

## BIG CRIST OF ROUTINE BUSINESS MILLED

### Tax Levy Fixed and Bills Amounting to \$2636 05, are Allowed.

The regular July meeting of the county commissioners proved a rather quiet and tame affair. Only routine work was transacted and there was no necessity for star chamber sessions which get on the nerves of some people. The only thing bordering on the sensational was when Attorney Jos. A. Eckstein appeared before the board shortly before the noon recess on Tuesday and delivered a short address in which he enlightened the commissioners as to their duties with respect to the public.

The first duty requiring the attention of the board was the examination into the county funds and it appears from their report that there is at the present time \$72,630.63 on hand and that said moneys are deposited as follows:

Cash deposits in Brown County Bank, New Ulm	\$4,861.77
Cash deposit in State Bank, New Ulm	6,289.94
Cash deposits in Citizens State Bank, New Ulm	5,150.00
Cash deposit in State Bank, Sleepy Eye	2,272.79
Cash deposit in Farmers & Merchants Bank, Sleepy Eye	2,607.62
Cash deposit in First National Bank, Sleepy Eye	2,562.96
Cash deposit in State Bank, Springfield	3,622.01
Cash deposit in First National Bank, Springfield	2,878.32
Cash deposit in First State Bank, Comfrey	2,515.22
Cash deposit in Farmers State Bank, Comfrey	1,605.33
Cash deposit in State Bank, Hanska	1,845.15
Cash deposit in Security State Bank, Hanska	1,054.60
Cash deposit in State Bank, Cobden	1,505.03
Cash deposit in State Bank, Evan	1,278.83
Cash deposit in State Bank, Essig	1,373.90
On time deposit	30,000.00
Cash, checks and warrants in safe	1,207.16

The bond of the Farmers State Bank of Comfrey was examined, approved and ordered filed.

Fred. Winkelmann's application for abatement of ditch assessment in the sum of \$240.00 was denied on the ground that the commissioners have no jurisdiction in the matter.

A. R. Eggenberger, of Hanska, was granted an auctioneer's license for one year.

The application of George Fischer for a liquor license for the townsite of Searles was laid over to the afternoon session, some technical error having been detected in the printed notice and in the afternoon session the license was granted with the usual vote, Commissioners Polkow, Tauer and Henle voting in favor of it and Erickson and Steinke against granting it.

The request of members of the Brown County Agricultural society for a \$500.00 donation toward the Brown County fair was favorably acted upon and this amount was appropriated out of the county revenue fund provided there is money in said fund available for that purpose.

F. D. Minium was appointed County Surveyor for the unexpired term of C. N. Robertson conditioned he file a bond in the sum of \$500.00 for the faithful discharge of his duties.

The following list of uncollected personal property taxes was ordered cancelled on the ground that these taxes are not collectible:

H. Schleissner, Sleepy Eye	\$1.50
P. E. Seifert, Sleepy Eye	5.37
C. C. Dunn, Sleepy Eye	12.79
W. P. Close, New Ulm	1.56
S. W. Koons, New Ulm	1.80
C. F. Blume, New Ulm	3.44
Jos. Baumler, New Ulm	4.45
F. Burg, New Ulm	4.5
A. P. Kellberger, New Ulm	5.08
Lester Piano Co., New Ulm	8.33
Peter Anderson, Evan	1.50
Swen Anderson, Albin	.75
Ed. Carlson, Hanska	2.70
Henry E. Shelquist, Hanska	15.37
E. J. Sanderson, Hanska	2.90
J. J. Radlinger, Sleepy Eye	4.06
Herman Sasse, Sleepy Eye	2.25
Chas. Maloney, Sleepy Eye	2.87

Orin McCoy, Home	.02
W. N. Kline, Home	3.74
And. Stangel, Leavenworth	.45
M. J. Lenzon, Leavenworth	4.19
J. E. Talbot, Prairieville	8.85
George Brandt, Stately	2.76
J. M. Mittelstadt, Stately	1.95
Aug. Fischer, Sigel	.11
Jos. Pelzel, Sigel	1.41
Ferd. Puengel Est., Milford	6.00
Fred. Haas, Milford	.79
A. H. Meyer, Stark	3.13
C. F. W. Mellenthin, Mulligan	.14
Carl Franke, Mulligan	.87
W. L. Curtwright, Mulligan	1.85
George Suess, Mulligan	1.03

Tuesday morning the board prepared the petit and grand jury lists for the December term of the district court and filed same with the clerk of court.

The contract for 200 tons of coal for the courthouse and poor farm was awarded to Bingham Bros. at \$5.65 per ton, they being the lowest bidders.

The following amounts were ordered levied on the taxable property of the county for the year 1912: Revenue fund, \$24,000.00; road and bridge fund, \$10,000.00; poor fund, \$8,000.00, a total of \$42,000.00.

The application of F. J. Neno, of New Ulm, for reduction of assessment and taxes for 1910 and 1911 on his real property received the approval of the board and was recommended to the state tax commission.

The matter of repairs on the boilers in the court house was referred to the court house committee with power to act.

The poor farm committee was authorized to paint the interior of the poor home if in their opinion it is necessary that this be done.

The request of J. H. Hoffmann of the town of Stark, that he be set off with his lands from school district No. 45 to district No. 28, was granted, no one appearing to oppose it.

The county commissioners went on record as approving a change in state road No. 2 if the town supervisors are petitioned to make such change and are desirous of doing so.

The sum of \$75.00 was appropriated out of the county road and bridge fund to be expended on the highway from Hindermann's bridge to the town of Home and upon the recommendation of the Richartz bridge committee, the sum of \$200.00 was appropriated for this highway, conditioned that the towns of Sigel and Milford each expend an equal amount.

Subject to the approval of the state highway commission the following highway was designated as state road No. 12: Beginning at the northwest corner of section No. 35, township No. 108, range 34, thence running east along the north side of the southern tier of sections in the towns of Bashaw, Mulligan and Albin, terminating at the northeast corner of section No. 33, township No. 108, range 32 (Town of Albin), there to intersect state road No. 6 of Brown county.

The proper committee reported that the contract for a new bridge across the Little Cottonwood in the town of Mulligan had been awarded to the Joliet Bridge & Iron Co. at a price of \$1,242.00.

The written report of Com. Tauer as to the work done on state road No. 5, was received and the expenses incurred in said work, aggregating the sum of \$507.71, were ordered paid.

The written report of Com. Erickson as to the work done on state road No. 2, was received and the expenses incurred in said work, aggregating the sum of \$512.10 were ordered paid. His report as to the work done on state road No. 5 was received and the expenses incurred thereby, aggregating \$497.45, were ordered paid.

The written report of Com. Henle as to work done on state road No. 1 was received and the expenses incurred thereby, aggregating the sum of \$517.15, were ordered paid.

The written report of Com. Steinke as to work done on state road No. 2 was received and the expenses incurred thereby allowed in the sum of \$1,157.36.

The written report of Com. Polkow as to work done on state road No. 1 in Bashaw, was received and the expenses incurred thereby aggregating the sum of \$540.55, were allowed.

Bills aggregating in all the sum of \$2,636.05 were allowed and the board thereupon adjourned to Wednesday, July 17th at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Modern Woodmen held a big picnic at St. James Monday. A good program of speeches was promised for the occasion.

## State Road to Ft. Ridgely in Suspense.

Our readers will remember that a short time ago the voters of West Newton came together in special meeting for the purpose of registering their preferences for the road through their town to the town line of Ridgely which is to be designated as a State Road. At this election the friends of the so-called "prairie road" won out and it was generally taken for granted that this would settle the controversy.

Joseph Altmann was delegated to appear before the Board of County Commissioners at their regular semi-annual meeting and inform this body of the action of the voters of West Newton which he did. The County Commissioners promptly designated the prairie road as a state road. The following day Alex. Russell and L. Bushard appeared on the scene with a petition signed by 36 voters of the town favoring the "bottom road" and protesting against designating the "prairie road" as a state road. In view of this strong opposition the Board could do nothing else but rescind its action which was done and the whole matter is left in statu quo. Before coming to a decision, the County Commissioners will make a personal investigation of the various roads and determine for themselves which is the more feasible route.

## A Chapter of Accidents.

R. D. Lillie met with a most serious mishap last Saturday evening. He was engaged in helping to unload a load of hay and was working with a hay-carrier when the rope broke. Mr. Lillie lost his balance and fell from the load head foremost to the ground. The bones of both arms were fractured at the wrist and the right arm had a second fracture while the left elbow was dislocated. At present Mr. Lillie is comfortable and expects to recover rapidly.

Jesse Olson, the 16 year old son of Al. Olson, broke one of the smaller bones of his right arm last week and his brother Richard are visiting their uncle, Dr. Olson at Nicollet, and were playing in the lumber yard at that place. Jesse stepped on a pile of lumber and in some way fell so that his weight broke the bone near the wrist. He is getting along nicely however, and no bad results are expected.

Joseph F. Groebner, who recently had the bad luck to break one of his ribs in a fall, has recovered sufficiently to be up and around. He will not be able, however, to do heavy work for several weeks.

Last Thursday afternoon Alma the little daughter of Otto Moll of Milford was playing about the yard when she met with a serious and painful accident. A grindstone fell over on her, the shaft of the wheel striking her just above the ear and penetrating to the bone. It also tore the ear loose and it was necessary to take several stitches in it. The little one is recovering nicely at present.

## Minnesota Seed Company to Build Addition.

The Minnesota Seed Company has had a very prosperous year and finds it necessary to enlarge its plant in order to handle its increasing business. It has therefore been decided to put up a three story with basement addition at the rear of the present building. The addition will measure 60x85 and will be a concrete and frame structure sheathed with galvanized iron. It will be used for storage and seed corn purposes. Prospects for a large corn crop are very promising at present and it is expected that the Seed Company will do a large volume of business during the coming season.

The contract for the work has not yet been let nor are the plans fully complete but work on the addition will be begun promptly in order to have the building ready for use this fall.

## Machine Gun Company for New Ulm.

Col. A. W. Wright of the 2nd Regt. has written L. G. Vogel to the effect that New Ulm will be given a machine gun company of the Reg't. if a sufficient number of men to form the company can be mustered in within the next ten days. It is desired to have the men fully equipped in time to participate in the Sparta encampment August 6th. The number of men required is 46. There is one machine gun company to each regiment and four guns to a company. It will be necessary to take prompt action if New Ulm is to have this distinction.

## DEFENDER OF NEW ULM PASSES AWAY

### Captain Sylvester A. George Succumbs to Languing Illness

Capt. Sylvester A. George answered Death's summons Thursday night shortly after 12 o'clock. He had been in failing health for over a year and the ailment which had fastened itself upon him and from which he was destined not to recover, was painful in the extreme. But he was patient through it all and faced the inevitable without fear or misgiving. Altho the members of his family and his friends realize that death came to him as a friend and relieved him from untold suffering, nevertheless they grieve that he was not spared them a few years longer.

The deceased was born in Gardiner, Maine, Feb. 14, 1838, and was 74 years old when he passed away. He grew to manhood in his home state and when President Lincoln's call for volunteers came he was one of the first to offer his services to his country. He was commissioned First Lieutenant in the First Maine Regiment and saw



Captain S. A. George

active service in the Army of the Potomac in Virginia. The Captain of the company was killed in an engagement and Lieut. George was promoted to the rank of Captain. His health, however, failed him and he was soon thereafter discharged from the service. He came west to regain his health and had reached St. Peter when news of the uprising of the Indians reached him and he immediately joined the expedition which was organized to come to the relief of New Ulm.

When it became apparent that it was not the intention of the expedition to push thru to New Ulm but to go into camp, he registered a protest and forcibly brought it home to Major Flandrau that if New Ulm was to be relieved it was necessary to push forward without delay. After Major Flandrau's election to the rank of Commander-in-chief of all the citizen soldiers, he remembered the young man who had reminded him of his duty and made him post adjutant.

In the fall of the year he enlisted and served in the First Minnesota Cavalry for one year with Sibley's Expedition. After his honorable discharge he took a homestead in the Town of Sigel and in the year 1865 he was married to Mrs. Lucilla A. Loomis, who with one daughter, Mrs. Knud E. Mo, survives him. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, two of whom, Albert and Lulu George, have made their home with him for the last twenty years and by one brother and one sister who live in Providence, R. I.

While Capt. George lived in the Town of Sigel, his neighbors elected him repeatedly to the office of Justice of the Peace and Assessor. He always took a keen interest in politics, and has ever been a staunch and loyal Democrat, even when the party was in a hopeless minority in the county. In the fall of 1886 he was elected to the office of Clerk of Court and served the county in that capacity for eight years, was then Deputy Co. Auditor for four years, Deputy Co. Treasurer for two years, Judge of Probate for eight years, having been appointed in 1899 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Laudenschlager. For the past four years and until his death he was Court Commissioner and thus served the County in some capacity or other for the past twenty-six years, a record which no one else has attained and he was generally known as the "Grand Old Man" of the Courthouse.

In spite of the fact that he held public office continuously for over a

quarter of a century, he was no politician. He was retained in office, because the people liked him and because they esteemed and respected him for the sterling qualities of his manhood.

He was a loving husband and a kind and indulgent father. He was charitable without ostentation and ever ready to be of service to his friends and neighbors. He brought up in his home not only two of his grandchildren, but another child to which he was in no way related.

He minded his own business and to do good was his religion. Of him it can well be said that a truly good man has gone to his reward. At the time of his death he was a member of the Unitarian Church of Hanska, and this church was the only organization that he ever became affiliated with.

Funeral obsequies were held from his late home Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Amanus E. Norman of the Hanska Unitarian Church paid him a glowing tribute. A quartette and Mrs. N. J. Ouren rendered appropriate song selections. His remains were laid to rest in the City Cemetery.

## Prof. Bliedernicht to Retire From D. M. L. College.

It may interest our readers to learn of the selection of Prof. E. R. Bliedernicht as an instructor of the Northwestern College at Watertown, Wis. The following clipping was received by us the other day giving this information:

"Prof. Edmund Bliedernicht of the Lutheran seminary of New Ulm, Minn., and formerly of this city, has been appointed to fill the vacancy left by Dr. F. W. A. Notz, retired, at the Northwestern college. The Rev. Herman Gieschen of Wauwatosa has received the call to fill the vacancy left by Prof. M. Sprengling, who will go to Harvard university as an instructor. They will teach the ancient languages. The above appointments were made at a meeting of the board of regents held in Milwaukee Tuesday July 9, of which William Gorder, Sr., Fred Gamm and John Schuster of this city are members."

Without doubt, Prof. Bliedernicht will accept the position tendered him and that will mean his early retirement from the local institution with which he has been connected for some years. His departure will be sorely regretted not only by the local faculty, the large student body who fairly idolized him, but also by the citizens in general who respected him for his high qualities and his good citizenship. What is our loss, is the Northwestern College's gain.

## Ladies Auxiliary.

A meeting of all the ladies whose parents resided in New Ulm at the time of the Indian Massacre and prior thereto, is called for next Sunday afternoon July 21st at two o'clock at the Turner Hall Club Rooms for the purpose of organizing a Ladies' Auxiliary of the Junior Pioneers which is to assist the Celebration Committee in making the Home Coming Week a success. Every one eligible to join is cordially invited to be present. A committee of Junior Pioneers who will be only too glad to answer all questions that may be asked will be present to assist in the organization of the Auxiliary.

## Assistant Postmasters to Meet Here.

The fifth annual convention of the Minnesota State Association of Assistant Postmasters will be held in New Ulm next Tuesday. The headquarters of the Association will be at the Dakota House and the sessions will be held at Turner Hall Club Rooms.

Dr. L. A. Fritsche as Mayor will give the address of welcome to which Pres. Nelson of the Association will respond. The Report and Appointment of Committees will be followed by an address by Postmaster Liesch. The afternoon program will consist of the discussion of various topics and election of officers and after adjournment the visitors will be treated to auto rides about the city followed by a banquet at Turner Hall. About thirty Assistant Postmasters are expected to be in attendance.

The farm home of Louis E. Arhart was visited by some tramp or other person with light fingers and an empty stomach on the Fourth of July while the family were attending a picnic. The intruder helped himself to good things to eat and carried away a suit of clothes, leaving no trace of his identity behind.

## NO SPECIAL TRAINS PROVIDED FOR BIG DAY

### Historic Spots To Be Marked By Memorial Tablets Chosen

The regular meeting of the celebration committee Friday evening was well attended and considerable business of importance was transacted.

The executive officers reported the appointment of the following committees since the last meeting:

Headquarters and Information Bureau.  
Herman Held and Wm. F. Meile.  
Banquet and Evening Program.  
Herman Hein, J. A. Ochs and William G. Alwin.

Band of 100 Pieces.  
C. G. Reim, Capt. Jos. Hofmeister and Albert P. Boock.

Raising Funds.  
J. P. Graff, J. H. Forster, George Marti, Charles Stolz and H. P. Bastian.

Chairman J. P. Graff reported that an appropriation of \$500 had been secured from the City. This report was enthusiastically received and a vote of thanks tendered the committee for their good work.

The committee on historic spots submitted an exhaustive report, showing that they had taken hold of their work in earnest. They recommended the erection of memorial tablets, one at Henle's Creek, where the recruiting party was ambushed, one near the Hospital where a reconnoitering party made their last stand, and one near Biehl's where the "Frank Steele" the first steamboat, landed. Large prairie boulders have already been secured. These will be placed on concrete bases and each stone dressed so that a tablet with the proper inscription can be imbedded in it. Plates with suitable inscriptions will also be attached to the old Erd house (now Wd. Eibner's), Flick's house (now Mrs. (Härrigels) and the Forster house (now Jos. F. Groebner's). Other points of interest, such as location of the barricades, will be temporarily marked for the Home Coming Week. The committee's report was accepted and they were voted the sum of \$100 for present needs. This committee was also entrusted with the arrangement of the dedicatory exercises.

John Henle on behalf of the Music Committee reported that quite a number of inquiries have been received from neighboring bands, giving their terms.

After some discussion it was decided to engage four bands for Wednesday and two for Sunday and the Committee was given full authority to hire that number of bands on the best terms possible.

The Committee on Headquarters and Information Bureau reported that in their opinion Turner Hall should be designated as Headquarters. They were not ready to report on a location for the Information Bureau. Under the circumstances it was thought best to lay the entire matter over to a subsequent meeting when the committee will be able to submit a complete report.

It was voted to have a Committee on parade appointed and one to take charge of the picnic to be held at Turner Hall Park Tuesday afternoon at the time of the Reunion.

The committee on excursion trains for Wednesday and Sunday and reduced rates for Home Coming Week went to work with a will immediately upon their appointment. They have been partially successful in their efforts as appears from the following excerpt from a letter addressed to Chairman Vogel by the station agent of the M. & St. L.

"Ass't Traffic Manager A. B. Cutts advises that for the week of Aug. 18th to Aug. 25th we will quote rate of fare and one third from all points in Minnesota on the M. & St. L. and on Aug. 25th we will run a special train of one or two sections depending on the crowd that the committee can work up for this train from St. Paul and Minneapolis at rate of \$1.50 for the round trip. We will also run a special train from Sherburne, Minn. to New Ulm on Aug. 25th at rate of \$1.50 for the round trip and corresponding low rates for intermediate points. I think with this line up that we have provided ample service to New Ulm on the above occasion. Any suggestions that the committee may make I will be glad to take up with the Traffic Department for further consideration." Mr. Vogel announced that he would in all probability have some suggestions to offer.