

TROUBLE OVER BRIDGE

The Pike Rapids Co. Begins Suit Against the Soo Line

The Pike Rapids Power company of Morrison county has filed a complaint in the United States circuit court asking that the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie railroad be restrained from building a bridge across the Mississippi river at a point several miles below Little Falls, where the power company had planned to erect a large dam.

The case was first brought up in the district court of the Seventh district before Judge M. D. Taylor, who ordered it removed to the United States circuit court in response to a petition filed by the defendant in the action.

According to the complaint, the Pike Rapids Power company was granted the privilege of erecting a dam on the river at any point along a considerable stretch of the stream below Little Falls, by special act of congress, and the company further claim that it flottage right at the place where the proposed dam was to be erected have been lawfully acquired.

Plaintiff declares that the railroad company has begun to erect a temporary bridge across the river at the point selected for the plaintiff's dam, and has declared its intention of erecting a permanent structure there.

The power company declares that the point over which the controversy was started is the only available one for a dam, and that at any other place it would cost \$150,000 more for its construction, and the loss annually thereafter would be fully \$30,000.

KIDNAPPER OF GIAQUE BABY DENIED PARDON.

St. Paul Pioneer Press: The petition of Mrs. Annie O. Jarmurzek, the Minneapolis woman whose kidnapping of a two-weeks old baby caused a sensation in Minnesota last year, for pardon was turned down yesterday by the pardon board.

The petition was made by her father, who insisted that the girl did not know what she was doing and intended no wrong. So she took the child to Superior, where she had heard her husband was living, but on arriving there found the report false and left the baby at an orphan home.

WINDTHORST COURT INSTALLS.

Windthorst Court 434, W. C. O. F., held their regular meeting Jan. 14th, also installation of officers by Wilhelmina Zerwas. Sister Zerwas is also delegate to the biennial session at Detroit, Mich., in Sept. After meeting all repaired to the home of M. Zerwas, where they were met by husbands and friends and card playing and a social good time was had by all present till a late hour.

A HIGH PRICED LOAD.

T. F. Murphy, of the firm of Eich & Murphy, has announced that they are in the market for clover and flax seed, and that on Monday they paid out \$563.50 to C. L. Freeman of the town of Cudmore for 75 bushels of clover seed of the first quality. This is a rate of \$7.50 per bushel for the seed. Mr. Freeman stated that the seed went 6 bushels to the acre.

Ferdinand Rochelean is one of many ill with the grip.

Eich and Murphy are preparing for the spring trade, having just received three car loads of farm implements.

Mr. Thomas Scott, Wilmar, has been conducting services in the Presbyterian church attendances and evenings of each day this week.

Alice, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Monahan, who was operated on some time ago for appendicitis, is steadily improving.

B. McGinnis, who conducts a confectionery on Broadway, was in Clouet recently, and expects to move his business to that place. The business has enjoyed a fair patronage.

Joe Belanger has purchased the south 80 feet of the lot situated on the corner of 8th street and 3rd avenue southeast from M. V. Wetzel, and will erect a modern residence in the spring.

In the selection of rooms in the building near the national capitol Cong. U. A. Lindbergh received seventh choice and chose room No. 363, where he will have his headquarters.

Homer Richard, International Falls, eldest son of L. E. Richard of this city, visited in this city and in Minneapolis this week. He is assistant cashier in the First National Bank of that city.

REGRETS FOR 'UNCLE NATE'

Long Prairie Leader: Mr. Richardson or 'Uncle Nate' as everybody knew him, was one of last survivors of the early pioneers who braved the hardships and privations of frontier life in Minnesota. He came to Little Falls in 1855 and has resided there ever since. He saw the country develop from a wilderness. In that development he took a most prominent part. An active man, physically, he stamped his individuality on the history of this part of the state. In a political way he has always been prominent and during the long years of his Minnesota residence he held many important public positions. He was one of the most genial of men and possessed in unusual degree the ability to make and hold friends. He was generous to a fault and it is said that in the early days when he ran a store at Little Falls that there wasn't a family in Morrison and Todd counties that did not owe 'Uncle Nate'. He carried them all but his generosity was abused and the closing years of his life were not without financial hardship. Among the early settlers of the two counties who still survive, the passing of Mr. Richardson will cause much headache and many will be the tears shed to the memory of the generous friend of their pioneer days.

BANKS ELECT OFFICERS.

At the annual stockholders' meetings of the German American National Bank, the First National Bank and the Merchants State Bank, the following officers were elected.

GER. AMER. NAT'L BANK. President—C. A. Weyerhaeuser. Vice president—J. W. Berg. Cashier—John Wetzel. Assistant cashier—E. J. Richce. Directors—C. A. Weyerhaeuser, J. W. Berg, John Wetzel, E. J. Richce, R. D. Musser and C. A. Lindbergh.

FIRST NAT'L BANK. President—A. R. Davidson. Vice president—M. M. Williams. Vice president—Wm. Davidson. Cashier—J. K. Martin. Directors—A. R. Davidson, M. M. Williams, Wm. Davidson, J. K. Martin, A. D. Davidson, R. D. Musser, P. F. Hosch, C. A. Lindbergh and P. W. Blake.

MERCHANTS STATE BANK. President—G. F. Kirscher. Vice president—Chas. Sprandel. Cashier—Joseph Moeglein. Directors—G. F. Kirscher, Chas. Sprandel, Joseph Moeglein, Jas. Kiewel and Robert Muske.

HERE'S WHERE WE AGREE WITH MAC.

St. Cloud Times: When publishers prate about patriotism in 'saving taxpayers money,' they are talking rot, and the entire community knows it. The Times has always believed and does now that villages, cities, counties and states should pay for their advertising as fully as a merchant or other business man. But, publishers engage in foolish competition, and often propose to do the advertising at an actual loss. This does not prove anything, except that these publishers, actuated by spite, are making fools of themselves.

BIJOU IMPROVING.

The Bijou theatre, which has just lately passed under the complete possession and management of James Gay by a deal in which Mr. Gay purchased George Mertz's interest in the theatre, is putting on specialties of the very best to be had this week. Although the expense is great, the attendance at the Bijou fully warrants this high class vendeville. It is the manager's intention to continue the good work, as the attendance shows healthy signs, growing larger and larger with each evening's performance. The moving pictures are not neglected either, and Ben Hur will be put on in the near future. Tonight is Amateur night.

THIS WAS IN WRIGHT COUNTY.

Delano Eagle: The commissioners are allowed so much salary by law (amounting to about \$20 each per session) and they take all that is coming to them. When they let a bridge contract they know full well that they are dealing with a trust and paying trust prices. The bridge builders don't give them any extra service and any old thing goes.

Fred Germain has been ill a few days with the grip.

Mrs. F. H. Mero substituted for Miss Ethel Lyon of the Fifth Central grade Wednesday, the latter being ill with the grip.

Work on the reconstructing of the North wagon bridge has been commenced by the Hewitt Bridge company, and it is thought that the work will be completed in about two months.

J. L. Berg of Ft. Ripley has agreed to sell his entire stock of general merchandise to Leon Clouet and another young man of Ft. Ripley, and S. P. Casey of this city went to that place to take an inventory of the stock.

The Dode Friske company will give a concert under the auspices of the Modern Woodmen lodge of this city, at the West side hall on February 18. Following the concert there will be dancing, which will last until the small hours of morning.

The Five Hundred club was entertained Tuesday evening at the Buckman hotel by Mr. and Mrs. John Wetzel. Immediately after the supper, which was served to the guests at 7 o'clock, the party repaired to the hotel parlor, where card-playing became the pastime.

THE WHEAT SITUATION

Eich & Murphy May Make Arrangements to Run Merchants' Warehouse

A special meeting of the business men of this city was held in the Commercial club rooms Monday evening and took up in a most thorough manner the condition of the local market for wheat and other grains, and products of the farm. A number of business men were in attendance and each gave his views of the situation, and although all agreed that elevators were paying as much as could be expected from wheat buying concerns run on a safe footing, it was thought that another buyer should enter the field so as to boost the price up a little higher so as to attract more wheat-sellers to this city. At the same time it was the general opinion that the business should be run by one man instead of a committee, the latter method having been tried in previous years and not proving entirely satisfactory.

At this point T. F. Murphy of the firm of Eich & Murphy, presented two propositions to the business men, one that he would buy wheat if they put up a sum of money to guarantee him from any loss therefrom, and the other that he buy wheat at the market risk if the use of the warehouse owned by the merchants, be given them free of charge for this purpose. The latter being the most satisfactory to all those in control stated they would arrange that matter with Mr. Murphy.

In the discussion it developed that the highest prices were paid for pork and other meats, clover and flax seed, and many other products of the farm. The meeting was a very successful one, in that it showed that all the business men of this city were in favor, and would do all they could, in keeping the local markets at such a point where the highest prices would be paid for all grains and farm products.

Phil Sandall is ill with the grip.

Mrs. C. A. Weyerhaeuser and children and Miss Betha Rhodes have gone to southern California.

At a special meeting of parishioners of the local Episcopal church last Tuesday evening at the church choir-room matters pertaining to the election of candidates to the rectorship of the church were discussed, but everything of importance was postponed to vestry meeting which will be held the first part of next week.

Willie Bothwell was the victim of a very painful accident Tuesday morning. He was chopping wood at the time with a hatchet and in some way the instrument twisted in his hand and he received a glancing blow on the first finger of his left hand, scraping the flesh to the first joint of the finger. Six stitches were taken on the digit to repair the injury.

MARRIED.

Miss Hilda Olson of Belle Prairie and A. E. Ravely of Judd, N. D., were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents Wednesday morning, Rev. W. H. Farrell of the local M. E. church performing the ceremony. The bride was gowned in white mohair, carried a bouquet of white carnations and was attended by Miss Julia Torquist. The groom was attended by Victor Olson, a brother of the bride. Several outside guests were in attendance at the wedding besides a large number of friends and relatives of Belle Prairie. The newly wedded couple left Thursday for Judd, N. D., where they will reside in the future.

Comrade Gray of the local post of the G. A. R., was in this office Wednesday and stated that on the 11th instant his son, V. J. Olin Gray, of this city and Miss Agnes Peterson of Hayfield, Minn., were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Peterson. The bride is a former resident of this city, and the groom, whose home is in this city, has for the past few years been an employee in the Soo and Mesaba roads. Both young people are well known and have many friends here, who will wish them a happy and prosperous wedded life. Only the immediate friends and relatives were present at the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Gray are making their home at a residence on the corner of Broadway and Thirteenth street northwest, where they are at home to their many friends.

A very beautiful home wedding took place Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cota, First avenue northeast, when their daughter, Bernice, was united in marriage to Philip Murphy, Livingston, Mont. Rev. Alten of the Brainerd Episcopal church performed the ceremony before a number of friends and relatives.

The bride was gowned in her traveling suit, carried white carnations and was attended by her cousin, Mrs. Wilson, St. Louis. The groom was attended by Luther Cota, a brother of the bride.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the dining room, where a sumptuous wedding supper was served. The bride is a well known resident of this city, and has been engaged as stenographer both here and in Minneapolis during the past year or so. The groom is engaged in rail-roading. The newly wedded couple will make their future home in Livingston.

MORRISON COUNTY TEACHERS' MEETING.

A regular meeting of the Morrison County Teachers' association will be held at 2:30 and 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon and evening a week from tomorrow at Kandall, and all the county teachers are requested to make a special effort to attend, as a very interesting program will be given. These meetings in the past have been very instructive and pleasant, and the coming one will be no exception. The program to be given in the afternoon is as follows: 'Round Table'..... Conducted by Supt. M. E. Barnes 7:30 p. m. Music..... Miss Ethel Benson Paper—'How to Acquaint pupils with that use of the Dictionary'..... Addie Lawrence Vocal solo..... Miss Laura Brannen Paper—'Prison in School'..... Mary Kull Discussion..... Ethel Crocker Paper—'School Yard Decorations'..... Mrs. F. E. Jeffers Paper—'The Observance of Special Days'..... Miss Nina Hogle Recitation..... Miss Herma Beatty Paper—'Some Ideas for School Entertainments'..... L. J. Bates

ODD FELLOWS AND MACABEES INSTALL.

At a very well attended meeting the joint installation of the local lodges of the I. O. O. F. and Columbia Rebekahs took place last Monday evening at the Odd Fellows lodge, the officers being installed as follows by N. N. Berghem, D. D. G. M.:

ODD FELLOWS N. G.—John Canfield V. G.—Henry Dorman Sec.—J. C. Burrall Treas.—T. J. Hobbs Warden—Chas. Misbe Cond.—Geo. E. Powers M. S. N. G.—Andrew Johnson L. S. V. G.—Wm. Moody Inside Guard—Wm. Dorman R. S. S.—Mark Lewis L. S.—Henry Peterson REBEKAHS

N. G.—Mrs. Henry Peterson V. G.—Mrs. Lou Benkir Sec.—Andrew Johnson Treas.—Mrs. Andrew Johnson Warden—Mrs. John Canfield Cond.—Mrs. C. E. Carlson R. S. N. G.—Mrs. E. A. Loucks L. S. N. G.—Mrs. W. E. Harting R. S. V. G.—Mrs. Mark Lewis L. S. V. G.—Mrs. N. N. Berghem Inside Guard—Miss M. Dorman Chaplain—Mrs. James VanLoon Card playing became the pastime after the installation after which refreshments were served.

MACABEES

The installation of the officers of the local lodge of Macabees was held Tuesday evening. Great Camp Chaplain George Gerritz installing the following officers: Commander—F. E. Hall Lieutenant Commander—Daniel Hovey Sergeant—Harry Halroth Chaplain—Herman Detloff Master-at-arms—John Halroth First master guard—Howard Hovey Second master guard—David Averill Sentinel—James Fearing Fickett—W. J. Girok

REDMEN AND DEGREE OF POCAHONTAS INSTALL.

A joint installation of the Degree of Pocahontas and the Redmen was held last Friday evening. Deputies Cordelia Ragan and Anton Feeger were the installing officers of the respective lodges. After the installation, which was largely attended by the members, card playing was indulged in. Later refreshments were served. A most enjoyable evening was passed. Following are the new officers for the ensuing year:

DEGREE OF POCAHONTAS Pocahontas—Minnie Henderson. Winona—Lillie Keenan. Powhatan—Allie Briggs. K. of R.—Cordelia Ragan. K. of W.—Emanuel Anderson. First Cont.—Gertrude Bentfield Second Cont.—Sarah Simmons. First runner—Gertrude Berg. Second runner—Nellie Larson. First War—Ogdin Lane. Second War—Elizabeth Kiebler. Third War—Belle Gannon. Fourth War.—Frances Garney. G. of W.—Lois Wooda.

RED MEN Prophet—Wm. Ragan. Sachem—Chas. Misbe. Mr. Sagamore—Fred D. LeBlanc. Jr. Sagamore—Ernest Getchell. Co. Records—L. W. Yasaly. Co. Wampum—Geo. Easder. Medicine Man—G. M. Fortier. Trustee 3 years—Anton Feeger. Representatives to Council at Winona, Minn.—Wm. Ragan, P. J. Yasaly, Anton Feeger, J. E. Briggs. Alternates—E. Doten, J. P. Lauerman, Wm. Hall, E. A. Eider. Warriors—Erl. Louis LaFond; second, Frank Sands; third, Wm. Misbe; fourth, D. L. Batters. Braves—Erl. Z. King; second, Chas. Simmons; third, Wm. Sundell; fourth, I. Gotschell. Sannape—Erl. LaFond; second, Ely Kieck. Guard of the Wigwam—H. Shiff. Guard of the Forest—John Bracke.

JOINT INSTALLATION.

A joint installation of the Woodmen and Royal Neighbors will be held Friday night at the Odd Fellows hall. Woodmen and their wives and the Royal Neighbors and their escorts are invited. Children are not expected. After the installation a program will be rendered and refreshments will be served.

BOTHERING LINDBERGH

Congressman Has His Post-office Troubles Too.

Buffalo Journal: It is a wonder congressmen do not make some provision for the selection of postmasters by vote of patrons of the offices so as to be relieved of the constant annoyance resulting from the dis-appointment of constituents who think mistakes are made in every appointment of a postmaster. Congressman Lindbergh is already feeling the sting in Wright county, following the appointments at Cokato and Annandale. No specific grievance is named from Cokato, but probably the fact that the Buckman machine in the county was officered by post-masters and that they made it decidedly chilly for Mr. Lindbergh when he honored the village with a call, has had something to do with the feeling. The fellows who stood pat when the bluffing was going on and failed to get on the Buckman band wagon even though it was said he could not be beaten, probably thought they ought to be consulted when the plans were handed out. But it appears the old Buckman postoffice organization is still doing business, though without his leadership. He boasted that he could 'get' any postmaster in his district any time, the machine being so constructed that the inspectors were ready at any time to bring charges against a postmaster when the button was touched. Sheets at Long Prairie was caught in the drag-net, and Eastman of Wadena was sentenced to the block, but friends of the latter kicked up such a dust that a reprieve saved his head from falling in the basket.

The same machine that was organized to 'get' postmasters thought the official channel is now working to hold its members against political changes, and only by the mashing process can a congressman make any impression on the machine. Naturally a new member is not anxious to adopt the bell in a china shop at once, and we believe this is the position of Mr. Lindbergh. The alleged policy of the postoffice department is to retain postmasters term after term, no doubt this being agreeable to old congressmen, who have the support of the postmasters, and the least trouble result from keeping them in office, the excuse to other aspirants being that the policy of the department is not to remove postmasters except for cause.

COMMERCIAL CLUB.

At the time of the annual meeting of the Commercial club at the club rooms Tuesday evening, the officers of the club asked that the annual election be postponed to next Tuesday evening, giving as their reason for this postponement that they wanted to do a little more canvassing work to secure members for the club. During a few hours' work they had served a large number of applications to join the club, and the club voted for the admittance of these to the club at this meeting. The old members have pledged themselves to remain in the club, and in a week a time it was thought that the membership of the club could be raised to 125.

Among the subjects to be considered at this meeting were the obtaining of more room for the club, and a letter to Hennig Landahl, suggesting that booklets advertising county farming resources be gotten out. Although the members present were in favor getting out these booklets, the matter was postponed to next Tuesday evening's meeting.

Wm. Davidson was in the city from Hutchinson Wednesday on business in connection with the First National Bank.

Fritz Gnerson, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Davis at Toulon, Ill., has returned to St. Cloud.

Auditor's warrants were issued for wolf bounties to the following: Jake Randall, Scandia Valley, F. L. Randall, Scandia Valley.

Marriage licences granted: John Meyer and Annie Opats; Philip N. Murphy and Bernice G. Cota; Albert Revell and Hilda Olson; Peter H. Woeller and Frances Braun.

Elk River Star News: Miss Mary Nelson of Little Falls, formerly of this place, began work as teacher in the Holms schools last week. It is said that Miss Nelson is 'developing into a very fine singer.'

Mrs. Madames Ricketts, Schallern, Taber and Perry entertained the Ladies' Working club of the Congregational church at the church park Thursday afternoon and lunch was served to ladies and gentlemen in the evening.

The Realty Improvement company held their annual meeting and elected officers: Jac. Kiewel is president; Philip Arndt, vice president; Geo. Kiewel, secretary; F. Kiewel, treasurer. The Buckman block is part of the property owned by the company.

DIED

Mrs. J. C. Hunter of Royston, at one time a resident of this city, died at her home Saturday evening after several weeks' illness. Death was due to typhoid pneumonia. The deceased was 25 years of age at the time of her death, and leaves a husband, little son, her parents and one sister to mourn her loss. The funeral was held in Royston Tuesday afternoon from the Methodist Episcopal church.

PIERZ

Jan. 15.—Died, last Saturday, a little son of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Dahlmeier. The child was about one year old and was buried in St. Joseph's cemetery last Monday.

Last Sunday evening the mother-in-law of Robert Kluge celebrated her 80th birthday. In honor of the occasion a number of friends of the family gathered and a scrupulous party was arranged. All present enjoyed the evening very much as we are informed.

F. X. Virnig had a large quantity of postal cards, with the pictures of the St. Joseph's church and Parochial school of Pierz, made, which he sells at the Golden Rule. Call in and see them. On request of several parties the four act drama, 'The Noble Outcast,' which was played in Faust's opera house, January the 7th, and was unanimously called the best performance ever given in Pierz, will be put on the stage again Sunday evening, January 26th. The program will be the same as it was the first time, only there will be no dance after the show. The door receipts will be for the benefit of the St. Joseph church. All are invited, especially those that did not attend the first time. Do not miss this chance. Remember it is for the benefit of the St. Joseph church. The Pierz orchestra with ten instruments will furnish the music, same as the first time.

Another old settler passes away. Joseph Marabek, who lived with his son Julius Marabek, four miles south of the village, died last Tuesday forenoon at 11 o'clock at the home of his son. His wife died about five years ago. Mr. Marabek was an industrious farmer and had many friends. He was born in Bridlway, Bohemia, and came to America with his family in 1874 and settled on the farm now owned by his son Julius, where he died, cause being old age. Funeral services were held in the St. Michaels church in Buckman, of which congregation he was a member, last Thursday at 10 o'clock a. m. Rev. Lange officiating. The deceased leaves four sons to mourn his death. They are: Frank Marabek, our village blacksmith; John Marabek, farmer five miles south east of Pierz; Albert Marabek, proprietor of a saloon in Cass Lake, and Julius Marabek, on the farm formerly owned by the deceased. Albert Marabek of Cass Lake was notified by telegraph of the death of his father and was here and attended the funeral. Besides the above mentioned sons, the deceased had numerous grandchildren and other relatives in Pierz and vicinity. May he rest in peace.

Mrs. J. Kubitschek is very sick as we are informed. She stays with her daughter, Mrs. John Boer in the village.

Last Tuesday the wedding bells rang again. The couple that got married were Joe, head son of Michael Sand of Buckman, and Antonia Boer, daughter of Geo. Boer, Jr., of Bah. In last week's marriage notice a mistake was made. The item should have read John Gerwing and Amalia Sobulte were married.

Wm. Eller has now completed the improvements on his large harness store and shop. The whole front of the building is occupied by the store and the back part by the work shop. He handles all kinds of harnesses, heavy and light, and other articles in the harness line; also trunks, satchels, blankets, etc. He also repairs clocks and sharpens saws.

A specialty is made of horse collars for horses that have sore shoulders and in which case he makes the himself and guarantees same. All kinds of carpenter work done by him. Give him a call and see his new establishment.

ARRESTED FOR SELLING LIQUOR TO HABITUAL DRINKER.

Peter Newman, proprietor of the saloon in the Hall block, 2nd street N. E., and Alderman Philip Germain were placed under arrest last Friday, on the complaint of J. E. (Remi) Richard, charging them with having sold liquor to Antoine (John) St. Martin, who had been 'poised' at all the saloons as a habitual drinker, on the morning of December 26th.

On being arrested they asked for time to consult attorneys and were placed under \$100 bonds by Justice George Gerritz to appear before him on the following Tuesday afternoon. A change of venue, from Justice Gerritz's court to Justice Lud Gaudet's court, was taken and the case postponed to next Tuesday, when the defendants appeared before Justice Gerritz Tuesday afternoon.

In the complaint it is charged that the liquor was sold to St. Martin by the defendants between 1 and 2 o'clock on the morning of December 26th.

It is not known what course the defendants will adopt in this case, but it is understood that the prosecution's case will be very sweeping in character.

G. M. Ricketts has gone on a business trip in the northern part of the state in the interests of the American Book company.

At the recent meeting of the Farmers' Insurance company all the old officers were re-elected. We published their annual statement last week. The company is in excellent condition.

The ladies of the French Catholic church will give a social next Wednesday afternoon and evening, Jan. 22, at Maurin's hall. In the afternoon the ladies will have a meeting at which card playing will be the part time. An admittance fee of 10 cents will be charged for this. In the evening a good lunch will be served after which card playing will be enjoyed. Everybody invited.