

COUNTY DADS MEET

Greenbush School Petition Dismissed
—Number of Signatures Less
Than are Required by Law.

Other Matters of Interest Disposed of
—Next Meeting to be Held
on March 16, 1916.

The board of county commissioners met in adjourned session at the office of the county auditor Tuesday. All members were present, and Chairman Cater called the meeting to order at 11 a. m.

The petition asking to have township 41, range 27, set off from the town of Onamia, to which it is now attached for township purposes, came on for final hearing, and it was rejected on the grounds that it did not have the necessary 25 legal signers.

Two school petitions were presented to the board, one from Nels M. Olson on Milaca town, asking to have his lands set off from district 29 and attached to district 31, and the other from Thomas Hunt of Page asking that his lands be set off from district 27 and attached to district 43. Date of hearing on the petitions was set for March 16 at 2 p. m.

In the matter of appointing a county physician but one bid was submitted to the board, that being by Dr. H. P. Bacon of Milaca who agreed to perform the duties for a compensation of \$200 for the year. The bid did not include supplying the necessary medicines. The bid was, upon motion, accepted and the bond of said county physician was fixed in the sum of \$500.

The petition praying for a division of school district 4, Greenbush, came on for final hearing, and so many interested individuals were on hand that the board decided to adjourn to the court room upstairs while the matter was being considered. Attorney E. L. McMillan appeared for the opponents of the proposed division, and former Commissioner Uglem acted as spokesman for the petitioners. It was shown that the petition did not contain the signatures of a majority of the freeholders of the territory involved, as is required by law before a division can be made, consequently the petition was dismissed. It appears that some of those who had signed the petition later signed a remonstrance, thus nullifying their first signatures. There is now talk of the district making a state loan for the purpose of erecting a new school house in the east end of the district where a majority of the petitioners reside.

The board instructed County Auditor Doane to advertise for bids for a steel and concrete bridge to span Estes Brook on the main Princeton and Milaca road.

An agreement was entered into whereby Mille Lacs county will have the services of M. J. Cleveland as highway engineer jointly with Benton county the coming year. The two counties involved will pay his salary for six months, and the state highway commission is to reimburse him for his time the other six months.

Numerous tax matters were disposed of, and after acting on a gist of bills the commissioners adjourned. The next meeting will be held on January 16.

Base Ball Banquet.

A base ball banquet that is different will be held at the I. O. O. F. hall next Thursday evening, February 17, and it promises to be an enjoyable affair. It will be different in that none of the usual devices to separate a slice of the coin of the realm from those in attendance will be resorted to. No season tickets will be hawked, no subscription lists will be circulated and anyone can attend without feeling the slightest misgiving. The boys desire to make it merely a get-together meeting.

Last year the first banquet of this sort in Princeton was held and it proved such a decided success that those in attendance were unanimously of the opinion that it should be made an annual event. It has now become a fixture as permanent as the ball team.

The doors will be open at 7 o'clock, and as a preliminary to the "feed" the various champion Sixty-Six, Pitch, and Norwegian Whist players of the village will be afforded an opportunity to engage in contests of talent, ingenuity and luck. No one will be barred, and those who question whether they can qualify as champions—if there be any—are welcome to participate.

At 9 o'clock those fortunate enough to be possessed of the proper creden-

tials will seat themselves at the dining tables at which time the banquet proper will start, and it is certain that viands will be there in abundance. Attorney E. L. McMillan will preside as toastmaster, and a flow of wit will follow. Such well known after-dinner speakers as Mayor Newbert, "Hienie" Plaas of poetic fame, W. C. Doane, S. P. Skahan and various other local celebrities will be present, which means that an intellectual treat is in store for those in attendance.

The base ball boys always do things up right, on the diamond and elsewhere, consequently the success of the coming banquet is assured.

Good Roads Day Contest.

In Anoka county last year there was quite a competition among the several towns of the county as to which would construct the longest stretch of good road on Good Roads Day, the third Tuesday of June, and purses of \$250, \$150 and \$100 were offered as prizes to the towns, and as a result several pieces of good roads were completed on that day. Already the Herald is urging that the same arrangement should be continued this year. The county commissioners appropriate the money for the prizes from the county road and bridge fund, and the prize money is expended on the roads of the winning towns. It is a good scheme and the Union would like to see such a contest among the towns of this county. In any event a concerted effort should be made this year to accomplish something out of the ordinary in the way of road improvement by volunteer labor on Good Roads Day, which falls on June 20 this year.

Indrehus Made Good.

Representative Indrehus of Benton county will be a candidate for re-election to the house. He was an excellent member, and did most effective work not only for his district but for the whole state. Great credit is due him for his support of the Sullivan material bill, which makes it mandatory on the board of control to use Minnesota material in the construction of public buildings, and it was because of his good work in the house that the new historical building will be made of Sauk Rapids granite. This is only one of the many good things he did for Minnesota. With the experience of one term he will be of greater aid to his people if re-elected, and we believe his services are so well appreciated by the citizens of Benton county that he will be returned without opposition. When you get a good man, it is an excellent plan to show your appreciation in a practical way, and Indrehus certainly made good.—St. Cloud Journal-Press.

School Privileges of Indian Children.

The following communication received by County Superintendent Ewing from State Superintendent of Education Schulz, pertains to the Cove school, and is self-explanatory:

"I have your letter of the 3rd, relative to the Indian children in District No. 17.

"There is nothing that we can add to what we have already stated in previous letters, Indians who are residents of a school district, and who are not wards of the federal government, are entitled to the school privileges of that district. It would not be competent for the people to exclude children who are legally entitled to attend school, by taking action at a special meeting against admitting them.

"The district is under obligation to provide for the education of those children unless they are in such a condition that they can be excluded from school because of unfitness and being a danger and a menace to the other children."

Pay-Up Week.

Feb. 21-26 is National Pay-Up week. The Aitkin papers contain page advertisements made up of cards from the business houses and banks of which the following is a sample: "Credit is the Life of Business. Prompt Pay Makes Your Credit Good.—First National Bank of Aitkin."

Let us inaugurate a Pay-Up Week in Princeton. Let everybody make an effort to pay his debts on the week of Feb. 21-26.

New Kindergarten Class.

A kindergarten class will be formed to start school on March 6. Only a limited number of children will be enrolled in this class, and they will be received strictly in accordance with their ages. Those having children whom they desire to enter in this beginners' class should at once leave names and ages of such with Miss Tompkins at the Whittier school. 8-2t J. C. Marshall, Supt.

FOR FAIR BUILDING

Program to be Given by Princeton Schools at the Armory on Friday Evening February 25.

Proceeds to go to Fund for Erection of School Exhibit Building at the Fair Grounds Here.

A Washington-Lincoln program will be given by the Princeton schools at the Armory on Friday evening, February 25, the proceeds of which will go to the fund for the erection of a school exhibit building at the fair grounds. It is a worthy cause, and a large attendance is desired, but the public is not urged to support the project as a matter of charity—the program is a pleasing one, and will be well worth the moderate admission fee asked. The rural schools of the county have contributed to the fund quite generously, and Princeton should make as good a showing as possible.

The grades and high school will participate in the program, and the teachers and pupils have been for the past few weeks laboring to make the affair a success, and are still at it. We have no doubt but what success will crown their efforts.

The program will open with a selection by the orchestra, and songs, recitations, drills and a cantata will follow. The program appears hereunder:

Overture.....High School Orchestra
Welcome.....Miss Tompkin's Pupils
Song Fantomine....."Star Spangled Banner"
Mrs. Steven's Pupils.
A Washington Alphabet.....
.....Pupils from Room of Miss Huse
Folk Dance.....Miss Davis' Pupils
America.....Miss Pollard's Pupils
Colonial Dance.....Miss Whiting's Pupils
Hiawatha Cantata.....
Miss Buckinton's and Miss Colwell's Pupils
Drill....."In Betsy Ross' Time"
Miss Anderson's Pupils.
Double Number Song.....
"Independence Day" and "My Native Land"
Miss King's and Miss Robarge's Pupils.
Barbara Fritchie.....Model Pupils
Duet....."The Soldiers and the Red Cross Maid"
Ruth Douglas and Nathan Peterson.
Song.....High School Quartet
Military Drill.....Normal Girls

Lincoln Program.

The Bible School of the Congregational church will give a Lincoln program at 12 noon next Sunday, and all are invited to attend. An appropriate and pleasing program has been prepared, and it appears hereunder:

Opening Chorus....."All Hail the Power"
The School.
Prayer.....
Duet (Violin).....
Chester Cooney-Irene Umberhooker.
Reading....."The Pardon"
Grace Staples.
Duet (Vocal)....."Let Us Arise"
Exercise....."The Unselfish Work"
The School.
Solo....."Exalt the King"
Reading....."When Lincoln Was a Boy"
Joe Dickey.
Chorus....."Give Us a Stainless Flag"
Reading....."Justice Tempered with Mercy"
Duet (Violin)....."Saluting the Flag"
Irene Umberhooker-Chester Cooney
Chorus....."America"
The School.
March and Offerings to help complete "The Work" by the School.

An Important Industry.

The Milaca Times figures it out that \$419,259.78 was paid to patrons of the creameries located in the six southern towns of Mille Lacs county during the year 1915. We think the figures are too low. The Times errs in the amount paid to patrons by the Princeton creamery—the correct amount was \$75,363.93 instead of \$54,777. More than half the patrons of the Glendorado creamery, which is located just across the line in Benton county, are Greenbush farmers. It is safe to say that the total amount paid to Mille Lacs county farmers for cream during the year 1915 exceeds \$500,000. That is a splendid showing for an industry which is yet in its infancy. Twenty-five years hence when the northern part of the county is developed, more than \$1,000,000 will be paid out annually for cream to the farmers of Mille Lacs county.

An Aitkin Road Project.

This month the county commissioners of Aitkin county are to act on a petition for a state rural highway running north and south through the county, commencing at a point about six miles east of Redtop on the county line, from thence almost due north to the village of McGregor and then north and east to the north line of the county. The estimated cost is about \$200,000, and the distance to be covered is 65 miles. A majority of the commissioners are said to be in favor of this big road project and it will undoubtedly be pushed to completion and will give Aitkin county people a direct wagon and auto road to the Twin Cities.

AN INACTIVE MARKET

Local and Outside Potato Movement Is Quiet Due to Cold Wave and Heavy Snow.

Embargo on Spuds from Ireland May Be Lifted—Virginia Potato Planting Season Opens.

The local potato market has been calm and quiet the past week, the cold weather having made the marketing of spuds practically impossible. The first activity for a couple of weeks, came with the moderated temperature of Tuesday and yesterday. Prices have remained substantially the same as last week.

A light movement of potatoes is reported from Chicago and other outside points, but the market maintained a steady tone last week. Inquiry for seed potatoes is beginning to develop, and orders for same are arriving at Chicago. An active trade is anticipated from now on. The Packer reports that holdings of Triumphs, Cobblers and Rose are light, as the crop this season was short, and it is understood that the supply of Ohios is also falling behind, inasmuch as a good many have been shipped for table stock.

New York stocks are heavy but the market is firm, although many carloads from Maine have been turned down by unreliable buyers.

The potato planting season has opened in Virginia, but the indications are that the acreage in early potatoes will not exceed 80 per cent of last year's acreage. Potato growers there have for many years depended upon potash to pull the crop through. Potash is scarce, and they are afraid to risk high priced seed without it.

Information received at New York from the Federal Horticulture Board at Washington, D. C., is to the effect that an investigation is now being made to determine whether the embargo shall be raised on potatoes from Ireland. At the present time the quarantine on European potatoes still holds on account of the wart disease in those countries. The federal board has been informed that there are territories in Ireland where this disease does not exist and the board is of the opinion that if it is possible to allow potatoes to come into America from those districts it will do so. In this connection the following cablegram received by a Boston potato broker from one of the largest potato houses in Great Britain is interesting:

"In Scotland we have plenty of potatoes but in the event of shipping great difficulty would arise in getting potatoes to carry. The class of potatoes shipped some years ago have deteriorated and another variety would have to be tried. In the event of business opening up between the two countries, we would require a good price as our markets are at good value and expenses are about doubled, owing to the war."

The authorities recognize the interest farmers and dealers have in the matter of foreign importations and say that if anything is done in the near future it will be given out immediately for publication in the press.

Peter Robideau.

Peter Robideau, a former resident of this vicinity, and a brother of Louis Robideau of Greenbush, answered the final summons at his home in Idaho a couple of weeks ago.

Deceased came to Mille Lacs county in 1867 with his parents, and resided here up to 19 years ago when he went west. For a number of years he acted as superintendent of a planing mill at Kootenai, Idaho. For the last five years he was a resident of Spokane and St. Joe, Idaho. Mr. Robideau is survived by a wife and nine children, Mrs. F. P. LaBarre of Spokane, B. H. Robideau, A. J. Robideau, and Lloyd Robideau of St. Joe, Idaho; Mrs. P. E. Chase, Bend, Ore.; R. L. Robideau, Spokane; C. L. Robideau, Spokane; H. P. Robideau, Bend, Ore.; Miss Zilda Robideau, Bend, Ore. His mother, two sisters and three brothers also survive.

The Man Worth While.

The man who is really worth while, it seems to us, is the man who pays his bills as he goes, treats his family and his friends fairly and squarely and is above board with all mankind. He puts a curb on his tongue, and keeps his hands busy with good deeds; he refrains from petty and malicious gossip and spreads the gospel of good fellowship. Such a man, as we have depicted above, may never achieve

great fame, but he is sure to win a niche in the hearts of all who know him. He may never get his picture in the papers, but his memory will always be a thing to cherish, and when he has quitted this life and his soul has departed for that mysterious region unknown, his friends may well and truly say of him: "He was a man!" No better praise, no better epitaph need be given or written.—Winnebago City Enterprise.

Schall Appreciated It.

A Washington special says that T. D. Schall, the blind member of congress from Minnesota, made a neat little speech on Saturday, thanking the house for its courtesy in providing him with a special page. There's an occasional lapse from politics, even at the national capitol.—Hastings Gazette.

School Report.

Report of the Berry school, district 24, for the month ending January 28. The following attended 20 consecutive days: Gran Lundblad, Estella, Hazel, Olive, James and Loumie Berry.

Walter and Edward Orne attended 19 days, and Hazel, James and Loumie Berry have a perfect attendance record for five months.

F. W. Schaefer, Jr., Teacher.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The Seniors are an awfully discontented bunch, aren't they? But they could oust the Juniors this time. Maybe you can have the outside rows next year.

Miss Stearns in German class: "Are kisses plural?" Craig: "Decidedly so." Berg likes 'em plural better than singular.

We expect Mr. Jacka to be able to sing for the high school in about three years, that is, providing he keeps up his practice.

Albert Olson, you should not try to carry off the erasers that way.

The Normal girls are visiting at the Whittier school. Mildred Hamilton, Ivah Drinkall, and Sadie Penhallegen are "on" this week.

Lettie Foltz and Linna Clagget are in charge of the sand table. They are putting on a Dutch scene.

Sadie Penhallegen substituted for Miss Robarge while the latter sang before the high school Wednesday morning.

Ask "Honey" if any stray song birds without wings have been around this season.

Don't forget the ball game, Friday, Sandstone Boys vs. P. H. S. Boys. Elk River Girls vs. P. H. S. girls. Remember!!! Enthusiasm is half the game. You furnish the "pep" and it won't be tame.

The second grade pupils came over and entertained the high school on Tuesday morning. We all enjoyed "Cinderella." Those who took part in it were so glad they come over because the rest of the pupils had to stay and work Arithmetic. Don't blame them for being glad; we like to have opening exercises so we won't have such long recitations.

The little demon, Gloom, has reigned supreme in High School since the return of quiz papers.

Margaret Carmody read an article, "A Perfect Tribute," Wednesday, in memorial of Lincoln.

ENG. III—Syllogism: A cat has one more tail than no cat. No cat has two tails. Therefore, a cat has three tails.

Don't forget the 'pep'—Can we beat 'em? Well, I guess! Come with your colors, Yes! Yes! Yes!

The pupils of the high school read with much interest the notice posted on the school house door this week calling for an election on February 29 for the purpose of voting for a new high school site. If the pupils of the high school department had the deciding vote there is no question as to what the result of the vote would be. During the last eight years Princeton has turned out exactly 132 graduates from the high school. These are now scattered all over the United States, even from Los Angeles to Boston, and so far as we know every one is making good. This year we graduate over thirty boys and girls. We have this year in the high school department an enrollment of about 190 and every one of them is a loyal rooter for the Orange and Black. Long live Princeton, and may she soon have a new high school building commensurate with the growth of the school.

We have just received an announcement of a new law firm located in St. Paul. The name of the firm is Jesmer & Prescott, both graduates of the Princeton high school. May they prosper.

CAPITOL SCANDAL

R. C. Pickit, a Clerk in the State Auditor's Office, and State Treasurer Smith Involved.

Forgeries to the Amount of \$28,962 Discovered—The State Will Suffer No Loss, However.

There was a sensation in the state capitol on Monday when it was discovered that the investment clerk in the State Auditor's office, R. C. Pickit, had forged a school treasurer's name to an \$18,000 warrant, and that the warrant had been cashed by State Treasurer Smith more than six months ago. Pickit confessed to other forgeries which brought the total amount up to \$28,962. Pickit is under arrest in St. Paul, and detectives are guarding Treasurer Smith in a Minneapolis sanatorium. The money has been refunded to the state by Pickit and Smith or their friends.

Treasurer Smith has not fully told his story yet. Pickit in his confession to County Attorney O'Brien and State Auditor Preus implicates the state treasurer. Mr. Smith should not be condemned unheard, but it would be utterly impossible for Pickit to have carried out his schemes without the connivance of the state treasurer or some other person in authority in that office.

The first forgery perpetrated by Pickit was as far back as 1913 and was for \$4,200. The loan was for a school district in St. Louis county. After the application for the loan had been approved it was afterwards cancelled by the investment board, nevertheless it seems Pickit was successful in having an auditor's warrant for \$4,200 issued, forged the indorsement of the school treasurer to the back of the warrant and had the same cashed by the state treasurer. We can well see how a trusted clerk like Pickit could deceive the auditor or his deputy, but what business had the state treasurer to cash the warrant? The treasurer of the school district in question, and not R. C. Pickit, was the party to whom the state treasurer should have issued his check.

The \$18,000 warrant was issued under different circumstances. In that case it was the name of an Aitkin county school treasurer that was forged. Again Pickit succeeded in having an auditor's warrant issued by deputy auditor C. S. Brown (there is not a dishonest hair in Claud Brown's head), and the state treasurer again cashed the same—or issued a check which was deposited in a Biwabik bank. Mr. Smith's explanation of the transaction is not very lucid.

There were other smaller forgeries perpetrated by Pickit, to which he has confessed. But as far as known restitution has been made and the state will suffer no loss. Restitution, however, will not save the guilty party or parties from criminal prosecution.

Onamia Adopts Australian System.

In the last issue of the Onamia Lake Breeze appeared an ordinance recently adopted by the common council providing that elections of village officers in that village shall hereafter be held and conducted under the so-called Australian ballot system.

Under the ordinance all candidates for village offices must file an affidavit at least one week prior to the election, with the village recorder. The affidavit shall be substantially as provided by Chapter 2 of the Laws of 1912, relating to non-partisan offices. The council fixed the filing fee in the sum of \$1.00. No party designation will appear on the ballots, and the names of the candidates for each office will be arranged in alphabetical order. The system should prove an improvement.

Mistaken Identity.

That it sometimes takes a long time for a good story to get to the place it originated but the whirligig of time brings these things about in its own peculiar way. During the holidays one of the teachers employed in the primary grades who is very fond of her pupils, met a gentleman on the train. She thought she recognized him and crossed the aisle of the coach and remarked, "Oh, Mr. —, I see you are traveling, too." The man looked dazed and in a moment she discovered her mistake. "I beg your pardon," she hurriedly exclaimed. "I thought you were the father of one of my children." And the joke of it all was, the dear girl never, never, did find out why the passengers laughed when the young man turned scarlet.—Fairmont Sentinel.