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GONF WRONG 15 and was raised from 39 cents to the township clerk's word in the mat
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 June 30, paid July 3 and was raised to large a scale, an investigation

EX-TOWN CLERK MCNAUCHTON IMITTOO Olate fallas Lets His Right Hand RICHARD MURPHY'S NEW BAFAN BURHED
nd Local H
Galore.
a ada man's trouble. An extremely sad downfall of young man of good name and good Eddy's office last Saturday afternoon. Fred Crampton of Ada, married, went
to the office with an order on connty to the office with an order on county
treasurer for 848 for 1600 sparrows treasuree for 848 for 1600 sparrows
supposed to have been killed by him. The order was signed by Township Clerk A. S. Clark of Ada, and it was necessary for the county clerk to sign
it before it could be cashed by the county treasurer. Mr. Eddy "smelled a
Crampe" immediately, and asking
Cowait a few moments, he went into the treasurer's office and 1 put the paper under a glass. It wa evident at once that the paper had
been tampered with. been tampered with. Then the flles
were searched and two other orders were found for unusual amounts which had been paid to Crampton.
A. S. Clark was called up 'phone and he said he had issued an ord Cramptoin for 48 cents for 16 spar rows. The case against Crampto was complete and Mr. Eddy got Prosecuting Attorney Wolcott and a depu ty sheriff and went back to his offic oconfront Crampton with his forger les. Crampton was just going out
but turned back and went Eddy's private office went into Mr Eddy's private office with them
Eddy asked him a
when he turned to one or two other gentlemen prisent and asked them to you know just as well as I do I am guilty," and he broke down and cried child.
$\qquad$ syinpathy of evartion won the sincere synnpathy of everyone present, but it was impossible to do otherwise than
make cut a comphaint and deliver up to the authoritiea. He sad his wife to the authorities. He sard his wife
was at the Buton store and a deputy slerifif went with him there to get her She wept bitterly, too, when she knew
what had happened. They chace back to the prosecetor's office whete
Crampton made a detailed confesion of the whole aflair. He said he didn't had never dowe ayybing ine had never done anything dishonest
bei re, but he needed money nud sone devil numst have pat it iuto his head to get it in this way. Once hav-
ing done it successfally he repented it gain and then again, and was cugght.
He was given a chance to procare no wats given a clunce to procare nu attorney but deciner to do so say-
ing that he wanted to plead guilty nud take rhatever sentence might b given him. The justice had no au-
thority to receive the plea and he was thority to receive the plea and he was
bound over to the Circuit in $\$ 500$ bail. His father, Charles Crampton, came in from Ada on the evenjug train and sigued his bond. 24 years Crampton is only about 24 years thought of in Ada, where no breath of suspicion of any wrong doiug has ever been turned on him before. The first order Crampton forged sas isued on May 13, paid on May

## resented last Saturday was issıed Dee. 8 and was raised from 48 cents

 848. He has had two other sparrow orders cashed, one for $\$ 21.09$ and theone for $\$ 24$, but they are questionei. When first questioned last Saturdey, Crampton said he had sprinkled
carbolic acid over whent and so cap.
tured spartows in wholesale numbers. tured spartows in wholesale numbers.

- Monday's Dispatci. Fred Crampton of Ada, arrested

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| Saturday for forging orders for spar- | still, or swear if any one asked him |
| row heads bounty, is out on bail of | that he had killed the nuthber of |
| 8500 furnished hy his father. Cramp. | sparrows the orders called for |
| ton confesses to having secured $\$ 156$ | Mc Naughton knew he could not work | on confesses to having secured $\$ 1.56$ Mc Naughe orders called for from the county on similarly forged

orders at varigus the fraud without great danger of de| ordera at varigus tithes. Monday | tection unless he had a parturer, but |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Crampton said t. D. McNaughton, | Crampton wns fonlither | Crampton said U. D. McNaughton,

crampton was foolish euough th
who became township clerk when
and work it atoes. Clark Washborne died, conspired with him to defratad the county on date for re-election last A pril, but divided the money procured in this grip and went Wediately packed his wivided the money procured in this grip and went West. It was learned
way. When MeNaughton's term es- yesterday that as soon as he learned pired he went to California, and then tre was defeated he drew up another Crampton, taving learned how easy $/$ sparrow order for 845 , dated it two or it was to get money on sparrow three days biefore election and had it rders, continued the practice by rais- cashed. The authorities have teleing orders given by Mr. Clark. The
authorities thought something at first
Naughton to California to have Mc

Nutil requisition | of sending after McNaughton, who is | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Naughton held until requisition } \\ \text { papers can be sent forward, and, }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | now in California for his health, but possibie he will be brourht back to Sheriff Lamoreaux stated last evening face a thorough investigation of his Sheriff Lamoreaux stated last evening face a thorough investigation of his

that it would probably not be dore. alleged crookedness. He was consid that it would probably not be dore, alieged crookedness. He was cons:/-
If it is shown upon investigation that ered above reproach until this affiir McNangton muleted the county, his came up and it has stirred up a veri former bondsmen can be held respons- table sensatiott in Ada.-Tuesday ible. Crampton's futher is raising Dispatch. money to pay back to the connty his KNocked out.
 posed upon him for his forgeries.-
[Tuesday's Democrat.
HE HAD AN ACCOMPLICE. Rapids Monday accompauied by his
father, and the two tried to settle the matter by payiug up the various matter by paying up the various
amutnts the boy had swindled tie county ont of The officials took the cash, which amounted to $\$ 111$, and in view of that and the boy's age, preview of that and the boy's age, pre-
vious good character and sincere cuntritions, he will be strongly recommended to the mercy of the court when he appears for sentence. Another feature of the case devel
oped yesterday, which if proven true will have a strung influence in lightening young Crampton's sentence. He twid the prosecuting attorney that
U. D. MeNaughton, Clark's U. D. MeNaughton, Clark's prede-
ceesor as cleri of Ala tuwnshio, had first inveighled him iato the scheme, and the two together had then defrauded the county out of $\$ 137.49$
So long as NicNuaghton remained oo long as MieNaughton remained
clerk there was hardly a pissibility of detection, as the clerk does not have to preserve the sparrow heads for any one's inspection or audition. Crampton could bring in six heads, of McNaughton could nake an order for 600 or 1,600 or any other number he chuse to within reasonable limits, and if the scheme were cleverly worked the only way the fraud cuuld be detected would be by one peaching on
the other. If MicNaughton had still been clerk Saturday when County Clerk Eddy called up Ada and asked if that orde: for $\$ 48$ was correct, he if that orde: for $\$ 48$ was correct, he
would have said yes and that would have been the end of it, for under the county clerk nor any other cont officer has any authority to cuestinn order, but if it had been carried onf ithin reasonable limits, the frand e county been robbed for years and The prime necessity in lhe sums as to have the township clerk on the inside, and that is where Crampton arde his mistake. McNaughton probyoung Crampton as and worked young Crampton as a cat's paw, sill, or swear if pry one asked him Naughton knew he could not work of busis ig of J. I. Fallas for the purpose o
Crampton went back to Grand iding to Grattan Center. He got the g, made the trip, and then acknowldged that he had not the wheremith curity. Tifered his overcoat as sewhen the doctor. Fallas accepted and dled with fre water hung up the coat at Train's hotel while he went in Dinner, Mr. Fallas took the coat amay. coat and denied his previous agreement. Mr. Fallas came in and talked With hitw, and went away, his son, Mr. Fallas had gone the As soon aa Mr. Fallas had gone the doctor began to abuse him-so the story goesWhich was too much for Alial Clate Who sailed in and gave the doctor a trounciug. Beef steak was applied to the doctor's cye and le went to bed and up to this writing-Tuesday morn-Trg-has refused to get up. Landlord Traiu has Dr. Bennett's wateh as secority for board; Mr. Fallas has the over coat; Dr. Bennett bas a black aye and a lame back; the Ledger has an item, and our readers have the facts.
barn of Richard the ground Thureiny Lowell, burned to 21, about daylight. Mr. Murphy lost hissummer's crop of wool, hay and grain, but saved the most of his farrin implements, wagons and sleighs. He saved his stock, but two hurses were badly burned and it is questionable about their recovery. Cause of the bee is uuknown. Mr. Murphy had been at the barn just befure the fire, to lnis stock and was in to breakfust insarabee is unknown at time of writing.


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McCarty Treepiay: Mrs Gothicb kit Stenger 29 turkeys for $\$ 34$; Mrs. J.hn McCarty 72 for $\$ 7960$; and Mrs Peter Corrigan 37 for $\$ 45$. On the
same day Michael Downs of Ver zennes sold tarkeys, chickens and
beans to the amount of $\$ 434$. This beans to the amount of $\$ 43$.
doesn't sound like hard times. At the annual meeting of Lavell Lodge No. .90, F \& A. M. held at
Masonic Hall last Teesday night. the Masonic Hall last Taesday night. the
following officers were elected: W. M. W. S. Winestar; S. W., M. C.
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H. N. Stone; Treas., Chas. Althen; S. D, J. Mattern; J. D. R. Ryder; Tiler, J. C. Moore, Chapluin, A. L.
Coons, Stewards, F.G.Look and Frank Clant:
Hooker Chapter, R. A. M., elected
he following officees for the ensuing
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yenr at their meeting Wednesday yenr at their meeting W. W. Wisner;
eveniug: H. Phas. W. Winegar; S., John Beery;
K., S. C.H., C. G. Stone; P. S, G. W. Ronse;
R.A.C., M. C. Greene; Tress, J. W. McPherson; Sec' $\mathrm{K}, \mathrm{H}$. Nssh; G. W. Wd,
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