

SWINDLING GAME EXPOSED

Minneapolis Police Nab a Vesta Promoter.

He Was to Establish Big Co-Operative Store.

Offered to Let Country Boys in On the Deal.

Letters that many Brown county young men have received of late prove to be a part of one of the most gigantic swindles ever attempted in the state. The scheme was exposed in Minneapolis Friday night by Chief of Police Conroy when a number of his detectives corralled a gathering of about twenty persons in the basement of the Golden West hotel. They had gathered there at the instigation of M. L. Lewis of Vesta, Minn., who proposed the organization of a co-operative mail-order department store.

Lewis had previously written to 150 of the country youth of Minnesota offering positions in his proposed store, which was to be located somewhere between Minneapolis and St. Paul. He offered a salary of \$50 per month to all those who would accept a clerkship, and many a young countryman who saw visions of progress and prosperity in the building up of a large department store were there with their \$10, the only requisite to become an employe, partner and shareholder in the rosetate scheme.

Chief Conroy got notice of the movement through a letter showed him. The letter was one of many sent broadcast through the state offering the one to whom it was addressed a position at \$50 a month and asking that he be at Minneapolis on Sept 2 and meet the writer at the Golden West hotel.

The letter further stated that it would be possible to get on the inside of the proposition by buying \$10 worth of stock.

Chief Conroy sent one of his deputies in the guise of an applicant to a meeting of the would-be merchants and it was there learned that the organization of the concern would take place at a meeting to be held Friday evening.

Several detectives were waiting in the vicinity of the hotel at the appointed hour, but were instructed to give Lewis sufficient time to make some movement which would furnish evidence which would convict him of a swindle. The detectives, however, closed in on the meeting a little too soon to secure evidence of a criminal nature. Lewis with a confederate, E. S. Cross of Vesta, were taken to police headquarters and "sweated" for several hours by Chief Conroy.

After sifting the matter to the bottom, the chief decided that nothing had yet transpired which would incriminate Lewis and after instructing him that if another such a move was attempted in this city it would go hard with him, released him and his companion.

It developed in the "sweating" that Cross himself was not fully aware of the magnitude of the attempted swindle, as he simply appeared in answer to a summons from Lewis. He appeared with a huge revolver, however, and decided that no attempt to force his money from him should be made.

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And. J. Eckstein,
PHARMACIST.

MANKATO GETS OLCOTT

Clever Comedian Will Present "A Romance of Athlone."

Manager Griebel of the Mankato theatre informs us that he has secured Chauncey Olcott, the star of all comedians for the entertainment of theatre goers, on Monday evening, Sept. 19th. He appears in a magnificent revival of one of his most popular successes, "A Romance of Athlone." The production and arrangement this season is entirely new and lovers of the best there is in comedy will take advantage of this opportunity to hear the song, "My Wild Irish Rose" by the man who made it famous.

It is unnecessary to go into detail about the play or its merits. Chauncey Olcott is a household word in this country and his songs have been sung by everyone who has any soul for music. It will be a pleasure to hear Mr. Olcott sing them. Seats will be on sale in Mankato on Sept. 17th.

Real Estate Transfers.

Albert Held to Jacob Pfenniger, L 1, and S 1/2 of L 2, B 145, N New Ulm \$2,300

John F. Remmele to Gustav L. Meine, L 10, 11 and 12, B 4, Remmele's 2nd add, Sleepy Eye, \$1.

Fredrich Buns to Heirs of Geo. Rautzke, 80 acres, S 14, T 109, R 34, \$4,200.

A. C. Peterson to Thos. Peterson, L 13 and 14, B 3, Cobden, \$1,600.

W. C. Schrader to John Reinhart, L 6, B 3, Searles, \$1,000.



Where the Pickles Are Stored Before Shipment.

HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

Bolt of Lightning Rendered Woman Unconscious.

Struck down by lightning and partially paralyzed from the effects of the shock, Mrs. John Klinkhammer of Sigel township, all but lost her life in the electrical storm of last Wednesday morning. For an instant she stood upon the very brink of the chasm of death and her escape was a miraculous one. She was in a barn when it was set afire by lightning and although she escaped with her life the building was entirely destroyed.

Between 7 and 8 o'clock Wednesday morning Mrs. Klinkhammer went out into the yard and caught some horses, taking them into the barn. No sooner had she stepped inside the building than it was struck by lightning and she dropped to the floor unconscious. When her senses returned she found that her left arm and limb were slightly paralyzed from the effects of the shock but this gradually disappeared and she was soon entirely recovered.

When the bolt struck the building it took fire and was entirely consumed. Its contents consisted of sixty bushels of oats, a large quantity of hay and a number of chickens and the owner estimates his loss at \$1,000. He carried a policy for \$600 in the Stark Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company.

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Play to Small House.

The opening piece for the season at the opera house was the well known comedy, "Two Merry Tramps." It was brim full of humor and was in every respect a very meritorious production. It is a play that should take well wherever it is given. Rain in the early evening was some excuse for the small number that was present, but the show is deserving of better patronage.

Manager Henle of the opera house has arranged for a good line of entertainments for his house this season and will attempt to build up the reputation of the place for good, wholesome plays, and if those which are to follow are as good as "Two Merry Tramps" he can be assured of success.

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PICKING MANY CUCUMBERS

Force of Men and Boys at Work on Crone Farm.

One Hundred Bushels Per Acre is About the Yield.

Owners Will Ship Pickles to Factories in Iowa.

Hundreds of bushels of cucumbers that are now being picked on the Crone farm north of the city will soon be shipped out as pickles to factories in various parts of Iowa and the east. The industry is an interesting one and is of considerable importance to New Ulm. For a month or more in the fall it gives employment to forty or fifty men, women and boys and then the fields present a very busy scene, indeed.

Cucumber culture has been reduced to a science by the local men and this year they have about seventy acres devoted to it. In a good season, when the soil and weather conditions are favorable, the cucumbers will yield from 150 to 250 bushels to the acre, but for three years past there has been a scarcity, as the present high price of pickles demonstrates. To grow cucumbers properly corn weather is needed and the cold nights this summer have had the effect of cutting the crop down to 100 bushels.

From the first its growth was retarded and not until August 12th were

the pickers able to go to work. Since that date, however, they have been employed steadily and if frost holds off for a fortnight longer the owners will do as well as in the average season. This year a new plan was followed in gathering the cucumbers. Heretofore pickers have been employed and allowed to work at will through the patch but this fall the field was divided into sections. Persons assigned to these divisions are expected to pick them clean, being allowed to hire as many assistants as needed, and the new system has brought far better results.

In preparing the pickles for the market they are put into salt as soon as they are brought in from the field and most of them are shipped to the factories and wholesale dealers without any further preparation. Several years ago, before the vinegar factory was closed, pickles of every description were made in New Ulm but now the building is used for storage purposes only and the pickles go forward in practically the raw state. Every year from 500 to 600 casks of dill pickles and several carloads of sweet pickles are shipped out, but for the most part the factories send in orders for the "salts" and then preserve them to meet the requirements of their own trade.

As there is an element of uncertainty about the length of the season, there is no way of judging what the entire yield will be. When the first hard frost comes it puts a quietus on the cucumber industry but until that time matters will be rushed.

Campaigning for Funds.

Adjutant Thorkmorton and Capt. Moyer, officers of the Salvation Army will be in this city with a stereopticon lecture on Saturday evening and will hold forth at the Congregational church. In connection with the lecture they will have some vocal music. The object of their visit to the city is to secure funds for the purpose of furnishing the old city hall in Minneapolis, that the city has given them for the purpose for which their organization stands. It is to be made a home for poor men and the furnishing of it will entail an expenditure of more than \$5,000. It is one of the best causes for which you can give charity. The admission to the entertainment has been fixed at 15 and 25 cents.

IMPURE DRINKING WATER

is always a source of danger; dysentery and bowel troubles follow its use, every person should have handy a bottle of Painkiller (Perry Davis'), which will quickly cure these distressing ailments. Be careful and see that the storekeeper does not pawn off some worthless substitute upon you as is sometimes done for the sale of a few cents extra profit. Large bottles 25 and 50 cents.

ROAD WANTED IN HOME

People Petition Town Board of Supervisors.

Residents of Home township, north of Golden Gate, want that territory opened up by a new road and have petitioned the supervisors for the new highway.

The new road starts from the north and south road at a point near the Meier schoolhouse and runs east and southeast to the next north and south road east. This course was at one time traveled by the public but was never opened up as a road. It traverses the land of Fred Meier, Wm. Dey, Francis Kennedy. The petitioners are Francis Kennedy, A. C. Von Hagen, Cal Smith, J. P. Current, A. Schultz, Mark Drake, P. Christensen, Jesse Palmer.

The new road, aside from being of great convenience to people of that district in their ordinary business travel, will make the work of plating the county for rural mail delivery much easier. Congressman McCleary is now working to secure a county delivery system for Brown county and it is probable that the system will be established soon, for the congressman generally gets what he wants for his district.—Sleepy Eye Dispatch.

Bankrupt Sale of Real Estate

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA.

Second Division.

In the matter of Henry Essig and John Essig, individually and as co-partners as Essig Brothers, Bankrupts.

Upon reading and filing the petition of the trustee herein praying for an order to sell the real estate hereinafter described and the facts therein stated appearing to my satisfaction to be true and that such petition should be granted.

It is ordered, That the trustee of said estate be and he is hereby authorized and directed to offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash subject to the mortgages hereinafter specified the real estate hereinafter described, said sale to be held on the 26th day of September, A. D. 1904, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the front door of the Courthouse at New Ulm, Brown County, Minnesota, and to be adjourned from day to day until completed. Ten per cent of the amount thereof must accompany each bid as a guaranty of good faith either in cash or certified check and the deposits so made shall be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Said property shall be sold either in bulk or in parcels as to the trustee may seem most expedient at the time of sale.

The real estate to be sold is all situated in the County of Brown and State of Minnesota, and described as follows, to-wit:

I. The East half of the Northeast quarter of section eight (8) township one hundred and (110) range thirty-one (31) subject to \$3200.00, with interest at 8 per cent. from April 18th, 1904, date of foreclosure.

II. The East half of the West half of the Southeast quarter of section five (5) township one hundred and ten (110) range thirty-one (31) subject to \$874.45, with interest at 8 per cent. from April 18th, 1904, date of foreclosure sale.

III. Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northwest quarter of section five (5) township one hundred and ten (110) range thirty-one (31) West, thence northerly 21 chains and 38 links, thence North 39 chains and 28 links, thence east 21 chains and 38 links, thence South 39 chains and 28 links to place of beginning, containing 85 1/2 acres, subject to \$1600.00 with interest at 7 per cent from May 12th, 1904, date of foreclosure sale.

IV. The south half of the Southwest quarter of section five (5) township one hundred and ten (110) North of range thirty-one (31) West, excepting therefrom 5 1/2 acres which was heretofore sold by Anton Oesterle to Anton Henle, leaving 74 1/2 acres, subject to \$700.00 with interest at 7 per cent from May 12th, 1904, date of foreclosure sale.

V. The west half of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of section five (5) township one hundred and ten (110) range thirty-one (31) West, containing 20 acres, subject to \$326.47 with interest at 7 per cent from May 12th, 1904, date of foreclosure sale.

VI. The Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of section five (5) township one hundred and ten (110) range thirty-one (31) West, the East half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of section five (5) township one hundred and ten (110) range thirty-one (31).

VII. The Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter and the North fourteen acres of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of said section five (5) township one hundred and ten (110) range thirty-one (31), described as follows, commencing at a point fifty-two rods North of the Southwest corner of the Northeast quarter of said section five (5), thence East eighty rods to the North and South forty line of said northeast quarter of said section five (5) thence North along said forty line to the North line of said section five (5), thence west along said North line of said section five (5) eighty rods to the North and South quarter line of said section five (5) thence South along said North and South quarter line to place of beginning, containing 64 acres, more or less.

VIII. Commencing at a point 9 chains and 54 links East of the section corner of section 31, 32, 5 and 6, township one hundred and eleven (111) North, of range thirty-one (31) West, thence running north 41 chains and 50 links; thence North 71 and 3/4 degrees, West 2 chains and 34 1/2 links; thence south 45 chains and 20 links; thence East 2 chains and 24 links, to the point of beginning, containing ten acres.

IX. Commencing at a point 11 chains and 78 links East of the Southwest corner of section thirty-two (32) township one hundred and eleven (111) range thirty-one (31) thence North 28 chains and 75 links; thence East 3 chains and 48 links; thence South 28 chains and 75 links; thence West 3 chains and 48 links to the point of beginning, containing ten acres.

X. Commencing 11 chains and 78 links East of the section corner of sections 31 and 32, township one hundred and eleven (111) North and sections 5 and 6, township one hundred and ten (110) all of range thirty-one (31), thence running East 2 chains and 22 links; thence North 45 chains and 22 links; thence West 2 chains and 22 links; thence South 45 chains and 20 links to the point of beginning containing ten acres.

Let this notice be served by mailing a copy thereof to each creditor whose name appears upon the schedules filed herein, at least fifteen days before the day fixed for the sale and by publishing this order, at least, twice in a newspaper published in the city of New Ulm, Minnesota.

The matter of the confirmation of the above sale will come on for hearing before me at my office in the city of Mankato, Minnesota, on the 28th day of September, 1904, at ten o'clock A. M., and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all bids and refuse confirmation.

Dated this 24th day of August, 1904.
JEAN A. FLITTE,
Referee in Bankruptcy.
A. E. CLARK,
Attorney for Trustee, Mankato, Minn.

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