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INSURANCE RATES LOWERED

LOCAL AGENTS ARE NOTIFIED OF REDUCTION OF FROM 10 TO 20 PER CENT

As a result of the order made by the state insurance commission recently a general reduction of from 10 to 20 per cent has been made on the premiums for fire insurance in the northern part of this state, including Morrison county and Little Falls. The local insurance men have received the new schedule of rates from the General Inspection company.

Following is a list of the discounts ordered on rates made before July 1, 1915:

Twenty per cent reduction on brick or stone buildings and hollow tile with brick facing.

Ten per cent reduction on contents of the above named buildings.

Fifteen per cent reduction on brick veneered, iron clad, frame, hollow concrete block buildings.

Fifteen per cent reduction on the contents of the above named buildings.

On rates made after July 1, 1915, the reductions are as follows:

Ten per cent on brick or store buildings and hollow tile with brick facing.

Ten per cent reduction on the contents of the above named buildings.

Fifteen per cent reduction on brick veneered, iron clad, frame, hollow concrete block buildings.

Fifteen per cent reduction on the contents of the above named buildings.

These reductions are only for renewals and new business and no reduction is given on insurance already written.

On dwellings the rate is the same for the three-year insurance. 80 cents per \$100. On one-year policies a reduction from 40 cents per \$100 to 32 cents per hundred has been ordered.

GYM CLOSING TONIGHT

The gymnasium will close for the season tonight, after the most successful year in its history. The membership has been unusually large and all have taken a great interest in the work.

At the gymnasium tonight a banquet will be held for the men's classes. At this time directors will be chosen for the ensuing year.

COUNTY BOARD MEETS TUESDAY

The board of county commissioners will hold a regular monthly session at the court house Tuesday. Among the matters to come up will be the purchase of a clock for the court house tower, from the money left by the late Josiah Page. Several clock salesmen will be present at the meeting.

K. C. LODGE HAD BIG TIME

INITIATED CLASS OF 65 SUNDAY—MANY OUTSIDE KNIGHTS WERE HERE

Sunday was a big day for local members of the Knights of Columbus lodge, as well as a hundred or more outside K. C.'s, a class of sixty candidates being initiated into the local lodge on that day. The degree work was put on at the Moose hall and began at 1 p. m., the Brainerd and Long Prairie teams putting on the work.

In the morning the Knights and candidates attended mass at the Sacred Heart church. In the evening, following the degree work, the members were tendered a banquet there being 237 present and the meeting did not end until late that evening. Chas. E. Vasily was up from St. Paul for the meeting and acted as toastmaster at the banquet.

Among the visitors were Knights from Brainerd, Staples, Melrose, Long Prairie, St. Cloud, Wadena, Perham, Little Sauk, Sauk Centre, St. Paul, Minneapolis and other places. Several outside priests were in attendance.

AUTO CLUB MEMBERSHIP OVER 100

The automobile club membership committee has practically completed work and has secured 105 members for the organization. The members of the committee are D. K. Harting, Geo. M. Gordon and Julius Yetka.

Practically every automobile owner that the committee saw took a membership card and all seemed very enthusiastic about the prospects for good roads work the coming summer. The committee still has thirty or forty people to see, whom they will get in touch with personally or by letter.

TRIED TO WHIP PATROLMAN

John Lozon, address unknown, gave Boyes, the night patrolman on the West side, and Hubert Friesinger, N. P. special agent, considerable trouble Tuesday evening. First he made some remarks to Boyes about some of our citizens which the latter considered untrue and later used abusive language. He was arrested and gave Boyes and Friesinger much trouble in landing him in jail. He will have his hearing today.

County Attorney C. Rosenmeier was in Royalton on business yesterday morning.

C. Karnowski is getting his grocery store on Third street southwest in shape and has most of the staple groceries on the shelves already. He expects to be ready for business in a few days.

The membership committee of the Commercial club is meeting with success as far as they have canvassed. They expect to have a large number of names on the list. G. W. Firnstahl, A. F. Koslosky and S. C. Vasily are the members of the committee.

Sam LaFond, manager of the Little Falls Shipping association, returned Tuesday from South St. Paul, where he disposed of a carload of mixed stock for the association. He received the top prices. He expects to take another carload down next week.

GO-OPERATIVE CREAMERY SURE

FARMERS OF THIS VICINITY ORGANIZED ASSOCIATION HERE

At a meeting of about seventy-five farmers at the court house Saturday afternoon the organization of a farmers' cooperative creamery association was effected and preliminary steps were taken for the establishing of a creamery in Little Falls. No decision has yet been made in regard to the plant but the association will probably build one. Carl Peterson of Green Prairie was elected temporary chairman of the organization and J. W. Hanson of Green Prairie secretary.

A committee of four which had been canvassing the surrounding farming country to ascertain how many cows are available reported that cream can be secured from at least 1,040 cows. It is planned to sell the shares of the organization at \$25, the members to be limited to four shares apiece. One need not be a stockholder to bring cream to the creamery, however.

Saturday, April 8, another meeting will be held, when organization will be perfected and officers elected for the ensuing year.

TALK OF GUN CLUB ON WEST SIDE

There is some talk among the West side sportsmen of organizing a gun club on that side of the river and the plan will likely materialize unless some arrangements can be made whereby the traps of the city gun club are more centrally located. It is possible that the club may move to the grounds west of the Antlers hotel building and in such event no club would be formed on the West side. However, with two clubs in the city, it would result in competitive shooting and would create a good natured rivalry in this sport.

BROTHER OF JOHN DENIS DEAD

Brainerd Dispatch (29): Frank William Denis, age 65, of 209 Northeast Second avenue, died at his home of pneumonia. He was born in Germany and worked many years as a machinist in the Northern Pacific railway shops. He leaves a wife and several children. A brother, John Denis, was summoned from Little Falls when his condition became serious.

The deceased is known by a number of our citizens, as the family some years ago made their home here.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

At a meeting of the board of public works held Wednesday evening Clerk Schallern was instructed to advertise for bids for the construction of the Broadway sewer. A preliminary order from the council on the construction of the Second street sewer was taken up and favorable action taken. The board will recommend to the council at its next meeting that this sewer be built.

POSTOFFICE PLANS READY TO-MORROW

The plans for the new government postoffice for Little Falls will be ready for inspection tomorrow, according to un-official advices received here. This is taken to mean that work will be begun on the construction of the building this summer, which will be welcome news to the people of Little Falls.

WANTS LITTLE FALLS IN SUNDAY LEAGUE

Bemidji, March 29.—Fred Cook of Brainerd has written to Dr. Joe W. Dietrich of Bemidji, in an effort to complete a Sunday baseball league with teams in this part of the state. The towns to be included will be Bemidji, Brainerd, Little Falls, Aitkin, Staples, Sauk Rapids, Verndale and St. Cloud.

C. E. VASALY TO GIVE TALK HERE

At the meeting of the literary section of the Musical Art club on Tuesday evening, April 11, Chas. E. Vasily, of the state board of control, will give a talk on the state institutions of Minnesota.

A marriage license was issued the first of the week to Edwin Strand and Charlotte E. Strand.

L. Pancratz of Brainerd has rented the Dolan store room and expects to open a tin shop there soon.

The juniors at the high school are rehearsing their operetta "Princess Chysanthemum," which they will stage the latter part of April.

L. O. Wessel has purchased the lots just south of the W. Gibson residence, on Third street southeast, of J. W. Berg, and will erect a modern residence there.

M. E. Barnes, who was operated upon for an internal goitre, the first of the week, in a Minneapolis hospital, is doing fine, according to word received here.

Miss Geneva Larson of this city, who was operated upon for appendicitis at the university hospital in Minneapolis recently, is reported to be doing nicely.

Miss Gladys Warren arrived last Wednesday evening from St. Cloud, where she attends the normal, for a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Warren.

Miss Alice Myrman left for St. Peter Thursday morning. She will assist, as contralto soloist, at a sacred concert which will be given April 3, by the G. A. college chorus of 150 voices and will also sing a trio with Lavern Sigman, tenor, of Minneapolis, and Katherine von Ewertson, soprano, of Mankato. The chorus will give "The Vision of St. John" by C. Whitney Coombs and will be assisted by a string quartet from the Minneapolis symphony orchestra. Miss Myrman leaves St. Peter April 4, with the Schumann Ladies' chorus on an extended tour through the states of Iowa and Illinois.

DOINGS OF THE CITY DADS

CANVASED ELECTION RETURNS—REFERRED SEWER PETITION—MEMORIAL POOR FUND

A regular adjourned meeting of the city council was held at the city hall Monday evening. Aldermen Hall, Moegelein, Blake, Peterson, Bell and LaFond being present.

The returns of the city election, held Tuesday, March 21, were canvassed and the candidates all declared duly elected.

An application by the Transcript Publishing company to construct a steel shed in back of their office was rejected, on the grounds that it would not comply with the fire ordinance.

A petition for a sewer on Second street northeast was referred to the board of public works for investigation. This sewer, as petitioned for, would extend from the middle of the intersection of Second street and First avenue to the middle of the intersection of Sixth avenue on that street. There is already a water main and hydrants on this street as far as Seventh avenue.

The bill of the Southern Surety company for \$94.78 for premium on compensation insurance for city employees, was laid over until the next meeting, for investigation.

A resolution was passed designating that the money that the city will receive as a result of the bequest of the late Josiah Page, be placed in a separate poor fund to be known as the Josiah Page Memorial fund, and providing that only the interest which accrues on it be used for the relief of poor. In this manner the fund will remain intact and will be a fitting memorial to the late citizen. It is expected that the fund will exceed \$700.

City Clerk Schallern was instructed to publish a notice urging all who have claims against the city to get them in at the next meeting which will be the last one of the old council. The old council meets Monday evening and the new council goes in next Tuesday evening.

Bills allowed:

Geo. Hughes, judge of election.	\$10.20
Claude Raymond, judge, election	10.20
J. W. Hatch, election judge.	5.55
D. Rocheleau, election judge.	4.65
Jacob Poesch, election judge.	9.60
C. E. Carlson, election judge.	9.60
J. C. Burrall, election judge.	9.60
Louis Mahler, election judge.	9.60
Ernest Kaestner, election judge.	9.60
N. H. Jacobson, election judge.	9.70
John Billstein, election judge.	4.65
C. D. Billestein, election judge.	4.65
C. D. Auyer, election judge.	9.60
L. J. Billstein, election judge.	9.60
L. H. Simcox, election clerk.	10.20
E. A. LaFond, election clerk.	9.60
Fred Larson, election clerk.	9.60
E. H. Rosland, election clerk.	10.20
O. R. Fisher, election clerk.	9.60
Wm. von Domarus, election clerk.	9.60
John Karnowski, election clerk.	9.60
Harvey Canfield, election clerk.	9.60
Lawrence Kedroski, elec. police.	7.40
F. Wirwinski, election police.	3.40
Geo. W. Keiser, election police.	3.50
Fred Kaestner, election police.	7.40
W. M. Hall, election police.	7.50
A. K. Hall, rent of room for polling place.	20.00
General	
Water Power Co., street lights.	\$437.00
Water Power Co., hydrant rent	495.83
W. S. Nott Co., boots.	4.62
Mary Lemanek, witness fees.	1.12
Anton Collingier, witness fees.	1.12
Leo Smith, witness fees.	3.12
Mrs. Leo Smith, witness fees.	3.12
Victor Schallern, stamps and supplies.	6.08
Walter Booth & Co., election supplies.	.90
Poor	
Wm. Hang, fare to poor.	\$ 2.00
N. H. Jacobson, mdse. to poor.	5.00
L. D. Brown, medicine to poor.	3.15
Morrison Co. Lbr. Co., wood to poor.	3.50
P. W. Blake, mdse. to poor.	14.00
Fire	
White Co., battery for truck.	56.20
St. Cloud Oil Co., oil.	4.35
Water Power Co., lighting hose houses.	1.00
Motor Inn, supplies.	1.25
Hose Co. No. 4, services.	5.50

SUES GREAT NORTHERN FOR BENOLKEN'S DEATH

St. Cloud Journal-Press (29): Herman Benolken of Holdingford, administrator of the estate of Peter Benolken of Freeport, Ia., has started suit against the Great Northern railroad for \$7,700, \$7,500 being for the death of Mr. Benolken and \$200 for the damage to the automobile.

The accident took place on November 4, 1915, when an automobile in which Mr. Benolken and a party of friends were riding was struck at the St. Joe crossing at the western edge of the city by a Great Northern switch engine. Mr. Benolken was killed instantly but the other occupants of the car escaped injury.

E. B. Brower and J. B. Himsal appear as attorneys for the plaintiff. The case will probably be slated for trial at the next term of the district court.

A new roof and other repairs are being made on the L. E. Richard house, which suffered from fire last winter.

Misses Helen Weber, Marion Davis, Hildegard Kleber and Gunda Goodman arrived yesterday for a week's visit with their parents. They are attending the St. Cloud normal.

Several local people were in St. Cloud Wednesday evening to hear the New York Symphony orchestra, which gave a concert at the Davidson theatre there. They were highly pleased with the concert and felt amply repaid for the trip.

F. M. Payne of Pipestone, Grand Master of the Odd Fellows, and A. L. Bolander of St. Paul, Grand Secretary, were in the city Saturday for the initiation of the class into the local I. O. O. F. lodge. From here they went to Brainerd and Aitkin.

WANT BOULEVARD TO PARK

WITH SHADE TREES, ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF BROADWAY ON WEST SIDE

At a joint meeting of the Civic League and the literary section of the Musical Art club at the library parlors Monday evening various matters in regard to the beautifying of our city, etc., were discussed and steps taken to have the plans carried out, as far as possible. The attendance at the meeting was not very large but all were enthusiastic and anxious to do something.

Miss Emma Lally, visiting nurse, who has been here for some time, under the supervision of the Civic League, made a report on what she had done thus far. Out of 305 children sent to her for examination only fifteen were found to be in a perfect condition. All the rest were in need of various kinds of treatment, she stated. Fifty homes have been visited and the members of the families in these homes examined. Twenty defective children will be sent to the different state institutions. One woman was taken to the university hospital in Minneapolis the first of the week for treatment.

The matter of establishing public playgrounds was discussed. The board of education will have playground apparatus installed on the playgrounds at the various schools in the city in the near future and therefore it is not likely that any other public playgrounds will be established. The question of engaging a playgrounds supervisor was also discussed but no action taken.

It was decided to ask Mayor Fortier to designate a cleanup week and to ask the council to furnish a man and team to gather garbage in the city during the summer months. A resolution was also passed asking the mayor to have the curfew rung regularly and urging him not to grant any licenses to carnival companies to exhibit here.

The park committee of the Civic League was asked to work with the park committee of the city council in an effort to have the north side of Broadway on the West side, from Second street to the park, boulevarded, and trees planted. They were also asked to see that the driveways in the park are properly maintained during the coming summer and that the necessary signs, etc., be put up. It is planned to have a policeman and caretaker at the park throughout the summer.

Miss Maude Smalley gave a short talk on musical work and what has been done along that line in this city. She mentioned especially the community idea, of songsters in which all take part. She also urged the introduction of music in all the schools in the city and the engaging of a music supervisor.

DIED

Peter Medved of St. Paul, for a number of years a resident of Little Falls, died Saturday afternoon at his home in St. Paul from Bright's disease, after a lingering illness. He was 65 years of age.

Deceased was born in Austria, April 15, 1851. He came to this country in 1869, locating in Chicago, where he remained for five years, after which he moved to Minnesota, locating at Cold Spring. He attended St. John's college there 3 years and in 1879 he moved to Little Falls and engaged in the general merchandise business, in partnership with Mr. Maurin, for whom he had been employed for two years at Cold Spring. In 1883 he was married to Miss Katherine Brick of St. Cloud, a sister of S. P. Brick of this city. He was also postmaster here for four years, was president of the village of Little Falls and served as county commissioner for several terms. During the last five years of his residence here he was proprietor of the Little Falls House. Eight years ago he moved to St. Paul with his family and has resided there ever since.

Surviving the deceased are a widow and seven children, five daughters and two sons. The daughters are Mrs. Ed. Schneider of Minneapolis; Mrs. J. Mitchell, North St. Paul; Mrs. M. Coleman, Calgary, Alta., Can.; Mrs. A. Evans, St. Paul, and Catherine Medved, St. Paul. The sons are Titus of Montpelier, N. D., and Peter of St. Paul. All the children except Mrs. Coleman and Catherine Medved were here for the funeral. The deceased also leaves four brothers, Jos. Medved of this city, who is now proprietor of the Little Falls House; John or Nerzper, Idaho; Markus of Madison, and Jacob, who lives in Austria. He also leaves two sisters, Margaret of Ely and Luzian, who lives in Virginia.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock from Sacred Heart church, and interment was in Calvary cemetery.

T. J. De La Hunt of Minneapolis, who recently returned from an extended business visit to Buenos Aires, Argentina, visited at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Phil. S. Randall, several days, returning home Monday evening.

A few friends of Mrs. P. M. Johnson of the West side surprised her at her home Wednesday afternoon, the occasion being her birthday anniversary. Mrs. Johnson was presented with a nice gift as a remembrance of the occasion. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant afternoon was spent.

Anthony Fromelt arrived Tuesday from Mahomen for a visit with relatives and friends here. He stated that Lloyd Roy of Mahomen had his arm badly torn Monday night when he got it caught in the gearing of some machinery in the electrical plant at that place, where he is employed. He was taken to Wadena for surgical treatment. Local people will remember Mr. Roy as the son of John Roy, formerly of this city and at one time chief of police here.

BLOW WORTH \$5,000 AND PEN

SUCH IS PENALTY ASSESSED AGAINST TRUMAN LAMPHERE FOR BREAKING GIESE'S JAW

Long Prairie Leader (23): Five thousand dollars and a term in the state reformatory constitute the price to be paid by Truman Lamphere for a wallop on the jaw. The wallop was delivered—not received. Judgment entry in this amount was made by Judge J. A. Roeser in district court during the past week and reported to County Attorney Wood.

The amount is awarded to Frank Giese, who was on the receiving end of the wallop. Mr. Giese sustained a fracture of the jaw as a result of the impact which took place in a saloon at Swanville.

The verdict for the plaintiff comes after Lamphere had been sentenced on a criminal charge in Morrison county to a term in the state reformatory at St. Cloud. Lamphere is now doing time.

The details of this historic case are pretty well known among residents of this section of the state. Giese was in a saloon in Swanville during the past summer when a newsboy came into the bar and asked him to buy a paper.

Giese did not deign to notice the newsie and being thus silently rebuked the youth pushed his papers at his prospect. For this display of juvenile disrespect Giese struck the papers, knocking them from the boy's hands to the floor. It was said that Lamphere was in the saloon at the time and he became incensed at the action of Giese.

He left the place, however, and gave rise to his indignation to men standing in front of the bar. He expressed the determination to administer a chastising to Giese and re-entering the place he struck Giese on the jaw as the latter was lifting a glass of beer to his mouth.

The blow was a terrific one and landed solidly on the chin. Giese was taken to the Long Prairie hospital, his jaw fractured in several places, including severe breaks at the back, beneath the ear and at the chin. It was necessary to wire the jaw together in order that the bones might properly mend and it was two months before Giese was able to leave the hospital.

In the meantime Lamphere was detained on the charge of assault and he was tried before a jury in Morrison county district court and found guilty. He was sentenced to the state reformatory, after which the civil action was opened. The verdict was for the plaintiff and the judgment entry is now made as a result of one verdict in the civil suit.

Mesdames Tourillott, Schallern, Weimer and E. S. Brown entertained the Ladies' Working club of the Congregational church yesterday afternoon, at the church parlors.

The 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mehan of Minneapolis passed away Monday night from scarlet fever, after a short illness. Mrs. Mehan is known here, having lived here. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Newman.

Gordon Wallace visited his parents here the first of the week, enroute to Moberly, S. D., to be employed in the office of the division superintendent of the C. M. & St. P. railway. He was transferred to that place from Fargo, where he has been for some time.

The sudden turn from cold to warm weather the first of the week had the effect of melting practically all of the snow, especially in this city. The ice in the river is getting quite porous and it is believed that with a continuance of warm weather it will go out within a week or ten days.

ROYALTON

March 30.—R. K. Cairns returned from Superior the last of the week. The pupils of the high school will give a one-act play Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

E. Peterson of Minneapolis spent Sunday here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Withrall were here from Sauk Rapids for the week-end.

Riley Pettit was operated upon for appendicitis in the St. Cloud hospital Saturday.

The second "Missionary Tea" will be given Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Andrew Lang.

Miss Eleanor Feitsam is reported to be ill, at her home.

N. E. Pettit visited St. Cloud the first of the week and reports his son Riley to be recovering from his late operation as rapidly as possible.

Mrs. R. K. Cairns was a St. Cloud visitor the last of the week.

Mrs. R. H. Batzer is receiving treatment in the Little Falls hospital.

Miss Ellwell chaperoned the girls' high school basketball team to St. Cloud Saturday. The score was 5 to 13 in favor of St. Cloud.

F. G. Noggle returned from a business trip to St. Paul the last of the week.

C. Coulson, who has been employed here by the N. W. T. Co., has gone to Minneapolis to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker of Rice were Royalton visitors Tuesday.

Dr. Doupe of Upsala was a Royalton visitor Tuesday and Wednesday.

Burdette Conner of Mound, N. D., is here this week, enroute home from South St. Paul, where he went in charge of a carload of cattle.

Mrs. I. W. Bouck returned from St. Paul the first of the week.

2 COUNCILS MEET NEXT WEEK

OLD COUNCIL MEETS FOR LAST TIME MONDAY NIGHT—NEW ONE ORGANIZES TUESDAY

Next Monday evening the old city council meets for the last time and the new council goes in the following day, and will hold its first meeting to organize on Tuesday evening. The terms of all other city officials elected at the recent city election also begin Tuesday.

Entering from the council are H. W. V. Venners, alderman from the Second ward, Henry Peterson, alderman from the third ward and D. J. Bell, alderman from the fourth. The first and last named were not candidates for re-election and the second was defeated by Martin John. The new councilmen are Elias F. Brown from the Second ward, Martin John from the third and F. P. Farrow from the fourth. M. B. Blake was re-elected alderman from the first ward and Geo. F. Moegelein alderman-at-large.

The first work to be taken up by the new council will be the election of a chairman and vice-chairman, the appointment of council committees, board of health, health officers, street commissioner, city hall custodian and weighmaster, p. andmasters, etc.

WHY NOT MAKE THEM WIDER?

Why Not Have Sleighs Wide as the Ordinary Standard Gauge Wagon?

Spooner News: Why not have sleighs just as wide as the ordinary standard gauge wagon? This is the question that seems to us should be brought up in this state and a movement for the wider sleigh instituted as soon as possible. The disadvantage of the narrow sleighs is readily apparent to all. In case they were all of standard gauge, the same ruts that would fit the sleighs would also fit automobiles and other vehicles and the season for their use greatly added to. While we realize that the cost of changing the sleigh beams would mean a good deal to many farmers, still Minnesota might well follow the example of Wisconsin and exempt all wide beamed sleighs from taxation for a period of years. This would offset the cost of the change and besides would act as an inducement for the use of the wider ones.

How many teamsters have not spent hours reloading the overturned narrow sleighs with his load of wood or piled up grain sacks spilled because of the general use of too narrow sleighs nor can any of us forget the spills in the snow bank of some jolly sleighing party and the cold feet and solder fingers we suffered in consequence. The wide beamed sleigh would do away with many of these accidents and many a man who lost his life beneath his overturned load would today be numbered among our industrious citizens.

COME AND GONE

Austin Koslosky returned last evening from a business trip to the twin cities.

Arden Clute of Ft. Ripley was in the city Wednesday, enroute to Aberdeen, S. D., to take employment.

Edward Belanger left Wednesday for Minneapolis, after a visit with his parents here.

Cecil Kelly was in St. Cloud on business Wednesday.

Frank Behrman of North Yakima, Wash., was in the city for a short visit with relatives Wednesday, enroute to the east on business.

Mrs. J. P. Newman and daughter are here for a visit with relatives.

F. Graham was in St. Cloud last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stoll of Pierz were in the city Wednesday, enroute home from a visit with relatives at Brainerd.

Miss Mabel Dugas