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Raise Salary of County Sheriff

Nothing But Ordinary Routine at Semi-Annual Meeting.

Time of Commissioners Spent On Bills and Yearly Reports.

Most of the matters considered at the semi-annual session of the Board of County Commissioners held at the Court House January 6th were routine business. All of the members of the Board were present. Immediately upon assembling, they organized by re-electing Herman Polkow, Chairman and William Steinke, Vice Chairman.

The first business to be transacted was the examination of the books and funds of the County Treasurer as required by law. In their report which was filed and recorded in full, the Board says that there is on deposit in the various banks of the County, the sum of \$60,567.66 and that this agrees with the several accounts as they appear on the Treasurer's books.

The report of Arnold Gulden, Overseer of the Poor Farm for the year ending Dec. 31st was read and ordered filed and the report of the Board of Audit was read and ordered recorded. From the report of said Board of Audit it appears that all of the banks submitted offers to pay 1% on daily balances on all county funds and 4% on time deposits with the exception of the State Bank of Cobden which offered only 1% on time deposits. The bonds presented by the various banks were approved and the several banks of the County were designated as County depositories to the extent of one-half of the amount of the bond filed by them and no more.

Only one bid was received for the county printing and that was submitted by Philip Liesch, owner of the Brown County Journal, and by a motion unanimously carried, the Brown County Journal was designated the official paper of Brown County to publish the delinquent tax list, financial statement and all other matters that by law must be published. His bond was fixed at \$2,000.00, which he furnished and which received the approval of the Board.

The Board of Audit reported that they had spent four days in checking the Treasurer's receipts with the tax books for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of funds that should be in the Treasury. Their report shows that a total of \$212,758.28 had been collected, that \$100.17 of taxes had been abated and that on November 1st there remained uncollected \$7552.60, most of which was for prior years. From their report it further appears that on June 1, 1913 there was a balance on hand in the Treasury of \$184,959.52 to which were added receipts from the following sources:

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| From Tax Collections..... | \$ 39,496.84 |
| From Mortgage Registry Tax..... | 483.29 |
| From Collections on Public Lands..... | 640.86 |
| From Collections on Private Redemptions..... | 149.83 |
| From Interest on County Funds..... | 199.41 |
| From Collection of Fines and Licenses..... | 1,989.36 |
| From Collection of Ditch Assessments..... | 4,524.53 |
| From School Apportionment and State Aid..... | 15,431.16 |
| From Inheritance Tax..... | 15,770.16 |
| From Refund, Support and Sales..... | 220.25 |
| From Sale of Products (Poor Farm)..... | 570.00 |
| Total Bal. & Repts..... | \$264,435.21 |

Of this amount all was disbursed by October 31st except the sum of \$104,875.52. All of this was deposited in the Banks with the exception of \$9,174.25. Of the amount deposited \$40,000.00 was deposited on time certificates and is drawing 4% interest per annum.

In the afternoon session the Board selected the names of 72 persons to serve as grand jurors during the year 1914 and a similar number to act as petit jurors and the names were filed with the Clerk of Court.

Philip Liesch appeared before the Board and asked for an allowance of \$50.00 for publishing the personal property tax list and the list of moneys and credits in the Brown County Jour-

nal and the Volksblatt and the Board voted him this amount.

The wolf bounty was not increased and no bounty was voted for killing crows, gophers or blackbirds.

The following salaries were fixed by the Board:

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| R. B. Kennedy Supt. of Schools..... | \$1,500.00 |
| R. B. Kennedy for Traveling Expenses..... | 300.00 |
| A. Frederickson, Co. Attorney..... | 1,100.00 |
| Miss Louise Schrodt, Deputy Register of Deeds..... | 500.00 |
| Judge Ross, for clerk hire..... | 420.00 |
| Henry Rolwes, Janitor..... | 720.00 |
| Arnold Gulden, Overseer at Poor Farm..... | 540.00 |
| Rosa Gulden, help to Overseer..... | 240.00 |

The annual reports of the various officers showing the fees, emoluments and gratuities received by them for the past year were examined, approved and ordered filed.

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Churches Hold Annual Meetings.

Saturday afternoon at one o'clock, St. Paul's Lutheran Church held its annual meeting at the Lutheran school house. Most of the work transacted was routine business. Herman Vogel and August Thiede were elected trustees of the Church and Albert Garbrecht was elected as a director of the parochial school-board. Fred J. Backer was re-elected Treasurer, Prof. G. Burk as organist and Gustav Dahms, janitor. The newly elected trustees were duly installed after the church service Sunday morning.

At Saturday's meeting the following were accepted as members of the church: William Hellmann, Heinrich P. Schwarz, Karl Hammermeister, Heinrich Becker, David Albrecht, Ernst Hermerding, Franz Kroening, Herman Auferheide, Otto Milbret and Wilhelm Milbret.

The four last named have been communicants of the church but having arrived at the age of majority, are now given the right to vote in church affairs. The number of members entitled to vote is now 206 and the total membership is 2170. Forty-four new members were added to the church during the year, 35 through baptism and 9 others. During the year there were 2,113 communicants. Rev. Albrecht officiated at 15 weddings, 41 christenings and 13 funerals during the year and 34 persons were confirmed. There were 30 pupils in attendance at the parochial school at Essig and 105 at New Ulm. The plate collections amounted to \$403.12 and the collections for foreign work totalled \$882.00. The total receipts aggregated \$5,622.85 and the total disbursements \$5,621.21. The church has an indebtedness of \$2,800 which it is proposed to pay off during the year 1914.

Preceding the annual business meeting of the First Congregational Church last Thursday evening the Ladies of the Church served a supper to which nearly one hundred sat down. This social session was most enjoyable and was concluded with an informal song service. At the business meeting reports were read showing progress in every department. The Ladies Aid Society proudly produced something over \$500. as the result of their efforts to help support the church work.

Officers were then elected. Dr. C. W. Miller will again serve as Superintendent of the Sunday School, with Joseph Wheeler as Assistant. Alexander Russell was elected Deacon for three years, H. L. Beecher, Trustee for the same term, and F. H. Krook, Treasurer. The committee on music for the next year consists of Mrs. W. B. Mather, Mrs. C. W. Miller and Mr. F. H. Krook. The new members of the Prudential Committee are Mrs. H. L. Beecher, Mrs. G. A. Ottomeyer and Mrs. Gottlieb Schmidt.

At the annual meeting of the Friends Church held last week mostly routine business was transacted. C. H. Hamann, Charles Oswald and William Radtke were elected as trustees for the ensuing year.

If the opinion of Attorney General Smith is allowed to stand or the Supreme Court, if appealed to, upholds the Attorney General, then the second-choice feature for all judicial, county and legislative offices does not apply any more. The second-choice feature never applied to offices on the non-partisan ticket. By placing all county and legislative offices on a non-partisan basis, and not changing the law as to the second choice, it is reasonable to infer that the Legislature intended that the second-choice feature should not hereafter apply to county and legislative offices and that is the construction placed upon the existing law by the Attorney General.

Good Business For Creameries

Essig Co-op. Association Leads In Amount of Milk Handled.

Courtland Farmers Sell More Cream Than Essig People Do.

January 6th the Essig Co-Op. Dairy Assn. held their annual meeting at Wagner's Hall in Essig. It was well attended and the reports made to the stockholders were very satisfactory, showing a good year just passed. Altho the amount of milk handled was less than that of the previous year it tested higher and the receipts from the sale of butter amounted to just about \$1000 more than in 1912.

Officers were elected as follows: Pres., Louis Spellbrink; Vice Pres., John Gareis; Secy., H. J. Albrecht; Treas., Fred Rolloff. Directors, E. A. Radloff, Henry Knees and August Speckmann.

Three bids were considered for the ice packing and hauling of saw dust for the year and that of John Schimmschock for \$44 was accepted as the lowest. The buttermilk was sold for \$89.00.

The following detailed report shows the business of the year ending Nov. 30, 1913.

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| Milk patrons..... | 38 |
| Cream patrons..... | 79 |
| Total..... | 117 |
| Milk received..... | 1,318,947 lbs |
| Cream received..... | 390,250 lbs |
| Average test of milk..... | 3.75% |
| Average test of cream..... | 24.5% |
| Butterfat from milk..... | 49,010 lbs |
| Butterfat from cream..... | 89,448 lbs |
| Total butter fat..... | 138,458 lbs |
| Butter shipped..... | 152,218 lbs |
| Butter sold to patrons..... | 14,643 lbs |
| Butter sold elsewhere..... | 2,303 lbs |
| Total butter mfg..... | 169,164 lbs |
| Overrun..... | 30,685 or 22.5% |
| Average price paid for butter..... | 363 |
| Average price obtained for butter..... | 301 |
| Average price paid for 100 lbs milk..... | 1.37 |
| Sinking fund was received..... | \$243.99 |
| Am't. rec'd from sale of butter-milk..... | 109.75 |
| Interest rec'd from deposits..... | 202.30 |
| Goods on hand as butter tubs, coal, salt and supplies valued to about..... | 400.00 |

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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| Bal. in treas. ending Nov. 30th, 1913..... | \$ 2,375.96 |
| Rec'd from butter shipped..... | 45,668.17 |
| Rec'd from butter sold to patrons..... | 4,537.27 |
| Rec'd from butter sold at Cry..... | 727.55 |
| Rec'd from butter collected..... | 25.96 |
| Interests from deposits..... | 202.30 |
| Grand total receipts..... | \$53,537.21 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Checks issued..... | \$43,739.19 |
| Butter to patrons..... | 4,537.27 |
| Improvements on Cry..... | 325.00 |
| Total running expenditure..... | 3,153.88 |
| Bal. in Treas..... | 1,781.87 |
| Total..... | \$53,537.21 |

Last Saturday the stockholders of the Courtland Creamery Association held their annual meeting and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Pres., C. H. Braun; Treas., Henry Bode; Secy. and Mgr., E. F. Lange; Directors, W. F. Meyer, Louis Hulke and Fred Voss. A good year's business was done as is shown by their report herewith and it is expected that it will be increased with the facilities they will have for handling new business when they move into their new building which is now almost ready.

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| Milk received..... | 749,491 |
| Cream received..... | 471,843 |
| Butter fat from milk..... | 26,853.9 |
| Butter fat from cream..... | 1,956,12.8 |
| Total butter fat..... | 1,624,66.7 |
| Butter shipped..... | 1,713,20 lbs |
| Butter exchanged..... | 22,974 lbs |
| Butter sold..... | 2,834 lbs |
| Total butter made..... | 1,977,28 lbs |
| Overrun..... | 214% |
| Expense per lb of butter..... | 0.169c |
| Average price paid for butter fat..... | 33.88-100c |

RECEIPTS. \$59631.14

EXPENDITURES. \$59631.14

Jewish Speaker Astonishes All

Rabbi Rypins Points Out The Faulty Methods Of Churches.

Present Day Humanity Demands Demonstration Of Truth.

If the accusation were ever justifiable that the Church was inexcusably conservative in the promotion of the scientific spirit of the age, it no longer seems to be so now, if the tendency shown by the local Churches is a general phenomenon. Time was and that not long since, when a Jewish Rabbi would hardly have been likely to speak from the rostrum of a Methodist Church. Such, however, was the case Tuesday evening of last week, when Rabbi Isaac L. Rypins of the Reformed Jewish Synagogue of St. Paul spoke in the local Methodist Church under the auspices of the Brotherhood of that church upon the striking theme "Authority in Religion."

The Rabbi is a man of considerable ability as a speaker and therefore soon captured and held the attention of his entire audience. From more than one point of view the lecture of the Rabbi was one of the very best ever delivered under the auspices of the local men's clubs.

The speaker opened his address with the surprising assertion that today of the Evangelical Churches of our day as well as his own are playing a losing game. The various denunciations of the Cities are peddling their advertisements weekly in the form of printed hand-bills from house to house in which the main emphasis is laid upon the special musical attractions offered. These phenomena, the speaker said, are an indication of something vitally wrong in the presentation of spiritual truth. The question would naturally arise: "What is the secret of the difficulty?" To this question only one answer can be given, viz. that the church has lost its authority.

"Owing to the fact that we are now living in a scientific age religion, too, must be scientifically presented," said the speaker. "The scientist in every field of inquiry lays down an hypothesis as a working basis and then proceeds to establish his hypothesis by demonstrable facts. The church has failed to follow suit in this regard and in consequence has lost its authority. It has been the method of Religion to lay down moral principles and formulate dogmas without scientifically demonstrating the reasonableness of both. No objections are made against this method of Religion nor is the truth of its moral mandates and its dogmas denied, in fact they may be both perfectly legitimate, but the modern mind demands a practical demonstration. This Religion has failed to give and so the impression has been made upon many minds that Religion is simply an arbitrary imposition upon man. The Mosaic laws, for instance, forbid certain things and make certain demands, but they do not give the reason for the prohibitory and mandatory laws. Nor was it necessary at the time of Moses that they should give such reason, since they were given to a different type of humanity than we, perhaps unfortunately, are today. Men today want to know why they should not steal, or why they should not commit adultery. Some are stealing, even in high finance, and they seem to fare splendidly in spite of it. Many are transgressing the moral laws, and do not seem to suffer greatly by doing so."

"The riddle would be solved if men actually knew it to be a demonstrable fact that what men sow, that they shall also reap, i. e. if they actually knew that a retributive justice would follow them in the 'Hereafter'. Now this fact of the continuity of life," the Rabbi said, "is demonstrable. It can be scientifically proven and personally verified by every one who leads the absolutely moral life, that when man dies he shall live again. This fact Religion presents as a Faith, but it fails to show the way by which it may become a fact of actual knowledge to all those who are willing to live the right kind of a life."

A number of years ago, the speaker

said he came upon three books, called "The Harmonic Series", which explain in detail the fundamental principles upon which the Life in the Hereafter can be scientifically demonstrated. The Rabbi said that he had learned to know a number of men and women who had made the demonstration and that it was his endeavor so to live that he too would experience the joy of demonstrating this great truth. The Master Christ, he said, had made the demonstration and also Moses as well as other Prophets of the old dispensation. Christ, however, was not able to give a scientific explanation of this wonderful knowledge as his contemporaries would not have been able to grasp it.

The speaker was of the opinion that if the Church would endeavor to scientifically demonstrate its moral message that then it would again command the attention and respect of the modern mind.

Report of Judge Ross.

Judge Ross of the Probate Court had a very favorable report of the business of his office to present to the County Commissioners when they met last week. The report shows a great number of estates settled and a still larger number filed for probate. The Judge has been a very busy man for he has averaged more than one hearing each day besides looking after the routine work of the office, there being 327 hearings in all. There were two persons examined and committed to the hospital for the insane and one person was sent to the Inebriate Hospital. In addition to these matters Judge Ross tied the nuptial knot for seventeen couples, has attended to the collection of the inheritance tax amounting to \$15,770.16, the greater portion of this amount being from the Silverson estate, and \$19.19 from Paul G. Paulson, and \$718.69 from Joseph Prokosch. County aid was granted in one instance to a mother of dependent children, under the Mother's Pension Act.

A Live Society

St. John's Court No. 698 C. O. F. enjoyed an unusual attendance at their installation of officers last Thursday. Wenzel Eckstein officiated at the installation ceremonies and a smoke social and cards were enjoyed by the officers after the serious business was out of the way. Prizes were awarded to J. W. Stadick, Dr. J. P. Graff and Joseph Smasal.

The court is a live one with 225 members. It is also in first class financial condition and has had a record breaking year in attendance and increase of membership. In order to stimulate interest it has been decided to have open meetings preceding each regular Court meeting. At these times speakers will be secured to address the members upon topics with which each speaker will be thoroughly familiar and the members will then discuss the lecture. The first of these talks was listened to at the last meeting and the topic was "Wilson and the Mexican Trouble." The next subject that will be discussed will be "Education in the Denominational and Public Schools." This will come January 22nd, and the series will be continued all winter.

Medics Will Meet

The Medical Society of Brown and Redwood Counties will hold its mid-winter session January 22nd at the Commercial Club rooms in this city. As usual there will be a supper followed by the professional discussion of topics of interest to the medics. Dr. J. L. Schoch will speak on "Anesthesia" and Dr. G. F. Reineke on "Nasal Septum". The election of officers will be held and the choice made of a delegate to attend the State Meeting. The evening will be closed with a social visit among the members of whom there are twenty-three.

Nature Study Lecture

Thursday evening of this week will occur the first of the lectures for the winter under the auspices of the Men's Club of the Congregational Church. The speaker will be Miss Florence E. Little of the Extension Division of the State University and her topic will be "In Nature's Byways". Miss Little is known to be well versed in her subject and as the lecture will be illustrated with stereopticon views it will no doubt prove most entertaining and instructive. It will be held at the Masonic Hall and the hour of opening is 8 o'clock as usual. Supt. and Mrs. Hess will entertain Miss Little while she is here.

Plan Addition To Brickyards

Auferheide Wants City To Vacate Alley In Block 46 South.

Cottonwood Roller Mill Asks Connection With Light Plant.

The business of the city was quietly and effectively launched for the new year at the first meeting of the city council last Tuesday evening. The major portion of the session was spent listening to the reports of the various departments of the municipality and to individual petitions. The most constructive piece of legislation came as the result of a suggestion of Fire Marshal Engel.

It seems that there is a growing tendency on the part of some individuals with a perverted sense of humor to turn in false fire alarms. As Mr. Engel pointed out, it costs the city from thirty-five to fifty dollars every time the department is forced to make a run to one of these fake fires. The last of these false alarms, which was turned in Dec. 23th from box 74, convinced Mr. Engel that it would be necessary for the city to take some drastic action to stop the nuisance. After some discussion, it was decided to offer a reward of fifty dollars for information that would lead to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party. This reward is made a standing affair and it is hoped that it will stop the nuisance. Mr. Engel also spoke of the laxness that many property holders are showing in obeying the city ordinance against exposed hay and straw piles within the city limits. Three fires caused by carelessness in this respect cost the city \$150 during the last month. After discussing the situation at some length it was decided that it called for a more rigid enforcement of the present ordinance rather than for more legislation.

The reports of the various departments were received and accepted, among them the annual reports of City Clerk Meyer, Chief of Police Klaus and Justice Henningson. Chief Klaus's report showed a total of fifty-seven arrests during the year, the major portion of which were for drunkenness. Supt. Bolstad reported that 5,798,588 gallons of water had been pumped during the last month. City Scaler Koebler reported 318 loads weighed on the city scales during the month. Street Commissioner Schemann reported 288 hours of hand labor and 102 hours of team labor used on the city streets.

The monthly estimate of the Union Machine Company, who have installed the new engine and dynamo, was presented by Mr. Daly showing an estimate of \$10,000. Some discussion occurred here as to the validity of some of the extras presented and the council finally allowed \$7,942.91. This leaves about \$2,500 of the claims still to pay. Contractor Tappe was allowed \$850 of a \$1,000 claim for construction on the addition to the electrical plant. After the meeting the council went to look over the new parts of the plant.

Many petitions were brought before the council and were heard and acted upon. F. Auferheide is contemplating a large addition to his Brick and Tile Yard during the coming year which will take up a large part of block 46. Mr. Auferheide owns thirteen lots in this block and would like to secure possession of the alley now intersecting the property in order that he may secure better consolidation of the factory. With this in view he petitioned the council to vacate the alley in the block. The petition was laid on the table till the next meeting which will be held on the 19th. Capt. Louis G. Vogel appeared before the council in behalf of the Machine Gun Company requesting that they receive the same consideration that the other military company is receiving. He showed clearly that the Gun Company is entitled to the city aid to the extent of \$250 as well as Company A and succeeded in convincing the council who voted the allowance asked for. Burg's Battery also received an allowance of \$100 to reimburse them for moneys expended several years ago for harnesses and other accoutrements. The usual monthly bills were (Continued on last page.)