

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the city council with Mayor Peterson in the chair. On roll call there were present: Mayor Peterson, Aldermen Johnson, Fredericksen, Kent, Anderson, Erickson, Sperry and Dahlheim, 8; absent, Alderman Freberg, 1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and the same were approved.

The following bills were, on motion, referred to the finance committee:

Table with 2 columns: Name of bill/item and Amount. Includes items like 'GENERAL FUND', 'STREET FUND', 'WATER AND LIGHT FUND', and 'POOR FUND'.

The finance committee reported the foregoing bills back approved and on motion the report was accepted.

Alderman Anderson offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Be it resolved by the city council of the City of Willmar that the city clerk be and he hereby is authorized to issue warrants against the respective funds in payment of the foregoing approved bills.

Approved Sept. 27, 1910. H. S. Peterson, Mayor. The following report from the board of tax levy of the City of Willmar was presented and read:

Willmar, Minn., Sept. 12, 1910. To The Honorable City Council of the City of Willmar.

Pursuant to the city charter of the City of Willmar the Board of tax levy met at the office of the city clerk for the purpose of ascertaining the taxes necessary to be levied for the coming year.

The matter was considered and the board adjourned to meet on September 26th, 1910.

H. S. Peterson, Mayor. A. A. Anderson, Chairman Finance Committee. H. Gunderson, City Clerk.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Tax Levy of the City of Willmar held at the office of the city clerk on September 26th, 1910.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: RESOLUTION. Be it resolved by the board of tax levy in and for the City of Willmar, Minnesota, that the following rates named below shall be the maximum rate of taxation for the various purposes for which the City of Willmar shall be authorized to levy taxes for the year 1910:

General fund 11 mills on each and every dollar of the assessed valuation returned for the said City of Willmar for the said year.

Permanent improvement fund 1 and 3 tenths mills on each and every dollar of the assessed valuation returned for the said City of Willmar for the said year.

Street fund 1 and 8 tenths mills on each and every dollar of the assessed valuation returned for the said City of Willmar for the said year.

OLD KANDIYOHI PIONEER DEAD

The funeral of S. J. Flekten, whose demise was noted in our last issue, took place last Friday afternoon. Brief services were held at the home of Andrew Bjorsell at 2 o'clock by Rev. J. L. Parmeter of the First M. E. church, after which the remains were taken to the Oak Hill cemetery in Fahlun, and there laid to rest amid flowers and tears of mourning relatives and friends.

The following biographical account is taken from the Kandiyo County History: Sven Johanson Flekten was born at Stomen, Ostra Bitterna parish, Skaraborgs Län, Sweden, July 3, 1844. His parents were Johannes Svenson, born in the same parish in 1818, and Johanna Jonsdotter, born in the same parish in 1820.

Flekten's paternal grandparents were Sven and Elin Johanson, the former born in Jemraån, Elfsborgs Län, and the latter at Östergården, Lekåsa; his maternal grand father was Jonas Erikson, of Nygård. The name Flekten was assumed by the subject of this sketch after his arrival in this country, being suggested to him by Rev. Peter Carlson of Carver.

Flekten spent his boyhood days in Björstorp, Västra Bitterna, and attended the parochial school there. In 1865 he emigrated to the United States, arriving at New York, July 14, 1865, on the ship "Deutschland."

Returning to Minneapolis, he was married to Miss Kristina Svensdotter on July 25, 1868. Soon after their marriage Flekten and wife moved to their claim at Kandiyohi.

During the first years Mr. Flekten bought 160 acres of land, the first that was sold by the St. Paul & Pacific Railway Company in these parts, at a price of \$6 per acre.

Later he sold thirty-two acres of the same for \$700. Mr. Flekten acquired a third interest in a general mercantile business at Milnor, N. D., and held same until in 1887. In company with G. Cranquist, John Peterson and Dennis O'Brien, Mr. Flekten built an elevator at Kandiyohi Station in 1886.

He continued to live upon his farm in Kandiyohi until in 1898, when the family moved to Ward county, N. D., and acquired some additional homestead land. They returned to their old Kandiyohi county home March 30, 1904.

About two years ago they moved to Minneapolis. Mr. Flekten was a prominent factor in public affairs in the early days of the county. He has filled various township and school offices.

He served one term upon the county board, and was the prime mover in the organization of the Willmar Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company in 1889.

Mr. Flekten participated in an attempt to start a public library at Willmar in 1881. The deceased is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Annie Olson and Mrs. Alma Flekten Benfield, three sons, John E., Victor A., and Alle, all of Kenmare, N. D., 13 grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Klara Anderson, Vestergrötdalen, Sweden, and 3 brothers, G. A. Bjorsell, Anoka, and G. J. Bjornberg, and Andrew Bjorsell, of this city.

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PEOPLE MUST BE RESTORED TO RULE

Eberhart says at this time in the face of another election that he favors re-appointment. The legislature, of which he was a part, pressed a Constitutional amendment allowing re-appointment to be made at any time, thus probably deferring the question until the amendment could be adopted.

There is nothing more precious than human life. There is no form of conservation more important to the state. It is the duty of the state to protect from needless sacrifice the lives of men and women who are obliged to labor in our industries.

Should Extend the Primary Law. With all its imperfection the primary election law in Minnesota has made for government by the people and freedom from the domination of special interests in the selection of candidates for public office.

Conservation in Act as Well as in Word. Conservation is a city as well as a country problem. The non-conservation of forests already begins to affect the city builder and the city home-maker.

Public lands threaten to bring disaster upon our school fund, in which city, county and university have a vital stake. We should all be conservationists, but all of one kind—the kind which conserves for use under salutary laws and not which merely patters for the purpose of familiarizing its affrightened ears with a popular phrase.

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Prinsburg, Sept. 27—Mrs. Fred Greenfield returned to her home at Pease on Tuesday last week. R. Roelofs is on the sick list. He has a light attack of typhoid fever.

A. J. Nagel, from Greenleaf, came up Saturday for a few days' visit with relatives and friends. Monday he sold his farm 1 1/2 miles east of Prinsburg to G. Slagter.

Mr. Dekker left again for his home in Kansas after a few days' visit with friends here. Mr. Wisser bought a team of horses and now intends to start farming.

H. Stob sold his store to C. Wierzon and Nick Kleinhuizen. We are sorry to see Stob and family leave Prinsburg. Mr. Ramaker, from Sioux Center, spent a few days around here visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Maats will leave for the Netherlands in the near future to make their home there. Mr. K. Mooleenaar returned from the Twin Cities where he went with a carload of stock.

Baby boys came to brighten the homes of Lou Brink and E. J. Roelofs and also two twin girls at the J. Wiberdink home.

Little Helpers' Program. The Little Helpers Society of the Sw. Bapt. church give their monthly programme next Friday evening at 8 o'clock as follows: Mandolin duet—Oscar Hogberg Elmer Peterson. Seiekt reading—Esther Nickelson. Vocal duet—Irene Stephens, Lewis Ekdahl. Recitation—Niome Johnson. Song—Mixed Quartet. Short speech—"How the Young People Can Assist in the Temperance Work"—Rev. E. C. Oberg. Miss Ida Rood, of Litchfield, visited friends in Willmar over Sunday.

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THE S. J. FLEKTEN FAMILY.

Willmar for the said year. The Board of Tax Levy in and for the City of Willmar hereby recommend levy as above.

H. S. Peterson, Mayor. A. A. Anderson, Chairman Finance Committee. H. Gunderson, City Clerk.

The report was, on motion, accepted by the council and ordered placed on file.

The matter of tax levy for the year 1910 was then considered. Alderman Anderson offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following vote; yeas 7, noes none.

Be it resolved by the city council of the City of Willmar that the following amounts for the several funds named below be levied for the purpose of taxation for the year 1910.

General Fund.....\$13,500.00 Street Fund.....2,000.00 Permanent Imp. Fund.....1,500.00 Interest Fund.....1,000.00 Sinking Fund.....2,000.00 Library Fund.....1,000.00

Approved Sept. 27, 1910. H. S. Peterson, Mayor. The street commissioner presented a list of persons liable to pay poll tax for the year 1910 which was approved by the council.

Lists of the honorary members of the Willmar Fire Department were presented and the clerk was, on motion, instructed to issue Firemen's Exempt certificates for the said members.

Mayor Peterson announced the appointment of Alton Crosby, S. B. Quale and Mrs. J. R. Petersen as members of the library board to serve for a term of three years. The appointments were confirmed by the council.

On motion the council adjourned. H. S. Peterson, Mayor. Attest: H. Gunderson, City Clerk.

CARD OF THANKS. We desire in this manner to thank all our friends who assisted us after the death and at the obsequies of our beloved father, Swan J. Flekten. We will never forget the kindness and heartfelt sympathy extended to us.

Mrs. Christine Flekten. John E. Flekten. Victor A. Flekten. Mrs. Annie Olson. Alle Flekten. Alma Flekten Benfield.

PRINSBURG PRINTS

SMOKE GOLDEN A CIGARS

Manufactured by A. J. APPELGREN Willmar, Minn.

Lecture at M. E. Church Next Monday Evening.

The only kicking we have heard over the McClary lecture Monday evening, was from the fellows that were not there. Didn't know it was to be so good and so mixed it and are now kicking themselves.

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GOOD ROADS A NECESSITY

Good roads are the thread which weave us into one community. If the tax levy of this state can be cut half a mill, why return 50 cents to the villager and a dollar to the farmer, and eighty thousand dollars to the steel company? Why not, rather than that amount into good roads where the dollar will do two dollars' worth of work for Minnesota and eighty thousand dollars will be contributed out of the wealth which the Creator planted under the soil of Minnesota to make the state richer in those conveniences which make for better living and happier conditions.

But reductions of the state tax levy are problematical. We can depend upon them only as an occasional accession to the good road fund.

Interdependence of Rural and City Life. The discussion of rural education, good roads, and kindred topics naturally carries the mind to the relation between the city and the country.

Conservation in Act as Well as in Word. Conservation is a city as well as a country problem. The non-conservation of forests already begins to affect the city builder and the city home-maker.

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PROBLEMS OF TAXATION

Inseparable from the question of conservation is that of taxation. The profit from the gifts of nature to the State tends to ease the direct burden laid upon agricultural land, but whether we are wise or foolish in our conservation, we shall have taxation always with us.

See Wisdom in the Majority. There is but one issue in this campaign. It is stated in six words: "Restore the rights of the people." We have a government of balanced powers, but the foundation of it all is the people's right to self-government in an orderly manner.

We declare that the whole people is wiser, stronger and better than any minority however benevolent in its purpose. The wisest and strongest of us is weak and foolish compared with the strength and wisdom of all.

In the town hall at Philadelphia hangs an old bell. That bell was new once; a new spirit lay within it waiting a new gospel; the gospel of Freedom—it rang not only to the ears of the people in Philadelphia—it rang to the ears of the world.

Conservation—A splendid word to conjure with. Conservation is a city as well as a country problem. The non-conservation of forests already begins to affect the city builder and the city home-maker.

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COLOPHON COLLECTIONS

Washington, D. C. — A class of 221 is shown in the list of midshipmen who will enter the United States naval academy Oct. 1. While this is an increase of 13 when compared with the number who entered the academy last year, there were more failures on the part of candidates who took the examinations than in any previous year.

A great many appointees who passed the mental examination failed to come up with the physical requirements. Among the future admirals from Minnesota included in this year's class are: William Joseph Labadie, Eighth district; Paul Leo Zeebaugh, Fifth district; Delorimer Mortimer Steece, appointed by Senator M. E. Clapp.

Fuluth. — A sudden forest fire threatened the Kerrick on the Great Northern road between Duluth and Sandstone. Serious destruction of property was avoided by the prompt action of the road's officials.

Colfax, Oct. 3—Misses Ida Aasen and Ethel Thimell visited at P. E. Olson's last Tuesday afternoon.

A birthday party was given on Roy Johnson last Saturday evening. The little folks presented him with \$3.00 in money.

Erick Dahlberg will leave for Willmar today where he will act as jurymen.

Miss Ethel Thimell assisted Lizzie Erickson with the work during threshing last week.

Carl Larson left today for North Dakota where he has a claim.

Rev. Theo. Paulson will conduct services in the M. E. church here next Sunday in the forenoon at 10:30 o'clock.

AUCTION SALE! I will sell at public auction on the Swen Swenson farm, sec. 19, town of Dove, seven miles northwest of Willmar on the north shore of Solomon Lake.

Saturday, Oct. 15th, beginning at one o'clock p. m., the following described property:

Two milch cows; one yearling steer, one yearling heifer, two calves, 13 tons of hay, one cookevot, tables, dishes, cupboards, beds, carpets and other household goods to numerous to mention.

TERMS: All sums of \$5.00 and under cash above that amount time will be given until Nov. 1, 1911, on bankable notes bearing 7 per cent interest.

PETER RODMAN, Administrator. F. G. Handy, Clerk. W. N. Davis, Auctioneer. 342

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