

TO DRAFT A CHARTER

A Commission of Fifteen Representative Citizens Appointed by the District Court.

Order Filed With Clerk of Court Nov. 4---Strange Non-Action of That Official.

On several occasions the Union has stated its position on the question of a city form of government for Princeton. Demagogues and asses to the contrary we unhesitatingly assert that a city form of government means increased taxation, and the Lord knows taxes are high enough in Princeton at present.

Some misguided individuals imagine that under a city form of government saloons will be reinstated without delay. Saloons can not be reinstated in Princeton again until the voters of the village or city so determine.

With a city form of government we may have a high-priced city clerk and several other salaried officials. If that is what the taxpayers want they should have it.

The fact of the matter is there was not one of those who clamored for a city form of government who knew what steps were necessary to organize as a city.

No fault can be found with the charter commission appointed by the district court. They are all good representative citizens—men who have the interests of the village at heart.

It appears that the order appointing the commission was filed with the clerk of court November 4, but only a favored few were aware of that fact until on Tuesday Mr. E. L. McMillan made inquiry and discovered that such a paper had been filed.

It is strange, passing strange, that Mr. Clerk of Court King should have permitted 20 of the 30 days to elapse before sending out notifications, and then only because Mr. McMillan had discovered that the order had been filed in his office.

Here is the charter commission appointed by the district court: Henry Newbert, C. S. Neumann, G. A. Eaton, S. S. Peterson, C. A. Jack, A. M. Davis, F. C. Cater, Guy Ewing, J. J. Skahan, Otto Henschel, A. E. Allen, H. C. Cooney, Chas. Keith, E. L. McMillan and R. D. Byers.

All that is necessary on the part of an appointee to qualify is to subscribe to the following oath and file the same with the clerk of court on

or before December 4. STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF MILLE LACS, ss. I, _____, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of Minnesota, and that I will faithfully execute and discharge the duties of the office of charter commissioner for the village of Princeton in the county of Milles Lacs, Minnesota, according to law and to the best of my ability and understanding.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of November, 1914.

Teaches the Art of Retail Selling. Paul H. Neystrom is the latest acquisition to the staff of the General Extension Division of the University of Minnesota. He is conducting classes in retail selling and merchandising in various places in the state.

People have thought that little could be taught a person in a theoretical way about keeping a retail store. The prodigious number of failures in this line, however, has warned people that perhaps there is something to learn about the business. It is being demonstrated continually that experience alone is not enough, or, if so, it is too dearly bought at the expense of time and energy.

Minnesota to Take Census. It is expected that the census of Minnesota will be taken next June. A bill will be introduced at the coming session of the legislature providing for taking a state census. Every ten years since 1865 the state census has been taken.

In 1905 the state census cost \$65,000. George F. Wright of Princeton had direct charge of the work, which was handled by Secretary of State Peter E. Hanson. The enumeration started in June and was completed in one month but the compilation took some three months longer.

A Beloved St. Cloud Pastor. Rev. E. V. Campbell, pastor of the Presbyterian church at St. Cloud, stands high in the estimation of the people of that city, and he has many friends in the adjacent territory.

John Nelson Axe. John Nelson Axe, formerly of Princeton, passed away at Minneapolis last Thursday at the age of 75 years. Funeral services were held at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Olson, of Princeton, last Sunday afternoon.

Live Stock Exposition Declared off. The International Live Stock Exposition, which was to be held at Chicago, November 28 to December 5, has been declared off by reason of the appearance of the dreaded "foot and mouth" disease.

Rural Teachers' Meeting. All those teaching in rural schools in the vicinity of Princeton are invited to meet in the normal room of the Princeton high school building, Saturday, December 5, at 2 p. m.

We thought of making an appeal to the world to buy something of our locality, not because we are hard up,

but just to get into the swim, but we found we were up a stump. We could not make up our mind whether to ask the purchasing public to "buy a box of eggs, a crate of poultry, a beef 'critter,' a fat hog, a firkin of butter, a load of corn, some barley or rye, (in the form of grain), a ton of hay, some honey or a cheese."

A Noble Woman Gone. After a lingering illness, Mrs. E. A. Ross, surrounded by every member of her sorrowing family, gently fell asleep, to awaken no more in this world, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mary Adelaide Prentice was born at Bristol, Maine, July 28, 1845; was married to E. A. Ross January 1, 1866; came to Princeton, Minn., with her husband in 1869, where she continuously resided until her death.

She is survived by her husband—he is very low and is not expected to live more than a few days at most—two sons and five daughters: William A. and George P., of Princeton, Mrs. F. C. Stamm, Corpus Cristi, Texas, Mrs. B. P. Taylor, Winnipeg, Mrs. J. A. Allen, Milaca, Mrs. Benjamin Soule and Mrs. E. W. Hunt, Princeton.

It has not yet been determined when the funeral will be held but it will probably be on Sunday. Mrs. Ross was one of those hospitable, kind-hearted women who was everybody's friend. She never was known to speak an ill word of any one.

Street Improvements in Cambridge. The improvements made in the main streets of Cambridge this year will last for many years without requiring a great deal of maintenance expense. We were a long time getting down to a business system on our village thoroughfares and it spells a saving of money in the long run to the taxpayers.

People who have visited Cambridge recently are loud in their praises of the marked improvement in the condition of the streets of that village. Cambridge is a smaller village than Princeton and it has no licensed saloons, yet they can permanently improve their streets over there. Princeton might have had its two main streets improved this year at small cost to the village, but the golden opportunity was neglected.

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Any questions you wish answered may be sent to Miss Anna Whiting, Princeton, before that date.

COUNTY DADS MEET

Board of County Commissioners in Session at the County Auditor's Office Last Tuesday.

Present Board Will Convene for the Last Time on Saturday, January 2nd, 1915.

The board of county commissioners met at the office of the county auditor last Tuesday, pursuant to adjournment. All members, with the exception of Commissioner Eckdahl, were present, and Chairman Warren presided.

A petition from the town board of Dailey was presented to the board, asking that said town be surveyed, and that the costs of said survey be assessed in five annual installments. As the costs of survey work must be paid in a lump sum, the matter was laid over for the purpose of ascertaining whether the town board desired to amend its petition.

Jonas P. Johnson of Milo appeared before the board, and asked that his lands be set off from school district No. 29, and attached to school district No. 11. The date of hearing was set for January 2, 1915.

A petition was presented to the board praying for a vacation of a portion of the old Scheller road in the town of Milo. Commissioners Cater, Sholin and Uglem were appointed a committee to view the road proposed to be vacated, and the date of hearing in the matter was set for January 2, 1915.

The bond of O. C. Myron in the sum of \$1,000 was presented to the board and same was accepted.

P. A. Walton, contractor on state road No. 1, appeared before the board and asked that his contract be cancelled. He stated that the road from Camp Johnson south is practically completed, but that it was impossible to complete the road west from Camp Johnson, until a ditch drains the water from the swampy, bottomless soil. He stated that numerous subterranean streams were in that territory, and that the state highway commission had ordered him not to attempt work at that place.

Another Plea for Religious Toleration. The very cornerstone of American liberty is religious toleration, and the very moment that a community or person becomes so intolerant as to permit his choice of a public official to be determined by religious prejudice, he becomes a slave to an idea more despotic in its sway over the human mind than any king or potentate ever dared to be.

Prejudice of about any other kind can be more or less successfully met, but religious prejudice is always unreasonable and unreasoning. More than that, whenever religious prejudice is injected into a campaign, it is done secretly and the damage is carried by word of mouth, and it undermines all the careful work of public argument.

Dangerous; Don't Try It. Most people who have at heart the good road system of Minnesota and who hope for early and definite accomplishment under recent laws will look with concern upon the proposal announced by the local organization of the American Society of Equity to amend the Dunn road law so as to provide that the taxes raised in any locality should be expended in that locality by the town or county authorities.

While it bears a certain specious plausibility and may carry an appeal to localities inducing them to accept the view that they are to be specially benefited, the fact is that the proposed change will upset the entire theory underlying the system inaugurated by the Dunn law and destroy the possibility of large results contemplated by the act.

Unless Minnesota is to have a road system as a whole it will get no great distance with its good roads propaganda. Unless roads are laid out and constructed upon a harmonious

plan, interconnected and correlated, money will be expended and results and benefits lacking. County authorities will work at cross purposes and county systems will be independent instead of each being an integral part of a state-wide system.

We can point out the fatal error of this proposed amendment with good grace, for Ramsey county, under its terms, would have a larger fund at its disposal. But the chief value of a good road system in Ramsey county would be in its co-ordination with the system of counties on every side. It must be conceded that this value would be lost under a plan which set every county to building roads by itself and for itself, regardless of their relation to the roads of adjoining counties.

The Nerve Was Lacking. Last week we received an invitation to buy a bale of cotton. Say, Willibald, the way things are going we'll be lucky if we can buy a spool of cotton. Gee! If we only had the nerve.

What we couldn't do! Had we been born with the mind of some people we know, here's what you would find on these pages from week to week: "On account of the European war the subscription price of this paper has been raised to \$5 a year, cash in advance.

"On account of the loss from import duties advertising rates will be increased to 50 cents an inch. Effective at once.

"We are pained to announce that, owing to the almost complete suspension of the importation of chemicals, obituary poems will cost 10 cents a line hereafter.

"It being impossible to export prunes to Przemysl, notices of church suppers will be charged for at the rate of \$2 each, and two tickets to the supper. "Resulting from the suspension of regular shipping facilities between this town and the Gulf of Obixoshi, all pumpkins, apples, potatoes, corn, grapes, etc., brought to this office under the pretext of exhibition to the editor will be seized as contraband of war.

"All persons owing this paper more than a year's subscription will be shot as spies."—Axtel (Kan.) Standard.

Teachers' Pensions. Both the states of Iowa and Minnesota have resolved through their State Teachers' associations to present to their next legislatures bills for state-wide pensions for all their public school teachers. Laws of that kind are now in successful operation in the states of New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, Arizona, California and several other states; while many large cities have pension systems of their own. It looks as if this movement is soon destined to spread over the entire country and should do a great deal towards making the teaching profession more stable and more efficient, two elements that are sadly lacking in many state school systems.

Rev. Peterson Surprised. Rev. M. Peterson, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church, was most agreeably surprised last Thursday evening at the Lutheran church in Greenbush by the Ladies' Aid society and members of the congregation. The affair was well attended, and Rev. Peterson was presented with a purse of over \$23. Rev. Peterson has been here but a short time, but it is very evident that he has the esteem and respect of all members of his church, and others.

What the Election Cost. Figures compiled by Secretary of State Schmahl show that the expense of the general election of November 3 to the taxpayers of Minnesota was approximately \$152,000, an average of \$50 for each of the 3,044 voting precincts. About 350,000 ballots were cast so the cost is about 43 cents for each voter. The cost to the candidates is estimated at \$1.42 for each vote cast.

Corn and Alfalfa Exposition. Rensin is entertaining the West Central Minnesota Development association today, and sessions will be held tomorrow and Saturday also. The affair is in the nature of a corn and alfalfa exposition, and sixteen counties are represented. Prominent speakers will address the meetings, and an instructive and entertaining time will doubtless be had.

OPINIONS OF EDITORS

The Tendency of the Age. The trouble with the modern youth (and there are a number of 'em on the range) is the growing tendency to buy a dress suit before starting a savings bank account.—Chisholm Miner.

Inconceivable? An exchange tells of a number of young men, it its town, who engaged in a lively scrap while discussing "the fourth dimension." Another case of a quarrel starting from something inconceivable.—Wabasha Herald.

Congratulations Misplaced. Every week brings at least one strong appeal to our sense of humor. This week's came when a feminine friend congratulated us on being in a work where we received no kicks nor knocks. Words fail us!—Redwood Gazette.

Out of Harmony is Right. Were we running a metropolitan daily paper, we would cut out the society swash until the starving millions of Belgians were given relief. The stuff seems out of harmony with the spirit of the times.—Fairmont Sentinel.

Intolerance is a Vice. About the most soul-testing experience one can meet is intolerance. No matter what the subject being examined, the party who can see only one side of the question makes it hard for others as well as for himself.—Jordan Independent.

Going at Reduced Prices. Teddy Roosevelt's book "On African Trails," printed to sell at \$4 per copy, is now advertised at 98 cents. "The Rise and Fall of the Progressive Party" by T. R., paper cover, 10 cents. For sale at all news stands.—Hubbard County Journal.

A Phenomenal Run! The Mankato Journal says Dehnel of Worthington received 6,000 votes for congressman in this district. We admire the Journal's nerve. However, about 3,000 misguided, deluded mortals voted for the Worthington curiosity, and 133 of that kind live in Worthington.—Heron Lake News.

Sleepless Nights and Anxious Days. That man Whitman, who was recently elected-governor of New York by an overwhelming majority and who has made a brilliant record as district attorney in New York city, is the specter that is causing democracy many sleepless nights. He is regarded as likely to be the republican nominee for president two years hence.—Luverne Journal.

Mighty Poor Policy. With some men, trying to see both sides of a question is "policy." There are men in this world—honest men, too—who are too politic, just as there are men who are so brusque that they subvert their own ends and never accomplish. The man who endeavors to pursue the course between these two has always been open to attack from either side.—Pine City Piker.

Advertising Moves the World. Nothing makes a town better known than to have one of its concerns advertised extensively, or to have one of its citizens do something really worth while. There is Prairie Farm, over in Wisconsin. It has achieved national prominence, though it is nothing more than a little inland village, simply because that man Scott, master merchant, built a wonderful store there.—New Ulm Review.

Marriage Licenses. Three marriage licenses have been issued at the office of the clerk of court since our last issue. On the 19th inst. licenses were issued to Mr. Arthur Hockett and Miss Agnes Clemmer, and to Mr. Goodwin Gilbert and Miss Ada V. Lindstrom. On the 23rd Mr. Theodore C. Johnson and Miss Ida May Wright secured a permit to wed.

Pease's Short Memory. When the republican party has a gubernatorial candidate the Union will be found supporting him.—Anoka Union. Ahem! Excuse us, but we just happened to think of when Bob Dunn ran for governor on the republican ticket against John A. Johnson on the democratic ticket.—Red Wing Eagle.