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WILD BULLET'S WORK

Exciting Experience Caused by Wild Bullet at Home of William Smith Section 4, Princeton.

Unknown Parties Fire at Dog and Bullet Enters House, Just Missing Mrs. Smith.

William Smith who lives on section 4 in the town of Princeton was in town last Saturday relating a lively experience himself and wife had on Wednesday night of last week about the time they were ready to retire. Mr. Smith says that he had gone to bed and a few minutes after he did so he heard some one out on the road cry "Whoa!" and immediately afterwards there was the report of a revolver. A bullet came piercing its way through the wall of the house and passing immediately over the bed a few inches from Mr. Smith it whizzed by his wife who was sitting in a chair at the stove taking off her shoes. The bullet hit the cook stove and glanced into the pantry where it demolished a few dishes and disappeared in such a manner that Mr. Smith has been unable to find it. The dog belonging to Mr. Smith was lying on the bank of earth beside the house about fifty feet from the road and it is thought that the parties who did the shooting intended to kill the dog, but the bullet hit one of the dog's feet and did not otherwise injure him.

As soon as the bullet entered the house Mrs. Smith rushed to the door and was followed by her husband who jumped out of bed and grabbing his Winchester went to see what the trouble was. As he stepped out of the front door of the house he could see a two-seated rig in the road and there appeared to be three occupants in the rig. It was half past nine o'clock and was quite dark from the fog, though there was a moon. As Mr. Smith stepped out in front of the house the occupants of the rig turned and with the whip to the horses headed for Princeton at a hot gait. Mr. Smith did not stop but followed and cried to them to halt. But they only went the faster, and he says that he fired twice at them to give them an idea that there was something behind them that could travel much faster than they could. Mr. Smith went as far as the Ellenbaum corner and gave up the chase. He met two parties coming from Princeton who said that they had passed a rig with several occupants but that the team was going at such a rapid gait that none of the occupants could be seen close enough to describe them. Mr. Smith says that if he had had a horse he would have made it extremely interesting for the parties who did the shooting. It is not known what the motive for the shooting was. Mr. Smith says that parties from town happen out that way quite frequently and reports of shooting are often heard, the shooting perhaps being the result of alcoholic enthusiasm.

The shooting whatever the motive came nearly proving a tragedy and Mr. Smith is well worked up over the affair.

THE MILACA FARM INSTITUTE.

Hopeful Harry Gives Some of His Observations at the Big Meeting.

The farmers' institute at Milaca was a great success. To say that a large number attended would not express it. It was a crowd so large it was necessary to have two large halls to accommodate the people, and the speakers passed from one hall to the other in order that the farmers might get the benefit of the best methods of farming as presented by the institute workers. Prof. Haverstock who was one of the speakers addressed the farmers on grains and grasses and the destruction of weeds and the best methods of farming. He is an interesting speaker and presents his subject in a positive and forceful manner.

Mr. Elliott, the Scotchman from Canada, is more positive in his opinions and more forceful in presenting them as was evidenced in the manner in which he presented the subject of stock-raising. He emphasized the old story of breeding from the best both in male and female, but more especially the male. In treatment and care Mr. Elliott said that kindness was the only method that will prove successful. Mr. Elliott's remarks must have made those farmers who abuse and mistreat their stock blush with shame and hang their heads. In the course of his remarks Mr. Elliott gave some very interesting illustrations. In speaking of the enterprise and perseverance of the Scotchman he said that when the north pole is discovered a Scotchman will be found sitting on the top of the pole, as he is always in advance.

One of the speakers gave a very interesting talk on horticulture. He thought that all kinds of small fruits could be grown very successfully on the prairies of Minnesota but he said that the prairie was not the place for the apple tree to grow successfully. In this part of the State, however, the conditions are favorable not only for growing small fruits but apples also, and there is no good reason why every farmer should not raise enough good fruits, including apples for family use. Farmers should never buy fruit stock of agents but always of well known and trustworthy nurserymen.

The talk on fruit raising and the insects that damage fruit was right to the point and will, if followed, aid the farmers very materially in fruit raising.

There was one talk made which proved of interest to all. It was on raising the human race and the conditions of society. The speaker must have made some of those present think that they had degenerated from the human to the brute, and some of them are even below that standard of life. He spoke of the real human affection in families and judging from his high standard there are many families that are entirely destitute of such human manifestations.

To sum up the institute work in Milaca, its value cannot be estimated in dollars nor computed by figures and the farmers who failed to attend lost a valuable opportunity.

HOPEFUL HARRY.

BELATED ELECTION RETURNS.

Returns From Town Elections Not Reported Last Week.

The following are the returns from town elections not published last week.

Orrock—Supervisor for three years, L. Hermanson; clerk, W. S. Enger; assessor, Andrew Anderson; treasurer, F. W. Baer; justice, Andrew Anderson; constable, Albert Larson. Town revenue, $150; road and bridge, $400. Total votes cast 67.

Robbins—Supervisor for three years, Frank Baker; clerk, C. N. Archer; assessor, E. E. Dinwiddie; treasurer, Wm. Anderson; justices of the peace, J. Q. Evans and Wm. Roach; constable, Ed Bauer. Town revenue, $150; road and bridge, $434.

East Side—Supervisor for three years, Geo. W. Freer, supervisor for one year, John Skretting; clerk Andrew Kalberg; assessor, Peter Sehlin; treasurer, John Kalberg; justice of the peace, Tom Page; constable, C. P. Hermwell. Town revenue, $210; road and bridge, $210. Road bonds voted down. Herd law carried and it was also voted to keep road grader.

Dalbo—Supervisor for three years, F. Benson; supervisor for two years, E. Tolin; clerk, M. P. Mattson; assessor, E. Erickson; treasurer P. A. Swanson; justice of the peace, P. A. Swanson; constables, A. P. Newman and E. Sunden. Town revenue, $309; road and bridge, $774.

Death of Kathryn Cotton.

At midnight Tuesday with the death of the day and the birth of the morrow Kathryn N. Cotton, daughter of Mrs. Mary H. Cotton, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. L. Small in Princeton. During her recent illness the tender and watchful care of a mother and sister who were constantly with her until the end gave to her all the earthly comfort that was possible, and her death was a sweet rest after her long suffering.

The funeral was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Small this morning at 9:30 o'clock, Rev. John Russell Henderson of the Congregational church of Princeton officiating. The body was taken to Anoka on this morning's train and the interment was in the cemetery at that place where rest a father and brother. Rev. Henderson accompanied the relatives to Anoka and officiated at the grave.

Deceased possessed a sweet and pleasant nature and even when death had laid its cruel hand heavily upon her, a sunny disposition shone out in triumphant contrast until she passed slowly and peacefully into rest.

The words of Henry Van Dyke from his poem, "Reliance," seem so appropriate in this connection:

"Not to the swift the race,
Not to the strong the fight;
Not to the righteous perfect grace;
Not to the wise the light.

"But often faltering feet
Come surest to the goal;
And they who walk in darkness meet
The sunrise of the soul.

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"Not from my torch the gleam,
But from the stars above;
Not from my heart life's crystal stream,
But from the depths of Love."

Spike Hennesey's Gushing Rot.

The ship-builders have declined to postpone the launching of the battleship Minnesota because Gov. Johnson could not be present. Certainly those fellows cannot have read Spike Hennesey's narrative to Mr. Dooley of John's youth as published in Success. If the battleship itself ever learns of this affront to Minnesota's governor, it will refuse to budge from its stays. —Fairmont News.

NO COLOR LINE HERE

Colored Grand Army Veteran From Galveston, Texas, Journeys Towards Duluth.

En Route He Stops at Princeton and at Milaca is Received With Open Arms.

One day the latter part of last week a tall, and rather stately looking colored man wearing a Grand Army button and carrying a cane stepped from the evening passenger train and with a military gait walked up town and began making inquries for some old veterans. He found them in a short time, and among them A. Z. Norton to whom he related a hard luck story, stating that he was from Galveston, Texas, and that he lost his family and all his property at the time that city was inundated by a tidal wave that swept the Gulf coast a few years ago. He claimed to be past commander of John Brown post of that city, and appeared to have a good education and seemed in every way worthy of assistance. He came from Minneapolis where the Geo. N. Morgan post had assisted him, and he claimed that he had just enough funds to carry him to Princeton and that he was en route to Mora to visit a brother. Mr. Norton engaged quarters at the Princeton hotel for the stranger who gave his name as John Bush. Enough money was given him to enable him to continue his journey, which he did Saturday afternoon when the passenger came along, but he left the train at Milaca. No sooner had he done so than the villiage marshal had his eye on him as he carried no baggage of any kind and a colored man of his appearance is a very scarce article in this part of the country. Mr. Bush walked over to the saloon where he bought a drink of whisky and then purchased a pint bottle of the elixer of life. He put up at the hotel and in the evening went in search of some Grand Army men and he found a few. He repeated to them his stock story, proved his war record all right by strange coincidences, etc. One of the veterans he met is a pillar in the M. E. church at Milaca and he invited the colored veteran to services in the morning and he accepted the invitation. At church he got acquainted with the pastor, Rev. Lewis, who by the way is a southern man, hailing from southern Illinois. He has had a lot of experience with the colored race and he thought that he knew just how to prove the genuineness of Mr. Bush of Galveston, Texas. Mr. Bush told Rev. Lewis that he was a graduate of the Simpson college of Tennessee, he named over the roster of southern bishops of the M. E. church, and the M. E. divine was obliged to admit that the names were correct. To every question the man from Galveston was ready with a proper answer and a very plausible story he related throughout.

He spent most of Sunday afternoon in the parsonage with Rev. Lewis and was invited to fill the pulpit in the evening. As he stated that all his personal effects were lost in the flood Mr. Lewis did not think it strange that the man had no credentials. He preached a fine sermon, on the topic "I Have a Work to Perform," and it was a flowery discourse throughout. But once did he make a grammatical error, and that was when he omitted to say "an audience" instead of "a audience." After the sermon the collection was taken and it was to be for the benefit of Mr. Bush. There was a cash collection of $5 and pledges for $4. The cash was turned over to the guest who returned to the parsonage and had lunch after which he accompanied Judge Norcross home and spent the evening.

Monday morning there were the "footsprints in the sands of time," and Mr. Bush, Civil war veteran, orator and scholar, was doomed to run the gauntlet of public criticism. Those who had seen him in the saloon and drinking had passed the word along the line and it reached the ears of Rev. Lewis who found Mr. Bush on the street and he began to put him through the sweat box. He had told the Milaca people that he was en route to Duluth to visit a brother and he told Mr. Lewis that the brother worked in the Crystal restaurant, but as the Milaca minister had lived in Duluth he knew that the Crystal restaurant did not employ colored help. Here was one trap. He also stated that he had forty cents left at Minneapolis after buying his ticket for Milaca and had paid this amount to have his grip checked to Duluth. This had the air of a fishing smack.

It was quite apparent that Mr. Bush had cleverly worked the Milaca people and Rev. Lewis then turned on him and told him that the best thing he could do would be to get out of town as quickly as possible and he advised him to not wait for the train to take him out but get out at once as there was considerable sentiment about town against him. The colored man took the advice and went on his way looking for new worlds to conquer and he will find them.

TO HIS FINAL REST.

B. P. Goad of Foreston, Long a Sufferer From Consumption, Dies at Foreston.

Because of defective news channels the Union was not able last week to refer to the death at Foreston of B. P. Goad, who passed away at his home on Thursday afternoon, March 9th after a lingering illness of consumption.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, March 12, in the M. E. church at Foreston under the auspices of Lincoln Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Milaca. Rev. D. P. Olin, assisted by Rev. W. A. Parkinson, conducted the services in the church. Interment was in Milo cemetery.

Ballard Preston Goad was born in Walton, West Virginia, Oct. 4th, 1856, and was forty-eight years old at the time of his death. He came to Minnesota in 1889 and located in Milo township. He was married in June, 1893, to Miss Lena Foss, who, with three small children, survive him. He is also survived by an aged mother and two brothers.

Mr. Goad was one of nature's noblemen, and possessed a personality that endeared him to a host of friends. Through his long but hopeless battle against disease there was ever manifest those noble traits of heart and mind that will ever remain a sweet memory to both relatives and friends.

TEACHERS' MEETING SATURDAY.

First Meeting of County Teachers Promises to be Well Attended.

The meeting of the Mille Lacs County Teachers' association at the Princeton high school next Saturday promises to be well attended. President Pinney of the association and Guy Ewing, secretary, are sparing no pains to make this the first regular meeting of the association a very successful one. It is expected that many teachers will be present, and the association will start off under favorable auspices. All visiting teachers will be entertained by the officers of the association and the Dorcas ladies will serve a good dinner at G. A. R. hall. The program of the forenoon and afternoon sessions will be as follows:

Morning Session, 11 to 12.
Invocation.....Rev. Rupert Swinnerton
Address, "The Teacher and the Association,"
.....Pres. S. M. Pinney.
Remarks.....Supt. Ewing.
Report of Committees.
New Business.
Recess.
Afternoon Session, 1:30 to 4
Invocation.....Rev. John R. Henderson
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. H. C. Cooney.
Question Box and Discussions.
Song.....Male Quartet.
Address, "What Shall We Read,"
.....Mr. C. W. G. Hyde.

HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET.

A spelling match was held in the high school room last Friday afternoon, the Freshmen and Juniors having the majority when the gong struck, but we do not know who is victorious yet.

A very well rendered program was given by the Wellington club of Miss Barnham's grade. All who took part did very well. The visitors were the Mesdames Chase, Woodcock and Hoyt.

A program will be given by the literary society of the high school Friday afternoon.

The winter term will end March 31st. There will be a vacation of one week. We are all looking forward to this vacation as we know most of us will go to see some relative or friend and relieve our minds of all studies.

Miss Ruth Briggs and Miss Mary Steinbach were both taken ill last week. Miss Ruth returned to school Monday morning while Miss Mary is still unable to take up her studies, being laid up with scarlet fever.

The high school room looked rather lonely last Friday afternoon without the piano, which Miss Barnham borrowed for the afternoon.

The base ball boys have began their meetings and we expect to see them challenging some team before long. We are glad the season is coming so we can commence our out of door sports.

Miss Florence Cole of the Seventh grade is very ill with pneumonia. She is at the home of her grandfather.

Miss Woodruff was unable to attend school Tuesday afternoon.

F. A. Shore and Bishop Morrison made a short call at the schools Tuesday afternoon. Bishop Morrison gave a short address to the high school.

CLEAN SWEEP BY FIRE

Residence of Steve Palmer With all its Contents Destroyed by Fire Friday Night.

Family Away From Home at Time of Fire Which Probably Caught From Stove.

Last Friday night the residence of Steve Palmer on the north side of the river caught fire while Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and family were at the Odd Fellows' dance and the building and entire contents were devoured in a very short time. The fire was noticed by Ira Bullis who happened to be passing the house shortly after ten o'clock and he noticed that the fire had gained good headway in the house at that time. He gave the alarm as soon as possible, but nothing could be done to save the property. The department went over with the chemical but by the time they got there the property was doomed. The barn was saved and all that Mr. Palmer had left was his barn, cow, some hay and an old wash tub.

Everett Southard came to him at the opera house and informed him that the house was afire and Mr. Palmer hurried out and when he reached the house about all that he could do was to stand and see the flames finish what was left.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer left the house about half past eight and before they left they placed some wood in the heating stove, an air-tight heater, and turned the damper just a trifle. The lamp was left on a table by the front door and Mr. Palmer says that he was very particular to see that it was not left burning when he left the house. The only theory of the fire is that the stove did the mischief in some manner.

To lose home and household goods and every stitch of clothing, save what the Palmer family had on their backs, was indeed a misfortune.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and children remained at the Congregational parsonage for the night and kind friends extended them hospitality until they can get into another home. They have engaged rooms in the Wicklund house.

TANGLE IN SHORTAGE SETTLEMENT.

Town of Milo Disputing With Stanchfield Bondsmen Over Money.

The shortage of ex-Treasurer Stanchfield of the town of Milo has created a regular legal tangle in the town's financial affairs. In the first settlement the bondsmen, F. T. P. Neumann and Julius LeMay, secured $600 from one of the banks at Milaca and accepted a second mortgage on eighty acres of land owend by Stanchfield, a first mortgage of $1,000 standing against the land.

When it was discovered that the shortgae would reach over $1,300, Mr. Stanchfield went to Minneapolis and secured $550 cash from his relatives which he turned over to his bondsmen, to apply on the shortage in his accounts. It is claimed that the bondsmen intend to hold the $550 to partially indemnify them, as they are each laible on their bond for $500. The law only calls for a $1,000 bond for the town treasurer and the bondsmen cannot be held for any greater sum than this amount. With the second mortgage they hold and the cash they have if they can keep the same will help them out of the hole, but will leaave the town badly in the hole.

The town board and town treasurer are in a quandary over the matter and are of the opinion that the payment of $550 shouuld be placed to the credit of the town to help make the shortage. Even then the town would be out over $200, if the shortage is over $1,300 as claimed.

The town board sent a committee down to Princeton last Saturday to consult with County Attorney Ross in the matter, and it looks like a suit would be instituted against the bondsmen of Mr. Stanchfield to compel the payment of the $550 to the town.

The shortage it is said is the result of the misappropriation of town funds for the past three years.

At the annual town meeting the matter was brought up, and the town board of audit was censured for not having detected the defalcations, but as Mr. Stanchfield's honesty was never questioned, like so very many "boards of audit" the annual reports were never questioned nor checked up.

ARRESTED FOR ILLEGAL FISHING.

Nine Arrests Made by Deputy Game Warden for Illegal Fishing at Elk Lake.

The Pioneer Press of last Sunday says: "William Fairbairn, special game warden, returned yesterday from Sherburne county, where he arrested and secured the conviction of several men who were fishing out of season. He seized a pickerel weighing fifteen pounds, which he brought to the game and fish commission office. Nine arrests were made in the two weeks and the fishermen were summoned before Justice Mergel of Blue Hill. All were found guilty and two, unable to pay fines, were sentenced to forty days in the county jail.

"Many pounds of fish were found and it was discovered that all kinds of illegal devices were used to catch the fish."

The raid was made at Elk Lake as announced in the Union last week.

GRADUATING CLASS HONORS.

Grace Morehouse Valedictorian and Ada King Salutatorian.

Graduating class honors have been assigned at the Princeton high school. These honors are assigned according to the standing in their studies of the members of the class for the past year. Miss Grace Moorehouse, having received the highest marks has been accorded the honor of being chosen valedictorian for the class of 1905, Miss Ada King, who stood second, becomes salutatorian of the class and Earl Hatch, ranking third in class standing, becomes honorary member.

The graduating class this year will be the largest in the history of the high school of Princeton. The personnel of the class is as follows: Grace Moorehouse, Ada King, Laura King, Jennie Whitney, Lulu Neumann, Grace Sadley, Earl Hatch, Jessie Orton and Fred Dugan.

The class is making arrangements for the graduation events and has decided to have the baccalaureate sermon at the opera house the Sunday evening preceding the formal exit of the class. Further announcements and comments on coming events in this connection will be withheld by the Union until a more opportune time and season.

A BILL BY WYMAN.

Anoka Representative Has Bill Affecting Freight Carriers.

Representative Wyman has introduced a bill which will prevent railroads from making any contract with shippers limiting their liability for damages to freight transported.

The bill prohibits the carrier from making a contract limiting its liability for damages to freight with any shipper, or from having such a contract printed on any forms used in connection with shipments.

The measure makes any carrier requiring or demanding any shipper to enter into such a contract guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of from $50 to $100 for each offense.

THE SCHOOL MONEY.

Apportionment of State Aid to Mille Lacs Schools.

County Auditor Whitney has made the apportionment of State school funds to the various school districts of Mille Lacs county as follows:

	Pupils	Am't.
1	456	$684.00
2	43	64.50
3	97	145.50
4	85	127.50
5	42	63.00
6	36	54.00
7	50	75.00
8	48	72.00
9	59	88.50
10	37	55.50
11	74	111.00
12	93	139.50
13	392	588.00
14	146	219.00
15	23	34.50
16	48	72.00
17	35	52.50
18	28	42.00
19	14	21.00
20	58	87.00
21	34	51.00
22	27	40.50
23	20	30.00
24	23	34.50
25	13	19.50
26	23	34.50
27	..	.....
28	35	52.50
29	..	.....
30	39	58.50
31	24	36.00
32	23	34.50
33	13	9.501
		$3,207.00

The Findell Bridge.

Senator H. F. Barker has introduced a bill asking for an appropriation of $3,000 to help rebuild the "Findell" bridge in Spring Vale. Eric Becklin, Andrew Findell and Enock Olson are named as the supervisors to have charge of the construction of the bridge. It is to be hoped that Senator Barker will succeed in getting the bill through as the bridge is needed and its construction would be almost too much of an expense for the town of Spring Vale to stand. The bill is in the hands of the committee on roads and bridges.—Cambridge Independent.

More Boodle for the Campaign.

After the election of each governor there is a scrabble and a scramble for all the appointive offices. It is remarkable the effort and money expended by reputable and able citizens to get even the minor positions. But they are no sooner secured than an even more ardent attack is regularly made upon the legislature to have the salaries increased. If the offices are so tempting at the present salaries what will be the consequences of increased salaries?—Fairmont News.