

E. O. ERWIN BUNCOED

Makes Trade for Team of Horses--Finds Later they Had Been Stolen

E. O. Erwin was the victim of another stolen horse deal Thursday of last week, when he traded a heavy black mare and \$35 to boot to a stranger for a light team, which later on developed to have been stolen from Lambert Bros. of Royalton. The stranger, who was a young man of no mean appearance, had hired the team of the livery stable at Royalton, telling the proprietors that he wished to use it about an hour to go into the country. Suspecting nothing wrong they let him have it and thought nothing more about the matter until late in the afternoon, when the stranger failed to make his appearance with the team. They then telephoned here, giving full descriptions and shortly after, 6 o'clock the team was found in the possession of E. O. Erwin, but the fellow made good his escape.

The trading was made about 1 o'clock, Mr. Erwin taking the team home and the stranger taking the mare he received in exchange away from the American house stable. A little later, however, the man had the mare taken back to the American house stable and left the city, it is thought, on a freight train.

J. Lambert of Lambert Bros. livery stable came up that evening and got the team and buggy and drove back with it, and although Mr. Erwin got his mare again, he is minus the \$25.

Kenneth, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Martin is now at home, having sufficiently recovered from an operation for appendicitis to be removed from the hospital. He is improving rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Schingler left for an extended trip to different points on the Pacific coast at an early hour Saturday morning. They were agreeably surprised while at the home of E. W. Gillette by a number of friends Friday evening and the time was spent in playing games and music. Shortly before taking their train refreshments were served and the party dispersed after wishing them a good trip.

Ed. McDonald, formerly of this city, has bought the John Quintan saloon at Sank Centre. The Long Prairie Democrat says: McDonald has been conducting a saloon at Crookston since early last fall and recently sold out there. Mrs. McDonald and the younger children will go to Cheyenne, N. D., to remain for some weeks with their son, Harry, and wife, who are residing on the old claim, before joining Mr. McDonald at Sank Centre.

INDIAN CATHOLIC PRIEST.

Princeton Union: While on a visit to Clear Lake last week Father Levings became acquainted with the only full-blooded Indian Catholic priest in the world. This priest is a Cherokee and was ordained in Rome. He was on his way to the White Earth reservation for the purpose of conducting missionary work. The name of the priest Father Levings could not recall as it was an exceptionally long one.

COLUMBIA TEAM BEATEN IN CLOSE GAME.

A very good article of baseball was put up between the Columbia team and the Royalton team at Royalton Sunday afternoon. It was a ten inning game, the score being 4 to 4 in the ninth, but in the tenth the Royalton team managed to slip in a run and the Columbia went down to an honorable defeat. The Columbia team is a good one and bears watching.

Peter Blair's little son is sick with an attack of pneumonia.

Geo. Randsch and Chas. Reberk have taken positions with Mosg & Weyrauch at Glendrive.

Geo. M. Ricketts left for points in South Dakota Saturday in the interests of the American Book Co.

Mildred Kling returned to her school near Sylvan Sunday after a short visit with relatives in this city.

Asa Porter came down from Aitkin Saturday near which place he is looking over the dead-head log proposition, and returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Mattock and son Raymond were in the city Saturday enroute from Swanville to St. Cloud, where they will make their future home. Raymond had to be taken on a cot as he is ill with appendicitis.

A party composed of Mr. and Mrs. Henning Landahl, Geo. Landahl and F. A. Lindberg, returned from Mille Lacs lake Friday evening. They report that the ice went out of the lake while they were out there but that little fishing could be enjoyed during this time.

John Lauerman resigned his position with the Burton-Hosch store at Deer River and came back to Little Falls Saturday. He has been employed in the store for several months past, and states that several people are settled around Deer River who were formerly residents of this city.

The family of J. L. Brooks will leave the city in a few days for Dehesa, California near which place they will reside on a farm received in exchange for their farm located about five miles from Little Falls. The family has been residing here for the past four years but Mr. Brooks has been in the western state for some time. E. C. Schnepfer is to be the new owner of the Brooks place and will come here in a week or so.

MUST WRITE ORATIONS

School Board Has Right to Compel Students to Do So

That school boards can require high school students to write and deliver an essay or oration before receiving their diplomas, is the ruling of State Superintendent J. W. Olson.

The ruling was made yesterday in reply to a query from A. D. Countryman of Appleton. Mr. Countryman stated that four of the seniors at the high school there had refused to write the orations required by the school superintendent, and the board and he wanted to know if they had any legal right to refuse them diplomas if they did not write the orations. The pupils contended that they could enter the university without taking this part of the high school course and that therefore the school board had no right to impose the orations upon them.

Superintendent Olson in reply says: "In reply to your letter of April 30, let me say that your school board unquestionably has the right to require that the writing and delivering of a senior essay or oration shall be a part of the four years' course in English, required or graduation from or high school. Your superintendent, acting under authority and with the approval of the board, may require that a student shall have fully complied with this rule before he submit the student's name to the board for graduation. The board has a right to withdraw a diploma from a student failing to comply with this requirement, as the rule is reasonable and fair."

LIBRARY REPORT.

April was a good month for the Carnegie library as shown by the librarian's report. Many new readers were added to the list and circulation was good. Following is the report:

New readers registered	30
Number of books issued	1,175
Number of days open for circulation	18
Average daily circulation	90
Largest daily circulation	131
Smallest daily circulation	54
Percentage of fiction circulated	89
Fines on over due books	\$1.81

—Cora E. Tanner, librarian.
Miss Cora Tanner, who has been visiting with relatives for some time in Winnipeg, Manitoba, has returned and resumed her duties as librarian. During her absence, Miss Lottie Hayes acted as librarian.

Mrs. G. Buskirk left for Black Duck Saturday for a visit with relatives at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Snow went to St. Cloud Saturday for an over Sunday visit with their daughter, Mrs. T. W. Clark.

ART EXHIBIT AT CENTRAL TODAY.

Art exhibits were held by both the Columbia and the Lincoln schools last Friday, in which the different works of each pupil were exhibited. Considerable attention has been given to drawing and painting and some of the exhibits would do credit to much older students. There are exceptionally good exhibits this year in the graded schools which show off to good advantage the works of the pupils for which no little credit is due the teachers. Good work in writing and maps were also to be seen, and the work in general elicited more than one word of praise from those who visited the exhibits.

The Hawthorne school had their art exhibit the Friday before, being on about the same line as the Columbia and Lincoln school exhibits. The Central school have their art exhibit today and the public should visit the school at this time and see for itself just what is being accomplished in the different grades. It certainly is worth seeing and it will give a good idea of the general school work of the pupils.

WANTS AITKIN TO BE TERMINAL OF TWIN CITY TRAIN

An effort is being made to have the Northern Pacific Ry. Co. make Aitkin the terminus of the special twin city-brainer train, instead of Brainerd, says the Aitkin Independent. This train leaves Brainerd for the twin cities at about 6 a. m. daily, arriving in St. Paul at about 10 o'clock, and returning leaves the cities at about 5 o'clock, arriving at Brainerd at about 9 p. m. The petition will be sent to the Northern Pacific officials.

GANS CHORUS TO GIVE CONCERT

A concert and dance will be given at Nelson's hall on the West Side next Friday May 17, by the Gans Chorus of this city. The chorus is noted for the swell music it has rendered in past years, and the present concert will be a fair example of the best music to be had, as the members of the chorus have been practising all through the winter and have improved considerably. Tickets will be sold at 50 cents each for the concert and dance.

F. P. Farrow and family have moved from the A. K. Hall residence on Third street to 215 First street northeast.

Mrs. Geo. Nichols left Monday for her home in Seattle after visiting with the family of J. A. Nichols for some time.

T. J. Martin, who has been under medical treatment at Minneapolis for several weeks, returned to this city Saturday evening.

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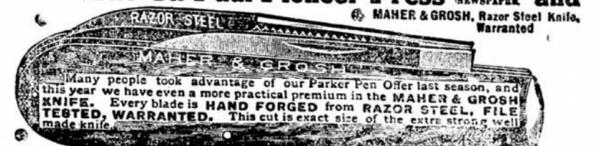


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VIOLATION OF POSTAL LAWS.

Several cases of violation of the postal laws have been brought to the attention of the Staples post office authorities and Inspector P. L. Neil was in that city a few days ago looking after those violations and collecting the fines of \$10, which is imposed for each violation. Anything in the nature of correspondence is not allowed in the fourth class rate but has to be sent by the first class rate. And no matter whether it is just one or two words as long as it is correspondence and is sent at the fourth class rate, the persons doing so are liable to a fine of \$10 for each offence. In the cases at Staples it was shown that the offence was unintentional and the parties were let off by paying the fines.

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