

## Minnesota District Court (Carver County) Civil and criminal case files

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State of Minnesota )ss.

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of Waconia said County and state aforesaid on the 24th day of August A.D.

1906. I served the Summons and Complaint hereto attached upon the within n named Willage of Waconia, Defendant by then and there personally handing to and leaving with one H.R. Diesner, then and there the acting President of the Village Councel of the Village of Waconia Defendent, a true and correct copy of said Summons and Complaint.

Dated this 27th day of August 1906.

State of Minnesota,
County of Barrer.

IN DISTRICT COURT,
Eightla Judicial District.

Mary Schetz Plaintiff.

The Village of
Sacarera Defendant.

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SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA County of Carver

DISTRICT COURT Righth Judicial District

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Mary Schutz

Plaintiff

VS

The Villada of Waconia

Defendant

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve your answer to the complaint of the plaintiff in the above entitled action, which complaint is hereto attached and rewith served upon you, by conv. upon the subscribers at their office in the City of aska in the County of Carver and State of Minnesota, within twenty lays after the ervice of this Summons upon vou.exclusive of the day of such service; and if you ail so to serve your answer within the time aforesaid the plaintiff in this action Il apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint, to dether with the ists and discursaments herein.

> Odell rodell Attorneys for Plaintiff. Chaska, Minn.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

County of Carver

DISTRICT COURT

Mary Schutz

Plaintiff

VS

The Village of Naconia

Defendant

Said plaintiff for her complaint in the above entitled action respectfully states and shows to the Court:

- (1). That said defendant is and for more than twenty years past has been a muniipal corporation duly created organized and existing under and by virtue of the
  eneral laws of said State of Minnesota.
- (2). That said plaintiff is and for more than ten years past has been the owner. eized in fee, and in possession of those certain parcels of land situated in said deendant village and known and described as Lots No. 1,2 and 3 of Block No. 51.
- (3). That said defendant viliage borders upon Clear Mater Lake, the south shore of which constitutes the northern boundary of said village, and said Block No. 51 is one of the northern tier of blocks of said village and the north line thereof is the shore of said Lake. That running along the south line of said block is a street known as Lake Street, and upon the south side of said street and immediately south of said block lies Block No. 36 of said Village, and running along the south line of said block No. 36 is a street known as Main Street which extends through said defendant illage from the eastern to the western boundary thereof. That extending from the nore of said Lake and running along the east line of said Blocks No. 51 and 36 is a treet known as Vine Street which extends through said village from the northern to the southern boundary thereof.
- (4). That the surface of said Main Street is several feet higher than the surface of said Lake, and from said Street said Vine Street and the land lying east thereof and constituting Blocks No. 37.38.55 and 56 of said village gradually slopes to-

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wards said Lake affording a natural drainage for surface waters coming upon said streets and upon the blocks bordering said Wain Street upon the south side thereof, and the natural drainage for such surface waters is along said Vine Street and over said Blocks No. 37.38.55 and 56 to said Lake.

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- (5). That extending from Block No. 31 of said Village agross said Main Street through said Block No. 38 agross said Lake Street and through said Block No. 51 to said Lake is a ravine into and through which flows the surface water which comes upon said Blocks No. 31 and 38. and said ravine is the natural drainage for surface water coming upon said Blocks No. 31 and 38.
- (6). That the village council of said defendant village in improving said Lake treet and putting the same in suitable condition for public travel constructed a life sewer across said street and in said ravine and extended the same along said ration into said Block No. 51 for the purpose of collecting and carrying off surface after coming into said ravine in said Block No. 38 and the notting in of said sewer as necessary in order to properly protect said street and preserve the same in a lafe and suitable condition for public travel.
- (7). That after the building of said sever across said Lake Street and into said look No. 51, and in.to-wit. the year 1303, the village council of said defendant village for the purpose of carrying off the surface water coming upon said Wain Street and flowing thereto from adjoining lands and to protect said street and preserve the same in a safe and suitable condition for public travel constructed a large sawer along the south side of said Wain Street in front of said Block No. 37 and instead of conducting the water collected in said sewer in its natural course fown said Vine Street to said Lake diverted such water from its natural course of flowage and conveyed the same across said Vine Street and into the ravine extending through said alook No. 36 and said sewer constitutes and is a part of a system of drainage adopted by the village council of said defendant village for the purpose aforesaid by means of which surface water has been and is wine diverted from its natural course of flowage and into and through said revine.
- (8). That by means of its said sewer and of its drainage system so adopted by the village council of said defendant village said defendant village has wrongfully

and unnecessarily diverted surface water from its usual and natural course of flowage and has collected and conducted the same into said ravine in said Block No. 33 and through the same and across said Lake Street and has thereby caused surface water which otherwise would not have flowed to plaintiff's cremises to be conveyed thereto in great and destructive volume and with great and destructive force, and in. to-wit, the spring of the year 1806 plaintiff's said premises were torm out, injured and damested by the action of surface water conveyed thereto by said defendant wronafully and unnecessarily as aforesaid and by the means aforesaid, and plaintiff suffered and sustained damage in consequence thereof in to-wit the sum of five hundred dollars.

(3). Plaintiff further shows and states to the court that her said premises mentioned and referred to in paragraph 3 of this complaint are suitable and desirable for residence purposes and are only valuable for such purposes. That by means of the awers which defendant has constructed to convey surface waters to the ravine in lock No. 36 as hereinbefore particularly stated such great and destructive quantities of mater are and will be conveyed to and discharged upon plaintiff's said premises in time of rainfall or melting show that said premises are and will be flooded and otherwise injured, and in consequence thereof said premises are and will be rentered unlesirable and worthless as a place of residence. That it is not necessary for said defendant in order to carry off such surface water to convey the same into said ravine but the same can be feasibly conducted in the natural course of flowade fown said Vine Street to said Lake without injury or damage to the property of any sitizen, and said defendant now unnecessarily and wrongfully by means of its said sewer conducts great and destructive quantities of surface water to plaintiff's said premises to the great and irreparable injury and damage of plaintiff.

Wherefore claimtiff demands the indement and decree of this honorable court as cllows:

1. Parcetually encoming and restraining said defendant, its agents and servants. From so diverting the surface water coming upon its streets from its natural course of flowage as to convey the same by means of any artificial drains or sewers to or upon plaintiff's said premises.

3. For her damages in the sum of five hundred dollars together with the costs

and disbursements of this action.

E. For such other and further relief in the premises as to the court may seem meet and proper.

Attorneys for Plaintiff.
Chaska, Winn.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,

DISTRICT COURT,

County of Carver.

Eighth Judicial District

Mary Schutz,

Plaintiff.

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The Village of Waconia,

Defendant.

New comes said defendant and for answer to the complaint of said plaintiff in the above entitled action respectfully states and alleges:

1. That said defendant admits paragraphs one, two and three of said com-

plaint. 2. Further answering defendant alleges, that extending through said villare of Wacenia, from Clear Water Lake on the north thereof to the southern boundary line of the said village, is, and always has been, a well defined wine or creek which is a well defined channel or water-course with prepitous banks on either side; that said ravine or creek passes through Blocks 9,14,31,36 and 5I of said village and passes through and over the said lands of said plaintiff as described in her said complaint; and that -om time without memory said creek was the natural channel for the draine of the territory embraced within the western and southern boundary line of said village, and was the natural channel and way of draingse for a great extent of territory embraced within the limits of said village and lying to the east of said ravine or creek, as well as of a large territory ring without said corporate limits and to the south thereof. That shortly rior to the building of the so called Main Street Drain or Sewer, on the south side of said Main Street in front of Block 37 as in said complaint alleged, said village, for the purpose of a more speedy drainage of its reets, constructed another drain or sewer which is known and commenly alled the Elm Street Sewer which said sewer begins at the alley in Bleck ixteen and from thence runs north along said Elm Street to said Clear ater Lake; that the so called Elm Street Sewer aferesaid caught up and carried off directly to said Lake the surface waters from a vast extent of territory within the limmits of said village that at all times had theretofore been naturally drained into said ravine or creek aferesaid. That after so relieving said ravine or creek by the said Elm Street sewer and as a part of the drainage system of said village said village built

the said sewer or drain off Main Street in front of Block 37 and part of Block 36 and discharged the surface water caught up by this last named sewer or drain into said natural Ravine or Creek at a point where said Ravine or Creek cresses said Main Street in said village. That said drain or sewer so constructed on Main Street gaters up and carries into said natural ravine or creek the surface water from but a small territory not to exceed a few blocks in extent; and said waters so caught up and carried into said Ravine or Creek by said Main Street sewer was and is but a drop in a bucket as compared to the other waters that naturally found their way into said ravine or creek from the west, the south and the east there-of, and was as nothing compared with the waters caught up by the said Elm street Sewer that otherwise would have naturally flowed to the west and into said ravine or creek.

3. That said plaintiff ought not to be permitted to allege that defendant wrongfully and unnecessarily diverted surface water from its natural course Howage and turned the same through the said Main Street Sewer into A Ravine or Greek because said Main Street Sewer so called was constructed by said village in the year 1903 at great public expense, and said nower or drain is of a permanent nature and a part of a system of drainage sted by said village in good faith; that said Main Street sewer was connucted acress said Vine Street and on to said Ravine at a time in 1903 when said plaintiff was actually present, residing on Lot 15 in Block 37 of said village, and saw the public work thereon began and progressing from day to day across said Vine Street and on to said Ravine, that said plainf then well knew the purpose of said sewer that it was to so convey the waters caught up by said sewer into said Ravine, that plaintiff then well knew that said sever was of a permanent nature and was being constrted by said village in good faith as a part of a system of drainage pted by said village, and well knowing the object and effect thereof and t said defendant village relied upon its right so to build said drain, that said plaintiff at no time during such progress of said work objectin any way to so building said sewer, and at no time prior to the bringing of this suit did said plaintiff deny that said village had the free right to convey the waters caught up by said sever into said Ravine and said defendant in good faith built said sewer relying upon the right so to do and upon the silence of the said plaintiff as aforesaid.

4. Save and except as hereinbefore expressly admitted, said defendant

expressly denies denies said complaint and each and every allegation matter and thing in said complaint contained.

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays judgment that said plaintiff take nothing by this action, that said cause be dismissed, and for its costs and disbursements herein.

Dated Sept. 10th, 1906.

Attorney for Defendant, Chaska, Minn.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

County of Carver.

Righth Judicial District.

Mary Schutz,

Plaintiff

-VS.-

The Village of Waconia, Defendant.

DEPENDANT'S BRIEF.

Statement of Case.

The defendant village for the purpose of the purpose of draining its streets of surface waters coming thereon has heretofore constructed the following so called sewer drain along the streets of its village, vin: In 1893 an 18 inch tyle drain was wilt beginning at a point 75 feet east of N.W. corner of Block 31 on Main Street thence running west on said street across vine street and terminating in the Creek or Ravine on Main set at or about the same point where the drain or sewer in controversy minates; about 1902 said village constructed another drain or sewer beginning at the alley in Block 16 on Elm Street shence running north on said Elm Street to Clear Water Lake; that thereafter and in the year 1903 alleged in the complaint, "the village council for the purpose of carryoff surface water constructed the so called Main Street drain or sever which said sewer begins at S.E. corner of Block 37 on Main Street thence running along min Street, about 1 1/2 blocks, and terminating in the ravine or creek on said Main Street. None of these so called sowers are in any connected.

It is conceded that from time without memory there was a well defined creek or ravine passing through said village from the southern boundary line thereof to Olear Water Lake and that said creek in its matural state precipitous banks on either side and passed through the property of intiff in a well defined channel; that from Main Street to said Lake, a distance of two blocks, this creek had a fall of some 40 or 50 feet; that side creek naturally drained a large part of the territory within the village and a considerable extent of farm lands lying to the west and south of said village. It is practically admitted by the evidence that the Min Street Sewer relieved said creek from surface waters of at least three blocks of territory, and that all the territory drained by the Main Street

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sewer, or the sewer in dispute, is, according to the evidence of Andrew Schutz, less than two blocks: the evidence shows that in 1902 plaintiff caused this said natural creek to be completely filled in where it passed ever her property and a tyle drain pipe was placed in the bettem of the creek to convey the waters of the creek to said Lake: this tyle drain so placed in said creek failed to work in 1904 and about April of said year the waters coming down said creek from all sources left plaintiff's tyle drain and washed out the fill that plaintiff had placed in this creek. It is admitted plaintiff did nothing to restore the tyling or to put this creek in its natural condition.

## Argument.

When we consider the kind of a creek said creek is, its rapid descent to the lake, its well defined banks and channel, we can come to no other conclusion than that if its channel was not filled in where it passes ever plaintiff's land plaintiff could have suffered no damages by reason of any waters brought to this channel by the se called Main Street sewer; and I intain that from the same source we must conclude that had the tyling and fill placed in that natural greek been kept in good repair all the waters coming to said creek would have passed on down that creek to said Lake without damage to any one; and I maintain the village council when my constructed the so called Main Street sever had the right to assume that that natural watercourse would be kept epen, had the right to assume that if plaintiff's fill got out of repair that he would fix or remove it. When we consider the extent of territory that is naturally drained by and ravine and the extent of territory that is drained into said Main creet sewer we must conclude that very little water comes to said ravine through the said Main Street sever as compared with the amount of waters reaching said creek from the other sources; and it soms very evident that "less plaintiff leaves this creek ever her property unobstructed or keeps it tyle drain in repair it will be of no avail to her to have this court y that defendant must step up and remove the Main Street sever, it will be of no avail because the waters coming from the other courses will find oir way to the said Lake either through plaintiff's tole drain,if in repair or by washing their way along side of it, if it is not kept in repair. I confess it is beyond my conception to trace plaintiff's damage, if damag she has sustained, to any acts of defendant village; but I de maintain that under the evidence in this case the damages, if any, to her preparty is dircotly attributable to plaintiff' own acts in obstructing and filling in this creek, she filled it in from bank to bank, she reclaimed her let by filling in creek and all, and now because her work has failed and nature is agin at work washing out the old creek, she points her finger to the village and says you did it the channel is bigger. She does not realise she filled in her let channel and all with loose dirt and it is that that nature is washing away because she does not provide for natures drainage.

The Law

It is well settled in this State that a municipal corporation in improving its streets for public use has the same rights and power over the land upon which the streets are laid as a private owner and is liable to the same liability for damage done to others through the improvement of

McClure V. Red wing, 28Minn. 186, O'Brien V. St. Paul, 25 Minn. 331 Dudley V. Buffalo, 73 Minn. 347

The Dudley case above cited helds that such drains, as the evidence in this case shows the sewer in centreversy to be, are not sewers in the usual acceptation of that term.

municipal corporation in the improving and caring for streets being governed by the same rules of law as private individual owners I will simply cite a few of the many decisions of our Supreme Court defining these

Tights: Sheehan V. Flynn, 59 Minn. 496,
Gilfillan V. Schmidt, 64 Minn. 29,
Jungblum V. Minneapolis N. U.& S.W. R. Co., 70 Minn. 153,
Burnett Great Northern Ry. Co., 76 Minn. 461
Oftelie V. Town of Hammond 78 Minn. 275
Worner V. Popp, 94 Minn. 118

From the above cases I think it quite clear defendant only did what was necessary for the improvement of its streets and was guilty of no egligence in the manner of doing it.

Whether or not defendant diverted surface water is not the test for

in the case of Oftelie V. Town of Hammond above cited the court says:

The truth is that nearly every drainage ditch diverts surface water
to the injury of others to a greater or less degree man to held that it can
of lawfully be diverted, no matter what the reason or necessity of the
ase may be, would seriously embarrass the building of public reads and the
rainage of agricultural lands.

A Plaintiff can not even contribute to his own damages, and it his duty to use ordinary care to protect his lands from injury and if he fails in the use of such care to prevent the injury he can not recover, see extensive note 68 L.R.A. 277, subdivision VII of said note.

There is no evidence in this case that the village had any thing to do with filling in the creek on plaintiff's land; the efficers of the village even if they did se-operate with plaintiff in so filling equid not by each acts bind the village in any way, see

Peters V. Town of Fergus Falls, 35 Minn 549, Oftelie V. Town of Hammond, 78 Minn 878

In this last named case court holds, That where a calvert, for the escape of surface water, constructed under a rail read track, was subsequently extended by the city across a street and into vacant property, but without any resolution as to it being passed by the city council or sutherized acts being done by the Mayor or other officer or agent in relation thereto, the city is not liable for damages arising from its subsequent obstruction and everflow resulting in injury to property.

It is a well established proposition of law, that note of municipal offlowrs sutside the scope of their authority are not binding on the minicipality

Draining water into a Stream:

A property owner has a right to drain his land into a stream running through such land.

Cumberland V. Willison, 50 Md.138

A municipal corporation is not liable for damages for draining water into a stream whereby the flow is increased to the damage of preperty below.

Jenkins V. Willmington & W.R.Go., 110 N.C.43

That if the right to drain waters into a stream is exercised in good faith and in a reasonable manner there is no liability.

## conclusion.

This case is one of importance to the defendant village, for if it has not the right to maintain the so called Main Street cover its labors theren is lest, and property owners may also complain of the other cover built in 1892 on the same street and terminating in the same crock.

It seems to me under the liberal construction by the Supreme Court of this state adhered to every time the question of drainage has come before that Court that the evidence in this case shows most conclusively that plaintiff ought not provail in this case.

I respectfully mimit said case to your hener, praying for the relief manded in defendants answer herein.

very respectfully,

Chaske, Minn.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, County of Carves  Sistrest COURT.	being 19, he served the leaving ouse of the usual abode of said a person of suitable be the same
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State of Minnesota. County of Carver. District Court.

Bighth Judicial District.

Mary Schutz.

Plaintiff.

-VS-

The Village of Waconia,

Defendant.

It is hereby stipulated that all proceedings on the part of the defendant in the above entitled action may be stayed by an order of said court for the period of 60 days from this date.

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Upon the above entitled stipulation Ordered that all proceedings in said tion on the part of said defendant be and the same are hereby stayed for the period of 60 days from August 31, 1907.

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Stipulation and Order

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State of Minnesota.)
County of Carver.

District Court,
Eighth Judicial District.

Mary Schutz, ---- Plaintiff, vs.

The Village of Waconia, --- Defendant.

This cause was duly tried before the court, without a jury, at Waconia in said county and State on the first day of May 1907. By consent of the parties the action was tried at Waconia instead of at the county seat of said county, and before the undersigned judge of the Ninth Judicial District sitting in place of the Judge of said Righth Judicial District. Messrs. Odell & Odell appeared as attorneys for the plaintiff and Thos. F. Cravens Esq. appeared as attorney for the defendant. The case was thereupon submitted to the court for decision upon the evidence, pleadings and written arguments of counsel. The court also by the request and consent of both parties viewed the premises in question.

Now after due consideration of the evidence, pleadings and arguments the court finds the following facts:-

- 1. That the defendant, Village of Waconia, is and for more than twenty years last past has been a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the general laws of this state.
- 2. That the plaintiff is and for more than ten years last past has been the owner and in possession of lots 1, 2 and 3, in block 51, in said village of Waconia, hereinafter referred to as plaintiff's premises.
- 3. That said Village of Waconia borders upon Clear Water Lake, hereinafter referred to as lake or the lake. That the South shore of said lake constitutes the North boundary of said Village and said block 51, is one of the northern tier of blocks in said village and the North line thereof is the shore of said lake. That running along the South line of said block is a street known as Lake street, and upon the South side of said street and immediately South of

block 51, is block 36, of said village, and running along the south side of said block 56, is the street known as Main Street, which extends through said village from the East to the West boundary thereof. That extending from the shore line of said lake and running along the East line of said blocks 51 and 36, is a street known as vine street, which extends through said village from the north to the South boundary thereof. That East of block 51 is block 55, and East of block 36 is block 37, and South of block 36 is block 31, and south of block 37 is block 30, all in said village. That one block East of Vine street is Olive street running North and South through said village. That the attached map marked exhibit A, correctly shows the relative location of the blocks, streets, ravine and sewer in question in this action and said exhibit is hereby made a part of these findings for reference.

4. That the surface of Main Street in said village is many feet (15-20 feet) higher than the surface of said lake, and that the surface of the ground from Main street along blocks 29 30 and 31, slopes North to the lake, with a steep slope near the lake. That running North through blocks 31, 36 and \$3 51, is a natural ravine and watercourse which drains said blocks and other blocks South thereof and adjacent thereto and certain low lands outside of said village, and which ravine is a well defined natural water course and run with banks in places 30 feet high through said blocks and sloping back making the ravine 50 to 60 feet wide at the top in some places. That from Main street to the lake said ravine has ample fall sufficient to carry off rapidly all water flowing therein. That the land along said ravine slopes rapidly from where it crosses Main street to the point where it crosses bake street. That North of Lake street the banks of the ravine spread out and largely disappear leaving a comparatively level tract of land next the lake in the North half of block 51, with a gradual slope to the lake, on which slope is located the lots and buildings of the plaintiff. That across said slope and across the plaintiffs said premises the ravine and natural water course aforesaid had always prior to 1902

formed a brook or water run two or more feet in depth and three or more feet wide cut out by the action of the water and through which the water flowing from said ravine ran across the plaintiff's premises and into the lake. That in the year 1902, the plaintiff, with some assistance from the officers of said village, but without any official action or lawful authority from the defendant village, placed 24 inch tile in said brook or water run across plaintiffs premises and covered said tile with earth and filled up said run except the opening through said tile, for the purpose of confining the water in said watercourse to the said tile.

5. That prior to 1903, the defendant village had constructed a tile drain or sewer on Lake street from a point a short distance East of Vine street Westerly to and terminating in said ravine where the same crosses Lake street. Such drain being for the purpose of carrying of the surface water from Lake street at that place.

That thereafter in the year 1903, the defendant village constructed a tile drain or sewer with 20 inch diameter tile therein commencing at the corner of Olive and Main Streets and running in said Main street Westerly to and terminating in the ravine aforesaid where the same crosses Mains street on the South line of block 36, That said tile drain or sewer was built for the purpose of carrying off the surface water coming upon said Main street and flowing thereon from adjoining land, and to protect said street and preserve the same for public use and travel, and was and is suitable and necessary for that purpose. That the drains or sewers so construc ted by the village are not intended or used for domestic sewers or sewage but are constructed and used for drains for carrying off surface water coming upon the streets of said village, and the drainage incident thereto. That said last mentioned sewer or drain carries away the surface water coming upon blocks 29 and 30 in said village and upon the streets adjacent to said blocks and carries such water into said ravine and water course and thence through such ravine and water course across plaintiff's premises and into Clear Water Lake. That the East bank of the ravine in question where the same crosses Main street, is high ground and is higher than

that the surface water thus collected and carried by said drain or sewer into the ravine would not and could not naturally flow into the ravine, but would, without said sewer, naturally drain and find its way in a Northerly direction from said Main street over the blocks and streets and into the lake, but without any definite channel, and only in a gradual way and not so as to drain and protect said Main street.

village acted in a prudent and careful manner and for the best interest of said municipality and conducted said surface water by the shortest and most expedient route at hand into the nearest natural water course, and did not cause any unreasonable or unnecessary damage to the plaintiff or others.

- 6. That subsequent to the construction of said drain and in the years 1904-'5 and '6, by reason of heavy rains large quantities of water have come down said ravine and natural water course from points above and south of Main street, and large quantities of water have also come through the said tile drain on Main street and into said ravine through the same and all the waters coming into the said ravine and natural water course have flowed down over and across plaintiff's said premises and at times of heavy rains have flowed a part of his lots. That the action of such water has displaced the tile placed in said water run across plaintiff's lots and has carried away the dirt covering said tile and washed out a channel in the original run or brook but wider and deeper than it was before 1903, so that said run across plaintiff's premises is now, in places, 12 feet wide and 7 or 8 feet deep. And that the plaintiff has suffered damage htereby.
- 7. That all other allegations of the pleadings are found not true.

As conclusions of law from the foregoing facts the court finds:-

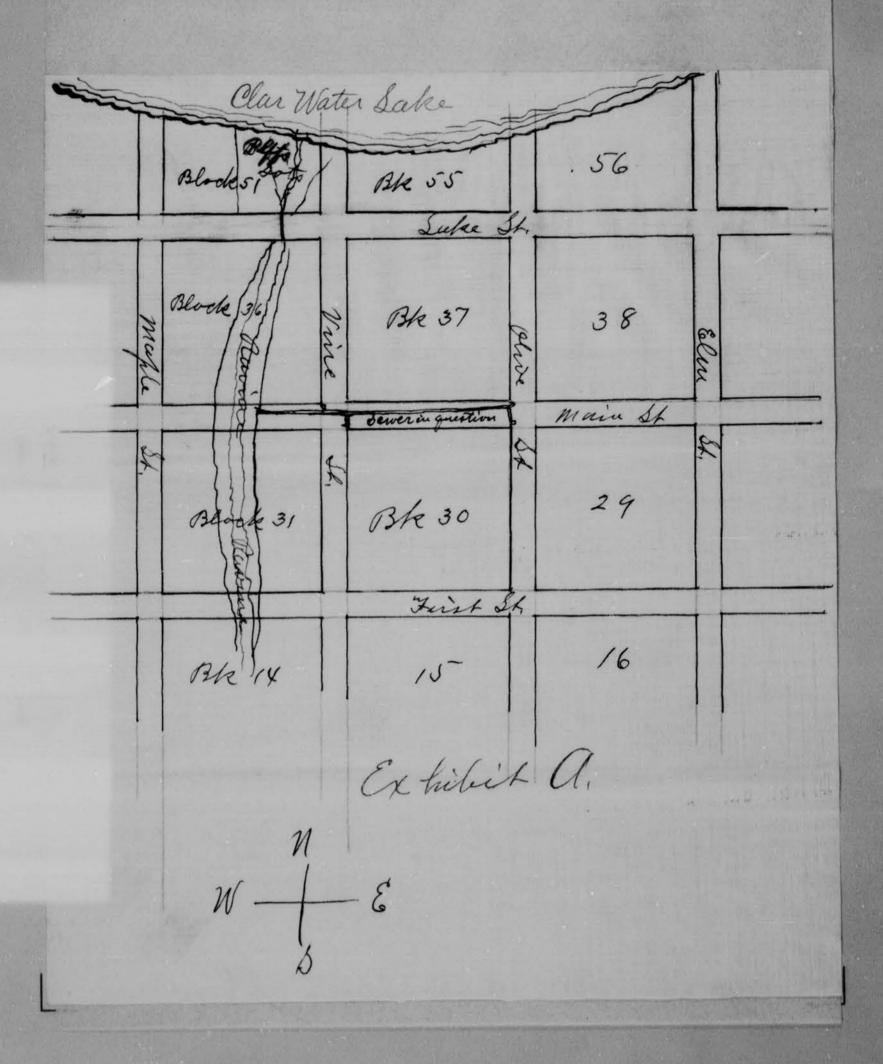
First, That the plaintiff is not entitled to any relief in this action.

Second, That the defendant is entitled to recover hx its costs and disbursements herein.

Let judgment be entered accordingly. J. M. Olsen

Dated August 27 1907.

Judge of District Court.



Mary Schutz
The Village of Wacomia

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otice of Taxation of Costs and Bill of Costs and Disbursements.

Due service of the within bill of disburse-tents and affidavit to same, and notice of exation thereof, by delivery of copy iereof, is hereby admitted this

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

county of Carver.

Thes.F.Crven being first duly swern, says that on the 18th day of December 1907 in the City of Chaska Minneseta he served the herete annexed bill of cests and notice on W.C.Odell, atterney for said plaintiff, Mary Schutz, by then and there leaving a true and correct copy of said bill of cests and notice at his, W.C.Odell's, office, during said W.C.Odell's absence, with Mise Wier has clerk in said office

Subscribed and swern to before me this 2/2 day of December 1907

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No. 1071. JUDGMENT OLL. Class 2. PIPIVEER PRESS CO., St. Paul, Minn District Court. State of Minnesota, 88. County of Carver. Eighth .... Judicial District. Mary Schutz, Plaintiff. JUDGMENT. The Village of Waconia, Defendant.

The above entitled action having been regularly placed upon the calendar of said Court for the March A. D. 1907, General Term thereof, came on for trial before the Court without a jury, the Hon. I. M. Olsen presiding, at Waconia, in said County and State, on the 1st day of May 1907, and the Court after hearing the evidence adduced at said trial and being fully advised in the premises, did on the 29th day of August, 1907, duly make and file its findings and decision for judgment therein.

Now, pursuant to said order and on motion of Thos. F. Craven Esq., attorney of the defendant, it is hereby adjudged, ordered and decreed that plaintiff take nothing hereby and that the defendant have judgment herein against the plaintiff for the sum of Twenty-seven and 23/100 Dollars the costs and disbursements taxed and allowed herein and that the defendant have execution therefor.

H.O. Muchlbry, Clerk.

DISTRICT COURT,

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Yours You.

Odell rodell Attorneys for Plaintiff. Chaska. Minn.

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Plaintiff's Atty.

Thos. F. Craven
Defendant's Atty.

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Attorney for Defendant Will the Clerk please file this Note of Issue, and enter the cause on the Calendar for the Sefleceshor A. D. 1906 General Term of this Court. Yours respectfully, Oacee + Oace Attorney for Loff

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VS

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STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve your answer to the complaint of plaintiff in the above entitled action, which complaint is hereto attached and be rewith served upon you, by copy, on the subscribers at their office in the City of the Summons upon you, exclusive of Minnesota, within twenty days after service this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail so to have your answer within the time aforesaid the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint, together with the costs and disbursements herein.

Attorneys for Plaintiff, Chaska, Minn.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

County of Carver

DISTRICT COURT

Eighth Judicial District

Anna Harms

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Plaintiff

VS

August Graupentine

Defendant

Said plaintiff for her complaint in the above entitled action respectfully states and shows to the court:

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- (1). That heretofore, to-wit, on and prior to the 2nd day of June A.D.1908 she, said intiff was the owner of and had in her possession in the Town of Benton in said County and State a thoroughbred and registered poland-china loar and that the same was then and there worth and of the value of two hundred dollars.
- (2). That on said 2nd day of June 1908 at said Town of Benton aforesaid said dedant did wrongfully, wilfully and mailciously kill and destroy said boar so then and there owned by said plaintiff.
- (3). That by reason of the unlawful, wilfull and malicious act of said defendant in so killing said boar said defendant suffered and sustained injury and damage in the of two hundred dollars, and in consequence thereof and by force of the statute in such case made and provided plaintiff is lawfully entitled to recover from said defendant treble damages for the injury aforesaid.

Wherefore plaintiff demands judgment against said defendant for the sum of six dred dollars together with her costs and disbursements herein.

Attorneys for Plaintiff,

Chaska, Winn.

State of Minnesota, and Tharma being first duly sworn upon oath says that she is \_\_\_\_ the fleatiff that the same is true \_\_\_\_\_ of her own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated on information and belief, and as to such matters she believes it to be true-to the best of knowledge, information and belief, and that the reason why this verification is not made by the this County wherein resides this affant, h attorney. Subscribed and sworn to before me this. NOTARIAL ! State of Minnesota, Court, County of \_ against Plaintiff. SUMMONS.

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Now comes said defendant above named and, for his answer to the Complaint of the said plaintiff in said above entitled action, respectfully elleges:

1. That said defendant denies the said complaint and each and every allegation matter and thing in said complaint contained.

Wherefore defendant prays judgment that plaintiff take usthing by action, that said action be dismissed, and for defendant's costs and presents herein.

Dated June 20th, 1906.

Attorney for said Defendant,

Minnesota, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at office, in the. days after service of this summons upon you, within twenty exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will-apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint-have the entitled tor ecover, assertained by the Court or under its direction, and take judgement for the amount so ascertained-take judgment against you for the sum of ) with interest at the rate Dollars, (\$ day of per cent, per annum since the together with the Plaintiff's costs and disbursements herein. A. D. 19 ..... Minn Plaintiff's Attorney,

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NOTICE OF TAXATION OF COSTS. State of Minnesota, DISTRICT COURT, County of Carver Eighth Judicial District. anna Harms Plaintiff. August Granpentine Defendants Sir: Please Take Motice. That on the 10 th day of December 1906 at 10 o'clock A. M. application will be made to N. O. Meuchlhery, Esq. Clerk of said Court, at his office in the Court House in the City of Charka in the County of Canner and State of Minnesotu, to have the within bill of costs and dishursements taxed and inserted in the judgment then and there to be Dated December 7th, 1006. Yours respectfully. Odell & Odell To Thes. & Craver, Eg. Attorney for Defindant

No. 3008 - Affidavit of Disbursements and Notice of Taxation of Costs

Original DISTRICT COURT, Eighth Judicial District. Anna Harms
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Deft. Notice of Taxation of Costs and Bill of Costs and Disbursements. Due service of the within bill of disbursements and affidavit to same, and notice of taxation thereof, by delivery of copy thereof, is hereby admitted this 7th day of December 1906, at Charka Muin Attorney for Defendants
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Now. On motion of Odell & Odell, attorneys for said plaintiff, It is Ordered. Adsaid defendant. ladiat and Determined that plaintiff have and recover from said defendant her damades in the sam of Thirty Five Dollars, together with her costs and disburgarents in texed and allowed at the sum of Porty Nine and 81/100 Dollars, and that she have execution therefor.

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THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE NAVED DEFENDANT:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve your answer to the complaint of the plaintiff in the above entitled action, which complaint is hereto attached and rewith served upon you, by copy, on the subscribers at their office in the City of Chasks in the County of Carver and State of Minnesota, within twenty days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail so to rive your answer within the time aforesaid the plaintiff in this action will apply the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint, together with the costs and disbursements herein.

Attorneys for Plaintiff.
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Said plaintiff for his complaint in the above entitled action respectfully states and shows to the court:

- (1). That said plaintiff is and for several years past has been a butter maker by occupation, and for more than one year immediately prior to June 1st 1903 worked as utter maker for the Victoria Creamery Association, a co-operative creamery company thing business in the Cownship of Laketown in said County and State.
- (3). That said plaintiff was employed by said Association at a dood salary, to-wit. 1100.00 per month, and his said position with said Association would have been a perent one but for the wrongful acts of said defendant hereinafter particularly mentioned.
- (3). That on, to-wit, the 12th day of May 1906, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of said Victoria Creamery Association held at the usual place of holding such etings in said Township of Laketown, and in the presence and hearing of Frank Schmieg. The Ripple, George Fink, John Poppler and Arnold Notermann, each of whom was then and there a member of the Board of Directors of said Victoria Creamery Association, and in the presence and hearing of Mike Diethelm, Joseph Schneider, Fred Fink, Albert Plocker Hubert Kelzer, each of whom was then and there a stockholder and member of said eamery Association, said defendant wrongfully and maliciously spoke and published of and concerning this plaintiff the following false and defamatory words, viz: "We" eaning and referring to the defendant and other patrons of said Creamery Association) "have got tired of having him" (meaning and referring to this plaintiff) "steal milk". That thereupon plaintiff asked said defendant this question, viz: "Do you say

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I stole milk?", and in reply thereto said defendant then and there and in the presence and hearing of each and all of the persons named above wrongfully and maliciously spoke and published the following words, viz: "If you" (meaning this plaintiff) "want to know it, ves. I said you" (meaning this plaintiff) "stole milk".

- (4). That said words so spoken and published by said defendant as aforesaid were spoken and published of and concerning this plaintiff and were false and defendant of and were well known by said defendant to be false and defanatory at the time he so spoke and published the same. And by the speaking and publishing of said false and defanatory words said defendant intended to and did in the presence and hearing of the persons aforesaid wrongfully and maliciously charge this plaintiff with having committed the crime of Larceny.
- (5). That by the speaking and publishing of the false and defamatory words afore-Id of and concerning this plaintiff as aforesaid said defendant intended to and did Falsely and maliciously charge and accuse this plaintiff to the Board of Directors of said Victoria Creamery Association, while so in the employ of said Association as Coresaid, by short weights and by cheating in weights when weighing milk delivered by 'endant and other patrons of said Creamery to the Creamery operated by said Association and of which this plaintiff had charge as the butter maker for said Association. wronefully and unlawfully and with intent to deprive the true owner of his property and to appropriate the same to the use of said Victoria Creamery Association taken Ik from divers of the patrons of said Association and among them said defendant withat allowing or giving the owner of such milk pay or credit for the full quantity delivered by him, and thereby and by means of such false weights wrongfully and unlawful-In appropriated to the use of said Victoria Greamery Association milk so delivered to 3 Creamery operated by said Association by the patrons thereof and particularly by m. said defendant. And said defendant so made said false and defematory charges and secusations to said Board of Directors with the wrongful and malicious purpose of ading said Board of Directors to believe that this plaintiff was not honest and fair in his dealings with the patrons of said Association and was cheating and defrauding such patrons of their milk, and with a view of affording said Board of Directors of

said Association a cause or pretext for discharging this plaintiff from the employment of said Association, and by means of said false and defamatory charges and accusations said defendant caused said Board of Directors to believe that this plaintiff was not honest and fair in his dealings with the patrons of said Association and was cheating and defrauding said patrons of their milk, and forced and compelled this plaintiff to resign his said position with said Victoria Oreamery Association to his great loss and damage.

(6). That by reason of the aforesaid wrongful and malicious speaking and publishing by said defendant of the false and defamatory words aforesaid of and concerning this plaintiff as aforesaid this plaintiff has been injured in his good name, fame and credit and has been brought into scandal and disgrace with and among his neighrs and associates and has been greatly humiliated and caused much mental suffering bis damage in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars.

Wherefore plaintiff demands judament against said defendant for the sum of Two Thousand Dollars together with his costs and disbursements herein.

Odell & Odell Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Chaska, Minn.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Plaintiff.

(ANSWER.

Joseph Schmidt Jr.,

Defendant.

Defendant above named for his answer, to the complaint of the plaintiff in the above entitled action, states and alleges:

1. That save as hereinafter expressly admitted the defendant denies the said Complaint and each and every allegation matter and thing in said complaint contained.

Per his second defense to said action, defendant further alleges:

- That this defendant and all the other persons named in paragraph three of said complaint, save said plaintiff, together with many other farmers formed ewned and operated a co-operative creamery which said creamery s know and called The Victoria Creemery Association; thatb on the 12th day of May 1906, and for years prior therete, said Creemery Company them was, and new is composed of all of said persons aferesaid each of whom then was, and new is, a stockholder therein and patron thereof. Defendant further imits and alleges that on said 12th day of May 1906, and for & considerable time immediately prior therete, the said plaintiff was an employee of said co-operative creamory company as latter maker and general manager or superintendent therein a part of whose duties it was to weigh, test and eceive for said Creamery milk effered for sale thereat by the patrons thereof, and to extend to said patrons and each of them a proper credit for milk so sold and delivered. That plaintiff's management of said Gremery was under the centrel and subject to the directions of a Beard of trectors of said Association, and on the 12th day of May 1908 the said and f said complaint, were in regular session for the transaction of the genral business of said Creamery and for the transaction of all business pertaining to management and to hear and consider any and all complaints from the stockholders and patrons relative to said management and business.
- (2) That for many months immediately prior to said 12th day of May 1906 and upto the time of helding the meeting, alleged in the complaint, of the said Beard of Directors and Stockholders of said Greenery Association there

had existed, and then was, a general dissatisfaction among many of the stockholders of said association, including this defendant owing to poor returns credited to said patrons by said plaintiff for milk theretofore sold and delivered by said stockholders to said Greamery. That en and prior to the said 12th day of May 1906 this defendant had been informed by the patrons of said Greamery Association and knew at the time of said meeting of this general dissatisfaction growing out of poor returns credited the patrons as aforesaid, and at the time of said meeting, from the reports of said patrons as aforesaid and from this defendants own returns and credits given him for milk sold to said creamery, this defendant believed and had reasonable and probable cause to believe that said plaintiff, as the employee of said dreamery Company, had not theretofere given to this defendant and many of the other stock holders of said Company full eredit for all the milk sold by him and them to said Greamery Company, but to the centra that in weighing in and testing milk said plaintiff had favored said Creamery Association.

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(8) That on to-wit, the said 12th day of May 1906 a meeting of the said Board of Directors of said Greamery Association was held for the purpose of transacting the general business of said Association, including the hearing complaints of the said patrons of said Association on the question reights tests returns and credits, and any other complaints relative to the way and manner in which said plaintiff performed his duties as employee of said Association. That said meeting so held as aforesaid had full jurisdiction power and authority by and through the Beard of Directors aforesaid to redress the said grievances growing out of the complaints relative to the management of said Association aforesaid. That this defendant together with many of the other stockholders, all of whom were patrons of said Association in that they sold their milk product therete, were invited by the said Beard of Directors, and had the right, to attend said fully and freely discuse the management of said Association: and this defendant and the other said stockholders so attending said meeting were expressly invited and requested by the said Board of Directors to then and there state any and all complaints which they or any of them had, or supposed they had, relative to the business of said Association and the management of said creamery by said plaintiff and the said Beard of Directors. That this Defendant and all other persons present at said

meeting stockholders and patrons thereof, that all persons so present at said meeting investers in and patrons of said Greamery Association and were vitally interested in the best possible management and success of the business of said Association: that this defendant had theretefore been iformed by a goodly number of the patrons of said Association that said patrons had been receiving light weight and poor test for the milk product sold and delivered by the said patrons to said Association through said plaintiff's management of the said Greamery Association, that theretofore this defendant had at times received light weight at the hands of said plaintiff for milk so sold and delivered by defendant to said Association; that because of the information so received defendant had reasonable and probable cause to believe, and did honestly believe, at the time of the helding of said meeting, himself and many of his brother stockholders to be aggrieved by reson of said plaintiff's management of said Association.

(4) That at said meeting of said Board of Directors and Stockholders held as aforesaid, the said Board of Directors expressly asked and reested the said complaining stockholders, including this defendant, to state to said meeting any and all grievances and complaints which they had relative to the sale of milk by them or any of them to said Oreamery Associion, or relative to the business and management of said Greamery in any y. That at said meeting and in response to said invitation and request to complain, some of the stockholders, including this defendant, did then and there make known to said meeting the grievances and complaints relative to the management of said Association, and told said Association eir grievances with respect to light weight and poor tests for the milk theretefore sold and delivered to said Greamery by them. That while said matter of weights, tests and poor returns for milk were under consideration and discussion in said meeting, said plaintiff took part in said discussion I during the course of said friendly discussion, the said plaintiff turnto defendant and the complaining stockholders and asked them the fellowing question: "Did I ever steal any thing of you"? and then this defdant answered: " You stele milk of us"? That said answer of said defendant and whatever other statements made or words spoken by defendant were spoken at said meeting in answer to questions asked By said Board of Directors or by said Elaintiff himself, and were speken in good faith and without malice and with reasonable and probable cause to believe the said

words so spoken to be true, and defendant then so believed.

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- (5) That the meeting so held by said Oreamery Association on said 12th day of May 1906 hereinbefore alleged is the same identical meeting referred to in paragraph three of plaintiff's complaint in this said action, and whatever words were speken thereat by this defendant, whether as alleged in said complaint or etherwise, were privileged, and were speken in good faith without malice, and were speken in answer to questione, and for the purpose of seeking redress, from said meeting for grienances which defendant then had reasonable and probable cause to believe, and did believe, existed and which said meeting had power and authority to remedy.

  For a Third defense defendant further alleges:
  - plaintiff might otherwise appear entitled by reason of the publication of said alleged libelous matter set forth in said complaint, defendant hereby re-peats and re-alleges all and singular the matters stated under the second defense in this answer alleged, and upon the trial of said cause all give evidence thereof in mitegation of damages as well as in justification and privilege.

wherefore defendant prays judgment that plaintiff take nothing by this action, that said action be dismissed, and for defendant's costs and distrements herein.

July ,25,1906.

Attorney for Defendant, Chaska, Minn.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

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Plaintiff

VS.

Joseph Schnidt Jr.

Defendant

Said plaintiff for his reply in the above entitled action respectfully states and shows to the Court that he denies each and every allegation of new matter contained in the answer of defendant herein.

Wherefore said plaintiff demands judgment as in and by his complaint herein.

Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Chaska, Winn.

- 1. It is the law, that the right to seek redress is not limited to seeking it in a court of justice. Every one who is aggrieved, or has reasonable and probable cause to believe himself aggrieved, may, in good faith seek redress from any Body, Officer or Individual having jurisdiction, power or authority to redress the wrong or supposed wrong; and whatever is speken in good faith in such persuit for redress is privileged. And such privilege exists not only where the Body, Officer or Individual appealed to has direct jurisdiction or power but also in cases where there is an indirect jurisdiction or power to afford redress.
  - 2. I further charge you, that if you find the defendant uttered and published the alleged slanderous words, and from the evidence in this case you further find that at the time defendant so speke said words he had reasonable cause for belief, and then believed himself pessessed of knewledge which if true did or may affect the rights or interests of said corporation or its stockholders, said defendant then had the right, in good faith, to communicate such his belief to the efficers and stockholders of said corporation; and said defendant might make such communications as aforesaid to the said efficers and stockholders of said corporation without previous request and whether he had or had not personally any interest in the subject matter of the communication, and although in fact no reasonable or probable cause for the belief may exist. The right to so communicate such knowledge is founded on defendant's belief, all you have to examine under such circumstances is whether defendant stated to said meeting more than he believed and what he, in good faith, might reasonably believe, if he stated no more than this he is not liable in this action and plaintiff can not recever.
  - 3. I further charge you, that if you find that said defendant did utter and publish the slanderous words alleged in said complaint, and you further find from the evidence in this case that said plaintiff by a question addressed to said defendant invited the said defendant to publish such slanderous words then and in that case defendant's answer to plaintiff's question is privileged, and plaintiff can not recover without further proving malice for in such case malice is not to be inferred from the publication of the slanderous words.

4. Gentlemen of the jury, I further charge you that at such a meeting of the stockholders and Board of Directors as the evidence in this case shows to have been in session at the time the alleged slanderous words were published, if published at all by the defendant, the said defendant had a right—it was his privilege—to communicate to the said Board of Directors and every stockholder present whatever he know, or had had reason to believe, and did in fact honestly believe, in respect to the management of the said corporation or the conduct of the plaintiff as employee of said corporation in the discharge of plaintiff's duties as such employee; and if this defendant did use in that meeting the words charged; and if upon information that he had received, either from others or from his own observation, or from both sources, he believed in good faith that the statements which he then made were true,—then the fact that such statements were made in that meeting would constitute the plaintiff's communication one of privilege, and not actionable.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA, Ss. DISTRICT COURT, No. 2407  COUNTY OF CARVER. Ss. EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.
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In the name of the State of Minnesota, we command you, that all business and excuses being laid aside, you, and each of you, appear and attend before the Judge of the said Court, at a Court to be held
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