



NATIONAL AID SOLICITED

Gopher Lawmakers Call on Federal Legislators at Washington.

Ask for Financial Support in Clearing and Improving the Minnesota.

Promised That a Start of Some Kind Will be Made This Summer.

Last week the Minnesota legislature authorized the appointment of a commission consisting of two senators and two representatives to go to Washington to impress upon the federal authorities the necessity of making a liberal appropriation for the improvement of the navigable rivers of the state and the construction of a system of reservoirs to prevent periodical overflowing of valuable land.

As members of this commission Lt. Gov. Eberhart named Senators Johnson of St. Peter and Farrington of Ortonville, while Speaker Rockne appointed Representatives Spooner of Bemidji and Rosenwald of Madison.

The commission, accompanied by State Engineer Ralph, journeyed to Washington Saturday and remained in conference with the Minnesota senators and representatives and the chief of engineers of the war department nearly all day.

As a result of this conference it is practically determined that one or possibly two snag boats will be put on the Minnesota river this summer, to remove obstructions; that the Minneapolis and St. Louis railroad obstruction near Morton will be removed; and that congress will give adequate authority for surveying the Minnesota valley to determine what can be done toward improving navigation and preventing floods.

Representative Spooner will introduce a new resolution in the Minnesota legislature calling attention to the fact that sandbars and other obstructions have multiplied in the river and urging that the government take proper steps to remove them.

According to the present plan, this resolution will go to Senator Nelson, who is a member of the commerce committee of the senate, and that committee will refer it to the war department with the request that the Minnesota needs be attended to.

The commissioners were satisfied before they left Washington that no appropriation could be secured from this session of congress.

Members of both houses were interviewed, and it was decided that Congressman Volstead and Congressman Adam Bede should present the case to the proper committee.

The river and harbor bill already prepared provides for a survey, and it is not likely that anything further will be done.

The improvement desired by the Minnesota people is the creation of a reservoir system by the erection of dams at the outlets of Big Stone and Lac Qui Parle lakes. These two reservoirs would control thirty per cent of the water in the river, and by collecting flood waters, could prevent floods in the low lands and furnish a steady flow of water for navigation.

The Theatre.

The few people who braved the cold weather Sunday evening in order to see "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" were not disappointed. It was by far the cleverest English farce ever produced on the Turner Theatre stage, and, more than that, it was presented by an exceptionally clever company. None of the situations, although screamingly funny at times, were overdone, and never for a moment were the many entangling climaxes marred by a lack of liveliness in action. Particularly good was the work of Mr. Lum as Frank Fuller, Miss Evans as Mrs. Temple and Mr. McGregor as the butler.

A theatrical announcement that demands more than ordinary attention is that of Wagner's magnificent spectacle of "Parsifal." This justly celebrated play has attained a degree of unquestioned success that has seldom, if ever, been the fortune of any production. This success has not been accomplished by any unusual or extraordinary methods, such as occasionally bring some stage celebrity or production into temporary prominence. Its success and enthusiastic reception by the better class of theatre goers everywhere it has been presented, has been achieved by the drama's intrinsic merit and inherent beauty. This fact, combined with the masterly manner in

which it has been staged regarding scenery, costuming and cast, has been the cause of its splendid success. Nothing that would in any manner add to its value has been left undone by its management. A clever, specially selected cast of principals and an equally clever corps of auxiliaries are used in the production, which will be seen at the Turner Theatre Sunday evening, February 28th.

Rev. Billy Sunday, the sensational and erratic revivalist, recently attacked the stage and the theatre in a sermon at Spokane.

Jessie Shirley, a well-known actress, throws back at him this well-deserved answer:

"If you feel that you must attack the theater to hold your job, look up a few historical facts regarding the subject and don't become the laughing stock of all well-informed theatrical people. You state that not only the church but the press condemns the theater. What do you mean by 'the press'? Do you mean the Christian Advocate and the War Cry, or that mighty power—the American newspaper, in whose columns will daily be found a review of the current plays, with usually an intelligent criticism of the same? Or do you refer to the enormous list of monthly magazines that almost without exception have an interesting dramatic department as one of the leading features?"

"I don't claim that all plays are moral. That would be a foolish statement, but shall we sweepingly condemn the stage because some objectionable works have found a hearing there? As well wipe out literature because there have been obscene and immoral books published at various times."

"It is our glorious privilege to be living today and reaping the benefits of twentieth century progress. You might just as well talk of abolishing music, literature or any of the arts as to talk of abolishing the stage. It has too firm a hold on the hearts and minds of those who appreciate its beauties and realize its tremendous power for good."

"You say Booth and Garrick never allowed their children to witness a play. I hate to spoil your fatherly little story, Mr. Sunday, but the truth is that Garrick never had any children, though happily married—to a French danseuse, by the way. Booth's wife was his leading woman, while it is generally understood that his daughter was his severest critic and he highly esteemed her judgment."

"You say that a certain actress, whose name you can not reveal, confided to you that the stage was corrupt in all its branches. I cannot imagine what sort of a company she had been connected with, but she was undoubtedly unfortunate in choosing her engagements. I have been on the stage nearly 15 years, yet I have always associated with ladies and gentlemen of honest and upright principles. Many of them are devout followers of different creeds, and of all the scores of actresses I know I cannot now recall more than one or two of whose morality there was the slightest question."

"Mr. Sunday, you repeatedly say the Bible is good enough for you. It is; it is good enough for anyone. What does it say about bearing false witness against your neighbor? What does it say about 'Judge not lest ye be judged'? What does it say about calling your brother a fool? What does it say about 'though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal'?"

"Probably with your usual courtesy and refinement you will call me a 'yellow dog,' as you called the others who ventured to criticize your methods. That is a very easy way of side-stepping an argument; but after all it is not so bad to be called a 'yellow dog.' Surely the little yellow dog who has the courage to bark at the heels of a humbug is entitled to more respect than the coward who runs away from the bark."

Frank Jaehn, the well-known Springfield contractor, has decided to locate permanently at Huron, South Dakota.

G. W. Schlottmann, Wm. Espenson, Fred Wilking, E. C. Krieken, John Drill and Herman Poehler have formed a company for the purpose of conducting a meat market in Courtland. The company's shop will be opened in April and will be in charge of Wm. Schmidt, a first-class butcher.

The stockholders of the State Bank of Cobden held their annual meeting the forepart of last week and elected Hans Mo. O. W. Hagen, Herman Altermatt, Andrew Philpsson and Claus Meinert as directors. Hans Mo continues as president, O. W. Hagen as vice president and R. M. West as cashier.

NEW ULM WINS BY SCRATCH

Local Basketball Team Carries off Championship Honors From Stillwater.

Score so Close, However, that Victory is Hardly a Satisfying One.

The much-heralded New Ulm-Stillwater basketball game is over.

New Ulm won, but few there were who witnessed the game who were wholly satisfied with the outcome.

In other words, there was nothing in New Ulm's close victory provocative of enthusiasm.

The final score was 35 to 33. Someone scoring for Stillwater had a different score and among the spectators there were those who had recorded the game as a tie. The referee, however, before he left the hall, conceded the game to New Ulm.

Undoubtedly New Ulm won, and won fairly too, but when a comparison is made all must concede that the visitors outplayed their opponents. Not only were they superior in team play, but they excelled in throwing baskets, in guarding and in sticking to the ball. In fact, in nearly every one of these respects, they seemed to be nearly perfect. Our boys, however, were more than their match in getting possession of the ball when it was thrown up in the center, and this was an advantage which often made the efficient work of the Stillwater team useless.

During the first five minutes Stillwater nearly swept the locals off the board, scoring eight points in rapid succession before New Ulm could get anything like a chance at the basket. Then the New Ulm boys took a brace to themselves and the first half ended with a score of only 21 to 20 in Stillwater's favor.

The game in the second half was closely contested throughout. Anthony guarded his men better than during the first half and Tony Stadtherr put up a front for swiftness that had much to do with determining the result.

The teams, on the whole, were well matched and played clean ball. Stillwater loses its place as undisputed champion of the state, but it has shown that it might easily wrest the laurels from New Ulm if the opportunity were given.

From the game, the New Ulm team has certainly learned this lesson—confidence is a good thing as long as it promotes steadiness, but fatal when it promotes carelessness.

FULL PARDON FOR COLE YOUNGER

That is What is Asked for by Former Mayor of Kansas City.

Absolute pardon for Cole Younger, the famous bandit, is what James A. Reid, former mayor of Kansas City asks of Gov. John A. Johnson. Mr. Reid says that Younger is now promoting a suburban railway scheme and is handicapped by the fact that the Minnesota pardon carries conditions. People down in Missouri, where Cole now lives, have the impression that it is possible for the Minnesota authorities to send for him and return him to prison any time they want to.

Cole Younger and his brother, Jim, now dead, were released from the state prison on parole in 1901, under the terms of an act allowing parole of life prisoners after twenty-five years. Both pined for home, but the parole forced them to live in Minnesota. After Jim committed suicide the state board of pardons allowed Cole to go on condition that he never engage in any public performance to exploit his past misdeeds. Though he is held to have broken that promise, the pardon is not revoked and there is no way Minnesota can force him to return.

SOMSEN DEFEATS JUDGE BUCK

Brother of New Ulm Attorney Victorious in Winona Municipal Contest.

Steve H. Somsen, the younger brother of Attorney H. N. Somsen of this city and member of the well-known law firm of Brown, Abbott & Somsen of Winona, has come quite prominently into the limelight of late as a political opponent of Judge H. L. Buck.

In the first place Gov. Johnson chose Somsen to succeed Mr. Buck as a member of the state normal board, the governor's reason for making the change being, presumably, Mr. Buck's defection from the ranks of the John-

son supporters prior to the Denver convention last summer.

This was not considered much of a setback, however, as the office carries with it no financial remuneration, but now Somsen has gone after Buck on his own account and administered another drubbing. This was in the fight over the democratic nomination for the municipal judgeship, Somsen winning out with a majority of 174 votes.

The contest between the two men was the most exciting of the primary campaign and Buck's defeat is regarded with unusual interest because all the Johnson democrats of the city worked and voted against him.

Legislative Notes.

Representative Bendixen of Redwood county has introduced a bill abolishing capital punishment in Minnesota and providing that the pardoning board shall not have the right to reprieve or release persons convicted of murder. The committee on crimes and punishments recommends the bill for passage.

Sheriffs will be elected for terms of four years, instead of two, if a bill introduced by Representative Ferguson becomes a law.

If Senator Johnson's bill for a monument at Traverse des Sioux meets with legislative approval the commissioners who will have charge of the monument's erection will be composed of Gen. James H. Baker of Mankato, Gen. Lucius F. Hubbard of Red Wing and W. G. Gresham of St. Peter.

The house has voted to have its final adjournment take place on April 6th or fifteen days earlier than is required by the constitutional limit.

A bill offered by Representative Rosenwald of Madison abolishes the office of state oil inspector and places the inspection of petroleum products under the charge of the dairy and food department. In Mr. Rosenwald's bill a gravity test is also provided for gasoline.

ECKSTEIN'S NAME IS MENTIONED

Frequently Heard in Connection With Tax Commission and Board of Control Vacancies.

Ever since it was known that Mr. Leavitt could not retain his place on the state board of control and that Prof. McVey would resign from the state tax commission in order to accept a university presidency in North Dakota, Andrew J. Eckstein of this city has been frequently suggested as a man admirably equipped to meet the requirements of either position should the governor see fit to honor him with an appointment.

Mr. Eckstein, however, is not a candidate, and should the preferment come his way it will be purely through the good offices of his friends.

Other names that are being offered in connection with the tax commission vacancy are those of Samuel G. Iverson, present state auditor, Einar Hoisdale, formerly of New Ulm, and Wilbur Booth, a Minneapolis attorney. Lester B. Elwood of Minneapolis, it is understood, was offered Prof. McVey's place by the governor, but for business reasons refused.

New Ulm would certainly feel honored if either of the plums should come this way.

The county fair associations of Minnesota formed a permanent organization in St. Paul late Friday afternoon, the president being J. J. Furlong of Mower county and the secretary John H. Brown of Lincoln county. About fifty representatives of the county agricultural societies were present and questions of common welfare were discussed. The present plan of representation at meetings of the State Agricultural society was declared to be satisfactory, but more space will be asked for at the state fair for county exhibits. It was also decided to ask the legislature to provide for aid to counties in case agricultural society buildings are destroyed by fire or wind.

Mrs. Christina Klingler, wife of Hyppolyt Klingler, died at the hospital Saturday at the age of eighty-four years. The deceased was born in Austria and for many years was one of the best-known women in West Newton. A couple of years ago she was stricken with blindness, and with her aged husband became an inmate of the home for aged people at St. Alexander's hospital.

Geo. Doehne, who underwent an operation for hernia at the hospital about ten days ago, is recovering nicely.

COUNCIL HAS BUSY SESSION

Awards Contract for Building New Reservoir to Aug. Puhlmann.

Refuses Unanimously to Entertain Mayor's Nomination for City Attorney.

Appropriates \$150 in Aid of the Minnesota River Improvement League.

At a special meeting of the city council held Monday evening the contract for the construction of the concrete and steel reservoir on Monument hill was awarded to August Puhlmann of this city for the remarkably low sum of \$12,333. This is \$1,572. below the city engineer's estimate and \$10,157 below the highest of the seventeen other bids that were received. The following is a complete list of all the offers made:

E. G. Briggs of St. Paul	\$13,970
Carr & Son of Crawfordsville, Indiana	19,786
Cook Construction Co. of Des Moines	19,940
J. G. Gronau of New Ulm	16,470
Grant Construction Co. of St. Paul	16,880
Haglin & Starr of Minneapolis	16,500
Keute & Co. of New Ulm	17,952
W. D. Lovell of Minneapolis	19,463
Noble & Co. of La Crosse	16,880
Otto Neitze of Mankato	16,995
Nelson & Co. of Mankato	15,696
Aug. Puhlmann of New Ulm	12,338
Pastorek-Lawrence Co., Duluth	17,393
Sterling Construction Co. of Milwaukee	19,500
Tappe & Reiser of New Ulm	18,999
Tanner Bros. of Minneapolis	22,490
Western Bridge Co. of Chicago	18,445
Weilandt & Stegemann of New Ulm	14,800

When the matter of the mayor's appointment of Capt. Albert Steinhauer came up for consideration the council voted without a dissenting voice against confirmation. This would seem to indicate a firm determination on the part of the aldermen to resist any change in the incumbency of the office until the mayor sends in a new name.

Dr. L. A. Fritsche, Andrew J. Eckstein and Ferdinand Crone appeared before the council and asked for an appropriation in aid of the work of

the Minnesota River Improvement League. The council voted the sum of \$150, all of the members going on record in favor of the appropriation.

The city attorney reported that he had appeared before Judge Olsen at Sleepy Eye only that morning, prepared to argue the case of the City vs. Mrs. Boesch, a case which was brought to recover the amount which the city was compelled to pay Mrs. Neumann because of an accident which befel her on the sidewalk in front of Mrs. Boesch's property some two years ago. The defendant was not represented at the hearing, her attorney taking the position that the court had no jurisdiction, and accordingly Judge Olsen rendered judgment in favor of the city in the amount of \$1,116. The collection of this judgment, the city attorney explained, might be a long drawn-out process, inasmuch as the defendant was not a resident of the state and furthermore might insist on carrying the case into the higher courts.

The city attorney also reported that Judge Olsen had granted the city judgment against Victoria Nagel in the sum of \$62.71, that being the amount of the costs in the trial of the action brought by her against the city relative to a certain retaining wall.

Another chapter has been added to the Ambrose Rieff murder case in Blue Earth county by the arrest of Mrs. Emma Timmerman and Miss Emma Pressler on a bench warrant charging them with complicity in Rieff's crime, which was that of killing Mrs. Timmerman's infant babe. Miss Pressler is a sister-in-law of Rieff and is said to have been present when the child was born. When arraigned before Judge Pfau last Wednesday both women pleaded not guilty. Mrs. Timmerman stoutly asserting that she never gave birth to the child that is alleged to have been killed. The charge against each woman is that of murder in the first degree.

A meeting of Burg's Battery was held Sunday for the purpose of reorganization. The battery now has forty-one active members and with its new equipment promises a showing next spring that will make every citizen of New Ulm sit up and take notice.

SPECIAL SALE

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19 and 20

25 BARGAINS!

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10 doz. Ladies Fleece Hosiery; 15 cents value sale price..... **10c**

25 doz. Wool and Fleece Hosiery 25 cents value at..... **19c**

Talcum Powder, regular 25 cents size sale price..... **8c**

15 pieces Percales, worth 8 cents, sale **5 2c**

5 doz. Misses and Ladies' Outing Flannel Nightgowns worth 50c sale price..... **29c**

Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs or without, worth 5 cents a piece, sale price..... **3c**

Calico light patterns worth 6 cents, sale price..... **4c**

10 pieces Wool Dress goods worth 50c (60c, sale price)..... **29c**

25 pieces Blue Heavy Indigo, one yd. wide worth 14c, at..... **10c**

Outing Flannel worth 6 cents and 7 cents, sale price..... **4c**

Rustle Lining one yd. wide assorted colors no black worth 15 cents, sale price..... **4c**

Silk Belts worth 25c to 50c, sale price..... **19c**

Mercerized Thread 100 yds. on spool all shades except black, worth 5c, at **2 for 5 Cents**

25 pieces Fleece goods worth 10c a yard, sale price..... **7c**

Table Oil cloth, 20 pieces seconds, per yard at..... **9c**

Silk Petticoats—all colors and black—value \$5.00 to \$6.00, sale price..... **\$3.75**

Heavy metal plated Table Spoons, per doz. at..... **15c**

Heavy metal plated Tea Spoons, per doz. at..... **10c**

Knives and Forks, Melucca plated, sale price at..... **5c**

Remnants of all kinds—Percales, Calicos, etc.

Remnants of Lawn at 5c a yd. Turkey red Table damask 19c up. Good heavy unbleached sheeting at 5c a yd.

Dr. Prices Wheat Food, per package 7c Seeded Raisins, 1 lb. packages, 2 for 25c Canned Peaches and Pears, per can, 10c

CRONE BROS.