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SCHOOLMA'AMS MEET

First Meeting of Mille Lacs County Teachers' Association Was a Great Success.

An Attendance of Over Sixty Teachers and Meeting Was Interesting and Instructive.

The meeting of the Mille Lacs County Teachers' association last Saturday was the biggest thing in an educational line that has ever been held in Mille Lacs county. The statement many seem as though bordering on hyperbole but when the real leaving power of a meeting of teachers such as was held last Saturday—when the real leaving power of such a meeting is thoroughly considered the statement will not appear so extravagant.

President Pinney and Secretary Ewing deserve great credit for the successful initial meeting of the association. At the morning and afternoon sessions there were about sixty county teachers present but only an enrollment of a few over thirty was secured for various reasons. This is better than was at first anticipated and the number will be doubled at the next meeting.

There was a full attendance of Milaca teachers and the corps of teachers from that place were certainly a feature of the meeting. They are a bright interesting lot of teachers and they took an interest in the meeting.

There were teachers present from all over the county and it was real interesting to see that freedom from restraint manifested by many of them and the zeal they showed in the discussion of many practical topics in school work.

The morning session opened at 11 o'clock Rev. Swinnerton offered prayer which was followed by an interesting address by Prof. S. M. Pinney president of the association on "The Teacher and the Association." Prof. Pinney's remarks were along practical lines, showing the value of an organization of teachers and the practical good that will result to teachers and schools. Secretary Ewing's remarks covered many phases of the work of the association and were certainly en rapport with the object of the meeting.

A short business session was held before the noon recess. The constitution and by-laws were adopted, the constitution being amended by an article making eligible all ministers and newspaper men as honorary members.

The noon recess lasted until 1:30 p. m. when the afternoon session convened. Rev. John R. Henderson offered prayer after which Mrs. H. C. Cooney sang "Bobolink" and responded to an encore with a lullaby song.

The question box discussions brought out many short practical talks by several of the teachers and this question box feature was the meat of the whole meeting.

Here are a few of the questions asked:

"Is it well to let children of foreign parentage speak their own language in the school room and on the play ground?"

"What must I do with children who do not play, who would rather stay in the schoolroom to talk to 'teacher'?"

"Is it best for the school to forbid any and all ways of communicating?"

"What can I do for seat work in language in third grade which requires little writing?"

"Is it best to teach the different ways of dividing a fraction to beginners or is it sufficient to tell them to invert the divisor and proceed as in multiplication?"

"How do you keep your pupils from whispering?"

There was a lively discussion over the question of the study of grammar, the point at issue being how soon should the language lessons be taken up. Prof. Palmer of the Milaca school, Miss Ida King of the Eighth grade work in the Princeton schools and several others participated in the discussion and the prevailing sentiment seemed to favor the early study of language and composition in grammar work.

Among the teachers who took part in the question box discussions were Miss Bessie Norton, Miss Bertha Sellhorn, Mrs. Phipps, Miss Mary Huse, Miss Mary Larkin, Mrs. E. T. Colburn of Chase Brook school, Miss Maud Farnham and Miss Flower of Milaca, and others. As Secretary Ewing would read the questions he would call on certain teachers for an answer and in every case those called on had

something practical and interesting to say.

Prof. C. W. G. Hyde, editor of "School Education" of Minneapolis, closed the session with an hour's talk on "What Shall We Read?" and he gave the teachers a most able and scholarly address on this topic.

The next meeting of the association will be held at Milaca on Saturday April 29th. The executive committee in charge of the meeting consists of Secretary Ewing, Mrs. E. T. Colburn of Chase Brook and Miss Blasing of Milaca.

At the next meeting Prof. Palmer of the Milaca school will talk on "Schools in the Philippines" and Miss Ida King has been assigned the topic "U. S. History." Mrs. C. A. Caley will be on the program for vocal selections.

A male quartette, consisting of Prof. Jones, Fremont Woodcock, Prof. Pinney and Grover Umbecker, rendered several selections.

Among the teachers present were the following:

From Milaca—Prof. Geo. M. Palmer, Miss Caroline Engbretson, Miss Nellie E. Tompkins, Miss Florence Edwards, Miss Maud A. Farnham, Miss Mary L. Blasing, Miss Bernice Stoker and Miss Jennie L. Flower.

Miss Ella Hanson, district No. 7, Sherburne county; Miss Carrie Egge, district No. 50, Sherburne county; The Misses Caldan, districts Nos. 14 and 31; Miss May Orton, district No. 6; Miss Belle Orton, Page school; Miss Mattie Giltner, Jones school at Pease; Miss Ruby Winsor, district No. 2; Miss Lena Berg, district No. 41, Isanti county; Miss Carrie Weeks, Isanti county; Miss Gertrude Riebe, district No. 4; Miss Stella Sauser, district No. 4; Miss Minnie Sellhorn, district No. 12; Miss Lizzie Townsend, Spencer Brook school; Miss Agnes Stephens, Page school; Miss Orpha Townsend, Isanti county; Miss Myrtle Northrup, district No. 16; Miss Madge Towne, district No. 46, Isanti county; Mrs. E. L. Colburn, Chase Brook school; Miss Christa Wallace, Foreston; Miss Bessie G. Norton, Southshore; Miss Bertha M. Sellhorn, district No. 10; Miss Elsie Jacques, district No. 2; Miss Grace L. Wickham, Foreston; Miss Elizabeth Thompson and Miss Nellie Clendinning, Brickton; Miss Mary Steadman; Miss Sadie B. Keyes, Jos. Nokes, Sherburne county; Prof. C. W. G. Hyde, Minneapolis; Prof. Pinney, Miss Ida King, Mrs. Phipps, Miss Mary Huse, Miss Mary Larkin, Prof. D. B. Jones, Miss Zilla B. Davis, Miss Margaret Quinn, Miss Lulu E. Tidd, Miss Mattie Tibbetts and Miss Millie Barnum of Princeton schools.

Among the visitors present were Mrs. A. Z. Norton, Miss Anna Dielman, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McVikar, Mrs. J. J. Skahan, Mrs. Thos. Foltz, Mrs. Annie Ewing, Mrs. Henry Shaw, Dan W. Spaulding and others.

SWIPED A WATCH.

Andrew Billings Bound Over to Grand Jury for Stealing a Watch.

Sheriff Shockley brought Andrew Billings down from Mora last Thursday, to answer to a charge of stealing a watch from the home of Mike Kenely in Greenbush, March 19th. Billings worked at Kenely's and he had seen the watch lying about the house. When an opportunity presented itself he purloined the time piece and brought it to Princeton where he disposed of it to Herman Cline for \$2.

Billings had been employed at E. V. Milton's camp last winter. After disposing of the watch he went to Milaca and Mora. As soon as the warrant was sworn out Deputy Sheriff Wm. Trumble of Milaca began looking for Billings and remembered having seen him about the saloons up there. Deputy Trumble received word from Mora that Billings was in Mora and he went up there and made the arrest, turning the prisoner over to Sheriff Shockley.

Billings was given a preliminary hearing in Justice Norton's court and bound over to the grand jury.

Early Spring Storm.

The heaven's artillery started doing business again Monday night. A squally, little storm of rain and hail, and a stiff breeze for a few minutes with thunder and lightning, opened up the season.

It was an abnormal condition of the weather, for this time of the year.

A report from Lac qui Parle county states that the village of Louisburg was struck by a tornado, three store buildings demolished and every building in the village damaged. Twenty people were injured, two fatally. The damage to property was over \$90,000.

Filtering in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis is just now seeking some method to purify its drinking water. That city has several other things besides its water that need filtering.—Glencoe Register.

DEATH OF A MILO MAN

Bengt. Nelson, a Young Milo Farmer, Dies Suddenly Last Thursday of Heart Disease.

Michael Lynch, a Glendorado Pioneer, Dies at His Home in that Town Recently.

Bengt. Nelson, a young Milo farmer who resided on section 18, died very suddenly at his home last Thursday evening after he had returned home with his wife and family from a visit to a neighbor. He had been in the best of health and was only thirty-nine years old at the time of his death. Not a great while before he died he had remarked on his freedom from illness.

After coming home he made arrangements to retire and while getting ready for bed fell over dead.

The funeral was held at the Lutheran church in Milo on last Sunday and interment was in the local cemetery.

Mr. Nelson leaves a wife and three children. He owned an eighty acre farm and was highly respected in the section where he had resided for several years.

Death of Glendorado Pioneer.

Michael Lynch one of the old settlers of the town of Glendorado, Benton county, died at his home in that town on March 18th, aged eighty-three years. He was one of the best known men in the county.

Michael Lynch, Sr., was born in the county of Connaught, Ireland, in 1822 and in 1850, at the age of twenty-eight, he and his family emigrated to America, first settling in the province of Nova Scotia, Canada. After a seven year's residence on Canadian soil Mr. Lynch moved to the United States and took up a residence at Portland, Maine. He resided at Portland until the close of the Civil war, when he came west and located at St. Paul. In 1870 he went to Clear Lake and in 1880 took a homestead in the town of Glendorado, Benton county, where he resided continually until his demise.

TRIAL SET FOR MURDERERS.

Elk River Box Car Murderers Will be Tried April 5th and 10th.

The March term of court for Sherburne county opened last Monday and the present term will witness the trial of the two box car murderers who took the life of Hyno Lundeen last fall in a freight car near Elk River. Sheafit Ward gave the murderers a close chase and captured them. The two men were brought into court at Elk River on Tuesday to answer to the indictment of murder in the first degree and they both plead not guilty and their trials were set for the fifth and tenth of April. Palmer will be tried April fifth and Crawford April tenth. The cases will be among the most sensational ones tried in Sherburne county for some time. It is understood that A. H. Hall of Minneapolis will defend one of the murderers and a hot fight will be made for the lives of the men who without a question committed the awful crime for which without a doubt they will hang as they deserve to.

"HONEST" JOHN LIND.

He Voted for the Square Mile Homestead Bill in Congress.

If anything were needed to prove the necessity for the maintenance of a strong national organization to offset the political power of western land grabbers and frustrate their schemes the evidence of such necessity was furnished by the extraordinary action of the house of representatives in passing the square mile homestead bills in the last sessions of congress in the face of the official condemnation of those bills. They were condemned by the secretary of the interior, condemned by the commissioner of the general land office and condemned by the president's public lands commission in their report which was transmitted to congress on Feb. 13 by President Roosevelt with a message of unqualified approval. Notwithstanding all this both the Colorado and South Dakota square mile homestead bills were railroaded through the house of representatives, opposition being shut off in the middle of the debate by a demand for the previous question. The friends of national irrigation and of the agricultural development and close settlement of the west concentrated their strength in opposition to these bills in the senate and both bills were beaten there. The National Irrigation association made the influence of its members felt in opposition to these land-grabbing bills and aided to insure their defeat.

The square mile homestead idea is dead but there is no limit to their ingenuity and there is no safety for the public lands except in the "eternal vigilance" of those who demand that they shall be saved for the homemaker as President Roosevelt declared in his second message to congress when he said:

"So far as they are available for agriculture and to whatever extent they may be reclaimed under the national irrigation law the remaining public lands should be held rigidly for the home-builder the settler who lives on his land and for no one else. In their actual use the desert land law, the timber and stone law and the commutation clause of the homestead law have been so perverted from the intention with which they were enacted as to permit the acquisition of large areas of the public domain for other than actual settlers and the consequent prevention of settlement."—Maxwell's Talisman.

RESCUED FROM A MAD HOUSE.

A Sister of the Late Elijah Clark Has an Exciting Experience in Nebraska.

Elizabeth Clark, a sister of Elijah Clark who died in Princeton this week, was brought from Nebraska a few weeks ago by her sister Delia who went to Lincoln in that state and rescued her sister from an insane asylum to which institution she had been committed through the efforts of a man in that city who rented some property which she had there and who, supposing that the aged woman was without relatives or friends, conceived the diabolical plot of having her declared insane and sent to an insane asylum where she might end her days and in the meantime the Lincoln villain in collusion perhaps with an attorney and physicians and officials (?) had secured possession of the property of the woman. A certain lawyer in Lincoln who knew that the woman had a sister living in Princeton wrote her, the letter not being just as explicit as the Princeton sister desired and she rather suspected that something was wrong down there and started to look into matters. To her astonishment when she arrived at Lincoln she found that her sister was in an insane asylum and that a plot had been set on foot to secure possession of the property. She engaged a lawyer and soon had her sister released from her living tomb and then turned the Lincoln rascals out. She did not have the time to remain and prosecute the Lincoln villains who should be made to suffer for their inhuman deeds and thieving plots.

Bills by Local Members.

Last Saturday was the last day for the introduction of bills by legislators, and there was enough proposed legislation on tap to keep the legislature going another ninety days.

Senator Barker introduced a bill providing for legalizing certain probate court proceedings. He also introduced a bill appropriating \$12,500 for ditches in Isanti county.

In the house Representative Mark introduced a duplicate of the drainage bill, and also introduced a bill appropriating \$12,000 for ditches in Sherburne county, while Representative Craig introduced a measure calling for a like sum for a similar purpose in the same county. Messrs. Craig and Mark each introduced a bridge bill for their respective counties.

Representative Mark also introduced a bill regulating the shipment of live stock. The shipment of live stock between points on the same line of railway via the Minnesota Transfer is prohibited.

Milo Town Board Effects a Settlement.

At a special meeting of the Milo town board last Saturday a satisfactory settlement and adjustment of the shortage of the former town treasurer was made. The total shortage was found to be \$1,400. Already \$600 had been raised by the bondsmen and Mr. Stanchfield paid over to the town the sum of \$500 which made \$1,150 and he then gave the town his personal note for \$250 which was accepted.

Had the matter been disposed of properly former bondsmen of Mr. Stanchfield could have been made to pay the amount of the shortage which the books would reveal for the time which former bondsmen were liable. It is said that the shortage the first year amounted to about \$300, the second year, 1903, it amounted to about \$800. Those who went on Mr. Stanchfield's bond for those years would be liable for what loss the town sustained during that time.

A Little Hard of Hearing.

"This is an age of clamor," says James H. Eckels. Well, it takes a lot of noise to make some people hear, especially those with whom Mr. Eckels is most closely affiliated.—Duluth News-Tribune.

OLD SETTLER DIES.

Elijah Clark, an Early Mainite Pioneer, Dies From Paralytic Stroke Monday.

Was One of the Early Settlers on Battle Brook and Came to Minnesota in 1859.

Elijah Clark, one of the old settlers of Princeton and this section, died at his home on the north side of the river on last Monday morning at seven-thirty o'clock, death resulting from a paralytic stroke which he received last Friday. After suffering the stroke he went to bed and never left it. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon at the home of deceased, Rev. Swinnerton officiating. Interment was in Oak Knoll cemetery where a father and a brother are buried.

Elijah Clark was born in the town of Canaan, county of Summerset, Maine, in the year 1827. When a lad he worked on the farm and after he grew up he took his father's farm and ran it some time when he decided to move west and in 1859 he settled in Minnesota. He settled on a claim on Battle Brook near the old Love place, later moving to Blue Hill beyond the Wheeler farm, and after that he located on a farm in Santiago near the Pratt place. Sometime ago he sold his farm and came to Princeton to live with his sister Delia. He was seventy-seven years old on the sixteenth day of last October. Mr. Clark was a single man and always bore an excellent reputation and it was said of him that he never had an enemy. He is survived by three brothers, John, Henry and Samuel, and three sisters, Elizabeth, Delia and Ruth. His brother John lives in Nebraska and his sister Ruth resides in Massachusetts.

Will Get Small Sum From an Estate.

Mrs. R. E. Hill, mother of County Auditor Whitney, has received notice from the surrogate court in the city of Rochester, N. Y., which would indicate that she will fall heir to a nice little nest egg in the shape of one-third of seven-tenths interest in the residue of the estate of Sara M. P. Ellis, wife of the late S. A. Ellis, brother of Mrs. Hill who died several years ago and who left a rather complicated will. There was one grandson as a direct heir and he is willed the sum of \$10,000, and in the event of his death \$5,000 of the amount left him must go to the residuary legatees. There is little doubt, however, if Mrs. Hill ever participates in this contingency of the will as she is now quite old, and with her husband lives near Silver Lake. It is estimated that her part of the estate will amount to, about \$1,200. County Auditor Whitney wrote to the surrogate court for particulars and he was directed to write to the attorneys of the Rochester Trust and Safety Deposit Co. the executors of the estate. Mr. Whitney did so and received a letter giving the information desired.

Village Council Meets.

The village council met last Monday, a little out of the ordinary schedule, but the council had not met for some time, and there was perhaps a call for some past due claims against the village.

The council disposed of several matters. It voted to appropriate the sum of \$250 on the village road leading to the new bridge in the south part of town, and allowed \$45 to the fire department for attending fires. The department brought in a claim for a much larger amount, but it was stated that many of the fires which had been charged up in the bill had occurred before the council had voted to allow the fire department \$10 for each fire. It was voted to replank both of the bridges in the village the coming summer. Ben Soule was appointed street commissioner to act under the supervision of the council.

The council also voted to maintain an all-night electric light service for residences, the rate to be twelve and a half cents per kilowatt, an increase of two and one-half cents to make up for the increased cost in maintaining the new service.

Recorder Borden stated to the council when he brought the matter before the council that there had been filed with him a petition signed by over fifty citizens asking for an all-night service, but that the petition which had been placed in his desk, had disappeared. The council, however, was aware of the petition and the request for an all-night service. Mr. Borden moved that the council inaugurate an all-night system for a month as a trial, and continue same if satisfactory, but his motion failed to receive a second. Later Trustee Craig made

a motion that the rate for lights be increased from ten cents to twelve and half cents per kilowatt and this motion was seconded by Mr. Caley and it carried, Recorder Borden voting against the motion. As soon as the council had raised the rate for its very excellent electric light service, Trustee Chapman then moved that the all-night service be inaugurated, and there was no objection. A bill of \$15 was presented by Alpheus Howard for nursing Alphonso Howard during a case of small pox, but the council failed to catch on and referred the bill to the committee on chicken pox. No case of small pox was ever reported as existing at the Howard residence, nor was there ever a small pox quarantine card placed on the house.

Trustee Chapman was authorized to hire a surveyor to run the lines on Western avenue and ascertain the status of the street frontage on that avenue with a view of establishing a uniform street frontage. A report will be made at the next meeting of the council which will be held on the regular meeting night, which will occur next Monday.

Mr. Johnson's Turn Now.

After all the fuss and flurry of the late bank examiner and his political prompters—a period of froth and fume that had its beginning months before the fight for the Republican gubernatorial nomination was inaugurated—it appears that the labors of the Johnson mountain have brought forth a mouse. A ridiculous mouse, the fable has it, and the adjective is not far wrong in this case.

S. T. Johnson has closed his case before the legislative investigating committee. It is apparent that he had no case at all. The object of the investigation was to determine whether there had been malfeasance or misfeasance in office on the part of Mr. Dunn, the man against whom Mr. Johnson's investigations were aimed, or Mr. Iverson, who has succeeded Mr. Dunn.

By Mr. Johnson's own testimony it appears that the State never had lost a cent by the official acts of Mr. Dunn, to which acts Mr. Johnson devoted months of time that might have been spent to advantage in the performance of his own official duties.

Instead of losing a large sum of money the State was really the gainer by Mr. Dunn's exercise of common sense and insistence upon the practice of common honesty. If he went beyond the technical requirements of his office, he did so for the benefit of the State.

Now that the auditor's office has been investigated, the conduct of the late public examiner is to be looked into. If he wasted the time for which he was handsomely paid by the State in the preparation of campaign material, the taxpayers have a right to know it. If he exceeded his official authority in this piece of partisan work, a demonstration of that fact will be a good thing for the guidance of future bank examiners.—Duluth News-Tribune.

Van Sant's Lying Jackal.

The exoneration of Robert C. Dunn of all dishonesty in the conduct of the State auditor's office is a good deal like finding a man innocent after he has been hanged. The legislative committee which has made an exhaustive investigation of the public examiner's charges has found that the affairs of the ex-State auditor were honestly and capably managed. While it is too late to undo the wrongs of the past campaign, there is considerable satisfaction in knowing that the charges were untrue, like all other charges made against Bob Dunn.—Alexandria Post News.

Consistency of Jackal Newspapers.

When Gov. Van Sant, Treasurer Block and Auditor Iverson cut the law's red tape and go outside the letter, to do justice and for the State's good, the Minneapolis Journal and St. Paul Dispatch are silent as the tomb. They have no word of censure. Why is the same act when done by these men meritorious and when done by R. C. Dunn, a crime?—Fairmont News.

McLain's Brother-in-Law Hot.

These be sultry days for one Sam Johnson. An inquisitive legislative committee is asking him some very annoying questions and Mr. Johnson's temper is sorely tried. Having sorely tried the temper of a good many other people Mr. Johnson knows how it is himself.—Ortonville Herald-Star.

Poking Fun at "Pat."

Our Duluth young lady co-worker in paragraph realms hints at freshly pressed wild flowers picked within the limits of Minnesota's Vladivostok. We trust the proper affidavits will accompany the exhibit, not necessarily for publication, Mary, but etc. etc.—Ortonville Herald-Star.