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WHITNEY WINS CASE

Jury in Federal Court at Duluth Returns Verdict for Defendant in $15,000 Damage Suit.

Attorney E. L. McMillan Represents Defendant While Plaintiff Has a Trio of Lawyers.

An action was brought in the United States district court at Duluth by Frank Drescher, formerly of Princeton, through his guardian ad litem, Maurice P. Moriarity, to recover $15,000 damages in consequence of an injury to plaintiff's hand on December 11, 1911, caused by a planing machine in defendant's mill. The case came up for trial before Judge Page Morris and a jury on Wednesday morning, July 9, and was not concluded until the following Friday, July 11, when the jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

Plaintiff was represented at the trial by Attorneys Thompson and Foster of St. Paul and E. C. Pors of Marshfield, Wis., and defendant by Attorney E. L. McMillan of Princeton.

The verdict gives general satisfaction in Princeton, where the parties to the action are known, and the winning of the case is another feather in the cap of our able attorney, E. L. McMillan, who was opposed by a trio of lawyers who make damage suits a specialty and are consequently familiar with all the tricks of that branch of the profession. But Mr. McMillan presented his case in an honest, straightforward manner,—in a manner commended in open court by Judge Morris,—and the facts presented to the jury in his plea were so convincing that no intelligent body of men could scarcely do other than render a verdict for defendant.

Annual School Meeting.

Annual school meeting Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. The Union wishes to call the especial attention of its readers to the great importance of attending the annual meeting, learn the financial condition of their respective districts and take an intelligent part in the levying of taxes for the support of the schools and, above all, in the selection of well-qualified school officers.

People complain of the burden of taxation, and especially of state and county taxes, but they forget that the purely local taxes—school, village and township—are more than 50 per cent of the whole. (In the village of Princeton district the school taxes alone are half of the whole.) Hence it behooves every tax-payer to take an active interest in the annual school meeting and see to it that level-headed men or women are chosen to administer school affairs. Vote for no man or woman for a school office whom you would not trust to manage your own private affairs. That is the true test to apply.

Independent district No. 1, Mille Lacs county, is the largest and richest in the county. We have good schools here and they are economically managed. The state educational authorities regard the Princeton schools as among the best of the village schools of the state. This is the result of selecting competent school officers.

One at least of the Princeton school board (Mr. J. J. Skahen) is an ex-school superintendent and, besides, he is an excellent business man—a good combination in a school officer. We do not know as Mr. Skahen can be induced to serve another term, as the position is thankless and onerous, but he should be drafted and he is too public-spirited and patriotic to decline to serve. We mention Mr. Skahen simply because we believe he makes an ideal school officer. The resignation of Mr. E. L. McMillan from the board, which was necessary owing to his election as county attorney, was and is regretted, for he made a splendid school officer, but in Dr. D. A. McRae he has a worthy successor. But it is not our purpose to individualize. So far as we know each and every member of the Princeton school board for years past has performed his thankless duties in a highly satisfactory manner, hence we have schools of which we are all proud.

In the near future, if the population of the Princeton district continues to increase, additional school facilities will have to be provided, but we hope the board will pursue a conservative policy for a year or two more at least. At present, in our judgment, it is not wise to contract any further bonded indebtedness. The district is in a healthy financial condition at this time; if a new school building is necessary we hope it can be built and equipped without a bond issue.

In conclusion the writer has no ax to grind. He cares little who may be chosen school officers provided competent men or women are chosen.

We are writing from the viewpoint of a taxpayer and one who has the best interests of the village and its schools at heart.

Perish in Blizzard.

The Minneapolis Tribune of last evening says that after a search of nine days the body of Clinton B. Smith, a graduate of the University of Minnesota and a resident of Portland, Ore., was found on Tuesday at the foot of a precipice on Mount St.

MRS. CLINTON B. SMITH
(Nee Iris Newkirk)

Helena, Wash., where he and his wife, formerly Miss Iris Newkirk of Minneapolis, were lost during a blizzard on July 6. The searching party had not found the body of Mrs. Smith, but it is believed to be near that of her husband. It is supposed that they became lost in a heavy blizzard which prevailed.

Mrs. Smith (nee Iris Newkirk) was for some time a teacher of history and English in the Princeton high school and left here three years ago. She was a young lady who had many friends in this community who will be greatly shocked to hear of her tragic death.

O. A. Hallin Dies Suddenly.

O. A. Hallin, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Cambridge, died on Wednesday, July 9, aged 66 years. Upon the previous evening Mr. Hallin retired in his usual good health and at 11 o'clock the next morning was found dead in bed.

Ole A. Hallin was born in Sweden and married there. In 1869 he came to America and settled in Cambridge, where for four years he had charge of a flour and sawmill. In 1876 he was elected clerk of court and held the office for 12 years. At the time of his death he had been in the drug business for 40 years and was one of Cambridge's most progressive citizens. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

Moses Cone Dead.

Moses S. Cone died at his home in Montrose, S. D., on July 6. He had suffered from tuberculosis for about two years and at the time of his death was about 64 years of age. For a number of years he lived at Foreston, where he conducted a hotel and held the office of justice of the peace. He is survived by his wife and one son, besides two sisters and three brothers—Mrs. M. E. Northway and Helen F. Cone of Milo, E. H. Cone of Foreston, S. A. Cone of Hot Springs, S. D., and E. G. Cone, Montana. Moses Cone was well known to many Princeton people.

Revisits Scene of His Former Labors.

On Sunday afternoon Rev. James Geer of Browns Valley held services in the little Methodist church at Spencer Brook, which through his instrumentality was built more than 16 years ago. It is needless to say that the sacred edifice was crowded, for Rev. Geer was and is a prime favorite at Spencer Brook, and rightly so, for he certainly is a kind-hearted, loyal christian man in every sense. To know Mr. Geer is to love and respect him. Rev. Geer gave his old parishioners good advice, urged them to be of good cheer and, above all things, to maintain their little church.

Rev. Geer came over from Browns Valley in his own automobile and was accompanied by Mrs. Geer and their two children. After a pleasant visit with friends in Princeton and vicinity Mr. Geer and family left for home, via St. Cloud, yesterday afternoon.

MAXIMUM ROAD TAX

Road and Bridge Tax of Three Mills, Provided by New Law, Levied by the County Board.

Hence, According to Increased Valuation, $9,600 Will Be Available for Purpose Named.

The county commissioners of Mille Lacs county, who met in semi-annual session on Monday to—among other things—levy taxes for the ensuing year, saw clearly the benefit which would accrue to the county by levying the maximum road and bridge tax permitted by the new law, and acted accordingly. Heretofore two mills was the maximum tax which could be levied, but the new law raised it to three mills, and this was the rate levied by the commissioners. Hence, according to the increased valuation of the county, as returned by the assessors, $9,600 will be available for road and bridge purposes for the ensuing fiscal year. Every cent of this money will be necessary to meet the state allotment for road and bridge purposes. The commissioners should be given credit for their action in making this maximum levy, as every resident of the county will be more or less benefited thereby. Other taxes levied by the board were: County revenue, $16,500; poor fund, $500.

R. C. Dunn suggested to the commissioners that the state highway system in the county be revised so that, instead of having short pieces of road here and there at great distances apart, continuous stretches may be built so as to connect with roads in adjoining counties, and thus reduce mileage and conform with a system which would eventually be adopted by other counties and become uniform throughout the state.

Thirty-two Communicants.

Thirty-two boys and girls—about equally divided—partook of first holy communion at St. Edward's church on Sunday morning. Solemn high mass was chanted by the pastor, Father Willenbrink, who was assisted by Rev John Herbers of Dubuque, Iowa, as deacon, and Rev. Robert Graham of Kankakee, Illl., as subdeacon. The church was decorated with flowers and evergreens for the occasion and St. Edward's choir, under the direction of Mrs. C. A. Caley, rendered, in an excellent manner, several musical numbers.

Preceding the mass the communicants marched in procession from the rectory to the church, where solemn profession of faith was made before the altar, and, during the communion, the children proceeded, two by two, to the Eucharistic banquet, accompanied by the Payette and Jesmer boys and the Kaliher and Buck girls as ushers—symbolic of their guardian angels. The girls were dressed in white and wore the long white veil customary upon such occasions.

Rev. Father Herbers delivered the sermon, which was in two parts, the first being addressed to the communicants and the second to their parents. It was a most able sermon which was greatly appreciated.

Colonel T. J. Sheehan Dead.

Colonel Timothy J. Sheehan, commander of Fort Ridgely in its heroic defense against the Sioux Indians in 1862, died last Friday morning at his home in St. Paul, aged 78. He had been in poor health for several years and the weakening effects of seven wounds received during the civil war had undermined his constitution. He served from 1885 to 1889 as agent at the White Earth reservation, and from that time until 1907 as deputy United States marshal.

Entering the army as a private in the Fourth Minnesota in 1961, he was promoted in February, 1962, to first lieutenant and assigned to Company C, Fifth Minnesota, just being organized. In June, 1862, when the Sioux went on the warpath, hundreds of settlers took refuge at Fort Ridgely, a short distance above New Ulm on the Minnesota river. The Indians under Little Crow headed for Fort Ridgely to capture it before proceeding to Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Lieutenant Sheehan started with 50 men to the relief of Fort Ridgely, which was commanded by Captain Marsh. When the Sheehan detachment arrived they found Captain Marsh had been killed in an expedition to Redwood agency, when 44 men ran into an ambuscade by 300 Indians, only 13 returning to the fort. Lieutenant Sheehan took command at the fort and prepared for the attack which came August 20. For eight days the little garrison defended itself and the women and children in its care. After three days of hard fighting the Indians drew off, but kept the garrison penned in until August 28, when other troops advancing caused the Indians to retire, and the fort was relieved. Lieutenant Sheehan was made a captain at once and went to the front with his regiment, seeing much active service and retiring a lieutenant colonel.

Colonel Sheehan was born in County Cork, Ireland, December 21 1835, and came to Minnesota in 1857, settling on a homestead near Albert Lea. He had lived for a short time at Glen Falls, N. Y., and at Dixon, Ill. He enlisted from Albert Lea and returned there after the war, serving as sheriff of Freeborn county from 1871 to 1883. While Indian agent at White Earth he helped in making the Bishop Whipple treaty in 1886 and the Henry M. Rice treaty in 1889. He retired from public service in 1907 on account of ill health. He leaves three sons, Jeremiah Sheehan of St. Paul, George W. Sheehan of Chicago, and Edward Sheehan of Seattle.

President Kerfoot Visits Princeton.

Rev. Dr. Kerfoot, president of Hamline University, preached morning and evening at the M. E. church in this place last Sunday. At the morning services Rev. James Geer of Browns Valley, formerly pastor at Spencer Brook, took part, and at the evening services Rev. J. O. Fisher of the Congregational church assisted.

Dr. Kerfoot's sermon in the morning was one of the most forcible and eloquent ever delivered from a Princeton pulpit. He held the wrapt attention of every member of the large congregation for more than an hour while, seemingly, he had not taken half that length of time. His discourse in the evening was equally good and soul-inspiring. His talk was mainly along educational lines and he dwelt upon the advantages of a college education. He gave convincing reasons why a small college with a well-selected faculty was, in many respects, to be preferred to the large institutions where the teachers hardly knew their pupils, and of course he emphasized the fact that Hamline University was one of the best of the denominational institutions of learning.

No one conversant with educational matters in this state will dispute the fact that Hamline University ranks high as an institution of learning. Its graduates are admitted to the best eastern graduate colleges without question.

Dr. George H. Bridgman gave the best years of his life to the upbuilding of Hamline University, and he built well and wisely, and Dr. Kerfoot is his worthy successor. Last year Hamline had the largest freshman class in its history, and a further increase in the attendance is confidently expected this year.

Writing from a personal knowledge of Hamline University we can cheerfully recommend it to any young man or woman who is seeking a higher education. There every member of every class is personally known to his or her instructor and a personal interest is taken in each and every student mentally, morally and physically. The student who fails to make good at Hamline would not succeed anywhere.

Too Much Moisture.

Too much moisture in this vicinity at present. The recent heavy rains have damaged the rye crop considerably and played havoc with tame hay and clover. Scores of tons of tame hay and clover have been practically ruined. Hay will be worth something before next spring.

The heavy wind that has generally accompanied the rains has injured other small grain—some fields on heavy soil are badly lodged. Corn and potatoes have not progressed much in the past ten days owing to the cool weather. At the present writing the crop outlook is not as favorable as it might be.

A Frightful Accident.

Twelve persons were killed and 250 injured in a wreck near Los Angeles on Sunday night, when youths blew the whistle on the engine of an excursion train in jest. As a consequence two electric trains carrying excursionists collided, telescoping and wrecking many cars. Most of those killed were cut to pieces and the boys responsible for the catastrophe were crushed in the wreckage.

GETS FOLEY'S SCALP

Home Team Dangles Another Scalp From Its Belt in a Game With the Foley Terrorists.

Old-Time Rivals No Match for Princeton Boys, Who Pile Up a Big Score With Utmost Ease.

By the jug-handled score of 11 to 4 the Princeton baseball team defeated their old-time rivals from Foley last Sunday at the local fair grounds. It was one glorious mixture of good and bad baseball but, nevertheless, made lots of fun for the fans and held the large crowd interested until the last inning was played.

Foley opened the game auspiciously when Galineau scored in the first round on a collection of two hits and an error. Not liking the looks of this one-run lead the locals came in in their half of the first and pounded the ball all over the lot, getting a total of five hits in this one inning. These five hits were garnished with several bad errors committed by the visiting athletes, and one pass was also issued during the mix-up. When the side was finally retired the official score showed that eight Princetonians had galloped across the registering station with as many runs. This one inning practically decided the game and gave the locals a lead that couldn't be overcome by the visitors.

After the first inning the game steadied down into quite a respectable exhibition of the national game, and the Foley bunch played a fast article of ball compared with their display of baseball talent in the opening round.

A youngster by the name of Felix Mushel was on the firing line for the visitors and, with the exception of the first inning, pitched a classy article of ball. In all he allowed nine hits, and five of these came in the first round.

Joe Porter started the game for the locals and steered the ship of state safely for six innings, during which the Foleyites collected two runs off his delivery. In the beginning of the seventh Porter retired on account of a bad finger on his throwing hand, and Fullwiler assumed the white man's burden on the mound. The work of both of the local slab artists was good but did not show so prominently in this game because the terrific hitting of the locals in the beginning of the game overshadowed the boxwork of the pitching staff.

The Princeton infield presented a new line-up again Sunday. Art Roos was cavorting around first base, and has developed into a permanent fixture at this place. Smith was back on second and played sensational ball Sunday, accepting several hard chances without a skip. Harry Davis was covering the third station, and although appearing to have a little trouble in handling fly balls, on the ground balls he proved to be a sure fielder and pegged to first base with speed and deadly accuracy. Wallie Berg played the short stop position and bolstered up the defensive game of the locals, the short-stop position having been somewhat neglected heretofore. With these four men covering the infield, and with Skahen directing the defensive game from the catcher's position, the locals should have no trouble in putting away the rest of the games on their schedule.

Next Sunday the Monticello team will be here to try conclusions with the Princeton club. They come here with a good record and expect to put a big twist in the winning streak of the local athletes. Inasmuch as the home talent appears able to give a good account of themselves, we predict that it will be some game.

Improving the Baldwin Road.

A force of men and teams are at work hauling fine crushed granite and granite dust from the railroad yards to the Baldwin rock road. This road has needed patching up for some time, and we are glad that the Baldwin town board realizes the importance of keeping it in decent condition. Only a few years ago the Baldwin flats road was almost impassable after a heavy rain storm; now it is the finest stretch of road in all kinds of weather between Princeton and the state line. This road will last for the next 100 years if it is properly attended to and the cost of maintenance will be trifling.

Work will commence shortly on the Gadboy hill on the Baldwin road. The hill will be cut down and rock-surfaced with St. Cloud granite, and the rock-surfacing will extend to connect with that part of the road already surfaced with St. Cloud granite. Then Baldwin will have the longest stretch of rock-surfaced road of any township in this section of the state.

The Union congratulates the Baldwin town authorities on their enterprise and hopes the good work will be continued.

Summer School Brevities.

Prof. L. M. Bloomfield of Hinckley is doing special work along the line of agriculture this week. His talks during the general period are as follows: Tuesday, "Social and Community Work in the Rural Schools;" Wednesday, "Pedagogics of Agriculture Teaching;" Thursday, "The Correlation of School Subjects with Agriculture;" Friday, "Gardening and Horticulture in the Rural School;" Saturday, "What Should be Taught in the Rural Schools About Soils." These general talks are given each day from 10:50 to 11:30.

County Superintendent Ewing has been present several times during the last week and is keeping close tab on the work that the summer school is doing.

J. J. Skahen gave a talk to the summer school on Saturday of last week along educational lines. Mr. Skahen emphasized the three R's during the course of his talk.

The attendance at the summer school has almost reached the 75 mark.

The total enrollment at the Sandstone summer school is 43.

J. C. Marshall.

The Job Completed.

The finishing touches were administered to the rock-surfaced road in the eastern end of the village Monday. Farmers only regret that there are not more miles of the same kind of road.

The village council met in special session last evening and paid the overdraft made on the Princeton State bank by R. C. Dunn. The sum of $484 was subcribed in cash by the pubic-spirited citizens of Princeton, the same was deposited in the Princeton State bank and all bills for labor and team hire were paid by check on the bank. The village council authorized Mr. Dunn to complete the work. The total cost to the village is $836.90—freight, $358.05; unloading, $150; labor and teams, $328.85. The above figures include all cost of getting the road in readiness and all expenses incurred, over and above what was contributed in cash, labor and teams. A detailed statement of the contributions and expenditures will appear in the next issue of the Union.

On motion of Councilman McRae a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered R. C. Dunn for his services in getting the rock and superintending the work for which he made no charge whatever.

Improving in Marksmanship.

The Gun Club boys are fast improving in their marksmanship and last Thursday, at their regular weekly shoot, demonstrated that they could perforate a bird occasionally. Joe Craig, jr., made the highest score,—24 out of a possible 25,—while J. C. Herdliska, Ira Stanley and Oscar Erickson tied for the low score, which proved to be the unlucky number 13. Joe Mossman, who has four inches of fat on his gun shoulder and therefore never feels the impact of a kick, did fairly well with a score of 21. The score as furnished the Union by W. G. Fredericks, is as follows:

Jos. Craig, jr., 24; J. W. Mossman, 21; W. G. Fredericks, 19; Dr. McRae, 19; H. L. Zimmerman, 17; Al Hayes, 17; Swan Olson, 14; J. C. Herdliska, 13; Ira G. Stanley, 13; Oscar Erickson, 13.

Motions Denied.

Motions for new trials have been denied in the cases of Foster vs. Soo Railway company and Rattei & Hermann vs. Great Northern Railroad company, and an order denying a new trial filed in the case of Mary Potts vs. Soo Railway company upon the condition that plaintiff accept a reduced verdict of $5,040, which she forthwith did by filing her acceptance with the clerk of the district court through her attorney. The railroad company will in all probability appeal.

John P. Coleman Married.

Mr. John P. Coleman of Anoka and Miss Margaret M. Egan of Minneapolis were united in marriage at Ascension church in the latter city on the 9th inst. Mr. Coleman is a rising young lawyer of marked ability. The Union extends its congratulations.