

SPRING ELECTION PROSPECTS

Eibner to Make Vigorous Campaign. No Opposition in First and Third Wards.

After about two weeks' of absolute quiet in the political field, a ripple of excitement was caused when it was announced that Wd. Eibner had finally decided to enter the Mayoralty race and he has since filed his petition and from now on he is considered an avowed candidate for the office of Mayor. What may have prompted him to shie his castor (or-a la Teddy "sombbrero") into the ring, is of very little moment at this time. He was evidently urged very strongly to do so by his friends and he has no doubt a strong desire to grace the Mayor's chair. He and his friends probably canvassed the situation thoroughly and became satisfied that Mr. Eibner's chances of winning out are of the very best. His entering the race means that he will put up a strong fight.

As a surprise came the candidacy of Rudolph Marti for alderman of the second ward. Mr. Marti is a member of the firm of Bastian, Marti & Brandl, is well qualified for the office and his friends hope to see him a winner when the votes are counted on the 5th of April.

Efforts have been made to bring out candidates for alderman in the first and third wards, but so far without success. It was currently rumored that A. J. Ochs had finally yielded to the importunities of his friends and consented to run again in the first and that John H. Forster was slated as an aldermanic candidate for the third. When interviewed, Mr. Ochs stated that he had declined to make the race again because his business interests require his undivided attention and that, although he had been urged very much to become a candidate again, he was firm in his resolve not to make the campaign. Mr. Forster admitted that he too had been urged and entreated to become a candidate, but that he emphatically informed his friends that he lacks the time to serve the people in the way they have a right to be served and that he would not under any circumstances allow the use of his name for that or any other office.

From present indications it would seem that no further candidates would materialize between now and election day and it may be just as well. The fewer candidates, the less opportunity for dissensions. What we require in New Ulm above everything else is harmony, as Mr. Eibner openly admitted and declared when he was only a tentative candidate.

Eastern Star School of Instruction

Orient Chapter No. 60 O. E. S. is planning for a School of Instruction to be held here Thursday evening of this week. From ninety to one hundred visitors from the various chapters of the 20th District are expected to be present and grand preparations are being made for the banquet at 5:30 Thursday afternoon following an informal reception at the Masonic Hall. The Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Love A. Brayley of Crookston and the District Deputy Grand Matron Mrs. Jennie Frederickson of Springfield are to be here for the event and the Grand Secretary, Mary C. Taylor of Minneapolis is also expected.

Brown County Fares Well.

Brown County will receive \$7,436 from the semi-annual payment of the state school fund distributed last week by C. G. Schulz, state superintendent of public instruction.

The entire amount distributed is \$798,232, at the rate of \$2 for 399,121 pupils. This is the largest spring payment ever made in Minnesota. At the fall distribution in October, payment was made on the basis of \$3 per capita. The revenue for this fund is obtained from the state 1 mill tax, together with the interest on the permanent school fund amounting to \$22,000,000.

Hennepin county receives the largest sum, \$97,668; Ramsey comes next with \$68,588, and St. Louis next with \$57,476. Cottonwood county gets \$6,256; Blue Earth, \$10,062; Nicollet, \$5,332 and Watonwan, \$4,816.

This money, the County Auditor informs us, will be apportioned among the various school districts of the County on the last Wednesday of the month.

Complying with the law, the State Highway Commission last week apportioned the 1912 Road and Bridge Fund amounting to \$340,000 among the counties of the State. This was about \$20,000 more than was believed would be available.

In making the apportionment the joint resolution passed by the last Legislature providing that counties which did not share in the old "pork barrel" appropriation should first receive approximately \$100,000 before apportioning the entire sum throughout the State, was generally observed.

The minimum each county will get this year is \$2,000 and the maximum \$8,000. The counties in the northern part of the state get approximately \$110,300 and counties in the southern part of the state \$199,700. Brown County's share is \$4,500. This includes, according to our way of looking at it, Brown County's share of the so-called "pork barrel." Compared with other Counties we are doing extremely well. Blue Earth County with \$7,800 and Renville County with \$5,500 are the only counties near us who have fared better. Nicollet County gets only \$3,000, Redwood, \$3,200 and Watonwan, \$3,700.

Scarles Saloon Obnoxious.

At the next meeting of the Board of County Commissioners resolutions will be presented recently adopted by citizens of Hanska and farmers of the neighboring towns protesting against the manner in which the saloon at Scarles is being conducted. Our position favoring personal liberty along all lines is well known and requires no apology on our part but just because we so strongly advocate personal liberty we protest against the acts of saloon keepers which create sentiment against the orderly public drinking place. We hope the conditions at Scarles are not so bad as they are reported to be and as the resolutions seem to indicate. But if they should be and the present owners are not able or willing to improve conditions then the County Commissioners should see to it that some one will be found who will run the place in a decent manner. All others in the same line of business cannot afford to have their own future existence jeopardized by the reckless manner in which some persist in conducting the business.

Arthur Janke spent several days in the twin cities.

It is only by labor that thought can be made healthy, and only by thought that labor can be made happy; and the two can not be separated with impunity.

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District Convention of Turners a Success.

Herman Heit, Wm. Pfander, Jr. F. W. Johnson, Fred Pfander, R. Kanski, Geo. Hogen and E. J. Buehrer were the delegates of New Ulm Turnverein at the district convention held in St. Paul last Saturday and Sunday. Fred Pfander was Chairman of the convention which proved one of the most successful meetings held in recent years. Herman Heit was elected as one of the delegates of the National Convention which meets in Indianapolis in June. A "Kommers" was held Saturday which was preceded by a debate on the proposed reorganization of the National Executive Committee. Sunday afternoon was given over to a "Turntag" participated in by 40 actives.

Church Statistics.

According to the latest church statistics just compiled the Catholic is the largest of the denominations in the United States, with the Methodist the largest of the Protestant and second largest of all denominations, and has both the largest number of churches and ministers.

The numerical rank of the denominations of this country grouped by denominational families, follows:

- Catholic, 3 bodies, 17,138 ministers, 13,715 churches; 12,321,746 members.
- Methodist, 17 bodies, 42,177 ministers, 61,192 churches, 6,695,168 members.
- Baptists, 15 bodies, 40,011 ministers, 55,810 churches, 5,774,066 members.
- Lutherans, 21 bodies, 8,659 ministers, 13,802 churches, 2,243,486 members.
- Presbyterians, 12 bodies, 13,342 ministers, 26,456 churches, 1,920,760 members.
- Disciples of Christ, 2 bodies, 8,545 ministers, 13,929 churches, 1,519,774 members.
- Episcopal, 2 bodies, 5,380 ministers, 7,652 churches, 938,386 members.
- Congregationalists, 6,045 ministers, 6,050 churches, 741,400 members.
- Reformed, 4 bodies, 2,110 ministers, 2,619 churches, 448,190 members.
- Later Day Saints, 2 bodies, 2,483 ministers, 1,350 churches, 400,650.
- United Brethren, 2 bodies, 2,193 ministers, 4,298 churches, 303,319 members.
- German Evangelical Synod, 1,024 ministers, 1,314 churches, 236,615 members.
- Jewish, 1,084 ministers, 1,769 churches, 143,000 members.
- Friends, 4 bodies, 1,456 ministers, 1,697 churches, 123,788 members.
- Dunkard Brethren, 4 bodies, 3,429 ministers, 1,188 churches, 122,847 members.
- Adventists, 6 bodies, 1,153 ministers, 2,488 churches, 95,646 members.
- Christian Scientist, 2,208 ministers, 1,104 churches, 85,096 members.
- Swedish Evangelical, 2 bodies, 528 ministers, 423 churches, 58,000 members.
- Christians, 993 ministers, 1,329 churches, 87,478 members.
- German Evangelical Protestant, 59 ministers, 66 churches, 34,704 members.
- Salvationists, 2 bodies, 3,196 ministers, 916 churches, 26,275 members.
- Unitarians, 558 ministers, 482 churches, 70,542 members.
- Universalists, 730 ministers, 881 churches, 52,150 members.
- Pentecostal, 2 bodies, 815 ministers, 458 churches, 21,420 members.
- Independent Congregations, 267 ministers, 879 churches, 48,673 members.
- Mennonites, 12 bodies, 1,008 ministers, 606 churches, 55,700 members.

The various Masonic lodges of the city have displayed an unusual amount of activity in the last few weeks. Wednesday evening Prof. John A. Handy of the State University and G. H. Spalding, editor and publisher of the "Masonic Observer" paid the Blue lodge an official visit. Prof. Handy delivered a well received address on Free Masonry. Mr. Spalding sang a few songs which were certainly well rendered. A banquet was served after the meeting. Toasts were responded to and short talks were given by different members of the local lodge. About 35 Masons from Sleepy Eye took in the festivities.

Sunday Closing of the Postoffice.

Postmaster Liesch has decided on Sunday closing of the General Delivery and Carrier windows at the Postoffice. This is in accordance with a bulletin issued by the Post Office Department a year ago giving to postmasters the right to do this if they see fit. Mr. Liesch has been keeping a record of the amount of mail delivered Sundays in this way and he finds that the actual amount handed out is very small compared with the number of persons who call for mail and receive none. This, he says, decided him on closing and he believes that very few seriously inconvenienced.

Leaving aside the question of the religious observance of the day, which is one for each to decide for himself, we believe that any form of business activity will gain in efficiency and well-being by securing to its employees one full day at least out of seven in which to rest and enjoy themselves. The man who gives of his best efforts to his employer six days a week deserves and should have the seventh wholly to himself to use as he chooses.

However, the question is looked at from a different angle by different people and as service should be rendered with the idea of the greatest good to the greatest number there is no doubt that if a sufficient number of the patrons of the office are opposed to the closing and will courteously make their wishes known that some agreeable arrangement can be made whereby anyone who wishes can secure his mail Sundays as well as other days. Of course, the business public and all who rent boxes will get their mail as usual and the outgoing mails will be received and incoming mails distributed to boxes the same as on week days. Only those who do not have boxes will be obliged to do without their Sunday mail. If anyone feels aggrieved we will be glad to hear from him and will cheerfully publish any good-natured discussion of the question if sent in signed by the writer. If no such communications are received it may be taken for granted that the closing is satisfactory to all the patrons.

For Better Agriculture.

A big two days' meeting in the interest of Better Agriculture, will be held at Mankato on March 21st and 22nd. This meeting will be under the auspices of the Commercial Clubs of Mankato, North Mankato and St. Peter.

The Grain Production will be demonstrated by Prof. R. A. Moore, the agronomist of the University of Wisconsin, a man with a national reputation, who has originated, developed and propagated the improved varieties of corn, barley and oats, that have produced such splendid results in Wisconsin. The dairy work will be in charge of A. G. Clover, assistant editor of "Hoard's Dairyman"; a man of over twenty years experience in handling and testing cows, and growing special crops for producing the best results.

All farmers who are interested in progress and increased production, are cordially invited to attend. A special invitation is extended to the managers and executive committees of the creameries.

The noted play, "The Rivals," has been chosen by the Senior Class of the High School as a class play and will be put on at the Turner Theatre May 3rd. See announcement in another column.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Alexander's Hospital to Have Cesspool Provided by City at Cost of \$1,000.

Albert J. Meyer, alderman of the third ward, who has entered the race for City Clerk, submitted his resignation as councillor, the same to take effect April 1st.

William Boettger, Jos. Gag, Anton Liebl and August Daluegl appeared before the council and requested that Franklin Street from 5th North Street to 12th North Street be graded, graveled and boulevarded. This matter was before the council last year and so much opposition developed against the project from the majority of the abutting property owners that no further action was taken except to have the same submitted to the Board of Public Works. Under the circumstances the council did not feel like taking any further action except to refer it to the Committee on Streets for investigation.

Chr. Filzen, Jr., John H. Forster, Andrew Saffert, Alex Ranweller, John Henle and Robert Fosenmaier appeared as representatives of the local hospital and requested the city to erect a cesspool for the hospital, the same to be connected with the open public ditch running along North Garden Street. The request was granted and the Committee on Streets was authorized to make investigation and carry out the project. The committee represented that the total expense of said sewerage system would amount to about \$1000. It might have looked a little more business-like if the city council had plans and specifications prepared for the proposed improvement, and an estimate of the cost made, before granting the request.

The city has an opportunity at the present time to dispose of the large hook and ladder truck and Chief Henry Engel and his two assistants Fred Pfander and Jos. F. Groebner appeared before the council to confer with them in reference to disposing of this piece of fire apparatus. The present hook and ladder truck is too heavy for our needs and the fire department favors the purchase of a smaller one of similar design and construction, but they are loathe to give up the present truck unless a smaller hook and ladder truck is provided for them. The matter was finally referred to a committee of the fire department and the city's fire department committee.

The Board of Public Works approved of the sprinkling of Minnesota Street, Broadway and Washington Street under the same conditions as prevailed last year, and the City Clerk was directed to invite sealed bids for the sprinkling until the next regular meeting; also a bid for hauling the large hook and ladder truck in case of fires.

The City Clerk was also directed to invite sealed bids before the next meeting of the council for the construction of the cement sidewalks and crossings recommended by the Street Committee to be laid prior to July 1st. The following were appointed as Judges of Election: 1st ward, F. C. Schnobrich, J. A. Ochs and Peter J. Soukup; 2nd ward, Louis J. Buenger, Theo. Mueller, H. D. Beussmann; 3rd ward, W. H. Gieseke, Albert J. Meyer and Christ Filzen, Jr. Building permits were issued to C. G. Reim, Louis J. Buenger and Wd. Eibner.

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