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Heilbron Brings Suit For Wages

HOLDS CITY AND F. H. RETZLAFF JOINTLY LIABLE TO AMOUNT OF \$571.57.

SAYS HE WAS PAID ONLY \$801.89 OUT OF \$1373.46 WHICH HE CLAIMS.

William C. Heilbron, doing business as "W. C. Heilbron and Company" vs. City of New Ulm, a Municipal Corporation and F. H. Retzlaff is the latest suit to be started in the District Court of Brown County. The defendants were duly served with a copy of the summons and complaint Monday. John F. Bernhagen of Minneapolis is Heilbron's attorney.

In the complaint Mr. Heilbron sets forth that he was duly employed by the City and F. H. Retzlaff, Chairman of the Finance Committee, to audit the books of the City for a period of approximately eight years, and also to advise as to a system of accounting for future use by the City; that he was to receive for these services the sum of \$15.00 per day and expenses; that he was authorized under the terms of said employment to hire such assistance and clerical help as he deemed necessary and that the City would pay therefor a reasonable wage for such services and expenses. The complaint goes on further to state that he rendered professional services as accountant for said City in the matter of auditing the books, records and vouchers of the City between the 30th day of January, 1914, and the 15th day of April, 1914, and that for these services at the rate of \$15.00 per day the city became indebted to him in the sum of \$960. He also sets forth in his complaint that he secured an assistant accountant and a stenographer and that their services were reasonably worth \$386.09. He also mentions expenses by him personally incurred amounting to \$27.37. This makes a grand total of \$1373.46 on which there has been paid the sum of \$801.89, leaving a balance due of \$571.57 for which amount he demands judgment.

Unless the case is dismissed it will come up for trial at the December term of the District Court. This suit is the aftermath of the City Clerk affair which stirred New Ulm to the depths last April. It will be remembered that while the plaintiff was engaged in the auditing of the city's books, it was intimated from time to time that there was something radically wrong with the city clerk's accounts and that some startling revelations were due as soon as the report of the accountant should be made public.

A partial report was made to the finance committee in April and in some way unbeknown to them, the report got into the hands of the publisher of the Brown County Journal and was printed almost word for word in its following issue. This report accused former City Clerk Ernest Wicherski of many acts of commission and omission and intimated that he was short in his accounts and that the defalcations would run into thousands of dollars.

The premature publication of the report aroused much discussion during which differences of opinion arose between Mr. Heilbron and the Finance Committee which made it appear unlikely that a satisfactory report could be obtained from Heilbron since he refused to continue the work unless conditions were changed in accord with his wishes.

The Council therefore decided to discontinue with Heilbron's services and refused to make further payment for the work he had done since they were convinced that it was valueless to the city. They then employed the firm of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co., expert accountants who went over the entire work done by the Heilbron accountants. Continued refusal to honor his bills has caused the present suit instituted by Heilbron.

Another action growing out of the premature publication of the report is the \$30,000.00 libel suit which was recently instituted by Wicherski against Philip Liesch. Mr. Wicherski was able to show to the satisfaction of the members of the city council that practically all of the accusations contained in the report were untrue. The new accountants who made a thoro examination of the city's affairs filed an exhaustive report some months ago in which Mr. Wicherski was cleared of any dishonest intent and motive and in which the small discrepancies they found were attributed to carelessness and the lack of an adequate bookkeeping system and

Mr. Wicherski promptly filed his suit for damages. This case also will be tried at the December term of court.

MAN HUNT AT MADELIA.

Not since the days of the Younger Bros. have citizens of Madelia been up in arms as they were last Saturday afternoon, when some twenty-five or thirty men shouldered rifles and shot guns and hurried to a slough near Perth to round-up a couple of desperate negroes who had fired upon two Omaha brakemen who had refused to grant them free passage in a box car. Matt Johnson located the coons, who were hiding in the slough, and when they saw the posse, and realized what it meant, they surrendered and were brought to Madelia. Early Sunday morning they were taken to Mankato, as the scene of the crime was in Blue Earth County where they were bound over to await the action of the grand jury.—Madelia Times Messenger.

ADDITIONAL RED CROSS DONATIONS.

Herm. Nagel	\$10.00
Hy. Backer, Courtland	5.00
Jos. Martinka	1.00
Reinhold Boesch	1.00
Fritz Kruecker	1.00
Geo. Stadick	.50
Hy. Unverworn	1.00
Herm. Steffen, West Newton	2.00
Wm. Stelljes	3.00
Peter Mertz	1.00
Jos. F. Keckstein	1.00
Simon Woratschka	5.00
Nicholaus Franta	2.00
Hy. Wendorf	1.00
Mrs. Emilie Hacker	1.00
Jac. F. Smith	2.00
Jos. W. Seifert	1.00
Frank Altman	2.00
Christ Bartl	5.00
Mrs. Pauline Vetter	1.00
Herm. Raabe	1.00
Hys. Kurzwel, Morgan	1.00
Wm. Emmerich	1.00
Wm. W. Scharch	.50
Alb. P. Boock	2.00
Wm. Bleich	2.00
John Forst	1.00
John H. Schapekalm	1.00
Geo. Polta	1.00
Martin Forster	.50
Wm. Dorn	.50
Wenzel Kaes	1.00
John W. Macho	1.00
Frank Macho	1.00
Wenzel Clements	1.00
Louis Weber	.50
Geo. Preisinger	1.00
Lorenz Merkle	1.00
Ludwig Bessemer, Sigel	5.00
Mrs. Mary Friederick, Courtland	5.00
Paul Sturm, Cottonwood	1.00
Herm. Fritsche, Cottonwood	2.00
Gott. Kassulke	1.00

TAKES WATCH—LEAVES MONEY.

Mystery surrounds the disappearance of a watch and razor from the living rooms of John Polta in the Grussendorf, formerly Rudolphi, Block Saturday afternoon. What adds to the mystery is the fact that \$27.00 in money, a gold bracelet, gold rings and other trinkets that were lying on the dresser from which the watch and razor had been stolen were not disturbed. The loss of the articles in question was not noticed by the Poltas until about eight o'clock in the evening and they immediately notified the police.

Acting Chief Herzog and Night Watchman Emmerich reported at once and made a thoro search of the premises, but were unable to discover any clue. The window screen showed no signs of having been tampered with nor did the doors show that any force had been employed to gain entrance. Mrs. Polta claims that she locked the rear door from the inside before she left her home thru the front door leading to Minnesota Street. Two other doors leading from the outside into the building were opened and the police are of the opinion that the party who carried away the watch and razor entered the building thru one of them and gained admittance to the Polta living rooms thru the rear door of the Polta apartments. In their opinion Mrs. Polta forgot to lock the door from the inside as she had intended to do and the thief had really no trouble at all to get into the rooms. They are strengthened in their views by the fact that a daughter of Jos. Koehler who lives in the same building saw a man in the backyard about four o'clock in the afternoon and also saw him pass into the building thru one of the rear doors. She did not see him leave the place.

Mr. Polta has his name engraved in the watch. Why the thief should overlook the money and valuable trinkets is puzzling the police quite a little and they have so far been unable to find a satisfactory explanation, but they have not given up hope that they will be able eventually to solve the mystery and catch the thief.

Getting Ready For Farm Show

BREEDERS ASSOCIATION PLANS FOR NOVEMBER MEET IN NEW ULM.

CASH PRIZES AGGREGATE \$85.00 FOR GRAIN AND LIVE STOCK EXHIBITS.

November 19th has been set as the date for the Brown County Farmers Association Annual Meeting and Grain and Cattle Show. The gathering will be held in New Ulm and it is expected that a very large number of persons will be in attendance. The sessions will last the better part of the day, with the judging of stock exhibited done in the morning. The entire program has not been prepared as yet but there will be talks by prominent agriculturists and if the usual plan is followed there will be something of special interest to the wives and daughters of the farmers.

The following premiums will be offered. Best ear of yellow dent corn—\$1.00. Best ear of white dent corn—\$1.00. Yellow dent corn, 12 ears, 1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00; 3rd, \$1.00. White corn, 12 ears, 1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00; 3rd, \$1.00. Flint corn—1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00. Pop corn—12 ears, 1st, \$1.00; 2d, \$1.00; 3rd, \$1.00. Blue Stem wheat—1 peck, 1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, \$1.00. Velvet Chaff wheat—1 peck, 1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, \$1.00. Early Oats—1 peck, 1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, \$1.00. Late Oats—1 peck, 1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, \$1.00. Rye—1 peck, 1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, \$1.00. Barley—1 peck, 1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, \$1.00. Flax—1 peck, 1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, \$1.00. Timothy Seed—1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, \$1.00.

\$1.00 premium will be given for the best sheaf, 3 inches in diameter of any variety of grains and grasses. \$1.00 premium on best place of each of the standard varieties of apples. \$1.00 premium on best peck of each of the standard varieties of potatoes. \$5.00 for the best farm exhibit.

Colts, 2 year old, 1st, \$5.00; 2nd, \$3.00; 3rd, \$2.00. Colts, 1 year old, 1st, \$5.00; 2nd, \$3.00; 3rd, \$2.00. Colts, under one year, 1st, \$5.00; 2nd, \$3.00; 3rd, \$2.00.

In addition to the above premiums, the merchants of the city holding the Show are expected to put up special prizes and it is quite likely that considerable interest can be aroused. Sleepy Eye merchants were not slow to show their appreciation of the good work done by the Association and put up some really desirable prizes, last year. New Ulm should not lag behind in this particular.

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Blue Earth Co. Boosters Here

SILVERY TONGUED ORATORS URGE PASSAGE OF AMENDMENT THREE.

WEATHER AND ROADS ARE IDEAL FOR TRIP OVER B. AND Y. TRAIL.

In spite of the fact that the Mankato Black and Yellow Trail boosters arrived in the city yesterday morning a half hour earlier than the scheduled hour, quite a number of citizens were at the Groebner corner early enough to listen to short addresses from some of the prominent people in the party. Judge Loren Cray was master of ceremonies and introduced Pres. G. A. Ottomeyer of the Commercial Club who extended to the visitors a hearty welcome on behalf of the club and Mayor Fritsche welcomed them on behalf of the city.

Senator Elwell, author of the Elwell law under which State Rural Highway No. 54 is being built, spoke briefly on the law which he fathered and in conclusion urged every one present to vote for Amendment No. 3. The purpose of this amendment is to authorize the State to construct roads, ditches, fire breaks through and around unsold state school and swamp lands, and a \$250,000 revolving fund, realized and kept up from the sale of such lands, is to be set apart for such purpose.

Engineer Cooley of the State Highway Commission stated that the commission would do everything in its power to aid in a financial way any movement for better roads. He admonished his hearers to remember, however, that it is not sufficient alone to build roads according to plans and specifications as prepared by the commission, but is absolutely necessary as well to keep the roads in repair. In the course of his remarks he stated that some of the road that the boosters had traveled over between Mankato and New Ulm showed plainly that repair work had not been kept up as it should have been.

John Deets, Secy. of the Southern Development League outlined the possibilities of the great and only Black and Yellow Trail. He stated that this trunk road when once completed from Chicago to the Yellowstone National Park would bring thru this section of the country a larger number of tourists than we have any conception of at the present time and that this would unquestionably mean increased business. He referred to the pleasant visit he had some months ago in the city when he was present at the editorial convention. He spoke in a clear voice and could be heard and understood for blocks.

The Mankato boosters left the Elks club corner in Mankato at 8:15 o'clock and arrived in New Ulm at 9:30. There were 20 cars in all. Most of them carried the name of the owner and the business he is in and others carried the good roads legend. Among the boosters was our former citizen, George W. Scherer. Quite a number of ladies were in the party. The boosters were met at the Courtland bridge by six local cars and escorted to the city and the same cars went with them as an escort as far as Sleepy Eye, the next stopping place. Several cars from Sleepy Eye came down to New Ulm and returned with the boosters. The weather was ideal, the roads in splendid condition and the trip to Tracy and back must have proved a delightful one for all participants.

CORNERSTONE LAID.

Beautiful weather and good roads favored the congregation of St. Raphael's Church in Springfield last Sunday and gave them an attendance at the ceremonies of the laying of the cornerstone that was astonishing in its numbers. Nearly twenty automobiles went up from New Ulm alone and from every direction the church members came to witness the solemn services of the dedication of the foundation of the new structure which is to cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

Services were arranged with a view to having as many of the visiting clergy as possible take part. Rev. Fr. Schlinkert of New Ulm officiated at the laying of the cornerstone and delivered the German address. His subject was "The Religious Purpose of the Church". There were three addresses in English, one by Rev. J. J. Klein of Sleepy Eye, one by Rev. D. Moran of St. Peter and one by Rev. Fey of St. Raphael's.

A steel box was placed in the hollowed center of the cornerstone and contained

copies of the representative papers of the city, county and state and religious publications and a parchment containing the names of the subscribers to the church fund whose donations had already been paid in.

The cornerstone services were held in the afternoon at 3 o'clock and were preceded by High Mass in the morning at which Rev. H. Leutner of Pearl Lake, Minn., and Father Hansel Schmidt, deacon of Loretto Hospital took part. Other priests who attended the ceremonies were Father Pozek, West Newton, Father Gurgan, Fairfax and Father Roener, Wabasso.

NICOLLET COUNTY FALL TERM.

The October term of the District Court of Nicollet County was convened at St. Peter yesterday, Judge I. M. Olsen presiding, with W. T. Eckstein in attendance as court reporter. No grand jury was drawn, because there was no business requiring their attention. There are, however, two criminal cases on the calendar, both against Wm. Edmons. The following 19 civil cases were noticed for trial and will be disposed of at this term:

John Schneider, plaintiff, vs. Engesser Brewing and Malting Co., defendant.

Wm. Jungers, by Peter Andring, his guardian, plaintiff, vs. Margaret Hillig and John Hillig, defendants.

Wm. Jungers, by Peter Andring, his guardian, plaintiff, vs. Helen Keltgen, Battes Keltgen and Theresa Jungers, defendants.

Minnesota Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co., plaintiff, vs. Peter Gustafson, defendant.

Northwestern Marble and Tile Co., plaintiffs, vs. J. B. Nelsen Construction Co., defendant.

John D. Hart, plaintiff, vs. Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad Co., defendant.

Paul McDermott, plaintiff, vs. D. F. Peters, defendant.

Jemina B. Graves, et al, plaintiffs, vs. John C. Brennescholz, et al, defendants.

Wm. H. Huelskamp, plaintiff, vs. Town of Lafayette, defendant.

Bessie McCrea, plaintiff, vs. Edward Bornemann, administrator, defendant.

Automatic Chemical Closet Co., plaintiff, vs. H. T. Markytan, defendant.

Harry Hardeman, plaintiff, vs. Otto R. Maves, defendant.

Wm. Konsbruck, plaintiff, vs. Lena Nelson and John J. Nelson, defendants.

Julius E. Stiehm, plaintiff, vs. Joseph M. Schaus, defendant.

Herman Poehler, appellant, vs. Town of Courtland, respondent.

Town of Belgrade, plaintiff, vs. Alfred Peterson, Geo. E. Culp, Chas. Lind, Thos. W. Tait, Jacob Schultz, Olaf Larson and John Schultz, defendants.

Magdalena Zimmeth, plaintiff, vs. Catherine Waltz, et al, defendants.

Adolph A. Holmstead, plaintiff, vs. Esler & Quane, defendants.

Emerson S. Tyler, plaintiff, vs. Charlotte A. Briggs, et al, defendants.

The following petit jurors will report for duty at the Court House in St. Peter this, Wednesday, morning:

Fred Emeler	North Mankato
Martin Michels	Nicollet
Herman Wieseke	Nicollet
J. C. Kettner	St. Peter
John Drill	Courtland
F. E. Boys	Oshawa
Theo. S. Johnson	North Mankato
G. O. Kaupang	New Sweden
Chas. H. Nutter	St. Peter
Henry Diepolder	Lafayette
Louis Eckstrom	St. Peter
Geo. Martinka	Lafayette
Chas. Sondag	Granby
Sam Olson	Brighton
Geo. P. Lindstrom	Oshawa
Chas. Braun	Courtland
C. A. Evans	Belgrade
Henry Miller	Bernadotte
Wm. La Framboise	Ridgely
O. A. Anderson	St. Peter
Joseph Vetter	West Newton
Mike Dauffenbach	Gelgrade
Elsworth Coulter	Lake Prairie
Frank Fischer	Lake Prairie
Napoleon LaCroix	North Mankato
Wm. Borchert	Traverse
Gustaf Johnson	New Sweden
Wm. Peterson	Belgrade
H. W. Klein	St. Peter
John Holteen	Oshawa

INJURED AT WORK.

Emanuel Schnobrich, block man for the International Harvester Co. experienced a painful accident last Sunday morning, while at work setting up a corn picking machine. Two men were assisting in lifting a heavy part and when they let it fall, the corner slid down his leg, cutting an ugly gash. The accident occurred at Hanley Falls and he took a train to Glencoe from Granite Falls. His son, Banker A. J. Schnobrich of New Germany, being informed of the accident, met his father at Glencoe and brought him here in his auto. Mr. Schnobrich is recovering from the accident and is able to move round some although the wound is still very painful. He was lucky to escape a more serious injury.—Gaylord Hub.

Mr. Schnobrich was for quite a number of years a resident of New Ulm and is well known here.

Common Good Will Dominate

BUSINESS MEN ARE ANXIOUS TO EVOLVE PLAN OF WISE CO-OPERATION.

RESPONSE TO INVITATIONS TO BANQUET SHOWS THE PROPER SPIRIT.

For the first time in the history of the city, fully 150 business and professional men will sit down at the festive board to talk earnestly about the future development of New Ulm. The progressive spirit which has been in evidence for the past year will not down. The feeling seems to be unanimous that New Ulm is ripe for material growth and expansion. The needs of the city must be discussed by our own citizens and plans formulated that may prove of lasting benefit to the entire community.

When the matter of having a business men's luncheon was broached at the last regular meeting of the Commercial Club the plan found favor on all sides and the standing committee on entertainment was intrusted with making the necessary arrangements. Chairman W. B. Mather called the committee together at once and since then the members have displayed a commendable activity in making the arrangements for a meeting which from present indications promises to be a splendid one.

Arrangements have all been completed for a banquet and talkfest which will be held in the gym of Turner Hall to-morrow, Thursday evening, beginning at 6:30. To put everybody in a happy and receptive frame of mind a banquet with a splendid menu has been arranged for, which will be served to the participants at \$1.00 per plate.

F. W. Johnson has consented to act as toastmaster and for this occasion has arranged the following program of toasts which may be given a different order than here outlined, if found necessary. Observations on Municipal Government in Europe Dr. L. A. Fritsche. The Mission of a Commercial Club G. A. Ottomeyer.

A City Beautiful Rev. E. F. Wheeler

Financing the Little Fellow Dr. J. L. Schock

Getting Next to Our Neighbors Emil G. Hage

New Ulm's Duty to its Boys and Girls Prof. A. Ackermann

Manufacturing in New Ulm, its Achievements and Possibilities Wd. Eibner

The Commercial Club and its Relation to the City Council Henry N. Somsen

The Newspaper as a Factor in the Development of a Community Alb. Steinhauser

1915 W. H. Dempsey

As a pleasing change from the talks several musical numbers have been arranged for. A mixed quartette consisting of Mrs. A. W. Bingham, Mrs. H. N. Somsen and Messrs. Ed. Stoll and A. J. Vogel, and the well-known soloists, Miss Frances Krook and Ed. Stoll will furnish the vocal numbers on the program. Capt. Hofmeister's string orchestra will furnish the music during the banquet.