

SPRING COURT TERM

Opened Tuesday Morning by Sheriff
—Judge W. L. Parsons of
Fergus Falls Presiding.

Synopsis of the Court Proceedings Up
to the Time the Union Went
to Press Today.

Court Officers.
Judge.....W. L. Parsons
Clerk.....Robt. H. King
Deputy Clerk.....Carrie Hansmeyer
County Attorney.....Olin C. Myron
Sheriff.....Harry Shockley
Court Reporter.....Philip M. Woodward
Court Deputies: Henry Shockley, N. P. Olson, and Chas. King.

Grand Jury.
Oscar Stark—Princeton Village.
C. H. Nelson—Princeton Village.
Fred Newton—Princeton Village.
William Mahoney—Princeton.
August F. Meyers—Princeton.
John Boy—Princeton.
R. A. Ross—Greenbush.
Emil Pladsen—Borgholm.
J. B. Heron—Borgholm.
F. A. Maynard—Mudgett.
Reinhold Jopp—Bogus Brook.
Claus Johnson—Bogus Brook.
S. H. Andrews—Milaca Village.
E. E. Thomas—Milaca Village.
Claus Grant—Milaca.
Erick Williams—Milaca.
Herman Van de Riet—Milo.
H. A. Hubers—Milo.
Grant Weatherly—Page.
Robert Swenson—Onamia Village.
Elmer Dinwiddie—Kathio.
Thomas Anderson, Jr.—South Harbor.
E. L. Nason—Isle.

Petit Jurors.
Alphonso Howard—Princeton Village.
A. B. Gramer—Princeton Village.
Chester Pierson—Princeton Village.
E. E. Bigelow—Princeton Village.
J. C. Borden—Princeton Village.
Louis Solberg—Princeton Village.
William Lipp—Princeton.
Nels Lundblad—Princeton.
Erick Johnson—Greenbush.
John Johnson—Greenbush.
Elmer Anderson—Borgholm.
V. A. Rowland—Borgholm.
D. W. Luchsinger—Borgholm.
William Peterson—Milaca Village.
John B. Peterson—Bogus Brook.
Peter Larson—Hayland.
William De Hart—Milaca.
John E. Nelson—Milaca.
Charles Northway—Foreston.
C. T. Jensen—Milo.
John Nyberg—Page.
Joe Youngberg—Dailey.
H. A. Heidelberg—Dailey.
John Wagner—Onamia.

The annual spring term of the district court for Mille Lacs county opened Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, when Sheriff Harry Shockley called it to order. Judge W. L. Parsons of Fergus Falls arrived on Monday evening's train, and is presiding. This is Judge Parsons' third visit to Princeton in an official capacity, consequently he is no stranger here. Philip M. Woodward of St. Cloud is again with us as court reporter.

The preliminary call of the calendar was the first order of business. On the civil calendar for this term there were 41 cases, 32 of which were actions for a reduction of taxes on real estate near Mille Lacs lake, and these were disposed of Tuesday morning. The facts were presented to the court, and judgment was entered for a reduction.

A motion for continuance in the divorce case of Rosa A. Bringleton vs. Charles Bringleton was heard by the court, and taken under advisement.

In the case of the Village of Milaca vs. A. C. Wilkes there was no appearance on the part of the defendant, and on motion of plaintiff's attorney judgment was ordered entered for plaintiff.

Numerous of the grand and petit jurors arrived on the morning train, and Clerk of Court King called the roll of the grand jury at 11 o'clock. All members were present except F. A. Maynard of Mudgett, who is out of the county. The grand jury was sworn, and Judge Parsons then delivered his instructions to that body, reading a portion of the statutes defining the duties, powers and responsibilities of grand jurors. August F. Meyers of Princeton was appointed foreman, and the labors were entered upon at once.

The roll of the petit jury was then called by the clerk, and all members answered "present." The petit jury was excused until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

In the case of J. A. Allen, as assignee, vs. Harry Shockley, a motion to dismiss and for judgment on the pleading, was heard by the court and taken under advisement.

At noon the grand jury returned two indictments against Leslie E. Brown, charging forgery in the second degree, and the court then adjourned until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

When court reconvened four appli-

cations for citizenship papers were acted upon. The following appeared in open court, answered the questions put to them in a satisfactory manner, and after they had renounced all allegiance to foreign potentates, princes, sovereigns and powers were made citizens: Petrus Anderson, Hayland; John William Swanson, Milaca, and John Cornelius Van der Hulst, Onamia. The application of Adolph Lindsted of Page was continued over the term, as one of his witnesses did not prove satisfactory.

The first jury case came on for trial Tuesday afternoon, being that of Ray Davis vs. Jacob VanRhee. This was a suit for \$320 and interest, claimed by the plaintiff to be due him as commission on land sold under the terms of a verbal agreement between the two parties. Mr. Davis claimed to have brought three prospective land purchasers to Mr. VanRhee, and that these prospects purchased 320 acres of land; that under the terms of the agreement he was entitled to \$1 for each acre. Attorney E. L. McMillan appeared for the plaintiff, and attorneys O. C. Myron and Godfrey G. Goodwin for the defendant. The testimony of some of the witnesses was rather conflicting, but after due deliberation the jury brought in a verdict for Mr. Davis for the amount claimed in the complaint.

Leslie E. Brown, indicted on two counts for second degree forgery, was arraigned Tuesday evening, and the court appointed S. P. Skahan to act as attorney for the accused. Brown signified his willingness to plead guilty to one of the charges, after consulting his attorney, and the plea was accepted. Sentence was pronounced last evening, and an indeterminate term at Stillwater will be served by Brown. The prisoner is a resident of Tuttle, N. D., and is almost 29 years old. He has a wife and two children. He was employed at Foreston last summer, and the crime to which he entered a plea of guilty was committed at Milaca on July 5 last, when he passed a forged check for \$31.75. Brown will probably be taken to Stillwater tomorrow by Sheriff Shockley, to commence serving sentence.

The grand jury completed its labors yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and was dismissed. Indictments were returned against Reinhold Swedberg and Hans Petrin of Onamia, charging petit larceny. The accused men were arraigned at noon today, and entered pleas of "not guilty." Bail was fixed in the sum of \$200 in each case, but no time for trial has as yet been set. At the time of going to press the case of Catherine A. King vs. J. C. Herdliska was in progress of trial. This is a suit to recover damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained last fall when the defendant's automobile collided with the plaintiff.

COURT NOTES.

Numerous Milaca, Foreston and Mille Lacs lake people are attending court.

Deputy Sheriff Henry L. Shockley was called to Sauk Rapids Tuesday to subpoena a witness.

The court officers are all experienced and attend to their duties in a manner that commends itself to all.

Postmaster William Lipp of Long Siding was excused from jury duty at his request Tuesday by Judge Parsons, and H. A. Heidelberg of Dailey was also excused.

Judge Parsons, who is presiding at this term, is ever fair and impartial, and is clear and concise in his jury charges. He is a pleasant gentleman to meet, and increases his friends in this county upon each visit.

County Attorney Goodwin of Cambridge attended court here Tuesday and yesterday. Mr. Goodwin is extremely popular in Isanti county, and has numerous friends in Princeton. He is an able attorney, and an affable gentleman to meet.

The following out of town attorneys have been or are in attendance at court here: Samuel A. Anderson, St. Paul; F. S. Stewart, Anoka; Elmer C. Patterson, Minneapolis; A. T. Roren, Minneapolis; C. F. J. Goebel, Rolf Vaaler and County Attorney Myron, Milaca, and W. S. Foster, Minneapolis.

New jury chairs have been provided for the court room by County Commissioner Cater, and Judge Parsons says they are the finest and most comfortable in the district. At the last term of court Judge Nye suggested that new chairs were needed, to Sheriff Shockley who passed the suggestion on with the result that they were procured.

Attorney E. W. Prescott, of the law firm of Prescott & Jesmer of St. Paul, is attending court here this week. Mr.

Prescott is a graduate of the Princeton high school, and is a bright and energetic young man. He is associated with Attorney Samuel Anderson in the two suits pending against the village of Princeton, arising over the death of the Jesmer and Barrett boys in the sewer pit last summer.

Baldwin Social Affair.

The Angstman home in Baldwin was the scene of a pleasing social affair Saturday afternoon, when Misses Ida May Schmidt and Alma Johnson entertained at a parcel shower in honor of Miss Mildred Johnson, married to Mr. Ernest Rossing yesterday.

The residence was appropriately decorated for the occasion, the color scheme being pink and white. Hearts and cupid darts were everywhere in evidence.

Music and games were the entertainment features. Misses Schmidt and Esther Angstman rendered several piano duets and solos, and Miss Schmidt also sang three selections in her usual delightful manner. Recitations by Miss Estella Schumacher were another enjoyable feature.

The bride-to-be received numerous handsome articles of particular value to a housewife, but was compelled to locate them in the various out of the way nooks and corners where they were hidden before she obtained possession. A card contained the necessary information to enable her to find the first gift, and then another card directed her to second hiding place, and so on.

Honors were awarded in the games played, and Misses Mildred and Agnes Johnson were awarded first prizes, while consolation prizes went to Misses Clara Wicks and Anna Hannay.

At five o'clock a dainty lunch was served, after which all departed for their respective homes, wishing Miss Johnson unbounded joy in the years to come, and declaring the hostesses to be royal entertainers.

Fatal Accident.

A distressing accident that resulted in the death of Lois, the seven-year-old daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Howard of Minneapolis, occurred last Friday afternoon at a school playground in that city. Lois and three other small girls were teetering on a balanced plank, provided for that purpose in the playground, when the girl occupying the same end of the plank as Lois jumped off to pick up her handkerchief. The balance was destroyed, and the weight of the two girls brought their end down with considerable force. Lois was precipitated against an iron brace in the center of the teeter outfit, crushing her skull and rendering her unconscious. Death followed the next day.

The father of the unfortunate little girl is well known in Princeton, being a brother of Alfonso and Millard Howard of this village. Mr. and Mrs. Millard Howard left for Minneapolis Tuesday morning to attend the funeral services.

Rossing-Johnson.

Mr. Ernest T. Rossing and Miss Mildred Ruth Johnson of Baldwin, Sherburne county, were made man and wife at the residence of Rev. M. Peteson in this village, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The bride was becomingly attired in a beautiful white gown. The witnesses were Miss Charlotte Rossing and Mr. Roy W. Carlson. In the evening a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Rossing are popular young people, and have the well wishes of a large circle of friends. They will reside on a farm in Baldwin.

Stacey-Stacey.

Mr. Adlia Stacey and Miss Mildred Stacey were united in marriage at the Long Pond farm home in Baldwin, Sherburne county, on Tuesday evening. Rev. Samuel Johnson of the Princeton Congregational church performed the ceremony, and only members of the Stacey family were present. Mr. and Mrs. Stacey left at once for Minneapolis for a short wedding trip, and will reside in Baldwin. Numerous friends extend felicitations.

Carlson-Skoog.

Mr. John Carlson and Mrs. Caroline Skoog took the matrimonial vows at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Anderson in this village last evening. Rev. M. Peterson of the Princeton Swedish Lutheran church performed the ceremony, in the presence of a few invited friends, and a bounteous wedding supper was served at its conclusion. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson will reside in this village.

OUR SCHOOL MONEY

County Auditor W. C. Doane Has Distributed the March Apportionment to Schools.

The Sum of \$7,675.58 Was Divided Between the School Districts of Mille Lacs County.

The March apportionment of the current school fund of the state has been made by County Auditor W. C. Doane to the schools of Mille Lacs county. A total of 3,246 pupils in the county are represented in the apportionment and the per capita rate is \$2.3327.

The sum of \$7,675.58 was divided between the school districts of the county, of which \$6,916 is the regular apportionment from the state, and \$759.58 represents one half of penalty and interest, November 1915, settlement and March, 1916, settlement.

The apportionment of school funds by the state is made twice a year, in March and October. The first apportionment was made in 1863, and it has since become a large and important item in the economy of the state.

The Mille Lacs county apportionment is as follows:

One half of penalty and interest
Nov. 1915 settlement and March
1916 settlement \$759.58
Apportionment from State of Min-
nesota 6,916.00

District Number	Total amount apportioned	No. Pupils	Per Capita
1	146.97	657	\$1.882.59
2	88.64	38	23.06
3	265.93	114	233.27
4	249.60	107	233.27
5	142.30	61	233.27
6	103.47	44	233.27
7	102.64	44	233.27
8	118.97	51	233.27
9	102.64	44	233.27
10	123.64	53	233.27
11	81.65	35	233.27
12	146.97	63	233.27
13	146.97	63	233.27
14	118.97	51	233.27
15	90.98	39	233.27
16	88.64	38	233.27
17	174.95	75	233.27
18	300.93	129	233.27
19	114.30	49	233.27
20	104.97	45	233.27
21	21.00	9	233.27
22	65.32	28	233.27
23	72.32	31	233.27
24	182.97	77	233.27
25	74.65	32	233.27
26	11.67	5	233.27
27	107.31	46	233.27
28	72.32	31	233.27
29	69.98	30	233.27
30	76.98	33	233.27
31	93.31	40	233.27
32	282.26	121	233.27
33	340.57	146	233.27
34	109.64	47	233.27
35	53.65	23	233.27
36	67.65	29	233.27
37	32.66	14	233.27
38	32.66	14	233.27
39	48.99	21	233.27
40	14.00	6	233.27
41	60.66	26	233.27
42	60.66	26	233.27
43	15.67	7	233.27
44	15.67	7	233.27
Totals	3246	\$7675.58	
Per Capita			\$2.3327

*To Correct October, 1915, Apportionment.

Abstract of the Tax Lists.

The abstract of the tax lists of the counties of the state, which has just been issued by State Auditor Preus, is decidedly interesting.

The total real and personal valuation of the state is \$1,491,964,548, an increase of \$15,964,940 over that of a year ago.

"Money and credits" are returned at \$213,078,632, an increase of \$15,452,718 over the 1914 figures. This class of property is taxed at the rate of three mills on the dollar. The idea is that the people who have money or credits will not object to a small tax and will make proper returns, whereas if money and credits were taxed the same as other property very little would be returned for taxation.

As it is \$639,249 is levied against this class of property and it is apportioned as follows: One-sixth to the revenue fund of the state, one-sixth to the county revenue fund, one-third to the city, village or town, and one-third to the school district in which the property is assessed.

The average rate of taxation throughout the state by counties is 34.89 mills. Beltrami has the highest rate of taxation, 80.57 mills, while Sibley has the lowest, 19.82 mills. Average rate in Mille Lacs, 49.47 mills; in Isanti, 36.60 mills; in Benton, 34.01 mills; in Sherburne, 34.29 mills.

The average rate in Mille Lacs county is higher than in the neighboring counties because the towns in the north end of the county are practically undeveloped, and the excessively high rates in the villages of Milaca and Princeton increase the average of the

county. The real and personal valuation of Mille Lacs county is \$4,239,780; Isanti, \$4,022,455; Sherburne, \$3,890,895; Benton, \$4,712,974.

Money and credits are assessed in Mille Lacs and neighboring counties as follows: Mille Lacs, \$245,550; Benton, \$503,551; Isanti, \$273,366; Sherburne, \$289,642.

Taxes levied for road and bridge purposes throughout the state are as follows: By counties, \$2,438,631.71; by cities and villages, \$619,598; by townships, \$3,355,594.90. Total, \$6,413,824.61. To this should be added \$1,550,000 by the state, derived from the general one mill tax and license fees of motor vehicles, making a grand total in round numbers for roads and bridges of \$8,000,000.

The Bridge Combine's Work.

It appears that George W. Cooley, secretary and chief engineer of the State Highway commission, anticipated the dastardly attack that the "Bridge Combine" and its hirelings launched against the commission on town meeting day, as the following interview with him which appeared in the Pioneer Press of the 13th inst., would indicate:

"On the eve of election we have been informed that various townships are being canvassed and the boards asked to pass resolutions declaring for the so-called home rule plan of road and bridge building and against the highway commission," Mr. Cooley said.

Country-wide Fight.

"It is the same attack that is being made on every highway commission in the United States. It is fostered by bridge builders and material men who object to any central organization which can assist the counties in securing a better class of construction, which has the facilities for the comparison of prices and methods of construction, and which may reduce the cost of work to the communities interested.

System is Successful.

"The very fact that the attack on the commission is made at the eleventh hour shows that it will not stand the light of investigation. It is the same character of combinations that the various cities have experienced in paving.

"Of the forty-eight states, thirty have state highway commissions, while only three are without a thoroughly organized state department, so that the central system for holding illegal combinations in check must be successful.

Satisfied with Engineers.

"Eighty-one of the eight-six counties in Minnesota have by resolution endorsed the engineers sent to them by the State Highway Commission, and have agreed to retain them any time the funds of the commission are not sufficient to keep the corps of engineers in tact."

Adjudged Insane.

William F. Quade was adjudged insane before Judge Sanford's court on Monday afternoon, and committed to the state detention hospital at Fergus Falls. The examining physicians were Drs. H. C. Cooney and T. L. Armistage.

This is the second time within two years that Quado has been sent to the state hospital at Fergus Falls, as he was adjudged to be a proper subject for that institution a year ago last November. The following April he was paroled, and later discharged. Recently he became violent again, and complaint was filed with the proper authorities by relatives Saturday.

The patient was taken to Fergus Falls Monday by Chas. King and E. Pitmon, who were deputized by Sheriff Shockley as he was unable to go on account of this being court week.

Fire Department Does Good Work.

Fire gutted the south wing of the Wm. Miller residence in north Princeton Saturday evening, and had it not been for the prompt and efficient work of the fire department, there is no doubt but what the building and its contents would have been destroyed.

The alarm sounded at about 8 o'clock, and the department boys were on the scene shortly thereafter with the chemical engine. The fire was soon under control, but was not finally extinguished until after a second trip had been made across the river from the power house, when a few pails of water applied to the right place drowned a minor blaze or two that developed after the first visit to the fire.

The H. McCue and Gust Anderson families occupied the downstairs and upstairs of the dwelling respectively, and considerable of the furniture was

badly damaged or destroyed by fire, smoke and water. The loss is partially covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown, as Mr. and Mrs. McCue were not at home at the time, and it started downstairs.

The members of the fire department are deserving of credit for their splendid work in this instance, as the fire had gained considerable headway when they arrived. That over half of the building was saved under the circumstances is ample evidence of their efficiency.

Mrs. L. P. Southard.

Mrs. L. P. Southard, an esteemed Princeton pioneer, departed this life at her home in north Princeton Sunday morning at 2 o'clock, after an illness of eight months, at the age of 78 years, two months and 26 days.

Funeral services were conducted at the family residence Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and numerous friends and relatives attended to pay a last tribute to the departed one. A quartet composed of Mesdames C. A. Caley and E. B. Service and Messrs. Guy Ewing and Grover Umbecker sang appropriate selections, being accompanied on the organ by Miss Eileen Walker, and Rev. and Mrs. Service gave a vocal duet. Interment was in Oak Knoll cemetery, and the remains were laid at rest beside those of her husband and a son.

All of the children attended the final services except Charles, Fred and E. L. Charles and E. L. reside in Washington, and Fred is a resident of Maine.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Almeana Bickford, was born in Belgrade, Somerset county, Maine, on December 30, 1837. She grew to womanhood in Maine, and on January 1, 1854, was united in marriage to Mr. Daniel Spaulding. To this union were born three children, all of whom are living, viz.: Charles H., Fred R., and Daniel W. Mr. Spaulding answered the final summons several years ago, and on March 8, 1865, the subject of this sketch became the wife of the late L. P. Southard. Five children—Mrs. Mina Bickford, E. L., I. R., Mrs. O. B. Newton and Alvah—blessed this union. In the fall of 1879 Mrs. Southard accompanied her husband and family to Minnesota, and resided in Minneapolis one year. Since that time Princeton has been her home.

Mrs. Southard was a good Christian lady, and possessed qualities that won her the love and esteem of a large circle of friends. She was of a home-loving disposition, and as a neighbor and friend was all that could be desired. Besides the children she leaves many grandchildren and great grandchildren to mourn her passing.

The children and grandchildren desire to express their sincere and heartfelt thanks to those who so kindly assisted them during the last illness and death of their beloved mother.

Dearest mother thou hast left us
And thy loss we deeply feel;
But 'tis God that has bereft us—
He can all our sorrow heal.
Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life has fled,
When in Heaven with joy we greet thee,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

Dr. Eric Norelius.

There died at Vasa, Goodhue county, a couple of weeks ago one of the grand old pioneers of this state, Dr. Eric Norelius, at the ripe old age of almost 84 years.

Dr. Norelius was a native of Sweden and came to this country in 1850 when he was only 17 years of age. He had studied some in the old country and completed his education at a college in Columbus, Ohio.

He first visited Minnesota in 1854, and preached and taught school at Chisago Lake; in 1855 he located at Vasa and organized Swedish Lutheran churches there and in several of the neighboring towns. He has been president of the Augustana Synod, the highest honor that can be conferred by the Swedish Lutheran church of America, was created Doctor of Divinity by the Augustana College at Rock Island, Ill., and has been knighted by the King of Sweden. No man stood higher in the estimation of the Swedish people of the Northwest than Dr. Norelius, and he was also beloved and respected by all who knew him.

A Frank Admission.

The editor of the Ortonville Journal says: "We would like to know which side of the fence the Independent Press of Madison is on." The right side, brother. Always on the right side. Absolutely independent.—Madison Independent Press.