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## THE TOWN ELECTIONS

### Results of Tuesday's Elections in the Country Towns.

### SEVERAL WARM CONTESTS

#### Geo. Wilson Elected President in Royalton, H. Bentfeld in Pierz.

#### VILLAGE OF SWANVILLE.

President—J. D. Stith, 27. A. P. McRae received 21 votes.  
Council—B. B. Cox, 50; H. McLain, 50; H. R. Ludwig, 50.  
Treasurer—W. J. Sullivan.  
Recorder—J. J. McRae.  
Justice—Perry Stith.  
Constable—Gill Vincent.  
Street Commissioner—Jake Biteman.  
Cox, McLain and Ludwig had no opposition for the council.

#### TOWN OF SWANVILLE.

Supervisors—Wm. Hesenman, chairman; Luke Casey, Chas. Palm, Clerk—J. J. McRae.  
Treasurer—B. B. Cox.  
Assessor—Chas. Glants.  
Justice—Ben Taylor.  
Constable—John Karrell.

#### VILLAGE OF ROYALTON.

President—G. E. Wilson, 71; James Lonsdale, 67; C. W. Bouck, 9.  
Trustees—Chas. Connor, 93; F. H. Sparrow, 85; E. A. Boutwell, 79; J. W. Bell, 69. Three of these were elected.  
Recorder—Newell Pettitt, 123; H. Galley, 24.  
Treasurer—Chas. R. Rhoda, 142.  
Justice—Wm. Drago, 141.  
Constable—A. A. Morrill, 97; Chas. P. McKee, 48.  
About 147 votes were cast.

#### TOWN OF BELLEVUE.

Supervisors—F. H. Lakin, chairman, 207; P. H. Leigh, 207; J. M. Lambert, 207.  
Clerk—H. M. Logan, 195; E. A. Bowers, 1.  
Treasurer—A. C. Wilson, 129; B. Fietsam, 78.  
Assessor—Chas. Gilpatrick, 205.  
Justice—J. W. Hedges, 201; Wm. Drago, 8.  
Constables—A. A. Morrill, one year, 190; S. Muuholland, two years, 230.  
About 207 votes were cast.

#### BUCKMAN.

Chairman—Aug. Dehler.  
Supervisors—Peter Koenig, Thos. Lamb, Clerk—G. E. Estey.  
Assessor—Nat. Postler.  
Treasurer—Michael Wischnewski.  
Justices—J. J. Exler, G. E. Estey.  
Constable—Florian Meyer.  
For clerk Chas. Keehr had 2 votes less than Estey.

#### AGRAM.

Supervisors—John P. Langer, chairman, 38; J. N. Rauch, 25; Theodor Stumpf 21.  
Clerk—John Vorath, 20.  
Treasurer—Joseph Kauch, 20.  
Assessor—Peter Neisius, 20.  
Justice—John Kippely, 23.  
Constable—Chas. Leidenfrost, 35.

#### GREEN PRAIRIE.

Supervisors—Wm. Chadwick, chairman; Victor Kascot, H. E. Pearson.  
Clerk—E. Eckerson.  
Assessor—Chas. Close.  
Justices—F. D. Hall, Jas. Chadwick.  
Constables—Mark Neill, Bert Boyce.  
30 votes were cast. There was no opposition.

#### TOWN OF LITTLE FALLS.

Supervisors—E. L. Raymond, chairman; John O'Neill, Joseph Coenen.  
Clerk—F. W. O'Neill.  
Assessor—Joseph Raymond.  
Treasurer—Peter J. Berk.  
Justice—Tom O'Neill, two years.  
For Restraining Cattle—Yes, 5; No, 35.  
Fifty-two votes were cast.

#### VILLAGE OF PIERZ.

President—John Newman, 17; Jos. Bentfeld, 69.  
Trustees—Hubert Bares, 57; Frank Marshik, 25; William Eller, 72; Mike Meyer, 19; John Phillips, 59. Three highest elected.  
Recorder—Jacob Neisius, 13; A. Sitzman, 67.  
Treasurer—Joseph Hartman, 39; Jacob Blake, 40.  
Justices—Joseph Bentfeld, 77; Frank Zeuleger, 77.  
Constable—J. P. Berg, 77.  
Votes cast, 79.

#### TOWN OF PIERZ.

Supervisors—Joseph Bentfeld, chairman, 141; Max Gross, 141; R. G. Gruber, 137.  
Clerk—Christ Vermig, 140.  
Treasurer—A. Sitzman, 140.  
Assessor—A. Sitzman, 142.  
Justice—Joseph Boehmer, 140; Joseph Bentfeld, 82.  
Constable—Archie Deavent, 142.

#### BUE.

Supervisors—Wessel Wolke, 117; Joseph Yrning, 103; L. Doser, 40; Henry Gasert, 95.  
Clerk—Andrew Schmidbauer, 48; Theodore Thelen, 72.  
Assessor—Peter Vermig, 119.  
Treasurer—Henry Gerwing, 37; Joseph Bollig, 82.  
Justice—G. H. Hoffmann, 52; John Fleckenstein, 67.  
Constable—John Bares, 43; Robert Hopke, 78.

#### CULDRUM.

Supervisors—G. H. Bain, chairman; Wm. Milke, Henry Faulk.  
Treasurer—Henry Allen.  
Clerk—Geo. Chambers.  
Assessor—G. Smith.  
Justice—J. P. Stevens.  
Constable—J. Simpson.

#### RANDALL.

Supervisors—J. M. Barnhart, chairman, David Swanson, Samuel Crow.  
Clerk—Andrew Hiscock.  
Treasurer—S. C. Cochran.  
Assessor—Walter Jackson.  
Constables—W. J. Briggs, Alex. Kennedy.  
Restraining cattle—Yes.

#### VILLAGE OF MOTLEY.

President—F. M. Nash, 22.  
Councilmen—Chas. Williams, 22; John Newcomb, 23; F. D. Newkirk, 23.  
Recorder—Geo. W. Mosher, 22.  
Treasurer—C. H. Hodge, 21.  
Justice—Chas. Norris, 20.  
Constable—Geo. Mosher, 21.

#### TOWN OF MOTLEY.

Supervisors—F. D. Newkirk, chairman, 38; Wm. Jacobs, 16; H. E. Bandy, 28.  
Clerk—Geo. Mosher, 31.  
Assessor—S. C. Sears, 25.  
Treasurer—J. L. Critchlow, 20.  
Justice—C. H. Hodge, 37.  
Constable—C. Wilson, 16.

The vote cast was very light, only 23 ballots being cast in the village election and 38 in the town. A \$500 tax was voted for town purposes, \$150 for incidental expense, and a \$250 road tax was also voted.

#### BELLE PRAIRIE.

Supervisors—J. J. Brown, chairman; David Moran, Aug. Lindblom.  
Clerk—E. M. Reardon.  
Treasurer—John Bastien.  
Assessor—P. Picotte.  
Justices—Nec Moran, Louis Robert.  
Constables—Peter St. Marie, B. Doncette.  
Votes cast, 102.

#### SWAN RIVER.

Supervisors—Wm. Kay, chairman; Albert Sobieck, C. Peterson.  
Assessor—J. Kay.  
Treasurer—Paul Krottschinsky.  
Clerk—D. O'Donnell.  
Justice—P. Krottschinsky.  
Constables—Robt. Stewart, R. J. Suthill.

#### ELM DALE.

Supervisors—Watkin Davies, chairman, 12; J. Schultz, 91; Ole Westgrund, 87.  
Clerk—J. J. Jacobson, 154.  
Treasurer—John Swedbeck, 81.  
Assessor—J. P. Larsen, 92.  
Justice—L. C. Thompson, 157.  
Constable—C. E. Johnson, 113.

#### CLOUGH.

Supervisors—Ed. Hall, chairman; Joseph Gaboury, Eber Clark.  
Clerk—J. Edburg.  
Treasurer—E. A. Holmgren.  
Assessor—Elmer Hall.  
Justice—E. Bates.

#### TWO RIVERS.

Supervisors—Nick Burggraf, chairman; Jake Thraemer, John Trettel.  
Clerk—A. Barton.  
Treasurer—Joe Trettel.  
Assessor—Anton Schultheis.  
Constable—Frank Popp.  
Justices—Paul Noe, John Schultheis.

#### RIPLEY.

Supervisors—Phil Moran, chairman; Leon Dugas, Tonsaint Lemieux.  
Clerk—David Gaboury.  
Treasurer—Ludger Rocheleau.  
Assessor—Ed. Laforce.  
Constable—Peter Anderson.  
Justices—H. Cook, Chas. Tough.

#### MORRILL.

Supervisors—J. J. Troyer, chairman; J. O. Baker, M. Blaisdell.  
Clerk—L. D. Lapping.  
Treasurer—Frank Begordis.  
Assessor—Edwin Begordis.  
Justice—H. Vanalstine.  
51 votes cast.

#### PARKER.

Supervisors—John Baker, chairman, 34; Wm. Bailey, 49; Henry Bentler, 41.  
Clerk—J. R. Snow, 41; J. W. Gish received 27 votes.  
Treasurer—H. Oby, 63.  
Assessor—L. D. Snow, 35. P. O. DeMoss received 31 votes.  
Constables—Wm. Murtaugh, 65; G. M. Nelson, 61.  
Restraining cattle—Yes, 37; No, 29.

There were some scattering votes, too numerous to mention. There was great excitement on the cattle question.

The people of Shelby, Mich., put an extinguisher on an private monopoly light, and rejoice in the ownership of a municipal electric plant. The rates for commercial lighting will be about 30 cents per light per month; for residences a sliding scale will make the charges about as follows: One light, 30 cents; two, 55 cents; three 75 cents; four 90 cents; five \$1 per month. When the people are free from monopolists to do the best they can for themselves, they always do better than monopolists do for them.

#### Land for Sale.

Eighty acres in town of Swan River, 5 miles south of new Catholic church; good level land, black loam hardwood timber, also hay land; small house and barn. Will be sold on terms to suit buyer. Call at The Herald office or address

A. LILLBERG, Melrose, Minn.

Next Tuesday the city campaign comes to a close. The campaign has been unique in this—that one candidate for the highest office in the gift of the citizens has told the people his position on questions which are of interest to the people, and the other candidate has neither negatively nor positively stated his position on any question, leaving it to the people to ascertain what his position is by analyzing the support he receives. The neither fish nor flesh attitude is valuable in some ways, perhaps, particularly when the questions are of a troublesome nature.

Last Saturday the following letter was sent to Mr. Lindbergh, candidate for mayor:

LITTLE FALLS, MINN., MARCH 5, 1898.  
F. A. LINDBERGH, ESQ., CITY:

Dear Sir:—Believing that it would please the people of this city to hear the candidates for mayor discuss in public the questions which are prominent in the present local campaign, I ask you to participate with me in a joint debate or series of debates, upon these matters. The debates would, of course, take place next week. On receipt of your acceptance, I shall take pleasure in sending a representative to arrange details with anyone you may designate.

Very truly,  
CHAS. E. VASALY.

No reply to this communication has been received. The letter was certainly not discourteous. There may be a difference of opinion as to the questions prominent in the present local campaign, and yet would it not be satisfactory to the people to have the candidates publicly appear before them and give their views on municipal problems? The voters have the right to know where those who seek honors stand on various questions.

Some time in the future, when the city of Little Falls owns a light and water plant, after it has reduced rates to consumers of light and water, we hope it will give a reception to all the people, and when it does so, we are quite sure that the refreshments for the occasion will be purchased right in Little Falls and not imported from elsewhere. In that time, too, receptions will not be held to influence elections; they will not be held to celebrate an improvement which if necessary to complete the plant should have been made long ago, and which proves that the plant was not what it was claimed to be. In that time, too, favor will be gained from the people by substantial reductions in rates, and no attempt will be made to divert their attention from facts by display.

It is inevitable that any question which brings up before the people the interest the light and water concern has in putting its henchmen into public place—will be called a false or dead question by the concern's organ. But it's really wonderful how much interest the people take in those dead issues.

Those people who imagine that gambling isn't such a bad thing and that it wouldn't do to prevent it if possible, are not in this campaign supporting Vasaly. Undoubtedly they have good reasons for their position.

Band concert at opera house next Monday evening.

Herman Berg, brother of J. W. Berg, was on Tuesday re-elected president of the village of Sauk Rapids.

Frank Stumpf, of Agram, has purchased from Mrs. Joseph Hurm, 40 acres of land in section 30, town of Pierz, for \$1100.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lachance, of St. Paul, will soon remove to Little Falls. They were formerly residents here for many years.

It is rumored that the Transcript man has received a ghostgram from the spirits on the other side the Styx. The shades there are lonely and they want some funny man to cheer them up.

Clerks and special policemen in the different precincts have so far been appointed as follows:

First ward—S. P. Brick and S. Trebby, clerks; M. Keenan, officer.  
Second ward, first precinct—A. T. Neuman and Ed. Lafond, clerks.

Second ward, second precinct—Peter Ottem, J. J. Jacobson, clerks; H. Sharon, Jr., officer.

Third ward—G. V. Clark and Henry Peterson, clerks; Geo. Coultas, officer.

J. Kiewel received a postal card Monday from his son, G. M. Kiewel, dated at Juneau, Alaska, Feb. 27th. Mike said that J. K. Martin and himself were at the time engaged at lunch, and mentioned the fact that the price of coffee and sandwiches there is the same as in Little Falls. The party were all well, and had resolved to stay together. From Juneau there was 36 hours sailing to Dyes, where the real work of the journey begins. After the party gets across the Chikoot pass, it will be a long time before their relatives get any news of them.

A number of young people were pleasantly entertained by Miss Grace Mahan Saturday night.

Twelve candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the Oriental Order of Humility last Friday evening.

The Boom Co. is going to buy the Brainerd dam—it's said for the purpose of controlling the flowage of water.

For the benefit of those who are bothering themselves over police appointments, Candidate Vasaly has this to say: That he has not promised a police job to anyone; that anyone making such statement does so on his own responsibility, and not on anything said by Vasaly.

Alba Heywood, the impersonator who has appeared before Little Falls audiences, has been arrested in Texas for killing the proprietor of an opera house in which he was giving entertainments. Heywood got into a dispute and shot his victim three times. Heywood was also badly injured in the melee.

The body of Walter Van Etten, son of County Attorney Van Etten, of Sauk Rapids, was found in the Mississippi at St. Paul Wednesday morning. It is thought the young man, in a fit of depression, killed himself. Mr. Van Etten had a number of acquaintances here. He was a bright young man, and his tragic end will be sad news for his friends.

J. B. Armstrong and family will remove to Red Lake Falls next week, where Mr. Armstrong will conduct a cigar factory. Mr. Armstrong has made many close friends during his stay here, and will be much missed, especially by the band, of which he has been a very efficient member. The local factory of Armstrong & Venners will be kept running, in charge of Mr. Venners.

## THE REIGN OF LAW

### Court Business Transacted So Far This Week.

### BONDURANT'S MARRIAGE

#### Claimed That He Has Been Hitched Six Times in North Dakota.

The March term of the district court opened at the court house Monday morning, with Judge Baxter on the bench.

Sheriff Rider's deputies for the term are Peter Lemay, Jacob Mrozak, Geo. Kay and Marion Roberts. The deputies for Clerk of Court Signor are Crawford Sheldon and Victor Schallern.

The first work was the charging of the grand jury, which then began its work. Cases were then set for the term. The cases as set for today and tomorrow are: Friday, 10, 44, 43, 43½, 36; Saturday, 37, 33, 40, 5, 38.

The following cases were settled: Alex. Latzeski vs Allen Bros. E S S: J H R.  
J Kiewel vs FB Stuart. F W Lyon; E P Adams.  
Andy Clavin vs FB Stuart. F W L; E P A.  
E F Shaw, as assignee Interstate Milling Co vs N P Ry Co. L B & L; Bunn, Chamberlain and Mitchell.

The grand jury returned indictments as follows:

Jos. Stahr, carnal knowledge of a female child, Lena Jama, but 14 years old, is the mother of a child three weeks old, of which Stahr is said to be the father. Stahr was arrested last week.

Eugene Bisailion, assault in the second degree. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$25.

Chas. Johnson, grand larceny in the second degree. Charged with theft of bicycle from J. B. Armstrong.

Chas. Nelson, grand larceny in the second degree. Burglarized Lafond & Merchant's confectionery store some months ago. He pleaded guilty, but the charge was changed and he was allowed to plead guilty to petit larceny, and sentenced to 40 days in the county jail.

Chas. W. Benson, grand larceny, second degree. Charged with selling property which had been levied on by the sheriff. Was indicted last fall, but discharged owing to defective indictment.

The jury in the case of Andrew Hanson vs. Martin Christenson gave Hanson the verdict. Christenson claimed a tract of land under a contract from the St. Paul & Duluth Ry., and the company's attorney, L. D. Armstrong, appeared for Christenson. Hanson claimed title through having had possession for nearly sixteen years and having improved the land.

The case of Walter Sharon vs. the Pine Tree Lumber Co. was postponed twenty days, to enable the complainant to amend his complaint. This suit arose from the garnishment of the wages of Henry Sharon, an employe of the Pine Tree Co., and father of Walter. The son claims that the team the father used belonged to him and that his father was working for him. The suit will settle to whom the money should be paid.

The case of the St. Paul & Duluth Ry. Co. vs. And. Hanson was settled by stipulation. The company sought to secure 40 acres of land claimed by Hanson. The parties agreed that the company shall be given 39 acres, and that Mr. Hanson, on payment of \$10, will get a deed for the acre upon which his barn is built, Hanson also paying clerk's costs.

The case of Edwin Hall vs. the N. Ry. Co., for damages for property in the depot fire, resulted in a verdict of \$300 for Mr. Hall. The suit was brought for \$2,000, and the jury was out several hours. The result satisfied Mr. Hall, although he expected more. It is thought the company will settle without appealing.

The case of Aug. Lindblom vs.

Chas. Tanner, for house rent claimed to be due, was given to the jury yesterday morning. Lindblom garnished Tanner's wages. He claims \$70 due him, and the defendant says he owes nothing. The cause came up from justice court and was tried before, when the jury disagreed.

The case of Rose Karwat vs. C. W. Bouck, to recover for cattle levied upon to satisfy a debt owed by Mr. Karwat was on trial yesterday. Mrs. Karwat says the cattle belonged to her.

The calendar will not be completed until next week.

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### BONDURANT'S MARRIAGES.

The following, from the Minneapolis Journal, refers to a young man who formerly lived at Gravelville, this county:

Jamestown, N. D., March 7.—Last June a man giving his name as Charles Bondurant was married by a justice of the peace to a lady in this city. They removed to Barnes county, where they resided for a couple of months. He went to farming on rented land, bought stock, seed, etc., on time, and sold machinery for a Jamestown farm machinery firm. He left suddenly for parts unknown, deserting his wife, who lives with her parents in this city. While living here he treated his wife kindly, but failed to pay his debts, and, it is said, mortgaged property not his own. He went to Devils Lake from here, where he got into trouble under the name of George E. May.

Since leaving here, he has been married twice, once at Leeds and once at Devils Lake, to women from those places. He was during this time running around the country selling horses, and was not long in any one place. He was arrested on the charge of bigamy, on the complaint of the woman married in Benson county, at Devils Lake, tried, convicted and sentenced by Judge Morgan to three years and three months in the state penitentiary, which sentence he is now serving.

It is stated that before he came to this city he had been married three times in different localities in the northwestern part of the state, to women who are still there.

Bondurant has thus been married six times in North Dakota to the certain knowledge of the officials, and how many more times is unknown. He is a young looking man with a rather pleasant face, dark hair and eyes, writes a good hand and is said to be very prepossessing in his ways. It is a question whether the other five victims of Bondurant were ever legally his wives. It is also possible to rearrest and reconvic him for his other crimes, after he serves his present sentence. It is said that the Stutsman county wife and her relatives are not yet acquainted with the identity of May and Bondurant, and have been vainly striving to find his whereabouts for months. As far as known to the officials at Devils Lake at the time of the trial, May had but two wives. The fact of his having been married four times to other women of the state not being in evidence. The identity of May was discovered by the justice of the peace accidentally securing a photograph of May, and he recognized the man he married.

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