

103 BALLOTS WITHOUT AVAIL

New Council fails to Organize at its Meeting Last Night.

Deadlocked, They Take 103 Ballots Without Result.

Former President Pfaender and Alderman Graff Tied for the Honors.

As was generally anticipated by those who had inside information, the council last night after hours of voting failed to organize.

John P. Graff of the 1st ward and Fred Pfaender of the 3rd ward were put in nomination for President of the council. With an intermission of only 15 minutes the balloting for president of the council kept up for three solid hours when at 11:30 p. m. the 103d ballot had been taken without securing a choice.

Buenger and Meyer stood by Graff and Wicherski and Nagel by Pfaender.

Owing to the necessity of approving the liquor license bonds and granting the licenses, the council after some more wrangling succeeded in perfecting a temporary organization by electing councilor Graff as temporary chairman. After disposing of this business under suspension of the rules, the council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

As several members of the city council will be absent from the city for the next few days, the next meeting of the council will hardly be called before Friday or Saturday.

It is to be hoped that in the meantime the members of the council will realize that it is not just to the taxpayers to prolong this certainly unnecessary contest.

The voters at the last election in no uncertain terms registered their preferences and the wishes of the citizens should certainly be heeded.

PERSONAL INJURY SUIT PENDING

Mrs. Eliza Neumann Presents Claim for Damages to Council.

Notice was served on the city council, at its meeting last Wednesday night, of a personal injury suit about to be instituted by Mrs. Eliza B. Neumann, who was seriously hurt in a fall near the Boesch building on February 27th, last. In the claim presented to the council Mrs. Neumann asked the city to reimburse her to the extent of \$100 for medical attendance, \$25 for nursing and \$15 for medicine, and she also demanded damages in the sum of \$2,500. On the advice of City Attorney Albert Pfaender action was deferred.

It was voted to fix the bonds of the city treasurer at \$50,000, and to require all city officials to furnish surety bonds, the premiums on the latter to be paid out of the treasury. Two bids were received for the street sprinkling, Wm. Huevelmann agreeing to perform the work for \$60 per month, with \$1.50 per day for each additional day after the close of the season, and \$25 a month to haul the hook and ladder truck to fires and practices. Anton Bartl offered to do the sprinkling for \$60 a month, \$1.00 per day for overtime, and \$20 a month for hauling the truck, but the bid of Mr. Huevelmann was accepted.

It was reported that the county had rejected the city's bill for \$187.45 for the services of a detective in the Walter case, and the matter was laid over. A petition of property owners on German street, asking for the grading and boulevarding of the thoroughfare between Fourth North and Seventh North streets was referred to the board of public works, and building permits were granted to F. Wellmann to reshingle his residence on Center street; F. Meierding to erect a brick residence on Center street, and J. M. Arbes to erect a small building on State street. Instructions were issued to the city clerk to advertise for bids on coal.

Dr. Frank L. McVey of Minneapolis, chairman of the state tax commission, delivered an interesting address before the Men's Sunday Evening club of the Congregational church last Thursday at a banquet given in his honor by the members of the club. Dr. McVey talked on taxation, and his discourse was most instructive. In the course of it he pointed out that the tax laws of Minnesota are antiquated and ill-suited to meet present conditions, and he gave a comprehensive description of the work being done by the commission to equalize taxation in all parts of the state. The members also enjoyed a short speech by Prof. Geo. B. Aiton of Minneapolis.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Engel Surprised by a Host of Friends.

It was certainly a happy and enthusiastic gathering that assembled at Turner Hall last evening to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Engel.

The members of the New Ulm Turnverein and of the ladies' society had arranged this celebration without consulting the guests of honor and it was certainly a surprise to them when they were summoned to leave their cozy little home where they had planned to spend the evening in a quiet way and repair to Turner Hall.

Shortly after nine o'clock the orchestra struck up a wedding march and the bridal party entered the hall where they were enthusiastically received by their friends.

After having been escorted to the place of honor, Miss Alice Haerberle with a few happy and appropriate remarks decorated the bride and groom with the customary silver decorations.

The most inspiring part of the ceremony proved the appearance of our respected citizen, John C. Rudolph, father of the bride, who presented the couple with a beautiful bouquet and his best wishes. Everyone present was visibly affected by this inspiring scene.

Then Capt. Steinhauser the president of the New Ulm Turnverein was called upon to officiate at the wedding ceremony and he did so in a semie humorous vein which was well received.

After all the guests had offered their congratulations, Mrs. Frank Burg Sr. on behalf of the ladies' society presented the bridal couple with a beautiful silver present.

The wedding repast which was served at 11 o'clock was a most elaborate one and the table decorations were certainly beautiful.

After some speeches, singing and physical culture exercises, the wedding party repaired to the large hall where they resumed dancing. It was certainly a very enjoyable affair.

LOSES LIFE UNDER WHEELS

Alfred Wellner, Son of Fred Wellner, is Accidentally Killed.

Falls Under Wheels of Heavy Wagon and Is Crushed to Death.

Terrible Tragedy Occurred at Four O'clock Last Saturday Afternoon.

A shocking accident occurred late last Saturday afternoon, when Alfred Wellner, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wellner of Lafayette township, met with almost instant death. The unfortunate little boy was crushed under the wheels of a heavy wagon, and expired within a few seconds after he was hurt.

When the terrible tragedy occurred Mr. Wellner was hauling cement for a new house which he intends to erect on his farm about two miles from the city. He used three teams, the first being driven by a hired man in his employ, the second by his two sons, Harvey, aged 12, and Alfred, aged 10, and the third by Mr. Wellner, himself.

They were making their last trip for the day and about four o'clock they reached the foot of the Mueller hill. At that point Alfred Wellner, who was driving the second team, descended from the wagon to lighten the load, and a moment later the accident occurred. Exactly how it happened is not known, but it is supposed that the boy slipped and fell and that, retaining his hold on the reins, he was jerked under the wagon. Its weight of nearly two tons passed over his body, crushing his left knee and thigh and fracturing his right shoulder.

Although some distance in the rear, Mr. Wellner heard his son's shriek of agony, but before he could reach the injured boy's side the latter was beyond human help. As soon as possible the boy was carried to the home of Martin Mueller, and a summons was sent for Dr. O. C. Strickler, but the victim of the accident gasped but a few times and died.

Alfred Wellner was ten years of age, and an unusually bright little fellow for his years. Naturally his terrible death is a cruel blow for his parents, and his mother has been fairly prostrated with grief. In addition to his sorrowing father and mother, he is survived by his older brother, who was at his side when he was killed.

The funeral was held from the Lutheran church on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. C. J. Albrecht conducted the services, and the remains were laid to rest in the Lutheran cemetery.

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA.



—Macauley in New York World.

AGED MEN COMMIT SUICIDE

Gottlieb Schrodt and Martin Remiger Resort to Self-Destruction.

In Fit of Despondency Schrodt Fired Bullet Through His Brain.

While Temporarily Insane Remiger Gashed Throat With Fatal Result.

Finding life unendurable, two aged men, Gottlieb Schrodt and Martin Remiger, committed suicide last week. The former sent a bullet crashing through his brain, and Remiger gashed his throat with a razor. It is supposed that both men ended their lives on the same day.

Mr. Schrodt who rented a room from Fred Schwartz, residing on North Payne street, committed his act of self-destruction in a fit of despondency. His life had not been a happy one, and when he recently received word from Germany that his brother had been drowned in a boating accident the news caused him to become melancholy and morose. For more than a week he had been low-spirited, and statements he made to various persons indicate that he carefully planned the rash deed.

He was last seen alive on Monday afternoon, when he sat on the porch of the Schwartz home and appeared very discouraged and dejected. Late in the afternoon he retired to his room, and it was there that his lifeless body was found by Wm. Bierbaum, Sr., another lodger.

The latter did not grow suspicious until Wednesday, but when he entered Schrodt's room that afternoon he found the man's body lying on the bed. It was fully clothed, and there was a bullet hole just behind the left ear. Clenched in his left hand was the weapon, a .32-calibre revolver, with five cartridges still in the chamber. Mr. Bierbaum promptly notified Sheriff Wm. J. Julius and Coroner L. A. Fritsche, and when they had in-

vestigated the latter decided that an inquest would not be necessary.

The deceased was 60 years of age and was born in Brandenburg, Prussia. He settled in New Ulm in 1882, and had resided here since that time.

His divorced wife and two children survive. The funeral was held from Turner hall Friday afternoon, the interment being made in the city cemetery.

While the Schrodt funeral was being held the dead body of Martin Remiger was found in a little ravine at the foot of Koch's hill. He disappeared from St. Alexander hospital Monday afternoon, and his remains were discovered by a party of the inmates who had been searching for him.

It is thought that Remiger committed suicide while temporarily insane. He had not, it is said, been responsible for his actions for some time, and had made repeated threats to do away with himself.

Monday afternoon he ate a light lunch about three o'clock, and then left the institution. When he did not return it was suspected that he had taken his life, and a search was begun for him. This came to an end Friday afternoon, when his body was found in the gully. It lay face downward, with a razor and case a few feet distant, and when it was turned over it was found that the throat had been cut from ear to ear.

Coroner Fritsche and Sheriff Julius were called to view the remains, and they found \$46 in cash and certificates of deposit and other valuable papers to the amount of nearly \$800 on the body. After inquiring into the circumstances Coroner Fritsche decided that no inquest was needed.

Remiger was 60 years of age and had lived in Brown county for thirty-eight years. He was unmarried, but he has two brothers, Wenzel Remiger and John Remiger, at Sleepy Eye. He had been an inmate of the old peoples' home for the past four years, and his funeral was held from the hospital on Monday.

Miss Jennie Hillmer of Winona is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Adolph Meile.

COURT DECLARES HIM DEAD

August Patsche, Missing Heir, is Dead in Eyes of Law.

Judge Ross so Decrees and Admits His Estate to Probate.

Mrs. Minnie Patsche Will Receive Legacy Left to Her Husband.

An unusual case came up in the probate court last Friday morning, when Attorney Geo. T. Olsen of St. Peter appeared before Judge Ross and asked that August Patsche, a former resident of New Ulm, be declared legally dead. He asked that letters of administration be issued on Patsche's estate, and his petition was granted by the court.

The Patsche case came into prominence some time ago, and it had a number of unusual features. When Henry Patsche, father of August Patsche, died at his home in St. Peter he left several heirs. All of these were located with the exception of August Patsche, and when the elder man's estate came up for settlement he could not be found.

He was traced to Crookston and then to Superior, Wis., where it was ascertained that he shipped as a sailer on a lake vessel. His ship sailed from the port in December, 1898, and since that time all trace of him has been lost.

On learning of his disappearance his wife, Mrs. Minnie Patsche of this city, advanced a claim to the legacy left him by his father. She retained a lawyer and based her case on the state law that, after a person has been absent for seven years, he is assumed to be dead. This point was argued before Judge Ross Friday morning, and he ordered the estate admitted to probate, naming Mrs. Minnie Patsche as administratrix.

Her husband's inheritance, amounting to some \$1,200, is in the hands of Philip Dick of St. Peter, administrator of the estate of Henry Patsche, and the money will doubtless be paid over to her in a short time.

Supt. E. T. Critchett went to Minneapolis last Friday.

Base ball fans at Mankato have organized a team and have subscribed \$1,000 with which to buy uniforms and pay its other expenses. The new street car company at that place is behind the club, and has offered to build a park just outside the city in which to play Sunday ball. The first big game of the season will be played on the day the street railway is put in operation, and will be between St. Peter and Mankato.

NEW ULM PIANIST HIGHLY HONORED

Miss Maude Hagberg Given a Rousing Welcome by a Large Audience.

The following clipping from an Ann Arbor daily paper will be of great interest to the host of friends of Miss Maude Hagberg, senior student of the School of Music of that city. There are none but who congratulate her upon her brilliant success.

"The first of the series of graduation recitals by the senior pupils of the School of Music, was given last night in Frieze Memorial hall by Miss Maude Hagberg, a pupil of Prof. Albert Lockwood. It was probably one of the most brilliant graduation recitals ever given in the school and one of the most appreciated. The hall was crowded and the audience was carried away by the wonderful powers of this young pianist.

"Miss Hagberg is only nineteen years of age and much of her training has been under Prof. Lockwood. Her execution last night demonstrated her as a product accrediting much to both teacher and school. The program rendered was a most difficult one. The selections were from Beethoven, Bach, Chopin, Leschetizky, Liszt and Greig, and the rendition of the full program was marvelous. Not only was the technique brilliant, but the self-possession and assurance with which she played was most unusual and the whole atmosphere of the player was that of the artist. Miss Hagberg's home is in New Ulm, Minn. She is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota sorority."

A PICTURE OF THE FUTURE.



Mr. Elkins (when a duke) addressing the senate. —Chicago Inter Ocean.

EASTER

Our showing of the New Fads and Fancies in Clothing, Hats and Furnishings are attracting the most favorable comment.

The week preceding Easter Day will be one characterized by specially attractive values in Spring Suits and Top Coats at Crone Bros. Store. We have reason to extol the artistic merits of our clothing from the standpoint of style and worth. If your clothing purchases have been delayed until now, you will do well to see the new patterns just received, and the splendid line of new shirtings and bright-hued neckwear to be



found in our furnishings section. There is a "snap" and "go" to the new Spring styles that you will find most pleasing. In all our experience we have never sold clothing which fits so perfectly as Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes; and you must bear in mind the important fact that our clothes enjoy the reputation of being the best made in point of workmanship of any make of clothing, in addition to their style and cloth quality. You will be immensely pleased at the variety of styles and splendid selection of patterns and as usual, you will find here such moderate prices as will appeal to your idea of true value.



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