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THE APRIL TERM OF COURT.

Court Convenes Monday Afternoon and Adjourns Wednesday Forenoon--Only One Case for a Jury Trial.

Andrew Billings Gets a \$50 Fine or Sixty Days for Petit Larceny and Mike Norwitski is Indicted for Selling Mortgaged Stock.

Grand Jurors.		Petit Jurors.	
Sidney Cravens.....	Princeton	Frank Stadden.....	Princeton
L. M. Steadman.....	do	E. K. Evens.....	do
F. A. Lowell.....	do	P. J. Hedin.....	do
E. H. Sellhorn.....	do	Oswald King.....	do
O. D. Orne.....	do	Fred Hohm.....	do
Fred Schimming.....	Greenbush	E. A. Shaw.....	do
John Teutz.....	do	Mahlon Ellenbaum.....	do
Nathan G. Orton.....	do	Robert Braton.....	do
John Asp.....	Borgholm	John Erickson.....	Greenbush
William Almqvist.....	do	William DeShaw.....	do
John B. Herou.....	do	John Westling.....	Borgholm
Herman Fritag.....	do	Nels M. Peterson.....	do
Carl Hoefft.....	do	O. E. Gustafson.....	Bogus Brook
Richard Nelson.....	Milaca	Albert Riebe.....	do
Alfred Flink.....	do	Herman Ziemer.....	do
E. E. Price.....	do	J. E. Broberg.....	Hayland
E. H. Nelson.....	do	James Norcross.....	Milaca
B. A. Bradley.....	Milo	L. E. Morgan.....	do
Lester Kempton.....	do	O. E. Larson.....	do
John Nelson.....	Page	Fred Vedders.....	Milo
J. W. Orton.....	Onamia	Frank Salee.....	do
C. W. Miller.....	Robbins	Charles Persson.....	Onamia
George Simpson.....	South Harbor	C. F. Robbins.....	do
		J. H. Faught.....	do
		C. F. Triche.....	Isle Harbor

Judge Presiding.....	D. B. SEARLE.
Court Stenographer.....	P. M. WOODWARD.
Clerk of Court.....	ROBERT H. KING.
Deputy Clerk of Court.....	L. S. BRIGGS.
County Attorney.....	J. A. ROSS.
Sheriff.....	HARRY SHOCKLEY.
Court Deputies--Tom Kaliber, John McCool, Dan W. Spaulding, and Robert Clark.	

The April term of the district court opened last Monday afternoon immediately after Judge Searle and the court contingent from outside arrived on the afternoon passenger. There was not a very large gathering in the court room when Sheriff Shockley opened court with "Hear ye! Hear ye!" The calendar was what might be termed a light-weight calendar as there were very few cases of any consequence whatever, and to the outside world looked of small moment and consequence, though to the litigants they no doubt much resembled mountains.

Clerk of Court King was at the desk and former Clerk Briggs was present to initiate the new clerk into the ways and by-ways of court sessions. Judge Searle ordered that the grand jury be called and after the clerk had finished reading the list of twenty-three names but fifteen were found to be present and the sheriff was ordered to summon the dilatory jurors forthwith. Court waited several minutes and was about to take up the calendar when the sixteenth juror came in. This made a quorum and the judge proceeded to instruct and charge the grand jurors. Before he had finished several other members of the grand jury arrived but too late to receive the charge and be sworn, but they were given the oath later and all retired in a body in charge of the sheriff after that official had been sworn by the clerk.

Judge Searle ordered the clerk to name Ernest Sellhorn as foreman of the jury. With the grand jury out of the way the calendar was taken up, and in a few minutes looked like a shade tree very late in autumn. Several cases were continued, others settled, others passed and when the call was finished there were just three cases remaining for a jury, while the court had a few cases to hear. The jury cases were Hoppe vs. Hoppe, a slander case as one of the attorneys informed the court, and the judge admitted that it was about the same as a divorce case. Hoppe vs. Hoppe hopped into the trial game as case No. 1, but came to a sudden conclusion by being stricken from the calendar on motion of defendant.

The second jury case was that of the Deering Harvester Co. vs. G. Opsal, and the third was that of J. J. Skahen vs. Wm. Neumann, an appealed case from Justice Chadbourne's court where the justice made a promissory note which Neumann gave a traveling salesman for liquor, worth considerably less than a copper cent. It was a case where Neumann had been sued by J. J. Skahen for the amount of a promissory note of the value of \$100. Neumann had claimed that the note had been secured by fraud and deception by the traveling man who was to deliver him some whisky. The banker bought the note along with several others of the traveling man and figured in the case as an innocent purchaser. The case was tried Tuesday and a verdict was rendered for defendant.

The case of the Mille Lacs Lumber Co. vs. Chas. Keith, Peter Strom, Orrin Kipp, et al. was continued, and later stricken from the calendar.

The case of Nellie R. Jones vs. Stover Rines was continued, as was also that of Chas. Keith as special administrator of the estate of N. J. Boyer, deceased vs. T. L. Armitage. The case of Esther Emma Nokes vs. Charles A. Nokes is still hanging fire on the calendar. The court some time ago ordered that defendant pay to plaintiff a certain amount for alimony and for costs, but it appeared that the order of the court had never been complied with. Attorney Goebel for the plaintiff made a motion that defendant be compelled to pay over the coin as directed. The case went over the term.

The two cases of the International Harvester Co. vs. Herman Schlee did not come to trial as judgment was rendered for plaintiff by stipulation.

M. L. Cormany was in court to figure in three actions with parties with whom he has had business dealings. One of the suits was that against J. Oscar Martin of Indiana who some months ago arrived here in Princeton to work for Mr. Cormany and in the course of a business transaction gave to Mr. Cormany a promissory note for \$175 secured by a chattel mortgage on a printing office in Indiana which Martin had sold before starting for Princeton to take up his duties with Mr. Cormany. The note was taken as a sort of guarantee for the faithful performance of Martin's part of the contract, and in case of a faithful performance of his duties Martin was to get the amount of the note back early in the year, about the first of last February. In the meantime the business arrangements made between Cormany and Martin were very abruptly severed and Mr. Martin went out of town broke. Mr. Cormany brought an action against Martin for breach of contract, "and the blow almost killed father." The case was dismissed on motion of plaintiff, and Martin of Indiana is a sadder but wiser man.

The two other actions against Cormany were brought by the Printers Supply Co. of Minneapolis which sold him certain machinery, and Wall & Haines of Minneapolis who sold Cormany a part of a printing outfit. One Oliver P. Bowe, who represented the two Minneapolis firms, failed to be present when the cases were called and Mr. Cormany made a motion for a continuance which was granted. Later he made a motion to amend his answer, and this was granted.

A very familiar case on the calendar was that of Mary E. Chadbourne vs. Kate Kenely, Mary J. Brady, Joseph L. Brady and Fred Goulding. The case was continued on motion of Sylvester Kipp, Mrs. Brady's attorney, with consent of E. L. McMillan, Fred Goulding's attorney.

Sophia B. Gonyea vs. Harry Eberhardt, which case was on the calendar last term, was dismissed by stipulation.

In the case of Ida J. Olson vs. Barney Oeffler, a stipulation as to facts was filed and the matter will be submitted on briefs.

The case of Katherine Alice Briggs vs. M. S. Rutherford, which was finally disposed of by the supreme court, was back on the calendar, de-

fendant making an appeal from the clerk of court's taxation of costs. Judge Searle heard the attorneys, E. L. McMillan for defendant and E. S. Gaylord for plaintiff, Monday evening and cut the costs \$30.

The case of Harry Wilson vs. the E. G. Hicks Cream Separator Co., et al. was heard Tuesday afternoon. The case was dismissed as to E. G. Hicks and judgment rendered for plaintiff. A stay of sixty days from date of findings was granted.

The case of John Goergen vs. Nellie O. Goergen was continued.

In the action begun by the Deering Harvester Co. against G. Opsal there was no appearance of defendant and plaintiff waived a jury trial and introduced proof in support of allegations of the complaint, judgment being rendered for plaintiff.

In the case of J. W. McClure vs. Ed Sherman a motion of plaintiff for judgment on pleadings was granted.

Judgment for plaintiff was rendered in the case of Tinnie Cravens vs. Orren J. Cravens and wife, Fay Cravens and wife, James B. Bradshaw and Dawson Bradshaw, co-partners as Bradshaw Bros.

On motion of Sylvester Kipp the cases of Joseph A. Armstrong vs. T. E. Potts et al. and Joseph R. Armstrong vs. A. Townsend, et al., and the case of State of Minnesota, ex rel. John Goss vs. E. E. Whitney, county auditor were placed on the calendar. In the Potts case judgment was rendered for plaintiff, and the case against Townsend was dismissed without costs to either party.

The case of the State of Minnesota ex rel., John Goss, vs. the County Auditor of Mille Lacs county, is to be submitted in briefs.

In the action for divorce and custody of child brought by Ethel M. Robbins against Ulysses S. Robbins, judgment was rendered for plaintiff.

Attorney Austin of Minneapolis made an argument Tuesday night before the court for a new trial in the Coulter-Barker case which was appealed from the probate court of Mille Lacs county at the last term of court and at which time a verdict for plaintiff was rendered. C. A. Dickey assisted Attorney Austin in the argument while E. L. McMillan and Charles Keith represented E. V. Coulter. The case was taken under advisement. If the motion for a new trial is not granted an appeal will be taken to the supreme court.

Judge Searle cleaned up the calendar in time to get away on the morning train yesterday.

The grand jurors were ready to report early Tuesday evening, but the court was busy hearing the arguments in the Coulter-Barker case and the last indictment was not returned until yesterday morning.

The grand and petit jurors were discharged, and the April term of court was at an end.

TWO INDICTMENTS RETURNED.

Andrew Billings and Mike Norwitski Indicted by Grand Jury.

The grand jury only had two cases to consider. One of these was that of Andrew Billings bound over on a charge of stealing a watch from Mike Kenely of Greenbush, while the other was the case of Mike Norwitski of Willow River, Minn., who was bound over on the charge of selling mortgaged stock, the Mark Horse Co. being the complainant. Billings was indicted for grand larceny in the second degree and not being able to procure an attorney the court appointed E. L. McMillan as his attorney. Billings plead guilty to petit larceny and was given a fine of \$50 or sixty days in the Hennepin county jail. In default of the payment of his fine he will be committed to the Hotel de Hennepin.

Norwitski appeared in court yesterday and entered a plea of not guilty to the offense charged, C. A. Dickey being his attorney. He asked for trial and court having finished the business on the calendar bound Norwitski over to the next term of court in the sum of \$300 bonds.

Court Notes.

It was a sooner calendar. Mostly unimportant cases.

Clerk of Court King did well.

L. S. Briggs was deputy clerk.

As long as a case is on the calendar there is always a little nibbling.

Robert Clark was by order of the court appointed special court room deputy.

Oswald King, L. E. Morgan and E. K. Evens were excused from petit jury service.

Court Stenographer P. M. Woodward was on duty but had little labor to perform.

Fred Schimming and Herman Fra-

ling, two of the grand jurors, were excused from jury duty.

Lars L. Skogen of Greenbush appeared before the court and was made a citizen of the United States.

Janitor Clark had the court room and jury rooms as clean as a whistle and everything in "apple pie order."

It was a night session term. The old court house when illuminated looked like it had received the breath of life.

Henry Newbert opened his house for the convenience of Judge Searle, Court Stenographer Woodward, and several attorneys.

R. J. Powell of Minneapolis represented A. Y. Merrill in the Chadbourne-Kenely et al. case. Mr. Merrill was unable to be present.

Deputy Sheriff Tom Kaliber did court room duty, while Dan Spaulding was deputized for duty at the dock, and John McCool was deputized as grand jury officer.

Among the outside attorneys present were Sylvester Kipp, John O'Brien and J. J. Toomey of St. Paul, Chas. A. Dalby, E. S. Gaylord Attorneys Austin and Molyneau of Minneapolis, W. S. Foster and C. F. J. Goebel of Milaca.

Judge Searle pulled the court throttle wide open and expedited business from the start. He listened to arguments in the Briggs-Rutherford case until ten o'clock Monday night and Tuesday night heard arguments for a new trial in the Coulter case until ten o'clock.

A GOOD SALE OF HORSES.

Many Horses Are Sold at the Sale Last Saturday.

The April sale of the Mark Horse Co. last Saturday was a great success and was attended by a large number of local and foreign buyers who bought a lot of horses both at the auction and at private sale. Frank Smith was in the box and was at his best. He had a good crowd of buyers and they were not slow in bidding for there were many good horses, both single and in pairs, which were sent into the ring to go to the highest bidders. Several good sales were made at the auction and there was a lively sale while it lasted. After the auction the sale barns were frequented by many buyers who had been looking over the stock and they secured what they wanted before they went away.

Everett Hamilton of the town of Baldwin was at the sale and he took away a fine iron gray pair of horses, for which he paid \$350, and the team was cheap at that price. There were many \$400 pairs of horses at the sale and several sold at that figure. The proper kind of horses were offered and buyers could not resist the temptation to supply themselves with good stock.

Louis Lotz of Rush City was at the sale and he took six head.

Frank Smith bought four head while over.

Mr. Gleason of Appleton was at the sale with a fine Percheron Norman stallion which he sold.

Max Scheidermayer and A. K. Oswald of Cloquet were among the buyers and Mr. Oswald bought four drivers and also a fine trap.

Three buyers were over from Duellm and took away several head.

John Loury of Anoka bought three head.

Parties from Isanti were at the sale and they bought eight head of horses. Among the lot were several head for the brick yards at Cambridge.

Kroska Bros. of Foley were over with six head of horses which they sold at the sale.

John Moore and Wm. McLaren of Milaca were present and bought some of the offerings.

Three buyers were at the sale from Bock and they found some good offerings.

James Wheeler of Baldwin was at the sale and he bought a fine team of horses.

Mrs. M. K. Bracklin of Minneapolis was at the sale. She is one of the principal breeders of Shetland ponies in the State and was present at the sale to get posted. She is figuring with the Mark Horse Co. for the Clough & Hurd outfit.

The Coon Still Going.

According to the last issue of the Ogilvie Sentinel the colored Grand Army veteran from Galveston, Texas, is still marching toward Duluth. The Sentinel of last week says that he tarried in Ogilvie a short time and spent a few dollars over Frank Godola's bar and then trudged up street to the railway station, puffing away at a pipe like a steam engine.

Cheeky Political Accidents.

It might also greatly interest the private citizens to know the requests by person and by telephone, that come to theatrical managers from legislators and governors. These are not for ordinary seats for themselves alone, but for the best the house affords for themselves, their families and often their friends. It is not unusual for a dignitary to have a box-party at the expense of the theatre management but not as its request.—Fairmont News.

The Princeton starch factory will close down in a very short time and all farmers having potatoes which they wish to dispose of should haul them in at once.

OLD SETTLER GONE.

Peter Robideau, an Old and Respected Citizen of Greenbush, Died Last Tuesday.

Funeral To-Day at St. Edward's Church and Interment in St. Francis Cemetery.

Francis Cemetery.

Peter Robideau, ripe in age and having the good will and esteem of those in the community where he has resided for many long years, passed away at his home in Princeton at five o'clock Tuesday afternoon, April 4th, aged seventy-four years. One month before his death he met with a runaway accident of a severe nature and spent two weeks at the hospital, but feeling that death would come he wished to be removed to his home where he might die with his family about him. The members of the family living at a distance were notified of the serious illness of Mr. Robideau and besides those living in Princeton and vicinity the following were present when death came: Miss Libbie Robideau of Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Amos Robidou of Bismarck, N. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Gogacki, Mr. and Mrs. Asselin, and Mrs. J. G. Craig of Minneapolis; Peter S. Robideau, Jr., of Cass Lake, Minn.; Harry Bates of Bruno, Minn.; Mrs. Geo. Mercier of Rochester, Minn.; Mrs. Albert Dilley of Bemidji, Minn., and Ernest E. Robideau of Portland, Oregon. Nelson and Frank who reside in Princeton were with their father during his illness.

Mr. Robideau called all the members of the family to his bedside the day before he died and conversed with them on many personal matters and at last bid them all goodbye and when he had finished he had passed away. Although a sad death it was a most beautiful one. With children, relatives and friends kneeling by his bedside he departed as Father Levings in the last prayer recommended the soul of the dying into the hands of "God the Father Almighty who created him, Jesus Christ who suffered for him and the Holy Ghost who sanctified him."

The funeral was held today at St. Edward's church in Princeton. Father Levings said requiem high mass at ten o'clock and after the solemn ceremony for the departed the funeral cortege which was a large one started for St. Francis cemetery in Greenbush where Mr. Robideau had requested to be buried beside his father and daughter Vina. Mr. Robideau leaves a wife, and twelve children, one brother, four sisters and fifty grandchildren.

Peter Robideau was born in Hogsburg, Franklin county, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1830. At an early age he engaged as a sailor on the lakes and St. Lawrence river. He became a captain and owned a boat of his own and was engaged for seventeen years in rafting and steamboating on the St. Lawrence.

He was married to Miss Julia Jesmer Aug. 2, 1852, and in 1868 he came west with his family and located in the town of Greenbush where he bought of Joseph Trickey eighty acres of land and in later years bought an additional eighty acres, making him a good home and he had one of the best farms in Greenbush. In 1896 he retired from farming and spent the last years of his life quite free from the cares and responsibilities of active work. He was a man who possessed a jovial nature and disposition and always made those happy about him. He spent much time visiting the members of his family and relatives in many parts of the country. It was just a year ago this month that he erected his home in Princeton where he intended to spend his last days and after his injury it was very natural that he longed to be at home and pass away in the presence of his family whose company he so much loved.

Peter Robideau will long be remembered as one of the early pioneers of the town of Greenbush whose sunny, cheerful nature made him so well known throughout the town where he had lived for so many years.

Several bridge contractors were present and later conferred with the committee, but nothing was done in the way of letting any contract as the committee will not act until the money subscribed has been turned in and enough funds in sight to guarantee the letting of the contract. E. F. Douglas reported \$275 cash in the bank, while Mr. Leathers has \$164.50 cash on hand and \$247.50 in labor promised. The village has subscribed \$250 and it was stated that the county commissioners would appropriate \$500 if necessary to make up any deficiency in the amount necessary. A small amount is expected from the road and bridge appropriation from the State legislature.

The preliminary work on the bridge is well in hand and it is to be hoped that the bridge will be started in a very short time.

High License at Cambridge.

It is said that the new village council of Cambridge which village went wet at the last village election, is in favor of a high license for the saloons which desire to do business at that place. It is also said that the council voted to make the license \$1,200, but that the parties who have been thinking of making applications for license state that they will not pay any such license. It is understood that the council has refused to grant a license to Octave Chouinard and also to Ed Rathjens who formerly ran saloons in Cambridge. A party by the name of Ledin at Isanti can have a license but he says that he will not pay such a high license. The council will hold another meeting this week to further consider the matter of license.

Made a Good Impression.

The Ogilvie Sentinel of last week says: "The lecture entitled 'Building of an Ideal Man,' delivered by the Rev. R. Swinnerton, Princeton's popular Methodist divine, drew out a good-sized audience. He handled his subject in a pleasing and versatile manner, and kept his audience in decidedly good humor during its delivery. Rev. Swinnerton is a pleasing and entertaining speaker, and possesses a free and easy delivery."

Brass Band Tactics.

We are told by the daily papers, with considerable flourish, that Attorney General Young has commenced a suit to cancel Mabel Evan's lease to the celebrated Virginia "Silver." Well, his up to Mabel, and we ask in the name of Sam Johnson, what can the poor girl do?—Ortonville Herald-Star.

BRIDGE COMMITTEE NAMED.

Meeting Held and Men Named to Look After Construction of Bridge.

There was another meeting last Saturday evening at the law office of C. A. Dickey to consider the matter of the construction of a bridge over the Rum river in the south part of the village. There was a very good attendance, and several of the farmers interested were at the meeting and took much interest in the case.

C. A. Dickey was elected chairman and Geo. F. Wright secretary. The chairman explained to the meeting the history of the construction of the judicial road and subsequent events which have at last resulted in the project to open the road and build the bridge in order that scores of farmers living in a rich country east of Princeton may have a more direct road to market.

It was the sense of the meeting that matters should be placed in such shape that the bridge could be built, and a motion was made that B. D. Grant be chosen treasurer of the bridge fund with power to handle all money that might be collected for the bridge. The motion was carried. Another motion was made that E. F. Douglas be made overseer of the construction of the work and this was carried.

Mr. Caley made a motion that Elmer Whitney, E. K. Evens and Cyrelle Belair constitute the auditing committee to build the bridge with power to let the contract and have general supervision over the building of the bridge.

Mr. Cormany made a motion that the original motion be amended by giving to the chairman the power to name a committee of three, one from the county commissioners of Mille Lacs county, one from the town board of Princeton and one from among the farmers interested in the bridge. The chairman explained the nature of the amendment to the meeting and there was some desultory discussion, after which the maker of the original motion substituted the name of Charles Berry in place of E. K. Evens. The amendment was lost by a vote of six to seven, and the vote being taken on the original motion there were eight for and four against, so the auditing committee will consist of Elmer Whitney, Charles Berry and Cyrelle Belair, who will act in conjunction with B. D. Grant, the treasurer, and E. F. Douglas, the overseer of work.