

LEGISLATIVE GRIND

Over Five Hundred Bills Have Been Introduced in the House Already This Session.

County Option Is Expected to Be Acted Upon in the House Next Week.

The senate last Thursday adopted a resolution which demands of the efficiency and economy commission a table of figures setting forth the cost of government for the next two years under the present system, and a comparative table setting forth the cost for a similar period under the plan proposed by the commission.

Representative Spooner has introduced a measure authorizing the state board of control to use \$57,000 from the state prison revolving fund for the erection of a woman's prison and two barns at the state prison, and also for the purchase of a dairy herd for the prison.

Representative Indrehus proposes that current tax receipts shall contain certain information regarding apportionment of taxes.

Senator Campbell of Minneapolis has introduced a proposed constitutional amendment calling for the abolition of the state senate and the substitution of a one-chamber legislature limited to 100 members. The lieutenant governor is to be speaker and the members are to have four year terms. In the house a proposed constitutional amendment has been introduced calling for legislative sessions every four years only, instead of biennially as now.

The senate has passed the house bill resubmitting the constitutional amendment calling for the loaning of state school funds on approved farm lands.

School boards will be allowed to condemn lands to extend existing school grounds under a bill introduced by Representative Parker last week.

The Corning bill regulating newspaper correspondence has been advanced to the calendar in the house, but that is a far as it should go. Under the provisions of this bill a candidate for office, who thinks he is not getting publicity enough, might get a friend to write a mild attack upon him, and if a newspaper published it, the candidate could demand free space in which to reply. The proposal is about the galliest proposition ever introduced in the legislature.

Both branches of the legislature adjourned last Thursday to Monday of this week.

Vote on the woman's suffrage bill in the senate has again been delayed, as Senator Ole A. Sageng, who is one of the strong supporters of the measure, has been excused for a week.

Senator G. H. Sullivan's bill allowing municipalities to sell or lease municipally owned electric light or water plants has passed the senate.

The senate after a spirited discussion Monday recommended that Senator John H. Baldwin's bill providing for the employment of convicts on state roads pass.

Senator G. H. Sullivan's impure milk bill, lowering the percentage of butter fat from 3.25 per cent to 3 has been recommended for passage on general orders.

A revision of the Dunn road law is proposed in a bill introduced in the house Monday. One feature of the proposed revision is particularly inimical to the smaller counties, as it provides that the minimum share of state aid that may be granted to any one county is reduced from one mill to eight-tenths of a mill.

It is thought that county option will be acted on in the house next week. The vote on this measure is expected to be extremely close, neither side being sanguine of victory.

A bill permitting any school district or independent or public school to establish classes for deaf children was introduced Monday. The object of the bill is to give children who are threatened with deafness closer medical attention.

Senator Grose proposes that all materials used in the building or repairing of state buildings be manufactured or prepared in Minnesota.

A bill regulating the organization of insurance corporations of all kinds has been introduced by Senator Westlake of Minneapolis.

Senator Campbell of Minneapolis has introduced a bill asking for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to set the unemployed of the state at work clearing state land at \$3 a day, "in-

cluding board and lodging." The work would be done under a reclamation board composed of the governor, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer and attorney general.

Representative Sawyer has introduced a bill which requires all healers to get licenses from the state medical board.

A bill providing that the commissioner of weights and measures must license all nickel-in-the-slot and other weighing machines where a fee is charged has been introduced in the house.

Representative Lee has introduced a bill prohibiting the sale of liquors within 200 feet of any public or parochial school.

The house committee on public accounts and expenditures and the house committee on immigration jointly sponsor a bill to abolish the state bureau of immigration. They give as a reason for the proposed abolishment of this bureau, that too large a percentage of the money appropriated to encourage immigration goes for salaries. It is also alleged that certain land agencies are shown special favors.

Representative Guilford has introduced a measure making all villages separate from the towns of which they were formerly a part.

A bill providing that after August 1, 1916, no school shall receive state aid unless the special school tax in the district voted for maintenance of schools exceeds 5 mills, has been introduced in the house. Representative Bjornson is author of the bill and he also introduced a measure providing state aid for graded schools giving special normal instruction, of \$1,200 for the principal teacher and \$900 for each additional instructor up to a total of \$5,000.

Representative Moeller has introduced a bill admitting to the state soldier's home veterans of the Philippine insurrection and the Boxer rebellion, and their mothers, wives and widows.

Senator W. S. Dwinell of Minneapolis proposes to prohibit the teaching of hypnotism or its public practice or exhibition. This is a reform well worth considering.

A public hearing on the proposed efficiency and economy bill was had in the senate Monday. C. E. Elmquist of the railroad and warehouse commission criticized several features of the bill, and several other talks were made for and against the measure.

Representative Indrehus, chairman of the house committee on game and fish, has a letter from a resident of the northern part of the state in which it is suggested that a bill be passed prohibiting the use of poison in taking wolves, on the ground that numerous other animals are killed as a result.

A bill appropriating \$750,000 for two years to be used to care for tubercular patients in the counties throughout the state has been introduced in the senate. The bill provides that the money shall be spent in equipping and maintaining county and district tuberculosis sanitariums and allows \$24,000 for the expenses and salaries of the advisory commission in charge of the work.

The senate has passed the Baldwin bill providing that inmates of the penitentiary and reformatory may be put to work on the construction and improvement of roads in Minnesota. Only five senators voted against the measure.

Representative Gerlich has introduced a measure legalizing foreclosure of mortgages by advertisement and recording thereof where certificates of sale were not filed within time.

Senator R. C. Dunn has introduced a bill to legalize and confirm certain corporations.

A bill authorizing boards of county commissioners to enter into contracts for care and support at county poor houses of aged and decrepit or indigent persons for a stipulated sum per week has been introduced in the house.

Representative Miner proposes that villages acting under general laws may fund their floating indebtedness.

A bill to reimburse county agricultural societies in the sum of \$3,000 when such societies have expended that amount for county fair grounds has been introduced in the senate.

Representative Indrehus has introduced an amendment authorizing the game and fish commission to issue permits to breed otter, marten, fisher and beaver.

Over 500 bills have been introduced in the house, and the end is not yet. The work in both branches is progressing nicely.

County Commissioners Meet.

The board of county commissioners met at the office of the county auditor last Tuesday, and all members were present. The forenoon was devoted to a discussion of the Walton-Corr contract, state road No. 1, job No. 1. Commissioner Warren was appointed a committee of one to look over the uncompleted portion of said road, and to ascertain whether or not same could be corduroyed before the spring thaw. The board will convene again on March 10, to consider this contract, and the auditor was instructed to notify the contractors, and their bondsmen of said meeting.

A plat of Long Siding was submitted to the board and same was approved and accepted.

A petition asking for the resurvey of section 36, Borgholm, was presented to the board, and the date of hearing on same was set for April 6.

Harold Mudgett of Hayland presented a petition, containing about 25 signatures, asking that township 40, range 26, now attached to the town of Hayland, be organized into a new town to be known as the town of Mudgett. Date of hearing on this matter was set for April 6. Mr. Mudgett was one of the earliest settlers in that township, and has done more than his share in developing that region. Mudgett, therefore, is the proper name for the new township if it is organized.

Certain streets in the villages of Milaca, Onamia, Wabkon and Isle, that had already been designated by the common councils of said villages as state highways, were approved by the commissioners, and said streets will be improved under the direction of the state highway commission.

The petition of John G. Grant asking that his lands be set off from school district 18 and attached to district 33 was laid over for further consideration. The commissioners received a written protest from the school board of district 33. The board members alleged that if Mr. Grant's lands were made a part of that district it would be necessary for the district to secure another team of horses to convey his children to school, and consequently they were opposed to the proposed change.

After acting on numerous bills the commissioners adjourned.

Farmers' Club Meeting.

The meetings of the Woodward Brook Farmers' Club are creating considerable interest in that community, and at a club meeting last Friday evening it is estimated that approximately 200 people were in attendance. An interesting program had been prepared for the occasion and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The first number was a farce comedy and it scored a real hit. The plot was that of a prosperous farmer being interviewed by the township assessor, and not knowing the identity of the assessor, proceeded to boast of his splendid herds of live stock. When the farmer finally realized the nature of his visitor's errand, the value of his herds decreased in a manner that was truly amazing. To make matters worse other members of his family, not knowing his intentions, informed the visitor as to the real value of the stock. Prof. Watson of Milaca addressed the audience during the evening, and gave some valuable pointers on the proper feed of dairy cows, and the right way to prepare milk samples for testing. Numerous songs and recitations were also given, and each number on the program was applauded in a manner that indicated genuine appreciation on the part of the audience.

Buy Seeds Early.

Many farmers every year buy a large part of their seed. It is a common mistake for many to wait until the last minute before they make their purchases. This does not give them any time to test their seed as to purity and germination. Buyers of seed should buy by sample only, then send samples to the Minnesota Seed Laboratory, University Farm, St. Paul, and have them tested. Samples of bulk seed should also be sent to the Laboratory later to see whether they correspond with the samples. This all makes it advisable not to wait too long before buying seed for spring sowing.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of letters remaining unclaimed at the postoffice at Princeton, Minn. on February 15, 1915: Miss Bertha Young, Mrs. E. D. Ronn, Grow & Ross, Alex Stephens. Please call for advertised letters. M. M. Briggs, Acting P. M.

TEMPLES DEFEATED

Co. G Basket Ball Team Again Downs the Speedy Temple Quint of Minneapolis.

Locals Will Clash With Powerful Anoka Team at the Armory This Evening.

Company G again demonstrated its superiority over the Temple quint of Minneapolis last Friday evening when it annexed the long end of a 32 to 24 score. The game was staged at the armory, and the spectators were treated to a contest replete with thrills.

The local basket shooters assumed the lead at the outset, and held it to the end. Smith, Morton and Heinz starred in the offensive work during the first half, and piled up a total of 21 points, while the visitors were securing 13. This was an innovation on the part of the locals, as heretofore they have not played a real aggressive game during the opening round, and the result has been that the opposing team always retired at the end of the first half with the most points chalked up to its credit. Upon this occasion the local representatives were determined to play an entire game, however, and they certainly succeeded.

The visitors came back with plenty of grit in the final round, and the result was that they held the locals to a tie in this half—the score being 11 to 11. Princeton's large lead, secured during the first half could not be overcome, and the result was that the local quint was again victorious. Smith, Morton and Heinz directed the artillery in this round also, and appeared to have their sights adjusted to the right angle. Wilkes, who made his first appearance in the local lineup this season, also negotiated two field baskets.

The game was well played and both teams made a creditable showing.

NOTES.

Company has not yet clashed with the team this season capable of handling the short end of the score, and the local quint bids fair to go through the season with a clean slate. It has now met and defeated some of the strongest basket ball aggregations in the state, and its record is more than creditable.

Earl Hatch officiated as referee and proved to be satisfactory to all concerned.

This evening the speedy Co. B. team of Anoka will oppose the locals, and the contest promises to be what might truthfully be termed a hummer. Manager Hofflander reports that Anoka has been playing a strong game this season, and we all know of the prowess of the local quint. Be in attendance.

Princeton Wins and Loses.

The Princeton high school basket ball team suffered its second defeat of the season last Friday evening when it, opposed the Elk River school team. The final score was 29 to 24, and the contest was close and interesting throughout. The Princeton players were at some disadvantage as the hall used was considerably smaller than the armory, and all things considered, they played a creditable game.

The girl teams of the two schools engaged in a preliminary contest, and the Princeton girls clearly demonstrated their superiority, winning the contest by a count of 5 to 2. Elk River scored its lone field basket during the first half, while Princeton was unable to locate the net in this round. In the last half, however, the locals negotiated 2 field baskets and 1 free throw.

Both contests were well played and Princeton followers of basket ball are satisfied at the outcome.

Civil Service Examination.

An open competitive examination for the position of clerk in the post office at Princeton will be held on February 27, 1915. Competitors will be examined in spelling, arithmetic, letter writing, penmanship, copying and reading addresses. Applicants must have reached their 18th but not their 45th birthday on the date of examination. The age limits are waived, however, in the case of persons honorably discharged from the United States military or naval service by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty. Male applicants must measure not less than 5 feet 4 inches in height and must weigh at least 125 pounds without overcoat and hat. Female applicants are not

required to be of any specific height or weight. Each applicant will be required to submit to the examiner on the day of the examination an unmounted photograph of himself taken within two years. From the eligibles resulting from this examination it is expected that certification will be made to fill existing and future vacancies. For application form 1371 and "Instructions to Applicants," address Miss Freda Anderson, secretary civil service board at the Princeton post office.

Entertains For Miss Allison.

Mrs. Mattie Mallette was hostess at a pleasing social event at her home in this village last Saturday, when she entertained in honor of Miss Sadie Allison of Milaca, whose marriage to Dr. L. Wiley will take place some time in April. The affair was in the nature of a valentine party and the rooms were most beautifully decorated for the occasion. The color scheme was crimson and white and was carried out in the flowers, favors and decorations. The shaded candelabra and electricity made a pleasing setting for the occasion. At 1 o'clock dinner was served and covers were laid for fourteen. A cut glass bowl containing crimson and white tulips occupied a conspicuous place in the center of the table. The bride-to-be's chair was artistically draped with satin ribbons. The favors were beautiful, and gave evidence of the care and skill of the hostess in preparing them. Assisting in the serving were Mrs. Johnson and Miss Davis. After a bountiful repast the door bell rang, and at short intervals a "postman" entered bringing with him parcels for the guest of honor, and valentines for the other guests. After the mail had all been distributed those present turned their attention to cards, and Five Hundred was played until the hour of departure. The out of town guests were Mesdames Allison, Olson, Swadling, Krejci and Miss Sadie Allison.

"Sixty Years a Living Valentine."

"Bob" Dunn, sometimes referred to by those not well acquainted with him as Senator Robert C. Dunn, received congratulations from friends today for having reached the 60th milestone in his life. He was born February 14, 1855, and was the only living valentine his parents in County Tyrone, Ireland, ever received. Publisher of the Princeton Union since 1876, he has been a force in Minnesota politics for more than a quarter of a century. His most picturesque achievement was in being nominated by the republicans for governor in 1904. In excellent health and as full of "pep" as ever, he is making the fight of his life this winter to save the Dunn road law of 1911 from emasculation.—Minneapolis Journal, February 15.

The Journal reporter erred in one instance when he penned the above, as Mr. Dunn's parents received two living valentines on February 14, sixty years ago. Hugh C. Dunn, a twin brother of R. C. Dunn, is alive today and resides at Philadelphia. The Union, however, realizes that the reporter was merely guilty of hastily forming a conclusion, and does not append the above correction in a spirit of criticism.

Death of Orville Clough.

Word was received Sunday of the death of Orville Clough at Eveleth, Wash. He had been ailing for some time and his demise was not unexpected. He was interested in a large shingle mill at Eveleth along with ex-Gov. Clough and others. Mr. Clough was the son of the late E. G. Clough of Spencer Brook, and was born at Lynne, N. H., in 1853. He came west with the family in 1857. He has been a resident of Washington since 1875, but has made several brief visits to relatives in Spencer Brook in recent years. He is survived by a wife and son and numerous relatives in Washington and Minnesota. Like all the members of the Clough family Orville was highly esteemed by all who knew him, and his surviving old friends in this vicinity will deeply regret to learn of his death.

Lincoln-Washington Program.

Following is the Lincoln-Washington program to be given at the high school assembly room, tomorrow afternoon, Friday, February 19:

- Song..... High School
- Gettysburg Address..... Harold McVicar
- Ruth Douglas
- Characteristics of Washington..... Gertrude Bishop
- Song..... Ewing's Quartette
- Lincoln, the Great Commoner..... Anna Witken
- Song..... Nathan Peterson
- Address..... Mr. J. J. Skahan
- Selection..... High School Orchestra

OPINIONS OF EDITORS

The Wretch!

It is stated that statistics show that married men make the best fighters in warfare. Most of 'em don't care what happens to them.—Winnebago City Enterprise.

There's Still the One That Gets Away.
Farley Dare, the humorist of the house, has introduced a bill to prevent lying. By its conditions no fisherman may legally catch more than 15 fish in a day.—Eden Valley Journal.

The Latest.

The real up-to-the-minute mother of today does not tell her baby's age in years any more. She refers to the child as a 1913 or 1914 model, as the case may be.—Little Falls Transcript.

Frank Has Got 'Em Again.

See here, Mr. Senator Bob Dunn, please 'tend to your own business. If we—the people—need any of your advice about running the affairs of the government, we'll call on you.—Fairmont Sentinel.

Hon. Mose Is Some Censurer.

We expect to hear of the resignation of President Wilson most any time now. He certainly will not be able to stand up under the severe censure of the Hon. Mose Clapp.—Redwood Falls Gazette.

And Remain Neutral.

Every one of the warring nations accuses this country of favoring the other side. And poor Uncle Sam is literally busting his gallus in a frantic effort to straddle the fence.—Wadena Pioneer-Journal.

The Place to Train the Guns.

Some of you gunners, who have been successful in bringing to earth the German Zeppelins, just train your guns on the soaring cost of living and see if you can't bring it down within the reach of the common herd.—Albert Lea Times-Enterprise.

A Long Time Is Right.

A Northern Minnesota school ma'am, who has been in the habit of sending refractory pupils out doors to catch cold as a punishment for their behavior, is now looking for another school to teach. She will look a long time, if the report of her methods of punishment precedes her.—Red Wing Daily Eagle.

We Certainly Have.

Certain Texas politicians want to split that state into three—North Texas, South Texas and West Texas. But do the people of the United States want six United States senators from Texas? Have we not trouble enough now with the European and Mexican mixups and the Wilson administration?—St. Cloud Journal-Press.

Westcott-Peterson.

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, Miss Annie Peterson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson, formerly of Princeton but now of Rock Springs, Montana, and Mr. Chas. E. Westcott were united in marriage at the residence of Rev. F. H. Martin, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, Miles City, Montana. The bride was attired in a gown of white shadow lace over pale blue silk. Mr. and Mrs. Westcott left the following morning for San Francisco where they will spend their honeymoon. They have the well wishes of numerous friends.

Notice.

A class for beginners will be organized by the normal department commencing March 29. The children who are six years of age by June first next will be eligible to enter this class.

Parents desiring to send their children should make application at once to Miss Anna Whiting at the high school building.

J. C. Marshall, Superintendent.

Mrs. Charles Judkins.

Mrs. Charles Judkins, an old and esteemed resident of Baldwin, passed away at the Northwestern hospital last evening. Mrs. Judkins had been ill for some time, and hopes for recovery had practically been abandoned at the time she was admitted to the hospital. Bright's disease was the cause of death. The funeral arrangements have not been completed as yet.