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## STATE SCHOOL FUND

Per Capita for March Apportionment is \$1.90 and Mille Lacs County Will Receive \$5,131.90.

This Year Mille Lacs Has 2,701 Pupils Entitled to State Aid While in 1910 It Had 2,567.

Under the spring apportionment of the state school fund the per capita is \$1.90, the same as the apportionment in March of last year. Mille Lacs county has 2,701 pupils and will receive \$5,131.90; Sherburne 1,514 pupils, \$2,876.60; Isanti 2,960 pupils, \$5,624; Anoka 2,730 pupils, \$5,187; Benton 2,608 pupils, \$4,955.20; Kanabec 1,737 pupils, \$3,300.30. In the March, 1910, apportionment Mille Lacs received \$4,877.30 for 2,567 pupils, Sherburne \$2,884.80 for 1,518 pupils, Isanti \$5,663.70 for 2,823 pupils, Anoka \$5,105.30 for 2,687 pupils, Benton \$4,595.90 for 2,421 pupils, and Kanabec \$3,114.10 for 1,639 pupils.

This money is derived from the one-mill general state school tax and the income from the permanent school fund. When the permanent school fund reaches \$100,000,000, as it will within the next 50 years, the income from that fund will not be less than \$3,500,000 annually.

Question of Legal Holidays. Attorney R. D. O'Brien of St. Paul proposes to ask the legislature to pass a bill making July 23, the late Gov. Johnson's birthday, a legal holiday. It is very kind of Mr. O'Brien to propose to do this, but it must occur to some that this legal holiday-making business has already been carried quite far enough.

It is no reflection on the revered and honored memory of the late governor to say that there is no crying need among the people of this state for any more arbitrarily created legal holidays than we already have. Carried to its logical conclusion such a course could ultimately make a legal holiday of every day in the year, which would be quite farcical of course.

Besides, we don't believe legislatures have the right to dispose of other people's days to suit their own or anybody else's fancies. Days are not legal property except in cases where those of an individual have been disposed of by contract. The creator has given each individual a day in every twenty-four hours as his inherent birthright, and whether the state can come along and label half of them, or any other proportion, as state property, or legal holidays, in honor of this or that person or event, is at least a debatable question.—Red Wing Free Press.

Seed Contest in District 2. Owing to delay in getting reports the seed contest held on February 22 in school district 2 was not available until yesterday. The display of farm products was a very creditable one, fine exhibits of potatoes, wheat and corn being brought in by the pupils. The judges were F. S. Walker, G. H. Lamb and N. G. Orton. Cash prizes were awarded to the following pupils: Wheat—Mabel Talberg, first, 50 cents; Isabelle Esler, second, 25 cents; Corn—Mabel Talberg, first, 50 cents; Isabelle Esler, second, 25 cents.

Potatoes—Burbanks: Myrtle Talberg, first, 50 cents; Sydney Lofgren, second, 25 cents. Triumphs: Mabel Talberg, first, 50 cents; Arthur Bisso, second, 25 cents. Late Rose: Mabel Talberg, first, 50 cents; Mildred Hamilton, second, 25 cents.

This was the first contest of the kind ever held in the Mille Lacs county schools. Many patrons of the school were in attendance and great interest was evinced. Other schools are interested in the seed contests and good roads movement, and programs along these lines will be given in many of the schools throughout the county. Miss Beth Martin, teacher in the above district, is wide awake and always looking for means to advance progress in her school.

Big Fire in Minneapolis. Early on Sunday morning the Syndicate block on Nicollet avenue, Minneapolis, was almost totally destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire, by which an estimated loss of \$1,178,000 is entailed, is a mystery. Two firemen were injured but, fortunately there were no fatalities. The fire was first seen from the Elgin lunch rooms on Nicollet avenue, across from the building, by Douglas Belding, head night man. He telephoned an alarm to fire headquarters. Chief C. W. Ringer was early on the scene, turned in a 3-11 alarm and followed it a few minutes later with a 22-22, a general

alarm of a kind seldom used, as it brings out every piece of apparatus in the city. A rope cordon was placed by the police to hold back the crowds that soon congregated, and good order was maintained from the beginning. The firemen fought the flames like demons, streams were turned on from every point of vantage, but the great structure was doomed—there was no possibility of saving it.

Jury List. Following is a list of names of persons drawn to serve as grand and petit jurors at the April, 1911, general term of the district court to be held in Princeton on April 3:

GRAND JURORS. Jacob Ellenbaum, Princeton; M. M. Stroeter, Princeton; G. W. Harter, Princeton; A. B. Fredericks, Princeton; H. Reimann, Greenbush; E. P. Grow, Greenbush; George Cramb, Greenbush; Adolph Mink, Bogus Brook; Peter Larson, Hayland; W. S. Tyler, Borgholm; John Haug, Borgholm; Ole Soderquist, Borgholm; Frank Kuprus, Mille; P. P. Kjaeglen, Mille; Andrew Thilquist, Mille; G. H. Onstad, Page; A. P. Lindberg, Page; Gust Molander, Page; Harry Haggard, Isle Harbor; John Fought, Isle Harbor; John Love, Onamia; Martin Lynch, South Harbor.

PETIT JURORS. Alphonso Howard, Princeton; Albert Kuhfield, Princeton; Victor Osell, Princeton; Frank Stadden, Princeton; Scott Bruce, Princeton; Peter Hanson, Greenbush; Henry Hess, Greenbush; Warren S. Baker, Hayland; Ole Esterson, Borgholm; John M. Asp, Borgholm; Fred Ahlquist, Mille; Alfred Olson, Mille; Peter Jensen, Mille; Nels Halvorson, Mille; Ed. Johnson, Mille; Henry Wicklund, Mille; Richard Hamer, Mille; John P. Peterson, Page; P. A. Olson, Isle Harbor; Omas, Isle Harbor; Dan Elgren, Isle Harbor; R. Swedberg, Onamia; David Magner, Kathio; Oscar C. Anderson, East Side.

Taxes Levied at Town Meetings. Taxes may be voted at town meetings as follows: For township purposes, to defray town charges and expenses, such sum may be voted the rate of which shall not exceed two mills in any town with a valuation of \$100,000 or more, and in any town with a valuation of less than \$100,000 the amount that may be levied must not exceed \$150. The rate for road and bridge purposes cannot exceed 10 mills, and the rate for the support of the poor cannot exceed 5 mills. All taxes must be levied in specific amounts. Take a town with a valuation of \$100, and the following amounts could be voted: For town purposes, \$200; for road and bridge purposes, \$1,000; for poor purposes, \$500.

Abe Lincoln's Potato Cure. A veteran Philadelphia soldier, apropos of Lincoln's birthday, said at the Union League:

"Lincoln used to joke me about my superstitions. I carried, you know, a rabbit's foot for luck. "Look at this," he said one day, and he took from his pocket a potato. "What's that for?" I asked. "For rheumatism," he replied. "I haven't had a twinge of rheumatism since I began carrying it." "Wonderful!" said I. "Yes, said Lincoln, with his whimsical smile, and still more wonderful is the fact that it's retroactive, too; for I never had a twinge before I began carrying it, either."

The Legislative Manual. The 1911 Legislative Manual, compiled by Secretary of State Julius A. Schmah, surpasses in excellence any work of its kind ever issued in this state. There is a large amount of information in the book and the contents are arranged in such manner as to make the work valuable for ready reference. Mr. Schmah is entitled to a word of praise for producing so fine an edition.

Fine Young Horses. I have some fine horses at my barn—sound, young animals suitable for farm or general purpose work. You will probably never again be able to obtain horses of this sort at so low a price as these are being offered for. Call at the barn and size them up. 3-tfc Augler Rines.

Get Your Seed Grain Now. We have a quantity of thoroughly cleaned, fine quality blue stem wheat, spring rye, flax and barley, suitable for seeding purposes. Call and secure your seed grain early. St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator Co. P. J. Wikeen, Manager. 11-tfc

Anent Intensive Cultivation. Thos H. Parsons of Pillager, Cass county, says: "Here in Minnesota we think 300 bushels of potatoes is a good crop, but with intensified cultivation one-half of the ground we usually plant could be made to produce four times

the whole of it produces, and of better quality. In the old countries, where land is cultivated to the maximum of its possibilities, a thousand bushels of potatoes an acre is not uncommon. The New Jersey flats produce as high as 1,600 bushels of onions to the acre, and here 1,000 bushels is thought to be remarkable. One of the wealthiest farmers in Pennsylvania, whom I know personally, made all his wealth from twenty acres. Ten acres of Minnesota land, in my judgment, can give an income sufficient to support a large family."

The Poor Farm Proposition. The county commissioners will, on election day, March 14, endeavor to ascertain, by means of the ballot, the sentiment of the voters anent the contemplated poor farm for Mille Lacs county—that is, the question will be submitted to the people. They are asked to vote either for or against the proposition. Upon the vote thus obtained the county board will base its action—it will be a guide to the commissioners in determining whether they shall purchase land for a poor farm or change the present method of the county caring for its poor to that of the township system, in which case each town would have to provide for its own dependents.

Federal Officer Nabs Militor. Thomas Milton, president of the Milton Dairy company of St. Paul, was arrested on Tuesday by United States Chief Deputy Marshal Stephen Picha on a charge of manufacturing adulterated butter without paying the special United States revenue tax. He was taken before United States Commissioner C. L. Spencer, waived examination, pleaded not guilty to the charge and was released on \$1,000 bail. Last week government inspectors seized 15,000 pounds of butter belonging to the Milton Dairy company in storage at the A. Booth plant on Third street on the grounds that it was adulterated.

Return From the Gulf Coast. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ross returned on Friday from a three weeks' visit to their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Stamm at Corpus Christi, Texas, on the gulf coast, and we are pleased to learn that they greatly enjoyed themselves. Mr. Ross found it quite warm enough even without a coat and vest down there and Mrs. Ross donned the lightest clothes she could find. They found a rare treat in the salt water fish, the first they had tasted since they came from the good old state of Maine. The change did both of them good, but they were glad to get back to Princeton again.

Charles C. Eastman Dead. Charles C. Eastman, publisher of the Wadena Pioneer-Journal, and for 12 years postmaster of his home village, died on Thursday, March 2, aged 46 years. His death was the result of a nervous malady from which he had suffered for a number of years. He was born in Anoka, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Eastman, and is survived by his wife, his mother, two sisters, Mrs. Alvah Eastman of St. Cloud and Mrs. H. W. Gehr of Wadena, and three brothers, P. K. Eastman of Wilton, Robert M. and Calvert C. Eastman of Chicago.

Ben Hass Wins Another Match. Ben Hass went to Sauk Centre on Friday and downed a wrestler 40 pounds heavier than himself in three minutes. "Farmer" Telschow is the vanquished one's name, and so surprised was he at Ben's skill that he refused to remain on the mat another minute. A body scissors and head hold was used by Hass in putting Telschow out of commission. This is remarkable work considering the advantage Ben's opponent had in weight.

Free Seed Tests. Have your seed tested both for purity and germination. It will cost you nothing. The seed laboratory at the Minnesota agricultural experiment station will make these tests. Send in a good-sized handful of any seed you wish to have tested. Address samples to the Seed Laboratory, University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.

Personal Property Tax an Absurdity. As a matter of morals we have found the personal property tax an outrage; as a matter of administration, an impossibility; as a matter of revenue-getting, a complete failure; and now, finally, as a matter of business sense and tact, it is an absurdity.—J. A. Nock in American Magazine.

G. A. R. Meeting. Wallace T. Rines post, No. 142, G. A. R., will hold its next regular meeting on Saturday, March 11, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. F. A. Lowell, Commander. A. Z. Norton, Adjutant.

## ROAD BILLS PASSED

R. C. Dunn's General Road Measure Passes the Senate With Only Two Votes Against It.

Swanson, Who Pretended to Favor the Bill but Worked to Defeat It, Cast One of These.

R. C. Dunn's good roads bill, House File No. 259, came up on special order in the senate yesterday and was passed by an almost unanimous vote, Swanson of the Forty-fifth district and one other senator being the only two who voted against it. While pretending to favor the road bill it is known that Senator Swanson worked hard against it, but the weight which his arguments carried is shown in the vote by which it was passed. The measure which passed the senate yesterday is the general road bill, which provides for a corps of competent engineers and road builders to supervise the work of road improvement throughout the state and provides for the levying of one-fourth of a mill state road tax.

R. C. Dunn's other good roads bill, which provides for the submission of an amendment to the constitution that will enable the legislature to levy a one-mill state tax for road and bridge purposes, also passed the senate at noon today by a practically unanimous vote.

Good Seed Supply Almost Exhausted. The efforts of organizations in Minnesota active in the campaign for better seed have been so well directed, and the farmers of the state have allied themselves with the movement with such good will, that the supply of pure bred seed for sale by growers co-operating with the agricultural college experiment station is almost exhausted. Indications are that there will be no seed left long before the opening of the planting season.

Professor C. P. Bull, in charge of the pure seed campaign of the college, says that never before have the farmers evinced so much interest in good seed. The supply of flax seed has been exhausted, and every effort is being made to locate any Minnesota grower of pure seed. There are about twenty-five bushels of barley left and the supply of corn, oats, wheat, rye and millet is falling low.

To every applicant for good seed of any one of the standard varieties handled by the station is mailed the addresses of growers known to be growing seed from parent seed sent out by the station, and the addresses of the members of the Field Crop Breeders' association, whose seed is known to be up to the standard required. In each letter is stated the amount of seed each has for sale, the varieties, and the price asked. It is the seed for sale by these growers that is reported to be almost gone.

She Got Them. At a lodge in Philadelphia a group of very old men, some with empty sleeves and some with empty trouser legs, were telling stories about Lincoln.

"My wife collected autographs," said one. "She once wrote to Lincoln for a sentiment and his autograph, and she got in reply a note that ran: "Dear Madam—When you ask from a stranger that which is of interest only to yourself, always enclose a stamp. There's your sentiment, and here's your autograph.—A. Lincoln."

New Map of Mille Lacs. I. D. Barton of Sauk Centre is at the court house working on a map of Mille Lacs county which he expects to have ready for distribution in about three months. The map will give the names of the owners of farms, the highways, buildings, railroads, etc., in complete form. No map of Mille Lacs county has ever been published with the exception of that gotten out by the Union several years ago.

An Egg of Prodigious Size. An egg of prodigious size, laid by one of William Schilling's hens, was brought to the Union office on Monday. It weighed 4 ounces and measured 8 inches one way around and 6 1/2 inches the other. Mr. Schilling's chickens are noted for the large eggs which they supply, but the one mentioned above is a trifle larger than the average.

Our Doctors. "The late Count Tolstol loathed physicians," said a Russian diplomat at a dinner in Washington. "You remember how Tolstol ridiculed physicians in 'War and Peace?' Well, I heard him ridicule three of them to their faces over a vegetarian dinner at Yasnaya Polyana. "Physicians," he said bitterly,

looking up from a plate of lentils, 'may be divided into two classes—the radicals, who kill you, and the conservatives, who let you die.'

Big Bargain Sale. A. S. Mark has returned from New York, where he was the successful bidder on the \$19,000 stock of Wilmerding, Morris and Mitchell, which was in the hands of a receiver. It was bought at 39 cents on the dollar and to dispose of it a clearance sale will be held at Mark's Great Bargain Store commencing next Saturday, March 11, and closing on April 1. A page ad in this issue enumerates some of the bargains. The figures speak for themselves.

Farm Loans. We have unlimited money with which to place farm loans, on best terms, without delay. No trouble to borrower. Apply to us and we attend to all the details. McMillan & Stanley, Successors to M. S. Rutherford & Co. Princeton, Minn. 7-tf

A Big Difference. The candidate (having quoted the words of an eminent statesman in support of an argument)—And, mind you, these are not my words. This is not merely my opinion. These are words of a man who knows what he's talking about.—London Sketch.

Please Take Notice. From now on I will make the regular \$4 style pictures for \$2 per dozen. Take advantage of this rare opportunity. All work guaranteed. Studio open every day. Joseph L. Payette.

Shoes, Shoes, Shoes. By all means the largest stock of shoes for men, ladies and children. Consider quality and you will buy shoes at A. E. Allen & Co's store.

School Report. Those who attended 20 days in district 4 for the month ending March 3 are McKinley Gennow, Annie, Alfred, Ella and Freda Heruth; Elsie and Eddie Kranz, Edna, Anna and Hazel Leander; Olga Reimann, Clem and Joe Seifert. Those who attended 19 days are Lester Rehaume, Alice and Anna Reimann and Esther Lindstrom. Eva M. Hatch, Teacher.

School Report. School report for school No. 2, district 5, Greenbush, for month ending March 3: Number enrolled, 28; average attendance, 19. Those present 20 days were Henry, Carl and Abraham Abrahamson; Joseph, Helmer and Otto Johnson; Emma and Nettie Solberg, Ida Gilbertson, George Nelson. Those present 19 days were Thomas, Peter, Olof and Walter Abrahamson, Oscar Solberg and Ole Johnson. Mae Davis, Teacher.

STATE NEWS. James Lepsett, James O. Beyel and John McKinnon were burned to death last Friday at Kelliher, when a little shack in which they were sleeping caught fire. It is thought the fire was caused from an overheated stove. Dr. William W. Mayo, father of W. J. and C. H. Mayo, surgeons, died at his home in Rochester at 4 a. m. on Monday. His strength had been failing for a year and his death is ascribed to the infirmities of old age. He would have been 92 years of age on May 31.

August Roudhal, the man who was captured at Onamia a short time ago charged with killing John A. Kibby near Minneapolis, was on Saturday sentenced by Judge Steele to seven years in the penitentiary. The verdict of the jury was manslaughter in the second degree.

Immigration to Minnesota is to be large this year, according to Dr. R. H. Harrison, federal inspector for the bureau of animal husbandry, who is stationed at the Midway Transfer. He says people will flock to this state as a result of having seen the Minnesota advertising car which has been showing them the diversity of crops that can be raised here. He predicts that many will come from Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and nearby states because of interest aroused by the car.

Walking all the way from Winnipeg, while on his way to Minneapolis, where he planned to revenge himself for a fancied injury, a stranger giving the name of Reuben Waddell was arrested at Elk River on Saturday, and on examination in probate court was pronounced insane and committed to the hospital at Fergus Falls. He is about 35, and says he is an iron worker by trade. He is regarded as dangerously insane. An investigation will be made as to his legal residence, and he may be taken to some other state for incarceration.

## OPINIONS OF EDITORS

And be Chased Out of Town. The saloon keeper who sells intoxicants to a boy should have his license revoked and be put out of the business.—St. Cloud Journal-Press.

And Good-Natured People, Too. Ill-natured persons might think after Champ Clark's "break" in congress in regard to the annexation of Canada, that the "a" in his given name should be changed to "u."—Stillwater Gazette.

There's a Difference. Not infrequently the exalted lodge member, the whacks of whose gavel bring all the members up standing, takes off his shoes outside the door when he goes home lest he awaken his wife.—Coleraine Optic.

Religion and Politics. If the ministers of the gospel would pay more attention to religious matters and less to legal prosecutions, political reforms and politics in general, it would be far better for all concerned.—Menabga Journal.

That's the Way to Talk. There are hundreds and thousands of men of limited means in our own and other states that would be happy to come to northeastern Minnesota if they knew about its opportunities. Let us let them know.—Cloquet Independent.

Providing the Bank Didn't "Bust." A forty-niner who came from California with two quarts of gold and buried it under his house, recently dug it up, and it hadn't grown a bit. If he had put it in a savings bank it would have swelled to several gallons by this time.—Mississippi Valley Lumberman.

A Business Getter. Every newspaper, no matter how insignificant it may seem, is a business getter for the town in which it is issued, and is entitled to the encouragement and financial support of every business man, as well as of all who are interested in the welfare of their home town.—Warren Sheaf.

The Discordant Twins. St. Paul is out for the next national republican convention and the commercial club is already discussing the ways and means. In order to get the convention it will be necessary for the twin cities to work in harmony, and this will be the hardest proposition that will be encountered.—Brainerd Dispatch.

They'd Starve to Death, Olson. One of our exchanges says there is talk of dividing the state. All right—go ahead! Set the twin cities off by themselves, and give 'em the university, the capitol and the "state" fair on condition that they support them themselves. Also let them furnish their own appropriations for whatever else they may want.—Red Wing Free Press.

Sound Advice. A member of the Minnesota legislature made a statement right out in meeting recently that, if followed out to the letter, would prove beneficial. He declared that it would be a wise idea for the Minnesota legislature to discontinue giving advice and making suggestions how to conduct the affairs of the nation and attend strictly to matters pertaining to Minnesota.—Stillwater Gazette.

Deserving of the Compliment. This is the way the Baltimore Sun compliments Irish-Americans for their steadfastness in the cause of Ireland: "The Irish-Americans form one of the most vigorous and valuable elements of our citizenship, and they are all the better Americans because they look back with loyal remembrance to the Emerald Isle and long for the time when it shall have home rule and shall bloom from Donegal to Cork."—Irish Standard.

Moving Pictures. A moving picture show will be given at Branda's opera house tomorrow and Saturday evenings. New subjects will be presented.

Special Notice. From now until the first of May I will make the best four dollar photographs for only \$2.90 per dozen; also a great reduction in the price of other styles and sizes. If you are wise you will take advantage of this special offer. Remember studio in Princeton is open the first and third Saturdays only of every month. 7-tf P. J. Nelson, Photographer.