

BASE BALL BANQUET

Large and Enthusiastic Gathering of Fans Dines at the I. O. O. F. Hall Thursday Evening.

Plans for 1916 Discussed—Prospects for a Winning Team in Princeton Were Never Brighter.

Judging by the enthusiasm that flowed from the hundred and thirty fans in attendance at the base ball banquet at the I. O. O. F. hall last Thursday evening, prospects for a successful 1916 season on the diamond are exceedingly bright. Good will and loyalty to the base ball boys predominated, and the banquet was a splendid success, surpassing even the one of a year ago.

At 7 o'clock the earlier arrivals at the hall put in an appearance, and the attendance was constantly increased until at 9 o'clock a large and happy gathering of fans was in evidence. The banquet proper did not commence until the last named hour, and the intervening time was whiled away with cards in the Masonic lodge room.

The doors to the banquet hall were thrown open by Director Morton shortly after 9, and two tables, stretching across the entire length of the room, with a table bridging the two at the east end, greeted the eyes of those present. Eatables in abundance rested upon the tables and the fans just naturally gravitated to their seats. Members of the high school basket ball team acted as table waiters, and their "passing" featured as usual. Miss Lola Scheen presided at the piano and rendered several pleasing selections. Considerable time was devoted to satisfying the "inner man," and then toasts were in order. First, however, a quartet composed of Nathan Peterson, Jay Winsor, Lemuel Briggs and Joe Kallher, favored those present with vocal selections well rendered.

Attorney E. L. McMillan was to have acted as toastmaster, but was unable to be present, as professional business in Minneapolis required his attention. H. J. Plaas consented to act, however, and punctuated his remarks with characteristic pleasantries. Attorney S. P. Skahen was called upon to open this feature of the evening's entertainment, and responded by outlining what the base ball boys expect from the public. He called attention to the fact that a dozen business firms of the village have donated that number of uniforms, and as there is a cash balance in the treasury there was no need for alarm on the part of the banqueters—he was not paving the way for a "touch." Briefly stated the boys merely expect liberal attendance at the games, and the vocal support of the fans. This they are assured of. Mr. Skahen also announced that the management had decided to charge ladies for admission to the grounds the coming season. This decision was not reached hastily, and this action is necessary if financial worries are to be eliminated. All of last season the team operated on an extremely narrow margin, despite the fact that the rigid economy was exercised at all times, and had it not been for the fact that automobiles were placed at the disposal of the boys without charge upon various occasions there is no doubt but what a deficit in the treasury would have resulted. The ladies will not be charged full price, however, the fee having been established at 15c.

Later in the evening Mr. Skahen brought up the question of week-day ball games, there being sentiment favorable to this in some quarters. No action was taken in the matter, but the plan may be tried when the season opens.

Dr. L. B. Mallette, captain of the ball team, followed Mr. Skahen, and outlined what the fans can expect from the team. He stated that all of last year's stars with the exception of Emahiser would be available again this year, and briefly reviewed the 1915 performance of the boys, doing justice to all the players except one—himself. Last season the Princeton ball team made a record of which it can well feel proud, and its work was more than gratifying to the fans. The indications are that it will do fully as well or even better during 1916. Several of the youngsters of the village are displaying more than ordinary ability in the national pastime, and Captain Mallette announced that all would be given a chance to earn a place on the team. Merit alone will, as in the past, govern the selection of players.

The toastmaster then called upon Mayor Newbert, and his response made

a decided hit with those present. He stated in cordial terms his approval of the great American game, and promised the boys his unqualified support. Marshal Wilkes is the main spoke in the ball team, and the mayor's stand was greeted with an enthusiastic outburst of applause. A base ball team minus a pitcher, unlike a Ford without an engine, won't run on its reputation.

The following were called upon by the toastmaster also, and in brief responses voiced their loyalty to the team: J. J. Skahen, D. A. McRae, G. A. Eaton, E. K. Evens, R. D. Byers, Guy Ewing, Fred Newton, A. G. Osterberg and J. E. Yngve. "Pongo" Olsen also responded to an insistent clamor on the part of the fans for a speech, by expressing the appreciation of the management for the enthusiasm and good will shown. Claire Smith, last season's popular captain, was called upon, but evidently preferred to "blush unseen," and an effort to have J. W. Mossman uncorck his eloquence, also failed. Last year, when called upon, Joe said he was "too full for utterance," and the toastmaster concluded he was to full to even say this, Thursday evening.

Those present unanimously voted the affair the best ever, and it was a harmonious gathering that will tend to cement closer the brotherhood of Princeton fans, including the "leather-lunged" enthusiasts who congregated along the first-base line, and those who view the games through the wind shield of an automobile.

The boys did not expect to more than break even on the affair, but \$7 was realized, and this sum goes into the treasury.

G Boys Defeated.
Co. G's crack basket ball team must have absorbed too much "hot air" at the base ball banquet Thursday evening, as, in the last half of a contest with the speedy Ascension Cubs of Minneapolis at the Armory Friday evening, it blew its scoring machine all to smithereens, and the Cubs annexed the long end of a 38 to 21 score.

It started out like a real game and during the first half Monsieur Hofflander's stars more than held their own. Smith was in great form, and negotiated a total of 4 field goals during this round, while Captain Morton also waffled the sphere through the net for a goal, and took three free throws at the net that counted. During this time the visitors secured 6 goals, and when the period ended the count stood 13 to 12 in favor of the soldier boys.

The last half was a rather woody exhibition from a local viewpoint. The down river athletes rolled up a total of 26 points, while Smith for the G team located the net twice, and Morton and Wilkes counted once each—making a total of 8 for Princeton during this period. During the final minutes of play Newton was injured, and Raiche went in as left forward. Doane, who was ill, did not participate at all, and his absence undoubtedly weakened the locals.

No athletic team can be expected to go at top speed at all times. They all have off days, and the G boys are no exception. For the season they have a very creditable record, and their work on the whole has been truly gratifying.

A dance was given after the game, and a goodly crowd remained, all of whom report a delightful time.

Notice to Parents.
Parents having children whom they desire to enroll in the kindergarten class are requested to leave the names and ages of such children with Miss Tompkins at the Whittier building. This must be done at once, otherwise they may not be accepted. The number of pupils we can accommodate is limited, hence selections will be made strictly in accordance with age. This class begins school on March 6.

J. C. Marshall, Superintendent.

Fire Losses in Mille Lacs County.
The need of a more general adoption of fire prevention methods in Mille Lacs county is shown by the annual report issued by Robert W. Hargadine, State Fire Marshal, of fires in this county during the year ended December 31, 1915.

There were 13 fires during the year and the loss was \$94,180. This is greater, both in the number of fires and in the aggregate losses as compared with 1914. In that year the losses in Mille Lacs county were \$45,131.

However, the number of fires and the aggregate loss for the past year shows that just a little more care in the elimination of fire hazards and a little more general appreciation of the need of fire prevention will place Mille

Lacs county in the ranks of those whose losses were reduced during the past year.

The Editors' Convention.

The fiftieth annual convention—the golden jubilee anniversary—of the Minnesota Editorial Association was held at the Radisson hotel, Minneapolis, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week and was largely attended by representative newspaper men and women from every section of the state. Numerous interesting and instructive papers were read and some exceedingly able addresses were delivered. It was one of the best and most profitable meetings of the association held in years.

The Minneapolis people, especially the staffs of the local newspapers, treated the visiting editors right royally, and that splendid hotel, the Radisson, cared for their creature wants in fine shape.

The officers of the association for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Harry M. Wheelock, Fergus Falls; first vice-president, Fred E. Hadley, Winnebago; second vice-president, Farley Dare, Walker; third vice-president, A. O. Moreau, Luverne; treasurer, H. C. Hotaling, Mapleton; secretary, Herman Roe, Northfield; executive committee: Frank Meyst, Minneapolis; N. H. Ingersoll, Brainerd, and E. K. Whiting, Owatonna.

School Romance Culminates.

The culmination of a pretty romance dating back to the time when the principals were schoolmates in Princeton, occurred at the St. Louis rectory, St. Paul, Tuesday morning when Mr. Jesse L. Angstman of Harlem, Mont., and Miss Laurena M. Jesmer of Princeton took the matrimonial vows, in the presence of near relatives. Miss Esther Angstman, sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid, while the groom was attended by Lester Jesmer, brother of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Angstman left yesterday for Montana, where the groom has charge of the United States land office at Harlem, and that place will be their home.

The bride is an accomplished and charming young lady, whose winning ways have endeared her to a large circle of friends, one and all of whom wish her nothing but happiness in the years that lie ahead. The groom is a bright young man of sterling worth, who is meeting with deserved and marked success in life. Here in Princeton he numbers his friends by his acquaintances, and his acquaintances are extremely numerous. His pathway in life will indeed lie along pleasant lines if well wishes can so make it.

Larson-Pintz.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. August Pintz in Greenbush on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when their daughter, Anna, was united in marriage to Arthur Larson of Long Siding. Rev. Eugene Ahl of the Princeton German Lutheran church officiated, and only relatives and near friends were in attendance.

The bride was attended by Miss Clara Larson, sister of the groom, and wore a pale green gown with net over chiffon. The bridesmaid was attired in a dress of pale blue silk. Mr. Earl Hill acted as best man.

The newly weds received numerous handsome and useful gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Larson are popular and esteemed young people, and a large circle of friends extend felicitations to them. They will be at home to friends at Long Siding, where the groom operates a pool room, after March 10.

School Mass Meeting.

A mass meeting of the voters of school district No. 1 will be held at the Armory in Princeton on Saturday evening, February 26, at 8 o'clock. This meeting is for the purpose of affording those interested a full and free discussion of the proposition to be voted upon on the 29th of the purchase of a site for a new school building. Other matters pertaining to school expansion may also be considered.

Everyone interested in school affairs should be there, express his or her views, and listen to the arguments advanced by others. Intelligent discussion is always desirable on public matters.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of letters remaining unclaimed at the postoffice at Princeton, Minn., on Feb. 21, 1916: Ben Olson, W. T. Kerr, Mabel Knutson, Mr. Curtis, Jens Olson, Mr. Vic Peelgren, Mr. Wm. Olson.

Please call for advertised letters. M. M. Briggs, Act'g. P. M.

SPUD MARKET DROPS

Farmers Hauling Freely, and Prices Decline—Local Receipts and Shipments are Heavy.

Seed Potato Deal in Red River Ohio Now Under Way—Texas Planting Season Opens.

The potato market has gradually weakened the past few weeks, and Saturday witnessed another drop of 5c per bushel. Since then from 60c to 65c has been paid for all varieties except Triumphs, which remain firm around the \$1 mark. Receipts have been fairly heavy each day.

The outside demand has been good, especially in seed stocks and since the last issue of the Union 61 cars of spuds have been shipped from here. On Saturday 24 cars left the Princeton depot, on Tuesday 23 cars were shipped, and today 15 will leave this point.

The weaker tone in the market appears to be general, due undoubtedly to the fact that favorable weather conditions in all sections have permitted farmers to haul more freely. Receipts at Chicago last week were double those of the week previous, and there were 127 cars on the track the first two days of the week.

The eastern potato situation remains unchanged. Eastern growers hold out steady for \$1 per bushel at loading station, hence receipts from farmers are growing very light.

Reports received by the Chicago Packer show that the movement of Red River Early Ohio seed potatoes is fully two weeks later than usual, and only started last week. Holdings in Clay county are estimated to be 50 cars in excess of last year but this is not a fair estimate of the entire valley. All along the line north of Clay county as far as Crookston the production was cut down last year by water, with the result that certain stations in that section have not enough potatoes left for their needs for seed and table purposes. Prices on Red Rivers were a bit firmer last week because of the improved demand for seed and the market ranged from 92c to 95c a bushel, sacked, at valley stations.

Potato planting in Texas is generally under way throughout the potato belt. One planter, who is considered a comparatively small grower, had 26 hands busy last week cutting potatoes, while other planters are employing hundreds of men. Considerable seed already is in the ground, and prospects are bright for a fine crop of potatoes.

Dr. A. G. Aldrich.

After a brave struggle for life, Dr. A. G. Aldrich passed away at his home in Anoka last Saturday morning.

About ten days previous to his death he had contracted a severe cold which speedily developed into pneumonia. Dr. H. C. Cooney of this place was in almost constant attendance and from the first entertained but faint hopes of Dr. Aldrich's recovery.

Dr. Aldrich was a native of Berkshire county, Massachusetts, and was about 60 years of age. He studied medicine in several eastern colleges, and graduated from the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1879. For a time he practiced in Massachusetts, and located in Anoka, with offices in that city and Minneapolis. Later he took post graduate courses in eastern schools and also in Europe. He specialized in eye, ear and throat work, ranked high in his profession and had a large and lucrative practice.

Shortly after graduating he was married to Miss Flora L. Southard of Westford, N. Y. Although no children blessed their union he and his estimable wife were devotedly attached to each other and remained lovers to the end. Mrs. Aldrich survives him and she has the sincere sympathy of a host of friends throughout the state in her great bereavement.

Dr. Aldrich was truly one of nature's noblemen. He had every trait of character that endears one to his friends. He will be sadly missed, and among those who will cherish his memory as long as life lasts is the writer of these lines.

Fred Fryhling.

The following account of the death of Fred Fryhling, a former respected and esteemed resident of this village, is taken from the last issue of the Culbertson, Montana, Searchlight:

"Fred Fryhling, born in Rensburg, Denmark (now Germany) Nov. 4, 1846, died at the home of his son, August Fryhling, in Grand Forks, N. D., Feb. 14, 1916, aged 79 years, 3 months and

10 days. Cause of death, old age.

"Fred Fryhling, Sr., came to America with his family in 1883 and settled in St. Paul, where he worked at his trade as a journeyman tailor, afterwards conducting a business of his own. He came to Culbertson in 1906, accompanied by his sons August Fryhling and family, Louis Fryhling and family, his daughter, Mrs. Nels Nelson and family and his son Sam J. Fryhling.

"He and his sons and son-in-law, Nels Nelson, had the choice of the fertile Dane valley as they were among the pioneer settlers.

"Grandpa Fryhling was a devout member of the Danish Lutheran church and was prominent all his life in church circles. He was of a cheerful and optimistic disposition and was greatly loved and honored by his children and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was a man of sterling worth and integrity.

"Besides the sons and daughter mentioned above there is one other son, John Fryhling, a resident of Princeton, Minn.

"August Fryhling and Sam J. Fryhling accompanied the remains to Culbertson, arriving here on Wednesday morning of this week. The funeral was held from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Nelson yesterday afternoon, Rev. Hans Nelson conducting the services. The venerated remains were laid to rest in the family plot of the Dane Valley cemetery near the church which he and his family did so much to build.

"Mrs. Fred Fryhling Sr., died in Princeton, Minn., 13 years ago. Her remains will be brought to Culbertson in the spring where they will be interred beside those of her companion through a happy married life."

Miss Mary Ann Hoey.

Miss Mary Ann Hoey departed this life at the home of her niece, Mrs. Emery Pitmon, in this village on Tuesday, February 22 at 1:30 o'clock, after an illness of ten weeks' duration. Hardening of the arteries caused death.

Funeral services are being conducted from the Pitmon residence this afternoon by Rev. E. B. Service of the M. E. church.

Deceased was born in Burkborough, Ireland, July 30, 1840. She came to America in her early youth and resided in Jersey City for a number of years. From that place she went south with her friends, Major Dorman and wife, and lived in Norfolk, Va., and other places in the south during the greater part of the Civil war. Major Dorman was pay-master in the army. During recent years deceased made her home with her niece in this village.

Miss Hoey was a lady of fine Christian character, and those who associated with her in daily life were devotedly attached to her. She is survived by one sister and several nieces and nephews.

Ed Page is No More.

It will be with feelings of genuine regret that the old-timers of the Rum River Valley will learn of the death of Edward S. Page, which occurred at Seattle, Wash., on the 26th ult.

Mr. Page was a native of Maine and was born March 14, 1843. After the civil war, in which he fought under gallant Phil Sheridan, he came west, located in Anoka and engaged in the lumber business. In connection with his brother, Charles, he operated in the Rum River pineries for many years, and was well and favorably known to all the old settlers in Princeton and vicinity. Later he went south and for a number of years was engaged in the lumber business at Shreveport, La. About ten years ago he removed to Seattle.

Mr. Page is survived by his wife, a daughter and a son—the latter, Arthur D. Page, resides at Hines in this state.

Pay-Up Week.

This is pay-up week throughout the length and breadth of Minnesota. Many of the newspapers contain page advertisements by local business houses calling attention to the fact in nicely worded cards. But there is nothing in that line doing here. Nevertheless, it would be a good thing if every one in this vicinity made a special effort to get square with the world this week. Get out of debt and keep out of debt if possible.

New Postoffice at Anoka.

Anoka people are jubilant over the letting of the contract for a post office building at that place. The contract price is \$41,250. The exterior of the structure is to be of limestone and granite. The building is to be located on Main street and Third avenue, and is to be completed by May 15, 1917. The Union congratulates the Anokaites on their good fortune.

OPINIONS OF EDITORS.

It Depends Upon the Poetry.

A New York bartender developed into a famous English poet. Is that an argument for prohibition?—Springfield Free Press.

He Probably Froze to Death.

Where is that Indian who predicted away back in the good old Indian summer, that this would be a mild, open winter?—Redwood Falls Gazette.

Looms Up Larger.

As the days grow longer the shadow of Col. Roosevelt as a candidate for the presidency shows up stronger and stronger upon the political horizon—Staples World.

Damned in All Dialects

The state fire marshal is asked to condemn the St. Paul Union Depot as a means of hastening action for a new one. It has been condemned in several languages by the general public many times.—Hutchinson Leader.

He Will be U. S. Senator.

After reading Bob Dunn's newspaper one cannot help having a very high opinion of Hon. Frank B. Kellogg, sometimes mentioned for United States Senator.—Hutchinson Leader (Dem.).

An Undisputed Right.

Majorities rule, but they are not always right, and good citizenship never questions the right of a citizen to vote his convictions, even though he votes with the minority.—Wabasha Herald.

A Distinct Advance.

It has now been established that cheese which smells as bad and strong as any from abroad, can actually be manufactured in America. Quite an advance in civilization that is.—Lindstrom Press.

Thawing Language.

Wilson, of the Bemidji Sentinel must have some experience this cold weather for he asks: "When your pipes freeze do you thaw them out yourself, or don't you use that kind of language.—Hinkley Enterprise.

Superb Gall.

If you admire colossal cheek, you will surely admire the American armor plate manufacturers. These fellows make one all the more heartily in favor of the government making its own armor.—Jordan Independent.

Justified Faith.

Voters of the seventh district are urging J. F. Jacobson of Madison to become a candidate for delegate to the Republican national convention. They have great faith in the Lac qui Parle man and their confidence is not misplaced.—Alexandria Post News.

Dishonesty Never Wins.

It is always the popular wonder—after crookedness in officialdom is discovered—how sensible human beings could ever delude themselves into even momentarily believing that dishonesty wins in the end.—Little Falls Transcript.

Strictly Feminine Ability.

We note in our exchanges the following: "Arlington, S. D.—Louis Damm was rescued by a woman when his automobile overturned and pinned him beneath." That Damm auto would have added another victim to its already long list of killed and wounded, but for this woman's strictly feminine ability to manipulate anything pinned.—Grand Rapids Herald Review.

The "See" Route.

Bob Dunn's idea to establish "a," "b" and "c" Jefferson highway routes up through Northern Minnesota in order that all localities may be benefited is sure a good idea. Owing to the unusual amount of scenery via Leech lake the Cass county trail will no doubt be designated the "see" route with "a" and "b" going to other points.—Walker Pilot.

Extremely Monotonous.

A Schall club has been organized at Excelsior with 111 members and resolutions have been adopted indorsing the efforts of the tenth district congressman. What we would like to see from our representative is a statement as to where he stands with regard to putting this country in shape so that we don't have to take a "biff" on the ear from every bully in Europe and pretend that we like it. This thing of being kicked around like a "houn' dorg" because we haven't got any teeth is becoming, at least, monotonous.—Delano Eagle.