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GRAIN BUYER PERSECUTED

Wabasso Man is Subjected to Annoyance by Neighbors.

Purse of \$100 Hung Up for Person to Thrash W. A. Anderson.

County Attorney Howard, of Redwood, Stops the Persecution.

Last week's issue of the Redwood Gazette contained a sensational article telling of the persecution of W. A. Anderson, a grain buyer, by his neighbors. It seems that a coterie of citizens of Wabasso set about systematically to make Anderson's life a burden, and they were succeeding admirably until the county attorney intervened. Editor Schmah's article was as follows:

"Things have been doing" out in Wabasso since the prosecution of the liquor dealers for keeping open on Sunday. The evidence leading up to the arrest of the dealers was furnished by a number of citizens of Wabasso, who were opposed to the open violation of the excise laws, and among the number was W. A. Anderson, agent for the Great Western Elevator Co., who appears to be a successful buyer for the company.

Since the imposition of the fines Wabasso has been torn into factions and the faction befriending the liquor interests, with the dealers as prominent leaders, have been making war upon the other faction, Mr. Anderson being used as a target for the whole proceedings. An intensely libelous petition or communication was drawn up and signed by a number of friends of the dealers, together with some of the dealers, asking the Great Western

Elevator Co. to remove Mr. Anderson. This petition applied various libelous epithets to the gentleman, and wound up by asking the company to remove "this thing" and substitute "a man" in his place. The company returned the petition to Mr. Anderson, expressing implicit confidence in him, and advising certain proceedings, with a result that a suit for libel or slander will be commenced against every signer of the petition, and inasmuch as the document is libelous per se there is only left to the jury to determine the amount of the damages.

But not satisfied with this, ball games have been arranged on Sunday afternoons, and these games were played near Mr. Anderson's house, so that the crowd could lean against the latter and when enthusiastic, stamp against the building or on the porch, and shout themselves hoarse. Mr. Anderson bore this ignominy with silence until June 14, when his infant child, feeble and sick, needed sleep. He asked the crowd to desist, and his request was followed by jeers and taunts, one of the number taking it upon himself to win an alleged purse of \$100 for any person who would thrash Mr. Anderson, and tell him that if he was looking for trouble he could have it there and then, following this up by walking toward Mr. Anderson. The latter refused trouble. The next morning he went to the livery to get a team to come to Redwood Falls to consult the county attorney. The attempted assailant of the day before, Macomber, told him he could get no team there, and then started for an attack. Mr. Anderson pulled a revolver and told him to stand back. Backing towards his place of business Mr. Anderson kept Macomber at a distance with the revolver drawn until he reached the latter safely.

This was "nuts" for Mr. Anderson's enemies. Complaint was made against him for assault, and for carrying weapons, with the view of having him put under bonds to keep the peace, throw away his means of protection, or bind him to the grand jury. One justice refused the warrant. Mr. Anderson came to Redwood Falls and communicated his acts, and other information to County Attorney Howard. The latter immediately notified the other justice at Wabasso that no warrant was to be issued, and that in case one was issued the county would not stand a single item of expense. A warrant was issued, however. Mr. Howard instructed Attorney Harriott to file an affidavit of prejudice, and ask for a change of venue. Another attorney at Wabasso advised the justice to pay no attention to Mr. Howard—that he had no right in the premises.

Seeing that it was the intention to hang Mr. Anderson "without benefit of clergy" Mr. Howard drove to Wabasso and immediately ordered all further proceedings dropped, under threat of arresting several people connected with the whole system of persecution. He went to the council and told the members it must stop, and they must insist upon it. To the mar-

shal he imparted information that he was largely to blame for the whole affair, and that he, too, must see that the persecution was stopped. Further, Sunday ball playing would have to stop near Mr. Anderson's premises, and he must be allowed to go unmolested. Still further, Macomber was obliged to give \$500 bonds to keep the peace for a period of six months, and if another threat was made the time would be continued with effective action from another source. Still more, Mr. Howard required those who had commenced the trouble to pay the costs of bonding Macomber, including witness fees of Mr. Anderson and wife.

The Northwestern agent at Wabasso was ordered to desist under threat of being reported to the company, and he came to his senses very suddenly.

When Mr. Howard brought the persecutors to their senses the attorney for them notified him that he had lost many votes by his proper discharge of his duties. Mr. Howard told the attorney that he only got six votes in Wabasso the last time he ran and he guessed he would get more the next. At any rate he proposed to do his duty, no matter whether he received a single vote.

WANTS A YEAR'S REST Rev. S. G. Updyke Will Not Apply For Re-Election.

At a meeting of the members of the church, held after the morning service Sunday, the advisory committee notified the members that Rev. S. G. Updyke, pastor of the Congregational church, would no task for re-election to his position. The committee supplemented its statement with the announcement that steps should be taken at once to secure a minister as Mr. Updyke desired to be released upon the expiration of his contract on September 1st.

In apprising the committee of his intentions, Mr. Updyke dated his communication June 11th, the thirty-second anniversary of his ordination. He informed them that the poor state of his health compelled the step and stated that it was his wish to retire from the ministry for a year's time, in which he will rest and recuperate.

Mr. Updyke is just closing the third year of his New Ulm pastorate and the announcement that he will so soon leave the city is received with regret, both within and without church circles. A brilliant and magnetic orator, a deep thinker and withal a pure-minded Christian gentleman, Mr. Updyke's sermons have ever been of a character uplifting and the good they have accomplished cannot be measured. In conducting the affairs of his church he has done so wisely and advantageously; his relations with his congregation have been most cordial and in the parting they fully realize that it will indeed be difficult to find a man who will fill the place that he is vacating. His active participation in the affairs of New Ulm Masonry has also endeared him to members of that order and they will be loth to lose his agreeable companionship and his friendly counsel.

VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF

Boy Given \$300 Damages For Injury to An Eye.

Mrs. Louisa Gasink Successful in Suit Against City.

August Steinke Sentenced to Pay Fine of Fifty Dollars.

A verdict favorable to the plaintiff was rendered Saturday afternoon in the case of Carl Zander, plaintiff, vs. Louis Lehne, defendant. Zander brought suit against Lehne to recover \$5,000 damages for injuries which he claimed Lehne inflicted upon his 10-year-old son, Carl.

The facts of the case, as brought out at the trial, were that the Zander boy with several companions was fishing upon Lehne's premises. They had built a fire and this led to their discovery by the owner of the property. He dashed down upon them on horseback but the older boys saw him coming in time to make their escape. Carl Zander was the smallest of the crowd and before he could get away Lehne laid a whip, which plaintiff claimed was of the "blacksnake" variety, upon him, the end of the lash entering his eye.

Defendant asserted that the only whip carried by him was a small riding whip and denied striking the boy, but expert testimony was introduced to show that the optic had been injured and the jury though it would be worth about \$300.

One thousand dollars was awarded to Mrs. Louisa Gasink by the jurors who considered the evidence in her personal injury suit against the City of New Ulm. They were out from 6 o'clock Thursday evening until 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, but then brought in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

The case of Mrs. Gasink against the city was the most important on the docket for this term of court. In her complaint the plaintiff alleged that upon March 27th, 1902, she fell upon a defective sidewalk near the Scherer's lumber yard. The following November she filed her suit in the district court, naming Mrs. Amalia Scherer as one of the defendants. At the January term the question arose as to whether Mrs. Scherer was liable as a matter of law. The court decided that the city alone was liable and the case was allowed to go over until the June term.

Last Wednesday it went to trial. At the opening City Attorney Eckstein announced that Attorney Albert Pfaender would assist in the defense, while Hoidale & Somsen appeared for the plaintiff. Evidence for plaintiff was intended to show that the city was negligent, inasmuch as it had failed to keep the walk in repair and she asked damages in the sum of \$5,139. The case occupied two full days and just after 6 o'clock the jurors retired for their 20-hour session.

While the outcome is a great legal victory for Attorney Hoidale it is difficult to see by what deduction the jury fixed upon \$1,000. The general impression seems to be that she was entitled to the full amount or nothing and in this the Review concurs. However, as it is understood that nine of the jurors were in favor of a sum in excess of \$3,000, it would appear that the municipality has escaped luckily.

After the return of the verdict City Attorney Eckstein was granted a stay of proceedings for forty days and announces his intention of appealing the case to the supreme court.

August Steinke, the man who created a furore in Sleepy Eye last spring by discharging a small revolver at his wife and wounding her in the arm, was led into court Saturday morning and allowed to plead guilty to the charge of assault in the second degree. After he had pleaded the court imposed a fine of \$50, which he paid and was discharged.

Geo. Potter was successful in his suit against the town of Burnstown. The jury returned a verdict setting aside the order of the supervisors laying out a road across his property. In the matter of the adoption of Hilma Engeline, the petition of Martin Torgrimson and Kari Torgrimson was granted and Judge Webber reversed the judgment of the justice court in the case of K. E. Mo, plaintiff and respondent, vs. Agnes J. Lambert, defendant, and Board of Education, Independent School District, No. 64, garnishee and appellant. The case of Sleeper & Eddington vs. Peter Christensen has been continued by mutual consent.

The case of Jacob Schmidt against John Schmidt, a controversy over 80 acres of land in Cottonwood, was on trial from Saturday until Monday, the jury finally bringing in a verdict in favor of the defendant, John Schmidt. The same afternoon Anton E. Schenk was given \$157.50 damages against Henry Essig and E. D. Helden for wheat which the defendants took from him on an alleged mechanics' lien.

No. 10 on the calendar, the A. G. Whitney Land & Loan Co., plaintiff, vs. Julius Strauch, defendant, was settled out of court and the case of Mary Schiller vs. Joseph Schiller and Wenzel Schiller was set for trial in vacation. Some time today or tomorrow the criminal action against John Kunz will be taken up and it is expected that court will continue for the remainder of the week.

Consolidated Shows.

Nearly everyone living in this community will doubtless want to visit Mankato on Thursday, July 9th, when the Adam Forepaugh and Sells Brothers' Great Consolidated Shows, comprising double circus, double menageries, double museums, double hippodromes, will appear there. The menageries contain the greatest number of rare wild beasts ever seen in one collection. In the circus there are 300 star performers, and in ad-

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