

## GRAND JURY COMPLETES LABORS

### Sworn Judgments Found. Four Civil Jury Cases Tried in All

The grand jury sprang quite a surprise to the community when they shortly before Court adjourned Thursday afternoon, returned a true bill against Hans Mo of Sleepy Eye charging him with grand larceny in the first degree as accessory after the fact on account of the defalcations of Rollin M. West, as Cashier of the State Bank of Cobden, and also with suppressing evidence. Mr. Mo was released from custody the same evening, after furnishing a recognizance in the sum of \$1000.00, the amount of bail fixed by the Court.

Three indictments were returned against Rollin M. West. In one he is charged with embezzling \$12,271.04 of the funds of the State Bank of Cobden; in another count with misappropriating \$1,527 of the bank's money. In the third indictment he is charged with embezzling \$687.64 of the funds of the village of Cobden, he having been Treasurer at that time.

In addition to the foregoing indictments, one was returned against Jacob Hirschbeck of Sleepy Eye for assault in the 3rd degree and one against Adolph Krebs of Brookville, charging him with assault in the 2nd degree. All of the defendants after arraignment, plead not guilty. Saturday Hirschbeck changed his plea of "not guilty" to "guilty" and was sentenced to thirty days in the County Jail, where he has already languished for the past three months. Unless they change their plea, the others will be tried this week, the trial of West having been set for Wednesday. It is barely possible that the cases against Hans Mo will not be reached this week and if so, the chances are that both of them will be continued till next term. The grand jury completed their labors and were discharged Friday afternoon.

The first civil case set for jury trial was that of Barbara Kaufenberg vs. Peter Wall. This case was tried at the last term of the District Court and decided in favor of the defendant, but upon motion a new trial was granted. The case went to the jury late Thursday afternoon and they wrestled with it all night and practically the entire forenoon of the following day, a total of 19 hours. Shortly before noon on Friday, a verdict was again returned in favor of the defendant, "no cause of action".

The next case for jury trial was that of Lena Engel vs. John Raschka. This was a slander suit and occupied the attention of the Court till Saturday morning, when the case went to the jury. At 1:30 p. m. the jury agreed returning a verdict in favor of the plaintiff and assessing her damages in the sum of \$200.

The case of Fred Battig vs. Simon Steffel was next taken up. This was a case where a minor had purchased a horse at an auction and afterwards rescinded the sale and contract and offered to return the horse. After the evidence was all in, the Court, upon

motion of Plaintiff's attorney, instructed the jury to return a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, assessing his damages in the sum of \$169.

Monday morning the last of the civil jury cases was taken up. It was that of Adeline Lipp vs. Herman C. Jenke and was a breach of promise suit. The case went to the jury shortly before noon yesterday who about four o'clock in the afternoon returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$550. As we go to press the Court and jury are engaged in the trial of Adolph Krebs, indicted for assault.

The case of the State of Minnesota vs. Alex Flor was settled by the defendant paying the complaining witness the sum of \$600, and the case of the State of Minnesota vs. Andrew Wolf was settled by the defendant marrying the complaining witness.

At this term of Court Jos. A. Eckstein recovered a judgment against Wenzel Lampl for \$208.77, for attorney's fees and costs in defending Lampl at the last term of Court for grand larceny in the first degree, which he refused to pay. Lampl was cleared on the trial, although his companion was convicted and sent to State's Prison.

Citizens' papers were granted to the following applicants: August Zetlow, Ferdinand Marks, Ernst Puhlmann, John Baumann, Carl Abraham, Jens Peter Madsen and Ole Sorenson.

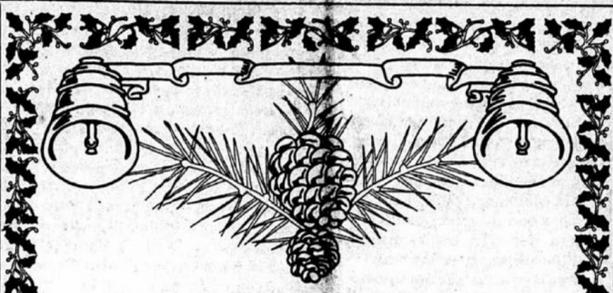
The application of Martin Schueler was rejected because one of the witnesses did not know him the statutory time and the applications of Nich. Barck and Fred Christiansen were continued to the next term to enable the former to get new witnesses and the latter to secure his depositions from the State of Colorado where he resided before he came to the State of Minnesota.

### College Concert.

The Sunday evening concert at the Lutheran Church given by the male and mixed choir of Dr. Martin Luther College was a grand success; at the same time it was the best attended concert for every seat of the capacious church was filled. Soon after the doors were opened the people began to stream in and any one who was tardy had no choice of seats.

The Christmas spirit pervaded the whole program. It is a difficult matter to make a selection and to pronounce the rendition of one number superior to that of another, because the leader, Professor F. Reuter, and the choir strove to please and they accomplished their aim. The distinct enunciation and the fine shading of tone expression must be heard to be appreciated. Furthermore, if it is taken into consideration that the members of the choir are not artists but students who devote only a limited portion of their course of study to music and that some of them have been members since last September only, the most critical must be satisfied.

The mixed choir deserves unstinted praise for No. entitled "Sel'ge Stunde"; the two original compositions of Prof. Reuter, "In Bethlehem," and, "For God So Loved the World," showed a master in musical composition and interpretation. Prof. Reuter's pipe organ work was exquisite in its perfection.



### For a Sans Christmas.

Two thousand years ago was born A Son of God to man!  
History is silent concerning the name, rank, and possessions of his Parents,  
But simply the fact records "He was born poor"—a manger birth—in a wayside inn,  
And this was the only heritage that came to Him!

As the years rolled on, without the aid of book or script, his mind unfolded,  
And blazed with the white light of intuitional understanding.  
No school claimed this self-efficient teacher from the poor,  
Nor did any church proclaim Him then a God.

Thus Joshua of Naz Seir grew in calm majesty of thought,  
Simple of taste, considerate, just; free from the bondage  
That binds to name and forms, but living a life of open  
righteousness,  
Spurning the cloth of purple, gold, and the priestly crafts.

So we this day rejoice and make glad at our hearths, giving  
as gifts  
Kind thoughts, gentle deeds, and a friend's handshake as  
taught by Him.  
Nor of the slaughtered do we feast but of ripened fruits a  
goodly seat  
To gladden the heart, and light the soul to Peace.

Simply he lived, and gloriously He died for the Cause of  
Freedom,  
And for liberty of thought, a sure martyrdom for all who this  
path tread.  
No funeral service, absolution, or priestly outpourings were  
offered here,  
God received back his own, "a true, and faithful servant at  
the Gates of Heaven!"

Ring out ye Bells! Clear may thy chimes sound forth,  
Brothers, grasp the hand of friends and foe alike!  
Then with that Sage of old declare—  
"He who with love offereth me a leaf, a flower, a fruit, and  
water,  
That offering I accept made by the pure hearted"  
This is the Great Gift itself, and sufficient is, unto the needs  
of every age.

NORTON F. W. HAZELDINE.

### Body of Ferdinand Bleck, Sr. Found in Spokane River.

To a certain extent the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Ferdinand Bleck, Sr. about five weeks ago in Spokane, Wash. has been cleared up. Word was received here last Tuesday by his son that the body of his father had been found in the Spokane River. Opinions are divided as to whether he met with foul play or whether he sought death in a fit of despondency. He was buried the day after his body had been recovered.

Mr. Bleck was well and favorably known here, having resided in our city for upwards of twenty years. About six years ago he removed with his family to Spokane, Wash. This was the second time he went to Spokane, having been a resident of that city in the 80's. He is survived by his wife and three children, one of whom, Ferdinand Bleck, Jr., resides here. Mrs. August Puhlmann and Mrs. Charles Block are sisters of the deceased.

### Remains of Capt. Ralph Yates Shipped on Transport Sherman.

Last Wednesday Ralph Yates of Sleepy Eye was advised by the War Department that the remains of his son who died in the Philippine Islands from the effects of an appendicitis operation had been shipped December 10th enroute to the United States on the Transport Sherman. Senator Knute Nelson who had been appealed to interceded with the Department on behalf of the relatives and succeeded in having an order promulgated for the immediate shipment of the remains.

In the communication Mr. Yates is informed that this action of the Department is an exceptional one. Our senior Senator is therefore entitled to great credit for his efforts which met with success. The running time of transports is usually between 25 and 30 days and the body should reach San Francisco not later than January 10th. After their arrival in San Francisco the remains will be taken charge of by the relatives who will have the body brought home at once.

The stork had a busy day Saturday for after his trip to Dr. Hintz' home he flew away to Cottonwood and left a little son there also at the home of Henry Scheibel.

### Special Meeting of County Commissioners.

Owing to lack of space our report of the proceedings of the County Commissioners will naturally be brief. All members were present when they met in special session on December 14th.

No action was taken in regard to application of Fred Winkelmann for reduction of ditch assessment. The auditor was instructed to notify the proper authorities of Nicollet County to reimburse Brown County for expenses incurred in the matter of Louis Solgaard, a resident of Nicollet Co. It was reported that Leonard Bartl and Rudolph Seydick had been admitted to the Poor Farm. The application of Mrs. Elizabeth Schmid of Springfield for a reduction of taxes received the approval of the Board and was recommended to the State Tax Commissioner.

The engineer's acceptance of the work done by Anton Brand on County Ditch No. 5 from stake No. 119x75 to stake 169 was referred to Commissioners Steinke and Tauer for inspection and report. Chairman Polkow was authorized to purchase the woolen blankets needed for the Poor Farm.

Written reports for work done on State Roads No. 5, No. 4, No. 2, No. 1 were presented and filed and the expenses amounting in the aggregate to \$2780.74 incurred in the prosecution of said work audited and ordered paid. The proper committee reported that the Joliet Bridge Co. had completed their work according to contract and recommended the payment of the \$50, still due them. The agreement entered into between Alex Flor and Anna Mielke see Helget was approved. Bills aggregating fully \$1500 were allowed and ordered paid. The minutes were thereupon approved and the commissioners adjourned.

The College choir proved quite a drawing card at Sleepy Eye on Wednesday last. The concert was well attended and nothing but praise was heard from those who heard the singing. The members of the congregation vied with each other in entertaining the students. The trip to Sleepy Eye was made in a special car. Prof. Ackermann wishes to thank Mr. F. P. Starr of the Northwestern line for his assistance in managing the excursion.

### Social Events.

The High School teachers gave a reception for the Senior class Friday evening at the high school building. One feature of the entertainment was a Christmas Tree laden with gifts which caused much fun. Supt. Hess received a miniature globe with a cloth covering and attached to it was a card bearing instructions to keep the globe covered when not in use. This was a bit of fun occasioned by the orders given by Supt. Hess that the large suspended globes in the various rooms be kept shrouded in their black bags. The globes are much more handsome without the black bags and the teachers are inclined to leave them off. There are over twenty members in the class of 1912. All were remembered with gifts on the tree and after the games here was a "good feed" as one of the boys put it. The science room and laboratory were prettily decorated for the occasion.

Plans are being made for another large party at Turner Hall Club Rooms in the near future.

The Star Euchre Club met at Mrs. Albin Carlson's home last Wednesday evening. Mrs. R. Pollel won Star Prize, Mrs. John Dengler, Punch Prize and Mrs. Aldrich Crone the Consolation Prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stadick entertained at Euchre Sunday night at their home on Center Street. A. J. Schramm received Star Prize, George Reiser and Mrs. G. Spaeth, Head Punch Prizes and G. Spaeth and Mrs. Frank Groebner the foot prizes.

Mrs. Andrew J. Eckstein of Clear Lake, who is visiting relatives and friends here was invited to supper at the home of Mrs. John Wartha's last Saturday and during the evening the members of St. Anne's Court surprised her there and spent the evening playing Euchre. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. H. Gasink, Star, Mrs. Margaretha Wiltcheck Head Punch and Mrs. Keute, Booby Prize. Lunch was served and all report a very pleasant evening.

Supt. and Mrs. Hess will entertain the teachers Thursday evening before they leave for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. M. Mullen entertained at dinner Thursday evening in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Blatterman of St. Louis. Mrs. Blatterman made only a very brief stay, coming Wednesday and returning Saturday to her home. She took her little daughter, Eleanor, home with her when she left.

The Current News Club at their last meeting Dec. 12th, were entertained by Mrs. Al Olson. At roll call each member responded to her name with a suggestion for a Christmas gift or with something concerning Christmas shopping. Mrs. A. J. Vogel, leader, gave a reading on India and there was another reading on the same subject by Mrs. E. H. Haberle. The hostess gave the Current Events of the week. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. H. Vogel, next Tuesday.

Hilding High of the town of Bernadotte was the victim of a cornshredder this week. He got his left hand caught in the knives and it was so badly hurt that it had to be taken off just above the wrist. This is sorry news at Christmas time.

### AN UNUSUAL XMAS GIFT

#### "Lovan Dolores" Delivered at the Home of Ferdinand Sannwald

It is nothing unusual to hear a rap at your rear door not much later than seven o'clock in the evening, and Mrs. Ferdinand Sannwald thought it nothing strange to hear such a rap about that hour Friday evening. When she opened the door she saw a dark figure disappearing toward the alley and on the door-step lay a bundle. She immediately took it into the house and upon investigation she found it to be a tiny baby girl wrapped in a blanket and done up in a neat package, fully as neat as the picture packages we see being delivered by Father Stork himself. A note attached to the bundle disclosed the information that the child was born Oct. 24th and had been baptized by a Lutheran minister Dec. 11th and that the wee baby girl's name was Lovan Dolores. The little mite carried with her a complete wardrobe of the lingerie and fineries that a miss of her age is expected to have who intends to make a stay not only for a few days, but for a long time. In this case the little one proved a very welcome visitor, indeed. Six or seven people having heard of the finding of the little babe have already offered to give her a home and adopt her if this could be done, but Mrs. Sannwald would not think of parting with the child. She considers the baby her Christmas gift and will love and cherish it as long as its mother will allow her to keep it. The whole affair is shrouded in mystery and no one seems to know anything about the identity of the mother of the babe.

### Matters Military.

Orders were promulgated from the Headquarters of the 2d Inf. M. N. G. under date of Dec. 16th appointing Second Lieutenant Adolph Klause as "recruiting officer for war" for the local militia company. The Secretary of War is desirous of establishing an adequate system of war recruiting for the entire National Guard to become effective immediately should state troops be called into the service of the United States. In case of being called into such service or in case of being mobilized at the State mobilization camp at St. Paul which has been approved by the War Department, the recruiting officer will remain behind with a suitable detail of non-commissioned officer and one private at his company station for the purpose of recruiting the company up to war strength. Before his command however leaves the mobilization camp, the recruiting officer and his party will be ordered to join their organization.

Lieut. Adolf Klause, Sergts. Henry Fast and Amann, Corps. Henry Ahrens and Max Mueller and Cook Herman Kuehnel, committee on arrangements for Co. A's annual dance have decided to postpone the same until after New Years.

## Rare Christmas Opportunities in JEWELRY

Beginning with Dec. 1st we will offer exceptional opportunities to Christmas shoppers who contemplate purchasing jewelry as presents. Nothing is so valued or appreciated as a present in the shape of some form of good jewelry, in-as-much as its possession is permanent and an everlasting joy. On account of our GOING OUT OF BUSINESS we are offering shoppers the rare opportunity of buying

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