

COUNTY MAY LOSE AID

FEDERAL APPOINTMENT OF \$175,000 MUST BE USED WITHIN FIXED TIME

Messrs. John Berglund, Henry Gassert, Dave Lundberg, Delphise Rochelle and W. E. Milberry, constituting the board of county commissioners, and J. E. Viner, district engineer for this county, went to St. Paul yesterday afternoon for a conference with the state highway commissioner regarding road work and equipment.

The attention of the county board has been called to the fact that unless the county avails itself of the opportunity to secure federal aid amounting to \$175,000 for road work, within a fixed time, the money will be re-appropriated to some other county that will use it. The federal aid to this county was apportioned for use in the construction of the state road to Royalton.

An effort will be made to exchange several motor trucks which were turned over to this county by the state highway department for road work, for other trucks, and, if possible, to secure some more trucks and other equipment for road work.

MEN'S CLUB ENTERTAINED

The Men's club was entertained at the American House Cafe Monday evening, Messrs. W. B. Mitchell, F. J. McCutcheon and Andrew Johnson acting as hosts. About 25 members attended.

The members brought one or more questions, written on a slip of paper, and these were discussed by various members. Reginald Barbour favored the club with two songs. Lawrence Gendron playing the accompaniment. A Victrola concert was also given. Splendid refreshments were served at the close of an enjoyable evening.

POORER RESIDENT LOSES HEAVY LOSS

John Close of Glendale, Ore., formerly of this city, recently sustained a very heavy loss in a fire which destroyed his hotel there, according to word received by a friend here.

Mr. and Mrs. Close purchased a hotel at Glendale last fall and in moving in the renewal of insurance was overlooked and the policy lapsed, leaving them with no protection when the hotel burned about six weeks ago.

Mr. Close operated a drug store here for many years before moving west.

LEVIS STORE MOVED

The Levis store was moved yesterday from the room in the Realty block to the store room in the Vassaly building formerly occupied by the Olson grocery store.

The new place has been entirely remodeled and redecorated. A balcony has been built in the rear of the room and a department has been fitted up for kodak finishing. Mr. Levis has ordered a new electric drying machine for use in this work.

G. W. Massey will occupy the room vacated by the Levis store.

MONDAY IS GROUNDHOG DAY

Next Monday, February 2, is Groundhog Day, according to the almanacs. According to an old tradition, if the groundhog, in coming out of his winter quarters in the ground, sees his shadow on that day, he will return whence he came to hibernate for another six weeks as he takes this as a sign of continued cold weather. If, on the other hand, it is a cloudy day, warm weather is indicated.

WILL SEND INCOME TAX MAN HERE

A representative of the internal revenue department will be in Little Falls March 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 to assist taxpayers in preparing their income tax returns and in checking over same, according to information received here from E. J. Lynch of St. Paul, collector of internal revenue. The deputy will probably be stationed at the postoffice.

APPLY FOR BANK CHARTER

Messrs. John A. Barton of Two Harbors, Alb. A. Barton of Little Falls and others have made application to the state securities commission for a charter for a bank to be established on the west side in Little Falls. Notice of the hearing on application is published in this issue of the Herald.

Alb. A. Barton is cashier of the First State Bank of Bowls.

BOARD OF COMMERCE MEETING TONIGHT

The Little Falls Board of Commerce will hold a meeting at the Elks hall tonight which the entire membership has been asked to attend. The meeting will be in the nature of a smoker. The committee in charge of arrangements is arranging for a few brief talks and matters of interest will be discussed. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock.

LASTRUP SEPARATES FROM TOWNSHIPS

The village of Lastrup on January 20 voted to separate from the townships of Buh and Granite. Sixteen votes were cast and all favored separation. The village has been incorporated for some time but for taxation purposes, etc., remained as a part of the townships.

Carl Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Anderson of the West side, is critically ill at his home.

Fremont Graham, who has been failing in health for some time, is quite low and his recovery is not looked for.

Philcas Goulet arrived yesterday from New York City for a few days' visit with his father, F. X. Goulet. Mr. Goulet resided here for a number of years and is known to the older residents of Little Falls. Since leaving Little Falls for the west he has become quite prominent as a baritone singer and he has toured the west quite extensively. Recently he went east and he appeared in numerous concerts in New York City.

HIGH TO SAUK RAPIDS

LOCALS TO PLAY DOWN RIVER QUINT TONIGHT—EXPECT ANOTHER VICTORY

The high school basketball quint journeyed to Sauk Rapids this afternoon for a game with Sauk Rapids high tonight.

Nothing has been heard as yet to the strength of Sauk Rapids this year but the locals do not anticipate a hard game there. Little Falls is after a clean record, however, and is not going to let Sauk Rapids get away with anything.

The lineup of the local quint will undoubtedly be the same as in last Friday's game with St. Cloud, with Sprandel and Levis forwards, Lipinski center and Bastien and Levin guards. Several other players will go down as substitutes.

On Saturday, Feb. 7, the locals play Staples high here.

FIRST BONUS BONDS SOLD

The first block of certificates of indebtedness, totaling \$7,500,000 was sold by the state bonus board Friday to three trust companies of the twin cities on a joint bid. The premium offered was \$13,500 on a 5 per cent basis. There was but one other bidder.

The first checks will be ready for distribution next Monday, Feb. 2, according to the bonus board.

"GOBS" TO GET INCREASE IN PAY

Fifty per cent increase in pay to enlisted men serving in the navy is provided in a bill passed last Friday by the house of representatives by a vote of 311 to 10. In addition to the increase the bill provides for a bonus of four months' pay for re-enlistment.

WETS LOSE IN TEST

San Francisco, Jan. 28.—California wine interests lost the first skirmish in their fight against the 18th amendment when Judge Frank H. Rudkin, United States district court, denied a writ of habeas corpus to J. J. Dillon, truck driver, arrested while transporting liquor after Jan. 16.

It was said to be the first test of the national prohibition amendment in the country.

Law Held Constitutional

"I am of the opinion," said Judge Rudkin in his ruling, "that the amendment in form and substance was within the competency of congress and the several states to propose and ratify; and that both the amendment and the national prohibition act were in full force and effect on the day in question."

Attorney for the wine interests

contended that an amendment to the constitution must change some part of the constitution rather than add a new article. He argued that the amendment would not go into effect if it were valid, until Jan. 23.

Judge Rudkin ruled against both contentions, holding Article V of the constitution gave congress and the states the necessary authority to add the amendment.

Ohio's referendum election to overturn the amendment in that state which favored anti-prohibitionists, had no effect on the amendment, the court held. The constitution is not subject to local referendum action according to the decision.

Marriage licenses have been issued

this week to Mike Zilka and Frances Minchow; Albert E. Felix and Marie L. Casper; Vincent Sowieja and Mary Zwilling.

A meeting is to be held at Cushing

Monday to consider the matter of forming a consolidated school district there. C. M. Cesander, state inspector of rural schools, will be at the meeting and Miss Eliza Batzer, county superintendent of schools will also attend. Similar meetings are to be held at Fredholm Wednesday and Hillman Tuesday.

Married

At Sacred Heart church Tuesday morning at 10 the marriage of Miss Mary Louise Casper to Mr. Frederick Albert Felix was solemnized. Rev. Altendorf performed the ceremony.

The couple were unattended. The bride wore a pretty brown suit, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of bridal roses.

A wedding dinner was served at the

home of the groom's parents, immediately following the ceremony. The home was decorated with cut flowers, pink and white being the color scheme. Only immediate relatives and friends were present.

The bride is the daughter of Theodore

Casper of Pierz. She has lived in Little Falls for the last five years, making her home with her grandfather, John Schaubel. She has been employed as trimmer at local millinery stores and until recently was employed at the St. Paul store. She is a charming young woman and well and favorably known here.

The groom is the son of Sheriff and

Mrs. Paul Felix. He was born and raised here, attending the local grade and high schools and the business college. He is one of the popular young men of the city. In 1918 he volunteered with several other local young men for military service in the aviation section. He was discharged from the service last spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix left Tuesday

for a short honeymoon trip to the twin cities and other points. They will make their home in Little Falls.

POTATO MEN MEET

20 COUNTIES REPRESENTED AT MEETING HERE TO FORM POTATO MARKETING ASSN.

Seventy-five accredited delegates representing twenty counties in this state were in Little Falls Monday and Tuesday for a meeting at which steps were taken to form the Minnesota Farmers' Co-operative Potato Exchange. County agents and others in attendance brought the total number of visitors to more than a hundred.

The first steps to form a co-operative potato marketing association were taken at the potato show held at Moorhead last fall, when a temporary board of directors was selected to make preliminary arrangements and to draw up by-laws, etc. E. P. Nauertz of Green Prairie was one of these directors.

The meeting here was called to order

Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the Elks hall and all sessions were held there. Ludvig Mosback of Askov was chosen temporary president and he presided at the meetings. Hugh J. Hughes, director of markets for the state department of agriculture, acted as temporary secretary.

Articles of incorporation were drawn

up and adopted a set of by-laws. The meeting of the delegates was entirely unofficial as the organization will be incorporated and the local associations will then join it. They appointed a board of directors and this board will proceed to incorporate and to carry out the wishes of the general meeting. The directors are as follows:

- H. E. Plummer, Hawley.
- E. P. Nauertz, Little Falls.
- Ludvig Mosback, Askov.
- James Cummings, East Grand Forks.
- Joseph Hoffman, Ogilvie.
- John Erickson, Aitkin.
- H. O. Ejerse, Detroit.
- M. J. Thompson, Wadena.
- E. E. Schulke, Ten Strike.

The big meeting came to a close early

Tuesday afternoon and most of the delegates returned to their homes that afternoon. The directors remained, however, and held another meeting at the Buckman hotel to discuss ways and means of carrying out the wishes of the meeting.

It is the desire of the farmers to get

this organization going by this spring so that they may be able to realize from it this year.

No action was taken on the location

of headquarters. There were several bids for the headquarters including Little Falls, the twin cities, Duluth, St. Cloud, Brainerd, Bemidji, Crookston, and other places. Little Falls stands a good show of being selected as there is much in its favor as a suitable place for the headquarters of such an organization. This city is located geographically, almost in the center of the state and is the center of the potato growing country. It has good railroad service, good hotel accommodations. Perhaps one of the best arguments offered for locating headquarters in a small city is that the potato buyers like to come in contact with the potato growers; to get out into the country and see the land on which the crop is produced, the "factory" so to speak. Little Falls is going to make a united effort to get the headquarters here.

On Monday evening, after the business

session, the delegates and visitors held what Mr. Hughes termed "a muligan stew." At this session a number of well informed men were given opportunity to talk on matters of vital interest to the farmers, particularly along the line of co-operative marketing. Among those who spoke were Berry Akers, associate editor of "The Farmer" of St. Paul; F. E. Clement of Moorhead, who presided at the session; C. E. Brown of Elk River; E. G. Bassett of the North American Food Exchange of New York City; J. M. Mehl of the United States Bureau of Marketing, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; W. R. Porter of the College of Agriculture of Fargo; Mr. Drake of the Farm, Stock & Home, and Fred T. Lincoln, former secretary of the Brainerd Chamber of Commerce.

The visitors were entertained at a

theater party at the Lowell theater Monday evening by the Board of Commerce, following the business meeting.

Visiting Delegates

- Olof Anderson, Beltrami.
- Otto Allman, Beltrami.
- Leo Bellefeuille, Becker.
- Ben Bates, Morrison.
- Edwin Benson, Carleton.
- Oliver Boyer, Becker.
- H. P. Brandt, Norman.
- H. A. Campbell, Itasca.
- N. J. Carnes, Morrison.
- A. M. Christenson, Polk.
- Ray Cook, Itasca.
- James Cummings, Polk.
- C. L. Davis, Wadena.
- Henry Determan, Todd.
- A. M. Dutton, Clearwater.
- J. A. Ecklund, Pine.
- Carl Ecklund, Mille Laes.
- F. W. Erickson, Aitkin.
- H. C. Ellis, Carleton.
- Chas. Falconer, Clearwater.
- Frank Fredren, Isanti.
- A. N. Gray, Crow Wing.
- E. L. Gross, Carleton.
- C. Groth, Becker.
- Fred Hefton, Aitkin.
- J. M. Husick, Morrison.
- L. O. Jacobs, Anoka.
- C. P. Johnson, Carleton.
- Victor Judin, Clearwater.
- H. J. Larson, St. Louis.
- Thomas Hill, Stearns.
- Jos. Hoffman, Kanabec.
- W. Holmes, Carleton.
- D. W. Luchsing, Mille Laes.
- John McCaffery, Itasca.
- O. R. McDermott, Pipestone.
- C. R. Madson, Becker.
- John Mamer, Dakota.
- J. E. Mathewson, Morrison.
- H. C. Moore, Todd.
- W. M. Morrey, Morrison.
- J. A. Marshall, Wadena.
- Aug. Nelson, Anoka.
- Frank O. Nelson, Todd.
- Lewis Nelson, Kanabec.

BIG IMPROVEMENTS

LITTLE FALLS BLACK GRANITE COMPANY INVESTS MORE IN EQUIPMENT

Improvements costing more than \$10,000 have been made by the Little Falls Black Granite company at its works here and at the quarry in Buh town. The work is still under way and when all is completed the works here will be as well equipped as any.

A new traveling derrick 40x80 feet has been constructed just north of the finishing sheds, for use in carrying the stone from the trucks and wagons to the sheds. This involved an expense of \$1,500.

An addition 15x40 feet has been built

on the main finishing shed and a new polishing machine has been installed. The surfacing machine has been moved out of the main building and is now housed in a separate building. A new surface cutting machine has been ordered and will arrive in a short time.

Construction of the electric line to

the quarry for power purposes will probably be completed next Monday. The granite company has installed a new American hoist at the quarry, at a cost of \$2,700, not including a pole for the hoist which is 15x15 inches and 30 feet long. An electric motor of 100 horse power has been purchased and will be taken to the quarry. A new air compressor with a capacity of 600 cubic feet per minute and a large amount of new cables have been purchased.

Thirty men are at present employed

at the quarry and finishing shed and more men are added to the crew from time to time. According to John Sperry, the proprietor, the company enjoyed a good business last year and prospects are good for this year.

Red Cross Notes

Miss Janet Worden, county Red Cross nurse, spent two days and two nights this week caring for the sick at Swanville. From there she went to Lincoln, where she remained for 48 hours looking after the sick. Then she went to Ausland, remaining there 36 hours and then back to Lincoln for 24 hours. She also examined the children in three schools. Miss Worden finds it exceedingly difficult to travel on account of the condition of the roads as invariably she has had to break a road wherever she was to go.

A temporary home has been found in

this city for a little cripple who was recently brought back from a state institution, where treatment had been given.

Anyone wanting a first class man to

work on the farm or in the woods will find it handy to apply to the Red Cross nurse. He is well trained and glad to take work by the week or month.

Musical Art Club

A splendid program of musical numbers was given Monday evening at the Maud Moon Weyershaeuser hall by two outside artists, Mrs. Elizabeth Morton Dvorshak and Miss Perle Alice Reynolds of the Duluth Matinee Musicale club.

Mrs. Dvorshak's selections on the

piano were thoroughly enjoyed. She is an accomplished musician and her appearance here was especially pleasing to those who knew her. She visited here on various occasions a few years ago as her parents resided here.

Mrs. Reynolds' singing was very

good, her sweet, flexible soprano voice making it a hit with the audience.

John Vertin made a business trip to

St. Cloud yesterday.

Mrs. Kern, mother of Henry Kern,

is quite ill with pneumonia.

J. J. Wolters of Elmdale is very ill

with chronic Bright's disease.

The board of county commissioners

will meet in regular monthly session at the court house next Tuesday.

Considerable commotion was caused

Wednesday evening about 10:30 when the bank alarm at the First National bank began to ring. It was due to the fact that the vault had not been locked when the bank was closed.

Fred T. Lincoln, secretary of the

Brainerd Chamber of Commerce, has accepted a position as secretary of the Billings, Mont., Commercial Club, and will take up his duties there in February.

Henry Steuber of Morrill was com-

mitted to the detention hospital at Fergus Falls Tuesday by Probate Judge Kemp and he was taken there the same day by Deputy Sheriff Fueger. Mr. Fueger returned home Wednesday morning.

L. H. Nelson, Todd.

Victor Nelson, Isanti.
N. H. Wilson, Laity.
W. F. Richter, Stearns.
Mr. Rosegrun, Sherburne.
Andrew Eude, Norman.
Harry Sandholm, Norman.
E. E. Schulke, Beltrami.
John Seaburg, Becker.
F. G. Schroeder, Crow Wing.
A. Swedberg, Cass.
H. J. Schermerhorn, Wadena.
Hogen Tollefson, Clearwater.
Andy Vedne, Ottertail.
Elmer Widmark, Crow Wing.
Fremt Waters, Clay.
E. E. Wise, Crow Wing.

At the directors' meeting officers

were elected as follows: President—Ludvig Mosback, Askov. Vice-president—J. Cummings, East Grand Forks. Secretary-treasurer—H. B. Plummer, Hawley.

The articles of incorporation were

taken down to the state capitol by Mr. Hughes.

Temporary headquarters will be established in Little Falls. A manager will be elected in the near future and he will have charge of headquarters.

FARMERS' ELEVATORS

NOW HANDLE VASTLY MORE GRAIN THAN THE LINE ELEVATORS

Farmers' elevators rapidly are growing in number and importance in Minnesota, according to J. T. Probstfield, supervisor of local warehouses, in his annual report to the Minnesota Railroad and Warehouse Commission. His figures for the crop year ended August 31, 1919, show that the line elevators decreased in one year from 613 to 537, while the number of farmers' elevators increased from 356 to 390. The latter handled 38.9 per cent of the entire grain crop in Minnesota, whereas the line houses handled but 24.8 per cent. His report further shows that whereas the average line house during the last crop year received only 76,752 bushels of grain, the average farmers' elevator handled 140,179 bushels. On account of the great demand for flour the mills bought more heavily than usual and their elevators handled 110,890 bushels of grain on the average.

Mr. Probstfield is authority for the

statement that the number of farmers' elevators increase substantially every year and at the present rate of growth the farmer elevator companies soon will handle the bulk of the grain harvested in Minnesota.

Following is a summary of the business

of the primary elevators or so-called local grain warehouses in Minnesota for the crop year ending August 31, 1919:

Class	No. in op.	Bu. grain per cent.
Line	537	41,206,311 24.8
Farmers	390	64,976,194 38.9
Independent	40	33,141,304 19.8
Mills	274	27,644,968 16.4

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The total amount of grain shipped by the primary elevators during the year indicated was 166,667,877 bushels as compared with 112,800,700 bushels for the corresponding year preceding.

Wheat, as usual, was the leading crop

with a total of 70,989,230 bushels. The other crops were as follows: Oats, 51,840,325 bushels; barley, 23,925,775 bushels; rye, 8,395,547 bushels; flax, 3,259,584 bushels; corn, 9,157,356 bushels.

WOMAN'S GUILD QUARTERLY MEETING

(Contributed)

The first quarterly meeting of the Woman's Guild for the year of 1920 was held Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 27, at the Maud Moon Weyershaeuser hall.

At the regular business meeting the

reports of the various committees were read and disposed of in due form, after which Mrs. Grimes reported on Archbishop Dowling's talk to the Women of the State Federated Clubs of Catholic Societies. Mrs. Koslosky told of Mrs. Winter's remarks at the same meeting.

Mrs. Simonet, accompanied by Mrs.

H. E. Tanner at the piano, rendered two vocal solos in a very pleasing manner. Miss Clare Fortier's recitation, "Winken, Blinken and Nod," was heartily enjoyed and she responded with a second recitation, "Twin Sisters," Mrs. Frank E. Hall, Jr., delightfully entertained the gathering with two piano solos.

Rev. O'Driscoll addressed the

assembly, taking for his subject, "Franchise for Women." He not only dealt upon the importance of the ballot if used rightly, but he impressed upon the minds of all present the greater responsibilities of building true lives and true homes, bringing out the thought that the home is the foundation of good government.

After singing of America the

meeting closed.

Report of Charity committee of the

Woman's Guild for last quarter is: Number of cases reported 30
Number of cases visited 30
Number of garments given (old) 168
Number of garments given (new) 28
Number of pair of shoes 9
Three baby outfits given. One young man given clothing so he could accept a position.

Mothers' pension secured for a widow.

Two suits of underwear and one new winter coat given a sick lady.
Two night dresses and a blanket given one sick lady.
Bedding and clothing given a widow.
One quart of milk sent to lady every day for one month; also paying one-half expense for home help.
Two comforters made and given to tubercular woman.
Clergyman secured for sick woman.
Position secured for a man.
Christmas boxes given to 12 families.
Secured a place for a boy in an institution.

With the presenting of "Tim's Little

Star," Tuesday evening, Feb. 3, at the Lowell, will be shown the tenth picture of a series of twelve films of the Woman's War Relief series, under the auspices of the Woman's Guild of this city. The Guild very much appreciates the kindly compliments given our effort by many friends. That they have given their approval is made evident by the fact that we have more than paid our expense each evening, besides paying to the Woman's War Relief Series twenty dollars through the Universal Film exchange each time a film is shown.

We thank all who have helped in

any way to make this after-war charity a success and urge that you still continue to patronize the Tuesday evening entertainment for the remaining three Tuesdays that these pictures are yet to be shown.

Otis Skinner and Blanche Bates will

be skinned by Daniel Frohman, Henry Miller, Constance Binney and Florenz Zeigfeld in "Tom's Little Star."

MINNESOTA BANKS PROSPER

Minnesota bank deposits increased \$104,410,411 during 1919, according to a statement by F. E. Pearson, state superintendent of banks.

G. O. P. CONVENTION

PROBANT CAUCUSES MARCH 15—COUNTY MEETINGS 17th, STATE MEETING MARCH 20.

St. Paul, Jan. 29.—Republicans of

Minnesota will have an opportunity at precinct primaries March 15 to express their preference for the G. O. P. candidate for president.

This was decided yesterday afternoon

at the meeting in the Ryan hotel of the Republican state central committee. The members decided also:

The Republican state convention

will be held in the St. Paul auditorium on Saturday, March 20. District conventions will be held in the various congressional districts, Friday, March 19.

County conventions will be held

in the various counties on Wednesday, March 17. The committee decided that voting and convening in February would be too early in the campaign.

1918 Vote to Be Basis

Representation in the state convention, however, will be based on the vote cast two years ago for Governor Burnquist. Each county will have one delegate for each 250 votes cast for Burnquist and in addition five delegates at large. Each precinct will be entitled to one delegate to the county convention for each 25 votes or major fraction thereof cast for Burnquist in that precinct. Each precinct, however, will be entitled to at least one vote.

The question of placing the names of

the candidates for the G. O. P. nomination before the precinct caucuses was raised and debated.

Preference to Be Voted

Mr. Cummings suggested that separate ballots be prepared for the names of the presidential aspirants. He declared himself in favor of giving every republican voter a chance to express his preference in a fair manner. This was agreed to and will provide for ballots carrying the names of all avowed candidates for president, the ballots to be prepared and distributed by the state central committee.

Next the issue of whether this vote