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DISTRICT COURT IN SESSION

EIGHT GET CITIZENS' PAPERS—THREE INDICTMENTS BY GRAND JURY

District court convened here Tuesday morning for a session which, it is believed, will last at least four weeks. Judge Parsons ofergus Falls is on the bench and John Vandersluis is court reporter.

On Tuesday the grand jury was charged and the preliminary call of the cases was held and cases were set for trial. On Wednesday motions were taken up and the applicants for naturalization papers were examined. Eight out of fifteen applicants were granted the citizenship papers, as follows: G. W. Karlson, Micael Petric, Nicholas Statema, Arthur Levin, Heinrich Markworth, Stephen Oravetz, George Joseph Wilkinson and Solomon Schapiro. The applications of Martin Johnson and Sigismund E. B. Suszycki were dismissed and those of Paul Aplikowski, Stephen Bastek, Lorenz Skveira, Anton Opolinski and Mike Zupko were continued.

James Mulcrone was indicted by the grand jury yesterday on a charge of grand larceny in the first degree. He was arraigned at noon yesterday and pleaded not guilty to the charge but his trial was postponed and will probably not be held until after the civil cases are finished, as it is not likely that any criminal cases will be taken up before that time. Mulcrone was arrested some time ago, charged with being an accomplice with Albert Dean in robbing Robert Obeschmid on a train here.

Lawrence Cook was indicted for indecent assault. He is charged with having attacked a young girl here. The grand jury is also reported to have returned another indictment, but the name of the person is withheld, as he is at large, but a bench warrant has been issued for him.

The case of M. H. Latta vs. W. H. Bourke was the first jury case to be taken up yesterday morning. Latta was given \$500 damages against Mr. Bourke at the last term of court for malicious prosecution. Mr. Bourke asked for a new trial and it was granted.

The next case is that of J. C. Weber vs. Peter Nyman. This case was set for trial yesterday but the first case took up all day.

Jury cases that have been set for trial thus far are as follows:

January 12

Matilda Huff vs. Germania Fire Insurance company.

E. E. Hall vs. Northern Pacific Ry. company.

January 13

Stanis Bielejeski et al vs Philip J. Chock.

Margaret A. Blanchard vs. Carrie M. Drew et al.

January 15

W. H. Porter vs. J. J. Hicks and A. M. Loutitt, partners as Hicks & Loutitt.

Thomas Hayes vs. Northern Pacific Railway company.

January 16

Fred York vs. Robert Kuscheil.

Thomas H. Daly vs. Anton J. Olson.

January 17

S. T. Bennet vs. Louis Larson.

Joseph Wilson vs. Robert Ashbaugh.

Mary Oravetz vs. Charles Oravetz.

January 18

In re of the appeal of W. B. Milbey vs. Morrison county (appeal from the county board).

George Super vs. the town of Culdrum (road appeal).

January 19

Peter Wilczek vs. Frank Johnson.

H. Bares vs. John Stroman, Andrew Stroman and Mrs. Andrew Stroman.

C. Erick Erickson vs. C. H. Burlin, game.

January 20

Violations of the Sunday closing law by saloonkeepers in Morrison county have been brought to the attention of Governor Burnquist and the governor has written to County Attorney Rosenmeier and Sheriff Felix informing them of the complaint. This is the same action as was taken in Stearns county recently.

The county attorney and sheriff have sent out letters to the saloon keepers in the villages throughout the county notifying them that they must obey the laws in regard to closing or be prosecuted. The complaint to the governor cites certain villages where the infractions occurred but the name of the complainant was withheld.

County Attorney Rosenmeier states that during the past year twelve cases involving infraction of the liquor laws were tried in court and in seven of these twelve cases convictions were secured. Two cases were dismissed and three were bound over to the grand jury. It is said to be hard to get saloonkeepers in certain villages convicted as most of the people in those localities are in sympathy with them and it is almost impossible to get sufficient evidence.

Mrs. S. R. Fortier and little son, who have been at St. Gabriel's hospital, have been discharged.

Jesse Rose, proprietor of the Buckman hotel tonorial parlors, has had the shop redecorated and has installed new barber chairs and other equipment.

R. L. Duun of Hutchinson has purchased the Annex confectionery store from J. F. Kenzel, Jr., and he has already taken possession. The Annex was started by the Kenzels about a year and a half ago and has enjoyed a good patronage.

HIGH QUINT VS. STAPLES HIGH

AT HIGH GYM TOMORROW NIGHT—LIGHTWEIGHTS PLAY ROYALTON

Tomorrow night the local high school basketball team will open its season with a double-header, the first team to meet Staples High and a team composed of players not exceeding 130 pounds in weight to clash with Royalton High. The games will be played at the local high school gymnasium, beginning at 8:15.

As yet the lineup of the two local teams has not been definitely decided but among those who will likely be seen in the fray are Levin, Dobny, Sims, Elvig, Grimes, Malbura and Richard, on the first team. There are quite a number of candidates for the lightweight team. The reason the light players are pitted against Royalton is that the down-river village has not material enough for a team strong enough to be able to compete with the first team here.

K. C.'S OCCUPY NEW HOME

The Knights of Columbus celebrated the opening of their new lodge rooms in the Tanner block on Wednesday evening with a well attended dance, over fifty couples tripping the light fantastic toe, the K. C. orchestra, under the direction of Wm. Bastien, furnishing the music. Frappe was served throughout the evening. The hall and club rooms have been elaborately furnished with settees, rockers, chairs, etc., all in Cathedral oak finish with a brown Spanish leather upholstery. A new piano has also been installed and a new floor laid. The lodge rooms are without question the best in the city.

CITY TO BE INSPECTED SOON

BY GENERAL INSPECTION COMPANY FOR PURPOSE OF RE-ADJUSTING INS. RATES

Little Falls will be inspected and its fire insurance rates readjusted in the very near future, according to a letter received by City Clerk Schallern from the General Inspection company, in reply to his letter of recent date asking about an inspection and other matters.

Mr. Lund, assistant manager of the General Inspection company, by whom the letter to the clerk is written, states that the company had planned on having an inspector at work in Little Falls last month but so many things developed that they found it impossible to carry out the plan. He added that he did not now just how soon work could be started here but that he believed a man could be sent here the latter part of January or at least immediately after February 1, and he expressed the hope that this would be satisfactory.

In writing to the company Mr. Schallern called attention to the fact that this city has not been inspected since the state insurance commissioner ruled that the insurance rates in the northern part of the state should be the same as the southern part. Since that time, he said, various improvements have been made in the Little Falls fire department, etc., which should tend to reduce the rate.

DIED

Andrew Kuffel, a resident of this county for twenty-four years, died Saturday afternoon at St. Gabriel's hospital from chronic heart trouble. He was 75 years of age.

Deceased was born in Germany in 1842. He came to Morrison county from Chicago with his family 24 years ago. They lived on a farm in Swan River.

Three children survive the deceased. They are Joseph Kuffel of this city; Mrs. P. Burgess of Grand Forks, N. D., and Mrs. Barbara Pointek of Swan River.

The funeral was held from St. Adalbert's church Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, Fr. Musial officiating. Interment was in the Polish Catholic cemetery.

Nels Olson, who until recently lived on a farm near Royalton, passed away Saturday at the home of his nephew, Nels Skoog of Little Falls town. He was 84 years of age and had been a resident of this county for the past 26 years. Death was due to pneumonia, from which he had been ill but two weeks.

Deceased was born in Sweden in 1833 and he was married there in 1861. He came to this county with his family in 1891, locating on a farm near Royalton, where he lived until a month ago, when he went to the home of his nephew to live. Mrs. Olson is the only member of the family surviving. The only son, Nels Olson, who lived in Green Prairie, died several years ago.

The funeral was held from the Skoog home Tuesday at 1:30 p. m., Rev. Hall of Little Falls officiating. Interment was in Oakland cemetery.

"MADAME BUTTERFLY" JAN. 25

Mrs. E. E. Swan, former member of the teaching staff at Iowa university, has been secured by the Hawthorne Mothers' club to give a recital of "Madame Butterfly" at the high school auditorium on the evening of Thursday, January 25. The admission will be 25 and 35 cents and the proceeds will go toward purchasing a musical instrument for the Hawthorne school.

Mrs. P. J. Vasily entertained the Kensington Embroidery club yesterday afternoon.

Tonight the Redmen lodge in this city will hold a regular meeting. There will be installation of officers, followed by a big feed. Collector of Wampum Ender says that there will be plenty of "hot dog" and the same, for the lunch.

1916 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

LIST OF THOSE WHO PAY PERSONAL TAX AND AMOUNT OF TAX

For the convenience of its readers The Herald is in this issue publishing more of the personal property tax list for 1916, which is now due and payable. More of the list will follow each week until the entire list has been published. The personal tax is now due and must be paid before March 1 to avoid a penalty.

GRANITE
Altenhofen, Math., \$6.56; Altman, Ben, 10.69; Brummer, John, \$14.45; Brummer, Louis, 10.20; Becker, Adam, 6.32; Black, G. B., 7.66; Billstein, Matt, 7.73; Billstein, Peter, 5.33; Billstein, Willie, 5.33; Dahmen, John, \$7.27; Dohmen, Nick, 5.10; Daniels, H. N., 2.55; Engel, Joseph, \$11.77; Eissel, John, 13.65; Finneman, Mrs. Therise, \$1.60; Fuchsinger, George, 1.37; Friecheis, Lorenz, 3.30; Fischer, John, Sr., 4.20; Gross, Eros, \$6.83; Gertz, Theodore, 2.79; Girtz, Jack, 26.17; Gross, Peter J., 1.66; Gross, Joseph, 14.62; Gross, Anna, \$11.50; Gross, Stephen, Sr., 11.00; Gross, John, 10.53; Heibel, Theodore, \$3.38; Hankammer, C. E., 3.57; Hoffmann, Caroline, 7.40; Hoffmann, Fritz, 4.88; Hoffman, Otto, 2.30; Huber, Elizabeth, 9.49; Haver, John V., 6.20.

Janson, Mike, \$4.47; Johnson, Hans, 5.81; Jarnost, August, 3.30; Kurtz, Joseph, 6.97; Kummert, George, 5.85; Keller, Albert, 1.37; Kasper, Theodore, 3.78; Kohlhammer, Robert, 10.88; King, Mary, 4.70; Kasper, August, 6.66; Lemmis, Peter, \$7.04; Langer, Alois, 2.01; Leit, George, 1.55; Leeb, Peter, 3.80; Leeb, George N., 7.31; Lastrup Co-opera-tive, 10.53; Kay, Kate, 10.20; Lee, H. S., 2.09; Loop, Marshall, 1.52; Nonner, Clara, \$3.18; Olson, Mike, \$7.30; Oremba, Joseph P., 3.22; Portner, Joseph, \$9.23; Prughmeyer, Mike, 5.54; Probasco, Ray, 2.77; Primes, Henry, 4.13; Primes, Alois, 2.47; Ritzloff, John, 1.66; Robinson, Archie, \$4.41; Ritzloff, Herne, 3.07; Ricker, Charley, 3.32; Roelke, Anton J., 6.30; Schommer, John, 1.55; Schommer, Kate, 3.30; Schommer, Christ, 11.59; Stoering, Henry, 10.80; Schommer, John, 9.39; Seelen, George, 4.34; Schraut, John, 10.02; Steinkor, Alois, 1.55; Stankogler, Ignatz, 19.59; Schindhammer, Joseph, 3.54; Schommer, Kate, 6.82; Schommer, Peter, 6.75; Steinkogler, Joseph, 5.10; Treter, John J., \$5.13; Tretter, George J., 5.87; Vernig, John P., \$10.24; Vernig, Henry, 10.24; Vernig, Albert, 6.32; Vernig, John, \$11.70; Von, Kate, 9.72; Voelker, Joseph, 10.95; Waller, George, W., \$5.15; Will, Anton, 9.32; Weidenbach, Peter, 8.00; Wille, Tony, 10.44; Will, Andrew, 2.32; Walter, Arba, 30c; Waller, W. T., 2.06; Walter, Wesley, 4.50; Wood, S. D., 9.15; Wiese, John, 8.04; Welle, Henry, 13.27; Ziegler, Math., \$3.45; Ziegler, Joe, 2.59.

GREEN PRAIRIE
Anderson, C. E., \$21.68; Anderson, Carl A., 3.71; Anderson, Aug., 11.32; Anderson, Arvid, 2.06; Anderson, And., 13.41; Anderson, G., 3.46; Anderson, Axel, 1.23; Anderson, Hilda, 1.37; Bloedon, Robert, \$9.75; Carlson, John, \$11.36; Carlson, P. G., 5.67; Eckerson, John, \$2.57; Edden, F. S., 6.32; Edden, Wm., 9.77; Eckerson, E., 6.29; Fryxel, Alfred, \$3.18; Fry, G. M., 5.76; Foell, F. A., 8.67; Gammon, C., \$5.43; Harlander, Geo., \$5.85; Henderson, Geo., 5.71; Harlander, Geo., 5.71; Henderson, Geo., 2.57; Hultgren, C. O., 5.49; Hanson, J. W., 4.13; Henderson, C. O., 5.71; Jarvis, Jacob, 10.00; Johnson, Chas., 9.45; Johnson, Chas. G., 3.30; Kull, A. T., \$4.53; Larson, Olof, 6.52; Lundgren, And., 6.33; Lundwall, Chas., 5.18; Lindstrom, And., 5.53; Miesner, Frank, \$7.66; McGuire, Frank, 5.57; McGuire, James, 6.40; Miller, Swan, 2.65; Ness, Aolph, \$3.22; Nelson, Carl, 15.79; Noffsinger, N. P., 3.37; Noffsinger, J. P., 6.38; Noffsinger, E. P., 16.00; Erick, 1.45; Nauertz, E. P., 16.00; Olson, Carrie, \$11.50; Peterson, J. E., \$5.08; Peterson, Carl E., 11.78; Rettmer, F. W., \$5.65; Swanson, Mrs. Jessie, \$16.63; Schlax, Michael, 15.14; Swanson, John, 1.65; Wittitt, John, 2.47; Wallace, John, 6.12; Wittter, Henry, 6.18; Wittter, Wm., 2.44.

HILLMAN
Arltcher, John, \$11.32; Brausen, Henry, \$6.55; Billmer, Ted, 2.45; Dominick, Alfred F., \$4.87; Driver, I. W., 5.18; Juetten, P. J., \$15.41; Juetten, Mat J., 3.51; Kostenek, Frank, \$2.51; Lusk, Christ, \$5.63; Lusk, Chas., 1.56; Lusk, Bros. (Christ & Henry), 4.77; Meyer, M. M., 1.58; Medek, Joe, 2.51; Michael, John, 3.48; Pels, Peter, \$10.64; Thomala, John, 13.48; Vottin, Henry, \$6.56; Wastytchek, J., \$19.75; Zwack, Peter, \$7.57.

LAKIN
Carson, E. D., \$11.47; Chesney, Chas., 3.57; Erickson, Erik, \$5.02; Hanks, F. V., \$3.25; Israelson, Anton, 6.52; John, Beul, \$4.20; Johnson, Roy, 5.38; Johnson, John P., \$3.22; McKibben, A. T., 4.44; Nelson, A. J., \$39.73; Schurz, S. \$4.55; Sterr, Frank, Jr., 9.79; Schroeder, Gus, 0.1; Wozniak, Jos., \$2.47.

LEIGH
Bethel, R. C., \$42.90; Boarener, John, 70c; Brubaker, Wm., 15.32; Cates, Raymond C., 21c; Drews, Aug., \$14.38; Drews, Irvin, J., 13.94; Fergusson, John, 90c; Fergusson, James, H., \$11.57; Goble, Ernest, \$3.01; Hanson, Jacob, \$2.52; Hixte, J. H., \$16.32; Hixte, Fred, 6.04; Miller, John C., \$9.04; Ryon, John F., \$12.45; Sommers, Don, \$7.81; Sommers, Richard, 2.65; Stott, Charles, 3.58; Tenniman, Wm. C., \$8.06; Teachout, E. L., 5.61; Wood, Jorg., \$11.87.

LITTLE FALLS TOWN
Anderson, Alfred, \$7.77; Brendell, Theodore, \$17.45; Bolander, Carl, \$11.38; Bach, H. B., 5.62; Burris, E. C., 10.15; Boisvert, Mose, 28.36; Beckman, C. O., 16.02; Coenen, Joseph, \$26.65; Crever, Mary C., 2.45; Claassen, John, 3.07; Crabtree, F. T., 1.56; Cherry, Mary E., 17.40; Crabtree, Albert, 3.92; Cash, Edward, 3.97; Cash, Ceila, 4.74; Carlson, Dan, 2.51; Cash, Alex, 7.07; Duerr, John, \$11.23; Douglas, F. A., 6.03; Elk, Hilda, \$13.32; Edling, O., 12.67; Eastburg, John, 6.41; Fergusson, John, \$11.87; Furrman, Albert, 2.63; Furrman, Carl, 32.41; Grenier, Eugene, \$2.74; Grendau, Eugene, 4.80; Kallher, William, 7.70; Hixte, J. H., \$16.32; Hixte, Fred, 6.04; Miller, John C., \$9.04; Ryon, John F., \$12.45; Sommers, Don, \$7.81; Sommers, Richard, 2.65; Stott, Charles, 3.58; Tenniman, Wm. C., \$8.06; Teachout, E. L., 5.61; Wood, Jorg., \$11.87.

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BANQUET AND ANNUAL MEETING

HELD BY COMMERCIAL CLUB LAST NIGHT—SECRETARY MAKES SUGGESTIONS

The Commercial club held its annual meeting at the Buckman hotel last evening, following a dinner for the members given at 6:30. A number of matters pertaining to the work of the club, were taken up and election of officers was held, but none of the particulars can be given as the meeting was held after going to press. However, the report of Secretary R. B. Millard, which was read at the meeting and which contained many good suggestions, is published herewith:

In looking back over the year 1916, the members of the Commercial club of Little Falls can point with pride to the big object set before us to win, and which is now ours, the designation, or rather the maintaining of the original designation of the Jefferson Highway. Now that this National highway runs through our city we should not forget it.

We should at all times work as a unit to help build and maintain, not only the Jefferson Highway, but good roads throughout the county. The automobile club of Little Falls has also worked with us and given freely of its funds and equally deserves credit for the splendid work done in securing this highway.

Now that a new year is upon us it is up to us to make our plans for, not only twelve months, but plans that are broad enough to reach out beyond 1917.

I would recommend that:

1. The club should at this time lend aid to the state wide agitation for more liberal road laws; in fact, this club can, if it wishes, take a leading part in good road laws that will soon be in the making.

2. During 1917 the Jefferson Highway from Darling north for a mile should be straightened, and made to parallel the track. There is some opposition to the elbow, from the church east 80 rods and north 160 rods, being straightened out, as that would cost several thousand dollars. We must not forget that this highway is not only state road but a part of a great international highway, and is therefore entitled to consideration above an ordinary so-called state road.

3. Work a little more often with our county commissioners. They are business men trying honestly and conscientiously to give Morrison county a good administration and a square deal to all parts of it. They get blamed for many things that are perhaps not just as they should be. But when we see a good piece of work done, tell them so. They are doing the best they can with the means at their command and remember they are rather short of funds. The road and bridge fund is now \$76,000.00 over-drawn.

4. The Royalton bridge.

5. Graveling of the Jefferson Highway from Royalton to Little Falls.

6. Finishing of state highway from Swanville through Little Falls to the east side of the county.

7. Lars Talberg, a Morrison county good road builder, of Ramey, wants to work in his own county. For the past four years he has been the big road builder for Benton county. He made a tentative proposition to work for Morrison, furnish four men besides himself and 12 horses for road work at \$30.00 per day for the season. He states that he built 34 miles of road in 1915 in Benton county in 150 days. He states that he builds from 30 to 35 miles of road with his outfit each summer. He built the stretch of Jefferson Highway from Royalton to Rice this summer, 7 miles, at a cost of \$1,200.00. He claims that he can do as much work with his outfit as a tractor. Would it be a good plan for Morrison to have him? If so, let us take it up with our county board and with our engineer.

8. We should have a business men's lunch one noon each week to talk over projects that will lead to the betterment of our county and city.

9. The paving of Broadway from Second street west to Third street east.

10. The completion of the dancing pavilion at the park this spring.

11. The budget system of raising funds for our business and civic organizations. Let a committee find out approximately how much money is spent in our city yearly along these lines. Make a fair assessment and collect yearly or semi-annually.

12. Hide the dump with a heavy growth of willows or some quick growing shrub. A place to dump refuse is desirable, but we don't like to bring visitors into our city through our back yard junk pile.

13. A first class hotel to take care of the increase in numbers of the traveling public. And especially during the spring, summer and fall the travel on the Jefferson Highway will assume such proportions that our hotels cannot accommodate them. Even now the hotels are nightly turning guests away. What will it be during the coming summer when people begin to come in from the south by the hundreds? This traffic is not to be smiled at, but encouraged. These tourists have money and are willing to spend it. They are our guests and they have the right to expect good accommodations and courteous treatment. We need an up-to-date, first class hotel.

14. Sufficient garage accommodations for the traveling public have been assured us by the Motor Inn. They say that their new addition will accommodate 100 tourists automobiles over night. Where could we put from two hundred to three hundred tourists over night?

15. A business manager. (Mr. J. K. Martin's suggestion). Little Falls has an assessed valuation of one and three quarters million and about \$400,000.00 a year income to spend on itself. How is it spent? Is it spent economically?

WANT COURT TERMS CHANGED

TO APRIL AND NOVEMBER—MORRISON COUNTY MAY SWAP DATES WITH OTTLE TAIL

The dates for the district court terms in this county may be changed from January and June to April and November, in the near future, the attorneys here not being very well satisfied with the present dates, as both come during the extremes in weather. It is also hard for the jurymen to come in for the January term if the weather is severe.

Should the dates be changed to April and November Ottortail county would likely take January and June, as that county now has its court terms in April and November. It is understood that Ottortail county is willing to swap dates with Morrison county, but an act of the legislature will be necessary to make the change. A bill will be drafted shortly.

REV. E. A. CUTLER, FORMER RESIDENT, DEAD

Rev. Everett A. Cutler, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church, Milwaukee, a former resident of this city, died at his home in Milwaukee Tuesday, after a ten days' illness. He was 43 years of age.

Rev. Cutler was the son of Rev. W. A. Cutler, a former resident of Little Falls and the first pastor of the Congregational church of this city. Rev. W. A. Cutler married Miss Denny of Green Prairie. Their son Everett was born in Green Prairie in 1873.

J. A. Koslosky, a brother of Austin Koslosky of this city, was elected chairman of the Benton county commissioners.

ROADS MUST BE PASSABLE

POSTAL DEPARTMENT MAY DISCONTINUE ROUTES ON NEGLECTED ROADS

Unless the roads along rural routes leading out of Little Falls are kept in a good passable condition in the future, they may be discontinued by the postal department and the patrons deprived of the free delivery service. As a means of reducing expenses the department will discontinue routes here and there throughout the country and in this manner has been selected to decide which routes shall be taken off.

The postal laws are plain on the matter of the passableness of the roads, stating that failure to keep the roads in a good, passable condition, at all times of the year, will be sufficient reason to discontinue the rural free delivery service on said routes.

Mr. Brick, the local postmaster, has been notified that he must report on the condition of the roads on the routes leading out of this city, and in order to give the patrons along the routes the opportunity to keep this service, he has written all town chairmen, advising them of the action of the postal department, and urging them to put the roads in shape. He called their attention particularly to the growth of brush and weeds along the roads, which cause snow drifts and give the mail carriers much trouble and annoyance.

"FAIR AND WARMER" AT VICTOR TONIGHT

"Fair and Warmer," a comedy drama, will be put on at the Victor theatre tonight by Selwyn & Company. The cast that comes to Little Falls to stage this play is positively said to be the one that has been putting it on with such great success in New York and Chicago. The show will be put on at the Davidson theatre at St. Cloud Sunday evening.

Misses Elaine and Elvira Ruth favored the business college students with several vocal and instrumental selections yesterday morning.

BORN

ROCENE—To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Roene, Tuesday, January 9, a daughter.

PERZINSKI—To Mr. and Mrs. Leo Perzinski of Pine Creek, Saturday, January