

## THE NARROW ROADWAY

### Advantages of Such Roadways in Economy and Looks.

An article by E. J. Phelps in the Minneapolis Journal takes up interestingly the matter of having narrow roadways in residence streets. Following are some of the salient points:

There are few questions affecting a city of greater importance than that of paving. No matter how large the city may be, it still remains in a village state until dirt roads are succeeded by paved streets. In a recent visit to the city of Grand Rapids, Mich. the writer was struck by the cleanliness of the streets and at first looked for the cause in some improved methods of cleaning. A large portion of the streets of the city were traversed and the reason for the cleanliness was apparent when it was discovered that the residence portion of the city was very generally paved. Recognizing that the first cost of paving is large and consequently deters many residents from desiring the same, an investigation was commenced regarding the narrow roadway upon residence streets that would accommodate traffic and at the same time present an attractive appearance. It seems to require no argument to prove that the width of any roadway should be adapted to its traffic demands. For instance Nicollet avenue is fifty feet between curbs. The carriages standing along each side of the pavement occupy considerable space so that the amount left for actual use is only about thirty feet. On account of the large traffic it would, no doubt, be desirable to have the pavement several feet wider than it is at present. On the contrary, unimportant residence streets need but comparatively narrow roadways. From an examination of streets in various cities and information obtained from engineers, it seems that unimportant cross streets ought not to be paved wider than twenty-four feet between curbs.

The advantages of narrow paving are as follows:

- First—Lessened original cost.
- Second—Maintenance. A sprinkling cart can cover a twenty-four foot pavement with one passage over it, whereas, if the pavement is thirty feet or wider, it is necessary to go over the same block twice, thus doubling the cost of street sprinkling. If the street is kept clean by sweeping, twenty-four feet will present one-fifth less surface than a pavement of thirty feet, which heretofore has been considered by our people as a minimum width.
- Third—Healthfulness. There can be no question that greensward, without its accompaniment of dust, is more healthful for a community than asphalt.
- Fourth—The street with narrower roadways can be lighted better, as the street lamps will be placed at the outer side of the boulevard away from the trees.
- Fifth—The wider boulevards affords more soil, more air and more water to the roots of the tree in the boulevard, thus increasing their growth and beauty.
- Sixth—The water mains, gas mains and wire conduits are in the boulevard rather than under the paving; consequently, the paving once down, need never again be disturbed.
- Seventh—The narrow paving presents less surface for the accumulation of dirt and dust which, blown about, injures clothing, furniture and carpets, to say nothing of the deleterious effects upon the exterior of residences.

The only objections ever heard are:

- First—That the twenty-four foot roadway will not accommodate its traffic. The idea is entirely wrong. The distance between the curb and the street car rail of Hennepin avenue is approximately twenty-four feet. Any one watching the traffic on the street and seeing the great number of team passing between the curb and rail will be convinced that the place is ample to accommodate the traffic upon the ordinary residence street.
- The second objection is that teams cannot turn around upon twenty-four foot streets. This also is an error, as any vehicle in the city mounted upon platform springs, or an ordinary express wagon, can easily be turned on a twenty-four foot roadway. There may be a difficulty to turn in this width, but what harm is it to go one hundred or two hundred feet further at the street intersection?
- If one has not studied this subject and observed the use and effect of narrower roadways in other cities, than he is accustomed to in this, he

jumps to the conclusion that twenty-four feet is too narrow. Many people confound the width of paving with the width of the street. The width of a street in appearance is determined by the sidewalk and tree line and not by the curb line. The writer was not in favor of narrow streets but he is an advocate of no more paving than is necessary to accommodate travel. Who can question the statement that narrow paving and wider boulevards will improve the beauty of the city and render the portion thus improved more attractive and valuable?

### SUCCEEDS MR. MEYERS

#### GEO. DU BAY OF MINNEAPOLIS NEW MANAGER TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

George Du Bay, of Minneapolis, has been appointed manager of the Little Falls telephone exchange, to succeed F. E. Meyers, transferred to St. Cloud. Mr. Du Bay has been employed by the Northwestern Telephone Exchange company for about seven years. He comes with high recommendations as to personality and qualifications. Mr. Du Bay is a single man.

### THE KELLY NURSERY

The Kelly Nursery, owned and managed by Cornelius Kelly, is located one mile east of the city, on the Pierz road. Mr. Kelly has owned the place only a few months, but has already made great improvements.

Among the varieties of trees growing and for sale are the Dutchess, Wealthy, Longfield, Hibernia, and others, all leading varieties of crab apple trees, plums, cherries, hydrangeas, snowballs, roses of all varieties, berry plants, currants, gooseberries, and a long list of shade trees. The stock is all grafted or budded and guaranteed to be true to name.

Mr. Kelly recently bought 25 acres more a mile east of the city, and will put up a large packing house where trees and plants can be taken under cover to be packed for shipment.

Work is progressing on the water supply, which will soon be completed, and Mr. Kelly will have as good and convenient a place to care for nursery stock as any of the older nurseries in the state.

Mr. Kelly has been in the nursery business in Michigan and this state for the last twenty years, and guarantees that his stock is all properly grown.

J. F. McNally is employed at Jake Burton's clothing store.

J. A. Kennedy will start a store on the boundary where he is located.

Wilson Vanep, of Brainerd, has moved to Pine River, where he has bought the livery stable business of J. G. Davies.

Joseph Nieman of the West side left Monday for Duluth. He will be employed by the Marshall-Weils wholesale house.

Miss Angie Gadola, formerly of this city, and John McCormick, were married at Ogilvie, Minn., Tuesday last week.

The frame work of B. Burton's new residence on south First street is completed. The structure will be a very handsome one.

Wadena Tribune: A. B. Larson arrived recently from Little Falls and he has moved on one of A. Murray's farms 8 miles north of Blainton.

F. E. Cawley and family returned Monday night from a visit to friends and relatives in New York state. The Minnesota flour mill, which was shut down for repairs during Mr. Cawley's absence, commenced grinding Wednesday.

O. Berglund of south Caldram was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Berglund has 160 acres of indemnity land in 7-128-31, which he has bought from the Northern Pacific. He paid \$5.50 per acre, which he says is a fair price. His original idea had been to homestead the land.

St. Cloud Times: The celebration of the feast of St. Cloud, the patron's feast of the diocese of St. Cloud, which ordinarily falls on September 7, and is celebrated on that date, will be held September 13 this year instead. Bishop Trobec will be at that time says a pontifical high mass in the Cathedral.

A. J. Hunt, who started the Swanville News, which since December has been in charge of his brother Earl, was in the city Monday on his way to Swanville from southern Minnesota to again take charge of the News. Earl Hunt will go into the hardware business with his father in the southern part of the state.

## NEW BUCKMAN CHURCH

### St. Michael's Church will be Dedicated on Sept. 29th.

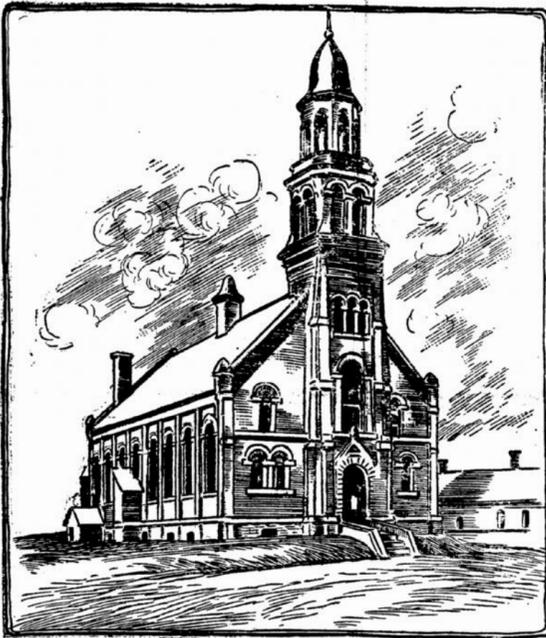
Through the energetic efforts of Father Wm. Lange and his faithful parishioners there has been erected in the village of Buckman one of the finest church buildings in Minnesota.

The building is of red pressed Menominee brick, with trimmings of Pierz gray granite. It was designed by Architect Haas of St. Cloud. It is 155 feet long, and 65 feet wide, and will seat 1000 people. The tower is 153 feet high and is surmounted by a cross 9 feet high. From the tower the village of Rices, 17 miles away, has been seen with a field glass, and on a clear day it is thought the tower of the court house in Little Falls, 19 miles from Buckman, can be seen.

The building is a noble one in appearance. Through the courtesy of the Royalton Banner, we show a line drawing of the new church, made from a photograph taken by John Schmolke, president of the village of Buckman.

The drawing does not, however, show the crosses on the building.

The cost of the structure will be over \$40,000. It will be some time yet before the interior is all finished, but the dedication will take place Sept.



NEW GERMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AT BUCKMAN.

29th, when Bishop Trobec will be present.

Father Wm. Lange, pastor of the Catholic church at Buckman for the past two years, is known wherever he has been as an earnest and laborious worker for his church and people. His parishioners have loyally seconded his efforts, and take great pride in the beautiful temple which adorns the village. There are about one hundred and fifty families in the parish, but by their united efforts, and the assistance of Father Lange, they have their new church about free from debt. This is an evidence of the unity and harmony and good will of the people of Buckman parish.

### JOHN GORST HURT.

Port Orchard (Wash.) Independent: John Gorst Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gorst, of the head of the bay, who has been in Alaska for four years, is on his way home. Mr. Gorst had just started on his homeward journey and was going down the Yukon River from Eagle City in a small boat. He noticed something in the water and reached for his gun. The gun was pointed toward him and as he picked it up it was accidentally discharged, the bullet passing through the left arm below the elbow. It was four days before a doctor was reached, but when last heard of he was getting along as well as expected.

Ed. Erickson of Lincoln was in the city Wednesday on his way to the state fair. He is the owner of the steamer on Fish Trap lake. Mr. Erickson says that next spring the thoroughfare between Fish Trap and Lake Alexander will be cleared so that the steamer can easily pass. He estimates the coast line of the two lakes at between fifty and sixty miles. As owner of the first steamer on the lake, Mr. Erickson's friends believe he is entitled to the designation of Commodore.

## FREE DELIVERY FOR LITTLE FALLS.

Washington, Aug. 31—Mr. Buckman today recommended the establishment of city free city delivery in Little Falls. The postal receipts of that town are in excess of \$10,000, which amount is requisite for the service, which will be established about Jan. 1. Mr. Buckman will return tomorrow.

## BURTON WILL BUILD AT BEMIDJI.

Bemidji Pioneer: Plans are now being drawn up for a store building to be erected by Barney Burton on his Third street lots, which are located on the north side of the street near the corner of Bemidji avenue. The structure will be of brick and stone and of one story height. It will be 80 feet long by 30 feet wide and will be completed this year.

Herman Enterprise Tea A. L. Konchal family bade adieu to their many friends in Herman and went to Morris yesterday. After spending a few days with relatives at Little Falls, where as previously stated, Mr. Konchal and wife have resided in this village since their marriage about twenty years ago and have always taken a prominent part in social and public affairs, and will accordingly be missed by a large circle of friends. That their life in Little Falls may be prosperous and happy is the sincere wish of all.

## NEW MOTHER SUPERIOR

### Sister Mary Elizabeth is Chosen Head of St. Gabriel's.

The Franciscan sisters at St. Gabriel's convent here on Aug. 22d elected Sister Mary Elizabeth as Mother Superior to succeed Sister Mary Francis. The term is for three years. The new Mother Superior is a sister of Sister Mary Rose, now at Breckenridge, and formerly Mother Superior here. The position is one requiring much executive ability. The convent, the hospital and the orphanage are under control of the Mother Superior, assisted by a council of three sisters. Sister Mary Elizabeth has been a resident in this county many years, having come to Belle Prairie from Canada twenty-four years ago.

### A GOOD SHOW.

The Great Raymond company, which has been entertaining large audiences at the opera house for the past six nights, has given unusual satisfaction. Maurice Raymond, the magician, is a worthy successor to Keller. All his tricks and illusions were new and performed with a dash and go that was most pleasing. His stage presence is perfect. He is a finished artist in every particular.

Miss Luella Cross possesses a voice of rare sweetness and does some clever impersonations of Anna Held, Josephine Hall, Sis Hopkins, and a typical bowery girl. Her dancing was neat and clever. The illustrated songs were new and well above the average. The picture machine used was very fine. The various other specialties introduced were all good. No company that has appeared here in a long time has given such universal satisfaction.

## CATHOLIC SERVICES AT BIRCH LAKE.

Bishop Trobec, Father Richter, Rev. P. Gans, of Staples, and Hon. Jos. Decker, of Melrose, were at Birch Lake last week inspecting the prospects of having a priest stationed there. The Rt. Rev. Bishop was well pleased with the new community, and perfected arrangements to station Rev. Gans there in about two weeks. He will also visit the Catholic community at Swanville twice a month from Birch Lake. Rev. Gans will temporarily occupy the spacious room over M. Butalla's store until a parish house can be built. It was also decided by the community to build an addition to the old church in the near future.

### CARRIERS APPOINTED.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Samuel Hamerbeck and Jesse S. Peterson have been appointed regular carriers on rural mail routes at Little Falls, and John Flygare and Peter Olson substitute carriers.

The family of W. T. Lambert left for Seattle Wednesday to join Mr. Lambert. They have lived at Royalton for many years. Mr. Lambert was at one time county treasurer.

At the sale of high grade Hereford cattle at the state fair Tuesday J. N. Carnes of Royalton bought the cow Lucile Hayes, 126228, for \$115; the cow Eleanor 97211, for \$120; the bull Patriarch 147786, for \$95.

Orangevale (Cal.) Item: C. D. Boom is building a packing house.

T. W. Palmer left Tuesday for Brainerd and other points. He will represent several shoe houses on the road.

Frank Drozky, of McCormick & Drozky, Eagle Bend, was in the city a few days. He reports his firm as prospering.

Next Monday, Labor Day, is a legal holiday and if the council meets Monday night it will be to adjourn to Tuesday evening.

L. C. Johnson of south Caldram was in the city Tuesday. He says a little steadier weather would be appreciated in his section.

D. D. Sheldon, father of C. Sheldon, has bought the residence of J. C. Fetherpill, situated on Third street, north of Dr. Fortier's.

Wm. Smith, the liveryman, is away on a visit to the state fair and his old home at Nashua, Ia. He is expected back Monday with Mrs. Smith who has been visiting in Iowa.

A social dance will be given by the Scandinavian Lodge at Maurin's all Friday evening, Sept. 11th. Refreshments will be served, and an admission fee of 25 cents each will be charged. The public is invited.

## CHILD BADLY HURT

### SHELL EXPLOSION LACERATES FIVE-YEAR-OLD BOY.

Frank, the five-year-old son of William Dangren of Freedmen, while playing with a loaded shell Wednesday afternoon, in some way caused it to be exploded. The little fellow was terribly lacerated. There are two deep wounds in the inside of the thighs where pieces of flesh as large as the hand were torn off, showing the large arteries, which were exposed. The child also suffered other very dangerous injuries. He was brought to St. Gabriel's, and Dr. Fortier dressed the wounds. Little Frank is said to be the bravest and most reasonable boy, for his age, ever on the surgical table at the hospital. Barring lockjaw or complications at present unforeseen, he will recover.

### NO PARADE LABOR DAY.

At a citizen's meeting at the city hall Monday evening, it was decided to co-operate with the labor unions in properly observing Labor day next Monday. It was the sense of the meeting that all mills, factories and business places should shut down in the afternoon. The following committee was appointed to act with the committee from the unions:

C. H. Brown, chairman; Wm. Raymond, F. H. Joesting, M. Denis, E. G. Anderson, and C. E. Vassly.

The committee's efforts did not meet with success, so far as inducing a shut down was concerned, and it was decided Wednesday night to confine the celebration of Labor day to a dance to be given next Monday evening at the opera house under the auspices of all the unions. Tickets will be 75 cents. Everybody invited to come out and have a good time.

### MRS. E. R. TUTTLE SUICIDES.

Coroner N. W. Chance was called to Motley yesterday to investigate the suicide of Mrs. E. R. Tuttle, aged 84 years. The Tuttles are well known residents of that town. No particulars were given.

The pulp mill started grinding Wednesday.

Miss Edith Enke has gone to St. Cloud to attend the Normal.

The L. O. T. M. will give a dance at Maurin hall Sept. 10th.

Mahara's Minstrels will appear at the opera house Sept. 14th.

Congressman Buckman returned from Washington yesterday.

Mrs. K. Keede and son, Joe, are visiting relatives in Minneapolis.

Harmon Brown has moved into the I. Nelson house, east of the opera house.

F. F. Turner visited his daughter, Miss Eva, at Brainerd. She will teach at Pine River.

L. Cairns, center of the local High school foot ball team, will attend school at St. Cloud this fall, and will play center with the St. Cloud team.

Decker Bros. will open their store in the Morin building, First street, tomorrow. They will carry a full line of high grade furnishings and clothing, and have a department of fine tailoring.

Dr. J. E. Dufort of Buckman was operated on at the hospital Saturday morning for appendicitis, by Dr. Fortier, assisted by Dr. Trace. Dr. Seguin administered the chloroform. The appendix, filled with pus, ruptured during the operation, showing that it was high time for interference.

There was a large effusion around the intestine and the bowel was much inflamed. Adhesions were numerous and solid, as they generally are in dangerous and recurrent cases. Dr. Dufort was ill with the disease four years ago in Canada. He is doing nicely and considers himself very fortunate.

Teeth Dr. Gibson, dentist, will be in Royalton Sept. 8, 9 and 10. Office at Commercial hotel.

Norwegian services in the Norwegian Lutheran church Sunday evening at 7:45.

C. M. Hallanger

WANTED—Boy to do chores and attend school. G. M. A. Fortier.

TO LOAN—Money to loan on city real estate.

Don M. Cameron.