

EXAMINER'S REPORT

A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS—BUSINESS GENERALLY CONDUCTED LEGALLY

Edwin J. Bishop has made his report to Public Examiner Fritz of his audit and examination of the city of Little Falls, covering the period from April 1, 1907 to September 1, 1912, and a copy has been filed in the city clerk's office. The report covers nearly 100 pages of typewriting, and includes an invoice of the city's resources and liabilities, many recommendations and a number of criticisms in the conducting of the city's business.

The report tends to show that a number of transactions in which city officials sold goods to the city have not been within the charter, and that the city suffered no financial loss by reason of such transactions, but recommends that the law be strictly observed.

The report also calls attention to the appropriations made for Memorial day, fairs, conventions, etc., and states that there is no provision in the charter which gives authority for so doing, although public benefits accrue therefrom.

On the pay of city officials Mr. Bishop suggests that the salary be fixed so as to cover all work which might be done for the municipality in their particular line during the year, and states that salaries have been more moderate than excessive.

A number of library warrants have not been signed by the president, according to the report, and these should not be liquidated by the treasurer.

The bonded indebtedness of the city Sept. 1, was \$116,000, a per capita of \$18.71, and is 7 per cent of the assessed valuation for the year 1911. Net bonded indebtedness, less sinking fund, is \$107,071.42.

The per capita tax for city government expense the current year is given at \$6.23 and as .024 per cent of assessed valuation.

The examiner also made out several forms which he suggested as advisable for use, such as liquor licenses, receipts, etc.

The judgments referred to below have been satisfied.

General Recommendations

Reference to detail No. 3-C would indicate that revenue from miscellaneous licenses could probably be augmented. The city receives no revenue from vehicles; dog licenses have been intermittently collected during the last few years; no theater license has been collected, as provided for by ordinance, and no billiard and pool li-

cence paid since April 1, 1909, except \$5.

I made a thorough examination of all records containing the proceedings of the common council and board of public works, together with chattel mortgage record, and they have been neatly and accurately kept. The president of the common council, however, should sign the minute record for each meeting of the council. Section 54 of the city charter provides: "No appropriation shall be made without a vote of a majority of all members elect of the common council in its favor, which should be taken by ayes and nays, and entered among the proceedings of the council."

"I find that most disbursements are made by resolution, and the bills for which payment is authorized are listed only in name and amount. The purpose and fund to which chargeable should also be entered, and the ayes and nays vote on total list of record."

Section 140 of the city charter provides as follows: "But no street commissioner shall do any work upon streets except such as is necessary to keep travelled streets and improved sidewalks in repair and passable condition, unless such work is especially ordered by the city council. The street commissioner shall keep accurate account of all his work and expenditures, and make detailed and itemized reports thereof to the city council at least once in two months, and oftener if ordered by the city council."

I found no adequate report of the street commissioner in the files of the city and no adequate record maintained of street force employment. Regular time books should be maintained by the commissioner, in which should be duly entered the time of all men and teams employed, and where employed, which should be checked with the payrolls of the city clerk monthly, such time books to remain as a permanent record of this city. I recommend that the council, under the above provision, order the commissioner to submit a written monthly report, showing in detail every improvement made during the period, the location thereof, number of men and teams employed, and total labor charges, kinds and amounts of material used and cost thereof. Incidental to this audit, I have designed and submitted to the council for their approval, a form suitable for such reports. These reports not only furnish a check by the city clerk on expenditures for street maintenance, but will serve as a permanent record of past improvements, and valuable guide to the city council in the planning of future betterments.

Judgment search was made on the records of the clerk of court of Morrison county, and the following judgments against the city appear unsatisfied:

Henry Bentfield, September 8, 1912 \$160.16
Hannah Sallden, December 3, 1906 892.05
Town of Little Falls, April 16, 1912 4,535.25

The first has probably been paid, the second was paid within the period of this audit, and \$1,000 partial payment was made on the third and satisfactions therefore should be obtained and recorded.

The business of the municipal corporation has been generally conducted legally and efficiently. Departmental operations have been free from extravagance and mismanagement, and, allowing for the deficiencies in the system in use, the accounting records have been generally neatly and accurately maintained.

I beg to acknowledge the co-operation and assistance of all the city officials, and especially that of Victor Schallern, city clerk and John Vertin, city treasurer, in the performance of the within audit.

FIREMEN HAVE MEETING

A meeting of the general fire department was held Friday evening, at which Henry Bentfield was elected secretary in the place of the late T. W. Gannon. The full year's salary of \$25 was ordered paid to Mrs. Gannon.

The Firemen's Relief association also elected Mr. Bentfield secretary in place of Mr. Gannon and also ordered the full salary of \$25 be paid to Mrs. Gannon. A death benefit of \$200 was allowed.

A committee on resolutions on the death of the late secretary and also a committee to look into the matter of securing a tablet on which a short history of the deceased members of the department shall be inscribed was appointed; also a committee to confer with the council on repairing the bath room at the city hall.

It was proposed that the next meeting of the two associations be given up mostly in remembrance of the late T. W. Gannon, a member of the two associations for many years.

FLAW IN CHIMNEY CAUSED FIRE

A small blaze, which was caused by a crack in the chimney, was the occasion for calling out the firefighters of the city Monday. The blaze proved to be of little consequence and was quickly extinguished. The house belongs to A. K. Hall and is occupied by Mrs. Frank Brosseau and family.

Miss Agnes Oppegard and Miss Tressa McGillan of the local teaching corps were in St. Cloud Saturday.

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NORMALITES WIN GAME

NEITHER TEAM SCORED IN FINAL QUARTER—VISITORS WERE TOO HEAVY

The local high school team was defeated by the St. Cloud Normal eleven at the athletic park by a score of 26 to 3, Friday afternoon in which several times the locals showed flashes of speed and handled themselves as veterans.

Both team put up a very stubborn fight in the first quarter and neither scored during this interval, but in the second quarter one of the normalites succeeded in crossing the line with the sphere tucked under his arm. The down river bunch repeated the trick once in the third quarter and twice in the fourth. Williams made two out of the four goals attempted. Although the locals succeeded in carrying the ball to within striking distance several times they did not score until the third quarter when Dunphy succeeded in placing a drop kick from the 20-yard line between the bars, which gave 3 points to the Orange and Blue warriors. The final score was 26 to 3 with the Normal bunch holding the big end of the score.

Both elevens used nothing but old style football and towards the end of the game the difference in weight began to tell on the high school boys. It is possible that the trick play tactics may have been used by the locals with astonishing results against the slower down river eleven.

Dunphy was the greatest ground gainer for the locals, while Liljedahl and Murn were the consistent gainers for the Normal. Liljedahl made three and Murn four of the touchdowns for St. Cloud.

Dunphy made a long run on the kick off and succeeded in passing all but one of the opposing team. Murn made a 60-yard run. "Heine" Mitchell of St. Cloud was the referee and Earl Wetzel acted as umpire.

Following are the lineups:
Little Falls: Graham, Belanger, Kay, Simonet-Brannen, Jacobson-Palmer, Trigstad, Sutliff, Meyers, Brannen-Longley, Dunphy, Clark.
St. Cloud: Cipala, Erickson, Caylor, Oberg, Bergman, Moe, Williams, Liljedahl, Kerkanski, Kueflor, Murn.

The St. Cloud high school football team defeated the Millaca team by a score of 60 to 0.

A PRIZE STORY BY A LITTLE FALLS BOY

Minneapolis Journal Junior: It was a cool November morning when Jack and George came running to my house and said that we ought to go hunting and follow the old trail. "All right," I said. It was 9 o'clock by the time we had our lunch and guns ready, and it was 12 o'clock when we finally stopped to rest beside the road, on the Nelson farm. We were seven miles from home at this place. When we finished our dinner we decided to go on. We turned north and went into the woods. Suddenly we came upon a wolf, eating a small calf. We fired and wounded him, but he became so enraged that he jumped at us and caught George by the foot. We did not have time to reload our rifles, but went after him with the stocks of our guns. Jack broke his all to pieces. He then found a club, and we pounded the wolf until he let go of George. He ran about four rods and fell. By this time Jack and I had loaded our guns and shot him. We were ready to go home, but we found that we did not know which was north, south, west or east. When we found our way out of the woods, we asked a man how far we were from home and he said, "ten miles." When we finally reached home it was 9 o'clock at night, and, tired but full of spirit we agreed that it was the longest trail we had ever followed. Eighth grade—Vincent Merchlaire, Lincoln school. 1010 First Ave. S. W., Little Falls, Minn.

THE LEAGUE "ALL STAR" TEAM

The following "All Star" team was selected by Chas. Gustafson of Brainerd from the average of the players in the Central Minnesota baseball association, which he compiled. Hitting, fielding and base running were all taken into consideration in the selection.
Pitcher—Thielman, Benton County.
Catcher—Howard, Little Falls.
First base—Galarneau, Benton Co.
Second base—Murphy, Brainerd.
Shortstop—Theigs, Little Falls.
Third base—Templeton, Brainerd.
Left field—Callan, Brainerd.
Center field—Greisch, Little Falls.
Right field—Ahles, Royalton.
Sub.—Selke, Benton County.

—EYES: Dr. Walman, the eye specialist, will be in Little Falls, Oct. 12th. Office at The Buckman Hotel.—Adv.

Rev. Frank Atkinson returned Friday from Northfield, where he has been attending a meeting of the state association of Congregational churches. A banquet was given at Carleton college gymnasium Thursday evening for the association members, at which about 500 guests were present.

HOLD SOCIAL GATHERING

A social gathering of the members of the M. W. A. and R. N. A. lodges was held at Maurin's hall last Friday evening. A program consisting of two vocal solos by Miss Laura Brannen, two instrumental selections by Miss Maybelle Brannen and a recitation by Miss Annie Axtell were well rendered and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

F. A. Nelson gave an address on the advantages of fraternal insurance as a protection to the family.

J. W. Crossfield spoke on and explained the reasons for the advance in the rates. In introducing the speakers Val Kasperek spoke of the difference in the motives of the lodge officers and those of old line insurance agents.

Refreshments were served and dancing and card playing were indulged in.

GYM DIRECTORS HELD MEETING

A meeting of the board of directors of the Little Falls Gymnasium association was held at Dr. J. G. Mills' office Monday evening. Several committees reported and the treasurer's report, showing a substantial balance on hand, was accepted.

The matter of renting the gym for basketball was brought up and a motion was passed that a charge of \$5 per game for games at which admission was charged, should be the rental fee and that only the members of the association were to be allowed to use the hall for practicing.

A license for hunting small game was issued to E. E. Hamlet Friday.

George Kay returned Friday from Minneapolis, where he had accompanied Mrs. Kay, who was operated on at Dr. Eitel's hospital in Minneapolis Thursday.

Miss Emma Paddock and mother, Mrs. George Paddock of Freedham, have gone out west for an extended visit with relatives. They will visit at Garfield, Utah, at first.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Timmerman of Paradise, Mont., passed through the city Friday on a honeymoon trip to Chicago. Mrs. Timmerman was formerly Miss Elizabeth Wimmer of this city.

Pierz Journal: P. W. Blake sold his store building, stock of merchandise and share in the creamery in Lastrup to John Gross of Pierz and his brother, Peter of Granite. The new owners will take possession about October 20. Jos. Blake, who has been conducting the store for his father the last six years, has as yet no definite idea what business he will engage in next.



We had a little talk the other day with one of the designers of Warner's styles. We learned some things in that little talk we were glad to know. Now there are a great many corsets in this world—many of which are good; excellent some, and we thought it rather "bumptious" on the part of Warner to claim so much for their corsets, but we were mistaken. They do not claim a bit too much—in fact if we had known as long as they that Warner's Styles were

synonymous with dress fashions, we are inclined to think that our pride would have found vent long before. At any rate we have these corsets and know the styles are right. We know they are authoritative—we know they shape fashionably with a comfortable fitting.

We know they will wear as long as any corset ought to wear—the bones cannot break or rust, or can the fabric tear—and you will buy a Warner's Style at \$3.00; we have them at lower prices, if you please, that excels in all corset essentials other makes that cost twice as much.

Let us prove this to you—you need not keep the corset if you do not like it. Bring it back and your money is yours.

Burton's Bargains For Saturday



More Coats Underpriced

- \$5.98 is an underprice on a rack full of women's and children's coats worth up to \$8.50.
- \$10.00 is an underprice on a lot of women's plush and cloth coats that ought to sell for a great deal more.
- \$12.50 is an underprice on a big line of women's black and colored plush and cloth coats worth \$18 to \$20.
- \$15.00 takes your choice of a lot of women's black broadcloths and kerseys made to sell for \$20.00 to \$25.00, now underpriced at \$15.00.

Dress Skirts Underpriced

\$4.98 is a special under price for Saturday on a line of black and colored dress skirts, all new and up-to-date worth from \$6.00 to \$9.00.

White Waists One-fourth Off

Saturday we will place our entire line of fancy white waists on sale at one-fourth off. This includes all the new models.

Wool Dress Goods 50c Yd.

A table full of underpriced dress goods worth from 58c to 85c a yard; special for Saturday 50c a yard.

Fancy Handkerchiefs 8c piece

To close out a lot of discarded numbers in plain and fancy linen handkerchiefs they are underpriced at 8 cents a piece.



The Cross \$4 Shoes FOR WOMEN

Are the greatest value in every way possible to produce at this price. The leathers, linings, are selected with great care and the workmanship and finish are of the highest grade. One of the very popular fall boots is a new high toe, short vamp model, with medium heels and extension welt soles—a nobby style that fits. We carry this style complete in patent calf skin, dull calf and tan Russia leathers. 25 distinct styles of Cross shoes (including high top shoes) are in stock ready for your inspection. Say "Cross" to our salesman—the price is \$4.00. Goodyear rubbers to fit all styles.

Children's Underwear 25c

All sizes heavy grey fleeced underwear for children at a uniform price of 25c.

White Fleeced Underwear for Children

A splendid quality worth double according to size, 15 to 30 cents.

Ribbed Fleece Underwear 25c

For women of all sizes; strictly first class, no seconds, special 25c.

Heavy Ribbed Underwear 35c

All sizes; a splendid heavy garment made to sell for 50c.

Dress Goods Remnants Underpriced

All short lengths of wool dress goods have been culled out and underpriced for quick selling.

Knitting Yarn \$1 lb.

Splendid quality; all colors, white, black, Oxford, sheep grey and natural.

Munsing Underwear

Munsing wear stands for fit, quality, comfort and durability.

Heavy Fleeced Underwear 50c

Extra heavy grey fleeced underwear, for the cold weather, we have coming.

Lace Centerpieces 25 Cents

You ought to see the Nottingham lace center pieces and beautiful scarfs we are showing for 25c.

Style Books 5c

The latest Home Pattern quarterly style book for 5c.

Lace Bands Underpriced

Beautiful white and ecru lace bands just received all go at reduced prices.

Curtain Scrim 15c

A very pretty bordered scrim; full 36 inches wide; a good assortment of colors.

House Dresses \$1.25

They are just in and are dandies for the price.

Fancy Aprons 25c

The cutest little embroidered fancy aprons you ever saw for a quarter.

Duckling Fleece 15c

The prettiest patterns you ever saw; make your selections now.

Furs—Popular Prices

We are headquarters, for reliable furs at popular prices.

Flannel Waists \$1.25

Just in; they are the regulation shirt style.

Pique Waists \$1.50

White pique waists with Robespierre collars, special at \$1.50.

Outing Flannel 8c

Both light and dark in a splendid quality.

Outing Flannel 10c

Beautiful patterns both light and dark; a splendid heavy quality with a good finish.

Bargain Shoes \$1.19

Misses' and women's dropped lines worth up to \$3.00.

Women's Shoes \$1.58

Regular \$2.50 values; to close out.

Women's Shoes \$1.69

Patent leathers and other styles; dropped lines, worth \$2.50.

Dorothy Dodd Shoes \$1.98

To close out a lot of discontinued patterns in the celebrated Dorothy Dodd shoe.