

## LOSE CLOSE CONTEST

Locals Are Defeated by Ascension  
Cubs in a Sensational Exhibition at the Armory.

Sandstone Downs Princeton High  
School Friday Evening—Double  
Header Tomorrow Evening.

After one of the closest, scrappiest and most tense games ever staged on the local Armory floor, Co. G's basketball tossers took the referee's count Thursday evening, but not until they had forced their opponents—the Ascension Cubs of Minneapolis—to travel on high all the way to win. And at that if a couple of questionable decisions at critical periods made by the visitors' referee had been eliminated in all probability the locals would have hung the long end of the score safely out of reach of their opponents.

The final count was 29 to 25, and that just about tells the story of the game. It was a case of Greek vs. Greek, and the largest crowd of the season was on hand to witness the thrilling contest.

The Cubs started with a flourish. They negotiated three baskets right off the reel, and a dense gloom settled over the local enthusiasts for a brief stay. Co. G finally adjusted the carburetor of its scoring machine, however, and from then until the time-keeper's whistle sounded there was action galore. Smith wafted the sphere through the net a couple of times, and then Morton evened up the score by tossing a basket. The Cubs took the lead again when Pouliot, their accurate right forward, shot the ball through the net, but only held it a short time. Newton got within range of the basket twice, and counted each time. G's lead was increased when Morton negotiated a goal, and then Doane added to the enthusiasm of local followers by gently propelling the ball through the net. Before the period was over the visitors negotiated two more baskets, but Co G had the advantage of a 15 to 13 count when time was called. Smith for Princeton, and Van De Mark for the Ascensions, each threw a foul during this round.

The second half was even more exciting than the first, and at times the referee's whistle was drowned by the vocal enthusiasm of the crowd. During the final minutes of play Morton went in as left forward, giving his place as guard to Maggart.

Morton started the scoring in this round by throwing a basket during the first few minutes of play, and the visitors counted twice shortly thereafter. Honors were even again when Wilkes planted the ball through the loop, but then the Princeton defense collapsed temporarily, and the visitors negotiated six baskets before the militia boys took a brace. At this stage of the game the score stood 19 to 29 in favor of the Cubs, and it began to appear as if the G team was due to be annihilated. Doane revived the hopes of the locals by penetrating the Ascension defense for a basket, and when Maggart followed suit the enthusiasm of the spectators knew no bounds. Doane again broke down the defense of the opposition, and the visitors appeared to be slightly worried. The count now stood 29 to 25, and it was not changed during the final minutes. By stalling, and devoting all their energies toward a defensive game the visitors managed to retain this lead to the end.

### NOTES.

"Pongo" Olson refereed the first half, and as usual performed the arduous duties in a manner that would do credit to a professional. Raidt of Minneapolis took Tom's place during the final period, and did well, although at times his eyesight was none too keen.

Smith threw a basket during the last half that won the plaudits of the audience, being thrown from a particularly difficult angle. It didn't count, however, owing to some technicality known only to the referee.

Barrett, who went in as center for the visitors during the last half, saved the day for the down river athletes. He threw two baskets from the center of the floor, and came so near to negotiating a third as to cause heart palpitation among the nervous ones present. Verily, his accuracy was uncanny.

It is doubtful if two teams more evenly matched could be picked anywhere, and if they oppose each other again the contest will be worth traveling miles to witness.

Pouliot negotiated a total of seven

basket for the visitors, which is going some.

Although defeated Co. G has reason to feel proud of its performance. The boys played a clean and snappy game, and gave a good account of themselves.

### Princeton H. S. Defeated.

The speedy and powerful Sandstone high school basketball team took the representatives of the Princeton school into camp Friday evening to the tune of 33 to 9. The contest was staged at Sandstone, and the outcome was not surprising, as the Quarry City has a husky aggregation of veterans, who have played together since the days when northern Pine country was a wilderness.

A detailed account of the game cannot be given, as the locals also lost their score book. The contest started out like a real game, however, and each side scored a basket shortly after play started. Then for several minutes the two quints battled on even terms, neither side succeeding in penetrating the defense of the opposition. Finally the weight and superior team work of the Pine county athletes battered down the Princeton defense, and the quarrymen forged into the lead. When time was called the count stood 17 to 7 in favor of Sandstone.

During the second half the offensive formations of the orange and black did not bring desired results, and two free throws represented the sum total of the scoring efforts of the Princeton basketball tossers. In the meantime the Sandstone players rolled up a total of 16 points.

### NOTES.

The locals speak very highly of the treatment accorded them by the hospitable people of Sandstone. The referee was absolutely impartial, and the opposing players were clean and sportsmanlike.

While defeated the Princeton lads have no reason to feel disheartened. Considering the fact that the quint is composed almost entirely of players absolutely without experience until this season, the team has done very well.

The two forwards on the Sandstone team have been playing basket ball the past five years, and the other members of the quint are veterans. The team is not only heavy, but old and experienced, and a victory for Princeton would have been little short of a miracle.

Tomorrow night the locals will endeavor to put in crimp in the winning streak of the Mora high school, and bid fair to succeed. Both Mora and Princeton have been defeated by Sandstone, and both have a win to their credit over Elk River. The contest should be a hummer. The girl teams of the two schools will also oppose each other, and an athletic treat is in store for those who attend. The proceedings will be enlivened by strains of music furnished by the high school orchestra.

State Federation of Farmers' Clubs. A state federation of farmers' clubs, bearing the name "Federation of Minnesota Farmers' Clubs," was organized during Farmers' and Home-Makers' Week at University Farm, St. Paul. Representatives of practically every county in the state and of more than 200 farmers' clubs participated in the meeting at which the organization was effected.

The aim of the new organization is broad and promises much for the rural life of the state. Something of the scope of the work before the federation may be seen from the following extracts from its constitution:

"The object of this federation is to develop better agricultural methods in Minnesota, and to foster and promote social educational, and business interests beneficially connected with such developments as rural credits, buying, selling, legislation, etc. It shall serve, not dominate, the local clubs, and shall encourage and promote, not transact, co-operative business. It shall act as a bureau of service, affording means for the interchange of ideas for facilitating local endeavor, and for securing ends which may be of benefit to the farmers of the state at large.

"The active membership of the federation shall consist exclusively of active farmers and farm home-makers, not engaged in any other business, chosen as delegates, one for one year and another for two years, and thereafter one each year for two years, from each county of the state in which there are farmers' clubs.

"The officers of this federation shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer, and a board of directors composed of these officers, excepting the secretary, and one member from each congressional district

in which there are farmers' clubs. No person may be elected to any office who is not a member of a farmers' club in the federation.

"Officers of this organization becoming candidates for political, county, state or national, office, will automatically forfeit their official position in this federation from the date of their declaration of candidacy for office."

The officers of the new federation are: President, L. H. Buggbee, Carlton; vice-president, Walter E. Whipple, Elk River; treasurer, Sam Hammerbeck, Little Falls. The board of directors is to consist of the officers and a member for each congressional district. The representatives from the several congressional districts are as follows: First district, Edward Kirchenbecker, Owatonna; second, J. Johnson, Lake Crystal; third, A. L. Sayers, Lakeville; fourth, Mrs. J. E. Blackburn, Pine River; seventh, R. E. Haug, Broton; eighth, Mrs. H. L. Chamberlain, Laurel; ninth, William A. Nelson, Clearbrook; tenth, D. O. Meckelberg, Anoka.

The secretary, who has no vote as a member of the executive committee, will be elected by the board of directors.

### Mrs. David Wetter.

Mrs. David Wetter, an esteemed resident of Princeton town, answered the final summons at Jones hospital Minneapolis, Friday, January 21, after a short illness.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church yesterday and the attendance was so large as to amply attest to the esteem in which deceased was held. Rev. E. B. Service officiated, and the Methodist quartet sang touching selections. Two brothers and four sons of Mrs. Wetter acted as pall bearers. Interment was in Oak Knoll cemetery.

Mrs. Wetter, whose maiden name was Martha Block, was born in Wisconsin, December 4, 1870, so at the time of her demise was 45 years, one month and 17 days old. When but a child she accompanied her parents to Carver county, this state, where she resided up to the time of her marriage to Mr. Wetter in 1895. Seven children were born of the union, one having died. Besides the husband and six children, deceased is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Block, two brothers and one sister.

Mrs. Wetter was a member of the Evangelical German church. A Christian from youth her life was pre-eminently one of submission and faith. As a mother, wife and neighbor she was ever kindly, considerate and true and her untimely demise is indeed regrettable.

Mr. Wetter takes this means to express his sincere appreciation to all who extended sympathy and aid to him during his recent bereavement.

### Laid at Rest.

The last sad rites over all that was mortal of the late Mrs. Harriet E. Neely were conducted at the family residence Saturday afternoon, and briefness and simplicity marked the services, which were largely attended. The casket was literally embedded in a profusion of beautiful floral tributes.

Rev. E. B. Service delivered the funeral sermon, and a quartet composed of Messrs Guy Ewing and Arthur Roos and Mesdames E. B. Service and C. A. Caley sang several beautiful selections.

The pall bearers were William, George, Thomas and Robert Neely, E. E. Whitney and R. E. Willard, and interment was in Oak Knoll cemetery.

### Another Drop in Prices.

The potato movement has been exceedingly brisk in Princeton from the time the last issue of the Union went to press up to Tuesday, although prices have been decreasing. Buyers estimate that on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday approximately 2,000 loads of spuds were marketed here. Friday was the heaviest day, and the buyers experienced some difficulty in caring for the receipts.

The outside market dropped 10c on Tuesday, and the local market is from 5c to 8c lower than last week.

The outside demand for potatoes continues good, and shipments from this point have been extremely heavy the past week. A total of 83 carloads having left here since the last issue of the Union. On Saturday 38 cars left the Princeton depot, and on Tuesday 27 were shipped. Today 18 cars will leave this point.

### Humiliating But True.

Mexicans find that it is safe to kill an American or a Chinaman. Neither has a government strong enough to protect him.—Cambridge North Star.

## CREAMERY MEETING

Princeton Co-operative Creamery Association Convenes at the Armory Tuesday.

Directors Elected for 1916.—Business Shows Gratifying Increase Over Last Year.

The annual meeting of the Princeton Co-operative Creamery association was held at the Armory Tuesday afternoon, and numerous shareholders and patrons were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p. m., by President August F. Meyer. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Louis Rocheford, and same were approved.

That the Princeton creamery is in a flourishing condition, and that its business is constantly increasing in volume, was shown by the reading of the secretary's annual report. During 1915 an average price of 29.7¢ was paid per pound for butterfat to regular patrons. The creamery received a total of 254,935 pounds of butterfat during the year, a net gain of 71,475 pounds over 1914, and patrons were paid \$75,363.93 for same. On January 1, 1916 a cash balance of \$3,647 remained on hand. The report in detail is hereunder given:

Pounds of cream received	901,586
Average test	28.2
Pounds of butterfat received	254,935
Pounds of butterfat sold in cream	1,108
Pounds butterfat churned	253,827
Pounds of butter sold to Minneapolis, St. Cloud and St. Louis	2,183
Pounds of butter sold to stores	18,540
Pounds of butter sold in creamery	10,198
Pounds of butter sold to patrons	4,958
Pounds of butter shipped	274,893
Total pounds of butter made	310,772
Pounds of overrun	56,945
Percent of overrun	22.4

### Receipts.

Net balance on hand January 1, 1915, after deducting \$475 paid to Minnesota Co-operative Dairies Association	\$3,248.84
Butter sold to Minneapolis, St. Cloud and St. Louis	627.95
Butter sold in stores	5,134.64
Butterfat sold in cream	546.57
Butter sold in creamery	2,851.95
Butter sold to patrons	1,370.10
Salt and tubs sold to Glendora and Santiago creameries	127.36
Salt sold in creamery	219.20
Salt sold to patrons	107.50
Buttermilk sold	171.70
Sundries sold in creamery	35.31
Interest on deposits	143.00
Butter sold	70,340.53
Supplies on hand, Jan. 1, 1916	187.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$85,111.76</b>

### Disbursements.

Supplies on hand, Jan. 1, 1915	\$ 139.84
Butterfat bought	75,363.93
Shares canceled	120.00
Interest on shares	258.50
Salaries	2,609.75
Steam, power and light	350.00
Dairy Supply Co.	310.77
Creamery Package Mfg. Co.	48.00
Farmers' Co-operative Co.	9.55
Caley Hardware Co.	16.25
Mellhargey Hdw. & Furn. Co.	43.63
Salt purchased	590.35
Ice	128.50
Coal	43.05
Insurance	138.45
Taxes	120.09
Freight and express	27.64
Freight and drayage	65.24
Princeton Union, printing	73.45
Telephones	27.12
Postage and box rent	10.00
Stationery	12.30
Typewriter and stationery	52.25
Hardware and oil	16.60
Wrapping twine and paper	14.00
Repair work and skid	5.75
Butter jars	3.46
Errors on checks	8.45
Expense account	60.00
Painting the creamery	32.00
Sewer repair	13.45
Painting interior of refrigerator	2.95
Sprinkling street	4.00
Sundries	7.19
Directors' salaries	102.00
Tubs	641.52
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1916	3,647.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$85,111.76</b>

Average price paid to regular patrons per pound of butterfat	29.7c
Average price paid last year	29.8c
Pounds of butterfat received	254,935
Pounds received last year	183,460
Gain for year in butterfat	71,475

George Schmidt, one of the shareholders, asked what benefit the creamery had derived from purchasing \$475 worth of stock in the Minnesota Co-operative Dairies association. Manager Warner explained that increased prices received for butter more than offset the expenditure.

Letters were received from two commission houses relative to pasteurizing the cream before same is churned. The demand for butter made from pasteurized cream is increasing. Upon mention it was decided to leave the matter to the board of directors, as various changes must be considered in this connection. Pasteurization would mean that a new contract with the Water, Light, Power & Building Commission must be arranged for, or else that the creamery undertake to supply its own

steam and power. The present contract with the commission is effective another year, but as it calls for the payment of a flat rate of \$350 per year for steam and power, if additional power is to be had new terms must be agreed upon.

The commission submitted a proposition to supply steam at a flat rate of \$150 per year, and electricity at a rate of 8c per kilowatt. The shareholders expressed the opinion that in view of the fact the creamery consumes considerable electricity during the summer season, and the bulk of it in the day time, when the load on the power plant is light, better terms should be offered them. The matter was left to the directors, who will ascertain if the creamery can operate its steam engine at a cost less than that asked for electricity, and act accordingly.

President Meyers then urged that all patrons become shareholders in the creamery, stating that it was not a certainty that dividends would be voted to non-shareholders in the future.

The election of directors was next considered, and upon motion duly made and seconded the old board was unanimously re-elected, viz: Aug. F. Meyer, H. C. Nelson, Louis Rocheford, John Dalchow and D. L. Clough. The directors have attended to their duties in a commendable manner, and the prosperous condition of the creamery is ample evidence of their worth and ability.

The proposition of discontinuing the payment of interest to shareholders was brought up, but after a brief discussion the matter was dropped.

No further business coming up for the meeting, it adjourned, and those present accepted an invitation extended on behalf of Max Kruske by Geo. Schmidt to attend a free show at the Crystal theatre.

The Union has been requested by the creamery management to thank the militia company for the use of the armory, and Mr. Kruske for the free show.

### West Branch Creamery Meeting.

The West Branch Co-operative Creamery company held its annual meeting at the school house of district No. 4, Saturday afternoon. Much interest was manifested in the proceedings by numerous shareholders and patrons in attendance.

The secretary's report which was read and accepted indicates that the creamery is doing a satisfactory business and is prospering. It is estimated that the creamery purchases the product of 850 cows, and it has a total of 190 hand-separator patrons. The report of the secretary follows:

Pounds of cream received	446,077
Average test of cream	27.90
Pounds of butterfat from cream	124,449.39
Pounds of butter made	149,916
Pounds of butter sold to patrons	4,816.4
Pounds of butter shipped	144,162
Pounds of butter sold elsewhere	937.3-4
Pounds lost in shrinkage from cream	975
Pounds of overrun	25,467
Percent of overrun	20.45
Average price obtained for butter	26.05c
Cost of manufacture per pound	1.86c

### Receipts.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1915	\$ 634.72
Total receipts from butter sales	39,050.58
Other sources	759.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,444.64</b>

### Disbursements.

Paid patrons	\$35,283.92
Paid cream haulers	575.00
Buttermakers' salary	1,155.00
Secretary's salary	200.00
Other officers' salaries	109.00
Fuel	222.10
Tubs and packages	696.00
Salt	112.25
Color	10.50
Oil	6.50
Ice	97.50
Incidentals	184.30
Paid into sinking fund	1,398.77
Balance on hand not in sinking fund	893.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,444.64</b>

### Sinking Fund.

Insurance	90.80
Taxes	57.22
Interest	10.00
Repairs	59.60
New machinery	107.37
Dividends and interest to shareholders	544.51
Indebtedness paid	500.00
Balance in sinking fund	29.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,398.77</b>

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Jacob Ellenbaum, president; F. T. Guderian, vice-president; John Teutz, secretary; B. G. Benson, treasurer. Fred Wesloh, Gust Minks and John Levan were chosen trustees. All of the above are keenly interested in dairying, and can be depended upon to administer the affairs of the creamery in a manner satisfactory to the shareholders.

### Pease Creamery Report.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Co-operative creamery of Pease is being held today. Hereunder ap-

pears the annual report of that institution; and it shows that it is prospering:

Pounds of cream received from shareholders	578,920
Pounds of cream received from non-shareholders	54,951
Total pounds of cream received	633,871
Pounds of butterfat in cream	175,820.3
Average test of cream	27.737c
Pounds of milk received	100,104
Pounds of butterfat in milk	3,877.4
Average test of milk	3.883c
Pounds of butter fat received from share holders	163,356.2
Pounds of butter fat received from non-shareholders	16,351.5
Total pounds of butter fat received	179,707.7
Total pounds of butter manufactured (market weights)	217,073
Shrinkage between churn and market	2,526
Overrun, pounds of butter	37,885.3
Overrun, percentage based on market returns	20.792
Pounds of butter sold for cash	210,553
Pounds of butter sold to shareholders	5,621
Pounds of butter sold to outside patrons	899
Total pounds of butter sold	217,073

### Receipts.

Receipts from butter sold for cash	\$56,455.77
Value of butter sold to shareholders	1,734.20
Value of butter sold to outside patrons	255.74
Buttermaker's house rent, cream, milk and butter	180.00
Stock sold during the year	200.00
Other sources	5.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$58,830.71</b>

### Disbursements.

Paid to shareholders, including value of butter	\$49,065.21
Paid to outside patrons, including value of butter	4,511.88
Credited to running expense account	4,150.17
Paid in sinking fund	1,103.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$58,830.71</b>

### Running Expense Account.

Jan. 1, 1915, balance on hand, including value of supplies	\$ 664.02
Paid in	4,150.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,814.19</b>
Buttermaker, including house rent, cream and butter	1,260.00
Buttermaker's helper	328.30
Secretary	260.00
Treasurer	55.00
Directors	58.00
Coal	402.01
Butter tubs	939.57
Salt	130.56
Ice and sawdust	108.00
All other supplies and expenses	232.71
Jan. 1, 1916, balance on hand, including inventory of supplies	983.74
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,814.19</b>

### Sinking Fund.

Jan. 1, 1915, balance on hand	\$1,484.06
Paid in	1,103.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,587.51</b>
Taxes	39.44
Insurance	46.40
Painting creamery inside	64.20
Smoke stack	134.24
Cream vat	254.23
Repairs and other expenses	18.13
Jan. 1, 1916, balance in sinking fund	1,850.87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,587.51</b>

Average price received for butter sold	26.92c
Average price paid for butter fat	29.81c
Average monthly price paid to shareholders	31.25c
Average monthly price paid to non-shareholders	28.91c

### Base Ball Prospects.

The annual January thaw which visited this vicinity the latter part of last week, and the first of this revived base ball talk in the village, and arrangements are now under way to have Princeton represented on the diamond by a winning team during the 1916 season.

Princeton had a particularly strong nine in the field last season, and all but two of the stars will be in line again this year. Emahiser having left will not be available, and we are informed that Jesmer will not be here the coming summer. Both will be missed, but there is no