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SHOULD HAVE MORE MONEY

County Commissioners Say They Are Underpaid.

Andrew J. Eckstein Sends Out Circular Letter.

Asks For Co-Operation in Securing Legislation.

County commissioners of Minnesota believe that the salaries at present allowed them by law are not adequate, and they are taking steps to secure legislation that will more justly recompense them for their services. At the last annual meeting of the State Association of County Commissioners the salary question was gone into at some length and it was voted to appoint a committee to petition the next legislature for relief.

In naming a chairman for that committee the president of the association selected Andrew J. Eckstein of this county, and last week the New Ulm man sent out a circular letter to the county boards of all the counties in Minnesota asking their co-operation in bringing the matter to a successful issue. Mr. Eckstein's letter explains itself, and is as follows:

To the chairmen and County Commissioners of the various counties in the state of Minnesota:

"In the following paragraphs I have a few facts to offer for your consideration which, I trust, will receive your prompt and careful attention:

"Ideally speaking labor is its own reward; in practice compensation is necessary. I believe that the human family has evolved to that stage where in most men know that one cannot do something for nothing and live. It is contrary to the laws of nature and opposed to common sense to expect any kind of business to go on without remuneration.

"County commissioners are as important in their way as United States senators. Their scope is more limited and their charges less important. But what they do vitally concerns those who live in their communities, and the welfare of the public is the chief end of legislation. All that our own lawmakers can do in session in St. Paul, is to enact laws that will better the condition of their colleagues. These colleagues in turn, constitute the people—the governing and the governed—in American politics.

"I maintain, therefore, that it is logical, reasonable and clear that the County Commissioners should be paid for what they do. An employer who has the welfare of his business at heart

does not expect his help to work without pay, nor will he limit to economy, and there is such a thing as false economy. If we must argue, let us get at the base of the argument and build upwards. In other words, let us consider the County Commissioners as experts in the employ of their respective communities. They have given duties to perform and in some instances they are supposed to perform them in an unreasonable short time.

"No man of cool judgment would engage the services of an attorney and expect him to crowd his work in a few days and then under pay him. He could not jeopardize his own interests to that extent.

"And yet, with these plain facts staring us in the face, we—as citizens of one of the foremost states, actually expect County Commissioners to work for next to nothing. We look for their effort on mediocre salaries. We hold the club of duty over them and forget to reward them for their pains. It is unbusinesslike, and I am sure that you will use your influence in having the next State Legislature fix a fair compensation and allow these commissioners ample time in which to perform their duties. I am sure that, properly encouraged, they will save the state—through their counties—more money than could be saved in any other manner. It is a business proposition and Minnesota should discharge it honorably. There will be many other important measures but this must not be lost sight of.

"I trust that you, as a Board of County Commissioners, will lend your moral aid to this measure to the extent of petitioning the members of the next Minnesota Legislature to pass the necessary bill relative to this end. I hope that you will not feel that modesty dictates apathy. It is to build for the future that we must use our influence in this direction. You must realize that the Commissioner has many poor and charity matters to look after and that if he is duly compensated for his time and efforts, he will have the incentive to do better and more lasting work for the commonwealth by bettering conditions in his respective county."

WERE QUIETLY MARRIED

Sleepy Eye Couple Arranged Surprise For Their Friends.

No little surprise was caused here this week when the announcement was made that Miss Ella Montgomery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Montgomery, had been married to John Hardy, a mill employe of this city, says the Sleepy Eye Dispatch.

And more than that, the couple had been wedded for nearly six months without their relatives or friends getting wise to the real state of affairs.

The wedding took place at St. Peter on July fourth. Mr. Hardy and his

bride returned to Sleepy Eye, he went to his home and she went to the home of her parents. They were often seen together, but they kept the secret of their marriage all to themselves.

They finally decided, however, to go elsewhere to make their home and thought that people might as well be informed of their wedding. Accordingly one day last week the couple left for a visit to Mr. Hardy's home in Wisconsin. They left town on the early train and no one knew anything of their departure until the following morning, and then came the double surprise. Mrs. Hardy left a note telling her parents where she was going and announcing her marriage.

Mrs. Hardy states in this note that they expect to return to New Ulm soon and will make their home in that city, where Mr. Hardy will be employed in one of the mills.

Ivanhoe Will Fight.

George Graff and A. K. Stauning, both of the Ivanhoe, the latter editor of the Ivanhoe Times, were in the city Saturday and Sunday. To a Review reporter they stated that Ivanhoe will make a strong fight to again wrest the county seat of Lincoln county from Lake Benton. Saturday a meeting of the Lincoln county commissioners was held and their town presented a petition asking the board to fix a date for a county seat election. Lake Benton parties were on the ground with an injunction restraining the commissioners from calling an election and Ivanhoe will appeal to the supreme court. They hold that as the last election was called illegal, there was no election, and for that reason they will not have to wait the usual five years but may ask for another under the original petition.

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RUMORS OF BIG MERGER

Talk of Five Western Roads Consolidating.

Minneapolis & St. Louis Said to Be Affected.

Story is Not Credited by Minneapolis Officials

Minneapolis papers last week published a story to the effect that the Minneapolis & St. Louis railway is about to be consolidated with four other lines. The rumor emanates from Chicago and is as follows:

The formation of a committee to receive deposits of Chicago & Alton stocks and the selection of T. P. Shonts for the presidency of the Clover Leaf are merely the initial steps toward the consolidation of five Western railways. A big system is in process of organization.

The trunk line will consist of the Kansas City Southern, the Chicago & Alton, the Iowa Central, the Clover Leaf and the Minneapolis & St. Louis.

E. H. Harriman, John W. Gates and Edward Hawley are the influential forces in the scheme.

Messrs. Gates and Hawley, by the purchase of Gen. Hubbard's holdings, have come into complete control of the Clover Leaf; they are also prominent in the Kansas City Southern; they have a large interest in the Alton, Iowa Central and the Minneapolis & St. Louis, which are virtually in the control of Harriman.

No credit is given among Minneapolis officials of the Minneapolis & St. Louis road to the story that a merger is being contemplated. It is a well known fact that President Edwin Hawley of the M. & St. L. has owned holdings in several other roads besides the M. & St. L. for several years.

He is president of the Iowa Central, of which L. F. Day, the vice-president of the M. & St. L., is also vice-president. Six months ago he was elected a director of the Clover Leaf System, which is the Toledo, St. Louis & Western.

The relations of the M. & St. L. with the Chicago & Alton, a road said to be affected by the alleged merger, are friendly, but not more so than with any other intersecting line. The two roads interchange business with each

other at their crossing points in Illinois, but their relations exist no further.

Some time ago Mr. Hawley was reported to be in a pool with the Harriman and other interests, but the report failed to be correct. If any merger is contemplated nothing definite has been announced to the Minneapolis officials.

Monarch Does Not Live Here.

According to the Twin City papers Minnesota has a farmer who is a claimant to the throne of Serbia. His name is said to be John Boyne Vouhazer and he is the most prominent of a list of pretenders who are being considered in connection with the rumor that the Serbian king is about to abdicate. The Minneapolis dailies have instituted a search for the missing monarch and on Saturday County Auditor L. G. Vogel was requested to search for Vouhazer's name on the tax lists. He was unable to find it and Brown county must renounce all claims to this seion of nobility.

Church Elects Officers.

The members of the German Methodist church held their annual meeting in the parlors of the church New Years afternoon. The president read his annual report and it showed that the church is in fine condition. Improvements made during the year had been paid for and the congregation is now free from debt. In electing officers for the ensuing year R. E. Alwin was made president of the board of trustees, C. H. Dirks, secretary, and Wm. Durbahn, treasurer.

New Firm in Possession.

J. L. Cuddy and Wm. Cavanaugh are now in possession of the plumbing business formerly conducted by Chas. Toberer. During the greater part of last week the proprietors busied themselves in taking an inventory of the stock and on Saturday the firm, which will be known as Cuddy & Cavanaugh, formally opened for business. They are prepared to handle anything in the line of plumbing or steam fitting and should meet with success.

Prizes For Bowlers.

Since opening his new bowling alleys in the Hornburg building Thos. B. Brick has done a very satisfactory business. Interest in bowling has increased greatly and the locals players, as they become more familiar with the

regulation alleys, are piling up some creditable scores. This week Mr. Brick will inaugurate the prize system which is in vogue in other cities. He will offer a cash prize for the best scores each week and will give a gold medal to the bowler having the best general average for six months. Mr. Brick announces that the alleys will be reserved for ladies on Wednesday afternoons and it is expected that the game will become popular with the fairer sex.

CURED AFTER SUFFERING 10 YEARS.

B. F. Hare, Supt. Miami Cycle & Mfg. Co. Middletown, O. suffered for ten years with dyspepsia. He spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and with doctors without receiving any permanent benefit. He says, "One night while feeling exceptionally bad I was about to throw down the evening paper when I saw an item in the paper regarding the merits of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I concluded to try it and while I had no faith in it I felt better after the second dose. After using two bottles I am stronger and better than I have been in years, and I recommend Kodol Dyspepsia Cure to my friends and acquaintances suffering from stomach trouble." Sold by all druggists.

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