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G. WICKTOR ELECTED

Commissioners Select Him for Treasurer of Sherburne County to Succeed Geo. Putnam.

Mr. Wicktor is a Resident of Santiago and a Highly Respected and Capable Gentleman.

At a meeting of the county commissioners Godfrey Wicktor of Santiago was elected treasurer of Sherburne county vice George Putnam, resigned. The vote stood 3 to 2, Gaunentiz, Knudson and Gelyard voting for Wicktor. It is reported that C. Varley and A. Nickerson desired H. B. Fisk of Baldwin.

The circumstances which led up to the action of the county commissioners are as follows: Putnam, it is alleged, had taken \$1,700 in cash from the county treasury some time ago and had given his private check for the amount, although he had no funds to give the check any value. The check was found by the bondsmen and they asked an investigation. The examiners from the public examiner's office found, in addition to the check, irregularities amounting to \$233, making a total defalcation of \$1,933. The shortage has been made good, and, as the treasurer has resigned, no further action will be taken.

Putnam was requested by the board of county commissioners to resign but refused to do so and a resolution requesting his removal was thereupon presented to the governor. Before action had been taken upon the matter, however, Putnam agreed to relinquish office.

Godfrey Wicktor, the gentleman selected to succeed Putnam, is a prominent farmer of Santiago, a man highly respected and fully qualified to perform the duties which will be required of him. It would have hardly been possible for the board to make a better selection.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

Of Methodist Episcopal Pastors Concludes Its Work on Monday.

The Northern Minnesota Methodist conference was concluded at Evelyn on Monday. Rev. E. C. Clemans was again selected as presiding elder and no better selection could have been made. Elder Clemans is a learned and able man—a man generous to a fault, a man esteemed and beloved not alone by his brother members of the clergy but by all with whom he has come in contact. We are pleased that he has again been chosen to fill this high office of responsibility.

Among the changes which were made by the conference in the pastorates of Mille Lacs county—Duluth district—were the following: Rev. R. Swinnerton of Princeton, has been assigned to Hibbing and will be succeeded by Rev. E. N. Cathcart of Virginia City; Rev. Burns of Greenbush will go to Rush City and Rev. Blair Lambert take charge of the Princeton circuit; Rev. W. L. Playfair has been assigned to Foreston, Estes Brook and Glendorado; Rev. J. A. Lewis of Milaca will go to Royalton and be succeeded by Rev. W. H. Robinson. Rev. J. A. Kohl will be in charge at Cambridge, Braham and Isanti; Rev. A. B. Calder at Mora; Rev. Parkinson at Ogilvie; Rev. J. D. Manley at Sandstone.

THREE RUNAWAYS.

A Sprained Ankle and Smashed Buggy Result Therefrom.

There were three runaways during the week. In the first it appears that the horse of Gottwerth & Hummel, which was attached to a meat delivery wagon, conceived the idea that it would be well to add a little diversion to its everyday occupation, so it started off to amuse itself. It ran through the streets at a Dan Patch speed, turned into the grounds of the court house and, after a series of gyrations among the trees, proceeded toward the depot. Several people tried to stop it but to no avail. On it went until it neared the railroad track, when it seemingly decided that it had extracted enough fun from the adventure and came to a standstill. The peculiar part of it is that in wending its way among the court house trees it avoided collision. There are but few horses that could perform this feat.

The second runaway was that wherein Robt. Byers and wife, while driving on the north side, were confronted with the obstreperous behavior of their family horse. It balked unexpectedly—all horses which balk do so—and, despite the efforts of Robert and his snake-hip, it refused to move until it had changed its mind. This it eventually did with an alacrity which disconnected it with the buggy, drew

Robert, who was hanging onto the lines, after it, and dashed his right leg against a stone, badly spraining the ankle thereof. Mrs. Byers, who remained in the buggy, of course received no injury. The horse proceeded on apace and was later captured by a man who gave chase.

The third runaway incident occurred on Sunday morning and Otto Walters was a sufferer, financially, thereby. The story runs thus: Otto had just lifted the weight to which the horse was attached into the canopy-covered buggy when the animal leaped into the air about three feet and dashed through the alley like a coyote after a jackrabbit. It appears that this horse, which once upon a time was a racer, has never had its spirit thoroughly subdued, and, consequently, when it takes a notion to speed it goes like the very dickens. It made a circuit of a few alleys and galloped up and down a street or two without any perceptible damage to the vehicle, but after it had collided with a corner of the Methodist church and subsequently tried to tear down a telephone pole near the Princeton Lumber company's yards there wasn't much left of the buggy. It may be that Otto will take the horse out and shoot it. We don't know.

Will Send Books to Farmers.

The Minnesota Public Library commission has decided to enlarge the number of its public traveling libraries this fall. Aside from general reading there will be more libraries for the study clubs and also some collections in Swedish, Norwegian and German which will be loaned to the smaller cities and country libraries.

A new feature will be the house libraries of ten volumes which will be sent to families in isolated communities. The commission will have special libraries for students, the libraries to include books on any subject which may be desired by those studying at home.

The librarian, Miss Clara S. Baldwin and her assistants, are working on the orders so as to get the libraries into circulation before the winter. They will have about 350 of the general traveling libraries of either twenty-five or fifty books. The number of the special libraries has not as yet been decided upon, but will be according to the demand of the books. The general libraries are loaned to any community upon the application of ten taxpayers and the payment of 50 cents for the twenty-five book library and \$1.00 for the fifty book kind. The libraries are loaned both to communities which have no library and to libraries seeking a greater assortment of books.

Leg Fractured.

Ray Smith of Spencer Brook had the misfortune to have his leg broken near the ankle while returning home from Princeton with a load of goods for his brother Jay Smith. Mr. Smith got down from the wagon to fix some part of the harness and in getting back onto the wagon he stepped upon the whiffletree and as he did this he slipped and fell and the horses started up, and he was thrown under the wheel. After the wagon had passed over him Ray managed to stop the team and got up on the load and continued the trip home. It is a bad fracture and will necessitate a few weeks vacation but it might have been worse. Ray's many friends hope to see him recover as rapidly as possible.—Cambridge Independent.

Government Wants Experts.

The department of the interior wants a supervisor of native Indian music. The applicant must be able to pass a stiff examination in the Indian languages and in musical technique. The duties of the position are to record, preserve and teach native Indian music. The position carries a salary of \$1,200 a year and will be awarded on competitive examination to be held Nov. 1.

Other positions which the civil service is seeking to fill are: Syrian interpreter for the immigration service, salary \$1,000 a year; monotype machinist for the government printing shop and topographical draftsman for the postoffice department, at \$900. All these examinations will be held on Nov. 1.

Wilkinson on Stock Raising.

Col. Wilkinson, an acknowledged authority on agriculture in its various branches, and who is particularly well versed in stockraising, says: "Stock raising for dairy and butchering purposes cannot help being profitable and the farmer who keeps a large herd of well-bred stock and feeds the greater portion of his crop himself, marketing the milk and the beef, is bound to come out a winner and away ahead of the man who sits on his farm from one end of the year to another waiting for a crop of wheat to pay his debts and line his purse with gold."

MISS ORTON MARRIED

A Pretty Home Event in Which Rev. Galbraith of Spencer Brook is the Happy Groom.

Rev. E. C. Clemans, D. D., and Rev. Rupert Swinnerton Officiate at the Ceremony.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Orton on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock a very pretty wedding occurred, when their daughter, Miss Helen J., was married to Rev. T. G. Galbraith of Spencer Brook.

The Rev. E. C. Clemans, D. D., presiding elder of the Duluth district, assisted by Rev. Rupert Swinnerton, conducted the ceremony which united the young people in wedlock.

Miss Verna Townsend presided at the piano and played the beautiful wedding march from Lohengrin. Miss Annie M. Looney was the bridesmaid and Elmer E. Orton, brother of the bride, the groomsmen.

There were about forty guests present at the ceremony, consisting of immediate relatives and friends of the bride and groom. The parlors were very tastefully decorated with ferns and flowers arranged so that a most charming effect was produced.

The bride was attired in a very becoming gown of cream silk and carried a bouquet of carnations, the bridesmaid carrying flowers of a similar kind.

At the conclusion of the marriage rites the party repaired to the dining room, where supper awaited them. The dining room was decorated artistically and in the center of the table were arranged nosegays of cut flowers and foliage.

Many pretty and valuable wedding gifts were bestowed upon the young people by admiring friends.

The bride is one of Princeton's most popular young ladies and a great favorite in the social circle in which she moved.

The groom is one of the most highly respected young men in Sherburne county and has recently been assigned to the pastorate of the M. E. church at Spencer Brook.

The happy couple departed on Thursday for Blue Hill, the home of the groom's parents, and will from there proceed to Spencer Brook, and take up their abode in the parsonage.

The Union offers its congratulations to the young people and wishes that their journey through life may be one of uninterrupted happiness.

MUST NUMBER BOXES.

Latest Order of Postoffice Department Provides for Such Action.

Many papers having reproduced in substance a dispatch from Washington, apparently authentic, setting forth that the postoffice department had suspended the numbering of rural mail boxes, we have taken particular pains to inquire into the truth of the statement. As a result we find that rural mail boxes must be numbered and, in addition, that they must be placed in a suitable condition to receive mail—must be rain proof and of substantial construction.

The order directing the delivery of mail matter to boxes by number only, sent out by the department sometime ago, has however been suspended until further notice; consequently your name must, in addition to the number of your box, be inscribed upon all mail sent to you.

The sooner you place your mail boxes in a condition to comply with the requirements the better.

BUYS HIS OWN HAT.

Anson Howard's Adventure in L. W. Pierson's Store.

Perhaps it would be better not to tell this tale for fear of being asunder torn by Ans, but then, if Ans seeks vengeance for the truth set forth, let Ans bring forth his arms. Story:

Once upon a time Anson Howard, gentleman, and resident of the village—should be city—of Princeton, inspected the sweatband of his hat, and, finding an accumulation of oleaginous matter thereon, determined to purchase a new headpiece. "Sale on at Pierson's," whispered Ans to himself. "I read it in the Union. Two-dollar hats for fifty cents. That's just the place I'll go." Accordingly he paced away with one suspender hanging down his back and one sock unadjusted. [The latter is merely inserted to show that Ans was in a rush to obtain a bargain.]

Arriving at the store he pushed about among the throng, and wound up at the four-bit stand of hats. "Ah, here they are," said Ans, "a dandy lot of Stetson shapes for fifty cents apiece." He jerked his hat from off

his head and threw it on a pile of other hats. He grabbed at this and tried it on and then at that and so forth. "At last," cried Ans, "I've found a hat that, by the immortal son of Maine, just suits me to a shaving. 'Tis well that I have found so fine a fit and fine a hat for but one half a dollar. I'll take that hat." He paid his bill and Louis Pierson scanned the hat. "But then, dear sir, there's some mistake," said Mr. P. "This is a hat that cost us, wholesale, \$2.19, and how can you, sir, dare tell me you found it on that pile of fifty-centers?" "I did, begad; and if you doubt my word I'll take you out and tangle you right in your own back alley!" The village marshal, who was standing near, came up and drew his club. He did not strike—a marshal seldom strikes unless for raise of pay. "Let's argify the point," says Ans. "But wait a spell till my old hat I hunt up." He hunted high and hunted low but could not find his headpiece. "Begosh, the thieves have stolen my hat. Just find it or I'll sue you! And this darned thing, just take it back. I want the hat I wore in." With this he threw it on the floor and cried "Well, well, by gum; that hat is mine!" And Pierson, finding that he had no such make of hat in stock, returned the fifty cents.

REV. SWINNERTON LEAVES.

Will be Greatly Missed by the People of Princeton.

Rev. Rupert Swinnerton will start for Hibbing, his new field of labor, this (Thursday) evening. He wishes, through the medium of the Union, to express his appreciation of the many favors he has received at the hands of the people of Princeton and also for their loyal and generous support. He hopes in the near future to have another opportunity of giving the glad hand to his many friends, and trusts that if any happen to wander in the direction of Hibbing that they will not fail to give him a call. The hunting season is near and all stray hunters and casual visitors will be welcomed at his new home. In the meantime he wishes that success and prosperity may come to all.

In substance the above expresses that which Rev. Swinnerton desires to convey to the congregation of which he has taken leave in Princeton. We cannot speak too highly of the work of this estimable man while among us. He has labored assiduously for the benefit of all of us—labored to do the greatest amount of good to the largest number of people irrespective of class. We are sorry—and most extremely so—that the reverend gentleman has seen fit to go forth from among us, but we know that the field to which he has been assigned will benefit and be bettered by his acquisition. He is a man among men—a broad-minded man, a man who cannot fail to be appreciated wherever he may go. That success may attend him is the wish of all.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Miss Stella Prescott is back at school.

The Seventh and Eight grades were present at the morning exercises in the high school room Monday morning and enjoyed a short talk given by Prof. Hill, who also spoke at the school house in the evening.

The juniors appeared fresh and bright at the school room Monday morning, the girls with waists and the boys with shirts and ties of their class colors.

We understand that last Tuesday was Prof. Pinney's birthday. It was a good thing the pupils did not find this out—good for Mr. Pinney.

The attendance at school is very good. There are a few cases of absence and tardiness. This should not be, for these little things count as can be seen by the remarkable progress of the junior class who are seldom tardy or absent except when unavoidable. The freshman class is also at the front and should be encouraged, for a good beginning means much in the high school work.

AT THE NORTHWESTERN HOSPITAL.

Miss Jane Burgett of Milaca underwent a surgical operation at the hands of Dr. Cooney on Friday last. The operation was performed for the purpose of draining an abscess in the neck, which had caused Miss Burgett much trouble for many weeks. Since the operation her condition has become greatly improved.

The five-year-old child of Frank Kaufert is suffering from a fracture of the forearm.

Race Suicide.

"Don't you think it's foolish to bet on a horse when you know it has no possible chance to win?" "It's worse than foolish. It's race suicide."

EDWARD LARKIN DIES

Succumbs Suddenly to Heart Disease While on His Way to Consult Dr. H. C. Cooney.

Was a Veteran of the Civil War and a Highly Respected Citizen of This Community.

On Wednesday morning at about 8 o'clock Edward Larkin, an old settler of this county, died suddenly at his home here. He arose at his usual hour and proceeded to perform the household duties which were his wont. A sudden pain in the heart region while thus engaged compelled him to desist, and, complaining thereof to his wife, he signified his intention of going to see Dr. Cooney. Leaving the house he apparently proceeded to carry out his intention and had been gone about ten minutes when his wife heard a heavy fall without and hastily opened the door to investigate. Then it was that she found her husband lying unconscious upon the doorstep. He was immediately carried into the house and Dr. Cooney telephoned for. The doctor responded promptly but his efforts were ineffective to restore consciousness and within a period of fifteen minutes the old gentleman had expired. The cause of death was declared by Dr. Cooney to be heart disease. The day previous Mr. Larkin was around town and appeared to be in his usual health. He had, however, been subject to periods of indisposition for some time past.

Edward Larkin is a native of Ireland, and was born in the year 1835. His parents came to Toronto, Canada, when Edward was quite young, and soon after, removed to Milwaukee, Wis., the subject of our sketch remaining in that state until 1859. He then came to Minnesota, and was employed on a farm about twenty miles from New Ulm at the time of the Sioux outbreak in 1826. He at once started for the latter place and assisted the citizens in the defense of their homes. He then enlisted in company B of the First Minnesota Mounted Rangers, and after his discharge re-enlisted in a cavalry regiment and served until mustered out at Fort Snelling in the fall of 1865. In 1874 he settled on a farm, which contained two hundred and forty acres, situated in sections 12 and 17, town of Blue Hill, Sherburne county. He discontinued farming about five years ago, moving to this village, where he bought a home and resided there until his death.

Mr. Larkin was married in 1868, to Miss Catherine McWee and of the union nine children were born, all of whom are living, viz: Mrs. John Cantlon, Everett, Wash.; Mrs. E. E. Price, Milaca, Minn.; Edward, Minneapolis; Thomas and Lawrence, Cour d'Alene, Idaho; John, Leavenworth, Wash.; Claude, Hibbing, Minn.; Miss Mary Larkin, Princeton. Mrs. Larkin, wife of deceased, also survives.

The funeral will be solemnized at St. Edward's Catholic church in Princeton tomorrow (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock and Father Levings will conduct the ceremonies. The obsequies at the grave will be conducted according to the ritual of the G. A. R., that organization having charge of the funeral.

Mr. Larkin was a whole-souled, kindly man, honorable in all his transactions and a true Christian. He was a man that we can ill afford to lose, at all times laboring for the benefit of the town wherein he lived. "But the Lord knows that which is best." Requiescat in pace.

JOHN W. BELL ABSCONDS.

Mortgaged Rented Horse, Sold Mortgaged Property and Left Men Unpaid.

It is reported that John W. Bell of Zimmerman has absconded and that he mortgaged several head of stock at the Bank of Big Lake and a team rented from Ed Foley of Zimmerman at a bank in Monticello. He took with him about \$200 in cash, having previously sold mortgaged machinery in his charge for a considerable amount. He had been running a threshing outfit around Zimmerman and left his men unpaid. He has a wife and four children who are destitute. Two sheriffs started out in pursuit of Bell, who is said to have proceeded toward Duluth.

Rural Population 930,775.

More than half the population of Minnesota now lives in cities and villages. The State census tables show that out of the total population of 1,979,697, the cities and villages of the State have 1,048,922 people, leaving a rural population of 930,775. In 1895 the rural population of the

State was 813,242, and the cities and villages in that State census had 761,377 people.

The cities and villages of the State increased 37.7 per cent in the ten year period, and the rural population increased only 14.4 per cent in the same time. In 1895 the cities and villages had 48 per cent of the State's population. Now they have 53 per cent.

In twenty-five counties of the State the cities and villages increased in population, while the townships have decreased. In only two counties is the reverse true. In Dodge and Carver counties the rural districts have increased, while the cities and villages decreased.

DRAINAGE AND GOOD ROADS.

When Minnesota's three million acres are properly drained and made the home of hundreds of thrifty farmers there will be no grander sight than to look over the once barren wastes and behold some of the most productive farms in the State.—Walker Pilot.

In northern Minnesota there are still large tracts of undeveloped agricultural lands—government lands to be had at practically no cost and other lands at prices within the reach of homeseekers of moderate means.—Grand Marais Herald.

"Drainage and the building of good roads should go together as each loses much of its potency without the other," says the Mizpah Message. Which is very true, and particularly so in regard to building roads—good roads cannot be built without proper drainage.—Grand Rapids Independent.

If all the lands in Minnesota which are rendered worthless by floods could be reclaimed by drainage and made fertile, they would be capable of sustaining 3,000,000 people. Now, who has the gall to oppose drainage?—Motley Mercury.

Claggett Gets the Birds.

E. D. Claggett, Magnus Sjoblom and Swan Olson were up north hunting on Sunday. The partridges killed numbered at least 60, Magnus and Swan taking 30 for their share and leaving Claggett about an equal number. When they arrived at Princeton on Monday morning's train Magnus placed his bunch on the platform and, while he and Swan were disentangling their dogs from among bicycles and trunks in the baggage car, Claggett—so they say—carried their share into the passenger coach and proceeded on his way to the city. A good joke—whether Claggett managed to evade Fullerton's minions at Minneapolis or not.

Celebrates Birthday Anniversary.

At the home of Wm. Schmidt in Germany last Thursday a large number of neighbors gathered to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of Mr. Schmidt's birth. The visitors arrived in a body and the event was a genuine surprise. Baskets of good things to eat were taken to Mr. Schmidt's home and the company passed the evening right merrily. Mr. Schmidt was presented with several useful articles as a token of the esteem of his visitors.

Open to Traffic.

A new extension from Munich to Sarles, which is an extension of the Lakota Line northward to the international boundary, has been opened for service. This new extension will serve the towns of Clyde, Calvin and Sarles, recently established, and bring into direct railway communication an additional vast area of the rich land in the northern part of North Dakota.

Bad for Milaca.

The big sawmill of the Foley Bean Lumber company closed the night run October 1st. The plant will be operated days until about November 1st, when it is expected that all logs on hand will be cleaned up. This finishes all the company's available timber at Mille Lacs lake, and is expected to be the end of lumber manufacturing in Milaca.—Milaca Times.

Adam's Fall.

Sunday School Teacher—Now, children, was Adam very happy in the garden of Eden?

Chorus of Pupils—Yessum! Teacher—And what great misfortune happened which ended his happiness?

Chorus—The Lord made 'im a wife!—Cleveland Leader.

Not a Square Deal.

A Minnesota census taker expresses surprise to find so many women who are no older than they were five years ago. It is a shame to allow a census-taker to cover a territory more than once.—Atlanta Constitution.

Mighty Rocky.

Hason—How are you feeling this morning, old man—pretty rocky? Jason—Rocky? Say, Hason, if I were as rocky as I feel I'd need blasting?