

STATE LEGISLATURE

Kneeland House Bill Providing for Creation of Separate State Land Department is Killed.

Bills Passed Taxing Express and Sleeping Car Companies 6 Per Cent on Gross Earnings.

Following an acrimonious debate the Kneeland public domain bill, which proposed a constitutional amendment separating the state land department from the auditor's control, was killed in the house on Tuesday by a vote of 65 to 35. The measure was recommended by State Auditor S. G. Iverson in his report, but R. C. Dunn, former state auditor, in a speech against the bill, declared that Mr. Iverson "at heart" does not favor the bill. Mr. Dunn lauded Samuel G. Iverson as state auditor, declaring that he had been watchful of the interests of the state and that not a single foot of timber had been lost to the state during Mr. Iverson's administration. That the office will be equally as honestly and efficiently administered when the "speaker of our house" takes charge of it was Mr. Dunn's prediction. The launching of this boom for Speaker Henry Rines for state auditor was lustily applauded.

Bills were passed by the house on Monday to tax express and sleeping car companies 6 per cent on their gross earnings and to reduce the registry tax on mortgages from 50 to 15 cents for every \$100.

A bill providing for a public expression by the voters of their preferences for president and vice president at a preferential primary passed the house on Monday without a dissenting voice.

A new house farmers' organization has been formed, composed only of bona fide farmers living on their own farms.

Passage of the Webb bill by congress is to be followed by an effort to pass a similar measure in the Minnesota legislature, prohibiting the shipment of liquor into "dry" territory in the state.

Representative C. N. Orr's bill providing that property be listed for taxation on April 1 instead of May 1 passed the house on Monday.

A bill has been introduced in the senate by C. F. Cook which provides for the creation of a commission to erect suitable monuments for Minnesota soldiers killed in the civil war and buried in national cemeteries at Little Rock and Memphis. Sixty-four are buried at Little Rock and 62 at Memphis. The bill also provides that C. C. Andrews, formerly of the Third Minnesota infantry, T. P. Wilson of the Fourth, H. B. Dike of the Fifth, Levi Longfellow of the Sixth and C. F. McDonald of the Ninth shall compose the commission and that the expenses of the commission and cost of monuments selected shall be paid out of funds not otherwise appropriated.

A bill providing for the appointment of a county road superintendent by the county commissioners in counties of more than 2,500 square miles area and having a population of more than 15,000 has been introduced by Senator D. M. Gunn. The bill fixes the salary at \$5 a day and the term of office four years. It also requires that the appointee shall be a surveyor and expert road builder.

Beltrami county has asked the legislature to appropriate \$8,392 to pay the expense of the trial of Dr. Dumas, former mayor of Cass Lake, who was convicted of arson and sent to the state prison. The request will be considered by the house committee on claims.

Secretary J. C. Simpson of the state fair board has prepared a statement in opposition to the bill of Senator C. H. Klein, prohibiting automobile racing on circular tracks. Mr. Simpson declares that such a law would result in a loss of \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year to the Minnesota fair, as the Saturday attendance is always greatly increased by the attraction of automobile races.

The house committee on state fair has recommended a measure appropriating \$27,000 for the fair's deficit, \$15,000 annually for its maintenance and \$40,000 for completing the roof of the new grandstand. A similar measure has been recommended by the senate committee.

In a public hearing before the house committee on taxes upon a bill fixing a 6 per cent gross earnings tax on interstate business of express companies, Attorney E. E. Olds, who appeared in opposition to the measure, said that the increase of taxes

is not warranted for the reason that the parcels post has hit the companies hard. He said the express company stocks had decreased materially in the last thirty days and that the legislature should not at present do anything which would increase the working expense of the companies. C. S. Fernald of Chicago, general attorney for the Pullman company, opposed a gross earnings tax of 6 per cent on sleeping car companies doing business in the state. The bill, as drawn, does not hit the railroad companies which operate sleeping cars of their own.

S. A. Nelson has offered a bill in the senate which proposes a constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote on all matters dealing with the liquor question, just as they now have the right to vote on school questions.

The Haycraft nonpartisan elections bill passed the senate on Friday by a vote of 53 to 8. The bill makes several amendments to the present primary law, as follows: County officers and members of the legislature are made nonpartisan, nominated in the primaries without party designation; the right to nominate by petition is abrogated as to all nonpartisan offices; the date of the primary election is changed from seven weeks before election to the third Tuesday in June; the "bull moose" party is legalized by an amendment recognizing any party which casts 5 per cent of the total vote in the preceding election.

A bill by Thomas Frankson to put ticket speculators out of business passed the house on Friday. It makes it a misdemeanor to sell tickets to any class of entertainment at a greater price than they are sold by the management. The incentive for the proposed law was the difficulty in obtaining tickets for the Wisconsin-Minnesota football game last fall because of the success of the speculators in gaining possession of large blocks of tickets.

H. A. Putnam has introduced a bill in the house calling for the submission of a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture, sale or transportation of liquor in the state.

The house committee on education has recommended for passage the bill prepared by the Minnesota Educational association providing for a state pension fund for public school teachers. The bill provides for a one-tenth mill state tax for the benefit of the fund and for payment by teachers of 1 per cent of their monthly salary each month for the first ten years of service and 1 1/2 per cent for the following years. Teachers can retire after twenty-five years' service on half salary pensions, or on a graded scale after ten years' service when disabled.

A house bill providing for the removal of the \$7,500 limit now placed on the amount which can be recovered in Minnesota courts for death by wrongful acts has been recommended for passage.

Two new reapportionment bills were added to the house list on Saturday.

John G. Lennon and C. H. Warner have introduced a bill in the house providing for the creation of a state board of reclamation, whose duties it shall be to clear 20 acres out of as many 40-acre tracts of state land as possible, add the cost of clearing to the price, and turn the land over to the immigration board to be sold to settlers. The bill carries an appropriation of \$50,000.

Wilson Announces Cabinet.
President Wilson has announced the following as members of his cabinet and the names have been confirmed by the senate:

William J. Bryan of Nebraska, secretary of state; William Gibbs McAdoo of New York, secretary of the treasury; Lindley M. Garrison of New Jersey, secretary of war; James Clark McReynolds of Tennessee, attorney general; Albert Sidney Burleson of Texas, postmaster general; Josephus Daniels of North Carolina, secretary of the navy; Franklin K. Lane of California, secretary of the interior; David Franklin Houston of Missouri, secretary of agriculture; William C. Redfield of New York, secretary of commerce; William Bauchop Wilson of Pennsylvania, secretary of labor.

Unclaimed Letters.
List of letters remaining unclaimed at the postoffice at Princeton on March 3, 1913:

Mrs. Charles Anderson (foreign), Mr. Charley Gish, Mr. Martin Johnson, Roy Thompson.
Please call for advertised letters.
L. S. Briggs, P. M.

HOW VILLAGESTANDS

Affairs of Village Have Been Wisely Administered by Council During Past Twelve Months.

Had It Not Been for Armory Bonds Indebtedness Would Have Been Materially Reduced.

Elsewhere in this issue appears the annual financial statements of the village and of the water, light and building commission. Both reports will be perused with interest by the taxpayers of the village.

The village report shows that the total net indebtedness of the village is \$31,998.76, and this includes the \$2,000 of armory bonds. Had it not been for the armory bonds the net indebtedness of the village would have been reduced to the extent of \$600.00, and that notwithstanding the fact that the present council had only half the tax levy that the preceding council had at its disposal. The tax levy for 1911 was \$6,000, while the tax levy for 1912 was only \$3,000. In other words, had the tax levy been the same for 1912 that it was for 1911 and had there been no armory bonds, the village indebtedness would have been reduced to the extent of almost \$4,000 by the present council. This is a very good showing and goes to prove that the present council has wisely administered the affairs of the village for the past year. It is safe to assume that if the policy pursued by the present council is continued for another year the indebtedness of the village will be reduced not less than \$5,000 in 1913.

The expense of replanking the West Branch bridge was a large item. A total of \$1,580.35 was expended on the streets and bridges.

The water, light and building commission also makes an excellent showing. Charging the village the reasonable amount of \$2,075.00 for light, fire-protection and water for street sprinkling, the report shows a net gain of \$1,242.35. In other words the net cost of lighting, fire-protection and street-sprinkling to the taxpayers was \$832.65. The commission expects to make a still better showing the ensuing year—in all probability the profits from commercial lights and water will enable the commission to light the village streets and furnish water for hydrants and street-sprinkling without cost to the taxpayers.

Peruse the reports and you will be convinced that the conclusions we have arrived at are correct. Both the council and the commission have done well and are deserving of commendation, and the Union heartily congratulates both bodies on the good work they have accomplished.

A Great Day.
Sunday, March 2, was a great day for the Congregational church of Princeton. Although it was one of the coldest Sundays of the winter the services were well attended. In the morning we were inspired by fine music and prepared for the birth of new members into our body by considering the vital theme, "The Child and the Church." In the evening 23 were taken into our fellowship on confession of faith, 21 receiving the rite of christian baptism. Our spiritual pulse was quickened as these fair young lives swore allegiance to Christ and His church. The music, consisting of a duet and an anthem by the choir, was most impressive, and the playing of our great devotional hymns by Mrs. Soule during the communion service added greatly to its impressiveness. We felt that the glad reception of the sacred duties of church fellowship by these young lives was the rarest of compliments to the type of religion she has striven to set forth, namely, the christian life, not as a limitation or painful duty, but as a joy, a privilege and as the fulfillment of their young lives.

Baseball Meeting.
A baseball meeting will be held in the village hall tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held for the purpose of organizing a baseball team and electing the officers. Contrary to the general rule, no subscription will be started or collection taken to aid the organization, as the team finished the season in good financial condition last year and has a comfortable balance on hand to start the new season with. Although getting a somewhat late start, the team made a credible showing last season and, by getting an early start this season and putting in the proper amount of preliminary practice, there is no reason why a local ball team could not be developed here that would be a credit to the village and furnish the local fans with some first-class sport for the coming season. Everybody interested in the welfare of the team is cordially invited to be present at the meeting.

Slightly Personal.
To the Citizens of Princeton:
My attention has been called to a screed which appeared over the signature of one who terms himself "A Taxpayer," in which I am taken to task for introducing a bill in the legislature prepared by a reputable lawyer of Milaca, at the request of citizens of that village. "A Taxpayer" attempts to make it appear that the bill in question applies to Princeton village solely. It is charitable to presume that "A Taxpayer" was drunk when he penned the effusion in question, otherwise I would be forced to believe that he is non compos mentis, for certainly no sober individual in his right senses would ever have written such a letter.

Even a pettifogger is presumed to know that special legislation is prohibited by the state constitution and that all laws enacted, save repealing laws, must of necessity be general in their application.

I had labored under the impression that I represented Milaca as well as Princeton in the state legislature. Princeton is only a small part of the 45th legislative district.

If the bill in question becomes a law it may relieve the situation in Milaca and will not affect Princeton or any other village of the state that does not care to come under its provisions.

In conclusion, I would not deign to notice the anonymous screed were it not for the fact that it is evident the communication was written for the sole purpose of deceiving the voters of this village and influencing their action at the ensuing election. I am trying to do my duty as I perceive it in the legislative halls of our state, trying to represent not only Princeton but Mille Lacs county and the 45th legislative district to the best of my ability, and trying to do the best I know how for the entire state of Minnesota, and that is all any man can do.

Shrode-Reimann.
Marion Shrode and Emma Reimann were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Reimann, the bride's parents, in the town of Greenbush, on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Eugene Ahl officiated. The bride was attended by her sister, Hattie Reimann, and Lottie Ristan of Minneapolis, and the groomsmen were Otto and Erick Reimann, brothers of the bride. The bride's dress was of blue silk and she carried a bouquet of roses and carnations, while the bridesmaids wore gowns of a lavender color.

There were about 50 guests present and many beautiful gifts were received by the bride and groom. A wedding dinner was served by the bride's mother at 6:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Shrode will be at home to their friends in Princeton after March 15.

Their friends wish them happiness.

Up to the Voters.
It is up to the voters of the several towns in this vicinity to vote sufficient means at the annual town meeting to provide for the up-keep of their roads and bridges. The state and county can and will assist in lettering the highways, but in the last analysis the main expense of maintaining the roads must be borne by the towns. A town that will make no effort to help itself is not deserving of either county or state aid.

Twenty Head of Young Mares.
Now is the time to secure sound young native mares, ranging in weight from 1,200 to 1,400 pounds. Splendid animals for farm or general purpose work. This is the best bunch of horses brought to Princeton for many months. If you need horses you should lose no time in making your selection as they will go fast. They will be sold either for cash or on time.
Rines Horse Co.

New Millinery Parlors.
At the request of my numerous friends, I have decided to open a parlor millinery at my residence, opposite E. Nelson & Co.'s store. I will at all times carry a strictly new and up-to-date stock of goods. Everybody welcome at all times and goods shown with pleasure. Spring opening Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15. 11-2c Mrs. E. C. Meyer.

NEWCOMERS GALORE

Fifty Families From Various States Locate in Mille Lacs and the Surrounding Counties.

Settlers Are All Practical Farmers of Means Brought in by Princeton Land Agencies.

Settlers have been arriving in large number during the past two weeks from Iowa and other states, and have taken possession of farms which they purchased in Mille Lacs, Sherburne, Isanti and Anoka counties during the summer and fall of 1912. These men are all practical farmers and possess adequate means to pursue their vocations—they constitute a desirable acquisition to the communities in which they have located. Nineteen families have been located by Wellington King of Wyanett, four by the Bockoven Land agency of Princeton and 25 by Svarry & Palm, Princeton. The names of the new arrivals brought in by the above-named local agencies, with the places of location, are hereunder given:

By Wellington King.
Livonia—Otto Koenneman, Indiana, Troger Olson 80-acre farm; Gustave Koenneman, Indiana, Aug. Buerger 160-acre farm; Adam Pfeiffer, Nebraska, Ed Martineau 80-acre farm; Fred G. Miller, Illinois, Adolph Pabst 80-acre farm; Kohler Bros., Iowa, O. Peterson 227 acres.

Stanford—Fred Boyer, Nebraska, August Hiller 187-acre farm; Fred May, Kansas, Edward Freidrice 80-acre farm; Fred Hillerman, Nebraska, August Steinke 80-acre farm.

Spencer Brook—Richard Daudt, Becker, Minn., Rev. Koch 120-acre farm; Henry Teimeyer, Iowa, Sophia Stearns 80-acre farm; Samuel Froelich, Nebraska, D. B. Davis 40-acre farm; Jacob Froelich, Nebraska, Wellington King 120-acre and 160-acre farms; Hank Feibing, South Dakota, Geo Farnham 80-acre farm; Tom Feibing, South Dakota, Wellington King 80-acre farm; Ole Brinkman, South Dakota, Wellington King 80-acre farm. C. B. Pruess, Indiana, Herman Thoma 40-acre farm; Rev. Koch, Indiana, Rev. Bauer 120-acre farm; J. O. Forsman and Wellington King, Wyanett, Gust Lind 157-acre farm.

Wyanett—John A. Schueller, Austin, Minn., Buckingham Bros. 80-acre farm.

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Princeton Township—E. C. Thompson, Iowa, J. W. Chisholm 120-acre farm.

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Zimmerman—Henry Spiers, W. J. Kennedy, Art E. Tuel—all from Iowa.

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a good revenue for the ensuing year. Our electric light and power earnings have materially increased in the past two years with only a small increase in running expenses.

The following report shows the earnings, running expenses and permanent improvements during the past year:

EARNINGS.	
Commercial light and power	\$737.13
Rent of electric light meters	342.65
Profit on merchandise	380.98
Commercial water	928.94
Street lights	1200.00
Hydrant rentals	325.00
Water and sprinkling	350.00
Jail rental	97.75
Total	\$11179.55

EXPENSE.	
Loss on tools and fixtures	86.88
Fuel consumed	4944.55
Oil, waste and packing used	195.91
Labor	3456.12
Local freight, drayage and express	332.44
Repairs	276.58
Interest	162.34
Secretary, salary and stationary	326.61
Insurance	528.77
Total	\$9693.30

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.	
Line, plant and jail	\$1823.39

Although we have charged off certain items in our merchandise account which have been carried from year to year, which I do not consider of any value, and have been under the expense of purchasing a new smokestack and grates for boilers, yet the above report shows that we have earned \$1,242.35 over and above our expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
O. B. Randall, Supt.

Wilson and Marshall Inaugurated.
Woodrow Wilson was on Tuesday inaugurated president of the United States, with Thomas R. Marshall as vice president, amid scenes of stirring animation and with impressive ceremonies, marked in the main by simplicity. The constitutional oath of office was administered to Mr. Wilson at the historic east front of the capitol by Chief Justice White, while Mr. Marshall and the new senators were sworn in by the supreme court in the senate chamber.

Directly after taking the oath President Wilson delivered a brief inaugural address which he concluded with these words: "This is not a day of triumph. It is a day of dedication. Here muster, not the forces of party, but the forces of humanity. Men's hearts wait upon us; men's lives hang in the balance; men's hopes call upon us to say what we will do. Who shall live up to the great trust? Who dares fail to try? I summon all honest men, all patriotic, all forward-looking men to my side. God helping me, I will not fail them if they will but counsel and sustain me." Vice President Marshall also delivered his inaugural address immediately after he was sworn in.

Washington was aglow with color throughout the day and the inaugural procession, with thousands of people in line, was an imposing spectacle.

Professor Heintzeman.
Professor C. C. Heintzeman, instructor of the Princeton Citizens' band, has been engaged to teach a newly-organized working boys' band in Minneapolis. W. L. Harris says of Professor Heintzeman in the Minneapolis Tribune: "In securing Professor Heintzeman as the leader of the organization we have one of those rare men who are possessed with three important fundamentals of the education of the boy. A heart of wax, a backbone of steel, and the ability to be blind in one eye at times are so blended that they become an explanation of the wonderful success of this man. Discipline is always an important part in the training of the boy, and Professor Heintzeman has the ability in maintaining this in the way that holds the boy."

Births and Deaths in County.
During the year 1912 there were 249 births and 90 deaths in the county of Mille Lacs, according to the returns received by Clerk of Court King from the secretary of the state board of health. In 1911 there were 233 births and 112 deaths. The following table gives the figures by towns and villages:

Towns and Villages	Births	Deaths
Bogus Brook	21	9
Horgholm	20	7
East Side	4	2
Foreston Vil.	5	2
Greenbush	15	2
Hayland	4	2
Ile Harbor	16	4
Kathio	7	3
Milaca Vil.	28	10
Milaca Twp.	10	5
Milo	24	2
Onamia Vil.	11	3
Onamia Twp.	9	1
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Princeton Vil.	23	30
Princeton Twp.	28	5
South Harbor	7	3
Total	249	90

Citizens' Caucus.
A citizens' caucus will be held at the court house tomorrow evening, March 7, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the various village offices.