

## CO. COMMISSIONERS HEAR COMPLAINTS

DITCHES NO. 22 AND 7 NOT ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

THESE, AND OTHER MATTERS, GIVE COUNTY FATHERS BUSY DAY.

Ditching matters occupied a large portion of the time of the County Commissioners at their meeting last Friday. Complaints from the parties affected by County Ditches 22 and 7 were presented by an imposing array of legal talent and, unable to reach a satisfactory settlement, the matter was put aside till the meeting of August 18th.

The Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, Minnesota, met pursuant to a call made by the Co. Auditor on Friday, June 18th, 1915 at 10 o'clock A. M.

All members present. The call being read, the Board proceeded to transact all such business as may devolve upon them.

The engineers and viewers report in the matter of Co. Ditch No. 22 was taken up for consideration.

Atty. Henry N. Somsen appeared for the Town Board of Linden protesting that the assessments as made by the viewers against said town was excessive, and has further informed the Board that he also appears for the property owners at the outlet of Co. Ditch No. 7, debating that it will be necessary to widen and deepen said outlet in case Co. Ditch No. 22 is established.

Atty. Alb. Steinhauer appeared in behalf of the petitioners.

Atty. Alb. Flor appeared in behalf of John Mochtel, objecting to his assessment.

Herman F. Jeske and Jehn Mochtel protested in person as to their assessment.

On motion a recess was taken to 2 o'clock P. M. this afternoon.

**Afternoon Session.**

The Board met at 2 o'clock P. M. All members present.

The Board continued to hear arguments for and against the establishing of Co. Ditch No. 22.

On motion it was resolved that the engineers and viewers report be referred back to the engineer and viewers for amendments and that the reports be reported back at 3:30 P. M.

Hans Frederickson of the town of Lake Hanska appeared before the Board in regard to the dam ordered to be constructed at the outlet of Lake Hanska, objecting to the procedure, but no action was taken, except filing a list of the persons objecting thereto.

Atty. J. L. Lobben of St. James appeared before the Board for K. S. Thompson, Clerk of Court of Watonwan Co., regarding to a claim of \$69.00 against Brown Co. for furnishing certificates and copies in the matter of a loan for the construction of Jud. Ditch No. 5 Watonwan and Brown Counties was upon motion duly carried ordered paid.

The annual engineer's and viewers reports were returned and again considered; the Board on motion resolved to postpone final action in the matter to Aug. 18th, 1915 at 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion duly carried F. D. Minium was appointed engineer to make an accurate survey from the outlet of Co. Ditch No. 7 up to where Branch ditch No. 5 enters Co. Ditch No. 7 and furnish an estimate of the cost to deepen and widen said ditch from and to the points mentioned and file his report as soon as convenient.

Register of Deeds asked for steel shelving for his vault and the matter was referred to the Purchasing Committee.

Com. Henle reported that Theo. Hertha an inmate of the Co. Poor Home, is at the present time not a fit subject for county support, as he is fully able to do manual labor, which he refuses to do at the farm, so the board by resolution resolved that the Poor Farm Committee inform him at once to quit the Home and seek employment.

Jul. Krause of Cobden appeared before the Board, asking that a temporary crossing be constructed over the North Branch of the Sleepy Eye creek on State Rural Highway No. 54 where a new bridge is in course of construction, and the Board agreed to allow \$75.00 for that purpose, said temporary bridge to be built under the supervision of Com. Polkow.

Albert Radtke and Peter J. Isackson, Supervisors of the town of North Star, presented a petition asking for aid in

the construction of a bridge on the public highway between sections 22 and 27 across Coal Mine Creek in said town and the request was granted. The Chariman appointed Com'r's. Graff and Palmer as a committee to work in conjunction with the supervisors of said town in the building of this bridge and the County to meet half of its cost.

Com. Henle presented a written report of the work done in grading and graveling State Rural Highway No. 54, West of New Ulm, showing completion (Continued on Page 7.)

## PLOW CORN SHALLOW.

The following notice from A. D. Wilson, Director of Agriculture Extension of the University of Minnesota should be of general interest to the farmers of Brown County.

"The wet weather has made it unsafe to cultivate corn deeply at this time, says A. C. Arny, of the Minnesota Experiment Station.

"In wet weather when the soil is saturated with moisture there is a scarcity of air for the corn roots. Consequently they grow near the surface. Deep cultivation, therefore, after the corn has obtained a height of 6 or 7 inches, will destroy the roots, lessen the moisture supply to plants, and make them more subject to the effect of dry weather later in the season. This means loss to the farmer in any case—sometimes a very serious loss.

"No general rule can be given as to the depth at which to cultivate as conditions vary in different parts of the state, and on different parts of the same farm, or even of the same field, but by examining the rootgrowth in various parts of his corn acreage, a farmer can determine the depth at which it is safe to plow with the least possible loss to his corn, and can set his cultivator accordingly.

"In general, plowing too deep should be very carefully avoided."

## WIESE CASE FINALLY ENDED

The well known Huldah Wiese case which excited considerable comment in 1912 was finally decided in favor of the plaintiff by a Supreme Court decision of recent date and the defendant, Harris Wallin, must pay the sum of \$1800 to the Plaintiff from his father's estate.

The civil action grew out of a criminal case which occurred in September of 1912. At that time Wallin fired a loaded shot gun at the plaintiff and severely wounded her. He was indicted for the offense and on December was sentenced to the State Prison at Stillwater. Later, a civil action was begun and as the defendant did not answer or appear, judgment was rendered in favor of Plaintiff for the sum of \$1800. Nearly a year later application was made to the Court to re-open the judgment. This Judge Olsen denied and he was sustained by the Supreme Court. The defendant had nothing with which to satisfy the judgment at the time it was rendered. Since then his father died intestate and the defendant's interest in the estate, was sold on execution sale in May, 1914 and purchased by the plaintiff.

## DR. VOGEL ACQUITTED.

After listening to the conflicting testimony of a host of witnesses last Monday afternoon who testified that they had seen Dr. Vogel hitting the dirt at a rate of speed estimated from eight to one hundred and twenty miles an hour, the four good men and true who constituted the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

The trial grew out of the arrest of the doctor on June 1st on a charge of exceeding the speed limits in his good green car. The opinion of several reputable witnesses seemed to be that the doctor was going it quick. When brought to trial, Dr. Vogel asked for a continuance of the case which was granted and the final trial was scheduled for last Monday. Many were interested in the outcome for it did not seem at all possible that a doctor, spending his life in the service of suffering humanity, would think of endangering life by driving his car at an excessive rate of speed.

The testimony brought forward was extensive if not enlightening. From the statement of one witness Attorney Somsen proved by the simplest mathematics that the doctor was in a position to challenge Barney Oldfield, Jack Johnson and all contenders. Verily, 120 miles is hitting it up some. Even the familiar green car would find trouble to make that speed. The hour at which the alleged offense occurred was equally uncertain and with the confusion of testimony to consider, the jury, after an hour's deliberation, decided to give it up and let the doctor try again under more favorable conditions for timing his speed.

## TURNERS COMING TO BIG TURNFEST

LOCAL AND TWIN CITY ATHLETES WILL COMPETE IN BIG MEET JULY 4TH—5TH.

VICTORS WILL RECEIVE LAURELS LIKE GREEKS OF OLD, FOR GYMNASTIC FEATS.

For the two days of July 4th and 5th New Ulm Turnverein will be host to some four hundred Turners from the Cities, two hundred of whom will compete in the big Turnfest that is to be staged at that time by the local athletic club. Both the St. Paul and the St. Anthony Turnvereins expect to send strong delegations in hopes of carrying back the lion's share of the laurel wreaths and diplomas to be given as prizes of proficiency in the various contests.

The visitors expect to arrive on a special train from the cities on the evening of the 3d of July. The exercises start early the following morning and the competition in the various classes and events will occupy all the time from seven o'clock till noon. There are three main divisions of the events which will be judged by competent judges from some of the Twin City Turnvereins. The first events will be the calisthenic group work after which the field events will be commenced. These events will be two in number, this time, and will consist of the sixteen pound Shot-put and either the broad jump or the hop-skip-and-jump, to be decided later.

The third division of the competitive morning work will be the apparatus work. This will consist of exercises on the horizontal and parallel bars and on the horse. There are two sections to the work on each piece of apparatus, the obligatory and the voluntary. This section of the work will be more difficult than usual. In the past it has been customary for the classes to specialize on but four events and the obligatory exercise would be taken from this list. But at the annual meeting of the societies of the State, Professor Hein made the suggestion that the choice of the obligatory exercises be left to the judges of the meet. This means, of course, that the class must be prepared for anything that may be asked rather than the limited four events. The purpose of the new rule is to do away with over-specialization and foster an all-round development. The points will be awarded on perfection in the exercises and these points will then be divided by the number in the class. Prizes will thus be awarded on the basis of individual achievement and on the class standing.

The usual custom of the North American Gymnastic Union will be followed in the distribution of awards. No gold medals or prizes of great money value will be given but the old Greek custom of giving a laurel wreath for first place and diplomas for seconds and thirds will be followed. This makes the athletes strive for the honor of the event alone and keeps out any mercenary element that might otherwise enter into the contest.

In the afternoon a gigantic "Schauburn" will be staged on the Turner Hall lawn. Each teacher will be expected to furnish a model exercise and mass exercises by all classes. These may take almost any form from fancy dances to pyramids and Roman ladders.

Monday morning the societies will take part in the big parade with the military and civic organizations of the city. The Turners will appear in the parade in gymnasium costume and will be a striking feature of the pageant. In the afternoon there will be another big gathering at Turner Hall park at which there will be a band concert and more gymnastic exhibitions. If possible, the prizes won in the Sunday morning competition will be awarded at this time. The visitors will leave either Monday night or Tuesday morning. While they are here, the visitors from the City Turnvereins will be the guests of the local organization.

A grandstand is to be built for the comfort of the spectators and a very nominal fee will be charged for admission to the park. A badge which will admit to the entire program is being designed which will sell for one dollar. The committee on arrangements, headed by Fred Pfander, chairman, Alfred Schroeck, secretary and George Hogan, treasurer, is doing every thing in its power to make the big "Turnfest" a success.

## MANY ACCIDENTS LAST SATURDAY

TWO COLLISIONS IN THE SAME PLACE UNDER SAME CONDITIONS.

FALLING SCAFFOLD INJURES TWO OF FIVE MEN WORKING ON BUILDING.

Accidents were quite the order of the day in New Ulm and vicinity last Saturday. Two smashes between an auto and a bicycle occurred one of them of a serious nature in which Henry Schiemann was badly injured, the other in which all parties were more frightened than hurt. The falling of a scaffold on the Robert Lieder farm in Courtland precipitated five men to the ground and injured two of them, Albert Lieder sustaining a badly sprained back and Herman Lieder a fractured ankle.

A rather serious accident occurred on Minnesota Street Saturday afternoon when Henry Schiemann riding a wheel collided with an automobile driven by J. F. Loose, of Morgan. The accident occurred at about one o'clock just in front of the Columbia Clothing Co's store.

The injured man was at once given medical treatment and upon examination it was found that he had suffered a slight concussion of the brain and a ruptured ear drum besides other minor injuries and scratches.

The accident was one of those unfortunate affairs for which no one seems to be to blame. According to the story of Mr. Loose, the driver of the car, and several of the bystanders, he was driving along slowly on the right side of the street. Schiemann was riding in the opposite direction on the same side of the street and did not observe the car approaching. Loose attempted to turn out and the cyclist also attempted to avoid the collision but became confused and steered into the fender of the car and was thrown violently to the pavement.

Later in the same afternoon another near-accident occurred in exactly the same place and under almost the same conditions. Between five and six o'clock, Anthony Schmitz was driving past the building site when a young boy, riding a bicycle and carrying a pail of paint, who was not paying as much attention to his surroundings as he might have been, turned in a wide circle and bumped into the rear of Mr. Schmitz' car. He was spilled from the wheel but uninjured and after listening to a lecture on paying attention to where he was going, rode off. The Schmitz car was traveling at only about four miles and this doubtless saved the youngster from a much harder bump.

Another serious mishap occurred at the Robert Lieder farm in Courtland. Mr. Lieder, his three sons and the hired man, were shingling the granary roof when the scaffolding gave way and all five were thrown to the ground. Albert Lieder sustained a badly wrenched and sprained back and Herman Lieder suffered a fractured ankle. The other three men escaped with a bad shake-up. The scaffold was built of heavy elm planks and had stood the weight of the men all the forenoon but gave way without warning in the afternoon. At last report the injured men were getting along nicely.

## NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH.

While helping in the transporting of a heavy load of gas pipes along Franklin St. between 1st and 2nd North last Thursday, John Bluehm fell of the wagon between the wheels and escaped death by a very narrow margin. The driver, Art Heinen saw the mishap and, with rare presence of mind, brought the team to a quick stop. He was none too soon, for the hind wheel had already struck the head of the prostrate man and if it had gone a foot farther the heavily loaded wagon would have crushed it. At it was, Bluehm's head was badly cut and several stitches were required to close up the gashes over the ear and right eye. Bluehm has been laid up for a few days but will soon be able to go to work again.

## BAD AUTO ACCIDENT IN SIGEL.

A bad spill with a heavily loaded automobile occurred in Sigel last Thursday when Frank Kraus attempted to make too quick a turn on the slippery roads. The car, which Kraus was driving, contained Mrs. Kraus and a child, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rube and the

two children of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Domeier. Mr. Rube suffered a broken rib and Kraus was badly cut by the broken glass of the windshield. The women were badly shaken up but the children escaped without injury.

As Mr. Kraus turned the corner, the car skidded and, leaving the grade, turned over, throwing the occupants out as it turned. The accident seems to have been due to a combination of slippery roads and too much speed at the curve. The car was badly wrecked.

## REUNION AT FRIEDENS CHURCH.

Rev. C. F. Mayer of the Friedens Church was instrumental in bringing about a delightful "get together" of his young people whom he has confirmed during the past ten years at his church last Sunday. Nearly a hundred young people of New Ulm and the surrounding towns took part in the reunion. Essig and Nicollet furnished the majority of the out-of-town visitors, the Sanborn delegation being unable to come because of the bad roads.

The celebration started with morning services at the church at which Rev. Mayer preached a strong sermon taking as his text the 25th and 26th verses of the Ninth Chapter of First Corinthians. Two very enjoyable numbers were rendered by a chorus of seventy-five voices.

At noon a picnic dinner was served in the park in which all joined and enjoyed a jolly reunion till three o'clock in the afternoon when a concert service was given. Harry Mecklenburg gave a speech at this time which well bespoke the sentiments of his fellow confirmants. The meeting closed with everyone convinced that the reunion was a fine thing which should be frequently repeated. The classes presented their pasotr with a beautiful gift of silverware, Lillian Eyrieh making the presentation speech.

- Program.**
1. Organ Solo..... Olga Mayer
  2. Praise Waiteth for Thee, O God, (Psalm 65) from Cantata, Zion by Fearis.....By Massed Choir
  3. Piano Solo Minuet.....Olivia Schilling
  4. Historical Survey of Christianity, Address by Harry Mecklenburg
  5. Piano Duet—Silver Bells
  6. Piano Solo—Silver Sleigh Bells
  7. Piano Duet—Mirthful Moment
  8. Vocal Duet—Wunderbar Ist Gottes Rat.....Erwin and Jessie Spelbrink
  9. Piano Solo—The Breakers
  10. O Come Let Us Sing... Massed Choir
  11. Minuet from Beethoven and Humoresque from Dvorak. Olga Mayer

Final Remarks by Rev. G. Mayer. Doxology and Blessing.

## VOTING LIGHT AT ELECTION.

Interest in the local special election for the voting of a \$40,000 issue of four per cent bonds to defray the city expenses seemed very much lacking at one o'clock Tuesday. At that time only about ten per cent of the usual city election votes had been cast.

When the Review went to press, it was impossible to get any line on the outcome of the election but it seemed to be the opinion that there was no question of the bond issue passing.

## SPLENDID BAND CONCERT.

Those who attended the concert of the Second Regiment Band given in the Park last Sunday evening were treated to a most delightful program. The various numbers were rendered with an artistic ability that spoke well for director Hofmeister and his band.

We have the best band in the state and that New Ulm people appreciate the fact is shown by the crowd that attended the concert. Two thousand is a conservative estimate of the attendance and automobiles were parked for blocks in the vicinity of the concert.

No concert will be given next Sunday evening as the Band boys will be at the National Guard Encampment at Lake City.

## BOYS OFF FOR CAMP THIS WEEK

Company "A" of the Second Regiment of Minnesota Guards will mobilize and go into camp Thursday of this week. The boys will be gone till the 3d of July. New Ulm will send all three of her military organizations as usual, the Band, the Machine Gun Company and Company "A", besides the Regimental Headquarters Staff. Between fifty and sixty of the local boys expect to spend the two weeks at Lake City in military maneuvers.

Sneak thieves are again busy. These light fingered gentry filched a robe from the residence on Broadway and 1st South Street last week at about 9 A. M.

## THIEF CAPTURED IN EXCITING CHASE

MAN WHO STOLE EMPLOYER'S TEAM WAS CAUGHT LAST FRIDAY.

SOLD ANE HORSE AND HAY REACHED BUTTERFIELD WHEN TAKEN.

Caught after an exciting chase over several counties and lasting over three days, Clarence Barnhart, the nineteen year old boy who departed with his employer's best team Wednesday, was apprehended at Butterfield and was taken to St. Peter by Sheriff Olson and Sheriff Julius last Saturday morning. He had disposed of one of the horses to Charles Schwieger of Comfrey for ninety dollars.

Last Wednesday morning Jacob LaFountain, a farmer of Belgrade, left home with his sister Miss Jennie for Mankato, leaving his farmhand Clarence Barnhart to plow corn. The boy, who has been in the employ of Mr. LaFountain for about two months, took advantage of the absence of his employer and on the plea that he had broken the cultivator and needed some repairs hitched up a pair of bays belonging to LaFountain and appropriating some wearing apparel [undertook to make his get-away.

When Mr. LaFountain returned from Mankato late in the day and discovered that his hired man and best team had disappeared together he at once notified Sheriff Olson at St. Peter. The Sheriff at once got busy and sent out warnings thruout the surrounding country to stop the horse fancier; the sheriff then attempted to follow the trial in a car but as the thief had already gotten a good start, the trial was lost in the vicinity of New Ulm. The last report that could be found was that he had passed thru Comfrey during the afternoon and had been seen by laborers working on the Comfrey bridge. After he was captured it developed that he had actually driven thru New Ulm the same afternoon.

Friday morning he succeeded in selling one of the horses to Charles Schwieger of Comfrey. The horse and a set of double harness was sold for the sum of \$90. Almost as soon as Barnhart had left town Marshal Carl Miller received a card from Sheriff Olson describing the property and the boy. He at once realized that a thief had slipped thru his fingers and started in pursuit. He trailed the culprit to Butterfield where he found him and brought him back to Comfrey and lodged him in the village lock-up. He then notified Sheriff Olson and the next morning the Nicollet sheriff and Sheriff Julius took him to St. Peter to await trial.

Barnhart, talked freely to his captors. His history accounts for his bad break. His home, he declared, was at Springfield, Ill., and he ran away four years ago because his sister wished to have him placed in a reform school. His mother died when he was quite young and nothing seems to be known of his father. Since he ran away from home, he has simply drifted from point to point, working at times and tramping when the spirit moved him. He has been in jail once and served a five-day sentence for fighting.

He gave as his reason for committing the theft that he was not satisfied with the wages he was getting and that he ought to be getting more. He was receiving twenty dollars a month and said to have been a fairly steady worker.

He has been planning his get-away for some time and told the sheriff that he had made a careful study of the map of the surrounding counties to get familiar with the roads to know exactly where he was going. He had taken a raincoat and hat belonging to Mr. LaFountain and several other things are reported missing from the farmhouse. Barnhart declares that he did not take anything else, however.

Barnhart did not find the way out crime beset with roses. He says that he had nothing to eat from the time he left the farm till after he had made the sale to Schwieger Friday morning. He was forced to sleep in the open Wednesday night and suffered considerably from the cold and wet. Thursday night at Comfrey he slept in an empty box car. He had left without a cent and was unable to procure food or lodging. When arrested at Butterfield, he still had all but a few dollars of the money he had received for the horse. The money was returned to the Comfrey horse-dealer.