

HANLEY'S BIG SHORTAGE

Expert Says Former Treasurer's Accounts Show a Steal of \$5,400.

SUSPICIONS WERE WELL FOUNDED

Timely Agitation Brings to Light a Rotten State of Affairs in Grattan Township.

That the agitation begun last January by The Frontier for an investigation of the affairs of Grattan township and the accusation that former Treasurer Pat Handley's accounts were not straight was timely and well founded is shown by the semi-official announcement that the former treasurer got the best of the township during his four years administration to the tune of about \$5,400.

It will be remembered that a committee was appointed at the township meeting in April to employ an expert for the purpose of expediting the township records for the past eight years. This committee employed T. C. Cannon of Sioux City, who completed his work here on Monday.

Mr. Cannon was seen by The Frontier editors at Hotel Evans Monday evening and asked for a statement of his findings.

"It is about the worst and most deliberate case of stealing that has ever come under my notice," said the expert. "I have not yet filed my report, but will have it ready in a few days, when I shall send it to Mr. Coffey, chairman of the committee. I found that about one-half of all money received by Handley was stolen. I am not able to give you the exact amount of the shortage, but it is approximately \$5,400.

"Pat Handley was treasurer from 1900 to 1903 inclusive and the peculations were carried on during all of those years. Nearly all the money was secured by raising warrants and charging the township with the amount of the raised warrants. Some warrants issued two or three years previous by former treasurers were also raised and the dates changed.

"One warrant drawn for \$30 was raised to \$130, another for eighty dollars and some cents to eighty and some cents, one for \$4 to \$40, and many similar instances. When an official deliberately raises a warrant for the purpose of pocketing the proceeds it is pretty serious and something should be done."

The report is probably in the hands of the committee by this time. If obtainable before reported to the general meeting called for July 1 The Frontier will publish the same next week. The township meeting adjourned in April to meet July 1, anticipating it would take longer to have the records expedit. Mr. Cannon expressed the view that the report should be made public as soon as possible that any legal process to be commenced might not be delayed.

Mr. Cannon also said there were some slight discrepancies in the accounts of the present treasurer and clerk, those of the latter being clerical. O. F. Biglin, one of Pat Handley's bondsmen, went to Spencer immediately upon the announcement of the shortage to begin action against the former treasurer to secure the township. Mr. Biglin tells The Frontier that he secured \$1,000 in money from Pat, a farm worth \$3,000 from his brother and that Dennis Handley, father and also one of the bondsmen of the former treasurer, had agreed to put in a quarter section of land, so that money and property ample has been secured to cover the shortage.

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46-4 J. U. Yantzi, Mgr.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Ice cream soda at Cresses. Try it. For farm loans see Lyman Waterman, O'Neill. 45-tf

For Rent—Six room cottage, in good condition. 47-2 Belle Ryan.

Loans on farm and city property.—E. H. Benedict. 44-tf

Sanford Parker of Spencer was in the city Tuesday.

P. C. Corrigan was a passenger for Omaha Wednesday.

Dr. Corbett guarantees painless extracting; May 23 to 30. 45-4

For Sale—A good brood mare and two colts.—Robert Marsh. 46-3

T. V. Golden is limping on crutches because of a sprained ankle.

Lots for sale or exchange in all parts of the city.—E. H. Benedict. 39-6

Mrs. O. O. Snyder returned Monday evening from a visit in Sioux City.

Mrs. George Q. Whitney of Tilden visited with relatives here this week.

Highest cash price paid for poultry. J. U. Yantzi, at Hanford Produce Co. station. 47-2p.

American steel hog fencing 20c per rod at Golden & Hodgkin's. Think it over. 39-tf

The Rev. T. H. Bowen will preach next Sunday night about "Noah and the Dove."

Deputy Sheriff Thompson was at Ewing Monday getting jurors for the Irwin case.

Memorial Day special services at the M. E. church 10:30 a. m. Every body invited.

The high school graduating exercises will be held at the opera house Friday evening.

The Frontier has a stock of the best quality of carbon paper. Sold in sizes and quantity to suit.

Miss Genevieve Murphy of Spokane, Wash., is here to spend the summer with her aunt, Mrs. M. Mullen.

The O'Neill ball team was defeated in an interesting game at Spencer last Wednesday, the score standing 7 to 8.

Hanford Produce Co. have adopted a cash system in paying for butterfat. Give them a trial. 46-4

J. U. Yantzi, Mgr.

No long speeches! No amateur concerts! Just dance, dance, dance, at the Highlander Ball, next Monday evening.

Messrs Smith and McGreevy promise some of the latest hits in dancing music next Monday evening at the Highlander Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. McCarthy departed Thursday last for Wisconsin, Mr. McCarthy's mother being very sick at her home in that state.

John Hunt returned Monday from the Pine Ridge agency, where he had the contract for the construction of a building for the Catholic mission.

Miss Martha Hanley went to Hubbard last week to visit her brother, who is principal of the schools there, and remained to attend the graduating exercises of his school.

Came to my place on Friday, May the 12, one large black bull. Owner can have him by paying for this advertisement and the keeping of him.—Dominick McDermott. 48-tf

The Royal Highlanders will give a dance at Golden's hall, Monday evening, May 29. The best orchestra in the city has been engaged to furnish music for the occasion. Ice cream and cake will be served in the hall.

For sale, 160 acres of land in Willow Dale township, 15 miles from O'Neill, 40 acres in crop, balance prairie. Call and see me at the Dewey hotel and get prices; bound to sell before I leave town.—Alex Robison.

The members of the Leonie Sunday school has made arrangements to give the old soldiers and their wives a free dinner on Decoration day at Leonie. A general invitation is extended to all old soldiers to be present.

The local markets yesterday were: Stock steers, \$4.00; fat steers, \$5.00; Hog \$4.60; corn — shelled, 3c½; ear, 33½c; oats, 22½c; wheat, 76c; rye, 52c; potatoes, 25c@30c; eggs, 12½c; butter, 15c.

Naper News: Miss Maud Gillespie, who made final proof on her homestead near the Keya Paha last Tuesday, was in town this afternoon making arrangement for extensive improvements on her place in the near future.

The first game of ball this season in O'Neill was pulled off last Sunday before a large, enthusiastic and highly entertained audience. The home team went against an improvised nine composed largely of Great Northern train men and known as the "Sioux Cities." It was worthy the price of admission inasmuch as no admittance fee was charged. Scores on both sides run up toward the twenties with the railroaders one or two ahead at the finish.

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MEMORIAL DAY

Exercises Will Be Held Tuesday Afternoon.

Memorial Day—May 30—will be appropriately observed in O'Neill under the direction of the members of the Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps. Attorney E. H. Whelan has consented to make the address, which assures something worth hearing. Smith's orchestra has been engaged to furnish instrumental music and Miss Younkin and others will sing.

It is desired that all who wish to participate in decorating the graves meet at the opera-house at 1 o'clock p. m., when a procession will be formed and march to the cemetery. After decorating the graves of the departed soldiers the exercises will be held in opera-house.

The wreaths will be made at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Beavers, where the members of the Relief Corps and others are asked to go to make the needed preparations.

Minor Mention

Theodore Piekenbrock, the janitor at the convent, departed today for Buffalo, N. Y., where he goes to work during the summer on a building being constructed by a similar institution. He will stop in Ohio for a visit with his aged parents. Mr. Piekenbrock will continue to read The Frontier while away.

D. W. Cameron, the cement walk contractor, while in town this week, said he had considerable sidewalk work to do this summer in town, both for business and residence property. He also hoped to interest the city in building walks and to induce the board of supervisors to have the board walks at the court-house replaced with cement.

Mrs. J. A. Cowperthwaite, her daughter-in-law and Mrs. Waid were in a runaway smashup last Thursday. They started for the country in a buggy and when in the vicinity of the round house the neckyoke broke and the excitement began. The horses succeeded in kicking various portions of the buggy to splinters, but the ladies held onto them with undaunted courage until a horseman that was coming up the road rode up and detached the frightened animals. The horses dashed off toward town with the speed of the wind, while the occupants of the buggy got out and followed them at a less rapid pace. Fortunately no one was injured.

Judge Kinkaid returned Monday from a business and pleasure trip to Mexico. He was accompanied on the trip by Omaha friends and they got down into the tropical regions of the republic. The judge says Mexico City is a very interesting place, as is also the whole country and people. He visited many places of interest, among which were the president's palace, where he received a cordial reception from President Diaz, and some of the principal cathedrals where are displayed very rich furnishings, there being over twenty tons of silver overlaying the alters in a single place of worship and vast quantities of gold used. Of the commercial advantages of the republic, the judge says they are many. There are now some \$300,000,000 of United States capital invested in various enterprises in Mexico. The trip afforded the party the opportunity to see vegetation in all stages of development, from corn about ready to husk in southern Mexico to the farmer in the field with the planter in Nebraska.

Delicious strawberry juice pop at Hatfields. The best ever. 46-3p

Lyman Waterman NOTARY PUBLIC

Mortgages, Deeds, and Contracts Carefully Drawn

School Notes

The members of the class 1905 of the O'Neill High school will hold their commencement exercises at the rink Friday evening. Mable Snyder and Robert Magirl will be the only graduates from the High school this year, while the following pupils will receive diplomas from the grammar school department:

Nellie Barnett, Vesta Barnett, Ina Bain, Edna Barnard, Hugh Birmingham, Blanch Deaver, Erwin Gallagher, Thomas Golden, Hattie Gunn, Bert Gunn, Clyde Hiatt, Nellie Heenan, Leola Ingersol, Bernard McCafferty, Ruth Meredith, Willie McGreevy, Violet Payne, Eumie Polk, Fred Voedish, Leo Zimmerman, Leo McBride, John Benedict, Ruth Harnish, Hazel Harrington.

The program will be as follows:

Vocal Duet — Selected — Messrs. Hodgkin and Kline.

Oration—"American Citizenship"—Robert Magirl.

Vocal Solo—"L' Ardita"—Mrs. Charles Stout.

Debate—Eighth Grade—"Resolved that the Government should own and control the Railroads." Affirmative: Blanch Deaver, Leo McBride; Negative: Violet Payne, Thomas Golden.

Vocal Solo—"May Morning"—Miss Winona Younkin.

Valedictory—Mable Snyder.

Distribution of Diplomas.

Vocal Solo—Selected—Mrs. P. J. Flynn.

Very Low Rates to Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Via the North-Western Line. Excursion tickets will be sold on June 17, 18 and 19, with favorable return limits, on account of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Apply to agents Chicago & North-Western R'y.

Notice to Debtors and Patrons

I have become the sole proprietor of the livery business of Mullen Bros. and all business matters of the former firm are to be settled by me. Those owing the firm may call at the barn and settle with me. P. D. Mullen.

On Sunday evening at the M. E. church the pastor will preach a special sermon to the young people on the "Dynamics of Life." This sermon is specially adapted to the graduating classes.—G. F. Mead, Pastor.

A hail storm was reported this morning in the northern portion of the county.

MAN VIOLENTLY INSANE

Kicks Dashboard off Deputy Sheriff's Buggy and Breaks Seats.

FEARED HE WOULD LOSE FARM

Work and Worry Makes Maniac Out of Industrious Farmer.—A Hard Case to Handle.

One of the most violent cases of insanity that has come under the care of the authorities in a long time was that of Frederick Kelke, a farmer living some fifteen miles northwest of O'Neill.

The unfortunate man had to be firmly shackled to be handled at all. Deputy Sheriff Thompson went to his home after him and had a difficult task getting him to town. He broke both seats of the double seated carriage and kicked out the dash board on the way in. At the sheriff's office it took half a dozen men to handle him and preserve the furniture from destruction, then he kicked an iron leg off from a bench in the sheriff's office. He was taken to the asylum Friday.

Kelke is a man of about forty years and has a family. His condition is said to have been brought on from worry over fear of not being able to pay for his farm. His neighbors say he worked and worried night and day to make the balance due on his farm. He is a man of large and sinewy frame with muscles of steel, and the officers don't want to have to handle another one like him right away.

Wanted

Men and women in this and adjoining counties for home or traveling work, representing and advertising the Wholesale and Educational Departments of an old established Manufacturing House. Salary \$3.50 per day with expenses advanced. Rig furnished when necessary; position permanent. Address, Blew Brothers & Co., Dept. H., Chicago, Ill. 48-6

Notice

All persons interested in the Protestant cemetery are requested to be present at the meeting Saturday, the 27th of May, at the Presbyterian church, at 8 o'clock in the evening.—R. H. Mills.

Soda water and ice cream soda at Cresses. 47-2

Shirtwaists

If you want to see a line of nice shirt waists come and inspect our stock, as we have some very stylish waists on display. Do not neglect to look over our line of ladies' skirts, undershirts, muslin underwear and fine gauze underwear.

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