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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WIN OUT IN CASE STARTED BY J. H. BLOOM

BLAZE DESTROYS MOHALL STORE

Mohall, N. D., April 2.—Fire yesterday morning completely destroyed the store and stock of the A. M. Wisch Mercantile company, and badly burned the barber shop of B. F. Burbridge in an adjoining building.

A. M. Wisch places his loss at about \$3,000, while the damage to the barber shop is estimated at about \$500. The origin of the fire is unknown.

BANK BUILDING FOR CRAFTON

Crafton, N. D., April 2.—Workmen commenced Monday morning to tear down the buildings occupying the lot south of the O'Brien and Gray building. As soon as the lot is cleared the building north will be moved 25 feet south in order to vacate the corner lot on which the Scandinavian-American bank will build its new building.

OLD RAGS START FIRE

Minot, N. D., April 2.—Fire at the house of A. W. Johnson, 123 Third avenue north at 9 o'clock Tuesday did damage to the house and furniture to the extent of about \$100. The fire was started by spontaneous combustion in a bunch of old rags under a stairway. The Johnsons were up town at the time and the alarm was given by a roomer.

OLIVER W. HOLMES.

Member United States Supreme Court Who May Resign.



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JUDGE FISK PUNCTURES BUBBLE AND VANISHED INTO THIN AIR.

WHOLE PROCEEDING ORDERED DISMISSED BY WILLISTON JUDGE, WHO HEARD CASE.

Judge Frank Fisk of Williston, sitting for Judge Butts, in the case of John Bloom as relator in the mandamus proceedings against the board of county commissioners and the purchasing committee of this county, handed down his decision last Friday and the county won out on every point, and the whole proceeding was ordered dismissed by the Williston jurist with the usual privilege. This was a case conceived in the office of the Democrat Daily, born in iniquity and brought forth for the purpose of misleading the taxpayers of the county, and also to put our board of county commissioners and the purchasing committee in a bad light, and the only consolation the authors of the case have now is that "the decks are cleared for an appeal," but we doubt if any appeal will be taken, as the best attorneys of the county claim there is no hope of a reversal by a higher court, as there is no merit to the case.

Under the law the county auditor of each county is authorized to furnish the election supplies, and as this is one of his important duties he must exercise much care in seeing that these supplies are properly furnished, and delivered in time, or the election might be void. He is under bond to fulfill the duties of his office and in event that any mistake is made on his part he would be liable. The starter of the action was evidently afraid that the order for these supplies would not be placed with some printing concern which he was interested in and therefore proceeded to show the county board and the purchasing committee, that he was bigger than the county, and here is where he fell down. The taxpayers of the county can rest assured that our board of county commissioners are doing their duty and that the whole affair is only the rantings of one who can't get his nose in the trough, and the decision of Judge Fisk puts the brand of disapproval on such a proceeding.

DAKOTA FIRES ARE COSTLY

Grand Forks, N. D., April 2.—Fire insurance companies operating in No. Dakota returned slightly more than half the total premiums received on policies in 1913 to the insured in the form of losses. State Commissioner of Insurance W. C. Taylor in a preliminary report shows that premiums paid were \$2,735,892.50 of which \$1,468,787.30 was returned in losses.

The Y. M. C. A. basketball team played a game at the Deaf School Thursday afternoon. The game showed good team work on both sides. The final score was 42 to 13 in favor of the Y. M. C. A. team and even this the boys claim was not enough and that the score was not correctly kept.

We've Caught our Easter Rabbit!



SPURIOUS MONEY FLOATING AROUND

Minot, N. D., April 2.—Minot may be heavily loaded up with counterfeit dollars within a short time if what the authorities suspect, is true. Several counterfeit silver dollars have appeared within the last few days and are all of the same coinage, beautifully milled, stamped and made—but are worthless. One dollar is being traced by Chief Robinson today and some startling arrests may be made before night.

ATTORNEYS CLASH IN BRIBERY CASE

Grand Forks, N. D., April 2.—Something akin to pandemonium reigned at the hearing of Tracy Bangs and J. A. Mahon, bribery suspects today, when States Attorney B. O. Burness and George Bangs of the defense shouted bitter accusations against each other. The crowd, which thronged the room cheered wildly for one or the other of the opposing attorneys. The disturbance was not quelled until Justice McLoughlin, who was himself unable to gain control of the big

crowd, sent deputy sheriff to make arrests if the confusion continued.

OPPOSED TO GOPHERS.

Lansford, N. D., April 2.—Lansford township went on record Tuesday as being opposed to the festive gopher, as at a meeting of the town board a resolution was passed to buy one ounce of gopher poison for each quarter section of land in the township to be used by the land owners and renters in an effort to exterminate the pests.

Yesterday afternoon the Ladies Aid of St. Olaf's Lutheran church met with Mrs. R. C. Madsen on Sixth street. Mrs. Madsen was assisted by Mrs. O. Gilbertson. Refreshments were served and a most pleasant time was enjoyed.

OTTO CHIOSTRI CALLED BEYOND

After a brief illness from hemorrhages of the stomach, Otto Chiostri passed away in this city Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock and the funeral was held yesterday (Thursday) from St. Joseph's Catholic church in this city, and the remains were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery near the city.

Mr. Chiostri was well known in the city and over this part of the state as he had been in the hotel and restaurant business here for the past seven years. He was a man of unassuming disposition, and kind and generous to a fault, and to know him was to like him. He was ever ready to lend a helping hand to those in need, his pleasant disposition made him



OTTO CHIOSTRI.

many warm friends. His memory will be cherished by a long list of friends and acquaintances, whom he had lent a helping hand in times of distress.

He was a kind husband and father, and was thoroughly devoted to his family. Besides a sorrowing widow and two sons, Marlo and Otterino, a step mother and sister, Mrs. Eneas Pulmero, in Rome, Italy, and two brothers, Marlo of North Yakima, Wash., and Napoleon of Chicago survive him to mourn his death. His brother Napoleon and Mrs. Chiostri's brother and sister, Mr. Dennis Hayes and Mrs. K. Laughlin arrived here to attend the funeral.

The funeral was a large one and hundreds of sorrowing friends and neighbors followed the remains to the last resting place. In his death another home has been made desolate and a good citizen and business man has been removed from among us.

S. T. Conlin, formerly manager of the Stacy Lake Fruit Co., here, returned last night from Rochester, Minnesota, where he underwent a serious surgical operation for stomach trouble and appendicitis. He has since fully recovered and is looking well. Mr. Conlin leaves Saturday for Minot to take a position with the Minot Grocery Co.

CLOUDBURST HITS KANSAS

Coffeyville, Kan., April 2.—A near cloudburst and hailstorm swept this section during the night, doing heavy damage. An electrical storm also damaged the telephone and telegraph wire and communication with the outside world today was meagre. In Pittsburgh nearly an inch of rain fell in twenty minutes.

KRAFCHENKO IS MUCH WORRIED

Morden, Man., April 2.—After a day, during which he had many amused laughs at the utterances of crown witnesses, John Krafchenko, on trial here for his life, seemed to be sobered if not agitated, at the close of tonight's sitting.

The definite and serious statements of Bert Bell in the witness box having given a grave character to the day's proceedings.

Bell's story differed from that which he told at the preliminary hearing in several details. He told today of his having met Krafchenko first at the St. Regis hotel on November 14, of having been taken by Tom Collins to a room at the St. Regis where he was introduced to Krafchenko, who was then going under the name of Ryan and to Larsen.

At this meeting Bell said he was asked if he wanted to make \$500 and he replied that he did. Krafchenko had drawn a plan of the village of Plum Coulee and the party had discussed the scheme of robbing the bank there.

BIG PRICE FOR PORKERS

Fairdale, N. D., April 2.—Frank Vejtsa, who resides near Fairdale, marketed a hog in that place last week that weighed 680 pounds and for which he received \$48.50.

LOCAL BUSINESS PICKING UP

Reports from several of our local merchants go to show that as spring arrives business begins to pick up and a fairly good summer's business is looked for. All of the merchants of the city are well stocked up for the spring and summer business and shopping can be done here just about as well as in larger eastern cities.

FREDERICK FUNSTON.

Brigadier General in Command at Texas City, Tex.

