Rebold paid \$25,000 and in which the governor participated to have his bank passed without criticism and to receive this additional \$150,000 of state money."

The report then recounted the fact that the bank's condition became so serious that it was consolidated with the Bank of Commerce, now defunct.

LOCAL MARKET

Wheat, No. 1 Dark Northern	\$1.30
Durum, amber	1.09
Durum	1.01
Flax	2.16
Eye	.71
Oats, Mpls. market	.38
Barley	.35
Potatoes, per bu	4.40
Eggs, cash	.15
Eggs, in trade	.20
Butter in Jars	.25
Butter, in prints	.30
Bran and Middlings at Plentywood mill, per 100 lbs.	1.00

COMMISSIONERS IN REGULAR SESSION

Retransfer Money Illegally Transferred from General Fund into Classification Fund Back Again, and Buy An Avery Tractor.

COMMISSIONER MATKINS NOT PRESENT

Appoint Deputy Surveyor in Office of County Surveyor Link and Transact Routine Business—Set Date for Special Session.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular monthly session Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and remain in session until Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Commissioners Tyler and Ibsen were present, and Commissioner Matkins being absent because of purported serious illness.

The most of the time of the general County Surveyor Link who was a constant attendant at the Board meetings this time as during the past several meetings, accompanied by tractor agents, persuading the commissioner of the necessity of buying a new tractor. At first Mr. Link wanted a Caterpillar tractor, but finally was reconciled to an Avery, and he finally won out and a new Avery tractor was purchased and the old one traded in as part payment on the new tractor.

The Board of County Commissioners also passed resolution transferring the seven thousand dollars which was illegally transferred out of the general fund into the Classification Fund for the accommodation of Mr. Lockwood, back into the general fund where it belongs, thus ratifying the action of County Treasurer Dan Olson taken about a month ago. The steps were taken upon the receipt of an opinion of Attorney General Rankin holding the former transfer entirely null and void.

Outside of the above the board transacted mostly routine business, an adjourned April 17th, as a date for a special meeting adjourned.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Walker, Axel, coal for court house	30.56
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Peterson, Dolly C., March salary, C. of Court's office	81.00
Horne, Fern, March salary, C. & R. office	90.00
Moe, Joseph, October salary, Treasurer's office	48.39
Montana Motor Co., transporting Chester Hawley from Raymond	6.00
Patterson, Mrs. Nellie, nurse for Hawley	115.00
State Publishing Co., index stays, Treasurer's office	3.00
Thompson, Nora, March salary, Treasurer's office	37.70
Lasater, Neil J., moving ashes from jail	3.50
Donaldson, O. M., livery superintendent	12.00
Collins, O. J., expenses to Mpls. for Gus Vahl	125.75
Umbreit, E. C., reg. births and deaths	7.25
Zeidler, L. G., paint for sheriff's and C. & R. office	28.00
Peterson, Ida, March salary, treasurer's office	52.20
Sells, Dr., expenses and mileage, county physician	127.50
Ankerman, V. W., repair work, court room	1.75
Sells, Dr., registering births	4.05
Bolster & Sons, paint and supplies for court house	12.55
Holland & Strand, supplies for court house and jail	39.34
Storkan, Dr. J. C., March salary health officer	100.00
Laybe F. B., transcript case of State vs. B. Stephens	33.00
Foster, Bert M., painting floor, sheriff's office	5.50
Braden, Isabel, March salary, county nurse	75.00
Dolin, J. F., Comms. proceedings	90.00
Dolin, J. F., supplies for Superintendent's & Health officer	18.25
Dolin, J. F., register of warrants and bonds	78.00
Dolin, J. F., stamped envelopes for District Court	4.25
Dolin, J. F., sheriff's fee book	63.00
Dolin, J. F., register of disbursements	105.00
Dolin, J. F., printing for sheriff and Supt.	31.50
Dolin, J. F., Assessment books	172.50
Dolin, J. F., assessment books	82.50
Dolin, J. F., probate register	42.50
Collins, O. J., mileage and telephone calls	43.00
M. S. Telephone Co., telephone service	95.60
Storkan, Dr. J. C., fumigation and quarantine	406.06
Underwood Typewriter Co., typewriter for C. & R.	85.00
Underwood Typewriter Co., typewriter for C. Attorney	34.50
Collins, O. J., board of prisoners	63.50
Plentywood Electric Co., lights 73.60	
Olson, D. J., petty cash	281.63

ROAD FUND

Tronson, M., truck repairs	56.00
Chandler, Marion, machine repairs	56.00
Helmer, A. L., machine repairs	96.00
Dionne, Frank, machine repairs	22.20
Zeider, L. G., machine repairs	180.00
Continental Oil Co., gasoline	14.51
Connelly Machinery Co., maintenance	

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