

## TWO ARE INJURED WHEN TRAIN AND TRUCK COLLIDE

### SCHULKE LEASES CRONE BUILDING FOR NEW STORE

Will Open One of Finest Department Stores in This Section.

### FRED MEINE RENTS OTTOMEYER BLOCK

Carl F. Crone To Continue Clothing Business Of Firm.

In the largest business deals which have occurred at one time in New Ulm in years, A. Schulke and Sons, dry goods and ready-to-wear merchants, have leased a part of the Crone Bros. company department store block at 110, 112 and 114 North Minnesota street, and the Fred Meine Clothing company has rented the Ottomeyer building at Minnesota and Center streets which is now occupied by Schulke's.

In his new location, Mr. Schulke announces that he will conduct one of the most complete and up-to-date department stores in Southern Minnesota. Not only will he continue the dry goods, ready-to-wear and grocery departments of Crone Bros. but he will add new lines. The new business will be known as Schulke's department store with A. Schulke & Sons, proprietors.

**To Continue Men's Store.**  
The Crone Bros. company will continue their men and boy's clothing and furnishing department. It will be under the management of Carl F. Crone who has been general manager of the Crone Bros. company. Mr. Carl F. Crone will become the owner of this store.

A. Schulke and Sons plan to move into the Crone's building about February 15. The building will be entirely remodeled for them. A new modern front will be installed, the basement remodeled for a sales room and a balcony constructed across the rear. The front will be placed back 18 feet with spacious windows on each side. There will be two entrances with a display window placed between them. The gradual approach to the entrances will do away with the present steps in the building. New fixtures will be installed and the building redecorated. Near the front entrance a stairway will lead to the basement sales room.

### Owns Stores in Dakota.

It will not be any new experience for Mr. Schulke to run a department store. He has been in business for 32 years and is now the owner of large department stores at Langdon and Nekoma, N. D. He will have associated with him his two sons, Fred and Herbert. Fred has been with his father during the five years Mr. Schulke has conducted a store in New Ulm, and was previously associated with him in North Dakota stores. Herbert has now a responsible position with the wholesale dry goods firm of Finch, Van Slyck and McConville, St. Paul, Minn. and Mrs. Herbert Schulke will move to New Ulm after the first of the year and will make their future home here. Mr. Schulke and his sons have taken a long lease on the Crone building.

### Crone's Founded in 1857.

The business of the Crone Bros. company was founded in 1857 by Theodore Crone, Sr. It was established in a small building which was 20 feet by 25 feet on the site of the present store. During the sixties a building 45 by 110 feet and three stories high was erected. The store added an addition in 1873. Another addition was erected in 1907 making the building 80 feet by 110 feet.

Crone Bros. became the name of the firm in 1891. The company incorporated in January 1921 under the name of the Crone Bros. company. The incorporators were: Ferdinand Crone, Carl Crone, Carl F. Crone, Anna Crone, and T. H. Schonlau. The officers of the concern were: Ferdinand Crone, president; Carl F. Crone, vice president; Carl F. Crone, general manager and T. H. Schonlau, secretary-treasurer. The capital stock of the firm was \$200,000. The firm is one of the oldest in Southern Minnesota.

### Meine Leases Building.

The Fred Meine Clothing company has leased the building now occupied by Mr. Schulke and owned by N. Henningsen, Adolph G. Meile and A. A. Schlumberger. He will move into his new location on March 1, when his

### CHRISTMAS MAIL RUSH IS NOW ON

Postmaster Asks Parcels Be Mailed Early And Tied Securely.

With the beginning of the annual Christmas rush at the New Ulm post office, Postmaster Fred Pfander last night issued a statement in which he urged that all parcels be mailed early, wrapped securely and addressed plainly. "These three suggestions comprise the cardinal points of Christmas mailing," Mr. Pfander declared. "Packages should now be in the postoffice for far Eastern, Western and Southern points," Mr. Pfander said. "By mailing packages early they will be certain to reach their destinations before Christmas. On each package may be written 'Do not open until Christmas.'"

**Instructions Are Given.**  
"Be sure to have a return address on the upper left hand corner of the parcel. Place postage in the upper right hand corner. Do not stick Christmas seals on the address side of letters or packages. Street numbers must be on all parcels to larger cities or they will be indefinitely delayed. Insure all parcels against loss or damage. Writing on cards and circulars makes them first class and subject to two cents postage. Postal regulations permit a card to be enclosed in a package with the words: 'Merry Christmas' and the name of the sender."

### To Employ Extra Help.

Mr. Pfander declared that extra help would be placed at work in the postoffice beginning Saturday and every effort made to clean up each day's mail so that no congestion would result.

On Christmas day the windows of the postoffice will be open from 8 to 9 a. m. with one delivery of rural and city mail. The office will be closed on Sunday, December 24, as usual. Regulations concerning Christmas seals on the address side of European parcels are very strict, Mr. Pfander said and parcels which do not conform to regulations will be held in New York. Persons will therefore save delay by strictly adhering to the requirements.

### FALL TERM OF DISTRICT COURT GETS UNDER WAY

If All Cases Are Tried Session Will Last Two Months.

### SCHUMACHER APPOINTED GRAND JURY FOREMAN

Preliminary Call of Civil Calendar Shows Many Jury Cases.

If all the cases noticed for jury trial at the opening of the December term of the District Court will be tried, then Court will be in session not only during the month of December but also into the middle of the month of January. The Court was opened promptly at 11 o'clock Monday morning with all grand jurors present except Mrs. J. Hagen of the Town of Albin who had been excused. Mrs. William Witty of the Town of Sigel was excused on the ground that she is a teacher in the public schools.

### Schumacher Heads Jury.

Charles Schumacher of the town of Leavenworth was appointed foreman of the Grand Jury and Alfred J. Vogel was selected as clerk. William Meyer and Mrs. Albert Nicholas are serving as bailiffs of the grand jury and Charles Brust, Joseph Weissenborn and Mrs. W. J. Julius are bailiffs of the petit jury. Alfred A. Schlumberger is acting as Deputy Clerk of Court.

M. C. Tift of Minneapolis, L. G. Davis and Albert Hauser of Sleepy Eye, Alex Seifert of Springfield and C. E. Philipps, County Attorney of Blue Earth County, were in attendance on the first day of the term. Martin Fitzner, the newly elected Sheriff of Yellow Medicine County, was also in Court.

### Cases Listed For Trial.

At the preliminary call of the civil calendar the following cases were

### PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGES IN DISTRICT COURT

Edward F. Berkner And William Roberts Are Fined.

### COSTS TO DEFENDANTS TOTAL SUM OF \$362.46

Schroeck, Reinke, And Glaser Enter Pleas Of Not Guilty.

Edward F. Berkner, Sleepy Eye real estate dealer, was fined \$100 and costs or each of two cases of unlawful assembly by Judge I. M. Olsen in district court yesterday when he entered pleas of guilty. Mr. Berkner made his plea on information filed by the County attorney concerning the riot in the Municipal court of Sleepy Eye and at the farm of Edward Hoppe last summer.

William Roberts, also of Sleepy Eye, was fined \$50 and costs in each of the cases covering the same offense and Paul Schumann who was charged with being implicated in the rioting in Municipal court was likewise fined \$50. Both Roberts and Schumann also pleaded guilty.

In the above cases Berkner and Roberts withdrew their appeals from the Municipal court at Sleepy Eye and Judge Olsen affirmed the judgment of the lower court. In a third case against Berkner and Roberts in which the municipal judge had imposed a jail sentence, Judge Olsen fined each of the defendants \$50 and costs.

### Total Costs \$362.46

The total costs in all of these cases aggregate the sum of about \$362.46. Charles Schroeck, Helmuth Reinke and Ralph Glaser were arraigned for violating the liquor laws on information filed by the County attorney. All three entered pleas of not guilty.

Billy Edwards and Leo H. Halley against whom information was filed by the County Attorney for carnal knowledge of a female under the age of 16 were arraigned Tuesday morning and pleaded not guilty to this charge on the opening of court in the afternoon. The grand jury may return a number of indictments as it is known that many matters will be brought to their attention.

### Jurors Are Excused.

Of the petit jurors who were ordered to appear Tuesday morning the following were excused on legal grounds: Gottlieb Arndt, of Springfield, Mrs. John Ford of Sigel, Miss Emma Gebser, New Ulm, John Grausam, Burns town, Bernhard Kottner, Stark and William Prosch of Prairieville.

Upon the preliminary call of the calendar it developed that the case of Anna Golick vs. Herman J. Zieske et al had been settled, the case of H. L. Hoidal vs. Ida Vogel having gone to the foot of the calendar and the cases against the Electric Short Line Railway Co. having been passed for the present, the next case for jury trial was the appeal of Ferdinand Kettner in the matter of Judicial Ditch No. 24, Redwood and Brown counties in which case a jury was empaneled Tuesday morning.

Monday afternoon naturalization papers were granted to Paul Christensen, Ole Basmoen, Burchard Giese, Herman J. Bittler, Joseph Simon, Wenzel M. Selner and Herman Linde. The applications of Jacob Fritz, Herman Wanderses, Herman Giese, Carl M. Anderson and Paul Albert Schmalz were continued until the May term.

### PROF. CRITCHETT VERY ILL.

New Ulm friends and acquaintances of Prof. E. T. Critchett of Minneapolis, a former superintendent in the New Ulm public schools for many years, will be grieved to learn that he has been very seriously ill for a number of weeks at his home. He is afflicted with enlargement of the heart. There seems to be a slight improvement at present, although no visitor is allowed to see him.

Walter C. Pfander, son of postmaster Fred Pfander, who is head of the seed testing laboratories at the Albert Dickson Seed Company in Chicago, Ill., recently made a business trip to Toronto and Ottawa, Canada. He had some very interesting visits at the Canadian laboratories and also had a visit with Seed Commissioner Clark Walter says of Canada. "It is a country of great opportunities and has immense room for development." He also had the honor of speaking before a joint session of the American Seed Trade Association and American

### GHOST REPORTS EXCITE TURNER PARK RESIDENTS

Women Fear To Step Out After Darkness Sets In.

### FISCHER SAYS SPECTER STRUCK HIM ON HEAD

Chief Harminging Declares Apparition Story Is Fiction.

Is there a ghost parading the Turner park neighborhood?  
This is a question which is creating a commotion among the residents. The situation has already reached a stage where women and children are afraid to go out nights without being accompanied by some male member of their families.

As evidence of the ghost there is first the testimony of Fred A. Fischer, 100 South Jefferson street, who declares that not only did he see a ghost but the apparition struck him over the head with a sharp pointed instrument which cut through his cap and drew blood on his forehead.

### Ghost Seen at Midnight.

In the second place many rumors are current of the ghost being seen in the woods of Turner Park about midnight. One report is that he was smoking his pipe on the roof of the Old Settler's Log Cabin in the full of the moon as the clock struck twelve. He is said to call out to women who are passing late at night, but so far has not attacked any person with the exception of Mr. Fischer.

### Clad in White Shroud.

All of the reports agree that the ghost is six feet tall and dressed in a flowing white shroud. His face is said to be ashen grey and his laugh is described as a hollow rattling sound. The leading enemy of the ghost theory is Chief Alvin Harminging. He declares that Fischer's story is fiction. He believes that the original story has started the multitude of rumors and asserts that he has patrolled Turner Park at all hours of the night without seeing even a rabbit scurrying through the underbrush.

### Sees Ghost Twice.

Mr. Fischer declares he saw the ghost on two nights. On the first night he left the New Ulm Roller mills where he is employed in the engine room about midnight for his home. At Franklin and First street south he was accosted by the ghost.

"I saw the ghost come out of the alley between Franklin and Jefferson," Mr. Fischer said. "He came toward me and I crossed over the street. But he would not let me go, and coming up so I declared that he would get me the next night."

### Ghost Hits Hard.

"The next evening I was prepared for him with a billy club I took from the mill. I met him at Washington and First street south. Without a word he came up to me and struck me over the head with a sharp instrument which cut through four folds of my cap and drew blood on my forehead."

### Knocks Specter Down.

"I pulled my club out of my pocket and struck the ghost over the head. He fell down and held out his hand. I hit his hand and grabbing hold of him told him he must come with me. I meant to take him to the police station. We had gone about 20 steps when he broke away. I have never seen him since that night."

As proof of his argument Chief Harminging declares that an examination of Fischer's cap shows that the cuts in the four folds are not in line and are of different sizes. He believes that this indicates they were not made by any single instrument striking Fischer on the head.

### Chief Questions Blow.

Furthermore, he asserts, that if Fischer were struck a blow sufficient to cut through his cap he would have been floored and in no condition to lead off in an attack on the ghost.

Chief Harminging asks why Fischer did not request police protection after the ghost had warned him that he would attack him the next night. "Thorough investigation by himself and force have failed to show any ghosts either in Turner Park or any other part of town, he declares.

### CORNPICKER AND GIRL ARE CAUGHT AT MASON CITY

Elopement of F. D. Hardie And Doris Nelson Ends In Jail.

### MAN IS HELD ON ABDUCTION CHARGE

Couple Trained Into Iowa By Ephraim Nelson and Carl Nordvall.

The elopement of Doris E. Nelson, pretty 16-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson living two miles west of Comfrey, and Frank D. Hardie, 23 years old a cornpicker from Grundy Center, Ia., came to an end Monday in the Brown County jail. They were arrested at Mason City, Iowa, Sunday and brought to New Ulm Monday by William H. Gieseke, deputy sheriff, and Henry Hoagland of Winthrop, a brother-in-law of the girl.

### Hardie Is Married.

Hardie, who is said to be a married man with a child, was locked in a cell on a warrant charging him with abduction. Doris was held to testify before the grand jury which is now in session. County officials intimated that an indictment charging a violation of the Mann act might be asked against Hardie.

The girl told Mr. Gieseke that she had left Comfrey last Wednesday on the train at 4:10 p. m. She was joined at Butterfield by Hardie who that morning had completed 2 months' work on the farm of her father. They went directly to Mason City, Ia., which they reached at 9:10 p. m.

### Register at Hotels.

The couple, according to officials, registered at one Mason City hotel under the name of Frank Hartmann and wife. The next day they changed to another hotel where they lived as Frank Brown and wife.

Doris had attended the Comfrey school Wednesday and after school telephoned to her parents that she would be late coming home as she was remaining to study. Mr. Nelson had told Hardie Tuesday evening that he had no more work for him. Hardie went to Comfrey Wednesday morning, carrying two black suitcases, one of which, it was found later, contained Doris' clothing. Hardie boarded a freight train and dropped off at Butterfield to await the arrival of the afternoon passenger train, on which the girl was a passenger.

When Doris did not arrive home Wednesday evening, the family conducted an investigation and discovered the disappearance of her clothes. They came to the conclusion that she had eloped with Hardie and at midnight Ephraim Nelson, a brother, and Carl Nordvall, a relative, drove to New Ulm to inform Sheriff W. J. Julius.

### Brother Takes up Chase.

The sheriff sent word far and wide about the runaway pair and Nelson and Nordvall took up the chase. They went first to Grundy Center, Ia., where they had reason to believe Hardie lived, and said they were informed by the clerk of the court that Hardie was married and had a child. Continuing their hunt they went to other cities in Northern Iowa and at 11 p. m. Saturday arrived in Mason City. They gave a description of the pair to the local police and Sunday morning just as they were about to leave Mason City for home, they were informed that the police had located the couple.

### Doris Worked as Waitress.

Doris had been working as a waitress in a Greek restaurant and Hardie had been picking chickens. The two men returned home and wired Sheriff Julius from Comfrey. The sheriff had the necessary papers made out and dispatched Mr. Gieseke to get the couple. He was accompanied by Mr. Hoagland who had driven over from Winthrop. When Doris met her brother-in-law she broke down and declared that she was happy she had been found and was now going home. She was taken to her home Monday evening by Mr. Hoagland following the completion of her testimony before the grand jury.

Doris is an unusually attractive girl. She is a brunette, and was neatly dressed in a blue-gray coat with fur collar. She told officials that Hardie had promised to marry her "after awhile."

### DESERTER FINDS HIS WIFE DEAD

Henry Thompson Returns To Madelia After Leaving Two Years Ago.

After deserting his wife two years ago, Henry Thompson returned to Madelia last week to learn that she had been dead for over a year. The runaway husband, according to the Madelia Rural News, claims that he has been in Colorado during the period of his absence and that he had no knowledge of his wife's death until told of it by local acquaintances upon his arrival in the home town.

Thompson married Ellen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Thompson about two years ago, the couple living in Windom for a short time. The young man did not have steady employment while in Windom and the couple lived in a furnished room. Finally the husband secured steady work on a farm near Windom and planned to take his wife there with him. She made a trip to Madelia for a visit with her parents before going out to live on the farm but when she reached Windom on her return she was unable to find the husband.

### Foul Play Feared.

Aided by her father, she conducted a search for the missing man, advertising far and wide but to no purpose. A strong suspicion was entertained that the young man had met foul play, and as a result of the episode the young wife suffered keenly, her health both physical and mental, failing. Following the birth of her child a year ago, she died suddenly of ptomaine poisoning. The child has been taken care of by the grand-parents.

### Return Was Surprise.

The return of the missing man was a surprise, as nothing had been heard from him since he disappeared. Asked why he made his sudden disappearance Thompson was extremely non-communative, it is said, but hinted to acquaintances that his wife seemed to have a feeling that she regretted her marriage. His talk sounded rather fishy to those who heard him. It is not known what he contemplates, nor what his plans are. Neither is it known whether the parents of the girl will take any legal action against him for wife desertion.

### NEW ULM GAS CO. NEGOTIATES FOR A NEW LOCATION

May Move Into Building To Be Vacated By Electric Company.

### ULRICH TO OCCUPY HIS NEW BLOCK JANUARY 1

Fronts of Eibner and Henle Buildings To Be Completed This Week.

The New Ulm Gas company is conducting negotiations for the rental of the building at 215 North Minnesota street which is now occupied by the Ulrich Electrical company. The Ulrich company will vacate this building on January 1 when it moves into its new \$10,000 home at 213 North Minnesota street. If the lease is signed the Gas company will move in between January 1 and March 1 when its present lease on its quarters at 8 South Minnesota street expires. Negotiations are in progress between J. A. Kennedy, manager of the Gas company and Andrew Saffert, owner of the building.

Along with the announcement of J. W. Ulrich that he would occupy his new building the first of the year, F. W. Eibner and John Henle declared that the new fronts for their buildings at 209 and 211 North Minnesota street would be completed this week.

### Fronts Are Similar.

The fronts of the Ulrich, Henle and Eibner buildings have been constructed of a high grade red brick to correspond to the Buenger Furniture company building at 203 to 207 North Minnesota street and the Andrew Saffert building at 219 North Minnesota street. The completion of the three fronts gives a splendid uniform appearance to the business blocks from the Buenger building to the Saffert building with the exception of the one

### DASH TOGETHER ONE HALF MILE FROM COURTLAND

Morris Sullivan Suffers Severe Concussion of Brain.

### LOUIS SMITH HAS HIS WRIST SPLIT

Fail To See Train Approaching Rapidly From Behind.

One man received a severe concussion of the brain and another a split wrist as the result of a Northwestern train and a motor truck dashing together on the crossing one half mile east of Courtland at 1:35 p. m. Monday.

The injured are: Morris Sullivan, 28 years old, Vernon Center, thrown from the truck and landing on his head. Condition critical. Now a patient at Union hospital.

Louis Smith, 17 years old, 409 Nicollett avenue, Mankato. Wrist broken. He has been taken to his home at Mankato.

### Smith Was Driving.

Smith operates a delivery truck daily from Mankato to New Ulm. He was driving the truck at the time of the accident. Sullivan, his brother-in-law, was his helper.

The two men were driving toward Courtland on the highway running parallel to the Northwestern tracks. Blinded by a blanket hung to keep out the penetrating wind they did not see the Northwestern train approaching from behind. The truck was traveling at 30 miles an hour when it sped up to the crossing one-half mile east of Courtland. The train crew reported that it hit the front drive wheels of the engine.

### Fireman Sees Truck.

A Daehn fireman on the train declared that he saw the truck approaching the crossing when it was fifty feet away. He blew the whistle and rang the bell but these warnings were not heard. J. Lind, engineer, who was on the opposite side of the cab, did not see the truck.

### Sullivan Thrown Out.

The truck was carried across the road and to one side by the engine demolishing it entirely. Sullivan was thrown out, landing on his head. Smith had his wrist split.

The freight of the truck, consisting of apples and cream, was strewn far and wide.

### Brought to New Ulm.

The train stopped immediately, the injured men placed aboard and brought to New Ulm where they were rushed to the Union hospital. Sullivan was found to be suffering from a severe concussion of the brain. It is thought that he will recover. After Smith's wrist was set he was taken back to Mankato by his father.

The Northwestern train which collided with the truck is due in New Ulm from Mankato at 1:37 p. m. daily.

### WAR SAVINGS STAMPS CAN BE REDEEMED FOR CASH ON CERTIFICATES

The 1918 War Savings stamps are due January 1, 1923 and can be redeemed on that date. Postmaster Fred Pfander announces: Those who hold unregistered stamps can now leave them with the bank or the postoffice and receive their money on January 1. Registered stamps can only be redeemed through the postoffice where they have been registered.

Mr. Pfander advises all owners of War savings stamps who are not now in need of money and who are looking for a safe investment to exchange the stamps for Treasury Savings certificates. These certificates bear four per cent interest, compounded semi-annually and are all registered. They are due in five years but can be cashed at any time before maturity.

Mr. Pfander asks that stamps be brought in either this week or the week after Christmas rather than next week when the postoffice will be flooded with Christmas mail.

If the stamps are exchanged for Treasury certificates the certificates will be delivered upon the receipt of the stamps, the certificates being dated January 1, 1923.