



## FAIRFAX BANKERS IN IT.

That is, they are here in Jail for Safe Keeping.

The Renville Sheriff Brought Them Hither Friday evening.

It was the Napoleons of Finance Retreating from Fairfax.

A Partial List of Those Who Lost Money by the Failure.

Under Habeas Corpus Proceedings Judge Webber Gave them a Hearing yesterday.

Latest developments in regard to the defunct bank of Fairfax do not serve to unravel the mysteries surrounding it; they do not lighten the clouds which hang ominously over many of the transactions which Messrs. Beard and Gray engaged in just before their assignment; nor do the latest facts serve to increase the list of assets. To the contrary, mystery increases, clouds are heavier and liabilities grow as time draws on.

Last Friday was the day set for the trial of the two officials and the village of Fairfax presented a scene of animation perhaps unequalled in the history of the town. Hundreds of farmers had come in from all directions to learn what was to be done with the two men whose names for the past two weeks have been almost constantly on every tongue. Nicolet, Brown and Renville counties were well represented in that throng which crowded, to almost suffocation, the large justice court-room, and which pushed, jostled and elbowed its way to catch a glimpse of two men who now stand in by no means an enviable light. Had Messrs. Beard and Gray done a praiseworthy act to call out such a gathering, the lustre of their names would not have been dimmed for many months to come. Had that crowd been gathered there last Friday afternoon to give honor, then the brightest page of history yet-to-be would prove a priceless heritage to the posterity of those two men.

But such was not the case. The men were there to answer to nine different charges. Only three of these were read, however, and upon the advice of their attorney they waived examination. Two of the charges were preferred by Geo. M. Brand & Bro., and their bail on these two was fixed at \$1,800 a piece. The other charge was brought against them by the Mulford Elevator Co., but this was beyond the jurisdiction of the justice and the prisoners were remanded to the Judge of the District court. The prisoner, have as their attorneys Judge Baldwin of Redwood Falls and Mr. Nunn of St. Paul. The state is represented by Attorney General Childs, County Attorney Miller of Beaver Falls, M. Madigan of Redwood Falls, and Attorney McClellan of Glenwood.

At 5 o'clock Friday afternoon a carriage stopped in front of the Wetter House and J. A. Beard and F. A. Gray were seen to enter. Sheriff Wichmann followed and with him the prisoner's attorneys. Before them lay twenty-two miles of drifted road before they could see New Ulm's lights, the snow beating in their faces at every turn, thus making it a most disagreeable journey. Behind them the lights of Fairfax shone faintly until the bottom road through West Newton was reached; then darkness kept them company. It was the Napoleons of Finance retreating from Fairfax.

Friday night the banker prisoners reached New Ulm and were placed for safe keeping in our moral cooler. Habeas corpus proceedings were instituted and yesterday morning they were brought before Judge Webber.

Their attorneys argued habeas corpus proceedings, asking why they should lie in jail. In reply to the question as to how they liked the jail in New Ulm. F. A. Gray said "the sheriff uses us all right it is as comfortable there as he can make it for us and we have no complaint to make." Both men are of good physique and naturally healthy yet each showed plainly the appearance of having passed several nights of sleeplessness since their commitment to the jail here. There is an absence of the spirit and bravado which characterized their appearance at the trial in Fairfax and it is evident they have worried some over their coal. Especially is this careworn appearance noticeable in Beard's appearance for his cheeks have lost every trace of color and are pallid. Gray is the exact opposite and his face is flushed with excitement. They have lost much of their indifference and are in a much more penitent mood of mind.

After considerable arguing on the part of the attorneys the prisoners were admitted to bail in the sum of \$2,000.00 a piece which was raised by Peter Orth, A. B. Pike, Mr. Crowley and others from Redwood Falls who went the prisoners' bonds. The bond has not yet been accepted and the prisoners are still in jail.

The case in question was that of the Mulford Elevator Company vs Beard and Gray on the charge of grand larceny of \$822.93. The attorneys for defendants argued to have the prisoners discharged immediately on the ground of alleged defects in the warrant—this Judge Webber refused. They then wanted the bail fixed at \$1000.00 each—this the Judge refused—considering so grave a charge as is against them he thought the amount was small enough. The Judge intimated that the charge was a serious one but was not supposed to know whether they are guilty or not. We consider the Judge's rulings remarkably fair in this by no means common affair.

### These were Caught.

The following is a partial list of those who are known to be among the creditors: Lammers & Altmann, endorsed note to bank, \$1,600; Bregel & Frank, draft returned unhonored, \$1,650; Geo. M. Brand & Bro., deposit, \$880; Conrad Maor, a Russian Jew, \$1,600; Mulford Elevator Company, wheat money, \$822.73; Paul Albrecht, deposit, \$500; Jack Cretty, deposit, \$304; Herman Shipley, \$200; County funds, \$1,700; A. V. Reicke, deposit, \$175; Frank Bregel, individual deposit, \$792; Wenzel Frank, individual deposit, \$150.80; A. G. Schreiner & Co., deposit, \$10.57; J. P. Mondloh, deposit, \$62.27; Miller & Hauser, \$389.52; Philip Kipp, deposit, \$44.90; Werring & Mauer, \$552.37; Charles Black, \$51.62; Lammers & Greer, \$636; Mary Palmer, 70; Ellen Donnelly, \$800; M. W. Welter, \$128; Julia Traynor, \$50; J. E. Smith, \$95.14; D. E. Roberts, \$500; Tilda Baker, \$200; Dr. Stoddard, \$1,000; H. L. Hinderman, \$19; J. C. Koelgen, \$113.36; Fairfax Brass Band, \$49; Fullerton Bottling works, \$180; German American Bank of St. Paul, \$5,000; Nelson, Tenney & Co., \$300; V. Drexler, \$22.

### Bank Notes.

The general bank books show neither loss nor gain to the bank.

Throughout the trial Friday, the prisoners both chewed vigorously at gum. Hon. O. B. Turrell was in town the day of the trial looking after his interest.

The story that their attorney couldn't see the prisoners is like the dynamite tale untrue from first to last.

The creditors petition that M. M. Madigan of Redwood Falls be appointed assignee instead of M. D. Brown.

The notes that are endorsed to the bank have not turned up and it is possible a double set of books was kept.

Correspondence is being kept up with an eastern capitalist and another bank will take the place of the broken one before long.

The people of Fairfax believe to a man that Beard and Gray have lined their pockets in good shape, for where else is the cash?

Every once in a while a draft comes back unhonored to some merchant and though the returns come in slowly, yet enough is known to insure the election of the depositors to the cold, cold outside.

The three indictments presented at the trial Friday charge grand larceny. Brand & Bro. had deposited several hundred dollars in the bank an hour or two before it went to pieces. If this is not a steal, what would you call it?

The story in the Globe about dynamite being used is untrue. The prisoners have not been molested, not insulted even, by the people of Fairfax. On the contrary the jail was clean and warm and their meals were taken at the Wetter House.

H. Werring, Chas. Lammers, J. P. Mondloh, C. F. Dahlmann, A. V. Riecke and other prominent citizens are the bank's bondsmen for county deposits, but there are so many of them that the loss to each through the failure will not be large.

On the same evening that the bank broke, the Cashier went into a hardware store when he owed a lumber bill of \$100. He said deduct 5 per cent and I will give your deposit credit for the amount. This was assented to by the merchant. The Cashier was very particular about getting a receipt in full which he got from the firm. The next morning the merchant went over to the bank to see how the deposit looks on

the books but the bank was closed tighter than a oyster. Now the question is, if that deposit is on the books of the merchant's credit what good is at a wrecked bank? But that receipt in full will do away with the merchant putting a builder's lien on the cashier's new house; so the ruse was pretty sharp.

If the Dynamite Plot and Russian Jew stories are believed by the people of the state, then Fairfax is a nest of dynamiters, anarchists, hobos, dagos and outlaws. If the correspondent who sent in these false reports is trying to create sympathy for Beard & Gray, then he is doing just what we think he is after. If he sent them in as being true, then he should stop short as a dispenser of truth and go to sawing wood. The people of Fairfax are indignant over the loss of their money and what town would not be? But they have attempted no violence and are willing to have justice in the matter, that's all.

### Why They Were Punished.

A glance at the calendars of Justices Blanchard and Nix for the past year shows that there have been tried seven cases of assault and battery, seven cases of drunkenness, three cases of abusive language, one case of jailbreaking, one case of petty larceny, two cases of bastardy and one case of house-breaking or rather window-breaking. It is doubtful if any other town can show such a light record of criminality.

### Caught a Horse Thief.

Sheriff Block of Nicollet county is making a record for himself for activity. Not long ago he did good work in suppressing an institution in Nicollet county that did not do the county any good and two weeks ago he cleaned out a gang of toughs who wanted to thrash a conductor on the Omaha road. Now he turns up with a supposed horse thief as his prize, the thief in this instance being one Mike Cohen who was said to have stolen a valuable animal from a farmer near Redwood. Cohen had his preliminary examination on Thursday and was dismissed.

### "Accordin' to Law."

The general court session came to a close Thursday afternoon, after three days of good hard labor.

The grand jury inspected the jail and found considerable fault with the present system of ventilation. In their report the commissioners were requested to make necessary changes.

The criminal case in which John Remiger was accused of assault was continued. The defendant would have settled had he been present, but was detained at home by contagious sickness.

The suit of Garbrecht against Rev. Albrecht was dismissed and that of Schlumpberger vs. Schroeder over a promissory note was decided by jury, a trifle contrary to the wishes of the plaintiff.

In the matter of appeal from justice court in the case of Drees vs. B. Bloemke, the court reversed the decision of the justice who had declared in favor of Drees. The case against Majewski was continued, while that of the Mabie Purchasing Co. against Jos. Fesemeyer was decided in favor of Fesemeyer. John J. Afoden was indicted for bastardy but was permitted to settle by permission of the county board.

## E. G. KOCH WILL BE CASHIER.

The Directors of the Brown County Bank Choose him as successor to Wm. Seiter.

An informal meeting of the directors of the Brown County Bank was held last Thursday evening and the recent bank change was naturally the chief topic of discussion. Several names were mentioned in connection with the cashiership, about to be vacated by Mr. Seiter, and it was finally decided to appoint Mr. E. G. Koch. A better selection, perhaps, could hardly have been made.

Mr. Koch is popular, well acquainted, a thorough business man and above all active. For these reasons the bank will find that it has secured the services of a well-equipped successor to the valuable gentlemen who retire, and the public in general will be glad to know that Koch is to be selected.

Mr. Seiter will step out the latter part of the month and enters at once upon his duties in the other institution.

Pfefferle & Fenske carry a superior line of lamp chimneys.

A. N. Faas is prepared to thaw out hydrants or other underground pipe without digging up. Leave orders at Union Hotel.

## NEWSPAPER DYNAMITE.

A Sample of What the Globe Can do in the Shape of Sensational Lying.

It Publishes a Story Which Makes of the Fairfax People Assassins and Bomb Throwers.

On Friday the daily papers all contained short items to the effect that the people of Fairfax had made an attempt to blow up the jail in which Bankers Beard and Gray were confined. The Globe enlarged on the story, described the shell which was never thrown, and even went so far as to accuse a Russian farmer of placing the bomb. Here is what the Globe said in substance:

The wrath of the Fairfax people over the action of Bankers Gray and Beard culminated Wednesday night, and although the Fairfax jail is reasonably safe, it has now been found necessary to remove the hated prisoners to some unknown place of absolute security. The cause of the removal was no less than an attempt to take the lives of the guilty bankers. The smash of the bank is the first of the kind in the neighborhood, and it has developed that one-third of the deposits were received after the officers knew the failure was inevitable. Some \$5,000 was deposited in two days before the suspension, and has entirely disappeared, the assets showing less than a third that sum. The victimized depositors would not rest quietly under their loss, but after the arrest of the officials it was supposed nothing further would be done. Wednesday evening a number of strange men were seen in the town, but passed without much notice. At 10 o'clock the jailer from his window saw a group of these men surveying the jail, but he was secure in the strength of the building, and after seeing the men depart he went to bed. The next morning at 5 o'clock he arose, and by chance saw two men running rapidly from the jail. An investigation followed, and he found a dynamite bomb lying on the sill of the window to the cell in which the bank officials are confined. It had a long fuse, which had been lighted, but evidently a part of the fuse had been wetted by the snow on the sill and the light went out before reaching the explosive. The cartridge was large and powerful enough to have blown the building to atoms. The bank officers have been secretly taken away to prevent further attempts of the kind. Apparently no effort has been made to locate the would-be assassins, and public sentiment is so strong against the defaulters that no one cares. The broken bank is in no way to make a settlement, as Assignee Brown has as yet been unable to find sureties to the extent of \$50,000.

### The County Expenditures.

From the cancellation of vouchers by the county commissioners last Thursday the total expenditures for various purposes from July 9th to December 31st foot up as follows: Revenue fund, \$6,556.45; poor fund, \$1,324.51; road and bridge fund, \$790.92; interest and sinking, \$454.14; private redemption, \$33.18; general town fund, \$1,081.12; school fund, \$21,536.15; court-house fund, \$1.92; total, \$31,778.39.

### Salaries and Bonds.

The county commissioners last week placed the county officials under bonds to the following amounts: F. Burg, \$100,000; L. B. Krook, \$8,000 as auditor; Nels Anderson, \$5,000 as sheriff; Fred Pfander, \$5,000 as register; E. P. Bertrand, \$1,000 as judge of probate; M. C. Robertson, \$1,000 as county attorney; J. C. Rothenburg \$500 as coroner; and Geo. Boock, \$500 as surveyor. Robertson's salary is placed at \$900 per annum and Steinhauser's, as superintendent of schools, is reduced from \$12 to \$11 for each district. The salaries of the other officers remain as heretofore. The official printer gives a bond of \$1,000 for publishing delinquent tax list and gets less than \$10 for the job.

### Andrew Prefers to Flow.

A. D. Stewart, the young Redwood county farmer, who was beaten by Senator Peterson two years ago for the state senatorship, and who even aspired for the People's Party congressional nomination last fall, has within the past week surprised his People's Party friends by declining the position of state lecturer, which was tendered to him by Donnelly. He will content himself for the present, he says, with his farm duties, in which decision, a great majority of people will consider him very sensible.

### For Bunning Blind Figs.

The grand jury at its session last week returned three indictments which were not made public at the time, for the reason that the accused parties were still at large. On Friday, however, Sheriff Anderson made prisoners of the indicted parties and they are now in jail, awaiting a hearing. Christian and Louis Jensen are the names of the parties, and the charge on which they are held is that of selling liquor without a license at Evan. One of the brothers is indicted on the double charge of selling both beer and whiskey while the other is supposed to have sold whiskey only. The evidence is said to be strong against them.

### Jail-breaker Set Free.

Some months ago, it will be remembered, John Mullin was placed in jail here under a charge of stealing in Redwood county. While confined here he attempted to gain freedom by cutting from one cell to another and then through the stone wall. He was discovered before his object was accomplished however, and as soon as the grand jury of Redwood county decided that he was not guilty of the crime for which he was accused, he was held under the new charge of jail-breaking. The Brown county grand jury considered the case and dismissed it, on the grounds that the prisoner was a consumptive and could not endure confinement.

### Goes to Stillwater.

The only man to receive a state's prison sentence at the late term of court, was Wm. Miller, the fellow who stole a roll of bills from a farmer on the streets of Springfield last fall. After being indicted by the grand jury for grand larceny he was brought into court and pleaded guilty. The Judge took into consideration the boldness of his crime and sentenced him to one year and four months at hard labor.

### Entitled to Full Citizenship.

Clerk of Court George was a busy man during the early days of last week for the reason that more people applied for citizen's papers at the last session of court than for many years past. The following is the list of those who paid the regular fee and were admitted to all the glories of fully naturalized citizens: Alex Harkin, John Vollmer, Oscar Anton Kratz, Michael Dummer, Chas. P. Stengle, Friedrich Valrath, J. H. Strasser, Francis Buysee, Henry Neumann, Carl Classen, Karl Schroeck, Frederick W. Nagel, Wilhelm Pfeiffer, Andrew Backer and Christian Backer.

### Came and Went.

The birth record of Health Officer Fritsche shows that in '92 there were born in New Ulm 70 females and 74 males or a total of 144. Of these there was one pair of twins, both boys.

The death record shows the effects of scarletina. As against 64 deaths in 1891, there were 79 in 1892, and of these 21 can easily be laid to scarletina. The statistics show that of the 79 who died, 51 were males and only 28 females. Six were over 80 years of age, four between 70 and 80, six between 60 and 70, nine between 50 and 60, and three between 40 and 50. Nineteen were less than one year old.

### County Affairs.

The board of county commissioners were in session last week and in organizing for work they elected Jesse Palmer chairman in place of E. G. Koch.

Among other things they awarded the county printing to the Sleepy Eye Herald, notwithstanding the New Ulm Post was represented with a lower bid.

The auditor was instructed to keep the courthouse insured for \$18,000 and the jail building for \$3,000.

A petition was presented by citizens of the town of Stark asking for a new bridge at Iberia but the matter was laid over to the July session upon motion of Commissioner Koch.

### That Mysterious Turtle

The New Ulm Review publishes the story of a farmer who was walking along Hummels Lake and discovered a turtle lying on a log which was as large as a washtub, and upon its back was cut the inscription F. S. 1814, giving evidence of its being 80 years old. The farmer should have captured the turtle and produced it before witnesses—this would have saved him the suspicion of being one of the biggest liars in the state.—St. Peter Tribune.

Take in mind the bigness of the job—big as a wash tub—and everytime it was touched it would hiss and dart out its head; its eye would flash fire; its tail

would lash the ground in fury; and the farmer would stand dumbfounded with the weirdness of those mystic letters. Little wonder then that he would so far forget himself as to allow this mystery of the lake to creep back into its native element, where the bull-rushes would hide it from public wonderment and its lesser kind would give it unlimited sway.

### Unkind and Impolite.

Regarding the failure of the college students to hold religious meetings in New Ulm owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever and the restrictions of the Board of Health, some narrow-minded correspondent of the Sleepy Eye Herald from Redwood says: "It is rumored that some parties in New Ulm upon hearing that some of the boys were to hold meetings in that city sent them word warning them to keep away. We hope this un-Godly disposition is not general or chronic. We are aware that there are some places that nothing short of an Indian massacre or cyclone will cause a revival of their spiritual natures. And sometimes we are almost tempted to cry out for a people who are afraid to hear God's truth as spoken by man. Lord give them another cyclone."

Setting aside the falsity of the above (for we have it from the college students themselves that there is not a word of truth in it) but setting aside its misrepresentations, we say, and considering only the spirit in which it is written, we cannot refrain from saying that it is simply unkind, impolite and uncharitable. The cyclone which struck us years ago did not come with a message of rebuke as the Redwood mar would have people believe, for it visited its destruction upon the believing and unbelieving alike, and for any sane man, with the gospel of Christian charity in his creed to pray for woe and misery upon his fellowmen, is narrow dogmatic and fiendish. There is a hellish disposition about such a man and we only regret that the doctrine which he has been taught to respect does not clear his judgment and make him master of his own temper. Ignorance alone manifests itself in malignant abuse. Strength has its foundation in kindness. Let us therefore be good-natured one towards another. Let us have respect for the liberty of belief and not throw at its door such crimes as an attempt to prohibit free speech.

## UNCLE SAM'S BUSINESS.

It Shows a Healthy Growth in New Ulm in 1892.

The postoffice officials of this city have just completed their annual report and it develops an increase of \$200 over the business of 1891. The receipts for stamps envelopes, and cards amounted to \$4,732.51 and from box rent to \$529.50. This makes a total from all sources of \$5,262.01.

The disbursements, including salaries and all other expenses of running the office, amount to \$2,095.77. A balance is therefore left of \$3,166.24, which represents the net income to the government.

The money order department reveals some interesting figures. For instance the receipts are as follows:

Cash on hand, Jan. 1st, 1892	\$ 268.89
Domestic orders issued, 2961	26412.94
Fees on same	235.35
Postal notes issued, 1418	2307.77
Fees on same	42.54
International orders issued, 258	2421.40
Fees on same	39.80
The office cashed during the year for money orders and postal notes in the following sums:	
Domestic orders, 913	\$11,137.10
Postal notes, 456	879.75
International orders, 38	1841.33
Money order commissions	139.07
Surplus, deposited at Mankato 17,000.00	
Balance on hand, Dec. 31st	129.44

There were 666 registered letters and parcels dispatched during the year and the number of special delivery letters was 94.

The local newspapers mailed 19,581 pounds of matter or nearly 10 tons.

Postmaster Schmidt and his assistant Herman Mueller have labored hard and incessantly to increase the business of the office in every way possible and their efforts are certainly worthy of credit and praise.

If you want Fine California Honey go to Pfefferle & Fenske.

LOST! On Monday between Hauenstein's brewery and town a large goat-skin robe. Leave at weaner's Livery stable and get reward.