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RATE OF TAXATION

Reductions Are Made in the Rate of Taxation for the Villages of Princeton and Milaca.

Rate in Towns, Villages and School Districts, Also the Valuation by Towns and Villages.

The abstract of the tax books for the county of Mille Lacs—as equalized by the state board of equalization—for the year 1911 shows the total valuation of the real and personal property to be \$2,583,600, and money and credits \$178,683, making a grand total of \$2,762,283. The valuation in 1910 was \$2,562,375, or \$199,908 less than in 1911. The total valuation of Princeton village in 1910 was \$376,094 and in 1911 \$392,133, an increase of \$16,039. The total valuation of Milaca village for 1910 was \$166,219, and in 1911 \$179,872, an increase of \$13,653. The increases shown in villages of Princeton and Milaca do not include money and credits, which appear elsewhere in this statement.

In Milaca village the total rate for 1910 was 85 mills and for 1911 81.60 mills, a decrease of 3.40 mills. The rate in Princeton village for 1910 was 48.70 mills, while in 1911 it is 48 mills, a decrease of .70 mills; in 1910 \$6,000 was levied for corporation purposes and in 1911 \$3,000—the sum of \$10,000 having been borrowed from the state this year. The rate for school purposes in Milaca is 34.50 mills, and for state, county and village purposes 47.10 mills. In Princeton village the rate for schools is 23.00 mills and for all other purposes 24.40 mills. Foreston and Onamia have no village tax.

In 1910 the state rate was 2.70 mills and in 1911 3.88 mills, an increase of 1.18 mills. The county rate in 1910 was 8.10 mills and in 1911 10.32 mills, an increase of 2.22 mills. This increase is largely due to the purchase and equipment of the poor farm.

To ascertain the total rate of taxation in any school district add the state, county and township or village rates to the school district rate, and the total will be the rate of taxation in the district. For instance: In district No. 1 (Princeton village) the state rate is 3.88, county 10.32, village 10.20, school 23.60—total 48.

State	Mills
County	3.88
Bogus Brook	13.60
Borgholm	12.10
East Side	10.30
Greenbush	6.80
Hayland	11.60
Isle Harbor	11.40
Kathio	15.00
Milo	13.60
Milaca	13.80
Milaca Village	23.00
Onamia	13.00
Page	11.40
Princeton	48.70
Princeton Village	10.20
South Harbor	10.30

School District No.	Mills
1	23.60
2	20.80
3	12.60
4	23.60
5	30.30
6	8.80
7	17.70
8	11.90
9	27.40
10	13.60
11	19.90
12	10.40
13	34.50
14	15.40
15	7.40
16	16.70
17	7.10
18	12.10
19	10.80
20	31.10
21	11.50
22	8.10
23	20.50
24	11.00
25	19.50
26	20.80
27	17.80
28	20.00
29	20.00
30	18.40
31	30.60
32	19.40
33	9.40
34	23.30
35	15.90
36	28.70
37	30.20
38	19.40
39	17.30

VALUATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.	
Bogus Brook	\$133,463
Borgholm	125,642
East Side	20,573
Foreston Village	30,257
Greenbush	162,444
Hayland	155,882
Isle Harbor	298,801
Kathio	93,883
Milo	137,544
Milaca	110,807
Milaca Village	179,872
Onamia Village	41,291
Onamia	192,812
Page	119,507
Princeton	176,754
Princeton Village	392,133
South Harbor	97,317
Total	\$2,583,600
Total money and credits	178,683
Grand total	\$2,762,283

MONEY AND CREDITS.	
Bogus Brook	\$3,510
Borgholm	500
East Side	500
Foreston Village	500
Greenbush	5,635
Hayland	5,635
Isle Harbor	5,635
Kathio	5,635
Milo	3,770
Milaca	1,075
Milaca Village	1,075
Onamia	39,471
Onamia Village	2,464
Page	6,333
Princeton	6,333

*Princeton Village	115,777
South Harbor	750
Total	\$178,683

Rate fixed by law, 3 mills. *Asterisk shows districts reassessed.

AT THE CHURCHES.

Yuletide Exercises Held in the Various Religious Edifices of Princeton.

Christmas services, largely of a choral nature, were held at the Methodist and Congregational churches on Sunday morning and the programs were especially befitting and attractive. Revs. Service and Fisher preached the Christmas sermons at the respective edifices. The musical programs for the Methodist church were arranged by Mrs. C. A. Caley and for the Congregational church by Ms. H. C. Cooney.

On Christmas eve there was a service of song at the Methodist church with a sermon, "I Have Put Off My Coat, How Shall I Put It On?" by the pastor, and on Christmas night the cantata, "A Visit to Santa Claus," was presented, which was followed by a distribution of gifts to the Sunday school children. This was a very enjoyable event, especially for the young people.

At the Congregational church the customary children's entertainment and Christmas tree were given on Sunday night. The children, trained by Miss Huse and other teachers of the Whittier school in their parts, gave a very pretty yuletide program which was worthy of much praise.

The services at St. Edward's Catholic church on Christmas morning were very impressive and the special musical numbers of a high order, the solo parts being especially well rendered. Rev. Father Levings conducted the services.

At the German Lutheran church a pretty entertainment was given by the Sabbath school children on Sunday evening and there was also a Christmas tree. Rev. Eugene Ahl, the pastor, conducted services on Christmas morning and preached an able sermon. There were also services on Tuesday morning.

Christmas was duly observed in the German Lutheran church, town of Princeton. A Christmas tree and entertainment were given on Sunday evening and on the following morning Rev. Otto Strauch held the customary Christmas services and preached an appropriate sermon. Services were also held on Tuesday morning.

The German Methodist church held its usual festival on Christmas eve and the Sunday school children presented an entertainment of songs, readings, etc. On Christmas morning Rev. Wolf conducted the yuletide religious services.

There was no service in the Emanuel Swedish Lutheran church on Christmas day. The children's yuletide exercises were presented on Tuesday evening and Santa Claus distributed a large number of gifts.

Trade Follows Good Roads.

The following article from the Cambridge Independent-Press pleases the Union immensely—a healthy, good-natured rivalry to secure better roads and more trade is what is needed. The town that has good roads leading into it is the town that is deserving of and should receive the farmers' trade. We sincerely hope our Cambridge friends will bestir themselves until they get a good highway west to the Mille Lacs county line.

"Many farmers who live equidistant between Princeton and Cambridge and who would for various reasons rather haul their products here than to our sister village, and this without any disparagement of our neighbor, haul there rather than here for the reason that better roads prevail to that village. Especially is this true of the roads leading eastward from Princeton. This fact demonstrates that with the advent of the year 1912 the people of Cambridge and of Isanti county must get together and plan judiciously for better and more durable highways. The same is true of Isanti, Grandy, Braham and Stanchfield, and we would urge that early in the year we have a grand rally of enthusiastic farmers and business men to talk the situation over. Every member of the board of county commissioners and of the various boards of supervisors should be invited to attend. We must do something to hold our own and in all decency we should get together."

Not So Bad.

Chas. D. Kaliber spent Friday and Saturday at Princeton attending to business matters. He thinks Princeton is certainly unfortunate in its poor train service.—Star-News. Princeton people are not kicking on their train service. True, we have only one passenger train each way daily, but despite that handicap Princeton is the best business town of its size in the northwest.

THOSE GONE BEYOND

Mrs. Mary White, for 38 Years a Resident of Baldwin Township, is Called From Earth.

Mrs. Jennie Jeffery Passes Away at Home of Her Son-in-Law in Village of Princeton.

Mrs. Mary White, one of the oldest settlers of Baldwin township, Sherburne county, passed peacefully away at her home at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of December 21, aged 74 years. Death was due to a general breaking down of the constitution incumbent upon old age.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Father Levings at St. Edward's Catholic church, Princeton, yesterday morning—the service was the high requiem mass. The obsequies were largely attended, and many beautiful floral tributes were placed by loving friends upon the casket. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery, where the remains were laid to rest beside those of deceased's husband. Following are the names of the pallbearers: Michael Mahoney, Michael Kaliber, Maurice Eisenhut, Jerry Healy, William Kaliber and David Looney.

Mrs. Mary White, whose maiden name was Mary Burke, was born in County Cork, Ireland, in June, 1832, and was married in England to James White. With her husband she came to the United States in 1856, locating in New York. Later the family moved to Hastings, Minn., where she lived 12 years. From there the family came to Baldwin, Sherburne county, where Mrs. White remained until her death. Her husband preceded her to the grave eight years ago. She is survived by three sons and three daughters, viz., William and Matthew C. White, Baldwin; Thomas J., East Helena, Mont.; Mrs. Julia Calcott, Butte, Mont.; Mrs. Catherine Manlove, East Helena, Mont.; and Mrs. Mary Wilcox, Huntley, Mont. Six of the children are dead.

In the death of Mrs. White the children lose an affectionate mother and the people of Baldwin a good neighbor. Mrs. White was a true Christian, and a woman possessing a more kindly heart it would be difficult to find—to know this good old lady was to love her.

Mrs. Jennie Jeffery.

Mrs. Jennie Jeffery died on Tuesday a p. m. at the home of her son-in-law, E. J. Buss, in this village. She was 61 years of age and the cause of her death was pneumonia. Her four children were at her bedside when she passed away.

The remains were taken to Elizabeth, Ill., this morning for interment, where they will be laid to rest beside those of her father and mother.

Mrs. Jeffery was born in Melbourne, Australia, in 1851, and was married at Elizabeth, Ill., in 1869, to Richard Jeffery, who died 18 years ago. She came to Princeton about 16 months ago to live with her daughters, Mrs. E. J. Buss and Mrs. W. W. Fuller, who survive her. She also leaves two sons, Rev. J. R. Jeffrey, pastor of the Methodist church of Plainview, Minn.; and W. S. Jeffery, in the employ of the Selz Shoe company at Genoa, Ill.; besides one brother and three sisters.

Throughout life Mrs. Jeffery was a true Christian—she was a woman who at all times strived to live up to the teachings of the Savior. She always had the welfare of her children at heart and was beloved by all who knew her.

Gist of President's Message.

The gist of the president's message, sent to congress on Thursday of last week, is as follows:

Approves proposed national reserve association, and urges some form of government supervision and ultimate control.

Says currency reform should not be made a political issue.

Urges immediate establishment of a rural parcel post.

Asserts United States can remit Panama canal tolls to American shipping.

Asks an immediate increase of 2,000 men in the enlisted strength of the navy.

Urges abolition of the smaller navy yards.

Suggests the elimination of all local offices from politics.

Urges increased appropriations for the completion of river and harbor improvements along the Mississippi and the Ohio and the Missouri rivers. Recommends an extension of the term of service of the special board of engineers on the waterway from the

lakes to the gulf. Favors power in the president to remove clerks of federal courts for cause.

Urges payment of the French spoliation judgments. Calls employers' liability and workmen's compensation legislation to the attention of congress.

Asents the proposed parcel post the president, among other things, says: "It is hoped that congress will authorize the immediate establishment of a limited parcel post on such rural routes as may be selected, providing for the delivery along the routes of parcels not exceeding eleven pounds, which is the weight limit for the international parcel post, or at the post-office from which such route emanates, or on another route emanating from the same office. The suggestion that we have a general parcel post has awakened great opposition on the part of some, who think that it will have the effect to destroy the business of the country storekeepers. Instead of doing this I think the change will greatly increase business for the benefit of all. The reduction in the cost of living it will bring about ought to make its coming certain."

FORTY-NINE MARRIAGES.

Clerk of Court's Register Shows This Number for Year 1911.

During the year 1911 the number of marriage licenses issued by Clerk of Court King aggregated 49, or 36 less than that of 1910, when the total was 85. In 1909 the total was 54, in 1908 55, and in 1907 73. The names of those granted marriage licenses are as follows:

January—Karl J. Hairdahl and Gunda Skanland.

February—Fenimore Howard and Enid M. Ross.

March—Elvin M. Norby and Alice Lindberg, Gust A. Dahlen and Hulda C. Setterstrom.

April—Norman H. Marshall and Della J. Ayers, August Milbrandt and Mary Minks, Chris M. Peterson and Martha Douglas, Hiram J. Bullis and Bertha N. Black, Amos H. Holthus and Laura G. Manke.

May—Oliver B. Dibblee and Augusta Dibblee, Charles M. Rayner and Angeline M. Franck, A. B. Whitcomb and Ellen Peterson, Benjamin H. Snow and Margaret M. Adams.

June—Fred D. Warner and Beth C. Martin, Richard Williams and Inez Stanchfield, Archie M. Jones and Norma R. Warner, Glenn Thayer and Doris Thayer, Fred Zimple and Laura Zimple, Erick J. Ledfors and Anna E. Ledfors.

July—Thomas C. Stuart and Bertha M. Panchot, Roy L. Kline and Anna Ethel Kasper, Carl L. Siebert and Minnie Riebe, Thure R. Lindberg and Lydia E. Nyberg, Johan H. Sundt and Almatia E. Davies.

August—Ernest E. Anderson and Lillian C. Kallstrom.

September—Henry B. Kunkel and Adaline Seefeldt, Thomas M. Anderson and Minnie M. Brandt, George Henry Lamb and Hildegard Mable Ahlgren, Hubert J. Peterson and Freda L. Schmidt, J. M. Johnson and Carrie B. Rutherford, August R. Renstrom and Ida C. Solderberg, Andrew D. Wigstrom and Lydia M. Swanson, Charles G. Nystedt and Anna H. Modin, George B. Woodman and Lizzie Halsey, Archie E. James and Olga M. Remus.

October—Fridolf Sward and Augusta Dolmberg, Henry O. Dalchow and Olga Jopp, Oscar E. Swedberg and Rosette A. Hofferbert, Earl Sibley and Ruth B. Christenson.

November—Eltie B. Wilson and Lillian Wilkins, Gustav Adolph Dahlvig and Madaline Frances Yerken, Richard W. Borst and Beatrice I. West, Engvald Eli and Caroline Christina Jackson, William Johnson and Rose Christianson, John T. Vernon and Ida C. Heruth, Leonard M. Reed and Blanche S. Harrington.

December—Jotham Meier and Laura Coleman, Henry Merbach and Ida Helmen, Anfin Johnson and Anna Hendrickson.

Archbishop Ireland's Sacerdotal Jubilee.

The sacerdotal jubilee of Archbishop John Ireland was celebrated last Thursday at St. Paul, in a way most pleasing to him, by the completion of a purse of \$100,000 pledged by 262 diocesan priests. They desired to mark the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination by something of a personal tribute to the archbishop, but this he would not accept. Knowing the zeal and earnestness he has in seeing the rapid completion of the two great cathedrals he is building and his desire for advancing St. Thomas college, his priests pledged the purse. The fund has been given and largely expended in carrying out the work on the cathedral in St. Paul and the pro-cathedral in Minneapolis.

THE NEW POSTOFFICE

Splendidly Equipped With Latest and Most Convenient Make of Mail Cases and Furniture.

Office Will Be Open Next Monday—Preparations Are Now Being Made for the Transfer.

The postoffice will be moved into its new quarters in the Newbert building on Saturday and Postmaster Briggs will be ready to conduct business there on Monday next. Special pains have been taken to arrange the new office in the most modern way and the fixtures are the very best that could be procured. All in all the new postoffice is the best equipped of any in a town the size of Princeton in the northwest.

The office is practically fireproof, the ceiling and walls being covered with metal, and the furniture is of the finest—quarter-sawed oak of the mission style. The letter case is conveniently arranged and contains in all 450 boxes, 350 of which are supplied with combination locks while 100 are call boxes. Above the case is a barred metal screen for protective purposes—this screen reaches to the ceiling. There are six windows—for stamps, money orders, savings' bank, registered mail, etc., and the lobby, which is spacious, is supplied with two desks for the use of patrons. The interior is arranged so that work may be facilitated—it is fitted up with desks, mail cases, and everything which is necessary for the transaction of a big volume of business. Each rural carrier has a neat desk and a distribution case—this department is separated from the other part of the office by metal wicket work with a sliding door. The office is equipped with a large burglar-proof safe, furnace heat, electric lights, clothes closets and lavatories. The decorations of the office are neat and harmonious, and everything is spic and span.

It is the intention to keep the lobby of the office open until 11 o'clock at night and on Sunday, but this will depend upon circumstances and the arrangement may be changed. Upon no consideration will looting be permitted in the lobby—the marshal will keep a good lookout and arrest such persons as infringe this order.

Fred Hass Married.

Fred Hass, a former resident of Princeton, was married to Miss Mary Baxter at the home of her parents in Spencer Brook at 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Blomquist conducted the ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. Miss Lon Starff of Princeton was the bride's attendant and Fred Baxter, brother of the bride, groomsmen. A wedding supper followed the ceremony and Mr. and Mrs. Hass received a number of pretty presents.

It is said that Fred, after supper, had promised to act as Santa Claus for a number of children and that, while on his way to officiate, was surrounded by a charivari party and held prisoner while the members played a series of selections on tin cans. He was then too late to act as Santa and the children obtained some one else in his stead, but they were seriously disappointed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hass left yesterday morning for Minneapolis, where they expect to reside. The Union congratulates the young people and wishes them happiness.

Trunk Lines Not Favored in Anoka County.

At a special election in the town of Blaine, Anoka county, on the 15th inst., the proposition of bonding the town to the extent of five per cent of its valuation, to aid in the construction of the Peebles road through the township, was defeated by a vote of 53 to 1. The result, we take it, does not indicate that the people of Blaine are opposed to road-improvement but they did not favor the special proposition submitted to them—to aid in the construction of the proposed state rural highway from International Falls to St. Paul.

Primarily, what the people want is good passable roads from their farms to their nearest market towns. Long, continuous stretches of state rural highways will follow. But farmers will not tax themselves to build roads that will benefit them only remotely if at all.

A Former Elk River Man Passes Away.

At Dickinson, N. D., on the 20th inst., George M. Frye, a former well known Elk River man, died of pneumonia. Mr. Frye was in the cattle and land business and was associated with Ed Chase, another Elk

River man. The firm was successful and Mr. Frye had acquired a handsome competency. He was married to Miss Blanche Dimmick, a former Princeton girl, in 1893, and she and three daughters survive him. The funeral was held in Elk River last Saturday.

Mr. Frye was a big, whole-souled man and had a host of friends in North Dakota as well as at his old home town of Elk River and in Princeton, and all regret his untimely death.

Knows How to Raise Stock.

F. C. Tipp, who operates a stock farm of 240 acres in Hayland township, was in Princeton on Saturday and called for a chat. He bought the land from the state in 1903, settled upon it in 1906, and says he has never regretted his investment. Last year he sold \$500 worth of cattle alone and has a fine herd of 25 dairy cows, besides several horses and a number of hogs. He raised some exceptionally fine corn, potatoes and other products, but his principal business is stock raising. Prior to engaging in farming Mr. Tipp was a railroad conductor on the Milwaukee road and had been in the employ of that company 30 years. He formerly lived at Austin, Minn.

Surprised Charley Nelson.

Mr. C. A. Nelson, the jolly Fridley dairy man, was 50 years old on the 17th inst., and 200 of his friends and neighbors, headed by the redoubtable Tom Coleman, swooped down on his home in a body and gave him the surprise of his life. Mr. Coleman acted as spokesman and, in behalf of the invaders, in gracious words that welled up from his big Irish heart, presented Mr. Nelson with a handsome easy chair, a gold-headed cane and a silk-embroidered bath robe, the ladies also presented Mr. Nelson with a bouquet of 50 carnations. Then followed music and feasting and it was long after midnight before the festivities terminated.

An Old Time Lumberman Gone.

Caleb S. Philbrick, an old-time Rum river lumberman, died at his home in East Minneapolis on the 23rd inst. Mr. Philbrick was 74 years old and was a native of Maine. He came to this state in 1854, and for many years operated as a lumberman in the Rum river pineries. He was well known to all the old timers in Princeton, by whom he was held in high esteem. He is survived by his wife, who was Lois A. Day, the youngest daughter of Leonard Day, another pioneer Minneapolis lumberman. One by one the genial old time Rum river lumbermen are passing away, a few years hence there will be none of them left.

An Anoka Home-Coming Suggested.

An old home-coming week for 1912 is suggested by the Anoka Herald. Last week's issue of the Herald contains a partial list of those who have migrated from Anoka to the Pacific slope during the past three or four decades. The list is a surprisingly long one; several hundred have gone to Los Angeles and Pasadena, and hundreds more are scattered all over the Pacific states, Alaska and Vancouver. If they should all return at once Anoka would be a lively town during their stay. That reminds us that Princeton has also contributed to the population of the far western states in the past 35 years.

A Paper's Duty to Criticize.

The supreme court of Missouri has recently handed down a decision relative to the duty of newspapers to the communities in which they circulate. According to this decision it is the duty as well as the right of a newspaper to criticize men in public office, that the newspaper in its important relationship to public matters must be permitted free and open discussion of the acts of every public official so long as it confines itself to a statement of facts as a basis for criticism.—International Falls Press.

Too Many Pettifoggers Already.

The manufacture of lawyers by lamp light, while you wait, at the state university may cease when the new dean, Wm. R. Vance, takes charge. He argues that inasmuch as every community has twice as many lawyers as it needs, and not half of them able to earn a decent living, there is no occasion for running the factory at the university with extra night shifts, as has been done heretofore. Mr. Vance's logic seems to be of the right kind.—Red Wing Free Press.

Big Holiday Trade.

The business houses of Princeton all enjoyed a big Christmas trade, larger than in any former year and without giving nearly as much credit. And the reason is that the farmers are enjoying an era of prosperity.