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Vote \$30,000.00 For Road Money

COUNTY BOARD APPORTIONS ROAD AND BRIDGE FUNDS FOR 1915

ROAD NO. 54 EXTENDED THRU COBDEN, SPRINGFIELD AND NEW ULM.

At a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held at the Court House December 10th, it was resolved, after listening to reasons pro and con in the matter of cleaning County Ditch No. 8, to have this done provided that the total expense including the services of the engineer do not exceed the sum of \$300.00. In case contract is signed up the County Auditor is instructed to file additional ditch lien for the amount of the contract.

The request of Julius Larson for aid in the support of L. Solgard, a pauper, was refused, because the Board felt that there was no reason why Solgard should not go to the Poor Home.

Upon the engineer's acceptance of Judicial Ditch No. 5 in Watonwan County, the Auditor was authorized to issue his warrant in the sum of \$2750.70 to contractor G. E. Gilbertson, said amount being the balance due on the contract.

Milford's request that the County contribute the sum of \$400 toward the repair of the Mauch hill road and one in section 16 was granted.

The Board of Audit submitted its written report which was filed from which it appears that four days were consumed in checking over the accounts of the Treasurer including the stubs of the tax receipts. The tax levy for 1913 amounted to \$272,775.74 and there were uncollected for prior years taxes to the extent of \$7,552.60 making a total of \$280,328.34 to be collected. Of this amount \$272,924.39 was collected, \$107.92 was abated and there were uncollected on Nov. 1st \$7,296.03. On June 1st there was a balance in the Treasury of \$207,777.29. Since then there was received for taxes, mortgage registry taxes and all other sources, the sum of \$81,963.74, all of which was disbursed to the different funds except the sum of \$101,545.52 which is on deposit in the various banks of the County.

On Complaint of F. G. Mathowetz of the Town of Eden that County Ditch No. 14 is being obstructed and that some parties had placed culverts above the grade which further obstructed the ditch, the County Auditor was instructed to notify the parties that had placed the culverts to remove them at once.

In the afternoon session the Board voted the sum of \$500 out of the County's allotment for Roads and Bridge, for improving the State Road thru the village of Springfield and a similar amount toward the State road thru the village of Cobden. Request for this was made on behalf of Springfield by Julius Rieck and Julius Bauch. It was further resolved to extend State Rural Highway No. 54 for half a mile along the south limits of the city of New Ulm and to appropriate the sum of \$500 for the improvement of said road.

By a vote of 3 to 2 the Board voted to reduce the assessments for State Rural Highway No. 54 against the property of Louis Romberg and W. Grundmeyer 60 per cent. Afterwards the matter was referred to the County Attorney who informed the Board that they had no authority to make such reduction whereupon their action was rescinded.

Of the money available for roads and bridges, the sum of \$30,000 will be expended in 1915 in the following manner:	
State Rural Highway	\$3000.00
Springfield	500.00
Cobden	500.00
New Ulm	500.00
State Road No. 2	6000.00
State Road No. 3	3000.00
State Road No. 4	2000.00
State Road No. 5	2000.00
State Road No. 6	1500.00
State Road No. 7	2000.00
State Road No. 8	3000.00
State Road No. 9	4500.00
State Road No. 10	1500.00

In this connection it was further resolved that 20 per cent of this sum be used for the maintenance of all state roads and bridges already built and that each Commissioner have full charge of the work in his own district. The work is to be done according to plans and specifications prepared by District Engineer Robertson and should be done by contract whenever possible.

Com. Erickson submitted written report showing the completion of the

work on State Road No. 5 in the Town of Stark at an expenditure of \$1016.10. Com. Polkow showed a similar report of the work done on State Road No. 9 in Burnstown and North Star and that the sum of \$760.45 was expended for that purpose. For graveling State Road No. 8 the sum of \$302.99 was expended and for dragging State Road No. 54 the sum of \$105.91. All of this work was done according to plans and specifications prepared by Engineer Robertson and he certified as to its correctness in each instance whereupon the reports were ordered filed and the expense incurred thereby ordered paid. For work done in graveling State Road No. 54 the sum of \$255.75 was allowed and for dragging and repairing State Roads Nos. 4, 5 and 54 bills aggregating the sum of \$59.65 were allowed.

The County Auditor and Commissioner Henle were instructed to procure prices and sketches for steel shelving for the County Treasurer's vault and submit report at the next meeting of the Board. After allowing the usual grist of bills the Board adjourned.

THIEVES ACTIVE IN MILFORD.

Wednesday night between 11 o'clock and one o'clock Thursday morning Otto Schreyer's farm, about 5 1-2 miles from the city, was visited by thieves who carried away a hog that had been killed a few days previously. When Mr. Schreyer got up in the morning he went to the separator house where he had placed the meat to cool and found that it had disappeared.

Mr. Schreyer saw tracks in the snow and followed them to a place in the road a quarter of a mile east of his farm. At this point the snow was trampled and it looked as tho an automobile had gone west. Pieces of string similar to the string that Schreyer had was found near this point also. This is not the first time that Schreyer's place has been visited by thieves. Nearly every year chickens and turkeys disappear and other farmers in that neighborhood have had similar experiences. Mr. Schreyer is getting tired of this and he is willing to pay a liberal reward for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who stole his hog.

BAD TEMPER DISPLAYED.

Excitement ran high for a little while last Tuesday evening when Stanis Sperl knocked Otis Richter to the ground with a piece of iron, apparently without provocation. This happened at the Merchant's Hotel about 9 o'clock in the evening. It seems that for some time the best relations had not existed between the parties, due to the fact that Richter had called Sperl down for using improper language to the waiters while they were at the same table together.

On the day of the assault they had words about supper time. While Richter was in the wash room washing himself, Sperl came up to him and held his fist under Richter's nose and threatened him with bodily harm. Shortly afterwards they got into a mix-up in the office, and later on on the sidewalk in front of the hotel. In the latter encounter it is claimed that Sperl got the worst of it.

About 9 o'clock in the evening while Richter was playing cards with three others in the Merchant's Hotel office, Sperl came in and without saying a word, struck Richter a blow on the head with a piece of iron, about 3 inches above the ear, felling him to the ground. Cornelius Madden, foreman of the plumbers under whom Richter works, sprang to the assistance of Richter and was immediately engaged by Otto Grothe who knocked Madden's glasses to the floor and struck him in the face.

The police was immediately called. Night police Herzog promptly responded and took Sperl and Grothe to jail. The doctor who was summoned to minister to young Richter found upon examination that the skull was not fractured. The blow, however, was hard enough to leave Richter in a dazed condition for several hours but was able to be around the next day. Wednesday afternoon Grothe appeared before Justice Henningsen, charged with assault and battery. He plead guilty and upon his promise to make good Madden's spectacles which cost \$16.00 he was fined \$25.00 and costs, in default of which he was sent to the County Jail for 30 days. Both were indicted by the grand jury for assault in the second degree.

The New Ulm High School debating team will meet the Redwood Falls team at New Ulm on either the eighth or ninth of January. New Ulm will uphold the affirmative. Redwood Falls won from Tyler, which gives them a slight advantage in experience. Keen interest is manifested in the coming contest because of the fact that Redwood Falls won from the local team in the district finals last year. Redwood Falls has a veteran team, while only one of the New Ulm debaters has had any experience.

Liesch Settles With Wicherski

GETS OFF EXCEEDINGLY EASY IN DAMAGE SUITS FOR LIBEL.

HEILBRON GETS COLD FEET. AGREES TO DISMISSAL OF HIS CASE.

Of all the cases noticed for trial at this term, the case of Heilbron & Co. against the City of New Ulm and the two libel suits of Ernst Wicherski against Philip Liesch attracted the widest attention. In the first suit the plaintiff attempted to recover a balance of \$571.57 claimed to be due him from the City on account of services rendered as an expert accountant in auditing the books of the city. The City not only denied that they owed Heilbron anything, but demanded a return of \$1020.32 moneys already paid him on account.

This case was reached in the usual order Friday afternoon. All day Saturday Heilbron was on the stand and was subjected to a rigid cross-examination by City Attorney Somsen. In the course of the examination Heilbron was forced to admit that he had been in error in many instances in his preliminary report to the finance committee of the city and that practically every statement contained in the report was either false or did not involve Mr. Wicherski. The Court having ruled that the letter of Chairman Retzlaff addressed to Heilbron engaging him to audit the books of the City constituted the agreement of hire and that any oral conversation about the work had with the Chairman of the finance committee were irrelevant it became plain that the plaintiff's chances of recovering a verdict against the city were rapidly slipping away.

It was expected that the Heilbron case would take up the greater portion of Monday and that the Liesch libel suits which were next could not be completed until Thursday at the best. It came as a surprise to almost every body therefore when on Monday morning City Attorney Somsen announced upon the convening of court that Heilbron's attorneys, realizing that they had no case against the city, had consented to a dismissal.

When the Liesch libel suits were called, defendant's attorneys informed the Court that negotiations were pending looking toward a settlement of both libel suits and the Court cheerfully granted the parties time to reach a settlement. Shortly after ten o'clock the Court was notified that a settlement had been reached and an order was entered in each case dismissing the suit.

It developed later that negotiations for the settlement as consummated were begun Saturday evening. The terms of the settlement of the libel suits as far as the Review has been able to learn, demand of Liesch a full and complete retraction of the libelous articles in both the "Volkblatt" and the "Journal" and the payment of Wicherski's attorney's fees and the accrued costs. In other words, Liesch admits that he "was mistaken" when he published the Heilbron preliminary report of the auditing of the city's books and that without any justification he blemished the good name of one of our citizen. Wicherski forgoes the monetary damages and is satisfied with as complete a vindication as the retraction in the Liesch organs will give him. It is also reported that Mr. Liesch requested that the other newspaper publishers be seen and urged not to comment upon the settlement of the libel suits any further than to publish it as a matter of news. This may or may not be true. It is a fact, however, that two gentlemen called on the "Review" and asked that Mr. Liesch be tenderly dealt with by his brother publishers. The "Review" has no desire to humiliate Mr. Liesch nor give him the roasts that so many people feel he is justly entitled to, but at the same time it can not allow itself to be muzzled for the sake of friendship nor for any other consideration. The settlement of the libel suits came so unexpectedly and the terms of settlement having not been fully disclosed and considered at this time, the Review refrains from making any comment now, but reserves to itself the right to discuss this matter without fear or favor at a future date if the facts warrant it.

Rev. Dr. Hohn left yesterday for Walnut Grove where he will deliver a lecture for the district meeting of the Minnesota Conference.

Success Attends Hanska Meeting

CITIZENS AND FARMERS GREATLY ENJOY GET-TOGETHER AFFAIR.

PLENTY OF ORATORICAL TALENT AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

Fully one hundred villagers and farmers sat down to the festive board in the Liberal Union Hall Saturday evening at the first get-together-meeting held by the farmers of Linden and Lake Hanska and the town people of Hanska. The banquet was a surprise in more ways than one. It demonstrated beyond a shadow of doubt that the community to the south of us has a splendid speaking force and that it will not be necessary for them to go outside for oratorical timber. It also proved that the farmers in that section take kindly to functions of this kind, nearly half of the banqueters being farmers from Linden and Lake Hanska.

The banquet lasted from 7:30 till after 11 o'clock. Four courses were served of the daintiest and most palatable dishes, winding up with coffee and cigars. The waiters were all garbed in Norwegian costume and made a fine appearance. Music was furnished by Nels Ouren's famous orchestra. The happiest man that evening unquestionably was Editor A. R. Eggenberger who acted as toastmaster and who was the prime mover in this function. This was the first attempt of its kind and doubt was entertained about the attendance being sufficient to make the banquet a success.

Emil G. Hage, F. W. Johnson and G. A. Ottomeyer attended from here and all took three part in the talkfest. Rev. Amandus Norman's subject was "The Get Together Spirit." He spoke of the harmonious spirit prevailing in the village and the farming community tributary to Hanska stating that within the last few years there had been very few changes in the personnel of the citizens, that the annual influx and exodus had ceased, and that those who are there now are very apt to stay and are working together for the upbuilding of the community. He mentioned the electric lighting of the village, now almost an accomplished fact, as the latest achievement. Fred Christiansen, mayor of the village and Registrar of Deeds-elect spoke on "Hanska's Future".

Carl Ostad, one of the progressive farmers of the Town of Lake Hanska had been assigned the task of speaking on the "Farmer of the Future" and he acquitted himself in a most creditable manner as he surprised every one present by his fine command of language. In the course of his remarks he made it plain that it depends upon the individual to say if success shall crown his efforts or not. He contended and made it clear that if a farmer wills it he can get just as good returns on a \$200 an acre farm investment as on a farm worth only \$50 an acre.

G. A. Ottomeyer spoke on "Harmony in Commercial Clubs," a subject he is familiar with and which he handled very satisfactorily. Another surprise was in store for the banqueters when Alfred Ouren responded to the toast of "Discounting the Future." The speaker showed unmistakable signs of the humorist and his shafts of witticism hurled at his fellow citizens brought down the house. Henry Melzer had been assigned the subject "Unter dem Linden." He made a strong plea for good roads and predicted that the time is not far distant when not only would the farmers have good roads but that these roads would also be electrically lighted.

Emil G. Hage spoke about the things that Hanska should do in order to forge to the front. He mentioned better schools and the organization of associations of town people and farmers as a means to this end. In speaking upon "Progress in Brown County," F. W. Johnson made the point that to accomplish this there must be a moral uplift not only in private but also in public life and that politics must become more clean. He referred to the election just past as proof that the citizens of the County are waking up to a realization of higher ideals, politically.

CONSUL PROCHNIK GRATEFUL.

In his letter acknowledging receipt of Austro-Hungary's share of red cross funds collected in New Ulm and vicinity Consul Prochnik writes to Ferdinand Crone as follows:
In the name of my government as

interpreter of the feelings of the peoples of Austria and Hungary who in this hour of trial are jointly offering their lives and property for their fatherland, and especially in the name of the Red Cross, I express to the citizens of New Ulm and vicinity my heartiest thanks for the donation of \$2164.43 to the Austro-Hungarian Red Cross. Considering the population of New Ulm, a person can truthfully say that perhaps no other city in the United States has shown in the same or in a larger degree the sympathy and friendship for the common cause of Germany and the Dual Monarchy than has New Ulm. I will see to it that the generous donation of your city and neighboring Towns will be called to the attention of the leading circles of my fatherland.

BOYS ATTEMPT BANK ROBBERY.

Four youthful bandits made a desperate attempt to rob the First State bank of Kasota about 11:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Entering the building, two of them drew revolvers and commanded Cashier O. P. Buell to throw up his hands. Instead of complying Mr. Buell parleyed with the ring-leader, and when he dropped behind the bank counter, as though to arm himself, the quartet fled precipitately.

When the sensational attempt at robbery was made Mr. Buell was at work near the cashier's wicket, and his assistant, Miss Esther Appell, was engaged at a desk a few feet distant. The former glanced up as the quartet entered, and, noticing that they were dressed like laboring men, assumed that they were railroad laborers who wished to have checks cashed. When next he looked up one of the four had stepped to the cashier's window and had levelled a revolver at his chest, the muzzle of the weapon having been pushed through the ornate bars and the barrel resting on the grill work. At the same time another of the quartet pointed his revolver at Miss Appell and told Mr. Buell to throw up his hands.

Instead of doing that the cashier dropped down behind the counter and darted along in its protection to a small room in the rear of the bank. About this time the youthful bandits got scared and dashed out of the bank door. They hurried to the rear of the bank building and then ran thru the town at top speed.

Mr. Buell gave the alarm immediately after they had left. The village authorities started on the trail of the fugitives at once and 15 minutes later a posse from St. Peter was in hot pursuit. Less than three hours after the attempted bank robbery, the would-be bandits were sighted and shortly afterwards were overtaken. They offered no resistance. None of them were armed when caught. A search was made, however, at the point where they were caught and a 32 calibre Smith & Wesson revolver was found. The young men were absolutely penniless when arrested. They were taken to the village lock-up at Kasota and were later on taken to the county bastille at Le Sueur Center. The robbery does not seem to have been planned before hand and from the manner in which the bandits went at it proves conclusively that they were novices at the business.

CONCERT PROVES A DELIGHT.

The concert given by the MacPhail String Quartet last Thursday night at Turner Hall was fully up to the expectations of even the most critical of audiences. This was the second number of the Lecture and Entertainment Course provided for New Ulm this winter. The members of the MacPhail Quartet are artists of the first rank, yet for a town which makes such a boast of its musical proclivities the size of the audience was certainly disappointing. The program at first seemed incomplete without the "Humoresque," but it came finally in response to an encore. The Minuet by Bocherinni made such a hit that it was repeated, and given again before the high school pupils the next morning.

Mr. MacPhail delighted every person in the audience by his masterly handling of the violin and his two companions, Edward Towler, on the viola, and Rudolph Kvelve, second violinist came in for their share of the applause which was warm and frequent. The cellist was not heard in a solo but Miss Gertrude Reeves rendered a number of exquisite selections on the piano and accompanied the quartet and the soloists.

Wednesday evening about 8:30 the 12 year old daughter of Lorenz Postel stumbled over a board while in the yard and in falling broke the bones of her left wrist. A doctor was called who immediately reduced the fracture.

Court Session Is Nearly Over

ANTON BRAND AND EDDIE SNIDER DRAW 60 DAY JAIL SENTENCES.

CRIMINAL CALENDAR NOW ON. CIVIL JURY CASES ENDED EXCEPT ONE.

Five indictments were returned by the grand jury which completed its labors Thursday morning and was discharged by Judge Olsen. Two indictments were found against Anton F. Brand, one for wilful abandonment of his wife and children and the other for non-support. Eddie Snider was indicted for grand larceny in the second degree. Attorney Jos. A. Eckstein was appointed by the Court to defend the former and Atty. Alf. W. Mueller the latter. The firm of Somsen, Dempsey & Mueller will defend Stanis Sperl and Otto Grothe indicted for assault in the second degree. The indicted were arraigned Thursday morning and on Friday morning they severally pleaded "not guilty" to the crimes as charged in the indictment.

Upon the call of the peremptory calendar no one appeared on behalf of the plaintiff in the insurance cases and they were dismissed. The case of Mary Baasen vs. Nick Metzen was settled and dismissed. The following cases originally set for jury trial will be tried before the Court in vacation:

- Nels Erickson vs. Town Board of Linden.
- Carl Battig vs. Fred Crumlett.
- Carl Battig vs. Free Crumlett.
- Carl Battig vs. Paul Falk and Selma Falk.
- Herman B. McNall, Trustee vs. German American State Bank.
- Herman B. McNall, Trustee vs. State Bank of New Ulm.
- Herman B. McNall, Trustee vs. State Bank of Comfrey.

The first civil case to require the attention of the jury was the action brought by Wm. Harris against A. Schiller brought for the purpose of recovering the sum of \$250. The defendant Schiller had entered into a contract with an automobile company of Minneapolis for the purchase of 10 automobiles and had deposited with the Company the sum of \$250 which was to be forfeited to the Company in case he failed to sell the 10 automobiles during the life of the contract. This contract he assigned to the plaintiff who failed to sell the required number of automobiles and was refused the return of the \$250. Harris then turned around and sued Schiller to recover back this money claiming that Schiller had misrepresented the facts when the contract was assigned. The jury decided in Schiller's favor and returned a verdict no cause of action.

The next case tried was the damage suit brought by Hattie Moe against Jos. Kaechele in which she demanded \$5000 damages. The action arose out of an assault committed on plaintiff by the defendant on the evening of July 15th in the village of Springfield. The plaintiff claimed that her back, throat, her arm and her kidneys were injured and that she was incapacitated from work for several weeks. The jury late Thursday evening awarded her damages in the sum of \$300.

In the case of Emma Logan vs. Jacob Fritz Judge Olsen directed a verdict against the defendant for the sum of \$728.85, the amount demanded in the complaint. This action was brought on a judgment recovered against the defendant in Jewel County, South Dakota in an action arising out of a land deal.

Friday the case of William H. Gieseke against the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad Company was tried. This was an appeal from the municipal court of Sleepy Eye in which the plaintiff recovered judgment for the sum of \$150 and costs, for the loss of a horse which was injured by catching its foot in the company's crossing on First South Street. The horse has not recovered from its injuries yet. The lower court was sustained, the jury returning a verdict in the sum of \$150, the amount awarded by Judge Cutting of Sleepy Eye.

When the case of Herman Nagel against Dan Williams and that of Pfander & Flor against the same party was reached, there was no appearance on the part of the defendant and in each case the judgment of the lower court was affirmed. Nagel sued to recover for coal and other commodities he sold to

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