

THE PRIZE WINNERS

The Three Best Write-ups of County Fair by Mille Lacs School Girls Under Fifteen Years.

Pearl A. Labbissonniere First, Nettie Patchin Second and Lena Stoddard Third on List.

The Union offered \$10.00 in cash prizes for the three best 300-word write-ups of the county fair by girls or boys under 18 years of age. The papers were submitted to County Superintendent Ewing—names of writers were unknown to him—and he decided that Pearl A. Labbissonniere was entitled to first prize, \$4.50; Nettie Patchin second prize, \$3.50; and Lena Stoddard, third prize, \$2.00. There were three other competitors who wrote such meritorious papers, especially for girls of such tender years, that the "Prize Editor" has awarded them consolation prizes of \$1.00 each. Next year the Union hopes to again offer prizes for the best write-ups of the county fair. Checks have been mailed to the winners. Annexed hereto are the papers:

First—By Pearl A. Labbissonniere.

Our twenty-first annual fair opened Wednesday, September 11. By Wednesday evening all the exhibits were in place and on Thursday morning the fair grounds wore a very festive air. A new horse barn, dining hall and ladies' rest room had been erected; also, for temporary use, more than half a dozen booths. These and the merry-go-round were equally well patronized by the fair visitors.

The honey and sugar, butter and cheese, pastry and school exhibits were good, those of the pastry and schools, especially so. In the horse and cattle barns were exhibited a number of good animals and the fact that the barn space was not quite filled up is accounted for by having more room than last year. The same may be said of the sheep and hogs. In the cattle barn Henry Webster showed his prize herd of Jersey cattle. They were well groomed and a prettier lot would be hard to find.

The poultry building was well filled with choice specimens of some of our best breeds of chickens, geese and ducks.

The exhibits in the art and the agricultural and floral halls surpassed all the others in quantity as well as in its artistic quality.

The races on all days were particularly good. The automobile race was greatly enjoyed by the spectators.

Last, but by no means least, we were honored by a speech from Governor Eberhart on Thursday afternoon, on Friday afternoon by another interesting speech from Congressman Miller, and on Saturday afternoon by a short, concise and to-the-point speech by Hon. L. C. Spooner.

Several influential men were heard to state that Mille Lacs had the best county fair in the state and we fully believe it; yet, we live in hopes that our twenty-second annual fair will be "the best ever."

Second—By Nettie Patchin.

I was at our county fair last Friday and Saturday and I was very much pleased with the neat, attractive appearance of the various buildings, and also the good way in which the officials handled the large number of people who were there during those busy days.

Some people were heard to say, "The fair has not the display of former years," but I think that comes from the fact that there is more room, and that it is not necessary to bunch articles as has been the case in former years.

The art hall exhibit was surely excellent as were the agricultural and fruit displays in the main building.

The school exhibit was a new feature but an attractive one and many people, young and old, were always thronging that department. Another new feature this year, and one that called forth many words of praise, is the rest room. I think it is one of the best things thought of for this year, and the ladies of this town who started the movement and carried it through have the thanks of all, especially of those who enjoyed a rest there during the fair.

The display in the cooking and pastry department was so attractive that had it not been for glass cases I am almost certain that some of the pretty pies, cakes and cookies would have walked off with some of us children.

The speakers, who were here during the fair, were good attractions

and, as far as I am able to judge, are good speakers and surely added to the interest, anyway. I think the fair managers did us young people a good turn in bringing to us the men who make and administer our laws.

I am pleased to say in conclusion that I think it was a splendid fair and that our fair officers should receive only words of praise—that we all, young and old, should join hands with them and try to make next year a still better one than 1912. Let us all try.

Third—By Lena Stoddard.

The Mille Lacs county fair was held at Princeton, Minnesota, September 11-14.

The weather was pleasant, which helped to make it pleasanter.

The displays were very good consisting of a nice assortment of vegetables and other farm products, also a nice display of canned fruits and cooking. The dairy products were very small.

The school children, from both the town and rural schools, had a fair display of drawings and farm products.

The displays of fine art and flowers were very plentiful. There was also a good exhibit of horses and cattle, but rather a small exhibit of sheep and swine. A fair display of poultry was on exhibition.

The merry-go-round was kept very busy by its merry riders. One had to hurry if he or she wanted to get a seat on it.

The attractions in the way of sports, music, speaking, etc., were very good. The boys' band of Princeton and the Princeton Citizens' band furnished the music and each are worthy of praise.

There were also some very interesting speaking on Thursday, by Governor A. O. Eberhart; Friday, by Congressman C. B. Miller; and on Saturday by Hon. L. C. Spooner.

The following races were run: The automobile race, horseback races, trotting races, boys' sack race, hurdle race, slow race, etc. There was also a contest for the ladies who could throw the ball the farthest. Each of these were very interesting.

A large crowd was in attendance each day and many exhibitors were seen with broad smiles and premium checks.

Incubated a Joke.

The committee of 50 censors of the will of the people, after ponderous labor, brought forth P. V. Collins. It was like putting an encyclopedia, a book of synonyms, an unabridged dictionary, "Pilgrims Progress," "The Lives of the Saints" and "The Ladies' Handbook" in an incubator to hatch a joke.

The only person in all Minnesota who ever took P. V. Collins seriously was P. V. Collins. Nor is this at all his fault, as he is always there with a full assortment of opinions and unquestioned confidence that the only mistake the Creator made was in the failure to consult him as to the general plan and all the details of the creation.

But, some way, no one ever listens to him, unless they have to, and then forgetting is easy. Every chairman of every meeting avoids seeing him if possible, as he can empty a hall quicker than a fire alarm.

If the desire was to make the Roosevelt party in Minnesota a joke the committee selected the correct title page; if the desire was to see how many votes could be cast with clothespin attachments, or how much of a burden the colonel can bear, the committee made no mistake.—Duluth News-Tribune.

How Things Looked in the Morning.

"Becker" was the legend which came into view as Clair Caley, George Rice, P. J. Wikken and L. E. Fox swung around a curve in an automobile on a country road one morning last week just as the sun came up. "Becker!" ejaculated Rice, "by the smoking jumpups this should be Princeton." Caley and Fox each glared at the depot sign board and uttered phrases in French which are unprintable as they realized that they had been driving all night at a terrific speed and were only ten miles from their starting point.

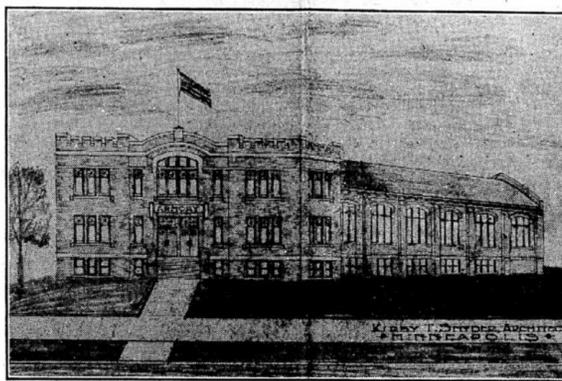
They had gone to Clearwater to attend lodge and, at its close, entered their car for the return trip to Princeton. The night was dark and the road they took was the wrong one, hence it transpired, when they sized up the situation in the morning, that they had been running in circles throughout the night. Although each of the occupants of the car was sworn to secrecy, the story—too good to conceal—leaked out. And now each is accusing the others of treachery.

COMPANY G ARMORY

Will Be a Magnificent Building of Which the People of Princeton Should Feel Proud.

The Interior Will Be Commodiously Arranged and Equipment Modern in Every Detail.

Herewith is printed a cut of Company G's armory, as it will appear when completed, which has been kindly furnished the Union by Lieutenant Alfred H. Johnson. As will readily be seen from the illustration, the structure, to be built of stone and brick, will present a magnificent appearance—it will be a building of which every person in Princeton should feel proud. Schlegel & Drescher, the contractors, are pushing the work ahead as rapidly as possible but, owing to the nonarrival of the specially sawn Oregon floor joists and some of the steel work, a



NEW ARMORY OF COMPANY G

slight delay has been occasioned. However, it is confidently expected that the structure will be roofed in by November 1.

The building is 62 by 133 feet 6 inches, and there is a basement under the entire structure. In this basement will be located the indoor rifle range and ordnance room, as well as a bath room with the most modern equipment. There will also be a kitchen, and dining room sufficiently large to seat a company of 76 men at one time.

On the main, or first floor, will be the ticket office and check rooms, men's club room, ladies' rest room, locker room, quartermaster's room, and drill floor, or auditorium, 60 by 80 feet, as well as a large stage. The ladies' rest room will open directly into the auditorium, and will be equipped with a full-length mirror and other conveniences which theater and dance-going femininity will no doubt appreciate.

The exterior of the building will be of Princeton brick above the belt course, while the trim will be of natural stone.

Greater Activity.

Greater activity has manifested itself in the local potato market this week and warehousemen were kept busy until yesterday morning, when rain placed the roads in such condition that hauling by the growers received a check. Prices have fluctuated during the past week, ranging from 30 to 38 cents, and a few loads of especially good quality were sold for a few cents higher than the last figure, but the general run has been around the 35-cent mark for table stock. Some loads of Triumphs brought as high as 60 cents.

Shipments have been particularly light in consequence of the fact that a scarcity of foreign cars has prevailed—not a car of this description could be obtained here for several days. The foreign car shortage this season promises to be greater than that of several preceding years.

Girls of the Sixties.

The Girls of the 60's held their monthly meeting on Saturday, September 14, at the residence of Mary Rines, with all but two members present. Refreshments were served in the spacious dining room, which was prettily decorated with asters, sweet peas and nasturtiums.

This meeting was held to celebrate Kate's birthday anniversary and each dainty little lady came bearing many good wishes for happy returns of the day.

Those present were Phoebe Borden, Tina Rines, Emma Griffith, Mary Lynch, Ella Howard, Emma Cordner, Mary Rines, Katie Applegate and Eva Keith.

MRS. J. C. HATCH DEAD

A Resident of Princeton Since 1856 and a Woman Greatly Beloved in the Community.

John V. Pedersen of Greenbush and Wilbur F. Chase of Anoka Also Join Silent Majority.

Mrs. John C. Hatch, a pioneer settler of Princeton and a lady greatly beloved, passed peacefully from this world to the realms above at 11 o'clock on Tuesday evening, September 24, aged 76 years 3 days. She had suffered from an affection of the heart for seven years, and during that time had experienced many severe attacks, but, in consequence of her remarkable vitality, had always rallied. On Tuesday afternoon she was compelled to take to her bed by an attack more severe than any of the previous ones, and from this she failed to rally. Her son and two

for it with what he could save from his salary.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from the Norwegian church in Greenbush and were largely attended. The officiating ministers were Rev. Fisher of Princeton and Rev. Rem of Milaca. There were many floral offerings, among them a beautiful wreath from the carriers of the Riverside station, Minneapolis, sent by a special messenger, Frank Graber, who worked with Mr. Pedersen for over 20 years.

John V. Pedersen is survived by his wife, six sons and two daughters.

Mr. Pedersen was held in high esteem by his fellow carriers and the people along his route. He performed his duties well and received the commendation of his superiors for faithful service. It is indeed a pity that he should have been no longer permitted to enjoy the fruits of his arduous labors.

Wilbur F. Chase.

Wilbur F. Chase of the Chase Lumber company, Anoka, died at his home in that city on Sunday evening, aged 70 years. Mr. Chase was at one time engaged in the lumber business in Princeton and was well known by many of the older residents of this village. He was born in Lincoln, Maine, and served in the Second Maine volunteers during the war. He was captured and imprisoned in both the Andersonville and Libby prisons and was not liberated until the close of the rebellion. He came west in 1871. He is survived by a wife, one son and two daughters. The children are Archie Chase and Mrs. T. J. Pease of Anoka and Mrs. F. J. Sperry of Mankato. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon.

The Fair at Cambridge.

The annual Isanti county fair was held at Cambridge on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. The weather was propitious and there was a good attendance each day, especially on Friday and Saturday. Quite a number of Princeton people were present. Congressman Miller delivered a short talk on Friday afternoon.

The display of farm and garden products was certainly fine. The school exhibits were excellent. There was a great array of articles of domestic manufacture, also of the fine arts, and there was no dearth of beautiful specimens of canned fruits, jellies, pickles, etc.

Some fine horses were on exhibition in a private barn, but the Union's representative did not see them; he was too busy enjoying the horse races, foot races and other sports on Main street, which were decidedly interesting.

It was a good fair and the Cambridge people seemed to vie with each other in trying to make it pleasant for the strangers within their gates.

There is just one suggestion we would offer our Isanti county friends: Establish permanent fair grounds; commence right away.

Potatoes and Grain From Oregon.

A box containing Burbank, Ohio and Long White potatoes, and samples of wheat and barley, was received by W. H. Ferrell last week from Al. Munz, who is located at Redmond, Ore. All are of excellent quality, the potatoes being especially fine. Ten cars of these potatoes—the Burbanks from Minnesota seed—were raised in the vicinity of Redmond, says Mr. Munz, this season, but there is no market for them sufficiently near to make their shipment profitable. The country is new but the samples received show clearly that the territory has a great future. W. H. Ferrell & Co. have the potatoes and grain on display in their office window.

An Excellent Hotel.

Mr. Andrew Bryson and Messrs. E. L. McMillan, Ira G. Stanley and Charles Keith and wives returned from a trip to Wahkon on Tuesday and are unanimous in their praise of the new hotel there (not yet christened)—a 30-room house built of pressed cream brick, with baths, electric lights, sewerage, and all modern improvements—and while the genial landlord, Mr. W. F. Hackett, and his accomplished wife were not quite ready for their formal opening, they threw open their house and gave their guests a most enjoyable visit which they are counting the days to repeat.

Abe James a Grandpa.

Abe James received a telegram on Tuesday saying that a seven and a half pound boy had been born to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Allen at North Yakima, Wash. Mrs. Allen is a daughter of Mr. James.

ACCIDENTS OF WEEK

Applegate Boy is Dragged Through Barbed-Wire Fences by Heifer and Seriously Injured.

Grover Taylor Accidentally Shot by Companion and Eddie Teutz is Victim of Gun Accident.

A deplorable accident occurred on Sunday evening at 5 o'clock, when Roy, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Applegate, suffered a fracture of the outer table of the skull and was badly cut by barbed wire on the head and face.

Roy had gone to the pasture with his grandfather, W. L. Shrode—the latter to drive home a cow and heifer. Mr. Shrode fastened a rope around the neck of the heifer and gave the little boy the end of the rope to hold while he placed another rope around the neck of the cow. The rope which the boy held had a loop at the end. The heifer, for some reason or other, became frightened and dashed across the pasture, the loop slipping over the boy's head and the animal dragging him after it. In its mad flight the heifer tore through two barbed-wire fences, and in passing through a third the poor little boy struck a post and was released from the noose.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cook, who witnessed the accident from their house, ran to the assistance of Mr. Shrode, who was nearly frantic from the occurrence. They found the boy cut and bleeding, with barbed wire wound tightly about his neck. He was conveyed to Mr. Cook's home and Dr. Cooney summoned by phone. Luckily the doctor was at home. He hurried to the Cook place in his automobile and conveyed the little sufferer to the Northwestern hospital, where his wounds were dressed. The boy is at this time resting easily and the chances for his recovery are encouraging.

Shot in Foot.

By the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of a companion, Grover Taylor, deputy game warden, was severely wounded in the left foot on Sunday. The charge entered the heel of the foot and came out on the upper side, tearing a big hole. Taylor was conveyed to the Northwestern hospital for treatment. An amputation of the foot will not be necessary. The accident occurred at Long pond, where Taylor and his companion were hunting ducks.

Loses Top of Toe.

While Eddie Teutz was out hunting near Long Siding on Sunday he stumbled over a log and his shotgun was accidentally discharged. The charge entered the big toe of the left foot and Eddie was conveyed to the Northwestern hospital, where Dr. Cooney found it necessary to remove the first joint of the member.

Increase in Assessment.

The Minnesota tax commission has decided to increase the 1912 assessment of real estate in Mille Lacs county 30 per cent, except in the four villages in the county. This raise is contemplated to bring the Mille Lacs county valuation up so that it will equalize with the other counties of the state. The commission has appointed Saturday, September 28, 1912, at 9:30 a. m., at the office of the Minnesota tax commission in St. Paul, as the time and place for granting a hearing to any interested party who wants to show that this increase is not justified.

The Primary Election Tables.

Elsewhere in this number of the Union will be found complete official tables of the result of the primary election in Mille Lacs county as well as a table giving the vote for legislative candidates in the Forty-fifth district. The Union has taken great pains to insure accuracy in these returns and considerable time has been consumed in their compilation and typographical composition.

Millinery Opening.

The ladies of Princeton and vicinity are respectfully invited to attend my fall and winter millinery opening tomorrow and Saturday, when a large assortment of trimmed hats will be on display. A souvenir will be given to every purchaser of goods to the extent of 50 cents or more.

Mrs. E. F. Griffith.

The Bazaar.

Camped at Mille Lacs Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Talbert of Long Lake, who, with Mr. and Mrs. Val Mott, were camping at Mille Lacs lake, returned home in their automobile on September 18, after a very enjoyable sojourn.