

COLD DINNERS FOR CONSUMERS OF GAS

NEAR SERIOUS BREAK DOWN AT GAS PLANT SHUTS OFF FUEL FOR A DAY.

WILL PROBABLY RESULT IN DOUBLE OUTFIT TO PREVENT REPETITION.

Weren't you glad that Thanksgiving did not come on Sunday, the 21st, this year, but stayed just where it belonged on Thursday, the 25th? At any rate the New Ulm Gas Company were grateful for even that small blessing when something happened that put their gas plant out of commission last Saturday afternoon at just the time when all the good housewives of New Ulm had their bread in the ovens and other Sunday goodies waiting to go in. Had the trouble at the Gas plant occurred two hours later than it did, no one in New Ulm except the gas makers would have been any the wiser altho the gas people would have had just as much trouble to repair the damage, but coming as it did just in the midst of the heaviest call for fuel, every consumer of gas in the city rose up as one man and demanded WHY?

"It never rains but it pours", is an old saying and that was what Mr. C. R. Hennick, accountant at the Gas Office thought as the word reached him Saturday afternoon of trouble at the plant. In the morning, Mr. Kennedy, president of the company, had been taken to the Union Hospital for treatment, leaving Mr. Hennick alone on the job. About 3:45 came an S. O. S. call from the gas works and hastening to the scene of the trouble Mr. Hennick found grave danger of the entire plant going up into noise and dust. The trouble arose from an unsuspected leak in the boiler that had allowed all the water to get out before the gas maker saw it.

Some two months ago all the flues were renewed in the boilers and evidently some of the filings from these steel pipes got into the boiler and settled under the blow-out valve, causing it to fit loosely and to allow all the water to escape. It is the custom of the plant to start up at noon Saturday to make up enough gas to last over Sunday and Monday and the big fires were built for that purpose and the making of gas was in progress when the engineer, Paul Borchert, discovered that his boiler was empty.

Hastily having the fires drawn, it was found necessary to have all the flues rolled new to make them fit properly and this could not be done until the various parts were cooled sufficiently to allow working upon them. As there are several tons of fire brick kept heated at a temperature of something like 1800 degrees, it took some time for the cooling process. An electric blower was put on but at the best that could be done, it was 5 o'clock Sunday morning before Boiler-maker Chas. Leonhardt could get to work.

It took 12 hours to repair the damage done and at 5 o'clock in the afternoon the big fires were again roaring and steam was on. At close to 10 o'clock in the evening there was gas in sufficient quantities to supply those who were sitting by their gas stoves watching anxiously for the first signs of a promise of a hot dinner for the morrow. And those who watched and waited were able to go to bed at a reasonable hour, secure in the conviction that the Gas Company had once more got started.

Some funny things happened among the various consumers of gas who were

cut off from their supply. Mr. Hennick had to borrow a lantern to take home so that the family could see to go to bed since his home is lighted as well as supplied with gas for cooking. Their noon meal was made eatable by warming it up on their coal furnace. Other families used chafing dishes and alcohol lamps to prepare their sumptuous Sunday dinners, meanwhile scolding to think they had sold their ranges when the lure of the new gas conveniences captured their fancy. Others who had more room in their kitchen, or more money in their purses, and had not been obliged to get rid of their kitchen ranges, were able to say with considerable satisfaction, "Oh, you know, we didn't sell our range. We just felt that something like this might happen and so we were very comfortable."

The Gas Company announces that this occurrence will simply hasten the installation of a double setting at the gas plant so that nothing of the sort could occur again, even tho just such an accident might probably never happen in the life of the plant a second time.

THREE HOMES ARE DAMAGED BY FIRE

DEFECTIVE WIRING IS SUSPECTED AS CAUSE OF BLAZE IN ATTIC.

DAMAGE LESS THAN INCONVENIENCE OF FINDING NEW HOMES.

To sit quietly by one's fireside enjoying its warmth and then to be called to the door and asked if one were not interested to know that one's house was on fire was the experience of the women folks of the three families occupying the Eder house at the corner of Washington and Center Street Monday evening. Mrs. Vieregger, wife of one of the members of the High School Faculty was sitting with Mrs. Amundson, another one of the tenants of the house, when they were startled in this fashion, their informant being Ed. Larson who happened to be going by the house and saw the fire in the roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Vieregger and their two children occupy the upper floor of the building which is a large two story frame structure. The Amundsons occupy a part of the ground floor and the rest of the house is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Buehrer. All of the men of the families were away, Mr. Buehrer being at his office, Mr. Vieregger conducting night school at the High School building just across the away and Mr. Amundson who is a travelling salesman, away on his territory.

The alarm was turned in and tho the apparatus was quickly on the scene it looked for a time as tho the house could not be saved. But quick work with chemicals and then water when it was found that the flames had too much headway to be handled without it, deadened the fire so that it was out within about an hour of the time of the alarm. All three families in the meantime had got their goods outside and out of the way of the water which began to come thru floors and ceilings.

The chief damage to the building itself was in the roof which was quite badly burned and on the lower floor where the water took the plaster off as fast as it came thru. Damage to the house is estimated at \$300. tho it will probably run higher before repairs are finished. It is fully covered by insurance. The

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AGR. ASSOCIATION IS RICHER BY \$300.00

MR. COTTONTAIL AND HIS ASSISTANTS CONTRIBUTE THAT AMOUNT SUNDAY.

DEER GOES TO TRAVELLING SALESMAN WHO HOLDS NUMBER FOUR.

In spite of the cold, raw weather Sunday a large number of people attended the Hasenpfeffer, Turkey Shoot and Deer Raffle at the Fair Grounds that day and when the excitement was over the exchequer of the Brown County Agricultural Society had been enriched to the extent of about \$300. Secretary Engelbert was busy the greater portion of Monday morning counting the money and checking over the various receipts and disbursements. The total receipts amounted in round numbers to \$700 and the disbursements to about \$400, thus leaving a very substantial sum to swell the fund for a new grand stand. The receipts at the Grounds amounted to \$519.05 and the balance was contributed by those who had charge of the deer raffle.

The turkey shoot proper began at 1 o'clock and was concluded at 5 p. m. One hundred and five turkeys and 155 ducks were disposed of in the usual manner. There were no geese raffled off, because only two specimens had been received and it was decided not to enter any geese at all.

During the afternoon music was furnished by the following well-known musicians: Capt. Jos. Hofmeister, Sergt. John Wartha and Henry Kitzberger and Anton A. Henle and Otto Zupfer. Quite a number of crack shots and sportsmen were in from the country-side and there were delegates from Springfield, Morgan, Hanska and Essig present. Interest as usual centered in the deer raffle. Number Four was the lucky ticket. This was held by John Babcock, residing at Minneapolis, traveling salesman, for Winston Harper, wholesale grocers of Minneapolis. Mr. Babcock has been notified of his rare good luck and he will, no doubt, show up in person soon to receive from the August Schell Brewing Company, the deer which they donated to the Fair Association.

The Fair management appreciates very much the liberal patronage accorded them Sunday and considers it as an endorsement of their efforts to make the Brown County Fair bigger and more instructive every year.

"ALL-MINNESOTA" CONVENTION CALLED

GOVERNOR HAMMOND ASKS DEVELOPMENT CLUBS TO UNITE EFFORTS.

DELEGATES FROM BROWN CO. TO BE CHOSEN AT NEW ULM MEETING.

Governor W. S. Hammond is taking an interest in the project of uniting the various agencies which are working for the development of the State of Minnesota and has just issued a call to all such agencies to meet in convention to the end that a united activity may be secured. This Convention is to meet at the new State Capitol in St. Paul at ten o'clock Wednesday morning, December 1st, and is designated the "ALL-MINNESOTA DEVELOPMENT CONVENTION". The purpose of the convention is set forth in the following words of the Governor: "To have all sections of the state unite upon a program of development which will be of benefit to the whole state, to be presented to the next Legislature."

Each county is invited to send to the convention three representative men as delegates, these men to represent as far as possible all the organizations and agencies interested in the welfare of the county and to be chosen at a county meeting at which all of the organizations in the county may have a voice in the selection.

This letter of invitation to participate in the first state-wide development convention has been received in New Ulm by officers of the Commercial Club and a meeting has been called by them for Friday, November 26th, of this week, for the purpose of electing the three required delegates. The meeting will be held at the New Ulm Commercial Club Rooms at 4 o'clock and notices have been sent out to every known organization in the county including the Commercial Clubs of Sleepy Eye and Hanska, the Hanska Farmers Club, the Home Booster Club, the Jolly Farmers Club, the Quail Township Farmers Club, the Riverside Farmers Club, the Stately Farmers Club and the Wide Awake Farmers Club. The West end of the county has several live organizations and it is expected that they will be represented at the New Ulm meeting and will probably look to sending at least one of their men as delegate to the state convention.

SOCIALIST WOMAN SPEAKER.

One of the most interesting and experienced speakers at the disposal of the German group of Socialists will deliver a lecture at Geber's Hall, next Friday evening, November 26th on the "World War and European Conditions". The speaker's name is Madame Alexandra Kollontay and she comes from the old Russian nobility. She studied political economy in Zurich, Switzerland and developed into a Socialist. After her return home, she proclaimed the doctrine of liberty, and was so hounded by the Russian government that she went to Berlin. During her stay in Germany she traveled all over Germany delivering addresses on behalf of the Socialist Democratic party.

Chief Adolph Klaus received the news here last week, that the automobile thieves, who had taken an auto from the streets of Harlan, Iowa and who were caught by the local cops, have received their sentences. Geo. Davis got ten and his partner, Ed. Fischer, five years in the state penitentiary.

COMMERCIAL CLUB KEEPS OPEN HOUSE

NEW ROOMS INFORMALLY DEDICATED BY RECEPTION FOR CITIZENS.

COMMODIOUS, PLEASANT AND HOMELIKE SURROUNDINGS FOR CIVIC BODY.

One hundred and sixty of New Ulm's ladies availed themselves Monday of the opportunity to inspect the Commercial Club rooms. A general invitation had been sent out by the Commercial Club and the response was truly gratifying. From two o'clock until six the Club kept open house.

As the ladies entered they were received by a committee consisting of Mrs. Charles Vogt, Mrs. H. N. Somsen and Mrs. G. A. Ottomeyer. Another committee of the younger married ladies consisting of Mrs. Jos. Arbes, Mrs. H. G. Bingham, Mrs. Carl Crone, Jr. and Mrs. Jos. Bianchi, served refreshments consisting of frappe and wafers. Each lady visitor was also given a carnation with the compliments of Mr. Somsen, the owner of the block.

No regular program was given in the afternoon but there was a program of music from one of Edison's Phonographs which had been put at the disposal of the club by E. A. Pfeffeler who also furnished a young man to operate the machine. There was the latest music, both classic and ragtime.

The ladies were shown about the club rooms as part of the afternoon's entertainment. All of them were highly impressed with the elegant and comfortable quarters that the Club now occupies and to many of them it was forcibly brought home how easily it can happen that the men folks are not able to tear themselves loose from the club home until late in the evening. Some mean person spread the report that the main reason for inviting the ladies was to produce just this result.

In the evening the members of the Club enjoyed their own hospitality. The affair was very informal. There was no program and the members merely smoked and visited. Some played billiards and others cards, but the most of them enjoyed themselves talking to their friends. About ten o'clock coffee and sandwiches were served. Billy Mather was master of ceremonies and

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BURGLARY! EVERY BODY'S DOING IT!

EVEN THE INSANE AT ST. PETER ARE BREAKING OUT AND BREAKING IN AGAIN.

HANSKA STORE OUTFITS THIS BURGLAR WHO CLAIMS HE IS WARDEN WOLFER.

When one of the members of the firm of Erickson Bros. of Hanska entered their store Saturday morning, he immediately saw evidences of its having been entered and burglarized during the previous night. One of the windows was smashed in and it could be seen that the stock of merchandise had been tampered with altho it was impossible to state just what had been stolen. As soon as the burglary had been detected, the neighboring communities were communicated with and from La Salle it was learned that a stranger had been seen that morning on the streets dressed in brand new clothes and that he had taken passage to Sherburn.

The police authorities of Sherburn were notified and it did not take the village marshal H. H. Lee long to spot the guilty party who was leisurely walking around town and take him into custody. He was escorted to the village lock-up where an inventory was made of the stuff that the fellow had actually carried off. He was certainly bent on outfitting himself completely, because there wasn't an article of men's wearing apparel or men's furnishing goods that had escaped his attention. He had taken a couple of pairs of trousers, a brown woolen shirt, underwear, a cap, a mackinaw, a sheep-lined overcoat, a pair of shoes and overshoes. He also provided himself with a comb, a box of shoe polish, a pair of gloves and a pair of shears. The purloined stuff was worth about \$40.00. He had also tapped the till and took from it about 85 cents in change which he afterwards expended for railroad fare to Sherburn.

Sheriff Julius was immediately notified and left for Sherburn Sunday afternoon and returned with the prisoner Monday noon on the M. & St. L. As soon as the Sheriff was his prisoner he told the Jackson people that they had captured a lunatic and it developed later that the Sheriff's judgment was very good. The burglar was none other than A. Johnson who had escaped from the criminal ward for the Insane at St. Peter Wednesday evening between five and six o'clock. County Attorney Frederickson who had been notified of the burglar's capture and had come to New Ulm to prosecute the case, was also convinced after some conversation with the prisoner that he was irresponsible and the St. Peter authorities were notified, who stated that the description given them by the local authorities, tallied with the description of the man that had effected his escape Wednesday and they sent one of their attendants here to take Johnson back to St. Peter Tuesday.

Johnson was originally committed to the State prison at Stillwater from Swift County in 1901 for burglary in the first degree and was transferred to the criminal ward for the Insane at St. Peter in 1913. He claimed to the authorities here that he had been cured and that he is now a free man and that he is entitled to his liberty. In the next breath he told them his name was Henry Wolfer and that he owned a big twine factory in Stillwater and that the people liked a man by the name of Reed better and that they had taken his twine factory away from him and discharged him.

OUR MEN OF AFFAIRS

ON THE FARM IN YORK COUNTY, ONTARIO DURING VACATION

GRADUATE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN 1885.

POST GRADUATE COURSE'S BERLIN AND VIENNA

PRESIDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION TWO TERMS

MEMBER A.F.A.M.

SOME TOWLER.

MEMBER BOARD OF REGENTS STATE UNIVERSITY SIX YEARS

MEMBER BOARD OF PENSION EXAMINERS UNDER PRESIDENT CLEVELAND.

SURGEON FOR CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN AND M. & ST. L. RAILROADS.

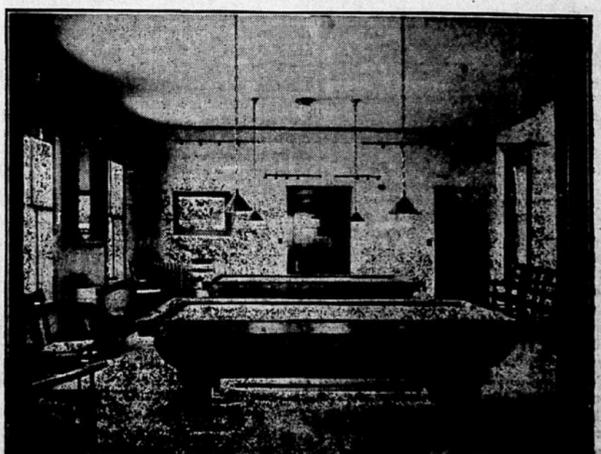
SURGEON TO THE LURETTA UNION HOSPITALS

IN HIS RANGLER.

DR. O. C. STRICKLER



Assembly Rooms of Commercial Club.



Billiard Room of Commercial Club