



## Farmer Suffers Terrible Death

**GASOLINE CAUSES EXPLOSION THAT RESULTS FATALLY TO YOUNG MAN.**

**LOUIS PENNING OF SLEEPY EYE IS VICTIM. HAD RELATIVES HERE.**

In an attempt to start his gasoline engine Thursday afternoon between one and two o'clock, Louis Penning, a young farmer who lives south of Sleepy Eye was frightfully burned and died from the effects of his injuries the following evening between 7 and 8 o'clock.

On the fatal day young Penning went to the shed near the well and about 15 to 20 paces from the house to start the gasoline engine. The cold weather had chilled the cylinder to such an extent that the gasoline refused to ignite and in his various attempts to start the engine he allowed a liberal quantity of gasoline to accumulate in the pan. After several unsuccessful attempts he repaired to the house and got some hot water which he poured over the cylinder. He then went to the nearby barn on an errand.

When he returned he made another attempt to start the engine. This time the spark ignited the gasoline and a terrific explosion followed which shattered the engine and threw the gasoline all over the unfortunate man, fairly saturating his clothing. The force of the explosion tore out the bottom of a gasoline can which was standing a few feet from the engine and two more gallons of gasoline were liberated. Mr. Penning's clothing immediately caught fire and he rushed from the shed to the barn, calling for help. Receiving no response he ran toward the house still calling for aid. His wife heard him and ran to his assistance. Seizing a pail of milk she poured the contents over him. This did not extinguish the flames and she rushed to the house for a horse blanket which she wrapped around him. She then rolled him over on the ground and with her hands extinguished the flames wherever they broke out again. In doing this her hands were frightfully burned.

After the flames were extinguished Mr. Penning tried to rise but found that he couldn't and it was necessary to carry him into the house. A Sleepy Eye physician was called and he did everything in his power to save the young man's life but without avail. The injuries were of such a nature that no hopes could be entertained of his recovery. The burns were so severe that the walls of the abdomen practically fell away and the vital organs were exposed to view and the victim suffered excruciating pain until Death relieved him from his sufferings.

This is one of the saddest accidents that has happened in Brown County for years. The young man who lost his life in such a frightful manner was but 28 years of age, bright, of a very cheerful disposition and very likeable. He was married about two years ago to Miss Elsa Vohs who with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Penning, a brother and a sister mourn his untimely and tragic death. The accident happened on the old Penning homestead in the Town of Home six miles from Sleepy Eye. The funeral which was largely attended was held Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Penning, Mrs. F. A. Schnobrich, Mr. Peter Penning, Mrs. Paul Lehmann and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fixsen from here and Mr. and Mrs. William Dehn of Milford attended the funeral.

### FARM SHOW POORLY ATTENDED.

Owing to the sudden and extreme cold of Wednesday and Thursday, the Corn and Colt show held in this city last Thursday was very poorly attended by members of the Brown County Farmers and Breeders Association. There are some 170 members of the association and less than fifty, including non-members, were in attendance. There was also a lack of attendance on the part of the farmers wives, who have taken part at previous meetings of the kind. The local committee of the Commercial

Club met with a hearty response from the business men when they solicited support for the expenses of entertaining the meeting. Money for the premiums was quickly pledged and also enough to cover the expense of serving a generous lunch which was prepared by the Ladies Society of the New Ulm Turnverein and served at the Hall both at noon and again after the meeting was closed. Arrangements had been made to care for more than a hundred and when it was found that there would be but a small attendance the ladies quickly transferred the tables from the large gymnasium to the Dutch Room in order to get the guests close together and make the affair more pleasant. During the lunch E. G. Hage and several others addressed the visitors and welcomed them to the city, expressing the desire of the city to become better friends with the neighbors living in the territory adjacent to New Ulm.

As was to be expected, the exhibits were fewer in number than usual and some classes did not fill at all so that some of the prizes were not awarded. There was a good collection of corn of different varieties and a fair number of entries of small grain, potatoes, etc. The exhibits were placed in the auditorium of the Opera House where they were judged and prizes awarded. Owing (Continued on Page 4.)

## County Matters Get Attention

**COMMISSIONERS MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION TO CLEAN UP BILLS.**

**AUDITOR RECOMMENDS ADDITIONAL LEVY FOR ROAD WORK IN 1915.**

Purely routine business occupied the County Commissioners at the special meeting called last Thursday by County Auditor Vogel. A great many bills had accumulated and they were audited besides the disposal of several road and bridge matters. All members reported present at the meeting when called to order at 10 A. M.

The first matter to come before the board was that of County Ditch No. 8 which A. O. Ouren represented to be in bad condition. Attorney Henry N. Somsen was acting for Mr. Ouren. Engineer Robinson was called and reported that the ditch was obstructed in several places by filling and a motion was made for a hearing which the Board granted, same to be held December 10th, at 10 o'clock A. M. This was the only business transacted at the morning session and a recess was taken until 2 P. M.

Most of the afternoon session was given to the consideration of claims of various parties for road and bridge work done. The Russell Grader Manufacturing Co. of Minneapolis asked for final settlement for the machinery purchased last spring by the county and after a comparison of invoices received with the total, the Auditor was authorized to issue a warrant in the sum of \$1391.88 to the Company.

Nick Metzen appeared before the Board in regard to a cartway near the Metzen Bridge. The Poor Farm Committee will investigate the merits of the matter. Capt. Hindermann asked the Board for an appropriation to help grade the road approaching the Hindermann Bridge. Commissioner Steinke of the 4th District will have charge of this matter and report to the Board.

A detailed report of the expense connected with the grading, gravelling, etc., done along State Road No. 2 in Linden showed that the work has been completed in accordance with specifications and was certified to by Engineer Robertson. The expense for this work totaled \$626.09. Bills for work done on State Road No. 7 were allowed in the sum of \$505.85 and ordered paid.

County Auditor Vogel addressed a communication to the Board dealing with the necessity for an additional levy to take care of the expense entailed by the work on Rural Highway No. 54. He called their attention to the fact that he had suggested a levy of \$12,000.



for the County Road and Bridge Fund when the Board met in July but that after that estimate was submitted, the Board had established Highway No. 54, involving about \$55,000.00 for the construction of the road and he felt that an additional levy of \$12,000.00 would be required to carry the work on properly. After considering the matter, a roll call was taken and Coms. Steinke and Erickson were found voting against the levy, with the other three Commissioners favoring it.

The petitions filed by the towns of Eden, Prairieville, North Star, Burnstown and Mulligan during 1913-14 were reconsidered and rejected. These petitions dealt with aid wanted for road improvements. It was resolved that the Board should investigate and secure options upon all gravel pits along State Rural Highway No. 54. The villages of Springfield and Cobden presented resolutions asking that State Rural Highway No. 54 be laid out in accordance with certain plans and specifications which would include said villages along the line of the Highway, representing that the streets and roads recommended would form a direct connecting link and that all of same were more than 60 feet wide. Both resolutions were adopted and recommended by the Board to the State Highway Commission.

The proper committee reported that the bridge work contracted for in Mulligan had been completed and that the County Auditor should be authorized to issue a warrant in the sum of \$491.80 to re-imburse the town, this amount being the County's share for the construction of said bridge. A similar report was filed for the Towns of North Star and Stately, the County's share in the former instance being \$674.00 and \$1864.88 in the latter where two bridges were constructed.

On motion it was resolved that an additional \$200 be set aside from the general fund for the purpose of paying for additional clerk hire in the County Auditor's office.

After auditing bills amounting to \$5614.85 and reading and approving the minutes, the meeting adjourned.

### CARRIERS GET INCREASED PAY.

George Merkle of Rural Route 6 out of New Ulm is now receiving the maximum pay for Rural carriers as his salary is \$1200. The reason he gets more than any other of the city carriers is because he delivers the mail to city residents along Front Street in addition

to serving his rural patrons. Three others of the seven routes out of the city had the pay increased November 1st, the increase being based on the length of the routes, the number of patrons served, the time required to make the delivery, and the number of pieces and weight of mail carried. The new schedule is as follows, Routes 1, 3, and 4, being unchanged from the old schedule:

Route 1, Jacob A. Vetter, \$1,100; Route 2, A. L. Haberberg, \$1,164; Route 3, Henry C. Fiene, \$1,176; Route 4, Wm. F. Richter, \$1,164; Route 5, Robert A. Fimeyer, \$1,140; Route 6, George Merkle, \$1,200; Route 7, Louis P. Fimeyer, \$1,124.

### MILL GIVES FLOUR FOR BELGIUM.

The Miller's Belgian Relief Movement has been organized with the advice of and in co-operation with the Central Committee of the Belgian Relief Fund of Washington and the American Ambassador in London.

It purposes collecting 90,000 barrels of flour of the approximate value of a half million dollars, one-half to be contributed by the general public and one-half by the millers.

The railroads have agreed to transport this flour to Philadelphia without any charge, while the cost of the ocean transportation—\$41,000—has been contributed by a few individuals.

The British and German Governments have consented to the arrangement, thus insuring its safe carriage and delivery.

In response to the call for aid for the Belgians the Eagle Roller Mill Company has donated a car of flour which will be sent as soon as the entire shipload is made up. Millers all over the country are taking part in this movement and the ship will no doubt be promptly filled. The State Committee in charge of the soliciting of this aid has been in other places asking the citizens to donate the price of a sack of flour and farmers have been asked to bring a bushel of wheat to the mill to be ground but the Review has given no publicity to this movement for the reason that so much has already been pledged here for Relief Work that it seemed like asking too much. The Eagle Mill felt the same way and for that reason decided to give the flour themselves and say nothing about it and it was only by chance that their action became known. It will be remembered that they also contributed a hundred

dollars to the German Red Cross fund. The Railways here in town have not yet received their instructions for the free transportation of the Belgian flour donations but are looking for them daily.

### TEACHERS MEETING A SUCCESS.

Supt. H. C. Hess and Miss Lewis, of the Normal training department, attended the convention of Brown County country schoolteachers at Springfield, last Saturday afternoon. This was the first meeting of its kind in Brown county, but because of the great interest shown in it by the country school teachers, County Supt. Kennedy has decided to make it an annual affair.

Supt. Hess addressed the teachers on the subject of "Study" in which he brought out the fact that the only kind of study worth while is that which allows twenty four hours between preparation and recitation. Miss Carney, the Normal Training school inspector, spoke on the "Problems of the Country School Teacher." The general discussion brought to light some of the difficulties in the way of school teachers in Brown County, and the fact that in many communities teaching means practically a single handed struggle against distrust, prejudice and open opposition.

## New Machine A Trouble Maker

**BIG ENGINE AT LIGHT PLANT CAUSE OF DISPUTE WITH BUILDERS.**

**NEVER HAS GIVEN ENTIRE SATISFACTION. ASSESSMENTS ARE LEVIED.**

No quorum was present Friday for the adjourned meeting of the city council and another adjournment was made to the following evening. This meeting was primarily called for the purpose of acting on assessments made by the Board of Public Works. The minutes of the Board were read showing the assessments made for the grading, graveling and boulevarding of Washington Street from 5th to 7th South Streets and for the assessments for sewer and water connections at Lot 2 Block 68 North. The assessments as reported were unanimously confirmed and the property owners assessed were given the option of paying the same in five yearly annual installments, deferred payments to draw interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

The only other matter taken up by the council was with reference to the engine lately installed at the electric light station. The engine is manufactured by McIntosh and Seymour of Auburn, New York and was sold to the city and installed by the Union Machine Company of Minneapolis. It has never worked quite satisfactorily and for that reason the city has refused to accept it or pay the \$3200 still owing thereon. Experts have been here at different times to remedy the trouble and last week another expert of the company was here. He claims that the engine is now working satisfactorily. To Mr. Muejler who is in charge of the plant, the noise at times produced by the engine while working, sounds suspicious and he has so far refused to recommend its acceptance. To be on the safe side the council directed the electric light committee and Superintendent Mueller to go to the Cities and confer with some consulting engineer and if possible, have him come to New Ulm to look things over and have him say whether the Company has a right to demand an acceptance and payment of the amount due.

Dr. Seifert of the Health Board appeared before the Council asking action on the waste cans needed for Minnesota Street. The Board declined to act until the next regular meeting of the Council.

The Machine Gun Co. will have their annual Thanksgiving Dance at Turner Hall tomorrow. The proceeds will be used to furnish the company's room in the new armory.

## Fair Assn. Nets Nearly \$300.00

**FOURTH ANNUAL EVENT PROVES A WINNER. ALEX HENLE GETS DEER.**

**MORE THAN A THOUSAND ATTEND THE DOINGS AT FAIR-GROUND SUNDAY.**

A crowd, conservatively estimated at 1500, attested to the popularity of the "turkey shoot" annually held at the Fair Grounds. As usual there was quite a large contingent from the neighboring villages all coming in autos and some 70 cars were parked on the grounds. The neighboring towns represented were Springfield, Sleepy Eye, Courtland, Comfrey, Hanska, Fairfax and St. James. For this festive occasion Wartha's band of 7 pieces had been engaged and they contributed materially to the merriment and good cheer visible on every hand.

The arrangements for this affair were in the hands of General Crone, Corp. Alf. J. Vogel and Priv. W. E. Engelbert. A sufficient number of orderlies had been appointed so that at no time was there a hitch in the proceedings. The Hasenpfeffer was excellent and the supply was soon exhausted. The culinary department is entitled to a great deal of credit for the manner in which the "eats" were prepared and served.

Three wheels of fortune were in operation from 1:30 to 5 p. m. and quite a number of turkeys, ducks and geese were disposed of in this manner. Rifle experts were busy in the improvised shooting galleries, aiming deliberately at the targets to make the high score that would carry off the coveted turkey, duck or goose. In all about 90 turkeys, 100 ducks and 75 geese were disposed of.

The raffle of the deer donated by the Schell Brewing Co. proved the most exciting event this year as usual. Unfortunately the time for disposing of the tickets for the raffle was too short to enable the committee to dispose of all of them, but the interest was nevertheless intense. Number 501 was the lucky one and Alex Henle of the Pioneer Drug Store held the ticket. Alex has not fully decided what to do with the deer. He is seriously considering the advisability of starting a deer park of his own, but he may eventually listen to the entreaties of his friends whose mouths are watering at the thought of venison steak.

Not only in a social but also in a financial way the 4th annual turkey shoot was a huge success. Secy. Engelbert of the Fair Association estimates the net surplus to be between \$250 and \$300. This is, of course, not sufficient to build the much needed grandstand but it is hoped that it will prove a sufficient encouragement to the Association to go ahead with the improvement next year and have it complete and ready for the next and biggest fair Brown County has ever held.

### SLEEPY EYE WANTS ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

Our neighboring city, Sleepy Eye is at present seriously considering the Luce Electric Short Line proposition. At a meeting of the Commercial Club held last Wednesday evening Col. Luce was present and took up the fundamental features of the Short Line proposition and outlined the plans which he hoped to have adopted. In a nutshell the proposition requires the citizens of Sleepy Eye to subscribe to \$15,000 worth of stock. In consideration of this the Luce Co. promises to run their electric line into Sleepy Eye not later than 3 years from date. \$5,000 of the required stock has already been subscribed and it looks very much now as though our neighboring city would have no trouble in disposing of the required amount of stock.

Judge Olson and J. H. Siegel were present for the annual Thanksgiving Dance at Turner Hall Monday. The former is to open court and the latter is business connected with the Marshall Milling plant.