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## LIBRARY'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY

TO BE CELEBRATED TUESDAY WITH PROGRAM AND INFORMAL RECEPTION

Ten years have elapsed since the city library was moved into the building which it now occupies, and the occasion will be fittingly celebrated next Tuesday evening by a program and informal reception, to be held at the building. The program will begin at 8 o'clock sharp. The affair will be of a public nature but owing to the limited space at the library the students and children are not expected to take advantage of the invitation. The library board is desirous that the celebration shall be a success and hopes that no other entertainments will be given on that evening.

A very interesting program of short speeches has been arranged and to add to the pleasure of the evening Bastin's orchestra has been secured to render a few selections at 7:45. The program will be carried out in the library proper but the reception will be held in the parlors. No books will be issued on that evening.

The ladies of the library board, who have charge of the arrangements, have been fortunate in securing the promise of Miss Clara F. Baldwin of Minneapolis, secretary of the state library commission, that she will be present. She will give a talk on "An Efficient Library." Miss Baldwin is very well acquainted with library work and has been of great assistance in raising the standards of the public library.

Miss Elaine Ruth will sing two groups of songs at the reception and Miss Noella Duclos will render several piano selections.

Following is the program: Greeting—S. C. Vasaly, President Library Board.

The Library's Relation to the City—S. C. Vasaly, president of Library Board.

Relation of City Government to the Library—Mayor G. M. A. Fortier.

The Library from a Citizen's or Taxpayer's Viewpoint—E. F. Shaw.

History of the Little Falls Library—Mrs. C. H. Brown.

The Business End of the Library—Miss Sadie Fuller.

The Efficient Library—Miss Clara F. Baldwin, secretary State Library Commission.

The Possibilities of Our Library—Mrs. L. D. Brown.

## County Option Bill Passed Senate

The county option bill passed the senate late yesterday afternoon by a vote of 36 to 31. The same bill has been introduced in the house and it is likely that it will pass there also as the majority of the house are pledged to a county option measure.

## VOTE TO INCORPORATE VILLAGE OF GRAINVILLE

By a majority of one vote the residents of the settlement of New Pierz and some adjacent territory yesterday voted to incorporate as a village to be known as Grainville. The vote was 16 for incorporation and 15 against. Two votes were thrown out as irregular and two voters who lived in the district were away on business and did not vote.

The reason for the big vote against incorporation is said to be because it was thought that it would cause a raise in the taxes. That one of the two saloons now in the settlement must go out with the incorporation of the village is another reason given for the opposition.

## PUPILS GET LETTERS FROM SCOTCH CHILDREN

Children attending the B sixth grade in the Central building are in receipt of letters from students of their ages attending the Bellahouston Academy at Glasgow, Scotland, in answer to letters written to them some time ago. The letters are written the same as others, the children using their own ideas and thoughts, but they are written in the school rooms, under the supervision of the teacher, who looks them over for grammatical errors or misspelled words. An interesting part of the letters from the Scotch children is the very plain and readable writing.

## LITTLE FALLS HOUSE ON FIRE

The fire department was called out just before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the Little Falls House being on fire. The blaze seems to have started in the basement under the kitchen, but the cause is unknown. The fire worked its way up into the second and third story of the main building, but the department put it out before it gained much headway. The loss by fire and water is not large.

## SCHOOL BOARD HELD MEETING

EXTENDED THANKS TO HIGH STUDENTS FOR FINANCIAL AID—BILLS ALLOWED

The board of education held a regular monthly meeting at the high school Wednesday afternoon, T. C. Gordon, G. W. Massy, S. C. Vasaly, Carl Bolder, John Wetzel, L. E. Richard being present.

Agricultural Instructor W. H. Gustafson's report with a check for \$49.08 attached was accepted.

The following resolution was passed by the board:

"Whereas the students of the Little Falls high school have raised over one hundred dollars with which they purchased song books for the high school, and whereas they have also raised over a hundred dollars for the curtain and scenery fund; Be it Resolved that we, the board of education, in behalf of the district, extend to them a vote of thanks for their financial aid and praiseworthy efforts."

Bills allowed:

Verne Novak, work on school farm	4.00
Oscar Renne, work on school farm	.50
W. H. Gustafson, paid for work on farm	2.75
W. H. Gustafson, stamps and material	3.13
T. J. Mathieson, livery and extension work	1.50
Arthur Richard, corn selection trip	1.90
Superior Seating Co., school desks	119.00
Water Power Co., light for Central, Hawthorne and Columbia buildings	4.70
Water Power Co., light, power and water for high school	41.81
Electric Shop, supplies and labor	2.27
Northern Machinery Co., saw guard	15.00
M. E. Barnes, lumber	1.95
Morrison County Lumber Co., lumber	4.75
Dreilack Ice Co., ice for domestic science department	4.45
Walter Litke, washing curtains	1.75
R. M. LeBlanc, washing curtains	.90
Sam Trebby, insurance	37.50
G. W. Massy, insurance	63.05
Transcript Pub. Co., printing	13.50
Erown's Dray Line, drayage	50
Muney's Transfer Line, freight and drayage	18.93
Firnstahl & Vadnais Co., soap	5.89
L. E. Richard, stamps	4.75
Chas. H. Brown, laboratory supplies	1.50
Specialty Mfg. Co., weed seed cases	2.30
Remington typewriter Co., supplies	6.00
Adams Hardware Co., hardware for manual training Dept.	10.88
W. H. Ryan, hardware for manual training Dept.	12.32
Warner Hardware Co., hardware for manual training Dept.	.82
Monarch Elevator Co., coal	217.55
W. H. Ryan, coal	204.10
Julius Jetka, coal	637.17
N. W. Tel. Ex. Co., tolls and messages	12.85
Henry Holt & Co., books	59.20
Charles Scribner's Sons, books	3.17
World Book Co., books	3.21
D. Appleton & Co., books	3.71
D. C. Heath & Co., books	10.81
Greene Pub. Co., books	21.70
MacMillan Co., books	51.36
Breeders' Gazette, books	2.80
Ginn & Co., books	11.74

## MAY BE SENTENCED TOMORROW

Joseph Jeshinski, forger and Albert H. Bell, burglar and jailbreaker, who are now in the county jail here, have decided to plead guilty to the charges preferred against them and a special term of district court may be held here tomorrow afternoon for that purpose. Judge Roeser is now in Moorhead but may return home tomorrow and in such event will stop here and sentence the men, should they plead guilty.

## GET GERMAN TRAVELING LIBRARY

A German traveling library of 23 books has been received at the local library and has been placed on the shelves for the benefit of patrons who desire reading material in this language.

Irvin Cornwell returned Wednesday evening from a visit at his home at Hudson, Wis., and incidentally took in the Gibbons-Murray boxing contest.

A number of friends of Miss Dorothy Merchant surprised her at her home Tuesday evening, the occasion being her birthday anniversary. The evening was spent at games.

Spirit J. Vasaly, the optometrist, has had an electric sign erected in front of his place of business on Broadway. The sign consists of a fancy steel frame on which the mounted large oval shaped globes, bearing the advertisement.

Mrs. L. H. Simcox went to Minneapolis yesterday to be present at the play "A Fair Co-ed," a musical comedy which was given at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium last evening by the Pillsbury House club. Arthur Chouard, a son of Mrs. Simcox, took part in the play.

## CUT DOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

COUNCIL PASSES ORDINANCE LIMITING EACH COMPANY TO 10 MEN

The city council met in regular session at the city hall Monday evening, with the following aldermen present: Hall, Moelein, Geo. Peterson, Henry Peterson, Bell, Blake, LaFond and Venners.

Justice Geo. Gerritz's report with a receipt for \$6 attached was accepted.

The bill of Louis Kuffel for repairing the boiler at the city hall was laid on the table as it was considered too high. Mr. Kuffel charged double time for his work which was done on a Sunday and the bill was for \$14.00 for 10 hours' work.

Wm. Batters informed the council that the nozzle used on the hose at the city hall was broken. The council instructed him to ascertain the cost of getting it repaired and report to them.

City Clerk Schallern was instructed to write to the official who has charge of the distribution of animals from the Yellowstone National Park in an effort to secure two elk for the Pine Grove park. He was authorized to draw a warrant for the amount required to get them upon receipt of a favorable answer. The city will be reimbursed by the committee which solicited the funds for the elk.

The city custodian was authorized to sell some fire brick which were at the city hall to Fred Kleber.

Leo Smith, proprietor of the First street billiard room, appeared before the city council and asked that, if possible, the number of billiard rooms in the city be limited to one on the east side and one on the west side. Aldermen Moelein from the first ward, Venners from the second, Geo. Peterson from the third and Bell from the fourth were appointed as a committee to investigate the matter and see what could be done.

An ordinance was passed amending section 2 of Ordinance 17, relating to the city fire department. The ordinance provides that that section of the fire department ordinance be so amended that each company of the fire department consist of one foreman, one first assistant foreman, and one second assistant foreman and the companies consist of not less than five nor more than ten members. The old ordinance provided for a minimum of fifteen members and a maximum of 50. Alderman Bell was the father of the ordinance. He introduced a resolution which was much the same except that it provided that the members of the fire department who missed the greatest number of fires during the year be dropped. City Attorney Vernon suggested that an ordinance would be better and the result was as stated above.

Some discussion was brought about by the introduction of the original resolution. Aldermen Venners and Bell stated that the city is in need of better protection and said that in their opinion the only way to get a good fire department would be to get rid of the members who do not attend the fires. Alderman Venners said that at the time of the meeting of the relief association at which the question as to whether or not that organization would help the city purchase a fire truck, men were present whom he had not known were members of the fire department. Some, he said, are so old that should they have to draw apparatus to a fire the strain would prove so great that it might result disastrously.

Alderman Geo. Peterson stated that since the truck proposition came up there has been some dissatisfaction with the present fire department. As a result several active firemen have threatened to drop out, he said. Nevertheless he, although a fireman, expressed himself in favor of the ordinance, even if it should knock him out as a member.

Chief Fire Warden Geo. Emdor addressed the council on the matter, saying that the only way in which the city can protect itself against fires is to get an efficient department and apparatus. A department in which less than half of the members are active cannot be considered efficient, he said. This was proved at the Rider fire, he said, as the entire department of 128 men was summoned and only 43 put in an appearance. He also cited several instances to show that efficiency is one of the minor aims among some of the members. At one meeting a man's application for membership in the department was brought up. Someone said that he did not want him as a member. Upon being asked why he objected to having the man as a member he said that "he is able and would be a good fireman, but he's not one of our bunch." Another member, upon being asked to hold a lantern in a dark room where two other firemen were at work in water retorted, "do you suppose I'm going to get my feet wet." The man was on deck when

## ASK WHY TAXES ARE RAISED

BIG INCREASE IN TAXES IN ELM DALE CAUSES INQUIRY—AUDITOR EXPLAINS

At the meeting of the county commissioners Tuesday at the county court house several residents of the town of Elm Dale appeared before the board and asked an explanation for the double and almost treble increase in the taxes in that town for 1914. They said that in neighboring towns the taxes were no higher and in some places lower and that they could not understand it.

County Auditor McNairy explained the matter to the men and fully satisfied them that the increased tax was justified. The commissioners also received a petition from the Upsala Farmers' club, in which the same question was asked the board. The county auditor has written the club a letter explaining the matter. The letter reads as follows:

Little Falls, Minnesota, February 3rd, 1915 To the Farmers Club, Upsala, Minnesota. Gentlemen:

Your petition to the County Board, signed by I presume a greater portion of your members, was handed me by said board, to answer and try to explain why taxes in your town are higher than last year. This is not an easy matter to do in a letter. I presume the only correct way would be to make a complete abstract of the 1912 and 1914 assessors books and the tax books, but this I will not have time to do, but these books are always open for your personal inspection and you will find this office ready at any time to assist you in looking them over.

Some of the names on your list are from 60 cents to \$3.00 higher than last year and some not any, but others are much higher. Now take the year 1913; your town had a valuation of \$330,132 and you make a levy for town purposes of \$1800.00 making a rate of five and four tenths mills. In 1914 your town's valuation is \$499,326, and you levy for \$4,385.79; your levy is considerable more than twice as much for town purposes only.

Now with your increased valuation, if you had levied the same amount in 1914 that you did in 1913 your taxes would have been a great deal less instead of higher.

A good many of your school districts are in the same shape. How can you expect to keep your taxes down when you keep doubling and more, for town and school purposes.

The county rate is lowest, namely Eight and Five tenths mills, that has been for a number of years. We can guard this in a measure, but have no control over Town and School taxes, and you only you make these.

Now as to increased valuation, you can readily see where this comes in upon examining the assessor's books, namely on buildings and other improvements.

Take for comparison the first name on your list, Mr. John Erickson in 1912 his are assessed at \$150.00; in 1914 his buildings are assessed at \$150; in 1914 these same buildings are assessed at \$1500. This runs the same all through the two books, namely in the past buildings have been assessed at near nothing. Now you must not blame your assessor for this, for he takes an oath, something which has never done before, to assess this property at its full and true value. Some of the adjoining towns are still assessing buildings the same old way, and I am confident at the 1916 assessment if this continues, the Tax Commission will order a re-assessment of these towns.

Hoping I have in a measure made this explanation clear to you, I am, Respectfully, B. Y. McNairy, County auditor.

the roll was called, however.

Alderman Hall said that he was in favor of an ordinance which would automatically remove inactive firemen from the department but thought that especially the old members should have access to some benefits after being dropped.

In the meanwhile the city attorney had drawn up an ordinance to replace the resolution introduced by Bell. The ordinance was given its first reading and unanimously passed and was then put upon its final passage, with the same result.

Bills allowed:

Isaac LaFond, street commissioner's pay roll	\$326.30
Water Power Co., hydrant rent	450.00
Water Power Co., street lighting, etc.	487.00
T. H. Dewey, blankets for city hall	4.00
Electric Shop, lamp, city hall	.22
Morrison County Lumber Co., wood for city hall	2.00
Pantzke Bros., Mdse. for city hall	4.45
Wm. Tonn, drayage	1.00
West Side Fuel Co., weigh tkts.	11.85
Merchants State Bank, ins. for library	12.60
Geo. Gerritz, justice fees	4.65
J. W. Hatch, constable services	.45
Herald Printing Co., publishing notice	1.25
First National Bank, libry's ins.	36.87
Wm. Hang, chief of police, 1 pair hand cuffs	7.30
Walter S. Booth Co., supplies for city clerk	4.00
Louis F. Dow Co., register of order expenditures	17.25
Estate of Frank Armstrong, board of city prisoners	31.00
Hose Co. No. 1, services	15.00

## PICKUPS LOSE TO TROY TEAM

GAME WAS ONE SIDED BUT PLAYING OF VISITORS WONDERFUL—SCORE 69-27

Local basketball fans were given a real treat Monday night when the fast Troy, N. Y., team played a local pickup team at the city gymnasium. The Troy team won by a score of 69 to 27. The attendance was poor, due probably to the fact that the game was scheduled on very short notice.

Although the score would indicate that the game was one-sided, the game was interesting as the work of the visitors was wonderful. Their team work was so perfect that several times the local boys saw no trace of the ball until it had been netted.

The local boys, however, are proud of the showing they made without previous practice. As it was they scored a larger number of points off the visitors than several other teams which have met the Troys, including the Ascensions of Minneapolis, who scored but 21 points in a game with them.

Victor Brannen and Levine for the locals secured three field baskets each and Meyers made two free throws. Inglis and Haggerty were the big point getters for the visitors, the former scoring twelve field baskets and the latter eight.

Lineup and summary:

Little Falls	Troy	
V. Brannen	rf	Muller
Levine	lf	Inglis
Levis	c	Leary
Clark	g	Suils
Dunphy	lg	Haggerty

Substitutes—Tomely for V. Brannen, Meyers for Levine, R. Brannen for Levis, Belanger for Clark, Graham for Dunphy, Wachter for Muller, Field baskets—V. Brannen 3, Levine 3, Levis, R. Brannen 2, Clark, Muller 7, Inglis 12, Leary 5, Suils 2, Haggerty 8. Free throws—V. Brannen, Meyers 2, Inglis. Referee, Swanson.

Arthur LaFond has returned from Minneapolis with a new model C-37 five passenger Buick automobile, which he will use as a demonstrator.

Loiel Ryan of Marble is in the city and will have charge of his father's hardware store while he and Mrs. Ryan take a trip to California. They leave Sunday.

P. J. Gau was in the city from Granite Wednesday, disposing of a quantity of alskic clover seed here. While here he also had his farm registered as the "Granite City Stock Farm."

Wm. A. Butler was in the city the first of the week, and during his stay, took his mother, Mrs. M. E. Butler, to St. Gabriel's hospital, where she will make her home. The remainder of the winter.

Friends will be glad to know that John Hinder is able to be around again, after having been confined to St. Gabriel's hospital for several months as the result of an injury which he sustained while out hunting. The bolt from a high power rifle flew out of place as the cartridge was exploded and struck him in the face, inflicting an ugly gash.

Hose Co. No. 2, services	23.25
Hose Co. No. 3, services	9.75
Hose Co. No. 4, services	5.25
Chemical Co. No. 1, services	13.50
Chemical Co. No. 2, services	4.50
Hook & Ladder Co., services	15.00
W. S. Nott & Co., supplies	19.50
Electric Shop, supplies	1.20
Water Power Co., lighting hose houses	2.00
Mrs. Mary Lakin, washing towels	5.34
W. H. Muney, hauling apparatus	1.00
Wm. Tonn, hauling apparatus	2.50
Louis LaFond, hauling apparatus	1.50
B. A. Wagner, helping at fires	2.75

Joe LaFond	37.43
Olof Malm	20.75
Enke & Setterstrom	1.40
Julius Hanson	32.08
Dan Hovey	30.48
John Bastien	69.98
Frank Richard	27.38
W. H. Muney	66.50
Fred Johnson	26.66
Sam LaFond	16.92
Irving Pedley	26.84
T. E. Doten	52.28
Asa Walbridge	21.55
J. S. Kaye	31.26
Dana Brown	32.05
Geo. W. Jones	20.65
Stanley Zywiowski	20.08
James Hurley	5.17
Mike Leese	47.98
Fank Puchalla	25.02
Wm. Nordlund	24.08
J. B. Larson	12.20
Louis Kuschel	17.07
Irving Pedley	120.85
Chas. McGuire	21.46
Asa Walbridge	12.17

Peter W. Blake, Mdse. to poor Morrison County Lbr., Co., wood to poor	3.50
Muske & Johnson, Mdse., poor	5.00
Victor Clothing Co., Mdse., poor	5.81
B. Burton, Mdse. to poor	4.00
Pantzke Bros., Mdse. to poor	2.00
St. Gabriel's hospital, care of Tim Osher	45.00

## MEETING OF COUNTY DADS

CHANGE IN STATE ROAD NO. 3 MADE—BILLS ALLOWED

The county board met in regular monthly meeting Tuesday, with all members present.

Fee statements of Barnes, Berghem and Viechorek were duly approved. Hearing was granted on petition for public ditch in the town of Elm Dale.

Final hearing on petition of M. J. Salitros to be set off from Dist. 136 to Dist. 23 was taken up and petition was rejected.

The following resolution was passed:

Whereas, that part of state road No. 3 hereinafter described, has heretofore been duly established, and the board deems it advisable to change a part of said state road No. 3, when so changed to run as follows:

Beginning at north corporate limits of the village of Pierz, between section 34 and 35, township 41, range 30, Morrison county, Minnesota, thence north between sections 34 and 35, 26 and 27, 22 and 23, thence east on the section line between section 14 and 23, 13 and 24, thence north on the range line between sections 13 and 18, thence east on section line between sections 7 and 18, 8 and 17, 9 and 16, to the one-quarter post between sections 10 and 15, township 41, range 29, to intersect with old road.

The following abatements were allowed: Theodore Thiele and John Sobiech. The following abatements were rejected: Theodore Thiele and Thos. Hyson. Abatement of E. V. Wetzel was laid over.

The revised plat of Upsala was approved.

Bills allowed:

D. M. Cameron, expense acct.	\$ 5.30
S. E. Betts, repairing adding machine and typewriter	3.50
Miller-Davis Printing Co., supplies	.38
Northfield Iron Co., culverts	27.36
Herald Printing Co., supplies	40.90
N. W. Tel. Ex. Co., tolls	22.40
Miller-Davis Ptg. Co., supplies	2.28
Frank Renick, postage	19.00
Town of Buckman, infectious disease	4.82
Merchants State Bank, county treasurer's bond	740.00
B. Y. McNairy, postage, express and freight	17.88
Transcript Pub. Co., supplies	58.80
Frank X. Bastien, recording bonds	27.35
Paul Felix, expense account	102.48
Frank X. Bastien, postage and recording papers	20.30
Phil S. Randall, justice fees	5.55
C. H. Werner, justice fees	6.00
Geo. Gerritz, justice fees	3.60
Paul Felix, board of prisoners	36.00
Fritz-Cross Co., supplies	84.24
Louis F. Dow Co., supplies	23.32
Wm. Brockway, work on state road No. 1	2.00
Jas. Janochek, work on county road	4.50
W. H. Loomis, livery for engineer	21.00
A. J. Fenn, engineer's expense	1.00
A. C. Waller, helping engineer	16.00
Stewart Oliver, helping eng.	6.00
Wesley Waller, helping eng.	8.00
Harold Bain, helping eng.	3.00
Edwin Ward, helping eng.	36.00
E. F. Shaw, taking testimony	17.10
H. Gassert, mileage and committee work	13.20
F. H. Lakin, mileage	2.60
H. Vanslow, mileage	2.80
A. Herum, mileage and committee work	14.20

## DIED

C. A. Blomquist passed away Monday noon at his home on the West side at an age of 61 years. Death was due to Bright's disease and chronic bronchitis, from which he had suffered for several weeks.

Deceased had been a farmer in Darling until a few years ago, when he disposed of his farm there and moved to this city with his family. He has since been employed with the Pine Tree Mfg. Co. He is survived by a wife and daughter.

The funeral will be held from the home this afternoon. Interment will be in the Oakland cemetery.

The 3-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Doucette of Ripley passed away Wednesday evening at the home of J. Fournier on Sixth street northeast, Little Falls. Death was due to pneumonia.

The funeral will be held from the Church of the Holy Family, Belle Prairie, this morning at 10 o'clock. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Richard Wojciechowski, aged one month and seven days, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wojciechowski of Flensburg, passed away at his home Tuesday from broncho pneumonia. The funeral was held at Flensburg yesterday.

M. and Mrs. W. H. Ryan leave Sunday for California. Their trip will include a visit at Los Angeles and at San Diego, where the San Diego exposition is now being held.