

Happy New Year To You All

Monument Made Gift To City

...onies at Presentation Monument on Scene of Execution.

...ettlers Tell of Experiences at Time of Famous Trial of Indians.

...dication exercises held in the I. O. O. F. hall in commemoration of the hanging of the thirty Indians in Mankato and to form a drive over to the city monument recently erected to mark the place where the execution took place, attended and very much on all present. A good many of the generation were there, many had either witnessed the hanging or lived in or near Mankato and took part in the defense of the Indians during those times. As the stories of the warfare were recounted by Hughes, C. E. Wise, W. H. H. B. Perrie, the audience attentively and those of the men who had lived in Mankato grew thoughtful as they read the bloody event which took place in this county in their boyhood. During the talk by C. E. Wise of the older gentlemen and assisted in telling about the hanging of John Campbell and his wife up as the pages of memory through the mind. Judge Cray acted as chairman of the program and introduced the speakers and dedicatory address. The program opened with a beautiful song by Lamia's orchestra. When related some reminiscences of times when he was but a boy told of a chase after a number of Indians who had plundered a house of one of the settlers and his occupants. He said that at which was in 1864 and '65, the savages were rife, but there was a terrible outbreak. Roving savages would come round a white and plunder a house, women and children half to off with the horses and capture too cowardly and too few to murder. "We went to Shelburne night," narrated Mr. Perrie a performance given by a stereopticon. He had it in and we looked through peep holes the pictures thrown on the wall. While there we learned that had been killed. We all out to find the murdering red-devil of us had guns and what were poor weapons." Mr. Perrie told of the chase over the hills, which the Indians were not, but another party of men came mission as themselves for Indians and the party did to go on. It turned out same party whom they mis-savages, also mistook Mr. party for Indians and both were pretty badly scared.

...Pay continued his reminiscences and told of the hanging of Campbell, the treacherous half-breed. Mr. Pay was present at Campbell, which took place on the court house now stands. Not convicted by the jury, but he demanded his life. The commended that he be held in a meeting of the district court, Campbell was hung on a tree in front of the school house now

...y told of a chase after a band of Indians when a flock of the distance were taken for a savages. Atty. Hughes then told story of the stirring times about the time of the battle of He told of the trial and 33 out of 425 Indians captured after the outbreak an end. It was first decided all of the 33 but on an order it was found that to y of the most guilty ones sufficient. This was reduced eight by a pardon from Presi-

...dent Lincoln when he found that two of them were really innocent. All of the Indians were convicted almost wholly on the testimony of a negro, who deserved hanging as richly as any of the redmen.

...Peter Big Fire, one of those pardoned by the president, had really helped some of the white people to escape and he was convicted because he had been with a party of the murderers when he was trying to escape. He afterwards started a revival in the barracks where the remaining Indians were kept, and by spring all of them could read and write. They were later taken to a prison in Iowa and when released went out into Dakota and tried to get land. They were not allowed to do this and so went further west and took up claims. Some of them became prosperous and one of them is Dr. Charles Eastman of Dartmouth college, a writer of more than ordinary repute. Mr. Hughes has a great deal of charity for the red man. He says that they are not all bad and treacherous, although most of them are.

...A series of recollections followed by C. E. Wise, of The Daily Review. He said that in 1862 he was only two years old, so his recollection is not very vivid. However, he said that he had associated a great deal with men who remembered the times and he also has a number of newspaper files that were published by his father during the Indian troubles. With these resources Mr. Wise gave a very interesting address, seconded at times by old gentlemen in the audience who remembered the occurrences as though they had happened yesterday. While the 303 Indians were in captivity here, awaiting their execution the town was stirred up continually.

...Some people wanted them all hanged. At one time an attempt was made on the part of a number of the townspeople to storm the barracks and kill off the redmen to a man and save further discussion of the matter. A number of letters and orders, from the governor and officers in charge of the troops stationed here at the time of the execution, to the president, and their answers were read by Walter Sanborn.

...In making the dedicatory address Judge Cray wished to have it understood that the monument has not been erected to gloat over the death of the redmen, for they met their death bravely. It is simply to record accurately an event in history. So many people come to Mankato and wish to see the spot where the Indians were hung. It can now be pointed out to them accurately.

...The monument," said Judge Cray, "was cut from St. Cloud granite and is a remarkably fine piece of work. The Chicago and Northwestern railway allowed it to be put on their land free of charge. T. R. Coughlan laid the foundation for it free. The Omaha and Milwaukee roads shipped the stone to Mankato free. W. R. Hammett hauled the stone to its foundation and set it up, without charge. O. R. Ekle superintended its erection without cost. And there it stands, ready to be received by Mankato, to mark the exact spot where the execution took place, so as to satisfy the curiosity of those who in visiting Mankato want to know where the Indians were hung."

...Mayor Taylor then made his speech of acceptance on behalf of the City and the exercises were concluded by the song "America".

The New Parcels Post.

...The following item taken from the Pioneer Press shows how the parcels post has already been utilized by one large business house in sending out parcels. We have a full page of information in this week's issue concerning the working of the new regulation which should be read by every user of the mails.

...One thousand concrete paving blocks, each a separate stamped parcel, will be the first installment of parcel post mail to leave Gary, Ind. Two big drays carrying the bricks wrapped and addressed, backed up to the post-office today and the local postoffice force had to transform themselves into brick yard laborers and carry the 6,000 pounds of bricks into the office to have the stamps canceled.

...They are being sent out as samples by a manufacturer, who found that he could send them out cheaper by parcel post than by express.

Miss Elfrieda Toberer Winner of First Prize

...Mr. Herbert Baltrusch Wins Second Prize; Myra Alwin, Third; Miss Martha Winkelmann, Fourth; Miss Ida Engelbert, Fifth.

...The New Ulm Publishing Co.'s great Subscription Gift Contest closed last night at midnight with the above mentioned result. When the time expired the judges, C. G. Rein, Wesley Miller, W. C. Schrader took possession of the ballot box, opened it, counted the money and votes to see that there was no mistake and then awarded the prizes.

...Now that the contest is ended everybody interested is relieved. The contestants have made a good clean fight from the very beginning and everyone agrees that the winner is entitled to the first prize by virtue of the fact that the prize was earned by hard work and because of the fact that that winner had the ability to produce the greatest results.

...That the contest was fair from start to finish and that the winner deserved the prize is the unanimous verdict which has reached us from every direction.

...The subscription contest which closed last night at midnight has made hundreds and hundreds of changes in our mailing list. Besides the many new names added the dates have been changed on most of the old names. It is practically impossible to have gone thru a business involving so much work without allowing some errors to creep in and we would urge all old subscribers as well as new to look carefully at the name and date and address on the yellow subscription label which the paper bears when it comes this week and next. If there is any mistake, call us up promptly and have the matter rectified at once. Not all dates will be right this week because many subscriptions did not reach our office until after midnight, too late to make changes before mailing, but if there is a mistake and it is repeated next week let us know at once. Our telephone number is 101.

City Election Promises to be a Hot One

...Our neighboring town Redwood Falls will have another city election in January which promises to be as hotly contested as last year's. The citizens there are again divided on the question of license or no license. J. P. Cooper who was elected last year on the draw of a tie vote has refused to be a candidate this year. In his place the drays have nominated Dr. E. A. Lyman. The wets are headed by J. H. Mages, a native of New Ulm, for the office of Mayor. The vote, no doubt, will be close again this year.

Alumni Give High School Quint a Scare

...The Alumni undertook to demonstrate the fine points of basket-ball to Coach Lewis' proteges last Friday night and very nearly carried off first honors from the evening's mele. It took the "Has-beens" some time to get started but when they did get working together they rapidly gained on the present day supporters of the lavender and white and when the referee's whistle put a stop to the discussion the score stood 33 to 29 in favor of the younger set. The regulars started with a rush that took the veterans off their feet

...for a time and at the end of the first half had registered 31 of their final 33 points.

...The old men had time to think things over between halves and, with a few changes in the lineup, came back to do or die in the second season. They very soon demonstrated that they were able to come back and with a display of team-work that made the High School dizzy, they swept the floor and registered with a most alarming frequency. As the second half progressed it looked as if they would turn the trick for Hein and Huhn shoot like fleas and the guards simply smothered the High School forwards. The time proved a little too short for them to overcome the big lead, however, and they were forced to be content with second honors and the satisfaction of having thrown a bad scare into the ranks of the High School supporters.

...The High School played a well balanced game and excelled in team work altho they slowed up materially in the second period. Hein and Huhn were the stellar lights for the "Has-beens", Hein registering five field baskets and three points from the foul line. Huhn was a close second with four baskets and two free throws to his credit. The Alumni showed a lack of team work, especially in the first half. This was to be expected as they have had little or no chance to work together since their old high-school days. The game was clean and hard-fought thruout.

Line up.	
H. S.	Alumni
L. Seifert	F. Huhn
Amann	F. Mayer, J. Groebner
Cordeas	C. Hein
Gieseke	G. A. Seifert
Huevelmann	G. A. Groebner

...The boys play the first game of their regular High School schedule when they meet the last Green Falls team on the home floor next Friday evening. Other games so far arranged are:
 Jan. 9 Loyolas at Mankato
 Jan. 17 St. James H. S. at New Ulm
 Jan. 24 St. Peter H. S. at St. Peter
 Feb. 7 Open
 Feb. 14 St. Peter H. S. at New Ulm.

Lecture at Congregational Church.

...The Men's Club of the Congregational Church has secured an especially good attraction for their next meeting which will occur Thursday evening, January 16th. Thursday, the 9th, is the regular meeting night of the Club but as that is also the night of the Church's annual business meeting the Club date has been set a week ahead.

...The program committee has, after considerable effort, secured Supt. Chas. O. Merica of the Redwing Training School for boys and his subject will be "The Boy Problem".

...Mr. Merica came from the West to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Supt. Whittier after the disclosures made of the system of corporal punishment in vogue at the State Institution. Supt. Merica, as we understand it, is not an advocate of severe punishments and we believe his idea is that a boy is spoiled by lack of trust in him and by injudicious restraints and punishments. His talk will undoubtedly treat the matter from a view point different from that ordinarily held by the average person and, as such, it should prove of serious interest to parents and all who in any way have to deal with the boy problem. The Men's Club wish it to be widely known that the meeting will be open not only to men but to ladies as well and all are most cordially invited to be present. It is hoped that a large audience will greet the speaker who is making a special effort to be here and comes from a considerable distance.

...Captain C. C. Whitney, editor of The News-Messenger of Marshall, Minn., and one of the best known Grand Army men in the state, is seriously ill at the hospital of the Soldiers' Home, Minnehaba Falls. As a member of the board of trustees of the Soldiers' Home, Captain Whitney attended the monthly meeting of the trustees at the home last Tuesday. He was taken suddenly ill after the meeting and on the advice of friends remained there. His wife joined him at the Home and has been with him ever since. Redwood Gazette.

Rudolphi Wins In Land Suit

...Judge Olsen Files Decision in Celebrated Case on Last Day of Year.

...Land Deal Declared Fraudulent Thruout. Exhaustive Memorandum Filed.

...Late Tuesday afternoon, Judge Olsen's decision in the Rudolphi-Wright case, finding in favor of plaintiffs, was made public. This, no doubt, prove cheerful news for New Year for Mr. Rudolphi, because upon this decision depended his to remain in possession of his land on North Minnesota Street instead of North Minnesota Street to rid himself of some cheap, less land in Wisconsin. The case was tried before Judge Olsen a jury on September 26th and days were consumed in the trial action.

...Mr. Rudolphi contended that land in Wisconsin had been fraudulently misrepresented to him and that relying on these representations, he had given Mr. Wright a deed to his property on North Minnesota Street in exchange for lands in Jackson County, Wisconsin and demanded that the deed given by him to Wright be cancelled and that he be declared to be entitled to retain possession of his property as exclusive owner thereof, and that Wright be forced to accept a reconveyance of the Wisconsin land which had been tendered him.

...In its decision the Court finds that Wright falsely and fraudulently represented that the Wisconsin land was good farming land and that it would in ordinary seasons produce good crops of potatoes, vegetables and grains, except wheat; that the soil was sandy mixed with clay; that he had paid \$12.00 per acre and that it was worth and could be readily sold for \$15.00 per acre and that these representations were made with the intent to deceive and defraud Mr. Rudolphi and to induce him to make the exchange of said properties.

...The Court further finds that the Wisconsin land is not good farming land; that almost half of it is swamp land; that it is not capable of producing good crops in ordinary seasons and that it is not worth to exceed \$3.00 per acre, and that when the plaintiffs made a trip in October, 1911, to examine the land, the defendant went along and fraudulently pointed out land to them which he did not own as being part of the land to be traded and that the land thus shown to them was of greater value and worth \$7.00 per acre.

...As conclusions of law the court finds and orders that judgment be entered in favor of the Rudolphis cancelling, annulling and setting aside the deed to the New Ulm property and that Mr. Rudolphi be declared to be the owner in fee and that the defendant have no interest therein whatsoever, and that the defendant Wright is entitled to the deed of the Wisconsin land which was tendered to him in April, 1912. The plaintiffs having won out, are also entitled to their costs and disbursements which in this case will amount to quite a respectable sum of money.

...The annual meeting of the officers of the National Guard was held at the Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis Friday and Saturday of last week. The following officers attended from here: Major John Buschers of the 2nd Regiment Field and Staff; Capt. Albert Pfander, and Lieut. Adolph Klaus of Co. "A" and Lieut. Edwin H. Juni and Wm. H. Bierbaum of the Machine Gun Company.

...The following officers were elected recently to conduct the affairs of Germania Lodge No. 6 O. D. H. S. for the ensuing year: Pres., Mrs. Bertha Goetsch; Vice Pres., Mrs. Mary Bachmann; Financial Secy., Miss Emma Geiser; Recording Secy., Mrs. Julia Berndt; Treas., Mrs. Amanda Wieberski; Guide, Mrs. Anna Mueller; Inner Guide, Mrs. Anna James; Deputy, Mrs. Franziska Bellm; Trustee, Mrs. Margaretha Vogel.

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