

PRESENCE OF MIND AVERTS BAD WRECK

CONDUCTOR ON OMAHA SAVES PASSENGERS' LIVES BY QUICK WORK

FORMER NEW ULMITE HAS BEEN IN SEVERAL RAILROAD DIASTERS

To the presence of mind of Conductor Joseph Weber, formerly of New Ulm, is attributed the prevention of a loss of life and a serious wreck on the Omaha road four miles south of Mankato last Thursday evening, when an entire train of steel cars went over on its side. Conductor Weber was in the baggage car, when he noticed a peculiar grinding of the wheels. Without hesitation he pulled the emergency cord and brought the train to a stop within its own length. Eight of the cars were derailed, however, only the diner and mail car remaining on the rails. Only three persons were slightly injured and taken to a Mankato hospital. The cars were tipped on their sides and leaning up against the side of the embankment in several places. Others were flat on their sides. The fact that the train was made up of cars of steel construction no doubt prevented a more disastrous wreck.

The track was torn up to such an extent that the trains during Thursday night had to be routed by the way of New Ulm and from here to St. James over the Minneapolis & St. Louis. Friday forenoon a temporary track was constructed, enabling trains to pass.

This is not the first wreck Mr. Weber has been in, although he is regarded as one of the most efficient railroad men on the Omaha and the wrecks never could be attributed to his carelessness or negligence. The worst wreck he was in was about three years ago, when two cars of the same train wrecked last week went into the ditch at Mendota, causing the death of several people and injuring a score or more. At that time the cars left the track at a switch and plunged headlong into a deep gully. The cars stood on end and the tangle of human bodies was frightful.

Speaking of the recent wreck in an interview with the Mankato Review Conductor Weber said: "I was in the baggage car at the time and the train was running along nicely until we crossed the Pigeon Hill crossing about a half mile east of Minneopa Falls, when all of a sudden the baggage car in which I was riding began to bound and scud along the ties. I grabbed the emergency cord immediately and pulled the same which brought the train to a standstill in its own length.

"Then I went outside to see what damage had been done, and found the entire train derailed. After assisting in getting the people out of the train, I found that there were but three people slightly bruised and that no medical assistance was necessary.

"I attribute the saving of lives to the splendid equipment of the train which is absolutely steel construction throughout. If the cars had been of wood, the loss of life would have been tremendous, and the number of injured would have been large, for the train at the time of the wreck was running about forty miles an hour.

"Passenger train No. 12 had just preceded us to Mankato. As soon as I saw how luckily we had all escaped, I went to the home of F. J. Melvin just across the tracks and telephoned to Mankato that no medical assistance was needed, but to send out a train to pick up my passengers. No. 12 backed up to the scene of the wreck and picked up the passengers and proceeded to Mankato.

"I consider the wreck a very fortunate one indeed, and you can bet your life if it had not been for the splendid steel equipment many of us would not be here to relate the story. As it was I had a lively time of it dodging trunks in the baggage car for a time," said Mr. Weber in closing.

Mr. Weber is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fortwengler of Cottonwood township and well known in New Ulm.

Two hoboes were picked up by the police last Wednesday in the southern end of German park, where they were in hiding after having appropriated a pair of overalls and other articles from the garage of Jos. Karl on South Minnesota street. They had asked for permission to seek shelter from the rain and then showed their appreciation of hospitality by taking along whatever happened to be handy. They spent the night in the county jail and were then told to vamoose.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE MEETING

Business of great importance is to come up at the regular monthly meeting of the Commercial Club this evening and every member has been especially urged to attend, as this probably will be the last regular meeting until after the summer months.

Among the matters to come up are the arrangements for the auto tours which are undertaken by the business men of the city every summer. The towns to be visited and the time of the trips will be decided upon. The community picnics also will be taken up again and it is probable that a picnic will be arranged for after harvest time. The good roads committee has an interesting report ready; also the committee on the establishment of the central heating plant. The "White Way" committee, which had the raising of funds for the establishment of ornamental lights to the depots in hand also will report on its activities.

ENGINEER DECIDES TO THROW UP JOB

STREET COMMITTEE ASSUMES CHARGE OF ALL GRADING AND OILING.

CONFLICT OF AUTHORITY HAS CAUSED TROUBLE WITH STREET FORCE.

Relations between members of the city council and the city engineer, which had been somewhat strained since the first session of the new council when the engineer asked for and was refused an increase in salary from \$110 to \$150 per month, came to the breaking point during the past week and resulted in the resignation of F. D. Minium, the resignation being filed at the office of the city clerk Friday morning.

While Mr. Minium gives as reason for resigning the fact that he has too great an amount of private work to give the affairs of the city the attention required by the council, there probably would not have been a break had not the street committee practically assumed charge of the work supposed to have been done by the city engineer. Mr. Minium left for a trip to Watertown, S. D., last Sunday morning and notified the street commissioner by mail Monday not to do any street work until his return Wednesday. Street Commissioner Scheman showed the letter to Alderman Filzen and the latter took it upon himself to issue orders to the street commissioner, ordered out the teams, roller and oiler and has practically been in charge of the street work since that time.

Mr. Filzen states that he simply was doing his duty as a member of the city council. "I saw there was no one to give orders to the commissioner and the teams were idle and I simply put them to work."

Mr. Minium states that the reason for his resignation is the continual "butting in" of the street committee into work he had been undertaking. Whether this was accident or design he was unwilling to state, but it often happened that he had ordered the commissioner to do certain work and waited for the arrival of the men and crew only to be informed later on that some member of the street committee had given other orders.

It is also possible that a further reason for the resignation is the fact that Mr. Minium's salary was not raised to \$125 a month after working for a full month exclusively for the city as tentatively was the understanding when the new council fixed the salaries of the city officials at the first meeting. "I worked the whole month for the city and would have accomplished a whole lot more than I did were it not for the countermanding of orders, but the size of the check was the same the first of the month—so what's the use," said Mr. Minium. "I have enough private work to keep me busy in New Ulm and am going to give that my attention from now on. If the city needs my services at any time, I am glad to take care of that too."

Talking of the instance on Monday of last week Mr. Minium claims he had instructed the street commissioner to grade Washington street preparatory to oiling, fill up the holes in the street with gravel and put on the roller. When he returned to the city Wednesday morning, he found the teams and oiler at work on the road to the Loretto hospital, which stretch of street, Mr. Minium claims, is not ready for grading and oiling at the present time and the work done is money wasted. The resignation was to come up at the meeting of the city council last evening and no doubt was accepted.

ACTIVITY OF WOMAN SUBJECT OF ESSAYS

GIRLS FIGURED PROMINENTLY IN ANNUAL GRADUATION EXERCISES.

PROF. TODD IN BRIEF ADDRESS REMINDS YOUNGSTERS OF FUTURE DUTY.

Judging by the graduation essays delivered on the occasion of the commencement exercises of the New Ulm High School, woman is rapidly becoming conscious of her own possibilities, even in New Ulm for certainly the young ladies upon whom devolved the duty of representing their class at the exercises had little to say concerning the place to be filled in the world by their school boy friends and a great deal to say concerning the future activities of woman. It seems that for some years the chivalry of the boys of the high school has prevented them from carrying off the class honors so long as there were young ladies in the class to whom said honors might more properly fall and it would seem that the young ladies have become more or less "set up" over the fact and the boys have for several commencements both literally and figuratively taken a back seat. A glance at the program will show how the salutatorian and the valedictorian carried out the prevailing idea of the times in their selections of topics for their graduation efforts.

The first number on the program was a violin solo by Victor Reim which called for an encore. Ruth Catherine Olsen, the salutatorian, talked on the change in the manner of educating girls of today and those of earlier years. She showed the value of a college education to a girl in whatever line of endeavor she may choose. Her enunciation was distinct and her points well made and all who listened might well go away much better informed as to the status of woman in the educated world.

The girls Glee Club furnished the next musical number followed by the valedictory delivered by Stonia Adelaide Kunze. Here again woman came into her own. Miss Kunze sketched the reasons why woman has not advanced farther into the business world. She showed that the positions taken by women workers have always been those under the authority of some man who directed their efforts, and then detailed the various changes woman must make in her nature in order to place herself in equality with the men among whom the rushing current of economic strife throws her. She must play this man's game in the man's fashion, employing his weapons to force her way to the front among the employers of labor and the directors of large enterprises. Her remarks showed an unusual understanding of the problem that woman must face and solve in order to become successful in the world of business.

The Boys Oetett rendered two selections before Supt. Hess introduced the speaker of the evening, Prof. A. J. Todd. The

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BIG CROWD HEARS CONCERT MIXED PROGRAM IS NEXT

Ideal weather prevailed for the opening of the concert season at German park last Sunday evening and a large and appreciative audience listened for upwards of an hour to the music furnished by the

MANAGERS PLEASED WITH "U" PROGRAM

AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS FROM FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL VIEW POINTS.

LECTURES BOTH INSTRUCTIVE AND ENTERTAINING IN EVERY INSTANCE.

University Week was an unqualified success both from the standpoint of education and entertainment and from the financial point of view, the committee reporting that the attendance was sufficiently great to cover the expenses and those attending the sessions expressing their approval of the programs as arranged and rendered by the University Extension Division.

Prof. H. C. Preston lectured at the club rooms of the Commercial Club Wednesday morning, taking for his subject "The Cost of Retail Distribution." Although the attendance was not so great as could have been wished for, it was a representative gathering. Prof. Preston told his audience of the various ways of combating the encroachment of catalog houses upon the local field and always came back to the fact that proper newspaper advertising is the only remedy. His remarks were rather a revelation to those who have an impediment of speech when it comes to paying for putting their name and business in public print. Beneficial results, both to the merchants and to the newspapers should be expected from this lecture.

The program at the Armory Thursday and Friday consisted of musical and dramatic numbers by the Lyric quartet of the University and the Maximilian Dick orchestra, preceded by a lecture on "The Lyrics of Shakespeare" by Prof. James Davies and the meetings closed with a lecture by Prof. W. J. Plummer on "Spain and Spaniards", recounting the aggressive policy of the once powerful nation, its defeat upon the high seas by England and its gradual decay, which lately, however, is giving way to a new life and enterprise. The people of Spain today are forgetting their pride and are beginning to know that there is something else to live for than to perpetuate the history made by their forefathers.

Probably the most interesting and best received lecture of the week was that given by Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow of Cincinnati, than whom there is none who speaks with such startling straightforwardness upon the issues of the present day. His lecture "The Religion of Inspired Politics" bristled with pointed original sentences upon which he then elaborated and proved their correctness.

Behold the fowls of the air; they sow not nor reap—but they do.

Consider the lilies of the field they toil not, nor spin—but they do.

Behold the fowls of the air, they sow and they reap and they gather into barns and not a lazy sparrow of them waits for a father's dole of food.

Consider the lilies of the field they

BIG CROWD HEARS CONCERT MIXED PROGRAM IS NEXT

Second Regiment Band. The concerts will be held regularly every Sunday evening from now on for ten consecutive Sundays.

Next Sunday's program follows:

PROGRAM.

1. March "Caesar's Triumphal" Mitchell
 2. Overture "Poet and Peasant" Suppe
 3. Descriptive Paraphrase, "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep", C. Lovenberg
 4. Wald Piece, "Pflingsten ist gekommen" E. Kiesler
 5. Temp de Marcia, "Red Feathers" G. B. Mann
- Intermission.
6. Characteristic March "Sliding Jims" Losey (E. Vogel and Geo. Crone.)
 7. Overture "Barber of Seville" Rossini
 8. Air de Ballet, "La Torpille" Losey
 9. Polka de Concert, "Two Little Bullfinches" (Duo for Piccolo and Clarinet, Sergt. P. Kitzberger and Jos. Tastel.)
 10. a. March, "The American Up to Date" J. S. Duss "Star Spangled Banner."

KITCHENER AND STAFF DEAD

A cable message from Liverpool was received in the city yesterday to the effect that Lord Kitchener, the British minister of war, and his entire staff were drowned off the north coast of Scotland. Later newspaper dispatches have confirmed the report, adding that Lord

Kitchener and staff were on their way to Russia, presumably for the purpose of directing the Russian campaign against Germany. The news dispatch adds that the transport carrying the English lord and party was torpedoed by a German submarine.

toil and they spin, gathering jewels from beds of muck and weaving them with threads of sunlight into garments of white and gold.

Every creature in God's universe works save a few men who are the beneficiaries of some unjust law which permits them to live by the sweat of other men's brows.

Blessed is the man who has a job, a job that he loves, by which he renders to society useful service and for which he receives an honest wage.

Colonel Goethals got \$15,000 a year for building the Panama Canal.

Young Vincent Astor got \$800,000 for doing nothing. If young Astor had earned his inheritance building canals at fifteen thousand dollars a year he would have had to begin work seventy-two years before Noah was born.

If a man will not work, neither should he eat. That text applies to hobos in Pullman cars as well as hobos in box cars. Some people think that chopping wood

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WHITE AND BLACK IN CUTTING AFFRAY

COAL SHOVELERS ON RAMPAGE GET AFTER EACH OTHER WITH KNIVES.

BOTH LAND IN COUNTY JAIL WITH GASHES ON HEAD AND THROAT.

Trouble between the white and colored races is not confined to Dixie land and the two do not seem to be able to mix worth a cent when representatives of both races are employed on the same job. This was evidenced by a cutting affray which occurred in one of the boarding cars near the Northwestern coal chutes east of the depot last Monday evening shortly after dark, when a colored man known only by the nickname "Yellow" and Dick ("Slim") Sloan, a white employe of the coal furnishing company, started to settle the race question by at tempting to eliminate each other from this vale of tears.

The trouble evidently had been brewing for several weeks and there had been bad blood between Slim and Yellow for some time, the white man claiming that the colored man was shirking his end of the job and not "breaking down" the coal. Yellow denied this and since that time there has been an armed truce between the two, the white man keeping in close proximity to the butcher knife and the colored man wearing a pocket knife in his bootleg.

Monday afternoon things came to a climax, when Slim again criticized his fellow workman for soldiering on the job. Yellow took in a lot of territory in recounting the alleged social standing of Slims ancestors and punctuated his remarks with a crack over Slim's head with a broken piece of sewer pipe. Things moved with a startling rapidity from that moment on. Slim seized the trusty butcher knife and Yellow met him half way. The rest of the coal handlers tumbled from the car and in a minute the East End was in an uproar.

Some one telephoned for the police, who arrived promptly and soon had the scrappers in durance vile, taking them to the county jail where their wounds were dressed and both put safely behind the bars. Slim had a gash two inches long on the left side of his throat, another on his chin and a bump on his forehead while the colored man received a stab in the back of the neck. Neither of them was seriously injured.

Although no direct complaint has been made of the conduct of the crew, it is said that the carousals indulged in by them have been very disagreeable to people living in the lower part of the city. Beer generally was purchased by the keg and whiskey by the jug and there never was a lack of refreshments in the boarding car.

The coal shovelers are not employes of the Northwestern road, but form a part of the crew employed by Hamlin Bros. of Kansas City, Mo., contractors for furnishing coal to railroad companies. According to members of this particular crew, they were shipped out of Kansas City about May 2 and sent to La Crosse. From there they went to Rochester and for the past few weeks have been in New Ulm. This is not the first fight they have been in.

As the charge against the two fighters no doubt will be a serious one the local authorities will await the arrival of County Attorney Frederickson, but it is expected that they will be arraigned some time today.

CITY WATER SUPPLY GIVEN STATE TEST

CONCLUSIONS ARE AT VARIANCE WITH FACTS GIVEN IN FIELD DATA

SUPPLY IS FOUND ABSOLUTELY SANITARY STILL NOT RECOMMENDED

Members of the water committee and health officer are at loss to understand a report received a few days ago by the city officials from the state board of health, ostensibly showing the condition of the city's water supply, but in reality being so inconsistent and at variance with the facts as to make it practically worthless, until further explained by the state board.

According to the report the investigation was made at the instigation of the M. & St. L. Ry. Co. on April 20, and the report is dated May 23rd.

After reviewing the conditions surrounding the water supply of the city in a four page preamble and finding everything absolutely in sanitary condition, the water absolutely free from the bacillus coli, a germ to which typhoid fever is sometimes traced, the director making the investigation winds up in the following recommendations and conclusions:

"The permanent construction to be placed on the top of the casing for well 3 (College Hill) should be installed as quickly as possible.

"Recommendation 5 of the previous report should also be complied with, unless the local authorities have decided to follow their plan of making the cisterns water tight by lining them with concrete and filling the area around wells 1 and 2 with clean sand. Data collected at this time indicate this plan to be satisfactory if properly carried out."

According to Supt. Mueller and Health Officer Seifert the recommendations made by the state board of health last December were complied with in every instance and even this last report in its field data so states. The cisterns at the pump station have not been in use for nearly two years and have been filled with sand since early last fall. There is no possible chance of contamination at the plant, the city officials claim, and the condition of the water bears out this contention. The field data contains this astounding information: "Instead of abandoning the cisterns beneath the pumping station filling them with sand, as recommended in the report of December 10, 1915, the local authorities have decided to retain them and make them water tight by concreting the interiors." Where the investigator received this data the city authorities are at loss to understand. There never has been any intention of using the cisterns again and no one ever thought of "concreting the interior." The suggestion had been made, according to Health Officer Seifert to concrete the top of the cisterns, so as not to allow water to percolate through the covering of sand, but the interior never was considered.

Appended to the report are the following conclusions: "The field survey showed conditions were unsatisfactory from a sanitary point of view, while in the analytical results indications of contamination were not found. This supply therefore can not be considered safe for public consumption in its present condition."

Health Officer Seifert met with the water committee Monday afternoon and with them went over the situation thoroughly. City officials were of the opinion that the requirements of the state board of health had been met in every possible manner and that the conclusions formed were not based on facts evident from field data. The committee decided, however, to put a thick concrete covering over the filled cisterns, although this has never been asked for by the state board.

The two sentences which are absolutely at variance and conflicting read as follows: "The analytical results showed the water to be of good sanitary quality" and "This supply was not recommended for public consumption."

The state board of health has been appealed to for a more definite construction of its findings.

Reports that the so-called fishermen's case was to be tried this week were without foundation, neither the county attorney nor the attorneys for the defendants seeming very anxious to go ahead with the case at the present time. County Attorney Frederickson is of the opinion that the newspapers should be given full opportunity to try the case before it is taken up again.