

# Jacobson Found Guilty

George J. Jacobson of the Defunct Walum Bank, Had His Trial on One Charge at Valley City Last Week. Found Guilty.

Selection of a jury was begun last Tuesday, a week ago today, in the case of George J. Jacobson, president of the closed Farmers State Bank of Walum, involving the alleged embezzlement of \$2,840, which was up for trial at the term of Barnes county district court at Valley City with Judge M. J. Engliert presiding.

States Attorney John Sad, assisted by John Thorp of Bismarck, assistant attorney general, conducted the prosecution. George Thorpe, D. R. Divet and A. P. Paulson were the counsel for Jacobson.

There were several cases against Mr Jacobson based upon his operations while president of the defunct Farmers State Bank of Walum. It is alleged that in making certain loans for farmers in the vicinity of Walum he converted the money to his own use or that of the bank, in a manner not warranted or without authority from the complainants. In two cases he is charged with embezzling Liberty bonds by taking them out of the safety deposit boxes in the bank and applying the bonds to the use of the bank without any authority.

There were six charges of this or similar nature against Mr. Jacobson, but only one of these charges came to trial at Valley City last week. The charge tried involves the alleged embezzlement of \$2840 from Mrs. Anna Kalland, a widow, by the misappropriation of funds supposed to have been applied on notes of her son, the money being alleged to have been converted to the use of Mr. Jacobson and the bank. Mrs. Kalland testified as to the signing of the mortgage on her land and events leading up to the completion of the loan. Ole O. Kaastad was called as a witness as to the actions of the defendant when the application for a loan was drawn. John H. Haugen, who acted as business advisor for Mrs. Kalland and who had her power of attorney in other matters, testified that he had been present when the mortgage was drawn and had witnessed the signing of the mortgage and notes. The mortgage and notes were drawn in favor of the Dazey State Bank. Mrs. Kalland had been aware of that fact when signing the mortgage. The case was given to the jury 4 15 p. m. Wednesday and reported the same evening