

DEATH'S HEAVY TOLL

E. E. Whitney, Former Auditor of Mille Lacs County Answers the Final Summons.

Sad News of His Unexpected Death Reached Here Yesterday

—Other Deaths.

Word was received yesterday that E. E. Whitney had died suddenly at his home in Seattle, Wash., on Tuesday. Mr. Whitney was supposed to be enjoying the best of health and the sad news was a surprise to his numerous old friends in Princeton and vicinity.

E. E. Whitney was born in Princeton, Feb. 14, 1862. His father, Esau J. Whitney died while he was a child, his mother married the late Jonas Hill, and Ed., as he was familiarly called, was a member of the family until he grew to manhood. For six or seven years prior to 1885, he was a valued and trusted employee of the Union office. On Oct. 14, 1884, he was married to Mrs. Ida M. Robideau. The same year he moved to Foreston, where he was employed in the general store of the late H. R. Mallette for a number of years. In 1896 he was elected county auditor of Mille Lacs county, and was re-elected for seven successive terms. He resigned the office voluntarily in 1910 and moved to Seattle, Wash., where he engaged in the grocery business. He is survived by his wife and two children, Leon and Edna; one son, Adon, died a year or so ago, and one child died in infancy.

Ed Whitney was extremely popular in his boyhood's home as was evidenced by the number of times to which he was successively elected to the most important office in the county. Everybody who knew him was his friend. In their great and sudden bereavement his family have the sincere sympathy of their old neighbors in Mille Lacs County.

Carl W. Grapentin.

Carl W. Grapentin passed away at the state hospital at Rochester, where he had been receiving treatment the past three years, last Monday.

The funeral services will be conducted from the family residence in Wyannet, Isanti county, next Saturday afternoon at 10 o'clock, and later from the German Lutheran church in this village. Rev. Eugene Ahl will be in charge.

Deceased was born in Germany, November 3, 1865, so at the time of his death was 50 years and 12 days old. He came to America during the year of 1892, locating at Howard Lake. Four years later he moved to Wyannet, and settled on a farm. Mr. Grapentin was united in marriage to Miss Helena Kraft 29 years ago, and besides the widow and numerous friends leaves to mourn his passing away eight children, viz: Otto, Hugo, Mrs. Hulda Hyndman, Selma, Carl, August, Ernest and Helen.

Mrs. J. A. Blakney.

Mrs. L. S. Briggs received the sad intelligence last Saturday that her mother, Mrs. J. A. Blakney, had passed away the previous day, after a very brief illness, at the advanced age of 81 years.

Deceased was well known to the older residents of Princeton, as she resided here a number of years prior to her removal to the west twenty-five years ago.

She is survived by seven children, viz: James I., George M., and Mrs. R. L. Saunders, of Seattle, Washington; Mrs. A. G. McFarland, of Oakland, California; Mrs. Harry Sroufe of Portland, Oregon; Thomas W., of Alaska, and Mrs. L. S. Briggs of Princeton.

Last Sad Rites.

Funeral services of the late Mrs. Alma J. House, brief mention of whose death was made in the last issue of the Union, were conducted at the Princeton M. E. church last Saturday afternoon, and were largely attended. Rev. E. B. Service delivered the funeral sermon, and the Methodist quartet sang several beautiful selections. Interment was in Oak Knoll cemetery.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Alma Jane Elwood, was born in Maquoketa, Iowa, April 16, 1856. She was united in marriage to Frank House on November 15, 1878, and eight children blessed the union, two of whom died in infancy. The surviving children are: Herbert, Earl and Harry of Princeton, Elwood of Elmdale, Montana, Mrs. C. A.

Johnson of Osage, Iowa, and Mrs. R. A. Worthington of Granite City, Missouri. All were present at the funeral services except Elwood and Harry. Six brothers and one sister also survive. The sister, Mrs. Geo. Locker of Collville, Washington, was here when the end came.

Mrs. House was a good Christian woman and had been affiliated with the Methodist church since girlhood. Her kindly disposition won her the esteem of all who formed her acquaintance.

The children desire to express their sincere thanks to all who tendered them sympathy and assistance during the last illness of their beloved mother. They are truly appreciative.

PERMANENT ROADS.

Keep All Roads in a Passable Condition, But Build Some Good Roads Every Year.

Kanabec county, it is estimated, will have almost \$60,000 for road and bridge purposes next year. This includes the state allotment, a three mill county road tax and the amount levied by the several towns of the county. This is an excellent showing for the little county of Kanabec, which is smaller in area, population and assessed valuation than Mille Lacs.

If the \$60,000 is properly expended it should result in 10 to 15 miles of good permanent roads being constructed in Kanabec county next year, besides keeping all the roads in a passable condition. But the probabilities are that in Kanabec, as in most of the other counties of the state, a large percentage of the road and bridge money will be wasted—in patch and shred work here and there.

It is absolutely necessary that all roads—state, county and town,—should be properly maintained and kept in a passable condition. Farmers must have passable roads, and it is not to be expected that all the road and bridge funds in a county or town should or ought to be expended on permanent improvements. But it should be the aim of county and town road authorities to construct a certain mileage of good hard-surfaced roads every year. In other words it should be the policy of town and county road authorities to utilize a share of the funds at their command every year in permanently improving certain roads—preferably the roads that are most traveled first. Then the roads that have been so improved should be properly maintained. Once a road has been permanently improved—drained, graded and hard-surfaced,—it can be kept in good condition at small expense, provided it is properly attended to at the right time.

With a certain mileage of permanent roads constructed each year it is only a question of time when there will be long stretches of good roads in every township in Kanabec county. But if the road money is wasted in dribbles here and there, Kanabec county will never have a system of good roads.

What we have said of Kanabec county applies with equal force to Mille Lacs and every other county of the state.

National Corn Show.

From present indications the management of the "First National" Corn Show, to be held under the auspices of the First National Bank and Northwestern Trust Company of St. Paul, and bankers of the Northwest, feel safe in assuring the public that the largest display of corn ever shown in the Northwest will be open to the inspections of visitors at the Show, which will be held in the new Railroad Building, St. Paul, during the month of December.

Entries of ten ear exhibits from farmers and farmers' sons in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, the states included in the corn contest territory are being received daily at the St. Paul headquarters.

The fact that there is to be no competition between states and that each state has been divided into districts in such a manner that competition is practically local, gives each exhibitor an equitable opportunity to compete for the beautiful silver and "Goldyn Bronze" loving cups offered as prizes which total 136 in number and are valued at \$5,000.00.

A distinctive feature of this Corn Show is the "Boys' Corn Raising Competition" open to entries by boy corn growers throughout the Northwest, eighteen years of age or under. They will be awarded the same valuable trophies as are offered the adult exhibitor. No entry fee is charged.

Exhibits will be returned to contestants where they express a desire that this be done at the time of making entry.

A Corn Show of this nature not only serves to stimulate interest in the question of corn production in the territory included, but in addition, its successful consummation means added publicity to the great agricultural resources of the Northwest.

In order that every district may be well represented, farmers and farmers' sons are urged to secure an entry blank from their local banker and send an exhibit to the "First National" Corn Show, St. Paul, Minn., on or before December 1st. Exhibits will be received and judged up to and including December 15th, but it is the desire of the management that contestants make entry at as early a date as possible.

Attempts to Pass a Forged Check.

An unsuccessful attempt to pass a forged check was made at the store of A. S. Mark & Son last week, when a stranger dressed as a farm hand entered that establishment, purchased a sweater and paid for same out of a check for \$25. The check was made out to Chas. Carlson and signed "R. T. Olson," being drawn on the Zimman bank. Bert spoke to the cashier of the bank over the telephone and learned that there was no depositor there by that name. The check had been cashed, but the money was recovered, before the stranger had an opportunity to leave town. We are informed, however, that he succeeded in passing a couple of worthless checks at Zimmerman later. Numerous merchants in various cities and villages of Minnesota have been victimized of late in a like manner, and the swindlers invariably retain their liberty by making the checks good. Operations of this kind will never cease unless those victimized insist upon prosecution.

One of the Little Things.

At Marietta, Ohio, the automobile club of the town is engineered by a diplomat. The world may never know his name, but his work will live after him.

As the auto tourist comes to the corporation line of Marietta, he sees fronting him this sign:

"Welcome. Please Slow Down."

In leaving the town, just as he is crossing the city limits, he sees this sign in big letters.

"Thank You. Come Again."

Each sign bears the name of the Marietta Auto Club.

It is a little thing but it is by attention to little things that municipalities are built up community spirit fostered and cities made better and more attractive places in which to live.—Stillwater Gazette.

Glendorado Bazaar.

The Young Ladies' Union of the Glendorado Lutheran church will hold its annual bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 27, at Odegard's hall. Supper will be served from 6 to 7, after which a very interesting program will be rendered.

Numerous articles of choice fancy-work, home-made candy, etc., will be on sale at the booth. After the sale is over with lunch will be served. You are most cordially invited to attend.

The Dryest Story Ever Told.

A Scotchman and an Irishman went into a Harlem saloon the other day to get a drink, and the Irishman had no money.—Everybody's Magazine.

School Report.

Report of District 57, Isanti county, for the month ending Nov. 12. Total enrollment during the month were the following: Glen and Arthur Rust, Albin Levine, Doris, Donald, Hattie, Mae and Ronald Steeves, Laura and Ruby Welin, Minnie and Freda Fischer. The following pupils received a standing of 100 in spelling every day during the entire month: Doris Steeves, Laura Melin, Harold Chilstrom, Malvine Karlne, Freda Fischer, Viola Rust and Florence Chilstrom.

Blanche M. Pierson, Teacher.

School Report.

Report of the primary room of district 40, Isanti county, for the month ending November 12. The following were perfect in attendance: Paul Anderson, Martha Anlund, Raymond Bergman, Roy, Annabel and Florence Erickson, Dan, Harold and Mabel Enstrom, Alice Hedien, Gladys Hedstrom, Hulda and Selma Krona, Ruth and Edith Lindstrom, Robert and Helen Mattson, and Howard Anderson.

Karen Uglem, Teacher.

IN SPECIAL SESSION

County Commissioners Meet for Last

Time in 1915 at the Auditor's

Office Tuesday.

Numerous Matters of Interest Con-

sidered by the Board—Next

Meeting January 4.

The board of county commissioners met in special session at the office of the county auditor last Tuesday. All members were present, and Chairman Eckdall presided.

The road work of 1915 was checked over, and rough plans of the work for 1916 were formulated.

The bond of O. G. Johnson, overseer at the county poor farm, in the sum of \$2,000 was submitted to the board, and same was approved and ordered placed on file. A written contract for a period of one year was then entered into with said Johnson.

Upon motion duly made and carried a gravel pit in Princeton town was leased from Gottlieb Hoeft for a term of five years at an agreed price of \$50 for that period.

Oaf Coolberg of Page presented a petition to the board, asking that his lands be set off from district 31, and attached to district 43. January 4, 1916, was set as the date of hearing on the petition.

Final payment was ordered made on job No. 1, state road No. 1, in the sum of \$2,539.52. The contract had been duly accepted by M. J. Cleveland, district engineer, and Chas. A. Forbes, of the state highway commission.

The assessment orders on sections 15 and 16, town of Milo, as made by the board at the November 3 meeting, were duly confirmed and ordered charged in the 1915 tax list.

This was the last meeting of the year, and after acting on numerous bills the board adjourned. The next meeting will be held on January 4, 1916.

Large Class Confirmed.

Impressive and elevating services marked the confirmation of a class of 103, some of whom were adults, at St. Edward's church last Sunday, and that commodious edifice was taxed to its capacity to accommodate the large congregation present. The church was appropriately decorated for the occasion.

Bishop Busch of St. Cloud administered the sacrament of confirmation, and that the class was well prepared was evidenced by the correct and ready responses that came to the unique and scientific questions propounded by the bishop, which reflected much credit on Father Willenbrink, instructor of the class.

In the evening at the church, Bishop Busch gave a most scholarly and historical lecture on the Christian religion, and from the outset it was very evident that the subject was in the hands of not only a profound student, but a logician as well. The bishop's easy and pleasing style of delivery, his happily chosen examples, ingenious applications and clinching logic could not but impress those present with the fact that the bishop is an orator of ability. Only the sacredness of the place kept the large audience from bursting forth in applause.

A warm welcome is in store for Bishop Busch when he next visits Princeton.

Expensive Venison.

Stealing a deer that had been "hung up" by Dick Nelson and "Sliver" LeRoy of Milaca, proved rather expensive to Blue Hill parties, and at that they can consider themselves fortunate.

The deer was stolen last Saturday evening, and the culprits were seen in the act by one of the owners. Sheriff Harry Shockley was notified and he maintained a close watch of the roads until 12 o'clock at night, but no one passed him with a deer. He investigated the matter more fully the following day, and upon Monday, accompanied by Nelson and LeRoy, confronted the guilty parties. The case was not taken into court, as the owners of the deer settled for \$65.

Losing Farm Made Paying.

A significant instance of what proper methods of farm management can accomplish is afforded by a certain 500-acre farm in central Michigan. For 10 years this farm failed to pay interest on the capital invested. One year after the owners had been induced to make certain radical changes the farm paid all the expenses of operation and returned

them 5 per cent on an investment of \$60,000. The changes which accomplished this financial revolution were as follows:

(1) Four-horse machinery was substituted for two-horse.

(2) The unprofitable cows in the dairy herd were weeded out and sold and the money received from them invested in better stock.

(3) A silo was built.

(4) The foreman was allowed, in addition to his salary, 10 per cent of the net income from the farm. The expenses of operating the farm, but not the interest on the capital, were deducted from the income before the foreman received his percentage.

It was this last suggestion which met with the most opposition from the owners of the farm, but when it was pointed out to them that for every dollar the foreman got under such an arrangement they would get \$9 they yielded.—Red Wing Daily Eagle.

Anent Consolidation.

More than usual interest in school matters is being manifested in the rural districts of the county. County Superintendent Ewing informs us that inquiries are coming in from various parts of his jurisdiction relative to the advantages of independent or consolidated districts. Board members and many of the patrons of school districts in the southern part of the county are asking for data relative to consolidation. Several districts in the northern end of the county are now enjoying the beneficial results of centralized schools. Wakon, Cove and Onamia have placed themselves on the list and are enjoying school facilities that are creditable and progressive.

Marked improvements are noticeable in the rural schools of the county and more attention is being paid to sanitary conditions. Proper heating and ventilating systems are being installed, library purchases are increasing, and supplementary reading is being procured.

County Superintendent Ewing is a firm believer in consolidated schools. He says: "While satisfactory progress has been made in the semi-graded and first-class rural schools of the county, there comes a time when the pupils must be sent away from home if they are to continue their studies in high schools or other institutions of learning.

"Our consolidated schools have already shown that with good grading, more effective supervision, better and more thoroughly equipped buildings, and means of transportation to and from school they can do what our best rural schools cannot do. A consolidated school brings home to the rural community the advantages of high school.

"It is an economic condition and costs the taxpayer much less to educate his boy or girl than it does if his children are sent away where board, tuition, etc., must be paid.

"There is a congestion in the high schools of our county which can only be relieved by providing facilities whereby these studies can be taken in the rural districts. Consolidation wherever practicable as to territory and roads will do this."

Additional Big Game Permits.

A total of 315 big game licenses have now been issued at the office of the county auditor. Of this number 79 have been issued to parties who use the Princeton postoffice.

Hereunder appears the names of those who have secured permits to hunt since the last issue of the Union: Princeton—O. B. Dibble, Albert Stay, Ed Stay, Mathis Meyer, Loretta O. Skahan, Benj. Soule, Fred Newton, M. L. Emahiser, Louis Lund, Harry Scheller, Frank, Williamson, David Johnson, N. Sanford, Harry Schockley, George Shurrer, L. B. Mallette.

Milaca—A. C. Wilkes, H. A. S. Sandholm, Walter Magnuson, Carl Axell, Gilbert Anderson, Arthur Johnson, Obed Nelson, Ernest H. Nelson, F. E. Searle, George Peterson, C. W. LeRoy, Clarence Tennis, Engwald Eli, Theodore Johnson, L. F. Peterson, Oscar Dahl, A. F. Valkman, Wm. Halgren, A. H. Dranselka, Elmer McClintock, Wm. E. Trumble, Edward B. Johnson, Chris Peterson.

Foreston—Ernest Axt, A. LeMay, Earl Axt, H. L. Bemis, Ray Bemis, I. E. Russel.

Wahkon—Peter Simon, Archie H. Wilkes, Chas. Wilkes, John Minger, C. M. Halgren, Edwin Sanberg, Louis Sanberg, Chas. J. Tierney, Chas. Young, J. L. Gerrish, F. F. Phinney.

Opstead—Selmer Leland, Oscar C. Anderson, W. A. Patterson, Oliver Anderson, Oscar Hoglund, David Gustafson.

Onamia—J. E. Tillbury, Chas. Per-

son, Geo. Smith, Chas. Kisler, John Shobe, J. W. Tillbury, John F. Lindquist.

Bock—John A. Gossen, Ed Milton. Hayland—Fred C. Zipp. Vineland—Jess Wa-de-nah. Isle—G. B. Matter.

Real Prowess.

Ray Bockoven, Alvah Bockoven, Harry Tabor, Lee Stevens, and Chas. Moody returned last evening, frightened but whole, from a hunting trip in the vicinity of Mille Lacs lake, and brought back three fine deer. They report that they encountered Sam Winsor while up there, which hastened their departure. Mr. Winsor had not bagged a deer at the time they left, but had demonstrated his prowess with a rifle in other ways. He had succeeded in wounding a dog, the property of Mr. Westerlund, and the boys say that the cows and chickens of that region were on the verge of nervous prostration. Under the circumstances it is not surprising that they decided to pull stakes.

Birthday Surprise.

About forty friends and relatives congregated at the Don Sausser home on Thursday evening and aided him in the proper observance of the anniversary of his birth. The affair was in the nature of a surprise, and a most enjoyable time was had. Cards were played until midnight, when a dainty lunch was served, to which all did ample justice. Sam Sausser and Albert Anderson, who are unusually fond of doughnuts, appeared to be right in their element. Don was presented with a set of silverware, and one and all present, upon departure, wished him many more happy birthday anniversaries.

Potato Movement Brisk.

The potato movement continues to be brisk, and receipts are heavier than the average of former years at this season. Shipments have been heavy of late, as cars are now available. Several cars were left here Tuesday evening, and yesterday numerous more were spotted at this point. The prices remain practically unchanged.

A Patriotic English Girl.

An English girl who married a crippled soldier proudly declared that "she would rather have a husband with a wooden leg than one with a chicken heart." No wonder England does not have to resort to conscription to keep her ranks of fighting men full.—Sauk Center Herald.

A Punctured Metaphor.

"Did you write this note to Maria?" asked the young woman's mother. "Yes," replied the susceptible youth. "And you considered it proper to remark that her teeth were pearls?" "It's customary to say things like that."

"Well, young man, let me tell you something. If Maria's teeth were pearls she wouldn't be wastin' 'em on ham and cabbage an' chocolate drops. She'd string 'em an' wear 'em around her neck an' take her chances on an imitation set of household jewelry for everyday work from the store."—Washington Star.

Bridal Customs In Spain.

In Spain a bride has no girl attendants to stand at the altar with her, but instead a "madrina," or godmother. Neither does she have a wedding cake nor any festive going away after the ceremony. The wedding pair depart quietly to their new home, where they remain until the following day, when they start on their honeymoon. Before departing they pay a formal visit to their respective relatives.

Stark Realism.

An advance agent for a theatrical production was speaking to a newspaper man with reference to the wonderful powers of the leading woman. "Do you know," he said enthusiastically, "that in New York, when she appeared as the dying mother in the last act, an insurance man who had written her a policy for \$10,000 actually fainted in the theater!"—New York Times.

His Mistaken Idea.

"But, my dear," remonstrated Mr. Meekum, "there's a good deal to be said on both sides." "No, there isn't," answered his spouse. "I've told you what I think about it, and that's all that is going to be said."—Chicago Tribune.

Aiming to Please.

Husband—Why in the world do you have our bills come in weekly instead of monthly? Wife—You told me that you didn't want them so large, didn't you?—Boston Transcript.

Safety First.

"They conceal the orchestra in this restaurant. Why?" "Well, wait till you hear it play."—Exchange.