

STATE LEGISLATURE

Second Choice Feature of the Primary Law Abolished in Bill Passed by Both Branches.

Legislature Adjourns—Yesterday the Last Day For Consideration of Measures.

The second choice feature of the primary law has been abolished, a bill repealing this provision having passed both the senate and the house. It had a short life, having been passed at the special session of 1912. The plan did not work well and its demise will not be mourned. The repeal bill also provides an easier method of contesting elections by arranging to have all ballots sent in to the state capitol for counting.

The senate considered the two C. H. Warner house bills last week, and Senator R. C. Dunn succeeded in having passed, under suspension of the rules, the bill requiring that notices of all proposals for bridge bids be filed with the state highway commission, so as to attract a broader field of bidding. The bill authorizing the highway commission to buy bridge materials for counties and communities was referred to the committee.

The bill to abolish the state highway commission was killed in the house last Thursday, when the adverse committee report on the measure was adopted by a vote of 64 to 42. The limited woman suffrage bill, which would have allowed women to vote on presidential candidates in Minnesota is dead, as its friends could not muster enough votes to carry a motion to suspend the rules in the house.

The house has passed by an almost unanimous vote, a bill amending the presidential preference primary law of 1913 so as to eliminate the provisions for payment by the state of the expenses of delegates to national conventions.

The senate last Thursday afternoon passed the joint resolution providing for a joint commission to investigate the subject of efficiency and economy and to report to the legislature at its next session. The commission is to consist of four senators, four house members and three other citizens appointed by the governor.

The educational appropriation bill, carrying a total of \$7,122,760 for the two-year period, passed the senate unanimously last Thursday just as prepared by the finance committee. The bill appropriates \$3,830,000 for general school aid throughout the state, and the university is given \$1,946,500 a year.

The bill by the house committee on banks and banking placing state banks on the same basis as to reserve requirements as national banks, so they can enter the Federal reserve system, passed the house last Thursday afternoon.

Governor Hammond has signed the road house bill, and the measure is now a law. In all probability the supreme court will be called upon to decide the constitutionality of the manner in which it passed the house.

Representatives Holmes, Frye, Lattin, Southwick and Putnam have inserted in the house record a statement that they protest "gently and kindly but firmly" against the use of profane, vulgar and insulting language in house debates. This action was taken because of the wide latitude taken in recent debates.

The senate has killed the bill placing the management of the state capitol building and grounds under the state board of control, and also the bill placing the state oil inspection under the dairy and food department.

The house last Saturday morning killed by a decisive vote the attempt to establish a pre-primary party convention system to choose party candidates for the primary election. An amendment was first adopted striking out the provision for the indorsement of party candidates, and this would have left to conventions the only duty of framing party platforms. A motion to kill the bill then prevailed by a unanimous vote. The bill had formerly passed the senate.

The bill providing for special education in public schools of deaf, blind and mentally sub-normal children and children of defective speech passed the senate last Saturday morning by a unanimous vote. The measure also provides state aid for the work.

The house bill changing the game

limits as follows has also passed the senate: For upland birds, 10 a day and 30 in possession instead of 15 and 45; ducks, 15 a day and 45 in possession instead of 15 and 50.

When the house was considering the board of control appropriation bill last Saturday, Representative C. H. Warner of Aitkin objected to an amendment which provides for taking the cost of prison maintenance out of the fund of \$2,600,000 accumulated out of twine plant profits. Mr. Warner was of the opinion that this literally amounted to the cost of prison maintenance being taken directly from the farmers of the state, and advocated a reduction in the price of prison twine. The bill passed however and the amendment was adopted.

The senate last Friday afternoon passed the house bill systematizing the distribution of state aid to rural schools. The bill reduces the amount of aid to rural schools slightly.

The senate last Monday passed the bill by Representative Gordon abolishing the office of hotel inspector and putting the work under the dairy and food department.

The bill by Representative Magnus Johnson prohibiting unfair discrimination between different localities in the purchase of grain has passed the house.

The house has also passed the bill by Senator J. D. Sullivan of St. Cloud requiring the use of Minnesota stone in state buildings, after two amendments had been adopted. One provides that it shall not work to prevent the use of outside materials when an existing building is being extended. The other makes the same provision as to groups of buildings. The senate, which had already passed the bill concurred in the amendments. Representative Indrehus of Benton county led the fight for the measure in the house.

Poultry associations are to lose the state aid they have heretofore had under the law, as a result of the final action by the senate Monday morning on the bill for state aid to county fairs. They were eliminated from this bill and put into another bill which the house killed. County fairs that do not charge admission are also to be deprived of state aid.

Both branches of the legislature passed the Moeller-Lennon bill legalizing ten-round, no-decision boxing matches in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth. The bill provides for the appointment of a boxing commission of three by the governor, which will have control of the bouts. The commissioners are to serve without salary. Bouts are to be held in licensed, enclosed buildings, and no betting is to be allowed nor any liquors sold. Ten per cent of all gross receipts divert to the fund for the state sanatorium for consumptives.

The public accounts and expenditures committee, which investigated the affairs of the state university has submitted its report to the house. No evidence which would substantiate the charges of extravagance in the management of the institution was gathered, and the committee indicated that it believed that the university is being conducted on a sound business basis.

Governor Hammond made his first veto of the session Tuesday morning, when he rejected the Wilkins-Sudheimer bill which would have allowed veterans of the Philippine war to become veterinarians without taking an examination. The governor characterized this as "clearly class legislation in the interest of a few individuals and a complete repudiation of the safeguards which prevent unqualified persons from practicing."

The senate passed the anti-Mayo affiliation bill, but efforts to put the bill through the house were abandoned, and the board of regents will be left to do what they believe best in the matter.

The bill increasing the number of justices of the supreme court from five to seven, and abolishing two commissioners passed the house yesterday by a vote of 68 to 3. The bill already had passed the senate, and it will be submitted to the people at the next general election as a constitutional amendment.

The conference committee of the house and senate appointed to take up the omnibus appropriation bills agreed upon the departmental measure, and several of the appropriations made by the house were reduced in amount, while others were totally eliminated.

The measure designed to provide a wider public use of school buildings was killed in the senate, when the committee on education and educa-

tional institutions yesterday reported it for indefinite postponement.

Numerous measures passed both the house and senate yesterday, but few were of general interest. The time limit for the passage of bills was 12 o'clock last night, and the closing hours witnessed some stirring scenes. The legislature was in session this morning but not in an official capacity. By tomorrow few solons will be in the Capitol city.

A Pleading Production.

A goodly audience attended the home talent play at the armory last Friday evening, which was staged under the auspices of the K. O. K. A. and Q. A. societies, and all who attended thoroughly enjoyed the production. The title of the play was "The Country Doctor," and it was enacted in a most creditable manner—each one in the cast winning the plaudits of the audience. The excellent acting of the young people participating was a pleasing feature, and everything passed off as smoothly as even the most critical could desire. The affair was an entire success in every way, and those in attendance demonstrated their appreciation by liberal applause.

Of the more prominent characters it would be indeed difficult to select the "star." The audience was delighted with Miss Edith Earley, who played the part of Mrs. Agnes Gilbert, a young woman whom fate had not dealt with kindly, while Henry Shockley in the title role added just the right professional air to his bearing to portray a country doctor in a most realistic manner. The audience was surprised by Miss Anna Wikeen's clever interpretation of her part, and she acted the stage-struck girl in a way that literally brought down the house. Impersonating a young woman who mistook a meddlesome disposition, jealousy and meanness for a Christian conscience, Miss Dorothy Dickey demonstrated unquestioned ability, and her portrayal of the character was perfect. Miss Adel Busch in the role of a hospitable and kind-hearted wife of a country hotel keeper also scored a "hit," and Glen Davis as proprietor of the hotel played his part in a most commendable manner. In the role of the doctor's sister Miss Marian Fox "starred," while Harold Anderson as a young man deeply in love, also won the favor of the audience. Donald Rawn added considerable life to the play by his breezy portrayal of the village loafer, and Eugene Hill, in the role of a darkey with an earnest desire to rest succeeded in doing full justice to the part. As the sheriff Lemuel Briggs left nothing to be desired in his acting, and John Schmidt as the stage driver had little to do but did it well. All in all it was a truly creditable performance, and the young people are entitled to praise for their excellent work.

Prior to the last act a flash-light picture was taken of the cast, and Henry Shockley in a few timely and bright remarks thanked the audience for its patronage.

Not the least important feature of the evening was the music by the high school orchestra between acts. Princeton can take real pride in this splendid musical organization, and it more than came up to expectations last Friday evening. It is a credit to the village and the school.

All who were in attendance at the armory were agreeably surprised by the quality of the entertainment, and favorable comments were heard on every hand relative to both the actors and the orchestra.

Base Ball Meeting.

The directors of the ball team, the manager and a few "fans" and players congregated at the armory last Monday evening to discuss plans. L. F. Wilkes, who had a most successful season as hurler for the locals last year, has secured employment at Milaca, but Princeton base ball enthusiasts will be pleased to learn that he will again be in the local line-up. S. P. Skahen, who ranks as the best receiver in these parts, has promised to at least catch during the first game, and this will be pleasing news to all. Clifton Cravens has decided not to play ball this season, so a steady receiver must be secured. For the other positions on the team there is plenty of available material, and indications are that Princeton will be represented on the diamond this season with a winning team.

A bill of fare supper will be served at the Swedish Baptist church of Dalbo, Friday evening, April 23, at 8 o'clock. A lecture will also be given on the following subject: "Det ar Icke Gatt for Mannen att Vara Allena." Everybody welcome.

WINS OPENING GAME

Princeton High School Base Ball Team Vanquishes Milaca at the Fair Grounds Saturday.

Foley School Representatives Will Clash With the Locals Next Saturday Afternoon.

The Princeton high school base ball team opened the season in a most auspicious manner at the fair grounds last Saturday afternoon, when it administered a thorough trouncing to the base ball representatives of the Milaca school. The Princeton players demonstrated their superiority in every department of play, and the result was that they fairly overwhelmed the visitors from the north. The final score was 22 to 3, and that just about sums up the contest.

Neither side scored during the first inning, but in the first half of the second round, Erickson completed the circuit for the visitors. Princeton more than evened things up in its half, when Lofgren, Umbecker, Peterson and Dugan smote the sphere fairly, and the first three named crossed the registering station. Both sides were blanked in the third, and the visitors were retired scoreless in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings also. Princeton inaugurated a regular old-time batting rally in the last half of the fourth, and bombarded the outfield with a fusillade of hits. It was a riot of runs, and before the side was retired Schmidt, Newton, Jesmer, Berg, Lofgren, Emahiser and Dugan completed the circuit. The following inning was also disastrous for the up-country athletes, as Princeton's huskies added five more runs to the total. Princeton secured one more in the sixth but was blanked in its half of the seventh. Milaca, however, broke into the score column again in the seventh, when Greenough managed to cross the plate, and in the eighth the visitors secured their last run of the game—Anderson completing the circuit. Princeton closed the contest with a flourish in its half of the eighth, when several healthy swings at the ball netted it six scores. The feature of this inning was a screaming home-run drive from the bat of Berg, and it was a fitting wind-up of the game.

NOTES.

That the Princeton high school has an excellent team in the field this season was very evident to all who attended the game last Saturday. The boys all play together, and are strong in both the batting and fielding departments. S. P. Skahen, who is coaching the boys, is also entitled to praise for the splendid showing made.

N. Peterson was on the firing line for Princeton during the first five innings, and was in good form. But one run was scored off of his delivery, and his performance was a creditable one. Emahiser, who was behind the bat, took up the mound duties in the sixth round and finished the game. He also did excellent work and demonstrated unquestioned ability as a hurler. In Peterson and Emahiser the school has a couple of twirlers who can be depended upon to make things extremely interesting for opposing batsmen.

W. C. Doane in the role of arbitrator did excellent work, and his decisions were absolutely impartial. While all the locals did gratifying stick work, Berg appeared to be in exceptional form and his batting was a feature.

Dugan was at the receiving end while Emahiser was pitching and did good work. The high school is fortunate in having two batteries.

Next Saturday the locals will clash with the Foley representatives, and those who miss this contest will undoubtedly regret it. Princeton has a strong team in the field, and it is entitled to support. Be in attendance.

Tainted Lawn Grass Seed.

Some of the lawn grass seed mixtures put on the market this spring are of a very inferior quality, says W. L. Oswald of the Minnesota Seed Laboratory. Sample received by the Seed Laboratory show a very low percentage of Kentucky blue grass seed, and a correspondingly high percentage of chaff and weed seeds, or of grass seed that are not desirable on lawns. One sample was found to contain less than 1-10 of 1 percent of blue grass seed, whereas every good lawn grass seed mixture should have in the neighborhood of 70 per cent

of such seed.

The Minnesota pure seed law requires that all packages of seed containing more than one pound shall bear a label showing the percentage of pure seed, and stating whether the germination is good or not. It also requires that the presence of quack grass, Canada thistle, perennial sow thistle, and dodder shall be made known.

The trouble is, seeds such as Mr. Oswald of the Seed Laboratory warns the public against are sold in packages of less than one pound. The packages do not have to be labeled, therefore, and expose the purchaser to fraud.

The best way to purchase lawn grass seed is to buy the different grasses needed and mix them for one's self. A good mixture of this kind is made up of 14 parts Kentucky blue grass seed, 2 parts white clover seed and 2 parts of solid red top.

Fire at Elk River.

A disastrous fire visited Elk River last night, and an entire business block of six buildings was wiped out. The fire started in the Hulbert building, and was first discovered at about 12 o'clock. The flames spread rapidly, and all efforts to check them were futile until the block had been destroyed. Besides the Hulbert building the following structures were burned to the ground: Bank of Elk River, Northwestern Telephone exchange, W. L. Babcock Sons' store, and the post-office. The loss is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The City Charter.

The charter commission appointed to draft a city charter has completed its labors, and the charter is now on file at the office of Recorder Hatch, where those who desire to do so may inspect same. It is a lengthy production, being composed of 87 typewritten pages, and voters should familiarize themselves with its provisions. The charter will be on file at least 30 days, and it will undoubtedly be submitted to the voters for approval or rejection in the near future.

Under the charter the elective officers of the city would be a mayor, four members of the council to be known as aldermen, two justices of the peace and two constables—all to be elected from the city at large. The city clerk is to be appointed by the council, and other appointive officers are as follows: City attorney, fire warden, marshal, members of the board of health, street commissioner, water and light commissioners, and park commissioners. The water and light commission is retained with practically the same duties and powers that it now enjoys.

In the matter of licensing the sale of spirituous, vinous, fermented or malt liquors, the charter provides that no license shall be issued for a fee less than \$2,000; that no saloon shall be licensed within 400 feet of a school building, and that no application for such a license shall be considered unless accompanied by a petition signed by a majority of the voters of the city.

The city council is authorized to control or prohibit the placing of poles or suspension of wires along or across streets and alleys, and may require any and all wires to be placed beneath the surface of the streets or sidewalks.

The first election under the charter would be held on the second Tuesday in March, 1916, and elections would be held annually thereafter.

As before stated the charter is rather lengthy and it would be practically impossible to give all its provisions at this time. It does not change the methods of conducting municipal affairs to any great extent, however, and all who are interested may inspect it at the office of the village recorder.

Clean-up Day.

Governor Hammond has designated May 6, as clean-up day, and citizens generally should act upon the suggestion. It is not necessary to wait until that date, however, and the work can be done at any time now. The proclamation follows:

"The annual loss of property by fire in the state of Minnesota is appalling. This loss arises very largely from carelessness. All winter long, in our villages and cities, and sometimes on the farms, rubbish accumulates in buildings, alleys, storerooms and attics.

I do hereby designate Thursday, the sixth day of May, 1915, as "Clean-up day." I recommend that Mayors, Fire Marshals and all other public officers use all diligence in calling to the attention of the people within

their jurisdictions the importance of putting their premises in order against the danger of fire. Officials should not only urge the importance of this work but enforce impartially the laws of the state relating to it.

I further urge that the schools of Minnesota, both public and private, recognize this day by having fire drill exercises and discussions of the best methods of protecting property and life. All civic organizations should share in this very necessary work."

Scalberg Barn Burns.

Fire of an unknown origin completely destroyed the Fred Scalberg livery barn early Friday morning, and the Frank Smith cottage adjoining the barn was badly damaged. The north wall, the roof and ceiling being practically demolished. The alarm was sounded at 3 o'clock and the fire ladders were on the scene in a remarkable short time. The boys battled valiantly, but were handicapped on account of insufficient water pressure. Burning embers from the building were carried several blocks, and had it not been for a slight rainfall the previous evening, considerable more damage might have resulted to village property.

In the barn at the time the fire was discovered there were four horses, numerous buggies, sleds and an automobile, which were saved. About five tons of hay, considerable feed, several sets of harness, numerous robes, blankets and cushions and other articles perished in the flames, however. The building was valued at about \$2,500, and was insured for \$2,000 in a company represented by J. J. Skahen. No insurance was carried on the contents.

The Smith cottage was also insured in a company represented by Mr. Skahen, \$600 being carried. The building was valued at \$1,200, and there will be some salvage. Mrs. Mahaffey occupied the cottage, and considerable of her furniture was destroyed or damaged. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

Publicity Pays.

The attention of every Northfield merchant—and particularly that of the non-advertiser or the spasmodic advertiser—is directed to The Alex Marshall Co.'s advertisement in this week's News. What is there stated is not only an axiomatic truth but the history of the Alex Marshall Co. is in itself a demonstration of the fact that a consistent and persistent advertising policy pays.

Week in and week out, rain or shine, summer and winter, in times of peace and in times of war, during periods of depression and waves of prosperity, in democratic as well as in republican years, in the wet as well as in the dry era, Alex Marshall Co.'s ad has appeared in The News. And these ads have been filled with "Store News" written to interest News' readers, and further the copy is changed with every issue.

In the twenty-five years of its history the Alex Marshall Co. has been growing until with the remodeling of its present quarters last fall it has reached the proportions of a store that would be a credit to a city several times the size of Northfield. Would this growth have been achieved if the management had been satisfied with a publicity policy which extended no further than the insertion of a few advertisements just before the Christmas season? We venture not.

Profitable advertising isn't a hundred yard dash—it's a marathon. Put price, punch and personality into your ad copy—and keep at it!—Northfield News.

Misunderstood.

"What would you do if I turned you down?" asked the maiden. A full minute passed and yet the man sat in silence.

"Didn't you hear my question?" she asked, somewhat petulantly.

"I thought you were talking to the gas," he responded firmly.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Methodist Ladies' Aid society will meet with Mrs. H. L. Winsor next Wednesday afternoon.

Oscar Wikeen came up from Minneapolis last evening to pass a week at the home of his parents here.

There will be a meeting of the Cemetery Association at the court house next Monday, at 2:30 p. m. All members are requested to be present. A. J. Bullis, President.

Mrs. Wm. Swanbro and baby departed for Montana this morning to join Mr. Swanbro, who has been there for some time. Numerous friends here wish them unlimited happiness in their new home.