

Voting Contest

I. T. BRANIGANS

This contest was begun Saturday, Jan. 9th. The interest that it has aroused is remarkable. There have been a good many changes in position since last week, although Miss Retta DeWitt still retains first place.

The contest closes at 9 o'clock p. m. Saturday, Feb. 20. The result will be announced Monday afternoon, Feb. 22.

The following is their standing up to 2 o'clock Thursday p. m., Feb. 11:

- Retta DeWitt
Mary Wilson
Elsie Palm
Nora Cox
Lillian Apel
Leora Potter
Bessie Helms
Linnea Moberg
Mable McElroy
Eveline Palm
Alice Sullivan
Leah Walker
Helen Anstrom
Helen Anderson
Myrtle Tow
Gertrude Mishler
Augusta Manken
Florence McCaskie
Lillie Danielson
Gladys Corncross
Anna C. Sather
Clara Sowles
Flora Hogan
Mona Kies
Jennie Loelmer
Hiser Palmberg
Matie Hafele
Pearl Anderson
Elsie Peterson
Edwina Lewis
Etlethe Halleck
Ida Stow
Mary Voss
Emma Herline
Marie Bisanz
Susie Barton
Thea Hogan
Clarene Howard
Lela Smith
Lydia Hardow
Teadora Hendricks
Edna Meyers
Julia Fellows
Elsie Moeller
Lila Carter
Pearl Apel
Gladys Anderson
Cora Zwrep
May Albinson
Jeanette Fredon
Lea Koster
Annie Anderson
Hilna Johnson
Tessie Edstrom
Marion Williamson
Lillian Kinsman
Edna Shiver
Hellen Leonard
Hellen Foelschow
Mary Reed
Genevieve Glasgow
Bernadetta McGowan
Leona Duba
Alice Nystrom
Ellen Edwards

Special and greatly reduced prices will be made on the following goods until the contest is over:

Men's and boys' pants, underwear, men's mittens, shoes, ladies' corsets, hosiery and duck coats.

WHAT ARE THEY?

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. A new remedy for stomach troubles, biliousness, and constipation, and a good one. Price 25 cents. For sale by F. M. Hickman.

WHAT GRANDMA SAYS.

Grandma says, "You need a good Sarsaparilla, that's what you need." Ask her what kind. She will give you the same answer that all good doctors give: "There is but one kind - Ayer's."

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co.

A New Charter.

Worthington Should Have One Without Further Delay.

During the past few years, it has been frequently said by those who have taken an interest in the village affairs, that Worthington should have a new charter, enabling the village affairs to be conducted in a way that would be more beneficial.

There are many advantages of a different form of local government over that by which this village is governed at the present time. One of them is the time of service of the councilmen. Every year a new set of officers are elected except by chance, some are re-elected, but not because the law requires it or because of their experience.

There should be a water and light board, separate and distinct from the members of the council, whose duties would be solely to look after the management of this department. By having a commission for this purpose all of the details of operation, revenue and expenses could be carefully looked after and more advantageously and successfully operated.

A new charter should make the office of street commissioner an appointive one, thus giving the council full authority over this department. As it is now, the street commissioner is elected and has more authority than the council over the streets. If the street commissioner does not see fit to look after the streets as the council desire they are powerless.

Further, there should be some act that would enable the council to create a sinking fund. The village needs a new lockup and fire station. There are unpaid bonds and no arrangement for the raising of funds to meet them.

It has been stated when trying some offenders of the village laws, that proceedings must be conducted along careful and conservative lines for fear the ordinances may be imperfect and not support the proceedings. The ordinances of the village are in a deplorable condition. It would take a Philadelphia lawyer to pick them out and ascertain if they were in full force and effect.

There are other points, that might be mentioned in favor of a new charter, which will appear later. Of course, there will be opposition to the idea of a new charter. There is opposition to nearly every public movement but those who are interested in the framing and adoption of a new charter and know such would be of financial and other benefit to progress and success of the village, should not be daunted by weak opposition.

Correspondence.

INDIAN LAKE.

Mr. Peter Larson, who is living in Bigelow township, is very ailing and his recovery is very doubtful.

Messrs. Matt Brayton and Fred Coyour were transacting business in Worthington, last Monday.

Miss Josie Thompson left last Monday for Owatonna, where she is attending the Pillsbury Academy.

Mr. Walter Saxon left last Tuesday for Allamakee County, Iowa, where he will visit a few weeks with his sister Mrs. S. C. Anderson.

The death of Mr. Carl Brink, which occurred last Thursday, though not unexpected, is very sad as he was in the prime of life and one of our best and most respected citizens.

Miss Hannah Ericson, Missionary from Sweden, after holding very interesting meetings at the Baptist Church for the past two weeks, left last Monday for Slayton where she will hold revival meetings.

DIED.

Edgar Brock, aged about 28 years, died Friday morning, Feb. 5th, of appendicitis.

Deceased was taken with an attack about three days ago and was in a very serious condition, past all medical science. He had been subject to attacks previous to the last one but thought nothing serious would result from it.

He resides on a farm about two miles north of the Boddy school house. He leaves a wife and a son about one year old.

Died—Mrs Caroline Johnson, aged 75 died Friday morning Feb. 5.

Deceased came to this county about 1877. Her husband died twelve years ago. No children are left. For the past twelve years she has made her home with John A. Saxon. She has been a sufferer of Bright's disease which resulted in trouble causing her death.

The funeral will be held at the home of J. A. Saxon, Sunday forenoon at ten o'clock, Rev. Palmberg of the Indian Lake Baptist Church officiating.

BIG CORN OF HENRY CO., IOWA.

The contest for the three biggest ears of corn has just closed and was won by A. H. Holland of this county. The three ears weighing 3 lbs. 8 oz., of shell corn which would require 48 ears to shell 56 lbs. (one bu.)

Mr. Holland deserves great credit for his good showing of such fine corn. Mr. Carl Holland, his son, 16 years old, cribbed 130 bu of this corn in 8 hours. Mr. Holland had 80 acres that went eighty bushels to the acre.—New London Farmer Times.

Mr. Holland is a brother of D. M. Holland of this county.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express our sincere thanks to the kind friends and neighbors who assisted us during the sickness and burial of Mrs. Johnson. John A. Saxon and wife

Appendicitis Contagious

Dr. C. S. Sheldon of Madison Says it is Epidemic.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 7.—Dr. C. S. Sheldon, one of the leading physicians of the city, says he has made the discovery that appendicitis is contagious.

He says the disease is of microbe origin and the only rational explanation of it is that it is the result of a germ that can be transferred. The prevalence of the disease he believes substantiates his theory.

He says there is an epidemic of appendicitis in this country.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our most sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in the sickness and death of our beloved husband, son and brother.

Mrs. E. H. Brock and son Leo. Mr. M. M. Brock. Mr. and Mrs. S. Wilcox. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilcox.

A Rough House.

Hubert Garvert is Seriously Hurt in a Drunken Brawl.

Hubert Garvert, a burly German, who has been in America only a short time, was badly injured in a free-for-all, hit-as-you-please, catch-as-you-can fight in St. Kilian last Sunday forenoon. Garvert, who has been making his home with Pete Meyer in Larkin township, came to Adrian Saturday afternoon with John Meyer. They put themselves on the outside of a few gallons of lager and took a keg along home with them. In the morning they droye to Lismore, Meyer's sister, a young woman of eighteen or twenty, accompanying them. In Lismore the man took on more hopwater, and then the party drove to St. Kilian. In William Soehner's store at that place they met several fellows who had been indulging very freely in "gold tea." Among them were the Bremer boys, of Wilmont.

The elements were just right for a mix-up and trouble was brewing by the jugful.

Meyer bought a pouch of tobacco and tendered Soehner a twenty dollar bill. Soehner, after considerable digging, gave Meyer the change. Meyer claimed it was two dollars "shy." Soehner said it was right. Then the ball opened. The Bremers and others interfered, and Meyer and Soehner couldn't get together. Meyer was being roughly handled when his sister jumped in to help him. Somebody handed her a hot one on the nose and drew "first blood." Thereupon, Garvert, whose chivalrous spirit was roused by the assault on the girl, steadied himself on his pins and knocked her assailant down.

By this time Soehner was anxious to restore peace and finally induced the belligerents to desist and leave the store. Meyer and Garvert withdrew to Mr. Soehner's house, but were followed by the others who rushed in and gave Garvert a terrible beating, breaking his right collar-bone, blacking his eyes, cutting a gash in his forehead and otherwise disfiguring him.

After the fight was over Meyer and Garvert drove home, and Dr. May was called to attend Garvert, who was suffering considerably from his injuries. Since then he has recovered sufficiently to be out again, and yesterday he went to Worthington to make complaint against his assailants. It was a bad "go" all around, and is likely to make a good deal of trouble for all concerned.—Democrat Adrian.

Tribute to Doctor.

Friends of Dr. C. P. Dolan Regret to See Him Depart.

Dr. C. P. Dolan left Monday evening for Worthington to take up the practice of his deceased brother. We understand Dr. Greene of New Richmond will take his practice here. He has sold his fine residence in this city to Mr. Hufftellen. The doctor has left us several times for a trip to Europe, New York, Venezuela, the Klondike or the Texas oil fields or on some other little trip, but always with the implied understanding that he would be back. This time he says he feels as though he was leaving the old home for good. It is, indeed, a source of regret that the doctor and his estimable family are about to leave this city to make their home elsewhere. Mr. Dolan is a thoroughly educated physician and has had a lucrative practice here for 25 years and always enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. We bespeak for him from the good people of Worthington the same patronage and good fellowship that he has always enjoyed here. The doctor is public spirited and some of our best public improvements like the City Hall, the stone gutters, city water works, etc. were put in while he was at the head of our City Council or acting as Mayor.—Waterville Advance.

L.L. McCartney went to Mitchell, S. D., Friday afternoon to visit a brother who is about to leave for Cuba for his health.

Out for Collins.

Things Assuming a Brighter Aspect Day by Day.

Matters gubernatorial are slowly but surely crystallizing into definite shape and the contest for supremacy among the Republican candidates may be said to be well on.

During the past ten days The Free Press has been doing a little investigating on its own account as to existing sentiment among Blue Earth county Republicans on the governorship question. Of over thirty letters addressed to prominent Republicans in various parts of the county asking for an expression of choice between the three candidates who are seeking the nomination, twenty proclaim emphatically for Judge Collins, and eight declare for Eustis for first choice, but are for Collins in the event that the Hennepin county man does not enter the field. To look with favor upon Dunn it is shown that he is against the merger, but are against him if convinced that he has any sympathy for the Great Northern-Northern Pacific consolidation. Mr. Eddy has no supporters so far as reported.

General Widell was among the number of Republicans addressed but he having been absent from the city for a week did not reply. Seen Saturday, however, the general authorized the public announcement that he is for Judge Collins against the field. Among other reasons given for his determination to support the judge, Mr. Widell said: Judge Collins is a man of strong parts. At a time when his country needed defenders he went to the front and endured the hardships and privations incident to a bitter war. After returning home at the conclusion of the struggle he entered upon the practice of law and continued in that profession until elected to the supreme bench. In every station of life he has met the full responsibilities in every way creditable. He has no factional enemies within the party and is held in high esteem by members of all parties. He is a polished, courteous gentleman and his candidacy will need no apology or defense. He is strictly right on the issues of which the Republican party stands in the state as well as for what it contends for in national matters. The opposition will be robbed of an issue with Judge Collins as the standard bearer of the Republican party, and his nomination would prestage one of the easiest and greatest victories ever recorded in the state. It will be my pleasure to aid his candidacy in any way that I can and all because I feel that he best represents the needful qualifications for a position of this high character.

It is but just and fair to say that Mr. Widell's position is shared by many of the leading Republicans of Blue Earth county and it is every way likely that the delegates chosen to the state convention will be made up of men who will support Collins.—Mankato Free Press.

Keq of Beer a Week.

Saloon Men Alarmed Over Results at Marshall, Minn.

More than 400 conversions have resulted at Marshall from the revival meetings of the Rev. William Sunday, the Chicago evangelist, under the auspices of the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches, and held in the auditorium of the high school building. An audience of nearly 1,500 people has crowded the hall every night. The meetings will close next Sunday evening.

The converts include prominent business men, county officials and lawyers, besides men and women from all classes and walks of life. The work has been so effective that, one saloon man remarked that one keg of beer would last a week since Sunday came to town.

During the Ellsworth fire, the News was in a warm place, the building catching fire but was put out. The entire printing plant was moved out.

THE COURT.

The time for filing cases for trial in the District court expired Monday night. There are thirty one cases on the jury and court list, besides this there are two shooting cases, one forging case, a few divorce cases and some others to come before the court. It means an interesting and a long term, probably requiring more time than the term permits.

The following is a list of the Jury calendar: O. J. Swanson against Omaha road; Nicholas Reese vs C. R. Reickhoff; Appeal of A. S. Wood in ditch proceedings; Henry Aque vs Douglass Elevator Co.; John Buhner vs Alexander Coffet; W. M. Guye vs Mary Olson; Colman Lbr. Co. vs Geo. Cutter; N. P. Bromley vs P. J. Runser; Annie E. Sullivan vs Albert Mangles; Martha Hunt vs J. G. Murphy; J. L. Manch vs J. G. Murphy; State vs A. C. Todd; J. E. Darling vs J. R. Langley; H. G. Norman vs Nels Sorem et al; Hans Hagen vs John Hotz; E. A. Hartly vs John Sahlbom; J. J. Parson vs G. W. Wilson et al; James Porter vs Jno. Maher et ux; J. A. Albinson vs J. E. Darling; W. H. Brown vs Melvin Hovey.

Court cases G. W. Murphy vs J. B. Gerber; Emma Chute vs G. R. Curran et al; F. L. Blackman vs Samuel Brooks et al; Jno. Gund Brewing Co. vs Bennet G. Evans et al; E. J. Knudson vs F. D. Perkins; Norma Burnett vs Albert C. Burnett; A. L. Rasmussen vs Oren Gowen; Robinson Straus Co. vs Richie M. Maxwell; Emma Pease vs Jos. McKeever; Anton Jansen vs Theo. Hamm; J. E. Darling vs A. H. Clark.

Court sets Monday.

DIED.

John Seibrans, of Brewster, was brought to the Hospital Saturday by Dr. Geyerman for operation, in the hopes of saving his life. His condition was such as to preclude all hope, except the possibility of undergoing surgical treatment, which did not offer but little chance. However he desired this one opportunity and hurried preparations were made to give him relief. Upon opening the abdomen the small intestine was found to be immensely enlarged and undergoing gangrene. Four feet of the intestine was removed. The small arteries and veins of the intestine had become so decayed and gangrene that the blood seeped through to such an extent as to fill the entire abdomen full of blood. This was also taken out and every effort made to stop the continual oozing, but every thing was so decayed that it was impossible and the patient expired two hours after the operation. It is to be regretted that he did not act upon the advice of Dr. Geyerman several days ago and have the operation performed at once.

He was a single man, 69 years of age and lived two miles north of Brewster. The remains were taken to Brewster Monday night and funeral held Tuesday afternoon.

MUST WED OR PAY FINES.

Mayor E. W. Sorber taking advantage of the leap year, has issued a proclamation which will either end in marriage of every widow and old maid in Gowrie, a town 1,000 inhabitants near Fort Dodge, Ia., or will provide a public library fund the first of next year. The proclamation follows:

To whom it may concern: Be it known that it is hereby ordered and adjudged that all widows and old maids inside the incorporated town of Gowrie, who do not exercise the rights accorded them by custom in leap year to propose to some widower or old bachelor within the year, shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$1 nor more than \$10, and any widower or old bachelor refusing such proposition shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$20. All fines to revert to the town for a public library fund. Of this take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal of the great commonwealth of Gowrie, Jan. 30, 1904.—E. W. Sorber, Mayor.

One of Donald Pettit's children, at Whiting, Iowa, has had an attack of paralysis. Their many friends here sincerely hope it will not result seriously.