

# The Princeton Union

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

R. C. DUNN, Publisher. Terms \$1.00 Per Year.

PRINCETON, MILLE LACS COUNTY, MINNESOTA, THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1907.

VOLUME XXXI. NO. 29

## PROSPECT IS BRIGHT

Over Twenty-Five Per Cent of Sum Necessary to Buy Land for Fair Grounds Pledged.

Another Public Meeting Will Be Held in Court House Hall Monday Afternoon, July 15th.

At the adjourned fair meeting held in the court house hall on the afternoon of the 5th inst. the attendance was larger than at the previous meeting, but no one was crowded for sitting or standing room. Mr. L. S. Briggs was chosen as temporary chairman and R. C. Dunn acted as temporary secretary. The committee appointed at the previous meeting to get prices on sites reported that the F. C. Cater tract of 40 acres, west of his residence, could be had for \$50 per acre; the Rines 40 on which the present fair grounds are partly located could be had at the same price; and Mrs. Amanda Cater would sell the 40 immediately west of the Rines 40 for \$50 per acre.

After short talks by Messrs. Briggs, Dickey, Ferrell, Scheen, Holthus, Robideau, Dunn and others, on motion of Mr. Dickey the chair appointed a committee of three, consisting of Henry Holthus, Nelse Robideau and Chas. A. Dickey, to act with the chairman and secretary, to make further inquiries regarding sites, prepare new articles of incorporation, solicit pledges for stock, etc., and report at an adjourned meeting to be held at the same place (court house hall) on the afternoon of Monday, July 15, at 3 o'clock.

It was the unanimous opinion of all present that if sufficient pledges for stock could be secured the proper thing to do would be to reorganize and transact business in a business-like manner hereafter. It was thought if stock to the amount of \$4,000 was taken a 40 acre tract could be purchased, a grand stand erected, a half mile track laid out, at least one good stock barn built, and a horticultural hall provided, the grounds fenced in and a fair held this fall, perhaps a week or ten days later than usual. It was also the opinion of several of those whose names appear below that if enough interest was manifested to secure pledges for stock to at least the amount of \$4,000 the project ought to be dropped. The following who were present at the meeting agreed to take stock in the amounts set opposite their names:

W. H. Ferrell.....	\$250	R. C. Dunn.....	\$250
L. S. Briggs.....	50	Magnus Sjoberg.....	100
E. R. Evans.....	100	E. B. Anderson.....	100
Robt. H. Kintz.....	100	T. F. Scheen.....	20
Nelse Robideau.....	20	Henry Holthus.....	20
A. G. Thomas.....	20	H. Newbert.....	50

It does seem as if it should be possible to organize an agricultural society here in Princeton that would build up a fair second to none in the state outside of the state fair. Princeton is centrally located in the midst of a fairly good farming territory and can draw from four counties—Mille Lacs, Benton, Sherburne and Isanti. The state aid now amounts to \$500 annually, and with proper management there is no reason why we should not be successful in building up an annual fair that would be a credit to all identified with it. In addition there is no reason why a monthly fair for the sale of livestock could not be held on the fair grounds. Other towns have successful monthly fairs, why not Princeton? Let the court house hall be crowded next Monday afternoon with farmers and business men, and before adjournment every dollar of stock necessary should be pledged.

Under the circumstances the fairs held in Princeton heretofore have been as good as could reasonably be expected. The managers have labored under many disadvantages. But with permanent grounds, owned by the association, neat and commodious barns and buildings, liberal premiums and proper management a vast improvement can be effected and the attendance can be doubled and trebled. Then a monthly fair for the sale of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs would be a great convenience to farmers. If a regular monthly market was established those who had live stock to sell would find plenty of competitive buyers present at the sales. The few horse sales held here brought increased business to our merchants and it is reasonable to presume that a regular monthly market day for all kinds of live stock, conducted on the square, would prove of still greater benefit to both the farmers and merchants.

A few have already pledged 25 per cent of the amount necessary to make the annual and monthly fair project a success, surely the other 75 per cent

can be raised at the meeting next Monday.

In this connection the following verses credited to the Chicago Record-Herald are appropriate:

Do you know there's lots o' people  
Settin' 'round in every town,  
Growin' like a broody chicken,  
Knockin' every good thing down?  
Don't you be that kind o' cattle,  
'Cause they ain't no use on earth.  
You just be a booster rooster,  
Crow and boost for all you're worth.

If your town needs boostin' booster,  
Don't hold back and wait to see  
If some other feller's willin'  
Sail right in, in this country's free;  
No one's got a mortgage on it,  
It's just yours as much as his.  
If your town is shy on boosters  
You get in the boostin' biz.

If things don't just seem to suit you,  
An' the world seems kinder wrong,  
What's the matter with a boostin'  
Just to help the thing along?  
'Cause if things should stop a goin',  
We'd be in a sorry plight.  
You just keep that horn a blowin',  
Boost 'er up with all your might.

If you see some feller tryin'  
For to make some project go,  
You can boost it up a trifle,  
That's your 'cue to let him know  
That you're not a goin' to knock it,  
Just because it ain't your shoot.  
But you're goin' to boost a little,  
'Cause he's got the best thing out.

## CRACKS MALAR BONE.

Careless Handling of Chalmers's Noyel Gun Results in Disaster.

Bernie Nichols, aged about 14 years, residing on the north side, had made up his mind to celebrate the Fourth in truly patriotic style, so he prevailed upon Mr. Chalmers to let him shoot off his famous quick-firing gun. Mr. Chalmers instructed the young idea how to shoot, but it seems that the boy failed to follow instructions. As a consequence the gun exploded and the shell rebounded, striking young Nichols on that part of the jaw known technically as the malar bone.

Dr. Armitage reduced the fracture, which is in the form of a V below the right eye, and the young man is progressing favorably toward recovery. The above was the only Fourth of July accident recorded in Princeton.

Company G in Interstate Shoot. The crack rifle team of Company G will leave for Duluth on Saturday to enter the annual match of the Northwestern Interstate Rifle association which will take place there on Sunday. The association is composed of three rifle teams from the Wisconsin National Guard—Superior, Rice Lake and Ashland—and four teams from the Minnesota militia, comprising the most expert riflemen in the two states. The competition is for a silver trophy in the shape of a punch bowl and goblets given by a Duluth business man, and which will become the property of the team winning it for three successive years.

Company G was defeated at Camp Lake View by a small margin, and with the practice it has since had it stands an excellent chance of winning at Duluth. The boys are in the pink of condition and will shoot to win. The following members of Company G will go to Duluth and from them will be selected seven of the fittest: Lieutenant E. H. Sellhorn, Sergeants H. D. Marshall, A. A. Mergel, P. O. Reissig; Corporals W. E. Johnson, C. A. Jaenicke; Privates A. G. Bemis, A. E. Hayes, M. T. Rosin, W. V. Sanford, O. J. Wetter.

Organized Labor and the A. S. of E. Aside from the trades union movement no social or public question enlists our sympathy and captivates our attention compared with the new organization recently launched and known as the American Society of Equity. The farmer never yet got fair play from the commercial parasites who enlarged their coffers by manipulating the products of his toil. This is an age when the producing classes are waking up to their God-given rights and we are glad the farmers are realizing the necessity of asserting their birthright prerogatives. The American Society of Equity, as its name implies, is on the right track, and we wish it the success its meritorious object unquestionably deserves.—Duluth Labor World.

Important If True. A well-informed St. Paul man, one who knows what he is talking about, writes: "I firmly believe a north and south road (G. N.) will tap Mille Lacs lake at or near Isle inside of a year. I am not at liberty to give the source of my information, but it is reliable. I predict that the banner town of the lake region will be located at the point where the north and south road touches Mille Lacs."

Feminine Nerve. There are nervous women; there are hyper-nervous women. But women so nervous that the continual rustle of a silk skirt makes them nervous—no; there are no women so nervous as that!—Fliegende Blaetter.

## JULY 4 AT THE LAKES

Crowds From Princeton and Surrounding Country Patronize H. B. Pratt's Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant's Summer Resort at Sandy Lake Visited by a Number of Picnickers.

Princeton made no attempt at a formal celebration of the Fourth although the small boys kicked up their usual capers with firecrackers, mud-cans and other noise producers.

Mr. Pratt had made announcement that the day would be appropriately observed at his pretty summer resort, Elk Lake Park, and Mr. Grant had advertised a picnic at Central Park, on the shores of beautiful Sandy lake. Thus the people of Princeton, for the most part, decided to spend the day at one of these two places, and as a result both parks were well patronized, the largest crowd, however, being attracted to Elk Lake.

In consequence of the inclement weather which prevailed upon the morning of the Fourth Mr. Pratt found it impossible to adhere to the racing part of the program which he had arranged, and the ball games advertised were reluctantly dispensed with on account of the failure of the teams which promised to prepare the grounds to adhere to such promise.

Mr. Pratt did his best, however, to entertain the visitors and every one in the vast throng present in the afternoon and evening was well satisfied with the program.

In addition to the afternoon and evening dances two gasoline launches made trips upon the beautiful lake and every rowboat, of which Mr. Pratt has a large number, was at all times engaged. Capt. Bullis also took parties of friends upon the lake in his catamaran.

All in all the day was a pleasurable one at Elk Lake park and the great assemblage of people was orderly and well behaved.

At Central park, Sandy lake, Mr. and Mrs. E. Grant entertained a number of people at a picnic and put forth their best efforts to provide amusement for the visitors. The merry-ground and phonograph were "going it" all day long and Independence day throughout was celebrated in most appropriate form.

Big strings of fish were captured in both Elk and Sandy lakes on the Fourth.

## Pike in Rum River.

A press dispatch says that one of the largest pike ever taken from Lake Bemidji was caught by Ross Reynolds, night clerk at the Markham hotel, and Fred Ford, who succeeded in hooking a fish that tipped the scales at seven and one-half pounds.

This fish, compared with pike caught in the Rum river is a mere infant. Two of this species of fish weighing nine and a half and eleven pounds were taken out of the Rum river last fall by one of T. H. Caley's workmen. And from this same river has been taken larger fish than this, but not pike. Last week Chas. Beto and a neighbor captured a pickerel that resembled a sawlog and weighed twenty-six pounds.

## County Board of Equalization.

County commissioners meet in annual session next Monday as a county board of equalization. The board will probably remain in session several days. Only personal property is dealt with this year. The real estate assessment, as left by the state board of equalization last year, will stand for 1907, except that new buildings, improvements and all real property that may have become subject to taxation since the last previous assessment must be added.

## N. E. Jesmer Leaves Princeton.

N. E. Jesmer left on Tuesday for Golden Valley, Montana, where he will join his wife and daughter and with them proceed to Seattle, Wash. The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Jesmer and family is a decided loss to Princeton, but Mrs. Jesmer's ill health necessitated a change of climate. Her many friends trust that she will be benefited by the change and at some future time return, with her husband and daughter, fully restored to health.

## AT NORTHWESTERN HOSPITAL.

Elmer Wickham of Milaca was on Monday morning operated upon by Dr. H. C. Cooney for appendicitis. The patient is doing well.

On Tuesday Dr. Cooney performed an operation on the nose and throat of little Harold Soule, removing a foreign growth, and the boy is making rapid recovery.

## HORSE CASE RULING

Supreme Court Reverses the District Court in Appeal of Samuel Winsor and Others.

Decision of Considerable Importance to All Farmers Who Have Made Like Purchases.

The supreme court recently handed down its decision reversing the order of the judge of the district court in the case of the Union National Bank of Columbus, Ohio, vs. Samuel Winsor et al. This is a case which has considerable local interest as the defendants are all well known farmers of Mille Lacs, Isanti and Sherburne counties. The history of the case is as follows:

Mr. Winsor and a dozen other farmers signed three notes of \$1,000 each for the purchase of a stallion from McLaughlin Bros. of Columbus, Ohio. The makers of the notes claimed that these notes were obtained by fraud as the horse was not as represented, being diseased and older than stated by McLaughlin Bros. Other elements of fraud entered into the transaction and Mr. Winsor and the others interested notified McLaughlin Bros. of these facts and asked a return and cancellation of the notes.

The suit was brought by the bank which claimed to have bought the notes without any notice of defendants' claims. The case was heard in Princeton at the April, 1906, term of the district court. The defendants sought to prove to a jury that the bank was not an innocent purchaser without notice of the claims of defendants, but the judge refused to let the case go to the jury and ordered judgment in favor of the bank. The defendants moved for a new trial which was refused.

From this order of the court the defendants appealed and the supreme court has reversed the district court.

Messrs. Dickey and Stiles represented the farmers in the case and Reynolds & Roeser of St. Cloud were the attorneys for the bank.

## DEATHS AT LONG SIDING.

Mrs. M. J. Stone and the Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walker.

On Monday, July 8, Mrs. Mary J. Thornton-Stone died at Long Siding after a sickness of one year and was buried in the cemetery on the north side on the following day. Rev. J. W. Heard conducted the funeral service. Mrs. Stone was 56 years of age. She is survived by eight children, viz., Mrs. A. E. Snow, Mrs. Geo. Hurley, Mrs. Dora Knight, Miss Edna Stone and Wm. Stone of Long Siding; Charles Stone, Abraham Stone and Mrs. C. Taylor of Montana.

Burton R. Walker, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker, died on July 8 at Long Siding, aged 1 year and 3 months. The remains were interred in the north side cemetery on July 9, Rev. J. W. Heard officiating.

## Presiding Elder Clemans.

Presiding Elder Clemans delivered an able and instructive sermon to a large congregation at the Methodist church last Sunday evening. He had preached at Milaca in the morning and at Greenbush in the afternoon of the same day. On Monday afternoon, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Carter of Ronneby, Mr. Clemans left for Blue Hill where he was to hold quarterly conference that evening. Rev. Mr. Clemans leads a strenuous life but he seems to enjoy it. He is a jolly companion as well as an eloquent preacher.

## An Old Subscriber.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Denniston of Janesville, Wis., are here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Caley and will remain for some time. In looking over the first subscription book used by the Union we find that the third name on the D page is that of "Mrs. J. A. Denniston, Janesville, Wis., Jan. 1, 1877." For more than 30 years Mrs. Denniston has been receiving the Union regularly every week and there are no arrears. That is a good record for both Mrs. Denniston and the Union.

## Farmers Must Think and Act for Themselves.

Farmers are too apt to think that there are only a few specially ordained people who are able to do things. This is not true. Farmers can do many things for themselves if they will but try. They must learn to think and to act for themselves, however. They must be able to recognize a business proposition when they see it, and they must be willing to risk something. The man from Missouri may be all right in his way, but he never builds railroads, nor constructs irrigation projects, nor tunnels mountains. A man must have some imagi-

nation to do these things. He must be able to see things that are shut out from the sight of the "man from Missouri."

Farmers must also learn to trust each other and to even trust other people who seem to be all right. Business men trust each other, although they are no more honest than farmers. It is always well to watch your agent or employe, but in order to do business of any kind we must trust somebody. Farmers trust the business men they deal with, but do not seem to trust their own neighbors to do the same thing.

There is often a spirit of jealousy among neighbors on the farm that keeps them from co-operating and helping each other. This is entirely wrong. It is that spirit which has kept farmers from doing the things they might do. Farmers will often vote for lawyers to misrepresent them rather than for farmers who would represent them. Farmers are just as wise as other men. They are no easier fooled, and if they had confidence in themselves they could accomplish just as much in a business way as other men.—Chas. W. Browne in Up-to-Date Farming.

## FAREWELL RECEPTION.

Given by Ladies' Aid Society in Honor of Mrs. Patterson and Daughters.

A reception was given on Monday afternoon by the Ladies' Aid society at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Anderson in honor of Mrs. Rose Patterson and two daughters, Helen and Mary, who will leave within a few days for Seattle. The reception was largely attended and the Anderson home was prettily decorated with cut flowers and ferns.

Mrs. M. C. Libby, on behalf of the Ladies' Aid society, in an appropriate speech, presented Mrs. Patterson with a pretty gold ring set in pearls as a token of the high esteem in which she is held. The ring was brought in upon a satin pillow covered with flowers by two little girls dressed in white. Mrs. Patterson responded to the presentation speech in a few remarks, feelingly thanking the donors for their kind remembrance and true friendship.

At the conclusion of the presentation ice cream, cake and lemonade were served to the guests.

The numerous friends of Mrs. Patterson and daughters very much regret that they have decided to leave Princeton, but wish them success and happiness in their new home.

## Temperance and Prohibition Meeting.

The friends of temperance, prohibition and all anti-saloon people of this and adjoining counties are urged to attend the all-day rally in Princeton on Sunday, July 14, at 10:30. Three simultaneous meetings will be held. W. G. Calderwood, secretary of the State Prohibition committee, will speak in the M. E. church, Rev. Bennett Erickson will speak in the Swedish Lutheran church, and W. J. Arnold, singer and speaker, will occupy the pulpit at the Congregational church. At 3 p. m. a great open-air platform meeting will be held on the court house lawn and at this hour there will be addresses by W. G. Calderwood, Rev. Bennett Erickson and W. J. Arnold. A large chorus choir is being drilled and will assist Mr. Arnold in furnishing the music. There will be speeches in English and Swedish. All singers of the county are invited to join the chorus. The last chorus rehearsal will be held in the M. E. church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Don't fail to attend and bring your neighbors.

## Forty-Eight Enrolled.

In addition to the summer school pupils enrolled up to Tuesday evening of last week, 33 in number, 15 more have registered, which gives a total of 48 who are taking the various courses taught. This is a very creditable showing. The names and residences of those who have been added to the list published in last week's Union are as follows: Princeton—Ruby A. Winsor, Effie Reichard, Clara Wold, Elsie Jaques, Millie Dunken, Bell Orton, Mae Orton, Ellsworth Foltz.

Foreston—Sara Cole. Garrison—Lizzie I. Sullivan, Anna M. Sullivan. Milaca—Eva T. Colburn. Brickton—Russell Farnham. Santiago—Mayme E. Duyer. Zimmerman—Odessa M. Smithers.

## Annual School Meetings.

Annual school meetings on the evening of Saturday, July 20, at 7 o'clock. In the Princeton village independent district two trustees are to be chosen to succeed Messrs. R. D. Byers and J. J. Skaben, whose terms expire August 1. We have heard no objections urged against either Mr. Byers or Mr. Skaben and in all probability they will be their own successors.

## THE COUNTY BOARD

Semi-Annual Convention of Mille Lacs County Commissioners Held on Monday and Tuesday.

Taxes Voted for Year 1907, Petitions Considered and Much Other Business Disposed of.

The Mille Lacs county board of commissioners convened in regular semi-annual session at the court house on Monday and completed its work in two days, adjourning on Tuesday evening. All members of the board occupied their seats, viz., John Dalchow, L. S. Libby, C. E. Erickson, O. H. Uglem and T. E. Potts.

The petition of John E. Foote and others was one of the most important matters considered by the board. This petition asked that a public ditch (No. 7) known as the Silver lake ditch be constructed from said Silver lake to the Rum river. Attorney McMillan represented the petitioners, and after a hearing by the board of the testimony of those who favored and those who were opposed to such proposition, R. S. Chapman was appointed engineer to survey and report to the commissioners upon such proposed ditch. Three viewers were also selected, viz., A. C. Wilkes, Milaca; E. P. Grow, Greenbush, and A. C. Smith, Princeton.

A petition from Wm. Cole and others praying for a new school district out of districts 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 was read and August 13 set as the day upon which hearing on such petition be had.

Plats for the townships of Wahkon and Onamia were presented for the board's approval by C. A. Campbell of Minneapolis, and after a careful examination such approval was granted and the plats filed with the register of deeds.

The uncollected personal property tax list for the year 1906 was revised by the board and the taxes considered uncollectible ordered canceled. Instructions were given for the issuance of citations in the case of the remainder.

Ditch No. 3, in the town of Milo, was accepted by the county commissioners and a final settlement was made with the contractors, Wicen & Hoglund.

Application was made by D. F. McKercher for correction of assessment and abatement of 1906 taxes on lot 12, block 2, Swanson's addition to Milaca. The board recommended the same for approval to the tax commissioner.

The tax levy for 1907 was fixed as follows: Revenue fund, \$12,000; poor fund, \$3,000; road and bridge fund, \$7,000.

It was voted by the board to make application to the state for a loan of \$2,500 to meet the expenses incurred in locating and establishing ditch No. 3 and for a further loan of \$8,000 for a like purpose on ditch No. 4.

The sum of \$200 was appropriated from the county revenue fund and transferred to the incidental fund for the payment of postage, etc., by county officers.

A hearing on the petition of Henry Hess, who asks to be set off from school district 5 to 7 will come up on August 13.

A number of bills were audited and the board adjourned.

## Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell on Western Tour.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ferrell leave Minneapolis today for a tour of the Pacific coast towns and expect to remain away a month or six weeks. They contemplate visiting Seattle, Portland, Vancouver, Juneau, Sitka and other points ere they return. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ferrell of St. Paul, who arrived here on Monday, will reside in Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ferrell's house during their absence. Mrs. W. H. Ferrell left for Minneapolis yesterday and her husband will meet her there today.

## Farewell Party to Misses Patterson.

On Monday evening the Epworth league gave a farewell party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Walker in Greenbush in honor of Misses Helen and Mary Patterson who, with their mother, will shortly leave Princeton for Seattle, Wash. The occasion was one of much enjoyment, games being played and a dainty luncheon served. It is with much reluctance that the many young friends of Misses Helen and Mary Patterson see them depart.

## Professor Austin Resigns.

Professor Austin resigned the superintendency of the Princeton public schools this morning to accept a business position with the New Prague Milling company.