

FEDERAL BUSINESS SHOWS INCREASES

TOTALS OF 1915 MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ABOVE 1914

MORE PEOPLE ARE MAKING USE OF INSURANCE FEATURE OF THE SERVICE

According to a statement issued by Postmaster Fred Pfander the business transacted at the post office during 1915 has been more than \$5,000.00 greater than that of the preceding year, the total being \$94,869.65, as compared with \$89,868.53 during 1914. The greatest increase is that of the money order business transacted, showing total receipts of \$72,024.08 against \$67,437.96 for the year before. The statement also shows that the insurance feature in the parcels post division is being taken advantage of more generally, the increase in the number of packages insured being over 100 per cent.

The expenses of the office have been considerably increased by a raise in the salaries of clerks and carriers and the addition of the auxiliary carrier whose work consists of the delivery of parcels post packages, the collections at the boxes and the delivery of mail to large institutions not included within the several carrier districts:

The report follows:

RECEIPTS.

Stamps, envelopes, post cards etc. sold.....	\$21,833.28
Received for box rent.....	589.60
Received for newspaper postage.....	422.77
Total.....	\$22,845.65

DISBURSEMENTS.

Postmasters salary.....	\$2,600.00
Clerk hire.....	6,681.09
Free city delivery service.....	4,485.08
Special delivery service.....	58.48
Cancelling machine rental.....	95.00
Total expenditures.....	\$13,919.65
Deposited with postmaster at St. Paul.....	8,926.00
Total.....	\$22,845.65

Money Order Business.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Jan. 1st, 1915.....	402.15
11,132 domestic money orders sold.....	68,306.05
Fees on same.....	625.10
122 international money orders sold.....	2,312.88
Fees on same.....	27.90
Drafts on New York.....	350.00
Total.....	\$72,024.08

DISBURSEMENTS.

4467 Domestic money orders paid.....	\$33,315.00
12 international money orders paid.....	355.40
Surplus money order funds sent to St. Paul.....	38,074.00
Cash on hand December 31, 1915.....	279.68
Total.....	\$72,024.08

Registered Letters.—Insured Parcels.

Registered letters at office.....	1819
By rural carriers.....	14
By city carriers.....	52
Insured parcels.....	2203
Incoming C. O. D. parcels.....	557
Outgoing C. O. D. parcels.....	118
Total.....	4763

Steady Increase of Business. The general business of the office exclusive of the money order division shows a steady increase for the past four years, the increase from 1912 to 1916 being over \$3,000 as the following figures show:

Year ending Dec. 31, 1912.....	\$19,613.99
Year ending Dec. 31, 1913.....	21,614.04
Year ending Dec. 31, 1914.....	22,430.57
Year ending Dec. 31, 1915.....	22,845.65

CO. ATTORNEY MAKES REPORT.

According to the annual report of County Attorney Frederickson submitted to the attorney general his office has handled 129 cases during the past year, of which 118 were minor offenses handled in the municipal and justice courts and 11 by the District Court. Of the cases in the District court 3 were for grand larceny, 3 for abandonment of children and one each for forgery, rape, indecent assault, adultery and carnal knowledge. Seven resulted in convictions of which four prisoners were sent to the state prison, two to the reformatory and one to the county jail. There were three dismissals and one acquittal.

In the municipal and justice courts the cases of drunkenness predominated with

those for violations of the automobile law running a close second—43 of the former and 31 of the latter. The balance of the lower court cases were divided as follows: malicious mischief, 8; assault and battery, 7; bastardy, 6; abusive language, 4; violation of liquor laws, 4; vagrancy, 4; non-support, 3; violation of pure food laws, 2; peddling without license, 2; petit larceny, 1; violation of game laws, 1; violation compulsory education law, 1; fugitive from justice, 1.

The above prosecutions resulted in 110 convictions, 1 acquittal, 1 dismissal, 4 statutory settlements and 4 cases still pending. Eight were sentenced to terms in the county jail and an even hundred paid their fines.

The costs assessed amounted to \$636.07; fines, \$571.00. A total of \$1,008.50 in fines and costs was collected during the year.

WATER DEPT. NEEDS NEW PUMP.

Again the City Waterworks Department sends out an S. O. S. call to the city fathers, additional equipment being needed and the matter of purchasing another pump for the municipal water works plant was the main subject for discussion at the regular meeting of the City Council last Tuesday evening. It developed during the discussion that the so-called "Luitweiler Pump" is beginning to show the effects of years of wear and tear and does not hold up under the strain it is subjected to. The Luitweiler pump is used on the city's largest well and it is believed that a new pump of greater capacity and more modern construction would deliver a greater volume of water to the city reservoir.

The water committee contemplates having the old pump thoroughly overhauled if a new one is installed and then placed over the other well. An expert probably will be called into consultation to examine the casing and make an estimate of the cost of repairing the old pump and installing it over the other well. If the committee deems it advisable to make the change a special meeting of the council will no doubt be called to discuss the purchase of a new pump.

Bids were opened by the council for furnishing the city with a 12,000 gallon tank for the storage of oil to be used in street sprinkling. Five bids had been submitted, the lowest being that of Wm. Bros. Boiler Manufacturing Company of Minneapolis, the price being \$370 f. o. b. New Ulm.

Bids also had been submitted by the banks of the city for interest to be paid on daily balances, deposits, etc. All the banks submitted the same bid and the city will as a consequence receive 1 per cent interest on daily balances and 4 per cent on certificates of deposit. The city will be charged 6 per cent on overdrafts.

City Engineer Minium was instructed by the council to prepare plans and specifications for a new house at the city cemetery and some action may be expected on this matter at the next meeting of the council.

Street Commissioner Shiemann reported 278 hours of hand labor and 48 hours of team labor put in on the streets of the city during the past month.

The chief of police and fire marshal submitted their annual reports, which were accepted and filed.

Weighmaster Joseph Koehler reported having scaled 419 loads during December.

NEW OFFICERS OF BROWN-REDWOOD MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The Brown-Redwood County Medical Society met in annual session at the New Ulm Commercial club rooms last Wednesday evening and elected the following officers: Dr. Earl Jamieson, Walnut Grove, president; Dr. M. Sundt, Hanska, vice president; Dr. G. F. Reineke, New Ulm, secretary and treas. Dr. M. C. Pieper of Sanborn was elected to represent the organization as a delegate at the convention of the State Medical Society and Dr. O. C. Strickler, New Ulm, as alternate. Dr. J. C. Rothenburg of Springfield was elected a member of the Board of Censors for three years.

Preceding the meeting the physicians and their ladies were entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Strickler. Papers were read by the members of the society and the contents discussed. Dr. F. D. Gray of Marshall read a paper on "Septic Kidney" and Dr. J. P. Sedgwick of Minneapolis one on "Spasmodic." Dr. T. F. Hammermeister of New Ulm was elected to membership.

A change was made in the rector of the Springfield Catholic church. Archbishop Ireland last Wednesday issued an order exchanging Rev. Fey and Rev. Rant, the former going to Arlington and the latter taking charge of the Springfield parish. Rev. Rant was a former assistant priest in the local parish.

DEMENTED PATIENT ESCAPES KEEPERS

MAN SUFFERING FROM NERVOUS BREAK DOWN RUNS AWAY FROM HOSPITAL

FOUND CRAWLING ABOUT IN A FARMYARD SEVERAL MILES DISTANT

Dressed only in a light suit of clothes, without either shoes or cap, John Reinhart, a patient at the Loretto Hospital forced his way out of the building Monday night about 11 o'clock and wandered around for nearly two hours before he was finally rounded up by a searching party headed by Sheriff Julius.

Mr. Reinhart who has been conducting a general merchandise business at St. George for a number of years, recently suffered a nervous breakdown and was brought to the local hospital last Sunday for treatment. Although he showed no signs of violence, he was closely guarded and never permitted to leave the hospital. He was not locked in his room at night, however, and Monday evening after the nurses had retired, made his way to the corridor, where he found egress through a small aperture under the iron bars of the outer door.

His escape was noticed shortly afterward and the sheriff's office notified. An auto was at once requisitioned and as no one had a clue to the direction the escaped patient had taken, the searchers naturally supposed that he had started for his home in St. George. However, the sick man had evidently missed his bearings in the dark and taken the road to Milford instead. The family on the Albert Geske farm in Milford township about 2 miles from the hospital were aroused shortly after midnight by queer noises in the yard and upon investigation found the unfortunate man crawling about on his hands and knees. He was taken into the house and the authorities notified.

Mr. Reinhart was returned to the hospital by Sheriff Julius and his party shortly after 1 o'clock Tuesday morning and a physician was at once summoned to attend him. It is not believed that the escape will have any ill effects upon the patient altho the exposure in the bitter cold had it been for a longer period would doubtless have resulted seriously.

Next Friday evening at the Methodist Church Dr. J. W. Andrews of Mankato will speak on the subject "The Relation of the Mind to the Body". The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Men's Club of the Church and will be open to the public with no admission charge.

FACTORY FOR SALE ANYBODY WANT IT?

COMMERCIAL CLUB RECEIVES PROPOSITION TO BUY A "GOLD MINE."

BOARD OF CENSORS TO BE APPOINTED TO HEAD OFF SCHEMES

At the monthly meeting of the Commercial Club held at the club rooms Monday evening an entire glove factory was offered to the Club for the small sum of \$800.00. According to Marcus P. Hobart, a real estate dealer in Minneapolis who made the offer in writing, this manufacturing plant is conservatively worth \$2,000.00 and consists of 12 Wheeler & Wilson sewing machines, power die with full set of machine dies, two electric motors, all shafting, cutting tables, racks and figures, in fact everything that is necessary to manufacture cotton gloves, mittens, overalls, shirts, jackets and everything else in that line. He describes it as a money maker which was closed out because the management got to fighting among themselves. This plant would give employment to about 15 people. The matter was disposed of by referring it to the Committee on Industries.

Communications were also read from Chase and Blodgett of Faribault in reference to their coming to New Ulm in the near future to discuss the packing plant proposition. They are both willing to come whenever their presence is requested here. On account of the small attendance present the Club members present did not feel like taking any definite action and the matter was finally disposed of by referring it to a committee of 5 to be appointed by the chair to make a thoro investigation of the proposition and if they deemed it feasible, to call a meeting which is to be addressed by the gentlemen from Faribault. As such committee Pres. Ottomeyer appointed G. W. Cunningham, J. A. Ochs, J. A. Kennedy, Dr. J. L. Schoch and J. H. Siegel.

Arrangements have been made to have H. K. Zuppinger, Secy. of the Commercial Clubs of the State to come here sometime in March and deliver an address to the merchants of the city. He will speak on "Some Phases of Store Administration". This was announced by the chairman. In his address Mr. Zuppinger will touch upon credits and advertising, matters which will be of special interest to all merchants, both large and small.

At the present time the members of the Club are divided into 3 classes, active members, associate members and hono-

rary members. The active members according to the by-laws of the Club own the property. It was suggested that if the finances of the Club permit it, that the property be purchased from the active members, so that all the members of the Club would share in the property equally. Some of the members present expressed themselves as willing to donate their interest in the property to the Club at large and willing to have the by-laws changed to that effect. This plan was objected to as not being quite legal and the matter was finally disposed of by referring it to a committee consisting of William B. Mather and J. F. Armstrong who are to determine who the active members are and then proceed to procure from them a relinquishment of their rights in the property.

On behalf of the Committee on Charities and Advertising, W. B. Mather reported that several meetings had been held and that the Committee had done considerable work. Prof. Ackermann who is also on the committee reported that at the last meeting with Mayor Fritsche it had been decided to establish a board of censors, consisting of business men to be appointed by the Mayor. It is the idea to have all persons who come here with advertising schemes or who come here for the purpose of collecting moneys for some charitable object or to do general begging to secure from this board of censors permission to canvass the city. It is hoped that with this board of censors established only worthy causes will be given support hereafter. As the board has not yet been appointed, the matter was referred to Chairman Mather who is to consult with Mayor Fritsche and have the appointments made without delay.

The committee on the municipal heating plant project reported progress and Supt. August Mueller who was the only member of the committee present reported that at the next monthly meeting a complete report will be submitted.

Pres. Ottomeyer suggested that an active campaign be inaugurated to secure thirty additional members to bring the membership to two hundred, the number that the Club really should have. No definite action was taken, however.

The matter of preparing a mailing list of the 1900 heads of families and single men, voters of the city, as a convenience to the merchants was discussed at some length and was finally disposed of by referring it to the committee which prepared the mailing list with instructions to find out what the printing of such a list would cost and also to find out how many of the merchants would be willing to purchase such a list at a price to be determined upon by the committee. This disposed of all matters which required the attention of the Club and adjournment followed.

FIRST COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Receiving reports of the various county officers, checking up the finances of the disbursing officers and fixing the salaries of the officials occupied most of the time of the County Commissioners at their last week's three-day session. Herman Polkow was again chosen Chairman of the Board and J. P. Graff, Vice Chairman. The funds and accounts of the county treasurer were checked up by the Board and found to be correct.

Proposals from the various banks of the county for interest to be paid on County funds deposited therein were received, all of them offering 1 per cent. The various banks were then designated as depositories and the amounts of their bonds fixed.

The salaries of the county officials were fixed by the Board as follows for the year 1916: R. B. Kennedy, superintendent of schools, \$2,000; W. J. Julius, sheriff, \$1,600; Ad. Frederickson, county attorney, \$1,200; Carl P. Manderfeld, clerk of court, \$1,000; George Ross, judge of probate, clerk hire, \$420; Wm. Johnson, deputy register of deeds, \$300; Arnold Gulden, overseer poor farm, \$540; Rosa Gulden, help to overseer, \$20 per month; Henry Rolwes, janitor, \$60 per month. Three of the county officials' salaries were increased, the clerk of court and sheriff \$100 each and the superintendent of schools, \$200 per year.

The county attorney's office was voted a contingent fund of \$300 out of which to defray expenses in the prosecution of criminal cases and searching for evidence.

While the Brown County Journal was designated as the official paper of the county, the financial statement will probably be published in the New Ulm Review and Post; also in the Sleepy Eye Herald-Dispatch, Springfield Advance, Comfrey Times, Hanska Herald and New Ulm Volksblatt.

The contract for the publication of the personal property tax list was awarded the New Ulm Review, the lowest bidder.

The Board passed a resolution asking the State Tax Commission to refund the taxes of the New Ulm Savings & Loan Association for the year 1915.

COMMITTS SUICIDE BECAUSE OF WAR

FEARS THAT NATIVE COUNTRY MAY BECOME INVOLVED IN CONFLICT

DESPONDENT FARM HAND GOES HUNTING AND FAILS TO RETURN

Great excitement prevailed in Cambria township, just across the Brown county line in Blue Earth county, last Monday, when the report was circulated that a man had been shot and killed on the Ben Hughes farm, but it later developed that it was a plain case of suicide and the neighborhood quieted down.

The suicide is Eric Anderson, a farm hand, about 28 years old. He had been working on several farms in Cambria since April of last year, most of the time for C. A. Alkire, but for the past few months had hired out as a wood chopper and boarded at the Alkire place.

Last Sunday afternoon he left the house, taking a repeating shot gun with him, but did not say where he intended to hunt, if that was his object in taking the weapon. Mr. Alkire's young son wanted to accompany him, but Anderson told him to stay home. That was the last seen of the man alive. When he did not return Sunday night Mr. Alkire began to inquire at the neighbors, thinking that he might have stopped there for the night and when this failed to locate Anderson, search was made in the woods where he had been seen to go.

A little dog had accompanied Anderson on Sunday and the queer actions of the animal attracted such attention that it was followed up the creek to near what is known as the Hughes bridge. There the frozen body was found—a gruesome sight. The entire top of his head was blown off, the brains oozing from the gashing wound where the shot had come out of the head. Mr. Alkire did not try to investigate whether it was murder or suicide, but at once notified Coroner Jones of Blue Earth county at Lake Crystal, who arrived upon the scene about noon, accompanied by the sheriff.

A cursory examination revealed it to be a plain case of suicide. The body was on its side with one knee drawn up. The other leg was stretched and a cord attached to the toe of the shoe at one end and to the trigger of the gun at the other showed the means the unfortunate had used to end his existence. The barrel of the gun had evidently been held close to the mouth before the trigger was pulled with the cord.

All this being plain on the face of it, the coroner decided that an inquest was superfluous, pronounced it a case of suicide and ordered the body taken to Lake Crystal, where it was prepared for burial, but is being held until word has been received from a brother who is supposed to live at Rivertown, Wyoming.

Anderson came to Cambria last April from Minneapolis, where he is said to have been at work as a laborer. He was an industrious young fellow, but never mingled much with other young folks. The only topic which he would discuss with anybody was the European war, always bringing up the subject whether or not his native country, Sweden, would also become involved. Following such discussions he always became downhearted and despondent. He was in one of these moods last Sunday afternoon when he left the house, but no one ever suspected that he would go to such extremes to end his worries.

Although no definite information can be gathered from the effects of the suicide, it is known that his parents and three sisters and two brothers still live in Sweden and the other brother in Wyoming.

Mr. Alkire came to New Ulm yesterday afternoon to deposit the money found upon the body and in the trunk of the dead man. There was about \$60 in money and an insurance policy; the latter, however, had not been kept paid up and is void. Mr. Alkire's version of the suicide is substantially that given above.

A call is expected in the near future from the Democratic county organization for a convention at which to elect delegates to a state convention which will place upon the ballots for the primaries a set of presidential electors. Brown county is entitled to 23 delegates, the apportionment being made upon the basis of one delegate for each 100 votes cast for Hammond at the last state election. Chairman Fred Pfander, of the county committee, expects to confer with the party leaders in the near future and decide upon the time and place of the convention.

OUR MEN OF AFFAIRS

FROM DODGE COUNTY TO NEW ULM AT AGE OF FOUR

A DRUGGIST FOR TWENTY SEVEN YEARS IN BUSINESS FOR HIMSELF EIGHTEEN YEARS

MEMBER BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

CHARTER MEMBER A.P.S.

MEMBER N. O. C. C. O. F.

IN HIS CHAMPLER SIX.

EUGENE PFEFFERLE, THE RELIABLE DRUGGIST.