

LOCALS WIN ANOTHER

Co. G Downs A. B. K. Quint of Minneapolis at the Armory on Friday Evening.

Elk River and Princeton High Schools Will Battle for Supremacy Tomorrow Evening.

The A. B. K. basket ball team of Minneapolis, known here as the Temple quint, resembled the 1912 presidential boom of Colonel Roosevelt after the Chicago steam roller had flattened it out, at the conclusion of a contest with the militia boys staged at the armory Friday evening.

In a game featured by real team work on the part of the locals, and sensational passes across the entire length of the hall, Co. G overwhelmed its opponents and romped off with the long end of a 52 to 20 score. It was a truly gratifying showing and local enthusiasts fairly beamed contentment.

Play commenced shortly after 9 o'clock, and the visitors started with a rush, throwing two baskets before the locals had time to get squared around. The down river athletes were not in the lead for any length of time, however. Princeton brought on its 1916 model scoring machine and each one of its five cylinders was in perfect working order. Wilkes and Captain Morton each negotiated a field basket, and then Smith heaved the ball through the net three times in rapid succession. Morton and Wilkes again succeeded in locating the basket, and Doane got within range a couple of times and took two shots at the net with marked success. It was a continual round of pleasure and the bewildered visitors were unable to pierce the defense of the locals during all this time. The locals slowed up a trifle after Smith had thrown another basket, and allowed their opponents to throw two. Just to keep the score top heavy Newton wound up the half by wafting the ball through the net a couple of times. At the end of this period the count was 26 to 8.

The second half was a repetition of the first. The militia boys were invincible on the offensive, due to their superior team work. Long shots at the basket were never taken, when another player was in a more advantageous position. Three times Wilkes passed the ball the entire length of the hall to Newton, who counted upon each occasion. Smith secured three field goals during this round, and Newton, who appeared to be unguarded most of the time, tossed baskets with a regularity that was truly disconcerting and disheartening to the players of the other side. Eleven field baskets is the record hung up by him. At occasional intervals the visitors would get within range of the net, and during the final period surprised themselves and everybody else by negotiating 12 field goals. The total count was 52 to 20.

NOTES.

"Pongo" Olson acted as referee and his rulings were delivered with the hauteur of a supreme court justice. Tom did the right thing and proved satisfactory to both sides.

Manager Hofflander has scheduled no game for this week, as the high school teams of Princeton and Elk River will oppose each other at the Armory tomorrow, Friday, evening. This contest will undoubtedly be a speedy exhibition.

Co. G is going particularly strong at present, and the team is now in a position to force any aggregation to extend itself to win.

Doane and Captain Morton retired during the last few minutes of play to afford Schmidt and Milbrath an opportunity to get into the game.

A week from this evening the Nemea basket ball team of St. Cloud will oppose Co. G, and the contest will undoubtedly be a hummer. This is the fastest quint in the Granite City, and the militia boys are determined to redeem themselves for the two defeats sustained at the hands of a St. Cloud team early in the season. Co. G is in the pink of condition and we predict that the contest will be a thriller.

Winter Carnival at St. Paul.

St. Paul, Jan. 7: A real winter carnival on an immense scale—a carnival in which all the many kinds of winter sports will be featured and in which as a civic enterprise the biggest men of the city are interested—will be staged in this city by the St. Paul Outdoor Sports Carnival association during the ten days from January 27 to February 6. With every club,

lodge, big business concern and organization in the city boosting the project, this carnival will be to the north what the great Mardi Gras has become to the south and the people of the world are invited to participate in the pleasures of winter pastime here during that period.

This carnival, promoted by popular subscription, will be free to everyone who may care to attend and its various pleasures and sports will simply give expression to the winter carnival spirit as it is known in the north. Toboggan slides and ski jumps will be erected in different parts of the city; large ice rinks for skating, curling and hockey will be provided; a race course for harness events will be laid out; while marching, snow-shoe, ski, toboggan and various other clubs will vie with each other during the ten days of the carnival in the many events which are to be offered.

Mr. Louis W. Hill is president of the Carnival association and interested with him in the success of the enterprise are all of the leading business men of the city. City and state officials are co-operating, while lodges and clubs have already organized even to the point of adopting colors and designs for their toboggan and carnival costumes. Committees are busy everywhere through the city each day and evening and the ten days' event without a doubt will easily be the biggest thing in amusement line the north and west has ever known.

Annual Telephone Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Minnesota Rural Telephone Co. was held at the court house hall Monday afternoon. C. L. Campbell of Baldwin presided.

Secretary J. A. Erstad read the financial report of the company, and same was approved and ordered placed on file. The report showed that the finances of the company are in a good condition.

Upon motion duly made and carried it was decided to furnish each company affiliated with the central company with a copy of the by-laws of said central company.

At the present time but two of the companies interested in the central company are connected with the Rural exchange in this village, but the others will connect up as soon as present contracts with the Tri-State company expire. The manager was instructed to see to it that connecting lines be built out to the village limits before the various contracts with the Tri-State expire, so that there will be no delay in connecting these lines with the Rural exchange.

One stockholder from each of the farmer lines was chosen as a director of the central company, as follows: Wm. Talen, Woodward Brook Telephone Co.; W. H. Gebert, Princeton Short Line; C. L. Campbell, Baldwin and Blue Hill line; Val Sausser, Princeton and Bogus Brook line; J. Fox, Santiago and Blue Hill line; R. P. Morton, West Branch line; George Schmidt, Carmody and Tolin line.

The board of directors then met and perfected an organization by electing the following officers: Val Sausser, president; C. L. Campbell, vice-president; Rufus P. Morton, secretary and manager; W. H. Gebert, treasurer.

The directors and officers are gentlemen of good judgement, and the affairs of the company are in safe hands.

The Cooling Sun.

Life on this planet will end in glacial chill within two million years, says M. Verronet, mathematician. M. Verronet's prediction is less generous than some of his fellow scientists' estimates, at least one of which allows us a hundred million years more of work and play, love, make-believe, murder and carnage. Even if our mathematician has his figures rightly calculated, two million years is long enough to serve a great many purposes. But who knows what supplements we may yet discover for this sun of ours—that now serves as heating and lighting plant? Who knows all the secrets stored for us in radium, in electricity, in forces and elements unregistered and unsuspected? Prophecy is diverting, but this world is a large place.—Harper's Weekly.

Jury Disagrees.

George Christiansen was arrested by Marshal Wilkes Saturday afternoon on complaint of Harold Rines, charging assault in the third degree. Christiansen was arraigned the same day before Justice Dickey, and demanded a jury trial. A jury was impaneled and the case was tried Monday afternoon. County Attorney Myron appeared for the state, while Christiansen handled his own case. The alleged assault was committed

Saturday in the defendant's blacksmith shop. Harold Rines, Chris Iverson and Roy Anderson appeared as witnesses for the state, and testified that the assault had been committed. Christiansen admitted that he had thrown the plaintiff down, but stated it was a case of self-defense. He was partially corroborated by Gunder George, who witnessed the proceedings. Nels Nelson also testified for the defense, but his testimony was not particularly material.

For a novice at the law game Christiansen did brilliant work, and made a telling plea to the jury, after the county attorney had had his say.

The jury was unable to agree upon a verdict, although it deliberated over three hours, and the case was dismissed.

Dr. S. I. Tibbets.

Dr. S. I. Tibbets of Wayzata answered the final summons on the 5th inst., in Portland, Oregon, where he had gone to visit his daughter, Mrs. Guy Neely, and with the hope that a change of climate would prove beneficial to his health.

The remains were shipped to Minnesota for burial, and the funeral services were conducted under the auspices of the Masonic order from the Wayzata Congregational church Sunday.

Deceased was born on the Island of Madeira 67 years ago, and lived and practiced his profession at Wayzata and vicinity the past 33 years. He was a member of the State Medical association and the Medical association of Hennepin county. He will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends, and especially by the old settlers residing in the vicinity of Lake Minnetonka.

Dr. Tibbets is survived by the widow, a son, Paul W.; a daughter, Mrs. Guy Neely; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Myers of Minneapolis, and Mrs. I. M. Carleton of Princeton, and two brothers, William of Port Doore, Canada, and John of Racine, Wisconsin.

Favors State Inspection of Tubers.

The annual meeting of the Minnesota Potato Growers' association was held on the 5th inst., in connection with the Farmers' and Home-Makers' week at the university farm.

Speeches were made in favor of a law calling for state inspection of potatoes, as in the case of wheat. Prof. J. G. Milward of the University of Wisconsin, explained the Wisconsin law on potato inspection. Uniform standardization of varieties of potatoes was also advocated. An investigating committee on the subject of potato inspection consisting of D. E. Willard, development agent of the Northern Pacific railroad, and T. A. Hoverstead of the Soo was appointed.

The entire staff of officers was re-elected, as follows: James A. Opsahl, Bemidji, president; G. Giddens, Anoka, vice president; C. E. Brown, Elk River, secretary and treasurer. D. A. Nourse of St. Francis and J. O. James of North Branch were chosen members of the executive committee.

The association will be represented at a national conference to be held next month at Chicago to discuss the subject of federal inspection and standardization of potatoes.

A Great and Growing Industry.

Some idea of the importance of the dairy industry to Minnesota can be gleaned from the following from the Farm Stock and Home:

"Minnesota has 852 creameries, and the total amount of butter manufactured in the state last year was 123,117,912 pounds. There are seventy cheese factories in the state and the total production of cheese last year was 5,594,578 pounds in Minnesota. Patrons of the cheese factories were paid \$763,587 last year. The cows of Minnesota produce each year \$96,000,000 in calves and milk and the various uses to which milk is put. Creamery patrons of Minnesota were paid \$32,066,022 in cash last year. Minnesota has 1,125,000 milch cows. Minnesota is the only state which conducts its own state creamery. Minnesota butter is valued at \$50,000,000 annually."

Blue Hill Suicide.

Fred Glass, an aged Blue Hill, Sherburne county, farmer, committed suicide last night by shooting himself in the head with a shot gun.

Dependancy over ill health it is thought prompted the rash act.

Mr. Glass, who was about 70 years old, had been a resident of Blue Hill but a few years, coming there from Orrock, in the same county, where he resided 30 years or more.

The widow, a daughter, Mrs. Ed. Edson, of Blue Hill, and a son, Paul, of Orrock, survive him.

SPUD MARKET IS FIRM

Potato Prices Continue to Advance—Farmers Thought to Be Holding for \$1.00.

Percentage Held by Farmers Heavier Than Usual—No Fear of Importations.

The potato market continues to advance, and since the last issue of the Union from 80c to 85c has been paid for white stock. Rose have been bringing 80c, Ohio 75c, while the demand for Triumphs has forced the price on this variety up to \$1 and \$1.05.

It has been years since potatoes have been as high as at present at this season, and buyers who have been on the market 16 years or more state that they do not recollect a time when tubers were worth these prices early in January.

Receipts have been heavy on the days that the weather permitted hauling.

It is estimated that the percentage of potatoes held by farmers is heavier than usual at this season, bad roads having interfered with hauling to a certain extent.

Wired reports received last week by The Chicago Packer from the principal districts in the northern potato belt show that present holdings of potatoes are light for this time of year and that the biggest percentage of the remaining stocks are in farmers' hands. Advice from almost all sections state that farmers are very firm in their ideas and the impression is that they are holding for \$1 per bushel. Most stations report light movement from original hands and extra heavy inquiry from trade all over the country.

Taking all important sections of the northern potato belt into consideration The Packer estimates that holdings at present are from 30 to 40 per cent less than a year ago at this time. The significance of this is even greater because a year ago the outlet for potatoes from this section was not nearly as extensive; Pittsburgh was as far east as they could move at that time, whereas this year northern shippers are selling potatoes to New York and other coast points, and also are getting an extra large trade from southeast and southern points. Last year Maine shipped potatoes as far west as St. Louis, while this season, in view of the shortage in the eastern crop, northern potatoes have the central section all to themselves.

Following are the reports received from Minnesota points by The Packer: Princeton, Minn., Jan. 7.—Potatoes here are not keeping as well as in former years and the shrinkage is about normal. The holdings of this station are about 60 per cent of the crop. At other nearby stations the holdings are much lighter. Stocks mostly are eating potatoes. Triumph seed is very scarce. Ohio plentiful. Rose scarce. Farmers are holding for higher prices and not moving much now.—F. W. Mank.

Moorhead, Minn., Jan. 7.—It is estimated 75 per cent of the usual holdings of Red River Ohio are on hand. Probably 30 per cent of the supply is sold for spring shipment. The quality is good except slightly under size and keeping fine.—Leslie Welter.

Center City, Minn., Jan. 7.—Potato holdings are about 10 per cent under last year, mostly in farmers' hands. They are keeping good.—Lake & Burns Company.

Salina, Minn., Jan. 7.—Unsold potato holdings in the Red River district are 40 per cent less than a year ago. Growers look for prices as high as in 1912. There has been little shipping done the past few weeks on account of cold weather and the feeling is that nothing under \$1 a bushel will bring them out. Probably half the supply in storage is sold for futures. The quality is good and keeping well.—Wright & Co.

North Branch, Jan. 7.—The total crop here this year is about 65 per cent of last year's crop with about half the crop held, part of which is sold. At other nearby stations holdings are very much lighter. Not over 25 per cent of the normal amount of Triumphs are held. Ohio are also scarce. Stocks keeping good.—North Branch Mercantile Company.

Barnesville, Minn., Jan. 7.—The stock of Red River Ohio here is about 65 per cent of a year ago. The quality is very good and stocks are keeping fine. The Red River Valley as a whole is away short of last year.—Norbly Solum.

The new York potato market was wild and unsettled last week, showing a heavy advance in all eastern centers. It has been several years since the market went on such a rampage. At the close of the week the situation was extremely firm with the tendency upward.

The Maine potato crop this year was 18,000,000 bushels against 33,000,000 bushels last year. The Michigan crop this year was 20,000,000 against 44,000,000 bushels last year. The New York state crop was 22,000,000 bushels against 53,000,000 bushels last year, but most of this year's state crop were early potatoes.

According to The Packer owners of potatoes have nothing at all to fear from importations this season.

How Quack Grass May be Conquered.

Quack grass which, like the soldiers in Europe, digs in and is hard to oust, can be ousted.

Minnesota Experiment Station Bulletin No. 151, on "Quack Grass Eradication," by A. C. Arny, tells how the thing can be done. Here are a few pointed paragraphs from this bulletin.

"Quack grass seed will grow even if the plant is cut before the seed is mature. In order to prevent quack grass from developing seeds to the point where they will germinate, crops in which it is growing should be cut not later than the last week in June.

"Young quack-grass plants, if attacked before they have formed underground stems, are as easily killed as plants of wheat or other grains of the same age.

"Manure containing quack grass seed may be applied on plowed ground before preparing the soil for a cultivated crop. The seed will grow the same season and the young plants will be killed in the preparation of the seed bed and the cultivation of the crop.

"Digging by hand, and removing from the field all portions of the plant, smothering with tar paper, and spraying with a solution of sodium arsenite are best for the complete eradication of quack grass on small spots.

"All methods of eradication on large fields are based on thorough tillage.

"The implements found on any well-equipped farm are all that are needed to eradicate quack grass."

A copy of this bulletin can be had by addressing the Office of Publications, University Farm, St. Paul.

It is Not An Adopted Child.

There have been many complimentary allusions to the Union's thirty-ninth birthday in the state press for which we are duly grateful, and we beg pardon for reproducing the bouquet which was handed us by the brilliant editress of the Redwood Falls Gazette—by the way the Union was established by its present publisher when he was a mere kid in 1876:

"Cantankerous Bob Dunn, as he has been lovingly called by his most intimate enemies, has brought his best beloved child, the Princeton Union, up to its fortieth year through all the vicissitudes of which no one who has not published a country sheet can have the slightest knowledge. Perhaps the Union was well along in its teens when Bob adopted it—we don't know. We do know, however, that it has reached a successful, ripe maturity under his fathering.

"The Union is a big paper—big from a news standpoint, big from a human interest standpoint and big politically in that it states political situations and conditions with clarity which may well be the envy of every paper in the state.

"But Bob Dunn is bigger than his paper, as an editor must always be if his paper is not to get into a rut. Bob is scrappy, pugnacious with the accent on the pug and has a fondness for barking and growling as though he'd bite. But he never really does. Instead he fights like fury for the thing he believes is just and beneficial and a little harder than that for good roads. You always know where Bob stands and you find him standing there even when you return from a little side excursion of your own."

The Road to Happiness.

The pessimist delights in derision of the good resolutions which mark the celebration of New Year in the minds of the people. Shame upon the man or woman who would dull the bright ambitions and desires for the better of any human being! But there is little time to give to habitual mourners. The new year will be what we make it, so far as our individual lives are concerned, and the man or woman who resolves to be happy in a healthful, unselfish way, is taking the first road toward happiness.—Chisholm Miner.

Fair Management Complimented.

Mr. A. Bryson, president of the Mille Lacs County Agricultural society, has secured from Public Examiner Fritz a copy of the report of the examination of the society made by Assistant Public Examiner C. E. Johnson. The report is most thorough and goes into every detail and concludes with this highly satisfactory comment: "Books and accounts are in good order and the affairs of the society are in competent hands."

The Mille Lacs County Agricultural society is well officered and its affairs are ably and honestly conducted, and it is pleasing to have a competent state official who has made a thorough examination say so.

The Country Doctor.

The world owes a lot to the country doctor. His chest may not be decorat-

ed with a Carnegie medal, wealth seldom comes to him, and his honors are few, but no man does more for humanity than the country doctor. Always on the alert to answer the summons of the sick, he makes long drives, in the dead of winter, battling against the cold and bad roads to arrive in time to stave off death, and relieve suffering and distress. He has no regular hours; he knows no holidays; he eats when and where he can. Often poorly paid, and not unreasonably never paid at all, he always does his best. Unselfish, and with the first thought of others, he often breaks down and undermines his own health to pull his patients through a crisis. Unhonored, unwept and unsung may be said of him in many cases. And yet who is deserving of more honor and more praise? He ushers us into the world, eases our pains while we are here and makes our final exit as peaceful as possible. Yes, the world owes a lot to the country doctor.—Winnebago Enterprise.

George H. Doty.

George H. Doty, a respected resident of this village, passed over the great divide yesterday morning after a brief illness at the age of 72 years, 2 months and 9 days.

Funeral services will be conducted at St. Edward's Catholic church tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock by Rev. Fr. Willenbrink, and the remains will be taken to Becker for interment.

George H. Doty was born in the state of Pennsylvania, and accompanied his parents to St. Paul, this state, when three years of age. He was married in that city about 50 years ago to Miss Cecelia Murphy, who survives him. Three sons and three daughters also survive.

Prior to his coming here a few years ago to act as section foreman, deceased resided at Becker, Sherburne county several years, and for 15 years he was a resident of Wisconsin.

Mr. Doty was a good and industrious citizen, and had been employed in the capacity of section foreman for 30 continuous years. He had recently purchased a dwelling house at Leavenworth, Washington, and was about to retire from the more active pursuits of life, and pass his declining years in leisure.

Mrs. Olof Olson.

Mrs. Olof Olson, an esteemed resident of Greenbush, departed this life on the 7th inst., at the age of 61 years, 5 months and 17 days. Deceased was taken ill with la grippe a short time ago, and as she also was afflicted with diabetes succumbed.

Funeral services were conducted from the Swedish Lutheran church of Greenbush Monday afternoon. Rev. M. Peterson officiated, and touching selections were sung by five young ladies. Miss Evelyn Peterson played the funeral march. The pall bearers were August Lindstrom, Andrew Homme, Ben Nelson, John Levan, Albert Johnson and August Lind. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Olson was a native of Norway, and had been a resident of Greenbush for years. She is survived by her husband, a brother and two sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson recently retired from active farming, and were preparing to spend their declining years in ease and comfort in a handsome new dwelling recently erected by them near the Freer store. It was not so willed, however, and Mrs. Olson enjoyed the comforts of the new home but a few weeks.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The high school basket ball quint will play Elk River Friday evening at the armory.

Pupils and teacher alike looked much refreshed Monday after the vacation of two weeks.

Eugene Hill received a fine new suit of clothes Christmas.

The Seniors are again back in the assembly room and that room is much improved in appearance by their august presence.

The Normal girls came over Tuesday and Wednesday mornings to listen to the topics.

The Senior class pins and rings were received and distributed Tuesday.

Mr. Jacka has charge of the topics this week and has requested the following pupils to show their ability: Hjordis Scheen, Elby Svartz, Evelyn Sausser, Florence Slater, Grace Staples, Luva Taylor, Irene Umbecker, Olga Swanson and Everett, "The Tall Pine."

Longest Stilt Race.

The longest race ever run on stilts took place from Bordeaux to Biarritz in 1893. The distance is 303 miles.