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CONTRACT AWARDED TO SILAS JACOBSON

ST. PAUL ARCHITECT TO DRAW PLANS FOR NEW ELECTRIC POWER PLANT.

CITY COUNCIL IN FAVOR OF APPOINTING CHAS. HEERS SUPERINTENDENT.

At a special meeting held last Saturday evening, the New Ulm city council decided unanimously to award the contract to draw plans and specifications for the proposed new municipal power house in North German park to Silas Jacobson, St. Paul architect, who some time ago drew the plans and specifications for a similar plant at Fairmont. Knowing the importance of the step to be taken the city fathers again discussed the question thoroughly. Mayor Eibner, City Attorney Dempsey and Superintendent Mueller taking part in the deliberations. All present were agreed that "service" should be made the prime consideration in the matter. They were equally convinced that New Ulm has two capable architects who could be entrusted with architectural work of almost any kind but that they lacked experience in the drawing of plans and specifications for an electric light and power plant with all its difficult details. It was admitted that their offer was lower than that of Mr. Jacobson, but it was thought that this seeming financial loss to the city would be more than offset by a larger degree of reliability in the work of the architect, which would give the city better service now and save it from possible alterations that might become necessary in the future.

Heers Superintendent?

It was suggested by several councilmen to appoint Chas. Heers of this city as supervisor. This question was referred to the regular monthly meeting which was held Tuesday evening. Architect Jacobson was invited to be present at this meeting to sign the contract and receive further instructions regarding the building. The exact size of the structure has not been definitely decided on.

Other propositions were submitted by Croft & Boerner, architects, Minneapolis and Duluth, and Mr. Plagens of this city.

Books Audited.

The auditing of the city's books will be done by H. Hartmann, expert accountant of Milwaukee, Wis., according to a decision by the council. Mr. Hartmann has done this work for the city for several years.

PRIZES RENEWED FOR JUNIOR DAIRY JUDGING.

Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association Again Offers \$15 to Boys and Girls.

The Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association again offers \$15 for prizes for boys' and girls' dairy and livestock judging contests for 1920, provided county fair associations offer a like amount. Local contests are to be held at county fairs and the prizes suggested are: First, \$7; second, \$5; third, \$3; fourth, \$3, and six \$2 prizes. Any boy or girl under 18 may enter. The club must be organized before August 1. The two highest winners in the county contest—and there must be at least 10 participants in such contest—can take part in a state contest between the counties. Their expenses to and from the capital city will be paid by the association. The three highest winners in the state contest will receive as a reward a free trip to the National Dairy Show or the International Livestock Show in Chicago, where they will participate in a national contest.

HARD TIME PARTY.

A hard time party given by St. Anne's Court, Catholic Foresters, at the Catholic School hall, Sunday evening was greatly enjoyed by about 75 people, a number of whom appeared in fantastic old time costumes. The affair was arranged by the ladies for their husbands and friends. A program had been prepared, consisting of community singing, readings by Mrs. F. Gilbert and Mrs. F. P. Zschunke, several vocal solos by Mrs. Milch-Sittard and a recitation by Miss Thekla Eibner. Several social games were also greatly enjoyed. The prizes for the two best single costumes were awarded to Mrs. Jos. Kirsch and Henry Rowles. A delicious lunch was served. The event was a most enjoyable affair, according to those present.

BIG LABOR MEETING AT TURNER HALL, SUNDAY.

Permanent Organization of Local Branch of Workers' Political League is Planned.

A big labor meeting is scheduled to be held in the lecture room at Turner Hall, Sunday afternoon, for the purpose of perfecting the organization of a local branch of the Working People's Non-partisan League. While this meeting is being arranged by members of the local Labor Unions, all working people in New Ulm, including those that do not belong to any Union, are urgently requested to attend and take an active part in the organization of the local branch. Ladies are just as welcome as gentlemen, and the invitation to take part in the deliberations is also extended to merchants and professional men who are in sympathy with the laboring people and want to support them in their efforts to purify state politics.

A political committee, composed of an executive committee and one member from each of the local Unions, has been appointed by President Jos. Klaus of the New Ulm Central Labor Union to arrange for the political activity of the local working people. The executive committee is composed of Oscar Dingler (chairman), Wm. Tuenge and John Holonbeck, while the other members of the political committee are: Barbers' Union, John Arndt; Brewery and Soft Drink Workers' Union, Carl Abraham; Bricklayers', Masons' and Plasterers' Union, R. A. Dahms; Brick and Clay Workers' Union, Geo. Hofmeister; Carpenters' Union, Alfred Brey; Carpenters' Union, Alfred Borchert; Mill Workers' Union, Otto Polle; Musicians' Union, Anton Groebner, Jr.; Painters', Paperhangers' and Decorators' Union, Wm. Pfeiffer; Typographical Union, Martin L. F. Eylich. This committee held a meeting at Turner Hall last evening.

Mrs. Wm. C. Frank and daughter, Lucille, of Springfield were New Ulm visitors a few days last week.

LAMBERTON TEAMS BESTED BY LOCALS

BOYS' BASKET BALL PLAYERS BEAT VISITORS WITH 52 TO 8 SCORE.

GIRLS ARE VICTORS IN GAME WITH 33 TO 9 POINTS AT FINISH.

Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams of the New Ulm high school scored a decisive victory over the respective players of the Lambertion high school at the local high school "gym," Friday evening in two games, which, although considerably one-sided, were none the less very interesting. All four teams played good basket ball, but somehow the New Ulmites proved their superiority over their adversaries, and many pretty and clever plays were staged. The score at the close of the boys' contest was 52 to 8, in favor of New Ulm, while our basket ball lassies bested the Lambertion girls with a score of 33 to 9.

Gymnasium Was Packed.

A large delegation of Lambertion enthusiasts accompanied their teams to New Ulm in a vain effort to cheer them on to victory, and a goodly number of local fans were present, so that every available seat in the "gym" was taken. There was friendly rivalry between the supporters of the contesting teams during both games and the mills were greatly enjoyed by all present.

District Championship.

The local boys' basket ball team will meet its ancient and mostly always victorious enemy, Sleepy Eye, at the high school "gym" there on Friday evening of this week. This game will decide, whether New Ulm will have an opportunity to try for the district championship or not. Sleepy Eye defeated our boys on the local floor, January 9, and the contest Friday evening is to be a return game. If we win, which will no doubt happen, if the boys play as good as they did in the mill with the Lambertion youngsters, then the local high school boys will meet Sleepy Eye on a neutral floor, to decide the championship of this district. If we don't win—well, let's not get pessimistic!

Here's hoping our lads will "trim up" Sleepy Eye "to the queen's taste" Friday evening and also prove successful in the contests for the district and state championship! A big delegation of rooters should accompany them to Sleepy Eye.

LARGE DAMAGE IS DONE TO MATERIAL

FIRE IN BASEMENT OF GAS BUILDING CAUSES LOSS OF \$18,000.

JOHNSON & CO., OVERALL MA- NUFACTURERS, OWNERS OF BUILDING.

A large amount of goods belonging to the overall factory of Johnson & Company was destroyed or partly ruined by fire last Wednesday evening, January 28. The alarm was turned in about 9 o'clock by Anton Bartl. He and several others noticed the smoke issuing from the building, recently purchased by Johnson & Company from Mrs. Frank Burg. W. S. Cockroft, as assistant engineer in the office of F. D. Minium, city engineer, told C. R. Hennick, manager of the New Ulm Gas Company, about the fire and the latter hurried to the scene opening the doors of the building so the fire-men would not have to break in by force.

Located in Basement.

The origin of the blaze was soon located in the rear of the basement where a large number of cut overalls were piled up awaiting sewing and finishing in the factory, which is located on the second floor. The firemen soon after their arrival entered the basement from two sides one party going by the door in the rear and the other by the coal hole. Their work which lasted about an hour and 15 minutes was very much hampered by the dense smoke enveloping the whole building. Flames could not be seen from the outside, but it was only for the quick and effective work of the fire boys that the blaze did not spread through the whole building. As it is the flames burned through the first floor entering the work room of the Gas Company in the rear of the building and shot up through the shaft of the elevator leading to the second floor where the overall factory is located. The fact that the door to the upper work room was closed was partly responsible for the checking of the fire saving the machines and part of the stock from serious damage.

Loss Placed at About \$15,000.

O. Kemp, part owner and local manager of the overall factory, placed the loss to his company at about \$20,000, but later estimates reduced this to about \$13,000 to \$14,000. The loss to the Gas Company is about \$1,500, according to an estimate by Mr. Hennick. The conditions in the office of the Gas Company were such that Mr. Hennick decided to remove it to some other location for the present. They are now located in a rear room of the Brown County Bank building. The loss of the Gas Company is entirely covered by insurance. The overall factory was less fortunate the insurance carried on the stock in the building being only about one-fourth of the loss, according to a statement by members of the firm.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Clint and Bessie Robbins, whose company are at the Turner Theatre next week, are probably the best known theatre people in this part of the northwest. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins have more personal friends in South Dakota, the kind of folks that say "Hello" to them and invite them over to supper, than any other couple we know of. We were struck with this fact last winter at Pierre during the session of legislature, when Mr. and Mrs. Robbins were in town, and we saw people from all over the state chatting with them at the hotel. A banker from the western part of the state said to us, "I have known them for years, and they are the finest kind of people either in the theatre or out of it. In fact they have done a great deal toward the elevation of the theatre business and the standard of plays in this section during the years that they have been in the business."—Headlight, Big Stone, Minn.

F. C. Zimmermann and son, Edwin, accompanied by Wm. Krohn and A. F. Blank, all of Nicollet, transacted business here last Wednesday.

Emil Hahselbruck, who returned to New Ulm last November from Mare Island, Calif., where he had been stationed for six months, has accepted a position with J. H. Allen & Co., wholesale grocers, of St. Paul. Mr. Hahselbruck enlisted in the U. S. Marines about four years ago, and for three years saw service in the Philippine Islands.

TO HELP CHILDREN IN CENTRAL EUROPE

APPEAL MADE AT MEETING IN TURNER HALL FAVORABLY RECEIVED.

LADIES TO ORGANIZE CENTRAL BODY FOR CHARITABLE RELIEF WORK.

"Help the starving children of Central Europe," will be the slogan of a new organization to be formed by the ladies' societies of this city at a meeting arranged for next Friday, February 16, at Turner Hall. The appeal for more centralized relief work was made by Rev. Edward Niemann and Capt. Albert Steinhauer at a meeting held at the Lecture Room in Turner Hall, Thursday, January 25. Rev. Niemann pictured the needs of suffering Central Europe and Russia and asked his hearers to stretch out their helping hand and save life and health of their fellowbeings.

It was then proposed by Capt. Steinhauer to urge the ladies' societies of this city to take the matter up and go at it in a systematic way. His proposal found ready response with representative members of several societies present. Mrs. Dr. L. G. Bell stated that the Turner Ladies already are doing some relief work of this kind but that they would be willing to act jointly with others. Mrs. Ben Juni of the Ladies' Aid of the Friedens church then promised assistance and the same was done by Mrs. Alex Schwendinger in the name of the St. Elizabeth society. Representatives of the other Ladies' societies will be asked to come to the meeting next Friday when a central organization is to be formed.

Help Needed.

That help for the children and other suffering people in Central Europe is urgently needed was shown by Rev. Edward Niemann in his lecture which was attended by a large number of people. The speaker referred to the newspaper reports about conditions in European countries and said that they are true, that they are not made up to appeal to the sympathies of the American people but that they are recording actual facts. He related some instances from personal observations particularly mentioning the most terrible effects of the English-American blockade upon the physical condition of the children and women and old people. Once he and his wife saw a number of German refugees from Russia who had been held there as civilian prisoners. They were in such a pitiful condition that Mr. and Mrs. Niemann decided to adopt one of their children to save it from the clutches of hunger and death.

Card System Explained.

The speaker explained the card system introduced by the imperial German government under the old regime and he praised it as one of the best moves made by that government because it helped materially in checking the worst effects of the blockade such as are witnessed now in parts of Russia and unhappy Austria. Samples of these cards were shown by Rev. Niemann. The shortage of many commodities and necessities was very great, he said. On passing through Hamburg on their way back to the United States they were forced to eat half-raw food because of lack of fuel. In East Prussia, where Mr. and Mrs. Niemann lived for almost three years like in most parts of Germany the bread ration was half a pound per week and the butter allowance was 40 grams which is about one-twelfth of a pound. Rev. Niemann also referred the many substitutes that were in use during the last years of the war. Paper and wood was extensively used in the manufacture of many articles. A paper towel was shown by the speaker as a sample of these goods.

Smuggling.

Smuggling was to be found everywhere. The many restrictions, high prices and a great scarcity of goods were too great a strain on the minds of the people, the speaker said, and they began to disobey the law in every possible way.

In conclusion Rev. Niemann urged his hearers to continue their relief work for the hungry people in Central Europe and advised them to send goods or parcels to individual addresses if possible. A soprano solo by Mrs. Niemann was very much appreciated by the audience.

Mrs. Olga Brandt and daughter, Miss Elvira, returned to New Ulm last Wednesday, from a visit of a few days with the Aug. Thom family at Nicollet.

FLOOD CONTROL MEETING AT COURTHOUSE, FRIDAY.

Addresses To Be Made by State Engineer Willard, Sen. Cliff and Rep. Newman.

A meeting has been called by the Tri-State Flood Control Association to be held at the New Ulm Courthouse next Friday, February 6, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of discussing the important problem of flood control in the Minnesota valley. The plans are to form an organization of the farmers along this section of the Minnesota river, whose interests should be protected.

The meeting will be addressed by State Engineer E. V. Willard, Senator F. L. Cliff, author of the new Drainage law, and Representative O. C. Newman, who sponsored the Cliff bill in the House. The Cliff bill provides for organizing the entire Minnesota valley in one flood control district, so that the interests of all sections may be taken care of in one big plan. The new law also provides that all lands now drained by big ditches may be assessed \$1.00 per acre.

Invitations have been sent to the farmers in this section. They are signed by D. L. Williams, for the Tri-State Flood Control Association, E. F. Searling, secretary Mankato Commercial Club, and J. A. Ochs, president New Ulm Commercial Club. The letter states that Engineer E. V. Willard has outlined a plan for building three big impounding dams above Mankato, and for deepening and straightening the river channel so as to carry off the waters more readily. The cost of these improvements will be about \$1,300,000, which is less than the loss sustained last year from floods.

"If this had been done twelve years ago when the matter was first proposed, the farmers would have saved many millions of dollars already," the letter states. It is expected that a large number of farmers will attend the meeting.

Miss Louise Rautenberg visited friends at Winthrop recently.

SENIORS WIN SIEGEL TROPHY IN CONTEST

WILLARD VOGEL AND THELMA RINKE TO TAKE PART IN DISTRICT MEET.

JUNIOR, SOPHOMORE AND TWO FRESHMEN CARRY OFF OTHER PRIZES.

Willard Vogel and Thelma Rinke, both seniors, will represent the New Ulm high school in the oratorical and declamatory contest of the eastern section of this district, to be held at the local high school auditorium, Friday evening of next week. The high schools entered in this contest are those of New Ulm, Mankato, Sleepy Eye, St. Peter, Gibbon and Redwood Falls.

The winners of this contest will represent the eastern section at the district meet to be held at Mankato, Friday, Feb. 27.

Elimination Contests.

Two elimination contests were held at the local high school auditorium last week, to determine the two members (one, each of the boys' oratorical team and the girls' declamatory team) who are to represent the local high school at the contest in the eastern section, Friday evening of next week. At the same time, the John H. Siegel trophy was awarded, namely, to the senior class, two of whose members—Willard Vogel and Thelma Rinke—secured the first prizes.

The boys' contest was held Thursday evening, two representatives of each high school class participating, and the prizes were awarded as follows: First, Willard Vogel, senior class; second, John Graff, junior class, and third, Roy Pfeiffer, freshmen class.

The girls' contest, which was held Saturday evening, resulted in the prizes being awarded as follows: First, Thelma Rinke, senior class; second, Lillian Eylich, sophomore class, and third, Elizabeth Hintz, freshmen class.

Exceptionally Well Rendered.

The names of the contestants taking part in the elimination meets Thursday and Saturday evenings, together with the titles of their orations and declamations, were published in the Review last week. The renditions showed that the young Demostheneses had carefully prepared themselves for the exertion, and it was quite a difficult matter for the judges to reach their decisions. Those acting as judges for the boys' contest

EXTORTION CASE TO BE TRIED FEB. 10

VIDIAN B. VYE AND ED. CUT- TING TO TAKE STAND IN LOCAL COURT.

JUDGE C. E. QVALE OF WILL- MAR TO PRESIDE; NO SUB- POENAS ISSUED.

Vidian B. Vye of St. Paul and Ed. Cutting of Sleepy Eye will be placed on trial before C. E. Qvale of Willmar in district court here next Tuesday, February 10, at 10 a. m., on extortion charges. The trial will bring to a head what has been looked upon as one of the most interesting jury cases in the past several years in Brown county. Farmers in neighboring counties are also very much interested in the outcome of this trial. County Attorney W. T. Eckstein and Assistant Attorney General Col. Albert F. Pratt will prosecute the case. The two defendants will be represented by Attorneys Albert Hall of Minneapolis and W. R. Werring of Morgan.

The trial will be presided over by Judge G. A. Qvale a request by the defendants having been made on December 16 for the appointment of a special trial judge by the governor of the state. Judge Frank Clague stated at that time in open court that in case the defendants desired another judge to preside he would gladly retire from the case. At the same time that this request was made a motion for a change of venue was made. This motion was denied by Judge Qvale at a hearing held in Mr. Hall's office in Minneapolis on January 19.

Four Indictments.

Four separate indictments have been returned against the two defendants. The first one of these was returned at the May term of the district court, and the three other joint indictments were returned on December 9 during the last December term of the district court. Two of these latter charge the defendants with extortion and the other with attempted extortion. Both were arraigned in open court the following morning and pleaded not guilty. At that time Judge Clague fixed joint bail in the sum of \$1,000.

The extortion charge returned at the May term as well as at the December term grew out of the defendants' activities as agents of the Minnesota food administration in Brown County during the summer months of 1918. Mr. Cutting was arraigned during the court session in May, pleaded not guilty to the indictment and his bail was fixed at \$1,000. Vye was in Wisconsin at the time the indictment was returned and remained there until September, when he was brought to New Ulm by Sheriff Wm. J. Julius. He was arraigned and pleaded not guilty whereupon his bail also was fixed at \$1,000.

The charge of extortion under which Vye and Cutting were indicted grew out of the alleged collection of so-called expense money for trips to the plaintiffs' farms.

SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION

At the regular monthly meeting of the fire department, Monday evening, the following letter, addressed to Chas. Lindemann, Jr., was read:

"We ask you, as a member of the Fire Department and also as a member of our organization in New Ulm, to express to the members of the Fire Department of your city our sincere appreciation for the Excellent service they rendered us at the time of our recent fire. The small gift we are offering is not to repay for their services, but merely as further evidence of our appreciation. To repay would require thousands of dollars. We have heard of your efficient organization, and are now pleased to be able to congratulate you on it. New Ulm should be proud of you. Gratefully yours, Johnson & Co."

Accompanying this letter of appreciation was a check for \$80, which gladdened the hearts of the fire laddies, as it proved to them that their services were highly gratifying to the company.

Mrs. Julius Oren of Hanska was a New Ulm visitor between trains, last week Monday.

were Rev. E. F. Wheeler, Prof. E. R. Blieternicht and Attorney W. H. Dempsey, while Rev. Dr. C. G. Hohn, Miss Vera Strickler and Mrs. G. F. Niskanen served as judges in the girls' contest.