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ALL CLUBS TO BE STRONG

LIESE TO PITCH FOR CROSBY, LAWSON FOR BRAINER—LOCALS PLAY LATTER SUNDAY

That there will be some snappy ball playing in the Central Minnesota Baseball association and no walk-away for any club of the league, is made evident from the kind of material the different clubs are gathering together for their teams. Crosby has signed Fred Liese, a former American association pitcher who played with Long Prairie last season, to do the twirling for the iron range town team, while Brainerd has secured the services of Lawson, a former pitcher for the Rochester team in the "Minn" league.

Next Sunday will find these pitching for their respective clubs. Royaltown goes to Sank Rapids where it will play the Benton county club, Umpire Bouton officiating; Little Falls goes to Brainerd, Umpire Warren officiating; and Crosby goes to St. Cloud, Umpire Gatchell officiating.

Little Falls will lineup against Brainerd about the same as in last Sunday's game. The boys have not shirked in their practice and should be able to show good form. They will go to Brainerd by auto, as will also most of the fans who plan on taking in the game. A special may be run from this city to Brainerd for Sunday's game, providing fifty one or more fans purchase round trip tickets at the regular passenger rate of \$1.85. A guarantee of \$98 is asked to secure the train which will be made up of one coach, unless more than 65 to 75 fans decide to make the trip. Those wishing to aid in securing the excursion train may do so by leaving money for railroad ticket at Cary Bros Confectionery which must be before two o'clock this afternoon.

BIG K. OF C. TIME AT LONG PRAIRIE SUNDAY

A big time is expected at Long Prairie Sunday, when a Knights of Columbus council will be instituted. A class of 50 will be taken through the mysteries of the order. Degree teams from St. Cloud and Brainerd will put on the work. There will likely be many visitors also, there being a special over the Great Northern from St. Cloud to Wadena. If the weather is favorable a number may go over in autos from here.

A tax judgment sale will be held at the county auditor's office at the court house next Monday. The list is, we understand, not a very large one.

Ole Kjelshing, located in the Vassaly block, has put in an electric motor and quick-repair outfit in his shoe repair shop. This will enable him to handle his increasing business to better advantage.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Wetzel and children, John Wetzel and son, Earl, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Simonet, who attended the funeral of Valentine Wetzel in St. Cloud, returned home Tuesday.

MAY HAVE OPERA HOUSE

Little Falls will have a modern opera house if those back of the move are successful in getting the people of the city to subscribe to a bonus of \$6000.

A. K. Hall offers to build a good up-to-date, one-story, solid brick opera house, modern in every particular, 42x44 feet wide by 140 to 150 feet long, to cost about \$20,000 complete, on his lots on Second street northeast, if a bonus of \$6000 is guaranteed him. It would be constructed on the plans of the new opera house of Minneapolis, and would have a seating capacity of about 1000 people. The stage would be large enough to accommodate the largest road shows.

L. D. Brown, A. W. Zaloudek and several other well known business men have signified their willingness to assist in securing the bonus required, while Lud Gaudet has agreed to start the subscription list with a contribution of \$125.

A. D. Harrison is to go to Minneapolis in a few days to get the plans of the Minneapolis play house.

If the bonus materializes, Mr. Hall states that it is his intention to have the work started at once so that the building will be ready for political gatherings this fall.

I. E. Staples of Portland, Ore., at one time a resident of this city, has sent Chief of Police Wm. Tourillotte a solid gold star, and it now adorns the lapel of our chief's coat. It certainly is a beauty.

An oval granite boulder, 2 feet by 6 inches, found on the site of the new Sylvester & Nichols factory building in the excavation work, and on which the local granite works cut the firm's initial and year, has been used as a date stone for the building which is rapidly being constructed. It was the only stone found in the excavation work.

John W. Geiger, head consul of the Iowa W. C. W. and Mrs. Mason, district deputy of the W. C. and Mrs. M. LaRocca, state manager of the W. C., departed for Austin Tuesday, after attending the Monday evening meeting of the local Woodmen of the World and Woodmen Circle, at which time a class of fifteen were initiated in the W. C. and a new member, T. C. Fernald, J. P. Sherman and C. A. Key, district deputies, left the same day for Grey Eagle. About fifty members of the Staples lodge were here for the initiation; also several from St. Cloud and Brainerd.

TRANSACT BUSINESS

CITY FATHERS TAKE UP A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT THINGS AT REGULAR MEETING

A regular monthly meeting of the city council was held in the council chambers Monday evening with Aldermen Kiewel, Lane, C. E. Carlson, C. A. Carlson, Parshall, Koslosky, Loucks, Hall and Brown present.

The matter of giving aid to Mrs. Heinrich, who was sent to relatives in Wisconsin and has since returned, was left to the poor committee with power to act.

The city clerk was instructed to return one black fireman coat which had been sent by the New Jersey Car Spring & Rubber company, and ask that a white one be sent instead, check for hose purchased of this company to be held until the coat is received.

L. V. Conley of the state fire marshal's office appeared before the council and stated that during the day he had looked over local conditions as to fire protection and cited a number of unfavorable things which he found. In the heart of the city, he stated that he had found a number of uncalled for and unused frame buildings attached to blocks, barns filled with excelsior, basements filled with boxes, paper, etc. He said that he would recommend the razing of several buildings in this city on his return to the fire marshal's office. Asked whether corrugated iron was considered fire proof material for building, he stated that the office did not consider it good fire protection.

J. M. Thoen, president, and C. W. Bock and Lars Palberg, directors of the Morrill Rural Telephone company asked that an ordinance be passed granting 15 year franchise to that company to use the sides of the streets and alleys of the city for the erection of telephone poles, wires, etc., that the company might secure connections with the Northwestern Telephone company and thereby give their eastern subscribers connections with the court house. They also explained that the company did not wish to be at a disadvantage with other companies. Extending through the towns of Hillman, Mt. Morris, Lakin and Buckman and building into Pierz, the Morrill Rural Telephone system gives service to a considerable number of patrons of the county. The ordinance was laid over to the next meeting and a committee composed of Aldermen C. A. Carlson, Loucks and Koslosky was appointed to investigate and report on May 20.

Alderman Parshall reported that the bridge on Seventh street and Eighth avenues northeast had been washed out and needed fixing. It was decided that the two culvert bridges be built by the street commissioner, the street committee to investigate and decide the best method of so doing.

Upon the report of the committee appointed to investigate the cause of standing water between Fifth and Sixth avenues on Second street southeast, the street commissioner was instructed to drain the spot in question, which has since been attended to.

The street commissioner was also instructed to attend to necessary repairs on a washout on Eleventh street and Eighth avenue northeast in Berg's addition.

In regard to a petition for a light on Second street southeast near the ravine, the matter was left to the street committee to investigate conditions as to sidewalks on both sides of the street in that block. A sidewalk on the west side of the street would necessitate a long retaining wall.

Relative to a sewer and water main extension from Broadway to the Parochial school on Fourth street southeast, the residents interested in same were advised to get up a petition properly signed for same, which it is understood will be done.

That there would be no more free ice for the city hall, was a matter brought to the attention of the city fathers by the new ice company.

Aldermen Hall, Brown and Kiewel were instructed to act as a committee to confer with the town board of Little Falls in regard to settling of judgment the town secured against the city on the old bridge bonds.

Alderman Brown and Koslosky were instructed to investigate First and Second street northeast walks and report at next meeting.

The city clerk was instructed to write Supt. Kline of this division of the Northern Pacific in regard to the company's constructing a walk on the Fourth street northeast crossing near the "Y."

On receiving the report of Alderman Koslosky relative to the condition of the city hall roof, in which it was stated that a new roof was needed and that the hose tower should be torn down and new arrangements made for the drying of hose, the committee was continued and instructed to make a report as to the cost of the work.

A report on lots that could be obtained for the erection of a city lockup was made, but committee was continued to make further investigations as to cost of same.

HAD A BAD RUNAWAY

FARM TEAM BREAKS WINDOW, KNOCKS DOWN POLE AND INJURES A DELIVERY HORSE

Another runaway, a broken front window, torn down barber pole, two badly damaged vehicles and a seriously injured horse were the result of a bad runaway which took place in the business center of the city Tuesday morning, when the farm team belonging to Andrew P. Peterson of Fish Lake, Green Prairie town, broke away from its hitching place in the alley back of the H. J. LaFond store and started on a mad rampage.

Going down the alley the team made a bee-line for the vacant store room in the S. Trebbly block, breaking the window and falling on the cement walk, a wheel of the wagon at the same time striking the curb and breaking off. The horses were up on their feet in a moment and proceeding struck and tore down the barber pole in front of the Alfred Germain tonsorial parlors, nearly ran into Dr. N. W. Chance's rig hitched alongside of the C. H. Brown drug store and turning started up First street. On First avenue northeast they veered and started down the avenue until the alley between First and Kider streets was reached, when they continued at breakneck pace down the alley towards Broadway. The delivery team of Larson & Briese was standing along side of the store in the alley at the time, and seeing the rushing steeds the horses jumped over to the left entirely blocking up the alley. The inevitable collision occurred, the pole of the farm wagon piercing the right shoulder of one of the delivery horses about four inches, other minor injuries also being inflicted. The horse was taken to Dr. E. A. Hall for treatment and is expected to pull through all right. The poles of both rigs were badly broken. The runaway horses themselves were unhurt, while the runaway they caused had no serious results.

DIED

St. Cloud Times: Valentine Wetzel, a resident of St. Cloud since the fifties, died at St. Raphael's hospital at 3 o'clock Sunday morning aged 85. Mr. Wetzel was born in Germany and came to St. Cloud in the fifties. He was engaged in the cooperage business in St. Cloud as early as 1858 and later had a meat market on Fifth avenue south and subsequently moved his place of business to St. Germain street where his meat market was located on one of the lots now occupied by the Merchant's National Bank. This because he sold out in 1883 to Hunstiger & Lamerson. For the last twenty-five years he has not been engaged in business and lived with his sons and daughters at Little Falls, Minneapolis and this city.

Two sons and two daughters survive him. They are: John Wetzel, the well known Little Falls baker; Math A. Wetzel, druggist at Little Falls; Mrs. James Ramsburg of Minneapolis; and Mrs. Nic. Schmitt of East St. Cloud.

The deceased is the owner of considerable real estate in St. Cloud including both business and residence property.

The funeral took place Tuesday morning from the Cathedral and interment was in Calvary cemetery in this city.

Herman Ring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ring of this city, who had been receiving treatment at the state institution at Fairbault for epilepsy, died last Monday at the institution. He is survived by his parents, a brother and three sisters. The remains were taken to this city and the funeral held Wednesday from the Swedish Methodist church. Interment was in Oakland cemetery.

The bid of the Transcript Publishing company for official city printing, was accepted, and the three banks of the city were designated by resolution as city depositories, they to pay 1 per cent interest per annum on daily balances credited monthly.

The ordinance fixing the salary of the health officer at \$200 per annum and the members of the board of health at \$25 each per year, received its final reading, Aldermen Koslosky and C. A. Carlson voting no on same.

A resolution was passed designating the street sprinkling district the same as last year.

Bills allowed:

Fire	
Louis Lafond, hauling apparatus	1.50
Chemical No. 1, services	4.00
Hose Co. No. 1, services	9.50
Mrs. Rose Sumner, washing towels	5.95
Poor	
Carlson Bros., merchandise	7.00
Little Falls Packing company, merchandise	3.00
Miscellaneous	
Morrison County Lumber company	1.75
Transcript Publishing company	24.25
Transcript Publishing company official ballots	23.25
Brown's Transfer Line, hauling plank	.25
E. T. Fram Lock Co., key	.15
J. W. Jones, street sprinkling	62.00
Little Falls Water Power company, lighting	307.12
Little Falls Power company, thawing sprinkling pipe	10.00
J. A. L. Walman, rebate	56.93
Victor Schallern, postage	1.25
C. St. Marie, burying horses, \$8, allowed in sum of	6.00
George W. Ender, services as engineer	100.00
Street Commissioner's pay roll	253.80

Mrs. O. Duclos was taken ill this week, but was a little better yesterday.

SITUATION IMPROVED

NEVER HAS SUBSTANTIAL RISE—LOG DRIVING NOW MAKING GOOD HEADWAY

The storm of last Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday which did considerable damage and caused the local sawmill to shut down for a time Saturday evening, has lifted a cloud from the officials of the Mississippi & Rum River Boom Co. by supplying an ample flow of water in the Mississippi and its branches to float down its debris.

From a very unpromising outlook the situation has been changed since last Friday to a very bright one, on Monday a rise in the river of 33 inches being recorded at Brainerd, 43 here, 48 inches at St. Cloud, 72 inches at Elk River and 78 inches at Minneapolis. Boom-master J. L. Webb, who returned to Minneapolis Tuesday, reports that there was very little over-flowing of the banks of the river between here and Minneapolis, however, and stated that Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock logs began getting into the Minneapolis booms and there is now in the neighborhood of 30,000,000 feet ready to supply the "mill" city mills but the high water making it possible to start them up again at once.

Ed. Lavoie and crew of 75 men are expected to have a drive of about 30,000,000 feet of logs at this point by the end of the week, while the crew of 100 men under Otis Webb reached Watab Tuesday night with a drive of about 20,000,000 feet of logs. This drive will be taken as far down as St. Cloud, after which, according to present plans, another drive will be immediately started from Brainerd.

MARRIED

One of the social events of the season was the nuptials of Elmer Truman Francis Berg, son of Mrs. Louis Heing of Chaska, and Miss Odile Marie Heroux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank X. Heroux, which was solemnized at high mass at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic church Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. Father A. Lamothe performing the ceremony in the presence of a large number of the friends and relatives of the contracting parties.

The bride was exquisitely gowned in white illusion over white satin, wore a veil fastened with clusters of white sweet peas, and carried a shower bouquet of white sweet peas. Miss Rose Riendeau of Aberdeen, Idaho, a cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid and was becomingly attired in pink messaline, wore a pink flower hat and carried a shower basket of pink sweet-peas. Eugene Heroux was best-man.

Leading on the arm of her father, the bride proceeded to the altar to the soft strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Miss Ramona Randall at the piano and W. Leigh Cary with the violin, where she was given away. The choir rendered beautiful music during the ceremony and Miss Aurora Gendron sang Ave Maria, while the happy couple troth their vows. Mendelssohn's wedding march was played as the bridal party marched out.

A bounteous wedding breakfast was served at 12 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, 217 First street northeast, the table decorations being pink and white sweet peas and ferns. The home was artistically decorated with pink and white streamers suspended from the ceiling. Only the immediate relatives were present.

A native of the county, Miss Heroux has made her home in this city for several years past, attending the local public schools from which she graduated with the class of 1907. She is an accomplished young lady, of an entertaining disposition and an excellent home-maker. During the past four years she has been engaged as cashier and bookkeeper of the St. Paul Dry Goods store.

Mr. Berg is an exemplary young man, thrifty and unassuming. He is a graduate of the local business college and has during the past four years been engaged in the offices of the Jac. Kiewel Brewing company as bookkeeper.

They were remembered by their friends with many handsome and useful wedding presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Heroux have gone on a three weeks' honeymoon to Chaska, Minnesota, and points in Wisconsin, the bride's going away gown being tan Henrietta. They will be at home to their friends at 301 First street northeast after June 1st.

Heartiest felicitations accompany the couple.

Miss Irene Bullard, daughter of Mrs. Marjory Bullard, was united in marriage to Gilman Harrison of Aitkin Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the home of the bride on Sixth street northeast. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. F. Croft, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, in the presence of immediate friends and relatives.

After a wedding luncheon was served the newly wedded couple departed for Aitkin, where they will make their home.

The bride has been a resident of this city since childhood, attending the local public schools of which she is a graduate. During the past few years she had been teaching school.

Mrs. R. Lakin was pleasantly surprised at the home of Mrs. Eugene Cota Tuesday afternoon, it being her birthday anniversary. The afternoon was passed at cards.

J. G. Bourassa has disposed of his home at corner of Broadway and Seventh streets to Harry Hamm for a consideration of \$2,800 cash. The new owner will take possession some time in June when the Bourassas leave for the West.

COMMISSIONERS MEET

ROAD WORK TAKES UP MOST OF THE TIME—BILLS ALLOWED.

The county commissioners met Tuesday morning with all members present. Martin Viechorek and Henry Gassert were appointed as committee to act with state engineer on state road No. 10, in the town of Leigh, to let two miles of road in Sec. 30 and 31 to range line, then south on range line to the town line.

Martin Viechorek was appointed as committee on State road No. 2 to act with state engineer for letting contract in grading said road.

County agreed to stand one-half cost of two concrete culverts in town of Green Prairie. Andrew Herum appointed committee on same.

Petition for vacation of county roads in towns of Darling, Cushing and Parker were granted.

Abatements allowed: John W. Premiseberger, Anton Piekarek.

Bills allowed: Dr. G. M. A. Fortier, medical attendance to prisoners 6.00

City of Little Falls, hauling ashes 3.50

Remington Typewriter company, supplies 6.00

Little Falls Water Power company, thawing pipes 10.00

Luther Snow, road work 4.00

Dennis Sheedy, witness fees 2.12

Henry Bentfield, constable fees 34.10

Herald Printing company, printing 55.50

Phil S. Randall, plat notes, county surveying 37.17

Mrs. Joe Miller, witness fees 1.12

Fritz & Gross, supplies 7.75

Julius P. Berg, witness fees 2.80

Security B. B. Co., supplies 24.00

F. X. Bastien, recording town treasurer's bonds 18.05

N. W. Tel. Ex. Co., tolls 10.00

F. Armstrong, sheriff, mileage 14.00

Felix Plettle, work on court house 5.65

Jones & Ferrell, plumbing 44.75

Transcript Pub. Co., printing and supplies 39.00

L. Gaudet, justice fees 11.40

F. Armstrong, boarding prisoners 16.20

S. P. Brick, board of audit and expenses 15.45

Henry Gassert, board of audit 15.00

E. Y. McNairy, board of audit 15.00

TAXATION IN MINNESOTA

FIFTEENTH ARTICLE—THE MORTGAGE REGISTRY TAX—BY TAX COMMISSION

Prior to 1907 mortgages were assessed and taxed in the same manner as other classes of personal property. The register of deeds was required to furnish a list of all mortgages or other real estate securities held, owned or controlled by residents of each district. Such list was appended to the personal property assessment book and was assessed in accordance with the amount due on each instrument.

The tax could rarely be enforced against non-residents of the state, and as a result, a non-resident could loan money at a slightly lower rate of interest and still derive a greater net revenue from his loan than a citizen of the state. To overcome this advantage the practice became common of having the mortgage recorded in the name of a non-resident, even when actually owned by a citizen, thus evading the tax. As a result of this practice a very small amount of public revenue was derived from this source of taxation.

In 1907 the legislature passed a law imposing a tax of fifty cents in lieu of all other taxes, on each hundred dollars of the principal debt or obligation secured by the mortgage. This law applied to all mortgages whether owned by residents or non-residents of the state, except mortgages by persons or corporations whose personal property is expressly exempted by law. The revenue derived under the law for the year ending September 30, 1909 amounted to \$385,910.91, and for the year ending September 30, 1910, \$509,542.26 the total collected since the enactment of the law to the last named date being \$1,320,972.69.

The mortgage registry tax is in a measure a compromise between those who believe that mortgages should not be taxed at all and those who believe they should be taxed. It is contended by some that to tax both the mortgage and the property upon which the mortgage is secured is double taxation. If this be true, then the mortgage registry tax law practically removes the double burden, for the tax is now so light on the former as to be scarcely noticeable. The average life of a mortgage is said to be about five years. This would make an annual rate of only one-tenth of one per cent instead of from two to three per cent as under the old law. Such a tax can scarcely be called burdensome. It may be interesting to note that the supreme court has construed the law as a tax on the security and not on the debt. In other words, the tax is imposed on the right to record the mortgage and not on the debt secured by the mortgage.

One objection to the law is that the mortgagor practically always paid the tax either directly, or indirectly, in increased interest rates. "Under the forces of supply and demand the rate of interest is controlled by economic law. The lender under this principle gets a compensation for his capital that is based on its value to the community. Every attempt by any law to take any part of this from the lender results in the removal of the capital elsewhere." Men are not obliged to loan their capital and will only do so upon conditions that appear to them satisfactory. Unless the borrower complies with these conditions he cannot secure the loan. Under such circumstances it is doubtful if any law could be enacted that would compel the lender to pay the registry tax.

The mortgage registry tax, like the three mills tax on money and credits, is a distinct departure from the principle of the general property tax. Both laws in a measure recognize the now generally admitted fact that our attempts to tax intangible personal property in the same manner as tangible property has elsewhere and always resulted in failure.

W. P. Michie made a business trip to St. Cloud Wednesday.

Ed. Blom of Freeholm has purchased the Flanders car of George Schroeder.

Fred Hanson, who has been employed as delivery-man for the Co-operative store, has resigned his position.

Mrs. M. E. Butler, who has been at the hospital during the past winter has returned to her home.

John Ring of Minneapolis attended the funeral of his cousin, Herman Ring, which was held Wednesday morning.

C. A. Devine was up from St. Cloud Wednesday with an International motor truck to be used for demonstration purposes here.

Mrs. Herman Utsev went to St. Paul Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. John Nieman, who gave birth to a son last month.

Ben Billestein has resigned his position as deliveryman for Richard Bros. and has been succeeded by John Newman.

S. P. Brick, Frank Brosseau and Chas. Young departed by way of St. Cloud Wednesday on a trip through the Saskatchewan, Canada country.

Lester Longley has succeeded Nick Watzler in the Ryan hardware store, the latter having left for his home at Osceola, Wis.

Mrs. Mary Stillwell went to St. Paul Tuesday, where she was a delegate from the local lodge to the Eastern Star Grand chapter.

A conductor of a traveling popcorn business made application for license to do business in this city but was refused Tuesday.