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## MAN HURT AT SAW MILL

### NICK KULLAS VICTIM OF ACCIDENT FIRST DAY MILL RUNS

After sawing had been in progress for only a day, at the saw mill here, an accident occurred in which Nick Kullas of this city sustained three broken ribs and was slightly bruised. The accident occurred Wednesday evening at about 7 o'clock, shortly after the night shift had gone to work. The lawyer on the carriage, on which Kullas was working, lost control of it in some manner and it ran away, throwing Kullas and another carriage man off. Kullas was thrown with such violence as to cause the injuries mentioned. The other man escaped uninjured.

Mr. Kullas was taken to St. Gabriel's hospital for surgical aid. His injuries are not considered serious and he will probably be out in a few weeks.

## CIVIC LEAGUE

The regular monthly meeting of the Civic League was held on Tuesday.

The visiting nurse made her final report of work done and tendered her resignation to take effect immediately, which was accepted. She was engaged for a period of three months but served not quite two. The league will not engage any nurse until next fall or winter.

The league also decided to join the Minnesota Federation of Women's clubs and application to that effect was duly signed and the membership dues paid.

The president was also authorized to appoint four delegates to the district convention of the Minnesota Federation of Women's clubs to be held at Deerwood May 9 and 10, such delegates, however, to pay their own expenses.

The league also decided on the last Saturday in the month of September as the annual Tag Day for the league.

Mr. Kasperek of the Park committee made a report touching the matter of planting trees along Broadway west. Nothing definite was decided but Mr. Kasperek was authorized to go ahead and do the best he could in the matter. Mr. Kasperek also reported that he had secured the appointment of special policeman to act in the Pine Grove Park on Sundays, that said policeman would serve free of charge.

The president was requested to urge the Membership committee to solicit members and if he was unable to get the committee to do anything then to engage some person to try to sell membership cards and pay him for his services.

## GIRL WHO LEFT HOME FOUND

### MISS BLANCHE LEWIS FOUND IN FREEDHEM—HAD NO FOOD FOR FIVE DAYS

After having wandered about in the country for over five days, without anything to eat and sleeping in haystacks, Miss Blanche Lewis of this city was found by Morris Olson of Freedom on the road near his home, which is about seven miles from this city. She disappeared from home at 8 o'clock a. m. on April 5.

Mr. Olson asked the girl to accompany him, but she refused. He then went to the home of Lyman Ayer, nearby, where he telephoned to Sheriff Felix and informed him that Miss Lewis had been found. She was brought to Little Falls by the sheriff and was taken to St. Gabriel's hospital for treatment. She was in a weakened condition and was barely able to speak.

Upon being questioned Miss Lewis stated that she blamed no one for her disappearance. She said that she could not remember what had transpired since she left home and she evidently was slightly deranged at the time. She is still very weak and her hands and feet are badly blistered from exposure.

## DAMAGED FISH SCREENS IN GREEN PRAIRIE

Farmers living in Green Prairie have complained to this county about the damaging of fish screens in the county ditches there by Little Falls men. They also claim that men here recently tore down fences in several places and damaged a boat at Fish Lake. It is stated that the parties are known.

A penalty of from \$50 to \$500 has been fixed by the county commissioners for disturbing the fish screens. The one said to have been damaged is located in ditch No. 1.

## INSANE PATIENT DEAD

Andrew Dziuba of Swan River, who for the past seven years has been an inmate of the insane asylum at Fergus Falls, passed away at that institution from heart trouble Tuesday evening, after a brief illness. Deceased is survived by a family. The remains were brought here yesterday noon and the funeral will be held this morning at 9 o'clock from St. Adalbert's church, Rev. Renkosiak officiating. Interment will be in the Polish Catholic cemetery.

## GETS FRANCHISE AT LONG PRAIRIE

The Water Power company of this city was granted a franchise to supply that village with electric current, at a meeting of the village council Tuesday night. This means that the electric line will be built to that and other villages west of here.

## LINDBERGH TO ADDRESS GRADUATING CLASS

Hon. Chas. A. Lindbergh of this city has been secured to give an address before the graduating class of the Gustavus Adolphus college of St. Peter on June 1.

## INVESTIGATING GIRL'S DEATH

### M. HLAD OF CULDRUM NOT SATISFIED WITH DOCTOR'S REPORT

Since the death of Miss Lizzie Hlad, daughter of Mike Hlad of Culdrum, her father, suspecting that she did not die from the disease with which she was told she was afflicted, has caused an examination to be made of the remains, since they were laid to their last resting place in the Flessburg cemetery.

Miss Hlad, who had been working in a hotel in Minneapolis this spring, was taken seriously ill there the latter part of last February and was taken to the City hospital there for an operation, being told that she had appendicitis. On March 11 she passed away.

In the meantime Mr. Hlad visited his daughter in Minneapolis on two occasions, the last time just a few days before her death. It was when the body was brought home for burial that he took steps to have an autopsy performed, as it came home in a copper casket and the death certificate stated that death resulted from diphtheria and lobar pneumonia, with hardening of the membranes around the heart as contributory, whereas he had understood that she had appendicitis. The autopsy disclosed that the girl did not have diphtheria as there was no trace of the culture of this disease in her throat. The autopsy also disclosed an incision about ten inches in length on the abdomen, which it was believed was made after the girl's death. This was taken to indicate that the hospital physicians held a post mortem.

It is understood that Mr. Hlad will make further investigation into the case.

Miss Sadie Fuller made a trip to Randall yesterday.

## WANT TO TAKE AWAY POWER

### WATER POWER CO. CLAIMS N. W. MILLING CO. VIOLATED CONTRACTS—CASE IN COURTS

A temporary restraining order was issued by Judge Roeder of St. Cloud Monday prohibiting the Little Falls Water Power company from shutting off the water supply to the mill of the Northwestern Milling company of this city. A hearing was held before him on that day on the milling company's application for a temporary injunction to prevent the water power company from carrying out its threat of shutting off the water supply and the judge took the case under advisement and will probably render a decision in a few days.

A case has already been started in district court here by the Water Power company against the milling company, charging them with using a greater supply of water than they contracted for. Their threat to cripple the mill's power supply was protested, however, the milling company claiming that it would ruin it, as it would be impossible for them to install a power plant in less than three months.

## FAIR CROWD HEARD GOULD

A fair sized crowd turned out last Wednesday evening to hear Herbert Gould of Chicago in concert at the high school auditorium, under the auspices of the Choral club. He gave a program consisting of ten numbers of one to three songs each. Miss Christelle Colburn of Chicago, presided at the piano. Of the songs Mr. Gould sang the lighter kind seemed to please the best.

The club realized a small sum from the concert, which was the last of the season to be given by that organization.

## BIRTH OF A NATION

The Victor theatre has the great photoplay, "The Birth of a Nation," scheduled for May 31, June 1 and 2. This picture company has a large orchestra and its own operator, etc., who accompany the picture.

Marriage licenses have been issued this week to Frank Tepley and Louisa Clevering, and to Frank A. Marty and Rosalia Meagher.

Local stores will keep open on the evening of the second and fourth Wednesday of each month hereafter until the sawmill shuts down in the fall.

Mrs. J. W. Stephenson of this city underwent an operation at Dr. Eitel's hospital in Minneapolis Wednesday and according to word received here is doing nicely.

Perry Gibson underwent an operation at St. Luke's hospital in St. Paul yesterday for kidney trouble. It was at first thought that one kidney would have to be removed but this was not done and the attending surgeons are waiting to see what may develop.

A meeting of the Commercial club was held Wednesday evening to discuss Jefferson highway matters. Nothing special was done, but the members were urged to keep working for it and the secretary was asked to keep in touch with other towns along the line.

## BORN

SUPER—To Mr. and Mrs. M. Super, Wednesday, April 12, a daughter.

DOTEN—To Mr. and Mrs. Everett Doten of Ryder, N. D., Tuesday, April 4, a son.

WESLOWSKI—To Mr. and Mrs. Leo Weslowski of Sobieski, Friday, April 7, a daughter.

PALASHEWSKI—To Mr. and Mrs. John Palashevski of Sobieski, Monday, April 10, a daughter.

## DOINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

### ASSESSOR'S SALARY RAISED—PAVING PETITION REFERRED TO BOARD PUBLIC WORKS

The city council met in regular adjourned session Monday evening at the city hall, with the following members present: Hall Moeglein, Brown, Seaman, LaFond and Parrow. Victor Schallern's bonds as city clerk, with L. O. Vassaly and Herman Signor as sureties, were approved.

An ordinance was passed granting the United States government a perpetual irrevocable easement for a sewer on Broadway east, to connect with the new postoffice property.

Ordinances fixing the salaries of the health officer and board of health and of the police and assessor, were passed. The salary of the assessor was increased from \$350 and \$400 per year to \$400 and \$500 per year, the latter being for years when both the real and personal property is assessed. This reason for the increase is that the growth of the city, etc., have made it necessary for the assessor to hire an assistant in order to complete the work in time.

An ordinance fixing the street sprinkling district for 1916 was passed. The district was fixed as follows: Broadway from the west end of the bridge to Third street east. First street east from First avenue north to a point 100 feet south of First avenue south. Second street east from Broadway to First avenue north. First avenue south from First street to Second street. A resolution was passed fixing April 25 as the date to receive bids for the sprinkling contract.

Dr. E. L. Fortier was re-elected city physician for the ensuing year.

Geo. Kiewel, representing the Fourth of July committee, appeared before the council and sounded the sentiment of the aldermen in regard to an appropriation for Fourth of July celebration. They seemed favorable to it and he announced that he would report to the meeting, which was held in an adjoining room at the same time to that effect, and that a committee would approach the council later for the appropriation.

H. J. LaFond was granted a permit to construct a solid brick building, 24-28 feet, at the rear of his store building on Second street northeast, to be used as a warehouse.

A petition for paving First street northeast between Broadway and First avenue north, was after a lengthy discussion, referred to the board of public works. The petition called for paving with concrete. Most of the aldermen were of the opinion that the Broadway and First avenue north intersections should be paved at the same time, to encourage paving on other streets. N. N. Berghem of the board of public works suggested that this be included in the petition if such was the desire of the council as it would help the board to get estimates on the cost, etc. It might also tend to bring a lower price, and would insure the job going to only one contractor. The council voted that the city should pay for the paving of the intersections above mentioned, and the matter was then referred to the board of public works and a resolution was passed instructing the clerk to notify the property owners to make water and sewer connection before the paving is started.

A petition for a cement sidewalk on Fourth street southwest, from Broadway to Sixth avenue, was laid over to the next meeting for investigation as to the number of signers and the number of lots and crossings that the city will have to pay for in event of the construction of the walk.

An ordinance was passed to amend the ordinance fixing the licenses for various entertainments, etc., in which it was specified that the annual chaquetaqua should pay no license fee. There was some objection to this at first, as in the past the city has been to an expense for policing the chaquetaqua grounds, but this objection was met by the insertion in the ordinance of a specific clause providing that "the city shall not be under any obligation for special police protection for said chaquetaqua or concerts." The ordinance was introduced by Alderman Hall.

Alderman Hall brought up the matter of having the two wagon bridges painted but the matter was left until the next meeting owing to the charter requiring a resolution stating that such work is necessary. Part of the cost of painting the bridges is met by the county. A representative of a paint concern was present and told the council about various kinds of paint, and urged the purchase of paint by the city and the letting of contracts for putting it on, claiming that in this manner better results could be secured at a lower cost to the city.

J. H. Schmelzer, S. Hammerbeck, A. Skoog and J. E. Claassen of Little Falls town appeared before the council and asked if the city would appropriate some money to fix up the roads leading into the city from this town. There are three roads, one from the south, one from the southeast and one from the east, and all are in need of fixing. The council appropriated \$150 for the south road last fall but none of it was used. The street committee was instructed to look the matter up and to report at the next meeting. There is about \$4,000 in the fund which cannot be expended except to fix up roads leading into the city and an appropriation will without doubt be made.

Adjournment was then taken to April 25.

Barney Burton was in Minneapolis on business yesterday.

The construction of the new home for the German State bank of Pierz will begin soon. Arthur Kropp of St. Cloud was the successful bidder. The Johnson company of Sauk Rapids was awarded the contract to install the heating apparatus.

## TALKS ON STATE'S WARDS

### CHAS. E. VASALY OF BOARD OF CONTROL GIVES INTERESTING ADDRESS

A good sized crowd greeted Hon. Chas. E. Vassaly of the state board of control at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening, when he gave a most interesting and instructive talk on "The State's Wards" under the auspices of the literary section of the "Medical Art" club. Everyone was highly pleased with the talk and many stated that the speaker brought to them information in regard to institutions and conditions in this state of which they had previously known absolutely nothing. Mrs. Jenny Lind Blanchard introduced the speaker.

First of all Mr. Vassaly stated that he liked to speak in Little Falls principally because he knew the people here, and knew their great capacity for endurance—he had tested it out in the past. He then went on to say that he was bringing information that is of interest to citizens on what is being done with the wards of the state. "The state is the living unit of which it is composed, it is you, and its problems are your problems," he said.

Mr. Vassaly said that out of fifty-six million dollars spent since 1861 in supporting the state institutions in Minnesota in the past, fifteen millions have been for the state university, four or five millions for the normals, and about thirty millions for the wards of the state. Years ago very little money was spent for the last named, showing what an immense amount of money has been spent for that purpose in late years. This fact alone should interest the citizens enough to encourage them to keep informed on matters of this kind.

Three boards, the board of control, the board of pardons and board of parole, have to do with state penal, charitable and correctional institutions. The board of pardons consists of the governor, the chief justice and the attorney general and this body has full pardoning power. Its primary purpose at first was and still is that of correcting excessive sentences, by commuting them, or pardoning the prisoners in cases of innocence proved.

The board of parole consists of one member of the state board of control, being the one longest in service on that board, also one citizen member, the warden of the state prison and the superintendent of the state reformatory. This board can parole anyone who is serving an indeterminate sentence, anyone who was sentenced under the old law after they have served one-half of the sentence, and life prisoners after they have served twenty-three years, 7 months and a few days.

The board of control has direct control over thirteen state institutions and has financial control over three. It erects all buildings for the state except those at the state fair grounds, and buys the fuel for all except for the state fair and for the soldiers' home. It settles the residence of paupers in case of a dispute between two counties, and has many other duties. It was instituted in 1901 and succeeded a multiplication of other boards and was intended to centralize the work and to reduce the expenses of the state government. Since the Minnesota board was instituted many other states have adopted the same plan.

At the present time the state is caring for about 6,000 insane persons in institutions. This state is one of six in the union where there is no charge for the care of the insane. Mr. Vassaly stated, however, that he did not believe that the state should assume the entire burden of the care of insane patients. A bill was introduced in the state legislature proposing a charge for the care of patients but it did not get through. Mr. Vassaly said that he believed that the unfortunate in this state are given equally as good care as in any other state and as good as in the sanitariums. The state seeks to keep the best employes at all times but of course cannot afford to pay very high salaries, and even if it could, probably very little would be gained. Investigation of the institutions will show that there is everything to commend and little to condemn.

In the past it has been found that a great number of old people who could easily be cared for by relatives, have been sent to the institutions simply to get rid of them. They become a nuisance in the home of the relatives because of the need of extra care and at the first opportunity are sent to the insane hospital. Mr. Vassaly was of the opinion that if a charge of \$15 per month be made in such cases the relatives would hesitate to send them there.

There are three detention hospitals in this state, to which all insane persons are taken to first. They then pass on to the main hospital. The splendid thing about the detention hospitals is that it provides for a system of voluntary commitment. Those who know of the approach of mental trouble may go there and are received the same as patients in a general hospital. They are entered as a patient, not as an insane person, and in many instances return home fully cured, with no records on the books of the county judge of probate or on the books of the insane hospital. Minnesota was the first state in the union to take definite steps in this direction.

The superintendents of the insane hospitals have the power to parole the inmates for six months at a time, and the time can be extended indefinitely if the one on parole gets along satisfactorily and if the superintendent feels that he may discharge inmates. In these institutions the same as in the prisons, the inmates, upon commitment, lose their citizenship rights and the right to vote. They can, however, sue and be sued, for damages, divorce,

## TO CELEBRATE 4TH HERE

### ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING HELD AND COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED

Little Falls will this year have a Fourth of July celebration which will eclipse anything ever attempted in this vicinity, one that will draw the folks from the entire countryside for miles and miles. Preliminary steps for the celebration were taken at a mass meeting held at the city clerk's office at the city hall Saturday evening. The meeting was very well attended and all very enthusiastic.

Mayor Fortier, who called the meeting, acted as temporary chairman and announced the purpose of calling it. H. W. Venner was then elected chairman, Ralph Nichols secretary and Louis W. Vassaly treasurer. Chairman Venner appointed Chas. Sylvester, Dr. S. E. Fortier and J. F. Keckel as a committee of three to act with the chairman, secretary and treasurer in making preparations for a roaring celebration.

Among the events suggested were an automobile floral parade, with prizes for the best float; a band concert and band music throughout the day, a baseball team, a picnic dinner to be held at the Pine Grove park or some other suitable place, horse races, a lodge parade, and fire works on the evening. Mayor Fortier also suggested a parade which will no doubt be given, if possible. His suggestion was that all the different nationalities in the city be grouped under their respective flags, and march in parade, and come into one large group under the American flag, to illustrate the meaning of the name by which the United States is becoming familiarly known, "The Melting Pot."

The committee will get busy with arrangements and will raise the necessary funds and another meeting will probably be held soon to definitely outline the program.

## DOUBLE TRACK THIS YEAR

### ON N. P. FROM RICES TO LITTLE FALLS—MAY CHANGE LINE TO STAPLES

There is a report in circulation that the Northern Pacific will this year continue double-tracking in this division, and that this summer will see the extension of the double track from Rice to Little Falls. While no official information has been given out, the report is thought reliable. It is known that the Northern Pacific management is laboring to improve conditions on its lines, reducing grades, straightening curves and making travel safer as well as more comfortable for passengers, also making it possible to improve the freight traffic situation. The Northern Pacific has always ranked as the most progressive of the great transcontinental lines, and its double-tracking is particularly in the line of progress.

It is also understood that the new survey for better grades between Little Falls and Staples has been approved. It will not deviate much from the present line, but will be very much easier in grades, although somewhat longer in distance.

## HOSE CO. NO. 2 ELECTS

At a meeting of Hose company No. 2 Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—E. G. Anderson.  
Vice-Pres.—Wm. Batters.  
Secretary—E. Kaestner.  
Treasurer—G. F. Moeglein.  
Foreman—P. J. Lauermann.  
First Asst.—Titus Plettli.  
Second Asst.—Wm. Tonn.  
Delegate to state convention—Wm. Batters.  
Alternate—E. Kaestner.

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The board of public works will meet tonight to receive bids for the construction of the sewer on Second street northeast.

At a meeting held Tuesday evening the board organized and elected N. N. Berghem president and Victor Schallern clerk. No action was taken in regard to the paving petition, the clerk being instructed to make inquiries as to the advisability of paving with concrete.

etc. Two parole agents, a man and a woman, travel over the state and visit those on parole from the institution and enlighten those around them how to get along with them and how to care for them properly. These agents have helped a great deal to enlighten the people as to the treatment of one who is mentally deranged.

Insanity, Mr. Vassaly said, is not a disgrace to anyone and should be considered a disease the same as typhoid or scarlet fever. There is a great fear of insane persons but it is a fact that if they are treated right they are harmless in most instances. There are some who are violent but these are comparatively few and they are safe in the institution. The problem of the insane is a serious one as the percentage is continually growing, at the rate of 2 to 3 per cent per year. Minnesota is one of the high percentage states in the union and the need of a fourth institution for the care of these patients is already being felt. The hospitals are crowded and at the Rochester institution many sleep on cots in the hallways. The Anoka institution now has a population of nearly 900, and the population limit is considered 1,000. The speaker stated that he considered it a great mistake to have too large a population, even though the cost of caring for the inmates might be reduced in this way, as they could not be given the proper attention and care.

Mr. Vassaly spoke briefly on the in-

## MAYOR VETOS ORDINANCE

### SAYS CHAUTAUQUA ORDINANCE IS CLASS LEGISLATION—AND THAT CITIZENS OBJECT

Little Falls, Minn., April 13, 1916. To the Honorable Council of the City of Little Falls:

Gentlemen of the Council— I return to your honorable body Ordinance No. 229, an amendment to Ordinance No. 143, relating to "Licenses other than for the sale of Liquor," for the following reasons, to-wit: After consultation with many citizens, taxpayers of this city, I find that there are objections, expressed by a large number of them against the action taken by the council in this matter.

I believe that the principle involved in permitting a person or body of persons, to collect large sums of money from our people, without paying a license, or tax, is wrong and should not be made light of.

I further decline to approve and sign the said amended ordinance on the grounds that it appears to me to be purely and simply a piece of class legislation, opening a way for much trouble and dissatisfaction in the future.

I believe that an ordinance is for the purpose of general, orderly, regulation, and that when exceptions are specifically made, and ordinances amended for one reason or another, in favor of some person or persons, it will be hard to tell when and where it will end; and why and to whom it shall be granted or denied.

The ordinance refuses police protection by the city, to the Chautauqua. This is plainly a capital offense against the spirit of our charter, and a violation of sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, but especially Sec. 5 of ordinance No. 3 entitled, "An Ordinance concerning offences against the good order of the city of Little Falls." What assurances have you that the city will not be called upon to furnish one, two, or more police, and, if a just demand is made, what course shall the mayor follow?

Gentlemen of the council, I have no objection whatever to the Chautauqua coming to our city, and I do not believe that the minimum license of Fifteen dollars, an insignificant amount to pay or to receive, could interfere with its visit to Little Falls, but, if the council thinks so, and desires that the ordinance shall become effective, it may do so without my co-operation, and take upon itself the whole responsibility of its action.

Respectfully submitted,  
G. M. A. Fortier, Mayor.

Mrs. R. J. Dunphy leaves this morning for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Severson of Janesville.

## YOUNG GIRL WAS ASSAULTED

### EIGHT-YEAR-OLD GIRL ATTACKED BY GROWN MAN—SUSPECT PROVES ALIBI

An attempt at assault on the person of an 8-year-old girl was attempted on Thursday of last week by a man whom the girl was unable to describe, and of whom the authorities have not yet found a trace. The attempted assault took place in Pike Creek.

One man whom the girl's father suspected of the deed was arrested and brought here by Sheriff Felix but he proved an alibi and was released. He gave evidence to show that he was in another town that day.

The young girl was attacked by the man on her way home from school and she told her mother about it upon arriving home, describing the man as one about 35 or 40 years old. Her husband was gone on a business trip and when he returned on Saturday she told him of the affair, whereupon he notified Sheriff Felix. He took his daughter to a physician for medical attendance but her condition was not serious.

The investigation is being continued by the county attorney and sheriff, although they have but meagre evidence to work with.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Field have moved to Minneapolis.

The Professional Five Hundred club will be entertained this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Parsons.

## DEED

Mrs. Sarah Reid of this city passed away early Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Venner, after about four months' illness from Bright's disease. She was 57 years of age.

Deceased was born in Titusville, Pa., December 13, 1858. She came to this city twenty-one years ago and since that time has made here home here. She leaves four children, W. T. Reid of Staples, Frank Reid of Walker, Mrs. H. W. Venner and Mrs. Jacob Kingen of this city. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. G. W. Taylor of this city and two brothers, Marvin and Ellsworth Mars, both of Saginaw, Mich.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, from the M. E. church, Rev. John Watson officiating. Interment was in Oakland cemetery. W. T. Reid of Staples and Frank Reid of Walker were here for the funeral.

Mrs. Mary A. Koska of Pike Creek passed away Saturday from bronchial pneumonia, after a brief illness. She was 67 years of age. The funeral was held at Swan River church Monday morning and interment was at that place.

Mrs. Mary A. Rice passed away Wednesday at the home of her son, Frank Rice, at 504 Sixth street northeast, from pneumonia. She was 74 years of age. The remains will be shipped to Villard tomorrow for burial.