

COUNTY FAIR OPENS

Twenty-Fourth Annual Fair of Mille Lacs County Agricultural Society Opens at Princeton.

Exhibits are Numerous and Indications are That all Previous Records Will Be Broken.

The twenty-fourth annual fair of the Mille Lacs County Agricultural association opened in this village yesterday, and will continue until Saturday evening. Ideal weather prevailed upon the opening day, and the indications are that the weather man will continue to favor us with genuine "fair" weather.

The first day was given over to the entry of exhibits, and the superintendents of the various departments were kept busy arranging the different articles entered. Up to noon yesterday the indications were that the exhibits would surpass in quantity and excellence those of any previous fair. The various buildings were rapidly being filled with splendid products of the farm and home.

The Better Babies Contest, which will be an innovation here, should prove particularly interesting to parents and others. The ladies' rest room is used for this feature, and there are 32 babies entered. The contest will be instructive as well as interesting.

Of especial interest are the school exhibits. The Princeton, Milaca and several rural schools are represented. County Superintendent Ewing has charge of the rural exhibits, and it is a creditable showing, as are those of the other schools. Mille Lacs county has a splendid school system—one in which all citizens can take pride.

The pastry and canned goods department and the dairy, honey and sugar exhibits are exceptionally fine. Everything is neatly arranged, and the exhibit is a most tempting display.

The new art hall will undoubtedly be visited by many, and no one who attends the fair should fail to see this excellent display. Numerous neat and handsome specimens of needle craft can be viewed in the east wing, and everything is splendidly arranged. The west wing contains the works of amateur artists, and a fine showing is made. The firms of A. E. Allen & Co., C. H. Nelson and Creglow's, and the Princeton postoffice also have neatly arranged booths in this wing. The art hall is assuredly well worth visiting.

As usual the poultry display is fine. A great variety of different breeds of chickens, ducks, geese and pigeons are entered, and there are some truly fine specimens.

That the farmers of this vicinity are thoroughly alive to the importance of raising good live stock no one can doubt after an inspection of the cattle barn. C. N. Park has a herd of splendid registered and grade Holstein-Friesian cows, composed of 14 head. R. E. Lynch also has his fine herd of registered Ayrshires entered. Another herd worthy of more than passing attention is the one entered by S. Drogosma of Pease. This herd consists of 19 head of Herefords. There are also numerous other entries in dairy and beef stock and the showing is indeed gratifying.

The various horses entered are fine specimens, and the sheep and swine entered for premiums look like real prize winners.

A visit to the agricultural hall is all that is necessary to convince anyone of the productiveness and fertility of the soil of Mille Lacs and adjoining counties. Prize specimens of potatoes, corn, grasses, grain, pumpkins and various vegetables are here displayed, and it is a splendid showing.

The township exhibits are all neatly arranged, and are composed of excellent farm products. Kathio, Isle Harbor and Princeton are represented, and each town makes a meritable showing.

The amusement program of the fair starts today, and this afternoon various races and sports will delight and entertain the multitude. United States Senator Knute Nelson speaks at 2 p. m. The powerful Mora base ball team will clash with Princeton this afternoon, and the game should be a hummer. The Citizens' band of Princeton, a splendid musical organization, will also discourse stirring selections. Each day of the fair will be replete with interesting events, and upon Friday and Saturday air-

ship flights will thrill the spectators. No one who can possibly attend should fail to do so, as there is no doubt but what the 1915 fair will surpass in every respect any previous fair held in Mille Lacs county.

NOTES.

Frank Morneau, the enterprising Wahkon banker, brought down a creditable display of fruit, vegetables, grain and grasses from the town of Isle Harbor. This is the first time Isle Harbor has had a display at the county fair but we hope it will not be the last.

As usual the wide-awake Vineland storekeeper is on hand with a fine exhibit of the products of the town of Kathio. There is an exceptionally good exhibit of apples and other fruit in Kathio's generous contribution.

R. E. Lynch's herd of 11 Ayrshires attracts attention in the cattle barn. This herd captured three blue, six red and two white ribbons at the state fair this year. Mr. Lynch has reason to feel proud of his beautiful Ayrshires.

Agricultural exhibits were coming in thick and fast until a late hour last evening, and the indications are that there will not be a foot of vacant space in agricultural hall.

The Union goes to press late Wednesday evening so as to give the force an opportunity of visiting the fair Thursday. The indications are if the fine weather continues that this will be the biggest and most successful fair in the history of the society. Ample justice will be done exhibits and exhibitors in the next issue of the Union.

Grand and Petit Jurors Drawn.

Clerk of Court King, Sheriff Shockley and Justice Dickey drew the grand and petit jurors for the regular fall term of the district court for Mille Lacs county, which convenes at Princeton October 19, last Saturday. The names of those drawn appear hereunder:

GRAND JURORS.

William Kallher..... Princeton Village
Charles Hepburn..... Princeton Village
O. B. Randall..... Princeton Village
Charles Blocker..... Princeton Village
H. C. Harrington..... Princeton Township
Fred Eggert..... Princeton Township
Fred Schimming..... Princeton Township
Henry Marpe..... Princeton Township
Nick Essig..... Princeton Township
Gust Erickson..... Greenbush Township
Adolph Minks..... Bogus Brook Township
Ole Felwick..... Bogus Brook Township
Fred Johnson..... Milaca Township
Frank Robison..... Daley Township
P. J. Griggs..... Page Township
E. L. Parent..... Page Township
J. A. Barnes..... Page Township
Peter C. Lynch..... Foreston Village
Ed Stromwall..... Foreston Village
Oscar Nelson..... Foreston Village
Henry Pierce..... Kathio Township
William Shobe..... Onamia Township
Ted Lewis..... Isle Village

PETIT JURORS.

A. C. Smith..... Princeton Village
James Edmunds..... Princeton Township
Harry Mott..... Princeton Township
Jacob Mahler..... Greenbush Township
Dan Anderson..... Greenbush Township
Louis Robideau..... Greenbush Township
George H. Smallwood..... Borgholm Township
A. V. Bjorling..... Borgholm Township
Frank Hayden..... Borgholm Township
Gust Lindberg..... Borgholm Township
Thomas Dack..... Borgholm Township
Frank Druselka..... Hayland Township
Albert Kiel..... Milaca Village
Andrew Larson..... Milaca Village
J. P. Eggen..... Milaca Township
John A. Peterson..... Page Township
Thomas Joseph..... Foreston Village
C. F. Herbert..... Foreston Village
Fred Samuelson..... Foreston Village
C. G. Carlson..... Milo Township
Fred Lewis..... Kathio Township
Henry Beckman..... Onamia Village
J. E. Tibbary..... Onamia Village
Harry Elgren..... East Side Township

A Popular St. Paul Man Passes Away.

There are many people throughout the state who will regret the death of Matt Jensen, which occurred at his home in St. Paul last Sunday afternoon. He was taken ill on an automobile trip to White Salmon, Wash., on a visit to his son about two months ago. Apoplexy was the immediate cause of his death.

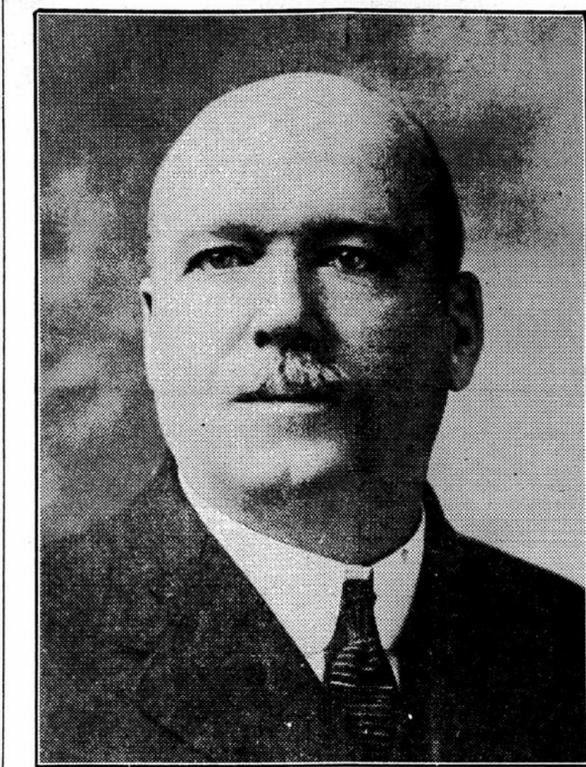
For many years Mr. Jensen was chief clerk in the state treasurer's office, then he was city clerk of St. Paul, and for nine years past was clerk of the district court of Ramsey county.

Matt Jensen was a genial, whole-souled man, who numbered his friends by the thousand, and his sudden passing away in the prime of life will be sincerely regretted by each and all of them.

Burning Straw a Wasteful Practice.

The fields of Minnesota are dotted every fall with burning straw piles. The practice has been followed since the time when the prairies were broken, and is wasteful.

Rotation investigations by many of the experiment stations, indicate that vegetable matter is a very important ingredient in the soil and that straw from any of the grain, re-



GOVERNOR WINFIELD SCOTT HAMMOND

Who Will Speak at the Mille Lacs County Fair, in Princeton, Saturday at 2 o'clock P. M.

turned to the land, adds materially to the production.

Hopkins of Illinois gives the value of oat straw for manurial purposes at \$3.30 per ton. Wheat straw is valued at \$2.58 per ton. The same relative comparison gives the value of fresh farm manure at \$2.22 and barnyard manure at \$2.34 per ton. Any one who destroys a ton of wheat or oat straw, therefore, is destroying more fertilizing ingredients than are contained in the average ton of manure from the barnyard.

The place for the straw is back on the land. If it can go through the medium of live stock, as food and bedding for them, that is the best way to return it. Where sufficient live stock is not raised, however, to use all of the straw in this way, the straw should be returned directly to the land. It can be spread thinly and plowed under, or better yet it can be used as a top-dressing or mulch for the small grain fields and on the pastures and meadows. If it is applied to the pastures and meadows, it would be better to make the application in the fall. On the grain fields it can be used as a dressing after the grain has been sown. Machines are made for spreading it thinly and evenly.—Andrew Ross, University Farm, St. Paul.

Rent the Armory for School Purposes.

Owing to the large enrollment at the Princeton schools, additional room had to be provided, and at a special meeting of the school board last Saturday evening the armory was rented at an agreed price of \$65 per month. The main auditorium is now being used for school purposes. Workmen are plastering, and otherwise preparing the front upstairs room, which will be divided by a center wall, and when completed these two rooms will be used. Each of the rooms will be large enough for all purposes—30x30.

The Normal department of the high school and that part of the eighth grade associated with it, have been transferred to the armory. The school board examined various buildings, but found none so suitable as the armory, and it will be used until a new building is erected.

Sunday School Convention a Success.

The Sunday School convention for the Third district of Mille Lacs county, held at Woodward Brook last Sunday, was a success in every way. An excellent program was rendered, and the meeting was interesting and instructive.

Mrs. Larson read a paper on "The Cradle Roll," Miss Margaret I. King on "The Teacher Training," Mr. C. L. Jump on "District and County Standards," and Miss Eva Ross on "The Teen Age." Rev. Johnson delivered an address, and a quartet composed of Mrs. Claire Caley, Mrs. E. B. Service, and Messrs. Guy Ewing and A. J. Orton sang two delightful selections. Each number on the program was excellent.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Wm. Talen; vice

president, Mrs. Shea; secretary, Miss Carlson; treasurer, Chas. Umbhoecker; superintendent adult and home department, Mrs. Gibson; superintendent teacher training, Mrs. C. L. Jump; superintendent temperance and missions, Mrs. R. Ross; superintendent elementary department, Mrs. E. Larson; superintendent teen age, Miss Eva Ross.

The Mille Lacs County Sunday School association is composed of all the Sunday schools in the county, and is non-denominational. Practically all the schools within the county are displaying a commendable and wholesome interest in the work, believe in co-operation and are working to stimulate interest in religious affairs.

The meeting last Sunday was gratifyingly successful, and considerable credit is due to Mrs. Talen, district president, who labored unceasingly to make it so.

Quarterly Statement.

Following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the water, light and building commission of the village of Princeton for the three months of June, July and August, 1915:

INCOME.	
Electric light earnings.....	\$1784.81
Electric street lights.....	237.70
Water earnings.....	245.86
Hydrant rentals.....	131.25
Sprinkling.....	297.38
Meter rentals.....	97.65
Merchandise.....	376.24
Gross income.....	\$3140.86
OPERATING EXPENSES.	
Salaries.....	\$1067.88
Station expense.....	85.11
Station repairs.....	126.18
Line repairs.....	304.54
Insurance.....	75.00
Oil and waste.....	63.28
Fuel.....	771.19
Freight and dray.....	61.68
Interest.....	125.96
Total electric maintenance.....	\$2560.82
CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.	
Electric.....	\$60.19
Water.....	150.00
PROPERTY ACCOUNT.	
Merchandise.....	\$ 214.30
Tools.....	95.65
Electric Meters.....	35.20
SUMMARY STATEMENT.	
Receipts.	
Light and power earnings.....	\$1784.81
Street lights.....	237.70
Water earnings.....	245.86
Street sprinkling.....	297.38
Hydrant rentals.....	131.25
Meter rentals.....	97.65
Expense.	
Labor.....	\$1067.88
Station expense.....	85.11
Station repairs.....	126.18
Line repairs.....	304.54
Insurance.....	75.00
Oil, waste and packing.....	63.28
Coal.....	771.19
Freight and dray.....	61.68
Interest.....	125.96
Net earnings.....	203.80
	\$2764.62 \$2764.62

Charles Walker has Narrow Escape

Charles J. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Walker of Spencer Brook, who is engaged in the practice of law at Lakeport, Oregon, narrowly escaped being assassinated on August 14, by a murderous individual named R. B. Neff, who later committed suicide. Neff shot and killed a young man just prior to his attempt to take Mr. Walker's life. The following account of the affair is taken from the columns of the Gold Beach, Oregon, Globe, under date of August 24:

"The body of R. B. Neff, the assassin who shot from ambush and

killed Allie Wittman as he was driving the milk cows on August 14, was found in Floras lake early Monday morning by Deputy Sheriff J. G. Russell and posse. The report coming from there says that Neff had ended his life by the same way that he ended the life of Mr. Wittman.

"Wittman was shot with a 25-30 U. S. rifle, using an explosive ball. The first shot took effect in the arm and the second in the mouth, coming out near the ear. The explosive ball tore the head all to pieces. The murderer then went to the home of C. J. Walker in Lakeport and fired one shot at Mr. Walker, the bullet going through his undershirt, barely grazing the skin. Mr. Walker grappled with his would-be assassin and succeeded in taking the gun from him. Neff then went to his own home, secured another gun and grub, went to the lake, took a boat and rowed across, tied the boat, and went into the woods. Before leaving home, however, he wrote the following note:

"I want a decent burial. I want Mr. W. A. Wood of Gold Beach appointed as administrator of my affairs. I leave \$600 in Bank of Bandon. I want a tombstone like this: R. B. Neff. Born in 1854. Died 1915. He was a victim of unfortunate circumstances."

Mr. Walker, it appears, had successfully argued a case at law in which Neff was interested in the losing side, which undoubtedly accounts for the attempted assassination.

Matter Rests With Germany.

Washington, Sept. 15.—The immediate future of the submarine controversy between the United States and Germany is now largely in the hands of Berlin.

With full appreciation of this fact, but still most hopeful that Germany will be willing to make the concessions necessary to carry the situation over its present most difficult stage, the administration entered upon a period of waiting.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, is the chief instrument through which it is hoped here that a more satisfactory attitude of the German government toward the Arabic case will be obtained.

It is expected that at least a week or ten days will elapse before the outcome of his efforts can be known here. Ambassador Bernstorff is planning to leave Washington for the summer embassy at Cedarhurst, L. I. It is quite probable that Secretary of State Lansing also will arrange to get away for a few days of rest in the interim.

Should Germany fail to satisfy the American demand for disavowal indications were that the Washington government would follow its original purpose to sever diplomatic relations.

The German ambassador was never more hopeful of an amicable solution of the submarine controversy being reached than he is now.

While officials of the administration do not, for obvious reasons, publicly echo the ambassador's radiant optimism, it is known that they feel also that the situation is far from being hopeless.

It was noted with satisfaction here that Ambassador Gerard had a talk with the Berlin foreign office, apparently similar in its purposes to the conference between Secretary Lansing and Ambassador Bernstorff here.

This gave rise to the belief that the German government shares the desire of its representative here to find a way in which the two governments can be brought into complete accord.

As has been stated in these dispatches the immediate difficulty preventing the governments reaching an understanding is the German note on the Arabic case. The United States finds it impossible to accept this note as satisfactory, because in it Germany refuses to accept liability for the act in this case the mistake of its submarine commander. This strikes at the very fundamentals of the United States position.

In its very first note to Germany on the submarine issue, that of Feb. 10, it declared that it would hold the German government "to strict accountability" for the acts of its naval commanders operating under the then just issued war zone decree.

GENERAL RIPLEY IS DEAD

Civil War Veteran Became Prominent New York Financier.

Rutland, Vt., Sept. 15.—Brigadier General Edward H. Ripley, who led the first federal brigade into Richmond after the surrender of General Lee's army, died after a long illness. After the war General Ripley became prominent in New York financial circles.

French Financier Dead.

Paris, Sept. 15.—The death was announced here of Gaston Dreyfus, head of the governing committee of the Paris bourse.

TEACHERS' PENSIONS

Law Providing for Retirement of Teachers Explained by the Board of Trustees.

A Minimum of Twenty Years of Service as a Teacher is Required for Retirement.

The following circular issued by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota Teachers' Insurance and Retirement Fund will undoubtedly be of interest to school teachers and others, as it explains in detail the law providing for this fund which was passed at the last session of the legislature:

"The term teacher, as defined in section 1 of the law, includes all persons employed in any educational or administrative capacity in the public schools of Minnesota, or in a similar relation in any educational, correctional or charitable institution supported wholly or in part by the state, excepting those employed in the University of Minnesota. This includes certified librarians. Teachers in cities of the first class, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, are also excepted.

"Any person employed in Minnesota as a teacher (see definition above), at the time of the passage of the law, April 20, 1915, may become a member of the fund association upon application to the board of trustees. Such application must be made before September first, 1917. (Section 8).

"Any person not employed in Minnesota on the above date who enters upon the work of teaching in this state on or after September first, 1915, by such action becomes a member of the fund association and as such will be required to pay the monthly assessments. This applies equally to those who have taught previously in Minnesota or in other states, and to those who are just entering upon the work of teaching.

"The assessments are as follows (see section 2 of the law): First five years of teaching service, \$5 per year; second five years, \$10 per year; next ten years, \$20 per year; Next five years, \$30 per year.

"Provided that when the salary of a member of the fund association reaches \$1,500 or more said member is to be assessed upon a percentage basis, 1 1/2 per cent per annum, but not more than \$20 per year, for the first ten years of service, and 2 per cent per annum, but not more than \$40 per year, for each year after that, assessments to cease after 25 years of service.

"At the time application for membership in the fund association is accepted and credit is allowed for past service, at least one-half of the back assessments must be paid in cash. The balance must be paid within two years, with interest at six per cent per annum. No interest will be charged if the whole sum is paid when application is accepted and credit for service is granted.

"Provision is made in section 9 of the law for credit being given for one year's leave of absence for study. Such leave of absence must be granted by the board of trustees or credit will not be given.

"A minimum of twenty years of service is required for retirement. Fifteen years of this teaching must have been in Minnesota. The five years immediately preceding retirement must have been spent in teaching in Minnesota outside of cities of the first class. If a teacher was not teaching under contract April 20, 1915, it will be necessary for him to return to the service and teach five years before being eligible to retire and secure a pension. A year as regards earning time for credit must extend over at least seven months. Credit is allowed for fractions of years. Four months' teaching in one calendar year and three in another will be considered a year. But nine months' teaching in one calendar year and five in another will not be considered as two full years, but merely as one and five-sevenths years. Credit will not be allowed for more than one year of service in any one calendar year.

"A teacher desiring to retire under the disability clause of the law (section 9), will be required to submit to a physical examination by a physician approved of by the board of trustees and procure a statement of disability before retirement under this clause is permitted. A disability pension will cease in case