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Report of New Ulm Rural Telephone Co.

"Talk is cheap" is an old adage that gets a black eye from the report of the New Ulm Rural Telephone Company. Glancing over this report it appears that you, and your neighbors, paid the said Company a total of \$21,607.35 for the privilege of talking to each other.

The report of the year's business as read by Ass't. Sec'y. A. G. Bierbaum to the stockholders at the annual meeting last Thursday morning was as follows:

ASSETS.	
Cash on hand	\$ 2,512.99
Dividend account	1,000.00
Construction account	81,125.40
Pole, wire, etc. account	622.92
Office fixtures	109.00
Telephone and switchboard	14,777.73
	\$71,198.99
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock	\$30,000.00
Undivided profits	6,000.00
	\$71,198.99
RECEIPTS.	
Cash on hand April 15th, 1913	\$ 708.91
For telephone rent	18,615.96
For printing and stationery	297.75
For capital stock	2,125.00
For poles, wire, etc.	345.02
For re-charging batteries	6.75
For advertising notices over rural lines	100.00
For printing and stationery	120.50
For labor	20.20
For freight	1.75
For extension bills	34.00
For express	.30
	\$25,123.28
DISBURSEMENTS.	
For capital stock	\$ 50.00
For pole rent to Tri-State Telephone Co.	1.00
For operators' Christmas presents	22.50
For printing and stationery	297.75
For postage	52.56
For freight and drayage	322.94
For salaries	6,014.40
For directors' salaries	180.00
For insurance	249.23
For interest	60.08
For freight	1.75
For two bank certificates on six months' deposit	1,000.00
For fuel	147.50
For poles and wire	2,125.00
For express	17.15
For labor	854.05
For dividend	4,375.00
For commission to Hanks Tel. Co.	1,528.30
For rent of office and warehouse	300.00
For rent of hall	2.00
For light and power	177.45
For taxes	694.40
For telephone and add. switchboard	1,568.05
For extension bills	34.00
Cash on hand April 16, 1913	3,512.89
	\$28,123.28

Dividing the amounts between the City and Rural sections of the Company the following interesting figures are shown:

CITY RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES (12 Months.)	
City receipts for 12 months	\$14,087.70
City maintenance for 12 months	\$4,821.29
Balance for 12 months	\$10,646.41
Average monthly income	\$887.21
For city monthly income	\$1,172.31
For city monthly expenses	285.10
For city monthly balance	\$887.21
RURAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES (12 Months.)	
Rural receipts for 12 months	\$7,339.65
Rural maintenance for 12 months	4,257.99
Rural balance for 12 months	\$3,081.66
Average monthly income	\$253.47
For rural monthly income	\$285.10
For rural monthly expenses	31.63
For rural monthly balance	\$253.47
Total monthly city balance	\$887.21
Total monthly rural balance	\$253.47
Total monthly balance	\$1,140.68
TELEPHONES IN USE.	
Apr. 16th, 1913	925 netting
Apr. 16th, 1912	583 netting
Gained in one year	342 netting
RURAL	
Apr. 16th, 1913	615 netting
Apr. 16th, 1912	354 netting
Gained in one year	261 netting
Total gain in one year	133 netting

Mrs. Adolph Schell Dead

Late Monday afternoon Mrs. Joseph Zieher received the sad news that her daughter Mrs. Adolph Schell had passed away that afternoon at 1:30 at her home in Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Schell's death was not unexpected as it was known ever since last fall that she could not recover. She had been an invalid for years and a year ago last fall submitted to an operation for cancer which, however, brought her only temporary relief.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Mary Zieher, was born in Chicago, June 2, 1856 and lacked less than a month of being 57 years old when she passed away. Her parents came to New Ulm in 1857 and here is where she spent her childhood days and grew to womanhood. In the year 1880 on August 30th she was married to Adolph Schell, her surviving husband. They continued making New Ulm their home for the next five years, then moved to Tracy where they resided for five years also. Santa Rosa, Cal. was their next home and after living there for five years they came back to New Ulm, lived here for one year and then moved to St. Paul where they resided for seven years. For the past ten years they have made Portland their home.

The deceased was of a kindly, sweet disposition and was always a favorite among her friends. She is survived by her husband and three daughters, Oleta, Josephine and Pearl. She is also survived by her aged mother, Mrs. Joseph Zieher and the following sisters: Mrs. C. Fredericks of St. Paul, Mrs. Chas. L. Roos of Kausas City, Mo. and Miss Antonia Zieher of New Ulm. The remains will be brought to New Ulm for burial and as far as can be determined now the funeral will be held from the Catholic Church Friday morning.

per month, the license \$5 apiece and the operators, \$4 each. The compensation to be paid the Directors remains as before, that is \$1.50 for each directors' meeting attended.

The question of buying an auto for use in the Company's business was taken up and settled by a decision to purchase a motor cycle instead. A committee of four will attend to the purchase of the machine. An adjournment was then taken until 1 p. m.

At the afternoon meeting the Directors decided to advance the price of the Company's stock from \$25 per share to \$30. Manager Kohn reported that more cable was imperative and the directors ordered Mr. Kohn to purchase the required amount which will cost about \$3500.

The only other question considered at the meeting was the one of having fewer subscribers to each rural line, a number of the farmers having expressed a wish to have the number of subscribers on their lines diminished. It did not appear wise to the directors, however, to comply with this request because the farm lines do not pay sufficiently well to warrant further large expenses that would be entailed by putting in more wires to accommodate present subscribers. The meeting closed after this decision was reached.

New Buildings.

J. H. Edwards let the contract this week to Welland & Stegemann for his new home which is to be built on the N. E. corner of 4th South and State Streets. The house will be frame and will face on State Street.

Kaiser and Puhlmann have the contract for the new, two-story frame residence which Adolph Meile is having built on the west side of Broadway between 3rd and 4th South Streets.

The Citizens State Bank awarded the contract for their new banking building to A. Morrison & Co. of St. Paul and work will be started this week if possible. The building is to be a one story brick with a two-story front of Indiana Bedford stone. This will make a pleasing contrast to the Dakota House and the Model Drug Store Building and will add greatly to the appearance of the west side of Minnesota Street.

Dr. J. L. Soboch has decided to add another story to the brick block he is having built on South Minnesota Street.

There never was a time in New Ulm when apartments and dwelling houses were so scarce and some of our investors would do well to put up homes. Several families that we know of have tried for weeks to secure living rooms and are still looking, not because they are hard to suit but because everything is taken.

Street Commissioner Herman Scheman is planning to erect a new home where the former Jos. Uhl house stands on South Minnesota Street near the Congregational Church. Mr. Scheman recently bought the property from G. M. Roberts.

The basements of the Engelbert and Spellbrink houses are completed and the frame work of the latter is going up rapidly.

Social Events

A private dancing party was given at Turner Hall Club Rooms Saturday evening.

Miss Eunice Starr came home Friday from St. Peter for Sunday. She was accompanied by two of her fellow teachers, Miss Elsie Pagenkopf and Miss Alice Smith. Saturday Miss Starr entertained a number of the local teachers who had known her visitors at Normal and a very pleasant time was spent by all.

The annual reception of the High School Juniors to the Seniors was given Friday evening at Turner Hall. A six o'clock dinner was served in the Dutch Room followed by a program of toasts. American Beauty roses decorated the tables and a fish pond furnished the means of selecting partners. Supt. Hess acted as toastmaster and proposed the following toasts: "Our Guests," President Leona Mayer of the Juniors, "Our Hosts," President H. Clarence Hess of the Seniors, "Basket Ball and Track," Elmer Cordes, "The Future," Alex Garrow, "The Juniors," Miss Norman, "The Seniors," Mr. Lewis, "The Senior Girls," Elma Stolz, "The Senior Boys," Anton Gruenfelder.

After the banquet the guests adjourned to the Gym, which was gaily decorated in the class colors, chocolate and maize for the Seniors and blue and gray for the Juniors and college pennants galore. There they enjoyed dancing for several hours.

Thursday evening the Pabst Theater Company of Milwaukee presented "Der Schuster als Prinz" at Turner Hall before a mediocre house. As was to be expected, the players who are all artists were thoroughly familiar with their parts. The leading roles were in the hands of Miss Meneri and Gustav Kleemann. They played exceedingly well and captivated the audience with their pleasing, well-trained voices.

LOCAL NOTES

Miss Beth Wheeler was home from Mankato to spend Sunday with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schleuder of Redwood Falls spent Sunday with their nephew, H. O. Schleuder.

Rev. C. J. Albrecht went to St. Peter Sunday to be present at the celebration of Mrs. Gustav Albrecht's birthday.

Herman Seher, a student at D. M. L. College, was operated upon at Mankato last Saturday and is improving rapidly.

Col. Johnson of the State Examiners Department checked over the County Treasurer's office Monday and Tuesday of this week.

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Harry Lourie, 8 years of age, was operated on at the Hospital for appendicitis. Another patient operated on was Mrs. Jno. Biehl.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hauenstein, Sr. who spent the winter in Orlando, Fla. have returned. Both report a pleasant and feel much improved in health.

Miss Clara Hoffmann and Louis Brey, both of Sigel, were married at the Catholic Church at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. Rev. Schlinkert officiating.

Oscar Spellbrink, son of Christ Spellbrink, is making a trip to North Dakota and Canada, looking over the land with an idea that he may wish to locate there.

The committee on courthouse and grounds consisting of Herman Polkow, Wm. Steinke and John Henle were in session yesterday morning to inspect the work that is being done in cutting down the Courthouse Square.

The gas tractor plowing exhibition that was planned to be given at Gibbon last Saturday could not be pulled off owing to the heavy rain of Friday night. The Loeffelmachers expect to carry it out Saturday, May 10th.

B. Stockman was in the city the early part of the week in the interest of the Minnesota Flint Rock Co. Monday evening some of his friends enjoyed a very pleasant evening with him at the Dutch Room of Turner Hall.

At the skat tournament at Turner Hall Monday evening Ernst Wicherski won the first prize with 12 net games, Chas. Stuebe, Sr., the second prize with 511 points and Gustav Goetsch third prize with a club solo against four honors.

The congregations of the German M. E. Church and the Congregational Church held joint services at the M. E. Church last Sunday evening. Rev. Wheeler delivered the sermon. It is planned to hold these joint services once a month during the summer.

Last Thursday Stuebe Bros. shipped twenty head of horses to Milwaukee, Wis. They were as fine a bunch of horses as have gone out from here for some time and they attracted considerable attention when they were driven thru Minnesota Street Thursday afternoon.

Ed. J. Collins, at one time a teacher in our public schools and for the past 20 years a clerk in the Post-office Department at Washington, D. C. is aspiring to the position of Chief Clerk in the Redemption Division. He is thoroughly competent and his numerous friends here hope that he will land the job.

Sunday evening about 10 o'clock, Mrs. John Nelson died at her home in Brighton, Nicollet County, aged 47 years. Death was due to tuberculosis with which she had been a patient sufferer for a long time. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon from her late home and interment will be made in the Brighton Cemetery.

Theo. Johnson enjoyed a visit Sunday with his father E. D. Johnson of Sleepy Eye and his brother-in-law Harry Schmitte of Huron, S. D., who has a dry cleaning establishment at that place. Monday he spent in St. Paul and Minneapolis buying fixtures for his saloon. He was accompanied by his brother-in-law and Roy Berg.

A bicycle attached to a motor cycle by an 8 foot rope was being pulled along Minnesota Street yesterday morning at a good rate of speed. It swerved from one side to the other as much as two feet and the bicycle rider was in imminent danger of colliding with a passing vehicle. The police ought to be on the lookout for such foolhardy stunts and put a stop to them.

At the regular monthly meeting of the New Ulm Fire Department held Monday evening the following delegates were elected to the Annual Firemen's Convention which convenes in Thief River Falls in June: Chief, Henry Engel; Delegate at Large, Chas. Brust, Sr.; Hook & Ladder Co., Nick Gulden; Alternate, Fred Oswald; Hose Co. No. 1, Jacob Engel; Alternate, Alois Gulden; Hose Co. No. 3, Adolph Witt; Alternate, Alfred Nagel. William E. Koch was nominated as an honorary member of the State Firemen's Association.

The John Gund Brewing Co. of La Crosse, Wis. is sending out to their customers a beautiful picture entitled "A Fighting Chance." Our friend Billy Meyer of La Crosse, Wis. was kind enough to send us one.

April registered a range of temperature from 24 degrees to 80 degrees. The low temperature was chalked up by Weatherman Alex Henle on the 5th of the month and the balmy summer days fell on the 22nd and 23rd. A total precipitation of 3.8 inches put the fields into tip-top condition for the crops and the prevailing south wind brought out the buds on the trees and the grass in abundance. There were 12 clear days and 13 cloudy ones, truly April weather with 6 days that were sunshiny and shadows mixed. The snowfall amounted to 7.8 inches and we enjoyed a thunderstorm on the 21st.

About 2 o'clock last Tuesday afternoon the team of P. D. Raverty ran away while Mr. Raverty was unloading grain at the Sleepy Eye mill. They started down the street adjoining the railroad track past the freight depot and in turning the corner in front of the Woodrirk garage, ran into the team of Henry Lowenske, and scattered things generally. As a result of the collision the tongue of the wagon, hitched to the runaway horses, penetrated the side of one of Mr. Lowenske's horses and killed the animal. Mr. Lowenske was thrown out of the wagon, his back was injured and he was generally pretty badly bruised. He was taken to the office of Dr. Weilcome and in the evening was removed to his home in the Town of Home. His injuries which were at first supposed to be slight, proved otherwise and for a few days his life was despaired of. He is now reported out of danger. The horse that was killed was valued at \$200. Mr. Raverty's horses were not injured but the wagon was completely demolished.

Four of W. H. Gieseke's horses hitched to a manure spreader figured in an exciting runaway Wednesday afternoon between 5 and 6 o'clock. They were hitched in front of the livery barn and without apparent reason so far as is known, tore loose and chased along 1st North Street toward the river. At German Street they collided with a telephone pole which caused the horses to part company, one remaining behind. The other three kept on their mad career across the tracks of both railroad companies and veered to the right in front of Math. Pederson's place on Front Street, then rushed down Front Street and turned up Center Street where they were finally caught near the New Ulm Feed & Cereal Mill. The remarkable thing about the runaway was the fact that the horses escaped without a scratch, although the tongue of the wagon broke about four blocks before they were caught. The spreader valued at \$125 was completely demolished and is a total loss. It was literally broken into kindling wood, there being hundreds of pieces and none of them worth saving.

William Albrecht of whose arrest and extradition to Montana we made mention at the time it occurred visited with his mother, Mrs. Fredericke Albrecht, the past week, having been duly cleared of the criminal charge by a Montana jury. According to his story Albrecht bought the horses and other property of George Vennum, the sale being in every way bona fide. There was however, a chattel mortgage on the property of which Albrecht had no knowledge and as soon as he had taken the horses out of the county, the owner of the chattel mortgage became alarmed and demanded an accounting of Mr. Vennum. Mr. Vennum, possibly afraid that he might get into trouble because he had given Mr. Albrecht permission to take the property to Canada, or that he might lose the money that was still due him on the notes given him by Mr. Albrecht for part of the purchase money (which however, was not yet due) commenced the criminal proceedings which resulted in Mr. Albrecht's extradition, trial and subsequent acquittal. Mr. Albrecht will return to Montana this week.

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that it was some English missionary who did not understand the German language and the customs of the people and unintentionally or otherwise spread the story that Christ had been burned in effigy. This glaring falsehood was exposed at the time and the incident had been completely forgotten until now when it has been again dug up and is being distorted by Billy Sunday.

Mr. Berndt tells the Review that the Cincinnati company lived up to its agreement so far as building the mill, but failed to pay the working men. Money in those days was as scarce as hen's teeth and the men who had done the work in the mill applied to the executive committee, then still located in Cincinnati, for their hard-earned money. A Mr. Fischer was then president of the committee and in a communication addressed to the citizens he informed them that not a cent would they receive. To make matters worse a poem was enclosed with the communication which poked fun at the settlers and their efforts.

This incensed the early pioneers a great deal and the suggestion by Surveyor Carl Prignitz that they have a mock funeral of the high and mighty Fischer to show how thoroughly they were disgusted with his attitude met with a hearty response. Mr. Prignitz prepared notices on strips of paper three inches wide and about four feet long which he printed with his private printing outfit, the only one in the town. Among other information, the notices contained the names of the executive committee and notified the people that the funeral of President Fischer would take place at a certain hour from the store of Adolph Seiter which was located where the Dakota House now stands.

Mr. Berndt smiled when he informed the Review reporter how artistically the effigy of President Fischer had been prepared for burial, reclining on a ladder 8 feet long which was placed on two tables. The figure was adorned with a sash on which were printed the words "President Fischer." Steimle was present with his band and to the strains of a funeral dirge the procession wended its way to Turner Hall. All the neighboring towns were represented, there being about 20 present from Milford alone. Some of the mourners wore frock coats and stove pipe hats, relics of better days. Arrived at Turner Hall, Henry Kompe, who had been a member of the German Reichstag in the year 1847 was called upon to deliver the funeral sermon. He refused to do so, saying that the scoundrel wasn't worth a funeral address and suggested that the effigy be burned. At that time an addition was being built to Turner Hall to be used for school purposes and the place was literally filled with shavings and pieces of lumber. These were rapidly gathered into a pile, the effigy placed on top of it and a match was set to it. There was no disturbance of any kind, the whole affair being arranged solely for the purpose of showing the executive committee what little regard the settlers had for them.

Mr. Berndt is the only eye witness that the Review reporter has been able to find. As the affair happened as early as the spring of 1858, the Review had trouble to find any one else who had any positive knowledge of this incident. Some of those interviewed had never even heard about it. Others who had heard about it, did not hesitate to characterize the mouthings of Billy Sunday as bare-faced lies.

In his preface to the history of the Indian Outbreak entitled "The Indians Revenge" Rev. Alexander Berghold, a Catholic priest, who had lived in New Ulm a great number of years and had every opportunity to learn the facts, says, among other things:

"Reports have been published and speeches have been made that a crucifix was publicly burned by the infidels of New Ulm. After a full investigation by the author of this work nothing could be found to corroborate this base calumny. All that can be stated in regard to this matter is that after the siege of New Ulm a half-burned crucifix was found on the prairie in the vicinity of the Evangelical church. A crucifix was undoubtedly purloined from one of the numerous Catholic homes and was lost or thrown away on the prairie. Other reports to the contrary are untrue and may be set down as foul slander.

Signed: Alex. Berghold, Santa Rosa, Calif. Easter Monday, 1891."

Which of these incidents, the finding of a half-burned crucifix or the mock funeral of President Fischer, led to a spreading of the report that Christ had been burned in effigy here at New Ulm it may be hard to tell. The fact of the matter is, however, that Christ was never burned in effigy in New Ulm. Judge Daniel Buck of Mankato in his history of the Minnesota Valley also refers to these rumors and puts them down as bare-faced lies and not warranted in fact. In writing up this affair, the Review has been prompted solely by a desire to set the early settlers right in this matter and give the facts as they actually occurred and allow our readers to draw their own conclusions. The Review always stands ready to fight for the good and fair name of our beautiful city.

The great calamity in Omaha was quickly overshadowed by the terribly disastrous floods in Ohio. Great suffering and sickness from colds and exposure resulted. L. Poole, 2217 California St., Omaha, writes: "My daughter had a very severe cough and cold but Foley's Honey and Tar Compound knocked it out in no time." Refuse substitutes. For sale by O. M. Olsen.