

COUNCIL HAS BUSY SESSION

FIRE PROTECTION ON CITY'S BUILDINGS DISCUSSED. PLAN REDUCTIONS.

PROPERTY OWNERS PROTEST AGAINST GRAVEL PITS. HEATING REPORT.

Quite a number of important matters came up for discussion at the regular meeting of the city council, last Tuesday evening, among them being the fire protection on the municipal building and on the new municipal electric light and waterworks plant, now nearing completion. City Clerk William P. Backer informed the city fathers that the fire insurance policy covering the former structure would expire yesterday. It was the consensus of opinion of the councilors that it is not necessary to carry a great deal of fire insurance on the municipal building, as it is practically of fireproof construction and the fact that the Fire Department is housed in the structure adds materially to the protection. The only insurance necessary on the new municipal plant is against damage by tornados, as this building is absolutely fireproof. Although the expiring policies were temporarily renewed, the amount of insurance will be greatly reduced in the near future, after a thorough investigation of the matter.

Protest Against Gravel Pits.

The council's attention was called to the menace caused by the numerous deep gravel pits existing in the south part of the city. A petition, signed by 15 or more property owners in that section, requested that some action be taken to eliminate this dangerous condition, and City Attorney Albert Pfander informed the city fathers that anyone sustaining injuries or other damage as a result of falling into these deep depressions, could hold the city liable therefor. The street committee, together with the city attorney, was instructed to investigate this matter and submit a report at the next meeting.

Heating Report Read.

President Alfred J. Vogel and Secretary Fred W. Johnson appeared before the council on behalf of the New Ulm Heating Co. and Secretary Johnson read the annual report of the joint city council and Heating Co. committee on last year's business. The council members of the committee are Dr. Emil Mueller and Karl H. Auferheide. The report showed that the affairs of the Heating Co. are in excellent condition. The figures and other data contained therein will be found in another article in today's issue of the Review.

To Help the City.

After reading the report, Mr. Johnson stated that some of the directors had spoken favorably on the suggestion that the amount contained in the depreciation fund, which is in excess of \$8,000, be invested in municipal electric light and waterworks bonds. In order to do this it was necessary to change the clause in the articles of incorporation, which states that the money in this fund must be placed on certificates of deposit. This matter was taken up at the annual meeting of the Heating Co. stockholders, Monday afternoon, and received their sanction.

Sewer Contract Awarded.

The contract for the construction of a sewer on Front street, between Fifth and Sixth North streets, was awarded to Charles Emmerich of this city, his bid being for \$1,346. He will commence work immediately. There were only two other proposals for this work, as follows: Gulden & Vercoe, New Ulm \$1,490, and Lars Overn, St. Peter, \$1,450.

Anent Milk Inspection.

August Backer, proprietor of the Sanitary Dairy in Milford township, appeared before the city fathers and desired to ascertain when, if ever, the proposed milk inspection ordinance would be adopted and enforced here. Mr. Backer stated that an inspector of the State Dairy and Food Commission had called upon him and, after an investigation of his dairy barn, had ordered him to make improvements and changes costing approximately \$1,000. He was informed that the milk inspection ordinance would be taken up by the council in the near future.

Many Minor Matters.

John Bartl, prominent resident of Riverside, asked the city fathers to afford him some measure of relief from the recurrent flooding of his property in the east end of the city, caused by the improper placing of a culvert along the M. & St. L. right-of-way.

FIND SPIKES ON NORTHWESTERN RAILS

Serious Results Can Happen From Deeds Presumably Done By Boys.

F. P. Starr, station agent at the local Northwestern depot, informs the Review that within the past few weeks several instances were called to his attention of spikes lying on the tracks of the Northwestern line between tenth north and the cemetery. The officials of the line believe that this is the prank of some youngsters who do not realize what a serious accident could result from these doings. Although they have had a man watching the tracks they have been unable to apprehend the guilty parties and desire the parents to inform their children that they should stay away from the tracks entirely. Persons walking along the tracks are trespassing upon the property of the railroad company and are liable to find themselves in the meshes of the law if they do not look out. If laid a certain way across the tracks these spikes are apt to cause a derailment, which might have very serious effects and even cause loss of life.

\$35,000 FOR RIVER SURVEY

LAST LEGISLATURE PROVIDED FUND FOR PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION.

COMMISSIONER OF DRAINAGE PROMISES ACTION FOR FLOOD RELIEF.

In view of the fact that the last legislature passed two measures favoring flood control in the Minnesota river basin, one of which provides an appropriation of \$35,000 for a preliminary engineering investigation, E. N. Willard, state commissioner of drainage and waters, announces that definite measures to relieve the flood dangers in the valley will soon be inaugurated. The proposed relief action was given further impetus through the favorable result of the recent flood control hearing at Mankato, in which the Minnesota Valley Drainage and Conservancy District was ordered established by the 10 district judges in joint session, under Act.

The Conservancy District comprises some 270,000 acres of land and extends from Browns Valley on the west to and including a point about 15 miles above the outlet of the Minnesota river into the Mississippi at Fort Snelling. It also embraces the valley lands bordering on the former stream within the boundaries of Minnesota for a distance of 250 miles.

A board of five directors, which will have charge of drainage and conservancy activities in the district, will be appointed by the 10 judges who presided at the hearing, just as soon as the court's order establishing the district has been formally issued.

The engineering investigations, for which the legislature appropriated \$35,000, will be made by the State Department of Drainage and Waters, and the field surveys are to begin as soon as this Department has perfected the necessary organization to undertake this work.

Relief Now in Sight.

For the first time during the 40 odd years that repeated attempts have been made to adequately control the flood waters of the Minnesota river and to prevent the inundation of valuable farm lands, which have practically been rendered worthless by the recurrent floods, relief is now in sight and the farmers and landowners in the valley are hopeful that the present bright prospects will finally materialize. Millions of dollars worth of damage has been done to growing crops and manufacturing enterprises along the Minnesota river as a result of early and late spring floods and inundations occurring as late as June and July. A successful solution of the difficult drainage problem will mean much to the entire state.

Dr. H. C. Edmiston attended the annual convention of the Southern Minnesota Osteopathic Association, which was held at Mankato, Saturday. A number of highly interesting and instructive talks were given by leading Osteopathic physicians of the state and considerable attention was devoted to the subject of public welfare by advocating "an ounce of prevention" in preference to "a pound of cure." The next convention will be held at St. James, according to the decision of the Association members present.

FIRST GAME TO BE PLAYED SUNDAY

LAFAYETTE TO BE FIRST OPPONENTS OF NEW ULM'S TEAM.

PLAYERS OUT FOR PRACTICE DURING REST OF THIS WEEK.

Sunday the fans of New Ulm will have their first opportunity to see the crack New Ulm nine in its initial appearance on the ball field this year, when they will cross bats with the ball team from Lafayette. Lafayette played a twelve inning tie with the St. Peter nine Sunday, both teams remaining scoreless.

Boys Practicing Hard.

The local nine will be hard at work for the rest of this week in practice. Manager Bunn having announced batting practice in the forenoon and fielding practice in the afternoon. As the players are all new to each other it will take some practice for them to work together but the manager has confidence that they will show good team work in Sunday's game.

Local Players Tryout.

All local players that come out on the field will be given a tryout as it is the intention of the club to get as many good New Ulm players in the lineup as possible. It is expected that the following New Ulmites will come out and try to make the team playing outfield positions: "Bill" Pfeiffer, Jess Becker, "Sep" Guentner, "Hanna" Williams and "Heine" Dahms. Two of these fellows and "Red" Meixel will make up the outfield.

Strong Infield.

The infield will be made up of the following players: "Billie" Born, catcher; "Spottie" Bruseck, pitcher; "Doc" Bunn, first; Robinson, second; Davis, short and Delke or Blakely, third. Born needs no introduction to the New Ulm fans as he is well-known here, having caught for New Ulm last year. Bruseck, the twirler, hails from New Prague, and has a reputation of being a first class pitcher. Bunn, like Born, needs no introduction, as he was the lanky first baseman that scored the many runs for the New Ulm team last year. Robinson of Sleepy Eye is slated to hold down second in Sunday's game as the management has not yet secured a satisfactory second baseman. Davis, who will cover short hills from Madella and has played considerable professional ball in the Iowa leagues and has a reputation that is unapproachable. The remaining problem of third will be settled Sunday as there are two players that have asked for a chance to try for the position. With this lineup the New Ulm team should be able to meet all comers and it is up to the local fans to give them good support.

Other Games Arranged.

The following schedule has been arranged by the games committee so far but it is very likely that this will be somewhat changed: Sunday, May 22, Winthrop; Sunday, May 29th is still open but arrangements will be made to get Sleepy Eye to play here; Decoration Day, May 30, Janesville; Sunday, June 5th, the locals will play Balaton at Balaton; on the following Sundays Balaton and Le Sueur come to New Ulm, the former on the 19th and the latter on the 26th. The committee is also trying to make arrangements for week day games.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER.

Superintendent Arnold Gloor announces that he has secured Dr. J. E. Bushnell, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church of Minneapolis, to deliver the commencement day address to the Class of 1921 of the New Ulm high school at Turner Hall, Friday evening, June 3. Dr. Bushnell has been pastor of the Minneapolis church for some 20 years and is one of the leading clergymen of the Mill City. He delivered the baccalaureate sermon at the University of Minnesota commencement exercises several years ago.

Mrs. Anna Mans, one of the pioneer residents of Belgrade township, Nicollet county, passed away at the Home for the Aged in connection with the St. Joseph Hospital in Mankato, Sunday morning, aged nearly 80 years. She leaves eight children to mourn her loss. Funeral services will be conducted at the Belgrade Catholic church this (Wednesday) morning.

"TRIAL OF HEARTS" WAS WELL RENDERED

Large Number of People Take In Amateur Theatrical By Turners.

A large number of people saw the play, "A Trial of Hearts", given by the members of the Turner Classes intending to take in the Chicago National Tournament. The play was a comedy-drama in four acts and was very well rendered by those taking part in it. It was directed by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Choate, who also directed the play, "Way Down East," which was staged by the Turners last year.

The following members of the Turner Classes took part in the play: Sam Lawellin, Dr. K. R. Bell, F. H. Niemann, Thomas Pfander, Hugo Schleuder, Oleta Niemann, Irene Stamm, Julia Meyer and Gretchen Winkelmann.

According to the Whitewater Register, Whitewater, Wis., under date of May 5, ex-president Wilson is at present a patient in the Mayo Bros. Hospital at Rochester, Minn. The nature of his ailment is not given.

INSTRUCTORS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ONLY THREE VACANCIES IN PERSONNEL OF LOCAL TEACHING STAFF.

NEW PRINCIPAL AND FOUR NEW INSTRUCTORS ARE ONLY CHANGES.

New Ulm is exceptionally fortunate in having practically all of its public school instructors engaged for the term of 1921-22, as many communities find it exceedingly difficult to secure the necessary teachers at reasonable salaries. There are only three vacancies still to be filled here, which is indeed a very good showing. Another very gratifying fact is that there are but few changes in the present personnel, which augurs well for the efficiency and harmony of the teaching corps for the next term.

The three positions still remaining vacant are an assistant in the Home Economics Department to succeed Miss Minerva Kellogg, a high school instructor to take the place of Miss Elenore Louks and a teacher to take charge of the new opportunity class to be organized at the beginning of the fall term.

As announced in the Review last week, a new principal and four new high school and grade teachers were engaged by the board of education at a recent special meeting. The new principal is Ronald V. Powers, while the new instructors are the Misses Marie Garnock, Mary Almeter, Ann Bloom and Marjorie McFarlane.

The Teaching Personnel.

The following list includes all of the instructors in the high school and grades that have already signed up contracts for the coming school year: HIGH SCHOOL. Arnold Gloor, Superintendent. Ronald V. Powers, Principal. Harriet Myrick, Mathematics. Elizabeth Schmidt, History. Myrtle Frederickson, English. Gretchen Steinhauser, German and Biology. Jean Treadwell, Latin and English. N. E. Kirchhoff, Manual Training. Herman Hein, Physical Director. Ida Koch, Normal Training. Elizabeth Spriesterbach, Home Economics.

Mary Almeter, Commercial. Marie Garnock, Commercial. Marjorie McFarlane, Music. Emmy Steinhauser Librarian. Rollin Church, Science and Athletics.

EMERSON SCHOOL.

Mary Sauter, Junior Principal. Marie Lunde, Grammar. Erna Holzinger, Geography. Anne Welch, History. Anna Bloom, Intermediate. Irene Smith, Intermediate. Louise Henzel, Intermediate. Louise Meile, Primary.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL.

Mathilda Johnson, 5th and 6th Grades. Elma Stolz, Intermediate. Dorothy Kern, Intermediate. Eunice Starr, Primary.

LINCOLN SCHOOL.

Lydia Schilling, 5th and 6th Grades. Bertha Ruemke, 3rd and 4th Grades. Anna Schmidt, 1st and 2nd Grades. FRANKLIN SCHOOL. Mrs. A. C. Dupere, Intermediate. Selma Fenske, Primary. Ida Heers, German in the Grades.

NO MAINTENANCE COST REDUCTION

EXPENSE OF NEW ULM RURAL TELEPHONE CO. GREATER THAN LAST YEAR.

OPERATING REVENUE \$41,139. DISBURSEMENTS \$28,381. 2,186 Telephones.

One of the important matters discussed at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the New Ulm Rural Telephone Co., held at the Creamery Hall, Thursday, was the possibility of reducing the company's expenses this year. This question was brought up by Director F. H. Retzlaff and elicited a reply from Manager L. A. Mills to the effect that there is no relief in sight, as much maintenance work is necessary, which may cost the company even more than was expended for this purpose last year. Other stockholders took part in the general discussion of this weighty problem.

\$21,400 Notes Outstanding.

According to the annual report of Secretary Adolph G. Bierbaum, which was read at the meeting, notes in the total amount of \$21,400 were outstanding against the telephone company January 1, 1921. Other data contained in this report shows that the total cost of the plant and equipment up to December 31, 1920, was \$158,821.74, of which \$12,732.13 was added during the past year.

Resources Total \$165,734.98.

The secretary's annual report also showed that the total resources of the company aggregate \$165,734.98 and consist of the following individual items: Real estate, \$3,675.00; buildings, \$14,121.52; central office equipment, \$28,253.61; subscribers' station equipment, \$33,100.16; exchange plant construction \$75,685.65; general equipment, \$3,985.80; inventory and supplies, \$2,322.70; due from subscribers, \$2,200.14; Liberty Bonds, \$500.00 and cash in banks, \$1,890.40.

The liabilities are: Notes payable, \$21,400.00; accounts payable, \$706.79; depreciation reserve, \$64,229.61; capital stock, \$61,450.00; 1920 dividend, \$4,301.50; undivided profits, \$13,647.08; total, \$165,734.98.

Net Income \$12,758.20.

The operating revenue during the past year totaled \$41,139.61, while the aggregate operating expenses were \$28,381.41, leaving the sum of \$12,758.20 as the net income of the plant for the year 1920. From this amount \$7,757.33 has been added to the depreciation fund, which, as a result of this increase, now totals \$64,672.11.

Operation Data.

The operating revenue, which aggregated \$41,139.61, was received from the following sources: Phone rents, \$37,740.55; commissions, \$2,861.36; miscellaneous, \$537.70.

The operating expenses are divided into three accounts, namely, the maintenance, the traffic and the general expense accounts. The total operating expenses last year amounted to \$28,381.41 and were made up of the following items:

Maintenance Expense—Repairs of exchange plant, \$6,856.75; repairs of equipment, \$1,998.41; repairs of buildings, \$3.05; station renewals, \$339.12; miscellaneous maintenance expense, \$805.03; total, \$10,002.36.

Traffic Expense—Operators' salaries, \$6,634.32; toll operators' salaries, \$1,336.37; miscellaneous traffic expense, \$1,205.47; total, \$9,176.16.

General Expense—Officers' salaries, \$4,066.00; officers' traveling expenses, \$79.60; clerks' salaries, \$730.23; insurance, \$271.08; advertising, \$6.70; light and heat, \$707.89; stationery and printing, \$655.97; miscellaneous general expense, \$565.88; interest, \$1,000.00; taxes, \$1,076.02; legal expenses, \$7.00; toll commissions, \$6.52; total, \$9,202.89.

2,186 Phones in Use.

There were 1,481 city and 705 rural telephones in use December 31, 1920, making a total of 2,186 instruments that are connected up with the local exchange.

Officers and Directors.

The election of directors resulted as follows: New Ulm—Fred Pfander, Joseph Wiesner, William James, John A. Sellner, Adolph G. Bierbaum and F. H. Retzlaff; Cottonwood—Math. Roeck and Joseph J. Sperl; Courtland—Nick. Reinhart and Henry Mueller, Jr.; Lafayette—Frank Wellner and Fred Wellner; Milford—Fred Roloff and August Backer; Sigel—Thomas J. Stadiek and Henry Liesenfeld; West Newton (Continued on page 2).

NEW ULM TO BE CONVENTION CITY A. L.

Next Meeting to be Held here October 1921. 300 Delegates. Expected.

At the recent district convention of the Southwestern Association of Legion Posts held at Worthington, Minn., Friday, May 6, New Ulm was chosen as the convention city for the next convention to be held sometime in October of this year. Walter Wiedenmann represented the New Ulm Post at the meeting. The association is composed of 67 posts with a membership of over 5000 ex-soldiers and many more posts are expected to join.

The object of the Association is to unite posts into a working unit to assist individual posts with their problems, both in organization and in furthering the aims of the American Legion. About three hundred delegates are expected at the New Ulm Convention and it will be up to the local post to entertain them.

Vinton C. Bird has returned to Springfield, following a visit of a few days at the Herman Schreyer home here.

TRAIN CUTS OFF PORTION OF HAT

ALBERT POSTEL HAS NARROW ESCAPE WHILE ASLEEP ON RIGHT-OF-WAY.

EVIDENTLY CARRIED TOO BIG A LOAD OF MOONSHINE ENROUTE HOME.

Albert Postel, a young man residing in Riverside, had about as narrow an escape from death as is possible, Thursday night, when a portion of his hatbrim was sheered off by the wheels of the westbound Northwestern passenger, which leaves here at 1:25 a. m., while he was lying prostrate, sound asleep alongside one of the rails. And at that his slumber was so sound that he even failed to wake up from the noise of the rumbling train.

Found by Switching Crew.

The night switching crew came into the local railroad yards on a string of freight cars which they had pulled in from the stone quarries at Redstone and were as close behind the outgoing passenger as is permitted by the safety rules. The engineer noticed a prostrate figure lying alongside one of the rails and repeatedly sounded the whistle as a warning, but the man did not move. Fearing that he was dead, the train was stopped and the crew made an investigation, which revealed the facts as indicated above.

Hard to Awaken Sleeper.

It was quite a difficult task to rouse the young man from his stupor, but repeated efforts finally were successful and Postel was escorted safely across the railroad tracks and headed for home. He had evidently secured an unusually heavy load of "red likker" somewhere up-town, and when the burden had exhausted his power of navigation, he must have decided that the railroad right-of-way was just as secure and comfortable a resting-place as could be found in that vicinity.

A Hairbreadth Escape.

Members of the train crew state that had Postel moved his head as much as a few inches toward the rail, while the passenger train was going by, he would undoubtedly have been killed instantly. They cannot explain how the train managed to pass the young man without awakening him. There is no telling what would have happened, had he suddenly awakened and moved toward the rail while the passenger was going by. His hair-raising experience should teach him to be more discriminative in the choice of a resting-place hereafter.

WHERE TAX MONEY GOES.

It will no doubt prove interesting for people who paid a Federal income tax this year, to learn just where the money derived from this source goes and how it is used. Out of every dollar received as income tax, 68 cents goes toward paying off our World War debt and the debt contracted by the government while it administered the railroads of the country; 20 cents is spent on our Army and Navy, while the remaining 12 cents are divided among salaries of public officials, the cost of harbor improvements, good roads, education and peace-time activities.

DISTRICT COURT CONVENES MONDAY

FIFTY-SIX CIVIL CASES ON MAY TERM CALENDAR THIS YEAR.

FIVE CRIMINAL ACTIONS, INCLUDING THE FOUR AGAINST SCHEI.

All indications point to a rather long and tedious grind of the wheels of justice during the May term of the Brown county district court, which convenes at the courthouse in this city, next Monday morning. The civil calendar contains no less than 56 cases, of which 12 have been continued from the December term, while the criminal docket embraces five actions, four of them against W. E. Schei, editor and publisher of the Lambertson Star.

Court will convene next Monday morning at 9 o'clock, Judge I. M. Olsen of this city presiding. The grand jurors will report for duty at that time, while the petit jurors have been summoned to appear in the court room at the same hour on the following day, Tuesday.

The court calendar contains the following cases:

- Criminal Calendar. State of Minnesota vs. Herbert Haeska. State of Minnesota vs. W. E. Schei. State of Minnesota vs. W. E. Schei. State of Minnesota vs. W. E. Schei. State of Minnesota vs. W. E. Schei.

Continued Civil Cases.

- G. H. Becker vs. August Gross. Raymond Johnson vs. Western Union Telegraph Co. Brown County Bank vs. Emil G. Hage. Mary Rusten vs. Jacob Sieversen. John A. Helling vs. John W. Koester. William Roesch et al vs. Charles Ebenhoeh. John Sittauer vs. Rudolph E. Alwin. Louis G. Vogel vs. August G. Erickson. W. T. Rawleigh Co. vs. George Fischer and Joseph Kuehn. Albert Rishir vs. R. F. and Emma Schultz. Co-Operative Wholesale Society of America vs. Peoples Co-Operative Association of New Ulm. Bertha and Charles Davin vs. B. J. and Frank H. Schwartz.

New Civil Actions.

- Anna Grau et al vs. George Grau. Berkner Bros. vs. New Ulm Drainage & Construction Co. Herman Koop et al vs. Louisa Schilling et al. Henry Hamann et al vs. Otto Hummel et al. Christ. Dahl vs. John H. Poehler. Frank Gruber vs. City of New Ulm. State of Minnesota et al vs. Brown County.

- Alfred W. Mueller, administrator of the estate of Hermann Amme, deceased, vs. Frank Schreiner. Ben. A. Weise vs. Baltsuch & Fischer. W. E. Harlin vs. J. H. Haenze. Brown County vs. J. M. Hanson et al. Brown County vs. Martin Martinson et al. Emil Swanbeck vs. Edward Norrell. Daniel H. Berkner vs. Adolph Jensen. William Palmer et al vs. Payne Investment Co. et al. Frederick Woodrick vs. Hugh and Jane L. McPhee. Leo Schueller vs. John Wilson. Iowa Savings Bank of Esterville, Iowa, vs. Emil G. Hage. John Bauer vs. Emil Golnick. Melvin A. Vogel et al vs. Equitable Life Insurance Co. of Iowa. Ida Vogel vs. The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn.

- Ida Vogel vs. The Aetna Life Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn. Charles M. Annestad et al vs. John Bruns et al. John A. Swanson vs. John Franta. John Fischer vs. Electric Short Line Railway Co. Jacob Rossbach vs. Electric Short Line Railway Co. Nelson Bros. vs. Charles and Bertha Davin. E. W. Miller vs. J. A. Glassmann. William Rossbach vs. Electric Short Line Railway Co.

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