

GET FREE GRASS SEED

Law Also Applies to Morrison County—Must Be Destitute

The following letter received by the county auditor from the department of agriculture, in reply to one sent asking whether the state's offer of free grass seed to settlers in the fire region applied to Morrison county, explains itself:

St. Paul, Minn., March 22, 1911.
Mr. B. Y. McNairy,
Little Falls, Minn.

Dear Sir—
I have your note of the 20th asking whether farmers in sections of Morrison county burned over this year would come under the terms of the act. If the fires occurred in 1910 to a sufficient extent to make the settlers destitute provided in the bill, they would come under the terms of the act. All applications must be made under oath in accordance with the provisions of the bill. I am enclosing an additional copy with a number of abstracts. Quick action will have to be secured if the requests are to be acted upon. I think it would be time enough if your Board got the requests in shortly after the fourth, although not strictly in accordance with the bill. They must be in before we pack and ship the material.

Very truly yours,
A. F. Woods, dean and director.
Applications have been made by ten to fifteen Morrison county settlers for free grass seed, but they will be required to comply with the provisions cited in the above letter before their requests will be granted.

COLORS STRUCK DOWN, THEY STRIKE

The senior class of the high school went on a strike yesterday afternoon as a result of a misunderstanding with one of the members of the high school faculty. The seniors had put up their pennant on the flag pole of the high school the previous evening, where it remained throughout the night. Yesterday morning, however, the high school teacher had the pennant taken down by the janitor and burned, which action infuriated the members of the senior class. Several mass meetings were held by them, at which the action of the teacher was condemned, and in the afternoon they refused to go to classes. The teacher stated that she had had the pennant removed so as to avoid a rupture between the high school classes. Supt. White was away at the time, being in Minneapolis on business.

The class members later hauled a sewing machine to the Episcopal church lawn, facing the schoolhouse, and sewed another pennant together.

CENTENARIAN PASSES AWAY

Brainerd Dispatch, (21): Mrs. Mary E. Francisco, the oldest inhabitant of this section of the state died at Motley late yesterday afternoon at the ripe old age of 93 years, 6 months and 25 days. In the presence of numerous relatives she calmly and peacefully passed away. The body will be buried at Lake Mills, Wis.

She leaves the following children: Mrs. P. T. Willett, H. A. Francisco, J. Francisco, S. Francisco and Clayton Francisco of Motley; N. O. Francisco of Delevan, Wis.; H. E. Francisco, of Mason City, Iowa; C. F. Francisco of San Diego, Cal. She was known to many people and until the end was always in lively spirits and took a keen, active interest in the affairs of the village and her numerous relatives.

John Bastien of Belle Prairie has purchased F. A. Nelson's Mitchell car, the latter having ordered a 1911 model.

Mrs. Carl Johnson of Gilbert underwent an operation yesterday morning at the local hospital for the removal of a nasal polyp.

Herbert Ploof had his ear injured Wednesday night as the result of a fall he sustained while skating at the East side rink.

Miss Genevieve Westlake is convalescing from a recent operation, and will be able to leave the hospital in a day or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shedy and Dan Shedy departed yesterday for Vancouver, B. C., where they are to make their future home.

John Kohler departed Wednesday evening for St. Paul, where he went as a witness before the investigating committee for the state drainage commission.

Wilson Hayon was arraigned in justice court to answer to the charge of assault and battery on the person of Tony Kline, and the case was set for trial today.

In order that the Little Falls baseball team may have new suits for the coming season, a couple of the players have taken it upon themselves to collect \$100 for this purpose. They had collected about half the required amount yesterday.

Wm. Bastien, son of J. F. Bastien, returned home yesterday, after completing an enlistment of three years in the U. S. army stationed at Ft. Riley, Kan. He had lately gone to San Antonio, Texas, from which place he received his discharge.

Thinking that her little daughter had fallen into the well, Mrs. John Johnson of Berg's addition, had an alarm turned in to the fire department Tuesday afternoon. The girl turned up alright, however, and the fire company was notified of the cause of the alarm when it reached the brewery.

MOEGLEIN RE-ELECTED

Gaudet and Randall Win Out for Justices—Election Very Quiet

The city elections of last Tuesday were extremely quiet, with the exception of course of the third ward's little surprise, and a vote of but 765 was registered.

Mayor Geo. F. Moeglein was re-elected, over A. W. Zaloudek, by a majority of 78. In the justice court scrap Lad Gaudet and Phil S. Randall won out.

The third ward aldermanic seat, for which no candidate had filed, was landed by C. E. Carlson, proprietor of a West side saloon.

The vote by wards and totals for each of the candidates who had opposition is as follows:

MAYOR	
First Ward	
Moeglein	166
Zaloudek	100
Second Ward	
Moeglein	89
Zaloudek	88
Third Ward	
Moeglein	103
Zaloudek	67
Fourth Ward	
Moeglein	76
Zaloudek	64
TOTALS	
Moeglein	413
Zaloudek	340

JUSTICE	
First Ward	
Gaudet	133
Randall	180
Gerritz	125
Second Ward	
Gaudet	121
Randall	115
Gerritz	76
Third Ward	
Gaudet	84
Randall	68
Gerritz	68
Fourth Ward	
Gaudet	113
Randall	67
Gerritz	50

ALDERMAN THIRD WARD	
T. H. Dewey	27
C. E. Carlson	66
TOTALS	
Gaudet	451
Randall	430
Gerritz	319

The vote for those who had no opposition was:

Clerk, Fred Cary	561
Assessor, Lyman Signor	508
Treasurer, John Vertin	615
Alderman First ward, 1 year term, C. A. Carlson	152
Alderman First ward, 2 year term, F. E. Hall	167
Alderman 2nd ward, Joseph F. Bastien	121
Alderman 4th ward, E. C. Lane	105
Alderman at large, G. M. Kiewel	456

WILL SPEAK ON JUVENILE COURT

Rev. Royal J. Montgomery of Detroit, Minn., a young man of wide experience, and a very successful worker among men and boys, is to speak four nights next week in the Congregational church.

Monday night's topic will be "Possibilities of a Ministry through a Local Juvenile Court." Tuesday night, "New Evangelism as expressed by the Brotherhood Movement." Thursday night, "The Saving of Boys Through Athletics." Friday night, "Individual Responsibility for the Extension of the Kingdom."

These lectures are free, and everybody, especially the men and boys of Little Falls, are invited to attend them. The doors will open at 7:30 o'clock and the evening's programs will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

J. Greisch is convalescing from an attack of bronchitis.

Henry Goulet was defeated for reelection for president of the village of Onamia, by one vote.

E. R. Bell, formerly of this city, was elected supervisor of the town of Akeley, at the election last week.

Ed. Schroeder, who has been having a severe siege of typhoid fever, is now able to leave his bed, and his strength is gradually returning.

J. J. Hennessey of Minneapolis, formerly of this city, was here Wednesday on business, and stated that his wife, who is suffering from consumption, is very low.

Joseph Doucette of Belle Prairie shipped his household good Tuesday and left Wednesday with his family for Saskatchewan, Canada, where they will make their future home.

G. W. Carlson of Minneapolis has moved his family to a residence on Third avenue northeast, and has a small building on Wood street in which to conduct his meat market work.

An article by Carl Zappie in the Mining World points out conclusively that according to the topography of the country, etc., there is some valuable deposits of iron ore in this county and close to Little Falls.

Mrs. M. Denis and family departed this week for Spokane, Washington, where they will make their home. Mrs. Charles Christie accompanied them as far as Paradise Mont., her future home.

The new band which was recently organized, is progressing in fine style. Between seventeen and twenty have been attending practice, which is being held regularly. It will most likely be ready to disperse some fine tunes at the opening of the baseball season.

DISTRICT COURT CASES

Several Are Sentenced—Spring Term Ends This Week

Judgment was returned in favor of plaintiff in the case of Sigert Christofferson vs. Peter Narvesen.

Frank Doehcka was found guilty of slandering Helen Smeja by the jury last Friday morning, but sentence was suspended upon defendant's paying \$70 fine.

Plaintiffs were given judgment for \$296.76 against defendants in the case of Barbara Wojciechowski and Martin Wojciechowski vs. Martin Super, Mike Super and Andrew Super, in which action was brought to recover on a land deal which was made in 1907. A stay of thirty days was granted.

A verdict was returned favorable to the defendants in the case of J. P. Maier vs. Robert Roche and Hedwig Roche, his wife, in which plaintiffs sued for a sum which he claimed was due him for work.

The jury in the case of Joseph Otramba vs. Matt Thommes, which case had been appealed from the justice court, reduced judgment against defendant for \$5 to only \$5 for damages done by the former's hogs on the latter's premises, and costs assessed to plaintiff. This completed the jury cases before this term of the district court.

The two cases of the state against Thomas Biejewski were continued to the next general term of court.

Mary Lorig was granted a degree of divorce from her husband, John Joseph Lorig, by the court at the Monday evening session, on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment.

Jacob Duecher appeared before the district court Wednesday and pleaded for the leniency of the court. A sentence of imprisonment in the county jail for sixty days and in addition pay all the costs of the case, was imposed on him as punishment for the crime of assault in the third degree of which he was convicted last week. He is now serving time.

The case of State of Minnesota upon the relation of John B. Odette Sr. and Eugenia Odette vs. the Town of Ripley, an action to compel defendant to support the couple, came up in district court Tuesday. The couple claimed that they had deeded their land to the Town of Ripley as part payment for their support. The case is to be argued by the attorneys, and briefs submitted to the court.

The case of Henry Janish vs. E. W. Patton, a controversy over land, is to be submitted on briefs. Plaintiff had made a deal for land belonging to Patton, paying \$600 down, but before the deed was given him Mr. Patton died and the matter of deeding the land to plaintiff was left over until the property was probated. As he was adverse to this waiting he brought suit to recover the amount paid on the land.

Judgment was granted plaintiff in the case of Anton Kanieski as administrator of the estate of Simon Kanieski and Anton Kanieski vs. Ignatz Kanieski, another land case.

Mary Cota was granted a decree of divorce from her husband, Frank Cota.

The case of Joseph Porten vs. Morrison School District No. 10 of Morrison county was tried Wednesday, this being an action to recover for wages said to be due him for superintending the work of building a school house. It was taken under advisement.

The case of Frank E. Ginter vs. O. H. Havill, in which plaintiff claimed he had paid a mortgage held by defendant on his land, was dismissed Wednesday, after occupying the attention of the court the entire afternoon.

The case of Joseph Porten vs. Martin W. Wojciechowski, in which plaintiff attempted to foreclose a lien for work done for defendant, was also taken under advisement.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Anderson of the Flat, Saturday, March 18, a daughter.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Krause of Green Prairie, Monday, March 20, a daughter.

Claude Raymond has leased the Eugene Cota place on the Pierz road.

Supt. Elias and Chief Engineer Ogilvie of this division of the Northern Pacific and Supt. W. H. Gemmel of the M. & I. road were in the city Monday, visiting at the "Better Farming" special which was here that evening.

Fawdale Rte. No. 1, which is an extension of Rte. No. 5 out of Little Falls, is to be discontinued after April 30, according to an order received from the postoffice department at Washington, D. C. by the postmaster at Fawdale.

A list of twenty-five books for juvenile readers has been received from the state library commission by the local library for circulation. It is known as the "Traveling Library" and when the local library gets through with them they will be forwarded by the state commission to some other locality.

R. Hotelling of Motley was brought to this city Saturday being delirious from too much drinking. It was thought that he had become demented but an examination held in Judge of Probate E. F. Shaw's court Tuesday morning revealed that his condition was merely that of too much liquor. He was later given a place in the county jail that he might sober up.

MAHAN WAS MURDERED

Self Defense Is Claimed—Woman at Bottom of Trouble

Ben A. Mahan, 37 years of age, a former Little Falls boy who has since February 1908 conducted a plumbing shop at Roseburg, Ore., received four shots from a 28-calibre derringer revolver in the hands of Roy McCallen of that place Monday evening, March 13, shortly after leaving the Palace theatre where they had attended an Elks Minstrel performance, and died within fifteen minutes after.

The fatal shot entered his back, just below the left shoulder, and pierced the heart.

There had been bad blood between the two men for some time previous, both being enamored of a divorced woman, Miss Lillian Speicher of Roseburg, Ore., who for a time was employed as bookkeeper in Mahan's plumbing shop, but who had left about the time she had made the acquaintance of McCallen, who was living apart from his wife and children of Portland, Ore.

From then on trouble brewed. It is claimed Mahan, a divorcee also, threatened McCallen's life because of his attentions to the woman, and both thence forward carried weapons.

Miss Speicher testified before the coroner's jury that Mahan had followed McCallen and her as they left the theatre and accosted the former, who after a few words between them warned Mahan not to advance a step nearer. She claimed the dead man had then made a motion with his right hand towards his hip pocket in which was his revolver and McCallen then drew his gun and fired. There were a number of eye witnesses, some of whom claimed Mahan had not said anything to the man who destroyed him.

McCallen immediately gave himself up to the sheriff, stating as he did so that he had to shoot Mahan as it was simply a matter of who drew first. A loaded 28-calibre revolver was found in the dead man's hip pocket. McCallen now faces a charge of murder, to which he pleads self-defense.

Previous to moving to Roseburg, Ore., Ben A. Mahan resided at Skagway, Alaska, at which place he was a member of the Masonic lodge. His mother resides here, while his father is making his home in the state of Alabama.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Farney Burton was elected manager of the Little Falls baseball team for the coming season at a meeting held Monday night. Joseph Moeglein, who had previously been elected treasurer, has also been given the office of secretary.

The baseball boys will soon get out for some practice work. As yet no catcher has been secured, but arrangements will be made soon for one. The subscription list continues to swell, and it is expected that \$700 will be raised.

WILL CAPTAIN 1911-12 BASKET BALL TEAM

Fred Greisch, who has played a guard position on the high school basketball team, was elected captain of the 1911-12 basketball team. The Twin city papers have conceded the championship of state high school basketball teams to the Little Falls High, and their record bears them out in this.

Christ Virnig of Pierz, who has been receiving treatment at a Minneapolis hospital, is able to be about in the mill city.

We note through our correspondents that seeding has been commenced in different parts of the county, which is as early a start as has been made for several years back.

O. H. Havill, cashier of the First National bank of St. Cloud, H. J. Schwartz, cashier of the First State bank of Royalton, and J. D. McDougall, cashier of the First State bank of Bowler, were in the city Wednesday as witnesses.

The summer session of the University of Minnesota opens for six weeks' term on June 19th. Teachers and others who cannot attend during the college year will be interested in the great variety of courses.

For bulletin, address the Registrar, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Albert P. Thielens of Randall, an old soldier, past 60 years of age, died Saturday morning from a complication of diseases attendant on old age. He was a native of Wisconsin, but had resided in this county a number of years. He is survived by four sons and three daughters. They are J. Marshall, Herbert W., Chas. W. and Albert H. Thielens, and Mrs. Mabel Warden of Ledgerwood, N. D., Mrs. Robinson of Northome and Mrs. Greer of Rucker.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at Randall.

Miss Minnie Kinlund was arrested at Backus by Deputy Sheriff Heroux and taken to this city Tuesday afternoon to face the charge of grand larceny preferred against her by Miss Clara Labrie, a fellow employe at the Columbia hotel, from whom Miss Kinlund is accused of taking some clothing valued at \$37.50 and some money and a leather suit case. All the stolen property was found in her possession.

She appeared before Justice Randall's court Wednesday evening, waived examination, and was bound over to the district court, bail being fixed at \$100.

BETTER FARMING TALKS

Excellent Advice Given in Selection of Seed and Proper Farming

The "Better Farming" special was here Monday evening with its complement of speakers, and gave some very instructive talks at the City hall. The audience was not large, the time of holding it and the short notice doubtless being responsible for this.

Poultry raising, productivity of soil, seeding and picking out of good seed, and the growing of corn, were topics interestingly dwelt on.

Prof. D. E. Willard stated that poultry raising was in proportion to the amount invested one of the most profitable occupations he could think of when carried on along correct lines, beating even railroading in which he is considerably interested. The mixing of breeds, even though they be through-breeds, he claimed was the industry's greatest curse, the scrubs seen on most of the farms of the state being the result. He said that farmers lost money when wheat yielded but 12 bushels to the acre, while there was good money in a hen which laid 200 eggs per year; and that if proof of this was wanted and the men did not care to bother with chicken raising, they should leave this branch of agricultural pursuits to the women folks, allowing them to disburse of the money obtained therefrom as they saw fit, and then they should not express surprise or question them when their wives purchased silk dresses, as it would be derived from the poultry business.

His advice to those who wanted to get into the poultry business was to start small, leave incubators alone unless they understand them thoroughly, get all of the flock of a well-known breed, preferably the Bluff Orpingtons which have proved the best winter egg-laying fowl known, and bury food for them in the straw or ground so as to make them work for their living.

He stated that a big yard was not necessary to raise chickens, citing a case in which a little house, six by eight feet, housed nine chickens which in the month of January laid 15-24 dozen eggs or an average of 21 eggs each.

Prof. A. D. Wilson spoke on soil culture, advocating rotation of crop. He stated that the light soil found here has some advantage over heavier soil in that it took less time for soil products to grow in it, but stated that careful attention should be given to the putting in of vegetable matter into it by rotation of crops, getting roots into it from timothy, clover, alfalfa and manure. Intensified farming of this nature can be carried on to good advantage on a 100 acre farm or less, but for larger tract the labor connected therewith would be too great.

The productivity of the land though is greatly enhanced, the record at the state experimental station showing the following yields to the acre: wheat 26.6 bushels, meadow 3.5 tons; oats 62.3 bushels; corn 58.6 bushel and pasture for 140 days, on a five year rotation.

On tracts of land similar in every respect, light soil, during a period of 10 years, on land which the crop was continuous, the average yield per acre was: wheat 19.7 bu.; meadow 1.5 tons; corn 25 bu.; while that on which a rotation of crops was made averaged: wheat 19.9 bu.; clover 2.6 tons; corn 45 bu.

Mr. Wilson stated live stock was an essential factor in the carrying on of agriculture, as it provided the fertilizer which the soil needed.

The selection of seed was thoroughly discussed by Prof. Cooper, who stated that it was a "great mistake to send away for seed, as the best seed for the home farm is what is raised closest to home. The heavy plump seed should be selected as the plant thereby gets a better start and records showed the difference in yield to be considerably more where heavy seed was used. The fanning mill should be used to grade the seed, and care should be exercised not to use seed infected with seed-diseases such as rust, smut, etc. The loss on crops through smut, etc., runs from 10 to 20 per cent, where the seed grain is not properly selected, according to the speaker. The formaldehyde treatment was the best method to get rid of smut, he stated, which solution can easily be mixed, being 1 pint of formaldehyde (40 per cent pure), costing from 35 to 40 cents, and forty-five gallons of water. Take ten to fifteen bushels of the seed, piling same on floor, and sprinkle with the solution the day before or a week before seeding if possible, stirring it up while sprinkling it that all of it may receive the treatment. Cover with blankets or sacks afterward to keep the vapor from escaping. Same treatment applies to disinfecting fax.

O. M. Olson stated that the growing of corn was most profitable, when proper selection of seed was made. The seed must be acclimated to the soil, so that it will ripen nine years out of ten. The best seed corn is that grown on the home farm. It should be picked from the largest stock in the field at the time of ripening, not at husking time. The ears should be strung up in a warm place, either in the furnace room or in the attic above the kitchen.

To select seed, a box filled with sawdust and marked off in two inch squares and numbered should be used. Ten kernels from each ear, also numbered, should then be put in each square, moisten, and a damp cloth placed over it and let set for eight to nine days. The ears from which the kernels sprout well and strong with three to five roots should be saved. By using such seed up to 10 bushels more per acre can be raised than without this careful selection. Farmers should not be in a hurry to plant the corn seed earlier, but should see that the soil is properly prepared for it. The soil should be

START MILL NEXT WEEK

Ice Being Dynamited Out of Pond to Hurry Sawing

Intending to help the weather along in its work of destroying the ice in the river, the Pine Tree Manufacturing company yesterday morning secured some dynamite and commenced at once to dynamite the ice of the mill pond that logs might be floated to the slip for an early start of the sawmill.

It was found that the ice is eighteen inches thick but it is expected that by tomorrow effective work can be done in the opening of the pond clear up to the landing. About two hundred pounds of the explosives will be used.

In this case the big saw mill of the Pine Tree Manufacturing company will be started up for the season about the middle of next week. The mill will be run both day and night, working eleven hour shifts during the first two or three months, after which ten hour shifts will be worked.

The night shift will go on a couple nights after the day shift commences activities for the season.

Supt. T. C. Berg stated yesterday that everything was in tip-top condition to start an auspicious season.

NOTARIES SHOULD BE CAREFUL

Moorehead News: That notaries public cannot be too careful in taking the acknowledgements of persons they do not know, is evidenced by the E. D. Bell case at Fergus Falls. Bell came to Fergus Falls last winter and represented himself to be a real estate dealer. He announced that he had purchased a certain piece of land and later succeeded in making a sale of it.

He then produced a deed from the owner to himself, collected the money, deeded the property to the owner and disappeared. Later the deed to Bell was discovered to be a forgery. The forged instruments was duly acknowledged before W. G. Mahon, a notary public at Fargo. Bell had impersonated the owner and had persuaded Mahon to take the acknowledgment.

The attorneys for the innocent purchaser are now preparing to bring suit against Mr. Mahon for \$925, the amount paid to Bell. They have investigated the case carefully and believe that the notary public is liable for the entire amount paid to Bell. This experience should warn all notaries not to take acknowledgements of strangers to important papers, unless they are vouched for by some reliable person.

M. J. Bracke is confined to his home through illness.

Hans Jorgenson of Seattle, Washington arrived yesterday for a visit with his son, Julius, who is employed in the Diamond Sign Jewelry store.

Miss Catherine Billstein has resigned her position in the Golden Rule store and accepted a position in the M. C. Graham store of the West side.

Duncan McGregor of Glasgow, Montana, formerly engaged in the hotel business in this city, was here this week on a business visit. He had been called to St. Cloud to attend the funeral of his brother and his mother.

The high school baseball boys commenced practicing this week, and the prospects are that a first-class team will be put out by the local high the coming season. Measurements have been taken for new baseball suits for the team.

Prairie fires destroyed the barn and several other outbuildings of the late H. P. Christianson, the house and barn of P. Casey and burnt over between two and three hundred acres of land in the town of Swanville during the past week.

U. S. Marshall C. B. Buckman departed yesterday on a trip to the White Earth reservation.

Herman Hyson came down from Crookston yesterday for a visit with his family.

Milo Young of Swan River, who was visiting in the city, returned home yesterday.

Z. N. Barnes made a business trip to Randall yesterday.

Mrs. Dolphine LaFond, who was called to Illinois to attend the funeral of her mother, returned yesterday.

R. Harkness arrived yesterday from Long Prairie for a visit with his sister.

Miss Marie Lucia, who was visiting at St. Cloud, returned Tuesday.

Miss Catherine Medvid returned to St. Paul yesterday, after a visit with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Peterson of Minneapolis, are the guests of relatives on the West side.

Mrs. Frank Renick went to Royalton Wednesday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Mary Ayres.

Andrew Wahl of Osage, Iowa, who has been visiting with his brother, Ole H. Wahl, returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gale of St. Cloud and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Tisdale of Toronto, returned St. Cloud Tuesday evening by auto, after a short visit in the city.

GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. F. J. Oehlert, pastor, 409 Third avenue northeast. Sunday services: Randall 10 a. m. City, 2:30 p. m.

worked often to conserve the moisture and in this manner it will not have to be planted more than an inch and half deep, and will come out within ten days or so after planting. The field should be cultivated often but not deep.