

ANOTHER BIG DAM To Be Built Across Mississippi Near Elk River

Minneapolis Journal: "C. C. Coker, of Duluth and a party of eastern capitalists were in the city this week and completed the preliminary arrangements. They will begin work at once. The new organization acquires the properties and franchise of the Minnesota Power & Trolley company, will develop the property at a cost of \$3,000,000, bringing the power to Minneapolis and surrounding towns, and will operate in Minneapolis, it is said, under the ordinance of the Minnesota company.

"The Elk River property has been held some time by local capitalists and investors organized as the Minnesota Power and Trolley company. Surveys and engineering estimates have been prepared and all flowage land bought outright at a cost of \$75,000. The work up to the present time has been done by local people but will now be taken up by the new organization financing the deal. All executive management will be in the hands of the men comprising the new company.

"It is not possible to state at the present time the exact nature of the development that will be made. The company may decide to enter the power business only and may not attempt to enter the lighting field as a competitor of the General Electric company as it can under its ordinance. In either case, however, a great saving to the city will be effected.

"The engineer of the eastern concern is on the ground and upon his report will depend the details of the development. At the point selected for the improvement, the village of Osego, twenty-five miles north of Minneapolis, an effective head of thirty-five feet can be secured.

"The development will call for the erection of a thirty-six-foot dam across the river and a powerhouse. A transmission line over a private right-of-way must be secured from the plant to the city. The local work will consist of substations, pole lines and conduits, all of which under the ordinance must be of the most modern type.

"There is practically no limit to the use that may be put to the power that will be secured. An initial development of 20,000 to 25,000 horse power is planned. During high stages of the river an excess of power may be secured, which may be used as relay in plants equipped with steam developing electricity. Much power can be marketed in the smaller cities north of Minneapolis and the development may be the means, it is stated, of bringing about trolley connection between these towns and Minneapolis."

Rev. E. M. Atwood attended a ministers' conference in Detroit this week.

The large boiler for the new West side creamery was put in place this week.

Olaf Nordstrom has closed his saloon on West Broadway. The license expired recently.

Geo. Emden is quite ill. A scratched pimple on his neck resulted in blood poisoning. It is not serious, however.

House and lot in the city of Little Falls to trade for farm land. Inquire of Warren Gibson at the First National National Bank.

Forest Merrick has resigned as ticket agent at the passenger station, and succeeded Jack Gillenbeck at W. H. Ryan's store. Mr. Gillenbeck has gone to Bismarck, N. D.

Mrs. C. M. Sprague of Sank Centre gave a "Geo. Washington" dinner Saturday evening in honor of six young ladies, including Miss Burrall. In the games Miss Burrall won the blue ribbon prize.

Among the amendments to the state constitution to be voted on next fall is one providing that any person may sell or peddle the products of the farm or garden occupied and cultivated by him without obtaining a license therefor.

"An Aristocratic Tramp," a very interesting and stirring melodrama, has been secured by Manager Young for the opera house tomorrow night. A sensational automobile race and explosion is among the scenes, and many good specialties. There will be a matinee in the afternoon.

In the consideration of home trading, there is needed practice as well as preaching. The preaching may do for converting some people, but the practice is the best method of convincing. Let those who preach some trading square their deeds with their words.

Lent began Wednesday of this week. There were services in all the Catholic churches, Ash Wednesday, the first day of the penitential season, is so called from the ashes which, during mass, are blessed and then the priest distributes them by placing some on the forehead of the members of the congregation, at the same time uttering these words in Latin: "Remember, man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return."

NEW MEAT MARKET.

Having again started in the meat business at the old stand of Hanx & Co. on the West side we invite the old patrons of the establishment, as well as new ones, to call and see us. We promise to please you.

Kedziora & Co.,
West Side.

McMASTER GROCERY BURNED.

The grocery stock of H. C. McMaster & Son, in the Maurin block, corner First street and First avenue southeast, was about all destroyed by fire Wednesday evening shortly after 10 o'clock. L. W. Vasily, passing by, saw small flames in the store interior. The alarm was given and the department was on hand in a very short time. The flames had spread, however, to the front of the store, breaking the windows, and though the fire was soon under control, the stock was ruined. Near where the fire was first seen, there is a can of gasoline, which did not burn. A gasoline lamp in the front of the store, exploded when reached by the fire.

Maurin's hall, over the store was not damaged. McMaster & Son had \$1500 insurance in the Scottish National, Phil. Randall agent, and \$1000 in the Merchants State Mutual. The loss is fully covered.

John Vertin, agent for the owners of the building, reports \$4500 insurance, and estimates loss at about \$1,000.

There was a large quantity of matches where the fire started, but the origin of fire is unknown.

BANK MERGER AT CASS LAKE.

Feb. 28.—There is a well-defined rumor here to the effect that there will shortly be a merger of the two banks that are now doing business here. The banking situation in Cass Lake has, during the past year, been a somewhat strenuous one. About a year ago the First State bank was organized in opposition to the First National bank, which had been doing business here ever since the organization of the town. Shortly afterwards, another bank was organized, known as the Merchants State bank. The latter institution suspended after a few months. Since that time there has been very active rivalry between the two banks for the business of the town. It is stated that H. E. Reed, now cashier of the First State bank, will remain with the merger institution.

H. N. Harding is president of the First National bank of Cass Lake.

Oliver Olson of West Duluth visited friends here.

Al Mattes, formerly of Brainerd, will travel to local Elks, will have charge of a large saw mill at Thief River Falls.

Staples World 22: A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Berg arrived from Little Falls yesterday for a short visit with them before they leave for the West.

A strange suicide happened at Shell Lake, Iowa. Mrs. Methfessel went out to the stock tank in which was only 18 inches of water covered with ice. She cut a hole, crawled through it and died under the ice.

Mora Times: Mrs. H. A. Leaty, who has been visiting friends here, left for Minneapolis Wednesday where she will visit H. T. Badger and family for a week. She will go from Minneapolis to Cleveland, Ohio, to visit her brother.

EYES: Chronic headaches and many nervous disorders are often caused from eye strain. For a thorough examination of your eyes and for glasses that will relieve their troubles, consult Dr. Walman at his office March 2d and 3rd.

The state timber board last week settled the case against George Wolf, who, it was claimed, had cut timber on a 160 acre tract near Motley. He had to pay treble damages and costs, amounting to \$392.40. Assistant Attorney General Jelly was present at the meeting.

The weighing of mail to establish a new basis for contracts with railroads for carrying the government mail began in this territory last week, and for the ninety days following Feb. 20th every sack of mail handled by the railroad mail service in Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Montana for ninety days will be weighed and registered by a special force of clerks. As the data obtained by this test will be used for railroad mail contracts in the section covered for four years to come, the work must be done thoroughly.

DIED

Pillager Leader: Martha Leef, wife of Nels Leef, of the town of Rosing, died Monday Feb. 19th, aged fifty-six years and nine months, of consumption. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn. Mrs. Leef was a Christian lady who had proven the truth of the Word, and we have the assurance that she is not dead but asleep. Funeral services were conducted from the church yesterday by the Rev. Nelson of the Swedish Baptist church of Brainerd and Koch of Motley-Pillager circuit.

Pine River Sentinel 23: Monday afternoon at four o'clock occurred the death of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Vanepe's little three-year-old daughter, Lottie May, who finally succumbed to the call of the dark angel after suffering a week with pneumonia. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the residence. Rev. Bell performing the last sad rites, and the body of the little sunbeam that had cheered the hearts of the family was laid to rest in Pine Ridge cemetery. The Misses Myrtle Mohler, Edith Blair, Irene Peterson and Flossie Peters served as pall bearers.

SITUATION WANTED—Home-keeper, competent, to take charge of hotel if wanted, or in private family, willing to go any distance. Good references given and required. Call or address L. P. F., Sullivan, Minn.

THEY KICK ON MARKERS

Applicants for Teachers Certificates Make Complaints

The summary of the number passed and failed in the recent examinations for the teachers' certificates, it is rumored, may start an investigation of the way the reading of the papers is conducted, says the St. Paul Pioneer Press. The reading of the papers is under the direction of the state superintendent of public instruction and he appoints the readers, about fifty. A few of them are county superintendents but the most of them are university students. It is alleged that many of the readers are first year students at the university who read the papers of applicants who have gone further in school than they have. Many old teachers, trying to get a better certificate, have never taught a day, it is stated, who may know a little of Latin and conic sections, but who have not glanced for many years at the subject in which they must pass upon the qualifications of others.

Another custom that may call for some criticism is that of having the names of the examinee on the papers. It is alleged that when the readers find the paper of some friend they overlook the faults. One varsity girl, just out of the freshman class, after reading the papers of a classmate in high school, said:

"I don't think she would have passed if some one else had read her paper. But I marked her as high as I could."

Of another acquaintance, with whom she was not quite as friendly, she remarked:

"You bet I did not give him more than he deserved."

At any rate there are lots of letters coming in to the state superintendent complaining of the marks. Many of the complaints are from teachers who have taught several terms and have fallen down when their papers were read by the varsity girls.

The summary shows that of 5,107 who took the examinations only 2,315 will receive certificates. The situation is not quite so bad as these figures would indicate for not all who took the examination were applicants for certificates. A few of them took only part of the subjects to have the credits applied in the future, and there were some who passed every subject they took, but as they did not take all the subjects they did not get certificates.

The 5,107 applicants sent in 29,148 papers. There were 176 complete first grade certificates granted, 91 conditional first grade, 1,076 complete second grade, 391 conditional second grade and 681 limited second grade, a total of 2,315. A year ago there were 5,478 applicants, 30,641 papers, 193 complete first grade certificates, 89 conditional first grade, 988 complete second grade, 419 conditional second grade and 422 limited second grade, a total of 1,983.

The high school senior class has selected the class pin.

Mrs. Frank Jarboe has recovered from her recent illness.

The Jolly Bachelors gave their last dance before Lent on Tuesday evening.

The Little Falls business college second team and the St. Cloud Normal school second five, will play at St. Cloud tonight.

Mrs. J. E. Fredrickson will reopen in the millinery business in the store on First Street vacated by Sylvester & Nichols.

Levi Oegood, of the well known "Osgood district," Swanville, was in the city Saturday. The district has a new schoolhouse about completed.

H. F. Balch, 210 Century Building, St. Paul, a railroad contractor, writes to J. A. McDonald of St. Cloud, says the St. Cloud Times, that the north and south road will surely be built, and Mr. Balch is ready to receive bids on sub-contracts on grading.

At a special council meeting Tuesday evening the liquor bond of T. J. Monahan, with J. A. Nichols and T. C. Gordon as sureties, was approved. The matter of the Mathieson warehouse, which is in the street near the Schriber building on the West side, was considered, and will be taken up at the regular meeting Monday evening.

MARRIED.

Miss May Edna Simmons and John Stevens were married at 8 o'clock p. m., Feb. 23d, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. G. Simmons, corner 4th street and 4th avenue southeast, by Rev. E. M. Atwood of the Baptist church. Only near friends and relatives were present.

Miss Elizabeth Zerwas was bridesmaid and Ernest Simmons best man. The bride wore white corded silk organza, trimmed with valenciennes lace, and carried white roses. The bridesmaid wore cream white and carried red and white carnations. The rooms were decorated in smilax and carnations.

After the ceremony a wedding supper was served. The young people received many handsome presents. The young people will make their home in Idaho, and the fervent good wishes of a multitude of friends will follow them to their western home.

Among the guests were Messrs. Prentice and Clouse of Ft. Ripley, the former home of the family, and Fred Stevens, of Detroit, a brother of the groom.

COMPELLED TO PUT IN FISH WAY.

Akeley Tribune 23: A. G. Rutledge, of Bemidji, warden for the State Game and Fish commission, was in Akeley Wednesday, on official business. While here recently he served notice on Louis Berg to commence, within ten days, the erection of a fishway in the dam which he owns, on the Crow Wing river. The Akeley Business Men's Association took the matter up with Sam F. Fullerton, executive agent of the commission, with the result that Mr. Rutledge was requested to investigate and if he thought it necessary to order the fishway put in. The warden acted speedily in order that provision be made so that fish can pass freely in the spring to their natural spawning grounds.

Mr. Berg had failed to pay any attention to the notice and was brought before Justice John Estey, Wednesday afternoon, and assessed \$10 and costs for his indifference. He was then given five days to begin operations. Mr. Berg admitted that the fishway should be put in, but gave as his reason for failure to comply with notice that the Pine Tree Co. of Little Falls had a dam in like condition about six miles distant and that it would be useless to erect a fishway until the others down the river had also complied with the law. The Business Men's Association will make complaint against the Pine Tree Co. in a few days, if necessary, to compel them to put in a fishway within the next three weeks. This will be of great benefit to Akeley in replenishing our lakes with fish.

Master Victor Butler, who has been ill, has recovered.

The sewer being built by the Northern Pacific is near completion.

Chas. Farrow, father of Frank Farrow, is very ill at the hospital. Mr. Farrow is a veteran of the civil war.

Miss Louise Lemay is with a wholesale millinery house in St. Paul, and will later be employed as trimmer in North Dakota.

We have received the Bear River Journal, published in upper St. Louis county by John P. Hayden. It starts well typographically and editorially, and should succeed.

Hon. N. Richardson is considering plans for next June in honor of Wm. Whipple Warren, the famous historian of the Ojibways, who died June 1, 1893. Mr. Warren's home was in Two Rivers, this county.

At the meeting of the Northern Minnesota Educational association soon to be held in St. Cloud, Supt. H. E. White of Little Falls will take part in the discussion on Law and Order.

EYES: Dr. Walman the Eye Specialist will be in his office at the Walman Optical Co., March 2d and 3rd. Do not fail to see Dr. Walman if you have eye trouble or need glasses.

Harold, aged 9 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gazette of Rice, died Monday night, of tuberculosis. The funeral was held from the home yesterday afternoon, Rev. Lewis of Roy-alton officiating.

Miss Edith Donovan, formerly of Motley, and well known as a prominent member of the teachers' association, who has for some time been employed as stenographer at Duluth, is at the Brainerd sanitarium very ill.

There will be services at the Swedish M. E. church commencing March 6th and continuing every evening through the week. Rev. Emil Nelson, the pastor, will conduct the services during the week, assisted by Rev. A. J. Johnson of Cluquet.

Oliver S. Olson, of Duluth, representing the Pacific Conservative Life Insurance Co., is in the city in the interests of his company. The company combines life, accident and sick benefit insurance and has done a large business in this state, though only recently entering the territory.

Atchison Globe: They are telling of an Atchison girl who received a proposal of marriage by telegraph. She went to the telegraph office and asked the clerk how many words she could send for a quarter. He said, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes.

The Freshman Literary society gives the following program this afternoon:

Song Elizabeth Wimmer
Original story Katie O'Shea
Violin solo Estelle Cromie
Essay Ethel Sampson
Piano solo Alma Fortier
Debate—"Resolved, that water is more destructive than fire." Affirmative, Birdie Fuller and Frank Kuklinski; negative, Mildred Ingle and Charles Rose.

The high school basketball team met defeat at Aitkin Saturday evening, 38 to 20, in a stubbornly contested game. The up river boys got the first half, 18 to 3, the locals the second, 17 to 15. The locals do not concede Aitkin the championship, and have challenged them for a return game on neutral ground, preferably at Brainerd.

The local team was much pleased at its generous treatment by the team and people of Aitkin. They were met by the high school band at the station, and everything possible done for their comfort while there.

FOR SALE—Team four-year-old horses weight about 2300 lbs., in good condition. Cheap for cash. Inquire of Z. Chartier, at county auditor's office, or Mrs. Aleck Chartier, Ripley.

FIREMEN'S BANQUET

It Was a Great Success In Every Particular

The banquet given on Washington's birthday by the Little Falls fire department was in every respect a success, and one of the most enjoyable affairs of the kind ever given in this city. Between 115 and 120 participated and everyone enjoyed himself. Landlord S. R. Snow of the Buckman hotel himself in the substance and serving of the banquet. The hotel's big dining room was beautifully decorated in the national colors, and carnations ornamented the long tables. The de arment had as guests the mayor, aldermen, and several gentlemen from outside the city. The banquet served was exceptionally good, and elicited frequent favorable comment.

F. W. Lyon was toastmaster, and wittily and well performed his duties, adding much to the pleasure of the evening by his felicitous introductions. Mayor Vasily was the first speaker, and spoke on early days in the department, not omitting the gorgeous uniform worn by the firemen of nearly thirty years ago. No matter what changes were made, if any, the firemen could look back on a record of faithful and intelligent performance of duty.

Captain Kane of the Minneapolis fire department, secretary of the state firemen's association, gave an interesting talk, and incidentally told of the good work done by Mr. Lyon at the national convention at Kansas City.

W. M. Fuller gave some interesting remarks on the early history of the department. He compiled numerous facts and figures about the department's growth and development, and Secretary W. W. Hunter read the statistics arranged by Mr. Fuller.

The principal speaker of the evening, ex-Congressman Frank Eddy of Sank Centre, made an address which will long live in the memory of all who heard it. It was humorous, witty, pathetic, and always eloquent. Eddy said that statistics show that the volunteer fireman faces greater risk of death or injury than soldiers or sailors in time of battle. Mr. Eddy paid an eloquent tribute to the volunteer firemen, and said that it was the men throughout the land, doing public service without hope or expectation of pay, who were to solve the problems of today. The address was thought stimulating, interesting and entertaining, and of a very high order of eloquence.

Richard's orchestra furnished music during the evening, which was an enjoyable feature of the occasion. A quartet consisting of Messrs. Darling, Reaney, Dunphy and Meyers, gave some selections in fine style.

R. S. Clark, on behalf of the Roy-alton department, made some appropriate and well received remarks. Frank Turner in a neat speech paid a general tribute to the volunteer firemen, and humorously told of some of the trials and tribulations of the West side firemen. I. L. Warren, of the Pine Tree Lumber Co., which has an auxiliary force of firemen, made a very neat little address, and expressed the opinion that St. Peter would consider good service as a fireman a pretty good passport to the celestial regions.

L. J. Demeules, the veteran traveling salesman, gave two "illustrated piano sketches" in splendid style, completely capturing the banqueters. C. A. L. Cassidy demonstrated the possession of great elocutionary powers in his rendition of "Casey at the Bat," and responded to the demand for an encore with "The Portrait on the Bar-room Floor," given in fine style.

The assembly broke up at a late hour, all voting the banquet an unlimited and great success, a credit to the committee in charge, to Landlord Snow, and to all concerned.

The firemen's banquet committee met Monday to close up business matters. The total expense was \$197, \$53 less than the amount appropriated, which shows good management by the committee, and results satisfactory to all.

G. V. Wretling left yesterday for Chicago, after a stay of several months on his farm near Darling. Mrs. Wretling will remain on the place for the present.

Little Marie Randall was hostess Saturday afternoon for a party of young friends, all of whom enjoyed themselves at games of various kinds. Kowebad Fortier won the prize a cup and saucer, in the peanut hunting contest. The small people had a splendid time. Dainty refreshments were served.

We have bought a portion of the Salvage Stock from the fire of Finch, Young & McConville, St. Paul, which was partially destroyed by fire and water on Feb. 5th, last. Most of the stock consists of staple goods, such as Prints, Gingham and Wash Goods. These goods are now on sale and will be till they are all gone, so you had better call early.

FOR SALE—Seed grain, macaroni wheat, spring rye and oats. Address, D. Corbin, Little Falls or Ft. Ripley.

MEETING OF TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Morrison County Teachers' Association will meet at Swanville Saturday afternoon, March 10th. Special efforts have been made for an instructive and enjoyable session, and no one interested should miss the opportunity. Supt. C. S. Wilke of Swanville is personally looking after arrangements for the meeting. He has succeeded in securing Hon. J. W. Olson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, for an address. All teachers who can should embrace the chance of getting acquainted with and hearing Mr. Olson. Geo. Peterson, superintendent of the Todd county schools, will also speak. The location of Swanville makes it very convenient for many Todd county teachers to attend the meeting, and many are expected.

The program is as follows, beginning at 2 o'clock p. m.:

Music Orchestra
Address of Welcome Mayor B. B. Cox
Paper Miss Alta Bowman
Supt. Todd Co. Address Geo. Peterson
Address J. W. Olson, State Supt.
Music Orchestra

Through the efforts of Supt. C. S. Wilke, the Northern Pacific has made special arrangements to accommodate those wishing to attend the meeting. A passenger coach will be attached to the freight leaving Little Falls for Swanville about 10 o'clock a. m., and the car will be left at Swanville, to be picked up by the east bound freight leaving Swanville about 5 o'clock p. m.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Harmon G. Brown, Feb. 27th, a son.

Carl Otremba will soon move to Canada. Dr. A. J. Klimek has rented the Otremba home.

Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Hallanger and Miss Lulu Stang were called to St. Paul by the illness of F. Stang.

Alex Knopik has opened a saloon in the place on Broadway formerly occupied by A. L. Patek in the same business.

Chas. Campbell, of Bemidji, formerly of this place, was in the city Wednesday.

The students of the Little Falls business college gave a successful dance Tuesday evening in the main hall of the college.

Under the new code, which went into effect yesterday, liquor licenses are transferable. They also acquire the status of personal property.

Frank Genest of Belle Prairie offers for sale his farm in section 15 and the stock and implements. Mr. Genest intends to move to Seattle, Wash.

Services will be held at the German Evangelical St. John's church Sunday, March 4th, at 10:30 a. m., on Third street northeast. Pastor A. Siegenhauser of Albany will preach. Everybody welcome. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Gannon was invaded Tuesday evening by a large party of friends, the occasion being the seventeenth anniversary of their marriage. Cards and music were enjoyed, and a fine lunch served. The evening was a very pleasant one for all attending.

Relatives living near Iowa Falls claim in their family six oldest living children of one family in the United States. There are five sisters and one brother whose ages aggregate 480 years, with an average of 80 years. Mrs. Armarrillis Perry and Mrs. Clarinda King, of Sank Prairie, Wis., are past ninety-three years respectively; Mrs. Phoebe Ann Johnson, of Iowa Falls, is seventy-nine years; Mrs. S. B. Percival of Huronville, S. D., is past seventy-four, and Mrs. Lucinda Hopkins, of Henderson, Neb., is seventy-two. The only brother is Joshua Eaton, past seventy-eight, who resides at Henderson, Neb.

PIERZ

March 1.—The horse and cow of Simon Kessels, which was sold at public sale Saturday, were bought by John Tomala. The horse brought \$125, the cow \$11.

The 6 year old girl of J. P. Loish of Granite was accidentally shot in the side while playing with a 44 Winchester Sunday. She died from the effects Wednesday. The funeral will be held at their home Friday and the remains will be taken to Roy-alton for burial.

A mistake was made in last week's correspondence. It was Jos. Tschida that was killed, not Martin as stated. Jcs. Boehmer has been quite ill the past week.

Adam Virmiz bought the 80 acre farm of Anton Gerwing adjoining his for \$1600.

The dance in the village Monday evening was well attended. Another one was tried Tuesday, but it didn't work.

The medicine show of the Modern Remedy Co. closed a successful week of entertainments Sunday evening. The gold watch was won by Clara Spanfeller.

F. X. Virmiz left for St. Paul Wednesday to buy a spring stock of goods.

J. B. Hartmann, who has been ill, is improving.

Pierz is sure to get a railroad now. A representative of the C. M. and St. P. road was here and stated that his company had purchased the Alphabet road and that the surveying and building of the road through here will begin as soon as the weather opens.

Mrs. Ed. Ruff of Rice is visiting here. Nick Sehr will leave Saturday for Canada where he intends to take a homestead and invest in land.