

## UNNECESSARY DELAY

Armory Proposition is Again Laid on Shelf by Action of Our "Progressive" Councilmen.

Resolution to Ascertain Sentiment of Citizens on Proposition by Ballot is Decided On.

The village council met on Monday evening to consider the armory proposition and Lieut. Johnson was in attendance as a representative of the militia boys. Capt. Caley was also present. Prices were submitted by the following for sites which they were willing to dispose of: R. D. Byers, two lots south of Otto Henschel's residence, \$750; Caley Lumber company, two lots opposite power house (for armory purposes only), \$600; T. H. Caley, one lot opposite opera house, \$800.

After considerable discussion Wheeler moved that the council purchase the two lots offered by Mr. Byers and turn them over to the militia. The motion received no second.

Upon being asked whether those lots would be accepted by the militia Lieut. Johnson replied that they would not. He asked the council to appropriate \$1,000 in cash, saying that Wheeler had virtually told him that the council would give that amount. Wheeler denied having made such a promise but Mr. Johnson was positive in his assertion.

Recorder Umbecker asked why the other members of the council were so anxious to thrust upon the militia the \$750 site when the \$600 one was preferable and cost \$150 less. Smoke from the creamery was set forth as one objection to the site opposite the power house and some of the members said that a building of that sort should be on a corner.

Mr. Johnson laughed at these excuses and rejoined that neither smoke or corner lot cut any figure. Furthermore, said he, the armory board will not accept a site that is not desirable. He again urged that \$1,000 be appropriated.

Recorder Umbecker then moved that the council appropriate \$1,000, as asked by Mr. Johnson, and that Company G furnish its own site. The motion was seconded by Moeger and, upon being put to a vote, was defeated. The vote stood: Ayes—Umbecker and Moeger; nays—Fredricks, Wheeler and Pennison.

The question of putting the proposition up to the citizens was then discussed, Umbecker suggesting that, if this step were taken, the sentiment of the people be ascertained upon an appropriation of \$2,000 instead of \$1,000. Capt. Caley and Lieut. Johnson considered this a good idea, as \$1,000 was a very small sum to ask considering the fact that it had to be turned over to the armory commission and a site furnished in addition. This proposition did not, however, receive favor.

Recorder Umbecker then moved that the sentiment of the people be ascertained upon a proposition to appropriate \$1,000 and a site. Moeger seconded the motion and it carried by the following vote: Umbecker, Moeger and Pennison, yes; Wheeler and Fredricks, no. A ballot will be taken to ascertain the public sentiment on Tuesday, September 12.

What is the use of submitting this proposition to the people when the council has not pledged itself to abide by the result? It is clearly a case of squandering money for nothing and retarding the militia in its work of building the armory.

Our Village Dads Are Considering.

The people of Princeton are seriously considering the construction of an armory, a mass meeting having been held for that purpose. Under the provisions of a law passed by the last legislature \$30,000 is annually appropriated for the building of armories in places where there is a company of state militia, not more than three to be built each year. The only condition precedent is that a site and \$1,000 in cash be provided by the place desiring the building.

Princeton has been offered one of the armories, and it is a splendid chance to secure a fine public building at a slight cost to the village. It is expected that the village council will appropriate the necessary money for the site and guarantee, although the feeling of partisanship is delaying the matter.—Milaas Times.

Children Take First Communion.

At St. Edward's Catholic church a very impressive ceremony took place last Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, when a class of about forty children, happy in appearance and devout at heart, approached the

table of the Lord. Touching and edifying was the scene when this class of happy children took their respective places in the middle aisle of the edifice. Here they were met by two little girls representing angels, who guided them to the gates of the sanctuary, where two others received them and led them within. There they partook of the heavenly banquet of the Redeemer.

The sermon was from the text: "Master, What Must I Do to Possess Eternal Life?"

The music during these religious services was very impressive, bringing home to mind and heart heavenly thoughts and inspirations, while the altar was beautifully decorated with a mass of natural cut flowers by the ladies of the Altar society.

The children had been carefully prepared and instructed by Rev. Father Levings, assisted by Miss Grace Brennan, while Rev. Father Bay officiated at the mass.

No doubt this day will long be remembered by all who had the opportunity to witness the beautiful ceremony.

The names of the first communicants are as follows: Margaret Armitage, Norbert Marford, Stella Greenwood, John Kuhn, Florence Blocker, John Zeibarth, Anna Trunk, Loid Grow, Eleanor Kaliber, Willard Blocker, Dena Quade, Ralph Grow, Elsie Schwartz, Robert Trabant, Edward Gannon, Tilda Seifert, Katherine Eisenhut, Eleanor Kuhn, Rosa Hummel, Windalina Kalkman, Irene Blair, Dolly Branchard, Grace Moer, Leroy Whitney, Irene Mallen, Leonard Grow, Reta Mullen, William Quade, Katherine Fitzgibbon, Frances Blocker, Susie Daml, Laura Burke, Ernesta Jesmer, Otto Quade, Cleme Seifert.

A Party of Little People.

Mrs. Charles Keith gave a party on Monday afternoon to a dozen little girls and one boy in honor of the eighth birthday anniversary of Miss Marion Schoelwer, who passed the summer at the Keith residence. Mrs. Wm. H. Schoelwer of Cincinnati and Miss Helen B. Shove of Minneapolis assisted Mrs. Keith in entertaining. The decorations were of golden rod reposing in pumpkins, and bittersweet foliage. During the afternoon the little guests amused themselves in various ways,—in blowing soap bubbles, playing games, etc.,—and at 5:30 o'clock they assembled in the dining room, where they were served with a most delectable repast. The dining room presented the appearance of an enchanted grove with realistic fairies, upon whose heads were varicolored caps, seated around the festal board. The light from the dining-room windows had been subdued and a dozen wax candles—one in front of each guest—were substituted for the rays of Old Sol. In the center of the table, prettily arranged, were bouquets of flowers, and the combination color effect of the scene, viewed in its entirety, was most charming. Then we must not forget the birthday cake. This was of a very pretty design and was surrounded by eight candles, signifying, of course, that Miss Schoelwer's age had reached that number of years.

It was indeed a delightful afternoon for the little folks—they enjoyed themselves as only children know how; they were as happy as skylarks on a bright summer morn.

Those in attendance besides Marion Schoelwer were Joyce Petterson, Hjordis Soeben, Margaret Williams, Harriet McMillan, Esther McMillan, Zetta Rice, Mildred Howard, Mamie Howard, Yvonne Goulding, Margaret Rice, Myra Bigelow and Chester Cooney.

A Dastardly Deed.

Some miscreant on Tuesday set fire to the strawing on state experimental road No. 2 in Baldwin and several rods of the material were consumed. Not satisfied with igniting the straw on one end of the road, the scoundrel proceeded to the other end and lighted that also. The spreading of the straw was not completed until Monday and now the work will have to be repeated.

Twenty-five dollars reward will be paid by the state engineer to the person who will give such information as will lead to the arrest and conviction of the culprit.

Kathio Building State Highway.

Supervisor W. D. Bartlett was down from Vineland on Monday to obtain information regarding the law governing the building of state roads. The town of Kathio has begun the construction of 15 miles of state highway in the western part of the township, which will constitute a great improvement. The residents of the town are fortunate in having so enterprising a board of supervisors.

## VERY ABLE ADDRESS

Rev. W. E. J. Gratz, D. D., Former Pastor of M. E. Church, Delivers Forceful Sermon.

Reception Given for Reverend Gentleman and His Wife in Church Parlors Monday Night.

Despite the inclemency of the weather on Sunday evening a crowded house greeted Rev. W. E. J. Gratz, D. D., at the Methodist church. The reverend gentleman, who was formerly pastor of this church, and to whose efforts were largely due the building of the edifice, chose for the subject of his sermon "The Vision of the Apostle Paul on His Way to Damascus," and for three-quarters of an hour the audience listened with close attention to his discourse. Rev. Gratz, who is now pastor of the Joyce Memorial church, Minneapolis, is an eloquent speaker and possesses the faculty of clearly elucidating every phase of his subject.

At the close of the sermon Rev. Robinson made an appeal for aid on behalf of the superannuated preachers of the northern Minnesota conference and the congregation responded by subscribing over a hundred dollars.

The musical program, prepared by Mrs. C. A. Caley and rendered by a choir of forty voices under her direction, was excellent. Mrs. Caley also sang a pretty solo in her best style.

On Monday evening a reception was given in the parlors of the Methodist parsonage to Rev. Gratz and his good wife and there were many people there to greet them. Amusements consisting of games of various kinds consumed the first part of the evening, and later refreshments in the shape of ice cream, wafers, etc., were served. The event was a very enjoyable one, every one doing their utmost to show Rev. and Mrs. Gratz that they were heartily welcome.

Rev. and Mrs. Gratz arrived here on Friday and during their stay were guests of Miss Margaret I. King. They left for their home on Tuesday and many people were at the station to bid them Godspeed.

Rev. and Mrs. Stamm Leave Princeton.

Rev. George Stamm and his good wife departed on Monday for St. Paul and on September 1 will proceed to Gaylord, this state, where Mr. Stamm will take charge of the German Lutheran church. Many of their friends were at the depot to bid them good bye, and it was with much regret that they left Princeton, where for nine years they have resided. During their residence here they not only endeared themselves to the congregation of the German Lutheran church, over which Mr. Stamm presided, but made hosts of other friends—they were held in high esteem by the people generally, who are sorry to see them leave.

On Sunday Rev. Stamm delivered his farewell sermon and it was with great difficulty that many of his congregation restrained their tears as he proceeded with his discourse. The sermon was an able one, bristling with words of good advice, and long will the audience remember his parting words.

Rev. Stamm will be succeeded here by Rev. Eugene Ahl of Dickinson, N. D.

Band Concert and Dance.

An open air concert will be given at the fair grounds this (Thursday) evening by the Citizens' band between the hours of 8 and 9. At 9 o'clock dancing will commence in the new exhibit building and an enjoyable evening is promised all who attend. As the proceeds will be used to defray the expenses of erecting a new band stand at the fair grounds everyone who can possibly so do should be present. A new band stand will add greatly to the appearance of our fair grounds and it is a structure badly needed. Accommodations will be provided for teams.

Indian Agent Frater Resigns.

Hon. John T. Frater, Indian agent at Leech Lake, has tendered his resignation to take effect as soon as his successor can be appointed. Mr. Frater intends to remove to the Pacific slope. For many years Mr. Frater was the trusted treasurer of Crow Wing county and later was state senator from the Crow Wing-Morrison district.

The Right Kind of a Fox.

H. M. Fox of Santiago sent in his thirty-third annual subscription to the Star News this week.—Elk River Star News.

H. M. is no ordinary Fox. He is one of Sherburne county's most progressive and prosperous farmers.

## WEST BRANCH PICNIC

The Farmers' Co-operative Creamery Company Entertains a Multitude at Uglem's Grove.

W. F. Schilling, J. R. Morley and F. D. Currier Deliver Addresses on Matters of Interest.

The West Branch Creamery association held its annual picnic in the beautiful grove of O. H. Uglem on Sunday and hundreds of people took advantage of the opportunity to enjoy a day's outing. The morning did not open very propitiously, rain threatened to destroy the day's amusements, but the clouds cleared away and the afternoon proved to be an ideal one. Uglem's grove, with its big, spreading trees, is a magnificent spot for a gathering of this kind—there could scarcely be found a place better adapted to the requirements. A good baseball ground is also one of the features of the place.

People came from miles around to attend the picnic and Princeton was well represented—many teams and automobiles from the county seat were lined up on the stretch of ground set apart for the accommodation of vehicles.

The officers of the creamery certainly put forth their best efforts to make it pleasant for the visitors and no one was disappointed with the entertainment furnished.

Shortly after noon dinner was served—the good old-fashioned basket dinner prepared by the farmers' wives and daughters—and all were extended an invitation to help themselves to the good things provided. There are no more hospitable people on earth than the farmers nor no better cooks. Vitals of all sorts were spread to satiate the appetite of the multitude and justice was of course done thereto.

The creamery association was fortunate in securing as speakers for this occasion three of the best authorities in the state—men who have made a special study of the subjects which they treated. They were W. F. Schilling of the Spring Brook stock farm, Northfield; J. R. Morley, president and manager of the Minnesota Co-operative Dairy association, Owatonna; and F. D. Currier of Nicollet.

Mr. Morley spoke on co-operation and the great benefits derived by farmers who stick together, not only in the creamery industry but in every other branch. Co-operation, he said, elevated the condition of the farmer, and in no branch more so than in dairying. See what the co-operative creamery has done for the farmer, said he. It has placed him upon his feet—he no longer has to depend upon wheat, potatoes or any other one crop. The cow never fails and the co-operative creamery pays cash for its product.

Mr. Morley said he had watched the growth of the dairy industry closely and that its real progress began when the farmers organized co-operative creameries. Then, again, the land values have been increased thereby. He spoke of one co-operative creamery in southern Minnesota which started 18 years ago. It had been conducted at a loss by private individuals and a number of farmers clubbed together and bought it on time—they could pay nothing down. At that time the product of 243 cows was brought to the creamery. The farmers stuck together and by degrees paid every cent of indebtedness, and today the product of more than 1,000 cows is brought to that creamery and the stockholders are all well to do. Last year this creamery paid an average of 34 cents per pound for butterfat. After urging the farmers to pull together for their common benefit the speaker, who is a member of the republican state central committee, injected a little politics into his address and took a slam at reciprocity, telling the farmers that a reciprocal treaty with Canada would not redound to their advantage—he was opposed in every way to such a treaty, he said.

Mr. Schilling then gave a talk on the benefits of the silo—he urged the farmers to lose no time in erecting such buildings. He was strong in advocating the silo as a means of feeding the dairy cow, and where there could, even this late in the season, be found three or more farmers who would club together and do the work of filling they should at once build silos. He has had practical experience with silos for over seven years and feeds ensilage to his cows daily. He urged farmers not to build a silo over 14 feet in diameter or they would lose more than they fed in spoiled ensilage. The silo, said he, is the most

essential thing in dairying—no dairy farmer should be without one. Farmers are virtually manufacturers and as such they of course want to produce everything as cheaply as possible. Without the silo the waste is too great—too much profit gets away. Dairying is the branch of farming that stands at the top of the list, but it should be carried on scientifically, not in a haphazard manner. When farmers have a prosperous season in sight, said the speaker, many of them buy more machinery on the prospects. Don't do it, he urged—build a silo first and get the machinery next year. The silo is the most important of the two and the sooner you build it the sooner will you realize that your profits have begun to increase. By all means build silos. He spoke a few words on breeding and advised the farmers to test their cows, get rid of the poor ones and procure others that are better than the average. Get a good sire which is from a good dam, he said, and thereby improve your herds. In conclusion he advised the girls and boys to stick to the farm.

Mr. Currier's talk was on "Stepping Stones to Success in Dairying." He said the first requisite in dairying is of course the cow, but the farmer should not be satisfied with anything that bears semblance to a cow—he should get the cow that returns the greatest amount for the food consumed. He advised the farmer to get a tester, or have his milk tested at the creamery, and to keep account of the food consumed by each cow. Then said he, weed out the poor cows and replace them with more productive ones. The next thing in importance is a market for the product, and the best is the co-operative creamery. There a fair price is invariably paid and you get cash for your milk and cream. The co-operative creamery is one of Minnesota's greatest stepping stones to success. Now, he continued, in order to create a greater demand for butter you must manufacture a good quality and, to obtain this good quality you must furnish sweet cream or milk—no buttermaker can make high-grade butter from poor-grade cream. High-grade butter is always in demand and it brings good prices. So it pays to deliver your cream to the buttermaker three or four times a week. Speaking of centralizers, he said they were as bad as the catalogue houses and he advised the farmer to patronize neither of them. The home creamery and the home merchant, said he, are entitled to your patronage and should receive it.

At the conclusion of Mr. Currier's address Miss Adeline Crepeau rendered a couple of vocal selections and a ball game between Long Siding and Blue Hill was then set in motion.

Blue Hill was the winner by the close score of 5 to 3 and the game was one of the most interesting played in these parts this season. Robideau was on the mound for the winners with Kaliber at the receiving end and both put up a creditable game. "Cy" kept the hits well scattered and was also effective in the pinches. Leander, who was on the firing line for the losers, pitched a classy article of ball, also. Only one hit—a single—was registered off of his delivery and, besides that, he pounded out two three-baggers. Thorson, who was behind the bat, also put up a good game. G. A. Shaw acted in the capacity of umpire, and he handled the indicator in a manner that showed previous experience. Long Siding was the first team to score and for several innings held a lead of 2 to 0. Blue Hill finally tied it, and before the game was over gathered in a total of five runs. The contest was a good, clean exhibition of the great national game and the large crowd of spectators thoroughly enjoyed it.

The West Branch creamery is doing a very satisfactory business. Its patrons are increasing fast as a result of the inducements offered—highest price in cash for butterfat. These patrons realize that, with a ready cash market for cream, nothing pays so well as good milk cows.

A word of praise is due the directors of the creamery. The board consists of progressive, level-headed farmers who avail themselves of every opportunity to enhance the success of the creamery and, under the management of such men, the institution cannot do other than prosper.

Have You Tried Osteopathy?

Many ailments which allopathy and homeopathy have no effect upon may be cured or relieved by osteopathy. Osteopathy is the natural science—the drugless cure. If suffering from any of the diseases to which flesh is heir come in and consult me and I will tell you whether I can cure you or not.

Dr. F. J. Darragh, Odd Fellows' Block.

## THE WHITE VILLAGE

The Fair Grounds Present a Lively Appearance and the Buildings Are Fast Nearing Completion.

President Bryson Has Not Overlooked a Single Detail—Everything Will Be Ready on Time.

There is no let-up on the work at the fair grounds. President Bryson and his corps of efficient assistants are busy from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. every day of the week and rapid progress is being made. The commodious new stock barn is ready for the painters. The imposing new grand stand, which will easily seat 1,500 people, boarded in and shingled and Foreman Hatch expects to have it entirely completed inside of a week. The finishing touches are being administered to the other buildings. The poultry hall, racing barn and the buildings where old lumber has been used in their construction have been neatly white-washed, while all the new structures have been painted white—the result is the grounds present the appearance of a white village. A Tri-State telephone has been installed at the east entrance to the Horticultural hall, and electric lights have also been put in. No detail has been overlooked by President Bryson and everything will be in apple pie order for the opening day of the fair.

This evening there will be a dance under the auspices of the band boys in Horticultural hall for the purpose of raising funds with which to provide a band stand on the grounds. The dance should be liberally patronized.

It is to be hoped that there will be liberal exhibits from every town in the county, especially from the lake towns. There is no better fruit raised anywhere in Minnesota than in the vicinity of Mille Lacs lake. There will be many strangers and home-seekers in attendance at the fair and it behooves every town to be well represented in the line of exhibits.

Deplorable Conditions in South Dakota.

J. J. Skahen returned on Sunday from a visit to Ipswich, S. D., where many years ago he resided. He drove over a large territory in that state principally for the purpose of observing the crop conditions. Mr. Skahen says that for miles the fields were desolate of all vegetation—the drouth, coupled with the hot winds, had destroyed every product of the soil. There was no rainfall in South Dakota—not even a shower—from the time the crops were planted until the latter part of July. The new settlers in that country are all leaving for other parts—strings of prairie schooners may be seen any day crossing the plains in every direction. Ipswich, where Mr. Skahen first took up his abode 28 years ago, is absolutely dead, with no immediate prospects of resurrection. Farmers in the locality who have in past years saved a few dollars will have to rely on their bank accounts until such time as the Lord sees fit to produce another crop. The condition, says Mr. Skahen, is a great deal worse than has been pictured in the newspapers. He contemplates writing a letter for the Union further setting forth his observations to show the comparison between conditions in Minnesota and South Dakota and, it goes without saying, the letter will be an interesting one, especially to farmers.

Those Who Passed.

Following is a list, furnished by County Superintendent Ewing, of those who passed the state teachers' examination in Mille Lacs county the early part of August:

First grade, 5 years—Alvina Bauer, Annie E. Asp, Grace Dugan, Rertha Engbretson, Cora J. Heilig, Hattie Van Rhee, Iva McCracken, Alice Moore.

Second grade—Esther Winblad, Maude Bauer, Emmaray Bergendahl, Anna May Blomberg, Mamie Cotten, Anna E. Johnson, Emma Taylor, Augusta Larson, Josephine Johnson, Mrs. Lottie Rudman, Ida May Schmidt, Carrie L. Parsley, Lydia Pearson, Nellie Olson, Olga V. E. Lindstrand.

Limited, not having taught—Eva Umbecker, Muriel Price, Marjorie Dickey.

Sorry He Didn't Own It.

Hobo—Please give me a nickel, ma'am?

Kind Lady—Didn't I see you coming out of a saloon a moment ago? Hobo—I guess mebbly you did, ma'am.

Kind Lady—Well, I wonder you are not ashamed to own it. Hobo—I don't own it, ma'am. I only wish I did.—Chicago News.