

THE FIRE FIGHTERS

Annual Meeting of the Firemen and Relief Association.

Chief Geo. W. Emdler presided at the annual meeting of the Little Falls Fire Department at the city hall Tuesday evening. The present officers were unanimously re-elected, as follows:

Chief—G. W. Emdler.
Secretary—W. W. Hunter.
Treasurer—Peter J. Vasaly.

The secretary was instructed to notify the city council that Mr. Emdler was the choice of the department for chief fire warden and chief.

The treasurer's report was as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
1903.	
May 11, G. W. Emdler, receipts from annual dance.....	\$172.00
June 8, City expense delegates.....	50.00
June 13, G. W. Emdler, return of delegate money	10.00
July 4, S. Trebby, treasurer, dept. funds.....	411.67
1904.	
Feb. 24, G. W. Emdler, check from A. R. Davidson	25.00
May 3, G. W. Emdler, receipts annual dance,	134.55
Total.....	\$808.22
DISBURSEMENTS.	
1903.	
May 8, W. W. Hunter, salary as secretary to May 5, 1903.....	\$10.00
May 11, J. W. Jones, money advanced C. Great.....	10.00
June 8, G. W. Emdler, delegate expense to Brainerd.....	150.00
July 6, M. Coleman, memorial banner.....	30.00
1904.	
Feb. 29, St. Paul, Store, towels.....	5.70
March 14, Miss Emma L. Searle, flowers.....	5.50
March 14, McGregor Bros., livery.....	1.00
Total.....	\$312.20
Balance in treasury.....	591.02
Ernest Kaestner was recommended to the state association for life membership.	

There was a good deal of talk over the question of sending delegates to the convention of the state association at Pipestone. It was finally decided to send one delegate from each of the seven companies, and the chief.

A committee consisting of F. F. Turner, F. W. Lyon and S. Trebby was appointed to ask the council to appropriate \$20 for each delegate's fare and expenses. Each company will elect its delegate.

The matter of a team and paid firemen was favorably considered and H. A. Rider, W. M. Fuller and W. B. Jones were appointed to look up the matter, and see whether the Commercial club and the insurance men would co-operate.

RELIEF ASSOCIATION

After the close of the firemen's meeting, the Relief association held its meeting. The following officers were unanimously elected:

President—F. W. Lyon.
Vice President—H. A. Rider.
Secretary—W. W. Hunter.
Treasurer—P. J. Vasaly.
Trustees—Chas. Sylvester, W. M. Fuller, John Lanerman, C. E. Carlson, T. O. Berg.

The treasurer's report, as follows, was read and approved:

RECEIPTS.	
1904.	
Oct. 3, Money from appropriation.....	406.89
1904.	
Jan. 25, Dues.....	7.00
May 3, Dues.....	15.00
Total.....	\$428.89
DISBURSEMENTS.	
1904.	
Jan. 7, J. W. Jarboe, books for association.....	\$1.50
Jan. 29, W. W. Hunter, recording articles of incorporation.....	1.00
Total.....	\$2.50
Balance in treasury.....	\$426.39

The proposed by-laws were read, amended in a few particulars and adopted. The secretary was ordered to have 300 copies of the constitution and by-laws printed.

The treasurer's bond was fixed at \$1,500, secretary's at \$250, cost of surety bonds to be paid by association.

President Lyon was elected delegate to the Pipestone convention.

Frank Brousseau and John Moore were initiated by the Woodmen Friday evening. There was a short program and refreshments were served after the meeting.

The Northern Pacific will have an excursion to Duluth about June 11th.

Vernon Matteson has moved here from St. Cloud.

MRS. G. W. HALL DIVORCED.

Altkin Item: Mary Hall, living in the southern part of the county, obtained a decree of absolute divorce from George Washington Hall in the district court here Thursday morning. Mrs. Hall is 35 years of age and Mr. Hall is 45. They were married at Elmdale, Morrison county, Feb. 8, 1884, and there are four children whose ages range from 19 to 13 years. The plaintiff alleged that she was deserted by her husband April 6, 1902, and it is upon that ground that the divorce is granted, the custody of the children being given to Mrs. Hall.

EXAMINATION FOR RURAL CARRIERS

Examinations of applicants for rural carriers will be held tomorrow, May 7th, at the high school building, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., under direction of the postmaster.

Applicants for the three new routes out of Little Falls, one out of Randall, and five or six from Royalton will be examined.

ANOTHER FIRE AT BRAINERD

At midnight Tuesday fire broke out in D. M. Clark & Co.'s warehouse at Brainerd, destroying the building and \$10,000 worth of goods. A shear factory adjoining was also burned, with \$5,000 loss. It is feared incendiaries are at work.

CAWLEY MAY BUILD BRAINERD FEED MILL

Brainerd Dispatch 28: F. E. Cawley, of the Little Falls Milling company, accompanied by his head miller, arrived in the city from the south this afternoon. This company is the one which is interested in the Brainerd Flour & Feed company and it is stated on good authority that they are planning on erecting a large feedmill next to their warehouse on Front street. The gentlemen are looking the ground over this afternoon and they will decide definitely on the matter in a few days.

F. X. Goulet of Staples has placed a fine monument over the grave of his wife, in the Belle Prairie cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Pinckney, parents of Mrs. Geo. Schroeder, who have lived here for several years, will leave next week for their old home at Utica, N. Y., to visit relatives there for some time.

Grey Eagle Gazette: Mr. Hounstrom who worked in the creamery here last summer, arrived here last Wednesday and is visiting in the village. He expects to go to Randall, Minn., to run a factory in a few days.

At the Cass county term of district court at Walker last week there were four lawyers who were graduates from the university law school in 1896. They were County Attorney DeLury of Walker, A. T. Larson of Brainerd, E. A. Kling of Little Falls and A. B. Church of Staples.

Elling Berg, a farmer living near Rushford, Minn., has invented a contrivance that saves him a good deal of time and travel. His mail box is half a mile from his house and the invention consists of an electric button, placed in the mail box with wire running to the house. When the mail carrier drops mail in the box he presses the button and a bell rings at the Berg home telling them that there is mail waiting for them at the road.

Brainerd Dispatch: Last night there was a large gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hessel. They were Odd Fellows and had called out of respect to Mr. Hessel who will leave in a few days for Germany for an extended visit. A. H. Bennett on behalf of those present made a very fitting little presentation speech and handing Mr. Hessel at the time a pretty Odd Fellow charm. The event was a pleasant one indeed and all enjoyed themselves immensely, Mr. Hessel much more than anyone else.

The entertainment given by the Eagle lodge Saturday evening for the benefit of the hospital was fairly well attended. Geo. Lafond, chairman of the committee, presided. The Zaloudek-Mann orchestra opened the exercises with an overture, which received merited applause. Miss Flora Bourassa delighted the audience with a piano solo, and C. E. Vasaly made a brief address on the order of Eagles. W. I. Nolan, the famous impersonator, entertained the audience for an hour as only Nolan can. Mr. Nolan gets better and better as time goes on, and few men traveling have as great a gift of pleasing an audience.

DIED.

Entered into rest eternal, on May 3, 1904, at 7:30 o'clock a. m., after a long illness, Louis Vasaly, aged 81 years, 6 months and 30 days.

When, two years ago last December, the writer of these lines wrote the obituary notice of the mother who had just passed away, he hoped that it would be long before a similar task would be expected of him for the old father left behind. While in the passing of the years the sad event must come to all, yet father was of such a vigorous constitution and came of such long-lived ancestry, that it was thought it would be many years before the dread summons came. But the death of mother was the beginning of the end, and when sickness and intense suffering came, no one who loved him could regret that the pain-racked body was at rest, and that father had gone to join, in the world beyond the grave, the loving and loved companion of many years.

Louis Vasaly was a native of the province of Piedmont, Northern Italy, but spent much of his youth in what is known as Italian Switzerland. He was educated at a college at Alessandria and at the University of Milan, later taking a course in pharmacy at the University of Turin. He took active part in the revolutionary struggles against the Austrian empire, and was allied with the organized movement for the unification and freedom of the peninsula. He entered the Sardinian army, and was in many engagements, participating in the battle of Novara, March 23, 1849, when the Sardinian army met the Austrians under Marshal Radetzky, and saw, on the field, of battle the abdication of King Charles Albert of Sardinia in favor of his son, the Duke of Savoy, Victor Emmanuel. As a cavalry officer under General Lamarmora the deceased took part in the Crimean war, participating with his regiment in the battle of the Tchernaya, Aug. 15, 1855, one of the great battles of that war, and in the siege of Sebastopol. For some time he was in the government service in the Sardinian war office under Count Cavour. In 1859 he was married to Frances Riberi. In 1863 he came to the United States, landing at New York City. He was employed for a time there in newspaper work on L'Echo d'Italia, a paper founded in 1849. He enlisted in the Union army and served as hospital steward and as a private soldier. He took part in the closing campaigns of the Army of the Potomac and was at the battle of Petersburg and the fall of Richmond. At the close of the war the regiment was sent to Fort Ripley, and there he was honorably discharged from the service and became postmaster and post trader, building up a large business. In the winter of 1868-69 he went to Italy for his wife and two children, returning in the spring. By delay in reaching the port of Havre in France the family missed the steamship on which passage had been taken, and took the next steamer. The steamer on which it was intended to cross the ocean was lost with all on board. In 1871 the family moved to Little Falls, where he engaged in the drug and mercantile business for many years, and for about ten years, until 1885, conducted the Vasaly house, a large frame hotel building which stood on the site of the Buckman block. He was several years a member of the board of education. Until a comparatively recent time he was very active, notwithstanding his advanced age. In looking after his affairs. With mother's death, Dec. 17, 1901, he began to fail. In the summer of 1903 he received a stroke of paralysis, but being of very hardy constitution was not long confined to his room, though he was never again well. About a year ago he fell on a sidewalk and was injured. He took to his bed then, and gradually failed, suffering greatly much of the time, but he was of such strong vitality that he survived long after it seemed he could endure no more.

Seven children are left, all residents of Little Falls—Stephen C., Mrs. G. M. A. Fortier, Charles E., Spirit J., Peter J., Rose, and Louis W.

The funeral was held from the French Catholic church yesterday morning, Father Lamothe officiating. Father's five sons and his eldest grandsons, Edward Fortier, were the pallbearers. Workman Post, G. A. E., of which father was a member, attended the funeral in a body. The remains were laid to rest in Calvary cemetery beside the companion of forty years whose loss was a blow from which father never recovered.

Father was a fine classical scholar, and deeply read in Latin literature. He was very energetic, not easily

disheartened, and courageous in the face of great obstacles. He leaves to his children priceless memories and the hope that some time, in the better land, away from the worries and wearinesses of this world, all shall meet again, father, mother, and children.

Ezeriah Herrington, father of Mrs. Peter Thompson of Little Falls and Mrs. Nettie Baldwin of Ripley, died at his home in Bradford, Iowa, Sunday, April 24th, aged 67 years. Deceased was a veteran of the Civil war, having served in the Union army 3 years, 3 months and 10 days. His aged wife, two daughters and a granddaughter survive him. Mrs. Thompson was at her father's bedside when the end came. The Nashua Reporter says: "The funeral services were held at the residence in Bradford, on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Shear officiating. The Geo. W. S. Dodge Post G. A. R., of which he was a member, attended in a body and took charge of the burial services. A large number of neighbors and friends also gathered to pay their last respects to a good man and a loyal citizen."

Mrs. Henry Harrison, who formerly lived near this city, died at Mora, Minn., April 24th. The funeral was held at Mora April 26th. The Mora Times has the following: "Annie S. McCall, the daughter of James McCall, Sr., was born in County Carlin, Ireland on June 27th, 1845. She remained in her native place till she arrived at the age of maturity then came to America, and on the 4th day of May, 1867 at New Brunswick, N. J. was united in marriage with Harry Harrison. In 1878 they immigrated to Little Falls, Minn., and settled on a claim and remained seven years, they then went to Brainerd and lived till they came to this place about two years ago. She leaves to mourn her loss a devoted husband and three daughters, Mrs. Mae Hawley of Minneapolis, Mrs. J. E. Cravens and Miss Addie Harrison of this place."

Herman Westbrook, a well known resident of Pierz, grandfather of A. Fenger of Little Falls, died at his home in Pierz village Monday, April 27th. Deceased was born in Germany, and came to the United States in the early sixties. He served in the Union army during the civil war. About 1884 he took a farm near Pierz, residing there until 1899, when he moved into the village. He leaves a wife and several stepchildren. Mr. Westbrook was a highly respected citizen. The funeral took place from the Catholic church at Pierz Wednesday.

Charles Krottschinski, since 1865 a resident of Minnesota, died Tuesday noon at the home of his son Paul in Swan River, aged 88 years, 7 months, 5 days.

Mr. Krottschinski was born in Kronstadt, Germany, and came to America fifty years ago, locating at Buffalo, N. Y. After some years there the family moved to Chicago. In September, 1865, the family came to Swan River, where the deceased took a homestead, upon which he lived for several years, moving about 1874 to a farm in Crow Wing county. He lived there for many years, and later on in both Brainerd and Little Falls. Mrs. Krottschinski died twenty years ago. A son, Robert, has not been heard from for many years. The other children are Paul, a prominent farmer of Swan River; Charles, of Blackwood, Idaho, and Mrs. Emma Thorman, of Buffalo, N. Y.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, Rev. W. Walter, an Evangelical Lutheran minister of Bloe, conducting, and the remains were buried in the Elmdale cemetery.

The deceased was for many years a familiar figure in Little Falls. He was an experienced market gardener, and took much pride in the quality of his produce. He was of vigorous constitution and was able to perform laborious tasks until quite recently.

Jacob Johnson died at the hospital April 28th, of consumption, aged 28 years. The funeral was held Friday from Simonet Bros. undertaking rooms.

Miss Margaret Thompson of the Hawthorne school was called to Armstrong, Iowa, Sunday, by the sad news of her father's death. Mr. Thompson had been suffering with paralysis for some time. Miss Thompson is doubly bereaved within a short time, her mother having died not long ago.

Ida, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Morrison, formerly of this city, but now of Floriston, Cal., died

THE FARMER EXCHANGE

Farm, Stock & Home Endorses Its Methods.

Farm, Stock & Home: It is the belief of this journal that the organization recently incorporated in Minnesota, called "The Farmers' Exchange," is the only one of similar organizations that is giving the matter of method of organization the consideration it deserves, and if it remains loyal to its present plan it will be the only one of them all that will permanently endure. It proposes to start as military, organizations start, with the company, the company in this case to be a local shipping one, through elevators, stock shut, refrigerator cars or otherwise. This local organization to work on the co-operative plan, it will learn how to co-operative, will learn the absolute necessity of mutual confidence, and of obedience to authority, as the soldier must be obedient if he is to participate in the fruits of victory. These local organizations are to combine into a state organization ultimately, as a regiment is formed of companies, and finally similar organizations in a few states, where agricultural interests are nearly identical, are expected to unite, and then an organization will exist composed of hundreds of thousands of farmers that will indeed "be a mighty force" morally as well as materially, for its purpose will be high and good and its organization solid and enduring.

Space forbids enlarging upon the advantages, even necessity, of these methods of organization at this time, and besides they are familiar to readers of this paper, for it has discussed them several times during recent years. In fact, the plan so briefly outlined herewith is original with Farm, Stock and Home, and the Minnesota Farmers' Exchange was organized in harmony, though one of its members and at least one of its officers have tried to combine it with some one of the less efficiently organized "national" concerns.

Representatives of farmer elevator organizations in Minnesota have been asked by the officers of the "Minnesota Farmers' Exchange" to meet in St. Paul on May 11 to consider the matter of co-operation among the organizations, or an enlargement of the co-operative principle now enjoyed by the individual members of the local associations, and to also consider other matters pertaining to the operation of independent elevators or warehouses in the state, and ways and means for increase in their number. The possibilities of such an extension of the co-operation principle are many and full of promise. The members of the local associations may be ever so well pleased with the results of their enterprise, but they should realize that results so far are of small moment compared with those that may come from the larger organization. If it has proven well for individuals in a neighborhood to co-operate why not prove better if the organizations in the state co-operate? At all events, it will do no harm, and may do much good, if the organizations, through a few chosen representatives, meet together on the date named for consultation, and F. S. & H. hopes that the attendance will be large.

The local school ball team will play the St. Cloud team in this city tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

at 1:35 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, April 26th, of typhoid malaria. The funeral took place Thursday forenoon last week at Reno, Nevada, which is but a short distance from Floriston. The deceased was about seventeen years of age, an unusually bright and clever girl, of great good nature and pleasant ways, and the people of the West side, who knew her well, will hear with great regret of her loss.

Mrs. N. P. Frandsen died in the state asylum at Fergus Falls, April 19th, aged 36 years and 5 months. The remains were laid to rest in the hospital cemetery. The deceased had been in the hospital for two years and a half. Mrs. Frandsen was born in Denmark and came to this country in 1868. She leaves, besides her husband, six boys, from 4 to 16 years of age.

Jas. H. Hallett, since 1874 a resident of Brainerd, died on his birthday last Friday, aged 60 years. Mr. Hallett was for many years a trader with the Indians, and did a large business at one time. At the time he died he was totally blind.

WHEN YOU CAN FISH.

Brook trout—Any variety—April 15 to September 1.

Black bass, grey bass, or Oswego, (small mouth)—May 29 to March 1.

Pike, muscalonge, whitefish, or any other variety of fish—May 1 to March 1.

Pickeral, suckers, bullhead, red-horse and carp—May 1 to March 15.

It is unlawful to sell or have in possession for sale any brook trout or black bass.

Number of fish that may be legally caught, limited to 50 a day.

The law prohibits the taking of fish except with hook and line (except in certain cases and for certain localities for seining and spearing).

The Missouri girl dramatic company appears at the opera house next Monday night.

The Staples and Little Falls baseball teams will have a game here Sunday afternoon.

A Washington dispatch says that H. W. Baltzer of Royalton passed the mental examination for a mission to the naval academy.

Herbert Snow's new partner in the Wadena creamery is Andrew Lifquist, a first class buttermaker, and the firm's name is Snow & Lifquist.

Grey Eagle Gazette: Elmer Cowdery returned from Brainerd last Thursday and left again for Little Falls where he will work in a blacksmith shop.

With the exception of three Tuesdays in May, there will be no more special railroad rates for land seekers until next fall, the lines having withdrawn all special offers.

Mrs. Gertrude Staples, formerly of this city, appears with the Missouri Girl company at the opera house Monday evening. Her daughter Celia will give some selections on the violin.

The rummage sale at Germania hall conducted by the ladies of the French Catholic church Saturday was quite successful. The sale will be continued tomorrow to dispose of the articles left.

J. M. Markham, who sold his hotel at Bemidji to D. Hannifan a year ago, has decided to build a three-story brick hotel, 140 x 100, on Third street and Bemidji avenue in that town.

Frank Coenen is building a seven-room house on Eighth street and First avenue southeast, and Edward Lafond is building a six-room house on Seventh street and Third avenue northeast.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lester are in Minneapolis for a time. Mr. Lester will be in Little Falls once every week, however. It is thought the electric railroad proposition will be soon ready for submission.

Mrs. Mary E. Dow returned Monday from a long visit with her brother in New Haven, Conn. Mrs. Dow visited relatives in Minneapolis while en route home. She returns much better in health. Mrs. Dow has been in the East since last summer.

Wm. Roth has enlisted in the hospital corps, U. S. army, for three years, and will be first stationed at Fort Snelling. Mr. Roth has had experience in this work. His friends will be sorry to see him leave the city, but wish him all possible good luck and prosperity.

Monticello Times: B. L. Hall and Joseph McDonald, of Otsego, were Monticello visitors on Monday. These gentlemen are very enthusiastic over Otsego's prospects, and predict that the trolley line will run on the west side of the river to Little Falls and from there to Mille Lacs lake, one of the most beautiful sheets of water in the state.

"TONY BOY" SOLD.
Long Prairie Democrat: "Tony Boy" a trotting stallion owned by Mr. McLaughlin of Glenwood, was sold recently to a horseman at Breckenridge for \$1,000. "Tony Boy" was formerly owned in Little Falls, and was foaled by the mare owned here for a long time by A. E. Robinson and afterwards by S. S. Richardson. He has trotted here and at Sank Centre and is well known by the horsemen. His dam is now owned by Louis Nelson of Glencoe.

Four-room house for rent—first house east of hospital; has woodshed, well and garden. Call next door.

Headache and eye strain removed with glasses by Prof. Bruns, optician. At Hotel Buckman May 26, 27 and 28. Examination FREE.