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NORDMARK FOUND GUILTY

Convicted of Second Degree Murder After Jury Was out Twenty Hours.

The jury in the Nordmark case brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree Wednesday afternoon at 1:25 p. m., after being out since 5:30 Tuesday evening. When the verdict was handed to Judge Hogin and by him to Clerk Zech, there were probably 75 persons in the court room who had hurriedly gathered to hear the result.

Charles Nordmark, the defendant, was brought in and while the verdict was read, sat unmoved and apparently taking very little interest in what was going on. The present sentence carries a penalty of not less than 10 years.

When the verdict was announced Attorney Nordmark, brother of the defendant, arose and asked for a poll of the jury which was complied with and every juror announced that it was his verdict. Attorney Nordmark notified the judge that he would file motion for a new trial.

Should the judge not grant a new trial, the attorneys for the defense will probably appeal the case to the supreme court for an action either in confirming the verdict or reversing same and ordering a new trial.

The last day of the trial was one long to be remembered in Republic county court history. The state did not offer any rebuttal testimony and rested their case about ten o'clock. Judge Hogin then prepared and read his instructions to the jury. Judge Hogin has been complimented by both sides for his fair and impartial handling of the case from beginning to end and his instructions were fair to all parties interested.

Court convened at one o'clock and Attorney N. J. Ward began the opening argument for the state. Mr. Ward made an hour's address and carefully reviewed the case in detail. His argument was clear, concise and to the point showing a knowledge of the case which was complimentary to him.

Attorney David Ritchie followed for the defense and made a masterly address. Attorney Ritchie is an able lawyer, fine on cross examination and a past master in argument. Ritchie has an excellent reputation over the state as an able lawyer.

County Attorney W. D. Vance then took up the state's cause and for one hour and thirty minutes delivered an address to the jury that has seldom been heard in a Republic county court room. Attorney Vance has worked for weeks on this particular case and no one knows the efforts he has made to present a creditable case from the meager evidence at hand. The county attorney's handling of this case has been fair to the accused in every particular; he has had every chance at the hands of the court and its officers, whose sole aim has been to uphold the law to the best of their ability the evidence at hand. There is no gain saying that Lawyer Vance conducted his case in an admirable manner, and were it under different circumstances than the trying of man for his liberty, he would receive the unstinted praise of his many friends.

The jury has been complimented by both sides in the case as an exceptional set of men; far above the average. After sitting on this case six days and hearing every word of evidence on both sides these men calmly and deliberately went to their jury room and after 20 hours of consultation and the comparing of evidence together they returned the verdict above noted. To the judgement of these twelve men the liberty or conviction of Charles Nordmark was entrusted and they were perfectly qualified to render a true verdict as they saw it from the evidence. These men did not take fragments of evidence dropped here and there, but were in a position to weigh every fact and to their judgement we must concur until there is some qualified reason for believing otherwise. The verdict is as follows:

We, the jury empanelled and sworn in the above entitled case, do, upon our oaths, find the defendant, Charles Nordmark, guilty of murder in the second degree, as charged in the information. F. E. Barrett, for'm.

E. S. Alnutt of the Motor Grand Company, has been spending some time in Salina recently, looking after the companies interests at that end. The first construction work will probably be done south of Salina.

Extra Edition

The Telescope issued an "extra" edition Tuesday afternoon, covering all the evidence in the Nordmark murder case up to the time the case went to the jury. The "extra" also contained several other items of vital importance to our readers. The edition was circulated to all county subscribers and several hundred extra copies were sold. The Old Home Paper can always be depended upon to keep faith with its readers and give them the best possible service. The news features introduced from week to week cost something, but our readers are entitled to the best in the shop.

Boost the Sidewalk Fund

Every public spirited citizen will have an opportunity to boost the cemetery sidewalk fund next Tuesday night at the opera house. The senior class of the High school has consented to reproduce "All The Comforts of Home," and donate the receipts to the cemetery sidewalk fund. Everything will be free, and every cent taken in at the door will go into the cemetery sidewalk fund. The talent will be donated, the opera house, the advertising, labor, etc. It is the purpose of the sidewalk committee to have the sidewalk absolutely completed and paid for by Decoration Day. Let all lend their support to this worthy enterprise.

Postoffice, Second Class

July 1, 1910, the Belleville postoffice will pass into an office of the second class. A postoffice inspector was here last week and made all preliminary arrangements for putting this office upon that basis July 1st. A postoffice must show gross receipts for a fiscal year of \$8,000 in order to entitle it to pass into an office of the second class. This classification will increase Mr. Jellison's salary to \$2,000 per year and give him an additional clerk at a \$600 salary. Joe Bostic has been selected as the additional clerk.

The postoffice has shown a steady increase in the volume of business from fiscal year to fiscal year, and if the same ratio of increase is maintained it will only be two or three years until the office will pass into the next classification, which will entitle the city to city delivery of mail.

Belleville Twice Honored

At the meeting of the Eastern Star at Kansas City last week Belleville was twice honored in the election of officers. Mrs. D. D. Bramwell was elected Associate Grand Conductress and Mrs. Jno. C. Hogin was elected representative of the State of Nevada. The regular custom of the Eastern Star will, in three years, promote Mrs. Bramwell to the position of Grand Matron, the highest position in the order.

DEATHS

MRS. HENRY COUSINS

Mrs. Henry Cousins, living one half mile west of Wayne died of heart failure last Friday, May 13, at the age of 55 years.

Mrs. Cousins has been ill for a number of years but was taken suddenly ill last Friday and lived but a short time.

She leaves a husband and seven children, four girls and three boys, all but two sons were with her at the time of her death. Mrs. Cousins was a kind and loving wife and mother and will be greatly missed in the community in which she lived as well as her home.

Funeral services were held Sunday, afternoon at one o'clock in the Methodist church at Wayne, conducted by Rev. Engstrom, and interment was made in the Rose Hill cemetery.



Charles Martin, George W. Wibley, Thos. Dillon who attempted jail break Saturday morning.

MARRIAGES

CARPENTER—MCCHESNEY

Mr. Harry Carpenter and Miss Adeline McChesney, both Belleville people, were united in marriage at Goodland, last Saturday.

This comes as quite a surprise to the Belleville people.

Mrs. Carpenter has lived in Belleville for a number of years, and is a young lady of a loveable disposition, having been employed at the different Millinery stores and later was one of the Central girls. She recently left for Colorado, where she has been making her home with relatives.

Mr. Carpenter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Carpenter, and is a highly respected young man, having had charge of the Herbolshelmer cigar factory for a number of years. He is now employed in a cigar store at Goodland where with his bride they expect to make their home.

WILLIAMS—DOCTOR

At the Presbyterian church in Scandia, Wednesday evening, Mr. Frank Williams was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Doctor. Mrs. T. S. Williams, the groom's mother and Ben Doctor, the bride's brother, being the only ones present at the ceremony.

The bride is well known in Belleville, having been raised only a few miles west of our city and is very highly respected.

The groom is the oldest son of Mrs. T. S. Williams of Belleville and is an industrious young farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams will live on Mrs. T. S. Williams' farm in Scandia township, where the best wishes of all will go with them.

SLAVEK—PELESKY

Mr. Joseph Slavek of Farmington township was united in marriage Wednesday to Miss Sophia Pelesky, living near Washington, Kans.

They were married at the court house in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Slavek will live on the groom's farm in Farmington township.

CARTER—CHURCHILL

Mr. Perry Gillis Carter and Miss Melda B. Churchill, both of Central City, Nebr. were united in marriage in this city, Saturday afternoon. Dr. C. W. Hadden of the Baptist church, performing the ceremony, at the residence of Mrs. H. M. Crummer on Hollowell Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter will be at home in Central City.

MIKESSELL—HADEN

At 1:30 Sunday afternoon, at Norcat, Kans., Frank Mikesell of this city was united in marriage to Miss Annie Haden of Norcat, Kans. A very pretty wedding was solemnized in the presence of the immediate relatives and friends.

Mr. Mikesell is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mikesell of this city, his bride being a stranger to the Belleville people. Mr. and Mrs. Mikesell arrived Monday and will locate on a farm of the groom's father, in Union township. Those who attended the wedding from this county, were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mikesell, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mikesell and children and E. B. Mikesell.

Misses Slopansky Resign

The Misses Daisy and Molly Slopansky, who have been night Central girls for the independent telephone company for the past six years have resigned.

The "Trains" as they are more familiarly known will be greatly missed in the office and also by the public as they were always very courteous.

They expect to leave the office the first of June and will go to Kansas City where they will enter a business college.

Common School Commencements

List of dates, places and persons in charge of the common school commencement exercises.

May 20	Kackley	Daisy Simpson
" 21	Pleasant View	Mayme Jeffries
" 23	Odell	Ada Burandt
" 24	Providence Chapel	A. Johnson
" 25	Munden	Emma Adamson
" 26	Courtland	Kenneth Thomas
" 27	Talmo	Verna Burkman
" 28	Cuba	C. V. Zavadsky
June 1	Republic	Gertrude Dick
" 2	Agenda	Elsie Kent
" 4	Norway	Esther Larson
" 6	Wayne	Ed Stafford
" 8	Narka	Elesa Jotter

Senior-Junior Banquet

Tuesday evening at the Yankee Inn the Senior class of '10 entertained the Junior class, Faculty and Miss Kathryn Stanfield at a banquet.

The guests were received in the hotel parlors, the Senior class being on the receiving line.

The guests were led by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kleihege followed by Miss Mary Collins and Willis Bramwell, presidents of their classes, and marched to the banquet hall. The Place cards were characteristic sketches drawn by our local artist, Edmond Carstensen and were very unique.

Covers were laid for 38 and the following menu was served.

Cardinal Punch	Wafers
Radishes	Olives
Sweet Pickles	Sliced Turkey—Cranberry Sauce
Cold Ham	Saratoga Chips
Celery Salad	Nut Sandwiches
Strawberries and Cream	Angel Cake
Chocolate Cake	Ice-cream

After which the following toasts were given, Prof. G. W. Kleihege acting as toastmaster; Seniors—Miss Mary Collins; Memories—Miss Kathryn Stanfield; Character—L. W. Metzler; Athletics—Tracy Leedom; Friendship—Miss Lissa Myers; Farewell—Willis Bramwell. The Senior class all sang a very touching farewell toast to the Juniors and faculty.

Miss Nina Speenburg brought in a tray of roses, upon which a present of a twenty dollar gold piece was presented to Miss Stanfield, for so ably assisting the Seniors with their play.

A suggestion was made at the close of the evening to re-organize the High school alumni. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and with the silver, gave a very pretty effect.

Skating Rink Christian Doings

The revival meetings now being held in the Belleville Skating rink are increasing in interest, attendance and additions. There have been splendid crowds at each service, regardless of the bad weather, and the closing exercises of the schools. During the first week there were 23 additions and expect to have many more by the close of the second week. The evangelist H. E. Wilhite is a very forceful speaker and is preaching the great fundamental truths of the gospel, yet in such a way that even a little child can readily understand them. Last Lord's day evening he delighted his hearers with a discourse on the Bible and its divisions and their relation to the needs of the world today.

The chorus under the splendid direction of Prof. Stewart is doing fine work, and are leading the music in a soul stirring manner. All are pleased with Prof. Stewart's solos as he tells the gospel in song.

The subjects will be announced from the pulpit each evening, so be present at every service so you may not miss the good things that are being said. Services begin every evening at 8 o'clock, except Thursday evening when the service begins at 7:30 so all may attend the graduation exercises of the school. "You and your friends" are invited to be present at all these services. **

W. R. C. Program

The Women's Relief Corps will give their annual Decoration day program, May 30, in the Opera house. On Tuesday morning May 30th the ladies will meet at the Odd Fellows hall and go to the cemetery to place flowers on the old soldiers graves.

At 1:30 p. m. the Post and Corps will meet at their lodge rooms and march in a body to the Opera House where the following program will begin promptly at 2 p. m.

Music—Orchestra
Invocation—Rev. Seaman
Patriotic Song—Chorus of 25 voices
Recitation—Mildred Howard
Music—Bon and Ruth Randal
Address—Judge Reese
Drill—Miss Hardenbrook's pupils
Red, White and Blue Medley—Mandolin Orchestra
Reading—Lucille Armstrong
Gettysburg Address—Miss Fessie Shaw
Music—Eighth Grade Orchestra
Drill—Miss Keith's pupils
Patriotic Song—Chorus

The "American Girl" show goes straight to the target aimed at the hearts of the people. Every performer in the show is alive. There is a blood-leap in every musical number, and we offer sixteen of them. Take your wife, she's human, too.

"A medly of melody"—that is The "AMERICAN GIRL."

Cemetery Sidewalk Completed

The cemetery sidewalk is practically completed and the public can use the same by Decoration Day. The citizens of Belleville and vicinity are to be congratulated upon this little piece of enterprise. It will stand as a monument to the thrift and pride of the community, and the evidence of \$1,000 easily raised and wisely spent, which, upon reflection, causes us to sermonize:

This is the most public spirited community in which the writer ever lived. No worthy enterprise, no proposition of merit for the public benefit ever goes begging in this community. Propositions of this character always find open hearts, willing hands and open purses in this community. It is worth something to live in a community of this character; these are some of the things to make life worth while.

It is within the easy recollection of our people that, a few years ago, committees canvassed this community, and went throughout the county and within 90 days raised approximately \$7,000 to start a county fair enterprise which is today the pride of the citizens of the county and the envy of the counties of the state. During the same time the money was being raised for this county fair enterprise, \$1800 were raised to institute a local Y. M. C. A. Each year this community backs up a Chautauqua with contracts for something like \$2,000 worth of advance tickets, besides taking care of the little wants that come up from day to day. A few hundred dollars for a band concert, and a hundred dollars here and there go to make up the gross subscriptions from year to year.

Two committees again just canvassed the town, a racing meet committee and a fourth of July committee. The two committees, after being out a couple of hours with a drag net, brought in subscriptions aggregating \$1,000.

This community is not wholly selfish—is not living for itself alone, but is living and striving for a larger and better community as a whole, for the common good. It is striving to make this old world a better place to live in.

Fourth of July Committee

The executive committee composed of R. M. Armstrong, Geo. W. Collins, Ed Gregg, Paul King, W. A. Hollandsworth and H. C. Sticher met Monday evening in Dawson's reading room and discussed the general program for the Fourth of July, which matter they have in charge. The following sub-committees were appointed and everything is moving along in fine shape.

Advertising—W. A. Hollandsworth, A. Q. Miller.

Concessions—Harley Pierce, Mont Orr.

Music—Fred Herbolshelmer, Geo. W. Collins, Ed Randall.

Grounds—Guy Myers, Art Baldwin, Frank Bachelor.

Fireworks—T. D. Ruly, J. C. Dawson.

Sports—Paul King, Willis Bramwell, Ed Gregg, Guy Bachelor, Walter Mall.

Speakers—R. B. Ward, H. C. Sticher.

The executive committee will act as general program committee and arrange the day's events.

The finance committee has raised up to date \$550 which will be increased by the concessions. The money will be apportioned to the various committees. The program will be announced in a few days.

Junior-Senior Prom

Wednesday evening the Junior class entertained the Seniors at a promenade. The Seniors met at the Yankee Inn and from there went to the R. A. Walters home, where they were met by the Juniors and were taken to the High School chapel room, where a pantomime from Walter Scott's Lochinvar was given by the Juniors.

The Seniors were then taken to the G. W. Collins home where a two course luncheon was served.

Lawn seats were used on the lawn where the High School songs were sung. Mrs. Wm. Kamp drilled the Juniors for their pantomime and deserves much credit. She was given a token of remembrance for her assistance, as was also Miss Marjorie Carstensen, who acted as ring bearer in the sketch.

Buy Second Hand Store

B. H. Waller, who recently returned from Oklahoma, has purchased the O. S. Willett second hand store, taking possession Friday.

Mr. Waller is thoroughly acquainted with this kind of work as he was in business with A. M. Canfield, before leaving for Oklahoma. Mr. Willett expects to travel for a land company.

Baccalaureate Sermon

The baccalaureate sermon which was preached in the Methodist church Sunday evening was one of the best sermons Rev. H. C. Duckett of the Presbyterian church has delivered since coming to our city.

His text was taken from 2nd Timothy 3-7, his theme was "An Unsatisfactory Education." Supt. G. W. Kleihege read the scripture

The church was filled to its utmost capacity, regardless of the rainy weather and had been beautifully decorated by the Junior class in light blue and white, the Senior colors and potted flowers in the center of which the Senior motto "To know is to do" A large 1910 pennant decorated the wall back of the chorus.

As the chorus sang a selection, Rev. H. C. Duckett followed by Prof. G. W. Kleihege, Mr. Metzler, Misses Lissa Myers and Helen Cosgrove, the faculty entered. Next came the graduates, Willis Bramwell, Mary Arbuthnot, Bernard Caswell, Lucile Oliphant, Edith Eason, Catherine Wells, Bertha Jehlik, Irene Ellsworth, Martha Glylord, Homer Alkire, Fred Stuber, James Woodward, J. MacMaster, Floyd Ames, Robert Jellisog and Joe Bostic. The Junior class of 1911 entered. Some very pretty costumes were displayed by the young ladies of the graduating class.

The chorus consisting of Sopranos, Mesdames J. C. Henson, T. D. Ruly, V. A. Guy, F. N. Randall, L. F. Collins, Will Patterson, S. J. Henry, H. H. Huntsinger and Miss Mary Ward; Altos—Mesdames Clarence Riddlebarger, Arthur Alexander, J. C. Decker, G. C. Rabel, Misses Cornelia White and Fannie Gates; Tenors—T. D. Ruly, J. C. Henson, H. H. Huntsinger, A. A. Baldwin and V. A. Guy; Bass—F. N. Woodward, G. H. Bramwell, Asa Tucker, S. Christie and L. F. Collins with G. W. Collins as director and Mrs. J. E. Gates as pianist, sang several beautiful selections.

M. E. Church and League Notes

The District Superintendent, Rev. L. E. Rockwell D. D. has been called to Chicago and will not be present next Sunday as was formerly announced. Preaching at 11 A. M. by the pastor, Thome, "The Lord of the Harvest."

In the evening the Epworth League will have charge of the service. The young people have arranged an Anniversary Program which will be of unusual interest. The new cabinet will be installed.

Sunday morning May 25th we unite in the union Memorial Service to be held in the Opera House.

Rev. Semans will deliver the Annual Alumni address at the Kansas Wesleyan University on Tuesday May 31st.

Nineteenth Annual Commencement of the Common School of Republic county at Odell, Monday evening, May 23, 1910.

Class Motto: "Success Means Labor and Honor."

Class Colors: Red and White

March.....Geo. Swiercinsky

Invocation

Song....."Hymns Of The Old Church Choir".....Misses Mosher

Oration....."Higher Education," Chas. Swiercinsky

Oration....."Lincoln Our Martyred President".....Dorothy Milner

Vocal Solo.....Selected Miss Eva McCullough

Oration....."Try You May Be Successful".....Frank Ball

Oration....."Grandmother's School Day and Mine".....Nellie Sanford

Instrumental Music.....Selected Chas. and Geo. Swiercinsky

Oration....."Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," Ernest Sanford

Vocal solo.....Selected Miss Cowan

Oration....."Doing Things" Ruby Davis

Oration....."A Peep Into the Future" Ada Bailey

Vocal solo....."After School" Amy NeSmith

Address to graduates and presentation of Diplomas.....Co. Supt. W. M. Slopansky

Song....."Love Me Now" Misses Mosher

Benediction

Presbyterian Services

May 22, 1910, Sunday school 9:45 a. m. sharp. Nelson Ward, Supt.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Theme "The Holy Trinity." Evening service at 8 p. m. The pastor will take his evening theme from the book of Hebrews, "A More Enduring Sacrifice"

This will be the second theme from this book that the pastor has developed from the study of the Book at the mid-week prayer meetings. At all these services there will be good music. All are cordially invited to all these services.

Common School Graduates

Republic County Common School Graduates from second examination held May 5, 6th, 1910.

Della Lower, Alta Hooker, Lee Moore, Thelma Selfert, Clara Krammel of Narka; Celis Denoyer and Esther Charles of Republic; May Belle Blosser, Claude Pete Figgins, Clarence Norris, Nadine Della Blosser, Carl A. Hugos, Josie A. Hugos, Hildur A. Anderson, of Norway.