

RIVER MEETING A SUCCESS

Delegates in Attendance From all Along the Valley.

Three Congressmen Offer Hope of Federal Appropriations.

Resolutions are Strong and Favor Making the River Navigable.

Federal appropriations for the work of making the Minnesota river a navigable stream and state appropriations to be devoted to the prevention of periodical floods were projects earnestly urged by delegates attending the river improvement convention in Mankato on Thursday.

The number of persons in attendance was about fifty, but only half of these came from outside of Mankato.

A. J. Eckstein, Fred Pfaender, Capt. Graff, Dr. L. A. Fritsche, Henry Bastian, Fred Fritsche, John Huelskamp, Chris. Schlumpberger, John Hartmann, Capt. Hindermann, W. R. La Rambois, Geo. Palmer, L. P. Bushard, Anthony Hartmann, Alex Russell and Rudolph Massapust were among those who represented this vicinity while included in the representation were such distinguished men as Congressmen Hammond, Volstead and Davis, State Senators Weis, Coller, Johnson, Poehler, Works, Seward, Clague and Hanson were also among those present.

Senator Weis in calling the convention to order called on Senator Works of Mankato, who, he said, had been asked to prepare a plan of organization. Senator Works spoke briefly and then introduced the following resolutions:

"Whereas, it is patent to every shipper and consumer in the Minnesota valley that freight rates into and out of our towns are both excessive and to a large extent discriminatory, and believing that this condition is caused because we have no waterway to produce a real competition, and believing it to be clearly within the range of possibility to utilize the waters of the Minnesota river for the purpose of navigation and thereby afford a healthy competition and relief from present conditions, and

"Further, owing to the fact that large areas of low and swamp lands in the Minnesota river basin are being drained directly into the river, thereby causing the river to overflow its banks, causing untold damage to crops and spelling ruin to many of the farmers of the lower valley, therefore be it

"Resolved, that we earnestly invite the co-operation of all the cities and towns together with citizens of the valley to devise ways and means for rendering this noble river navigable in fact as well as in theory, thereby at the same time relieving the sufferers from floods and adding to rather than decreasing the value of contiguous property; be it further

"Resolved, that we form an organization at this time to be known as the Minnesota River Improvement association, to whose membership all the citizens of the valley shall be eligible, and whose aim shall be to compass the ends indicated above; be it further

"Resolved, that as means to attain this end petitions be prepared in each town interested and that definite efforts be made to secure as many signatures as can legitimately be gotten, and that the same be forwarded to our representatives in congress, urging them to secure, if possible, federal aid in this work; be it further

"Resolved, that Congressmen Davis, Volstead and Hammond be requested to take such steps as they may deem necessary to promote these, our interests."

In moving the adoption of the resolutions Mr. Works explained that the loss this year from the overflowing of bottom lands along the river between New Ulm and St. Paul amounted to \$1,000,000 and he pointed out that the appropriation of such a sum would go a long way toward river improvement.

Congressman Volstead, however, stated that any petition to congress for aid should be based on a plan to make the river navigable and not on a proposition for reimbursement for losses sustained. Congress would not entertain the latter, while it would in all probability consider appropriations for improvement of the channel.

Congressman Davis adhered to this same view. "If the legislature," he said, "would make an appropriation to begin the work of straightening the river channel, it might tend to induce congress to extend similar aid." When he had tried to get an appropriation to riprap the river bank at North Mankato he was told that this would be impossible unless engineers

reported that ultimately the improvement would help navigation.

The construction of the Panama canal, he thought, might give such impetus to navigation on the Mississippi river that congress might be inspired to improve the navigation of its tributaries.

"Do what work you do systematically and well and on a large scale, but above all agitate," said Mr. Davis. "This will eventually bring results. Some congresses may be a little more ready to appropriate for such streams as the Minnesota. Arguments in congress in favor of the improvement of the lower Mississippi are partly based on protecting the low lands by stronger dykes. Let there be numerous petitions sent to congress and let the legislature memorialize for it. Congress always responds to public opinion when it is overwhelming. Hence an agitation in Minnesota over the little Minnesota river may cause similar agitation in Wisconsin and the Dakotas for their rivers, and in the end sufficient agitation may be had to cause congress to move. I will work to get an appropriation at least for surveys."

Congressman Hammond advocated dropping from the resolution the reference to damage by overflow of property as not likely to assist in the matter. The river has been navigable, he said, and it would not be asking too much to request an appropriation for a survey. It seemed that there was a lack at present of definite knowledge about what could be done. Surveys and plans and estimates are needed. Congressman Hammond said he would be glad to do all he could to aid in making a stream over which freight can be carried.

Senator Coller favored Congressman Hammond's suggestion to strike out the second paragraph of the resolutions. He would ask congress to improve the river for navigation and ask the legislature to repeal the present drainage laws. He had seen the day when five steamers lay alongside the wharf at Shakopee. He moved that the second paragraph be stricken out.

Senator Works agreed to this and it was done without a vote, and the resolution was then adopted.

Senator Johnson of St. Peter moved that the legislature be asked to appropriate money for a preliminary survey of the river, with a view of straightening, widening and deepening the channel and improving the navigation. The motion was carried. Senator Works moved that Congressmen Hammond, Volstead and Davis be appointed a committee to prepare the form of a petition.

Senator Works moved that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to draft a form of organization and to name permanent officers. This was carried and the chair named as such committee Senators Works, Seward, Clague and Johnson and Andrew J. Eckstein, the latter chairman of the county board of Brown county. The committee at once retired and when it returned it presented a report establishing the name as the Minnesota River Improvement association, and its object as being to secure from congress an appropriation for a survey of the river with a view to ultimately render it navigable, and also to secure from the state an appropriation to guard against the overflow from excessive drainage.

The committee recommended as permanent officers the following: President, H. F. Weis; vice president, A. J. Eckstein; secretary, J. Coller; treasurer, B. F. Pay, Mankato. The officers and the following county representatives were constituted an executive committee:

Big Stone county, Ray Farrington; Chippewa, C. A. Fossness; Redwood, H. A. Baldwin; Renville, Fred Orth; Nicollet, Fred Fritsche; Sibley, A. A. Poehler; Le Sueur, M. W. Grimes; Scott, W. H. Weisbeler; Carver, Geo. E. Dutoit; Yellow Medicine, E. H. Sorlien; Blue Earth, W. L. Hixon; Dakota, A. Schaller.

MINNESOTA BUTTER RANKS FIRST

North Star State Captures Head Prizes at National Dairy Show.

Minnesota has again demonstrated that its buttermakers are entitled to the first place among the buttermakers of the country, the latest demonstration taking place at the national dairy show held last week in Chicago. Over 370 tubs of butter were entered in the contest from all over the country and in the final awards Minnesota carried off both first and second prize.

Sleepy Eye barbers have raised the price of a shave to 15 cents.

THE MAN OF THE HOUR!



—Gregg in Atlanta Constitution.

LIQUOR DEALERS GET McDERMOTT

Associated Interests Will Pay Him Big Salary to Lead the Campaign Against Prohibition.

According to the Minneapolis Journal it was the associated liquor interests of the country that lured John A. McDermott away from his position as state oil inspector and induced him to go to New York. Furthermore, it is reported that it required an offer of \$10,000 a year to do it.

The liquor dealers of the country are planning an organization to combat the rising tide of prohibition sentiment the country over. The heads of the business realize that state and local prohibition seems bound to spread, owing to the aroused public sentiment in all parts of the union, and they are threatened with great injury to their business and financial loss. They are co-operating to a greater extent than ever and are planning to spend money lavishly to influence public sentiment, and especially legislative action in the various states. Mr. McDermott has been enlisted for this line of work, and his training and skill acquired in Minnesota politics will fit him peculiarly for the job.

DRAWN INTO THRESHING MACHINE

Redwood County Farmer Fearfully Lacerated by Knives.

John Glum, a farmer living in Sheridan township, Redwood county, was terribly injured last week by being drawn feet foremost almost half the length of his body into a Parsons self-feeding threshing machine.

The accident occurred as the result of Glum trying to push some flax that was not feeding well up towards the knives. He used his right foot to do this and one of the blades caught in the bottom of his trousers. A second later he was being drawn into the maw of the machine.

His brother, who was running the engine, noticed the accident and at once stopped the machinery, but not before the flesh and muscles of both legs had been cut to pieces and the bones of one of the members frightfully splintered.

WEDDED FIFTY YEARS

Few happier events have transpired in New Ulm than that which took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Behne Monday evening.

It was the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding and they celebrated it in the good old-fashioned way, surrounded by their children, their children's children and the pioneer associates of early days. A sumptuous banquet was served, toasts were offered, speeches were made and good cheer seemed to reign in the hearts of all. Mr. and Mrs. Behne appeared happier than ever.

And well they might. They had rounded out a half century of wedded union and they had the satisfaction of knowing that, in spite of the hardships and adversities of pioneer life, that wedded union had been a delightfully harmonious one—an example to their children, their neighbors and their friends.

As a token of the high esteem in which the aged couple are held a beautiful golden loving cup was presented to them during the celebration and the scene accompanying its presentation was certainly an affecting one.

But they deserve it, they appreciate it, and the Review but voices the sentiment of the entire community when it hopes they may long live to enjoy other favors at the hands of a multitude of friends.

There has been a great deal of inquiry as to the exact date of John Philip Sousa's appearance in New Ulm. The concert will take place in the afternoon of November 20th and will be the only one given by the famous band within a radius of one hundred miles.

Postmaster Peterson went to Franklin Saturday to visit his unfortunate daughter. Mrs. Olin, it appears, is in far worse condition than was at first reported. Her head, shoulders and arms are terribly burned and what is more to be regretted her mind seems to have been entirely upset by the awful disaster. In her delirium she talks of nothing but fire and her baby. A sympathetic community hopes earnestly for her recovery.

JUDICIAL DITCH ESTABLISHED

Judge Olsen Grants Petition of Land Owners Along Rush River.

Judge Olsen has ordered the establishment of the big judicial ditch through Nicollet and Sibley counties, the object of which is to improve Rush river for drainage purposes.

The hearing on the petition for its establishment came up before the judge in the district court at St. Peter last Tuesday, and notwithstanding a protest was offered by the land owners in Sibley county who feared that the construction of the ditch would injure their farms, the sentiment was so strong in its favor that the court could not well do otherwise than issue an order authorizing the county engineer to make a survey and furnish estimates of the probable cost.

The project, as outlined in the petition, involves the widening of the stream's channel and the reclamation thereby of several hundred acres of land now rendered useless by water. The cost of the improvement, it is figured, will be in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

MINISTERS IN SESSION

Yesterday afternoon at three o'clock 115 ministers of the Lutheran faith met at St. Paul's church in this city and opened a convention which is to continue all of today and tomorrow.

The visiting delegates represent the German Lutheran synod of Minnesota and the Minnesota and Dakota districts of the synod of Missouri. Prominent among those in attendance are Rev. Prof. Francis Pieper D. D., president of the Missouri synod and Concordia Seminary of St. Louis; Rev. Andrew Schroedel of St. Paul, president of the Minnesota synod; Rev. F. Potenhauer of Hamburg, president of the Minnesota and Dakota districts of the Missouri synod; Rev. Prof. Theo. Buenger, president of the Concordia College of St. Paul; Rev. A. F. Zick of Sleepy Eye, vice president of the Minnesota synod; Rev. Prof. C. Abbtmeyer, Ph. D., of St.

Paul; Rev. J. H. Naumann of Wood Lake; and Rev. Prof. C. Heuer of St. Paul.

The conference organized by electing Prof. A. Ackermann of New Ulm as chairman and Rev. F. Koehler of Nicollet as secretary. The balance of the afternoon session was devoted to the discussion of a paper by Rev. Prof. John Schaller on the relation of the two synods with reference to parochial schools.

The Stuebe Move

A business move that may mean much for New Ulm in one way, but one that is bound to be generally regretted for other reasons is that by which Stuebe Bros. on November 1st are to retire from the retail meat business and enter the larger field occupied by wholesale packers and produce merchants.

The new venture, the details of which will be set forth at length in a future issue of this paper, involves the opening of a commission house in this city with branches at various towns along the Northwestern road, but, successful as this enterprise is bound to be, it is not really of so much concern to the public at large as is the closing of the retail shop.

This shop stands as a model today among the meat markets of the state. Founded years ago by the elder Stuebe it has grown and improved with time. It is what every town wants, but few have. It was ideally conducted, and because its place is not going to be easily filled, if filled at all, it is justifiable to say that its closing will occasion general regret.

A. W. Bingham returned to the city from his Virginia trip last Saturday. He speaks disparagingly of the Jamestown exposition but dwells with undisguised pleasure on the associations formed at the great Episcopal convalescence.

Among those who attended the Behne golden wedding celebration were E. Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hartman, Mrs. Eggers and Mrs. Weinlagen of St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Plath of Albany and Mr. and Mrs. Schwertfeger of Sanborn.

CRONE BROS.



It is with a great deal of pleasure we greet you again—to remind you this time, however, to prepare for the Autumn trade.

And with these mellow days, come again a change in styles—a change according to the artists of the realm of fashion—that surpasses any other in the history of days gone by.

So, we feel sure that our pleasure is to be your pleasure—the breadth of modes we have to offer, you will appreciate—if only you

will wait until we can show them to you.

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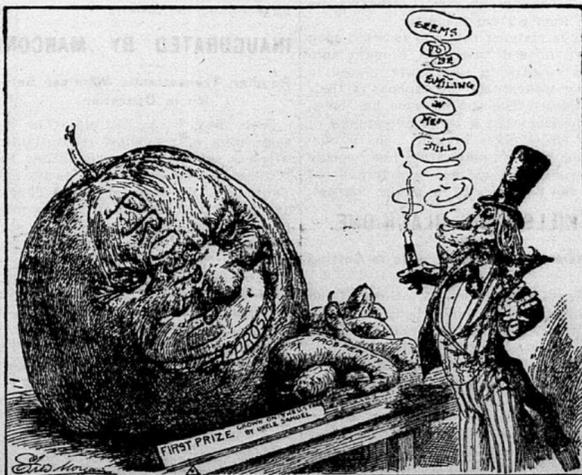
For reasons of mutual advantage we request that you defer purchasing, until we have had the opportunity of showing you the Palmer Line.

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UNCLE SAM'S PRIZE EXHIBIT.



—Morgan in Philadelphia Inquirer.