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CITIZENSHIP STUDY BY FOREIGN-BORN

BUREAU OF NATURALIZATION URGES FORMATION OF NIGHT SCHOOL.

CLERK OF COURT AND SUPERINTENDENT TO ARRANGE STUDY PLAN.

Better knowledge of how the United States government is conducted and the principles upon which it is founded is the object of a class about to be formed in conjunction with the night school now being conducted at the High School. While the movement is promoted by the government itself, the local work will fall to a certain extent upon the shoulders of the clerk of the district court, as it is at this office that the applications for citizenship are filed and the final papers issued. It is expected of the clerk of court that he organize the class from those foreigners who have expressed a desire to become citizens and others who desire to increase their knowledge along the same lines. But the instruction will not be entirely upon the subject of citizenship and government, but also lessons in English for those who can neither read, write nor speak the language of their adopted country.

W. V. Kasper of the government naturalization bureau was in the city several days last week and called upon Mr. Manderfeld, the clerk of the district court, for the purpose of getting the classes started. He made inquiries as to the number of foreign-born people in the city, who are not yet citizens just because they are unable to either read or write English. He found a considerable number and believes that the inauguration of the night school will have a tendency to bring these people to a realization of their rights and lead them to become in time full fledged citizens. He talked with a number of them, in some instances with the aid of an interpreter and he found them willing to go to school if that were a requirement to become citizens and voters.

Clerk of Court Manderfeld states that he is in perfect accord with the scheme advanced by the naturalization bureau, but he believes that not alone foreign-born people should become interested in the class, but many of the American-born citizens as well, as many of the latter are totally ignorant of the workings of the government machinery. He cited instances of young fellows of thirty years of age who admit that they do not know what the Constitution of the United States consists of or why there is such a thing.

Mr. Manderfeld also wants the women instructed in the workings of the government. Clerks of courts are now required to report whether a newly admitted citizen is single or married. In the latter case the wife of the new citizen receives a pamphlet from the government which sets forth her rights as the wife of a citizen in addition to the rights of her husband.

"I would like to see the classes attended by the women as well as by the men," said Mr. Manderfeld, "because it is the wife in nearly all cases upon whom rests the burden of raising the younger generation to become useful citizens. It is therefore just as important for the wife to know something about the government she lives under as it is for the husband. Also woman suffrage is bound to come sooner or later and women might just as well prepare themselves to be able to exercise their rights while they have the opportunity."

It is the intention of the government to have these classes free of charge, but as a charge is made for the present night school, this arrangement may not be possible unless some public body like the Commercial Club takes care of the additional expense. Mr. Manderfeld and Supt. Hess of the public schools were in conference this week working out a plan and the class probably will be started early this month. Present intentions are that the citizenship class be maintained as long as night sessions are held at the High School, but this is an arrangement which will depend entirely upon the size of the class and the regularity of attendance.

WONDERLANDS OF AMERICA DESCRIBED.

A large and appreciative audience greeted Prof. E. N. Lehnerts at the Catholic auditorium Thursday evening when he lectured upon the "Wonderlands of America," under the auspices of the local lodge of the Knights of Co-

lumbus. Prof. Lehnerts has traveled extensively through the United States and especially through the mountainous West, where he has photographed some of the marvels of the Creator. He showed scenes in the great western parks—Yellowstone National park, Yosemite park and Glacier park, the great peaks and deep canyons of the Rockies, the queer formations in the Garden of the Gods and the giant forests of California, Oregon and Washington. He also gave a short lecture on his trip through ice-covered Greenland, illustrated with slides of the wonderful sunset scenery of that country. Prof. Lehnerts is an entertaining talker and often diverges from his set lecture to illustrate some interesting point, thus keeping the attention of his audience throughout.

WIDER SCOPE OF JAP PROBLEM SEEN BY LECTURER.

Montville Flowers' lecture upon "The Japanese Problem" at the High School auditorium last Monday evening, may be considered the best number of the lecture course given under the auspices of the Current News Club of this city. Mr. Flowers is a native of California and his residence there has given him opportunity to study the Japanese problem from a local angle not possible from a distance.

The speaker gave a history of the settlement of the Japs in California, their encroachment upon the business industries of the white people until the latter found themselves face to face with the alternative either of leaving the state or adopting such laws as would put a quietus on the ambitions of the little yellow men. The famous alien law of California was the result and would have ended the Japanese encroachment effectually so far as local conditions were concerned. The Japs by no means accepted the authority of the state of California, however, and the underground channels of diplomacy at Washington changed the question from a local issue to a national one. Pressure was brought to bear upon the legislature of California and the governor of the state until the law was amended in such a manner as to kill its far-reaching effects.

Mr. Flowers contends that the Japanese peril is not a local one with California, but that other states will suffer in like manner unless national legislation is resorted to or the several states adopt similar laws to those proposed by California. Mr. Flowers is a forceful, convincing speaker and held the interest of his audience at all times.

This was the final lecture of the lyceum course for this season. Every number of the course has been of a high class and the Current News Club may well feel elated over the success which has crowned their efforts.

NEW ULM SKAT PLAYERS COP COIN AT TOURNAMENT.

Skat players from New Ulm did fairly well at the state tournament held in Minneapolis last Sunday afternoon and evening as they landed two first prizes and one second, aggregating \$42. They also landed the mid-summer tournament for this city and skat players from all over the state will be here some time in June to participate. This is the second time the state tournament comes to New Ulm, the first time being two years ago.

New Ulm is also given recognition on the official roster of the State Skat League. Wm. J. Julius was elected vice president and J. P. Graff a member of the board of directors.

The prizes won by the three local players are as follows:

John Backer, first prize for highest number of points, 821, \$25.

Emil G. Hage, first prize for tournament against most matadors, diamond against 7, \$10.

A. S. Dorn, for second highest play, grand ouvert with 3 matadors, 192, \$7.00.

The New Ulm players left for Minneapolis Sunday morning on a special train, returning after the close of the second session. All claim it was the best tournament yet held by the league. It was attended by over 200 players.

GERMAN COMEDY AT MANKATO.

Local people have received invitations to attend the production of a German comedy at Mankato next Sunday evening and no doubt a number of them will respond. The play will be produced by home talent and staged at the Mankato theatre.

The title of the play is "Der Liebe Onkel" and is said to be one of the jolliest and most entertaining comedies written in the German language.

The cast is chosen from members of the Thalia Club of Mankato, a dramatic organization of considerable reputation. A feature of the evening will be several numbers by the Mankato United German Singers, to be rendered between acts.

BRILLIANT NIGHTS FOR COUNTY FAIR

CARNIVAL COMPANY TO BE ENGAGED TO FURNISH ENTERTAINMENT.

DAY ALL DAY IN DAY TIME BUT NO NIGHT AT BROWN COUNTY FAIR.

Directors of the Brown County Fair Association at their meeting last Wednesday evening decided to set the fair dates for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21, 22 and 23 and with the naming of the dates activities toward the success of this year's fair have begun, as the several committees are already casting about for suitable attractions for the entertainment of Fair visitors.

Secretary Engelbert states that there is a possibility of change of date in view of the fact that the carnival company desired may already have been booked.

As was decided by the stockholders of the association at their annual meeting three weeks ago, the high price of steel has made the erection of a new grand stand this year impossible, but all the more effort will be put into the fair this year in order to draw greater crowds and assure the steel structure for 1917.

The race program which has been tried out by the fair association in the past will be eliminated this year, because it is not believed that races good enough to warrant the expense connected therewith can be pulled off. The scarcity of good race horses on the one hand and the greater fascination of races with automobile and other motor driven vehicles may be regarded as the causes of the declining of the sport of kings.

Other sports, however, will take the place of the race meet and visitors to the fair will not miss the horses, it is believed. Negotiations will be entered into with several of the large carnival companies and one of the stellar attractions secured. The fair management proposes to make the coming exhibitions especially attractive this year and with a first-class carnival company showing on the grounds illuminated by myriads of multi-colored lights this will be possible. None but the very cleanest and most attractive exhibitions will be permitted on the grounds.

The racing feature probably will be elaborated upon by staging several good automobile races, motor-cycle contests, etc. Also races for the boys, afoot and on wheels, mule races and lumber wagon races. Such is the tentative program as proposed by the members informally at last Wednesday's meeting.

MAYOR DECIDES TO HEAD CITY TICKET

PETITIONS BEING CIRCULATED FOR PLACING CANDIDATES ON BALLOT.

ALL OLD OFFICIALS WILL AGAIN SEEK ELECTION THIS SPRING.

Although Mayor Fritsche announced time and again that he would not be a candidate for re-election as the city's chief executive, he has yielded to the pressure brought to bear upon him by the business and professional men of the city and he will undoubtedly have a clear field at the coming election, it being understood that none of the other embryo candidates would file if the present mayor could be induced to again accept the nomination and election. The Mayor reached the decision to run again last Tuesday evening, when a committee of representative business men called at his office and explained the situation to him. It was pointed out that a contest at the present time would tend to create enmity between rival candidates and their followers, likely to result in such bitterness as would retard the city's future and disturb present cordial business relations. Mayor Fritsche pleaded that he had not the time to devote to the office, but to no avail. The committee simply would not take "No" for their answer and finally exacted a promise that he would permit the circulation of a petition.

Petitions for placing upon the ballot the names of Dr. L. A. Fritsche for mayor; Gottlieb Oswald for city treasurer, and Wm. Backer for city clerk, were circulated during the past week and generally signed. For these offices the signatures of about 200 qualified electors are required as they are voted for all over the city. The law requires 10 per cent of the total registered vote at the preceding election.

So far no other candidates have announced themselves for either the office of clerk or treasurer and it is not believed that the present incumbents will have any opposition.

The terms of the two city justices also expire this spring, but it is expected that the two present incumbents, N. Henningsen and Col. Buschers will be selected again. The terms of Alfred Baltrusch and Hugo Windhorn, city constables also expire.

The only contest which has materialized so far is in the first ward, where both the present alderman, Fred Behnke and the former member of the city council,

Herman Nagel, are circulating petitions to get their names on the ballot. The contest is a good-natured one, however, and will not engender any bitterness. The term of F. H. Retzlaff in the third ward expires this spring and it is generally understood that he will again file for the office. He was prominently mentioned as a candidate for mayor in case Mayor Fritsche should have refused to make the run. In the second ward the term of Theo. Mueller expires, although he is the junior member of the city council. He is filling the unexpired term of Christ Ruemke, who died in office. Mr. Mueller most probably will also file as a candidate. An attempt was made to pit one of the younger politicians of this ward against Mr. Mueller, but they have not agreed upon one of their number and the scheme is liable to fall through.

PAROLED REFORMATORY INMATE WORRIES POLICE.

What to do with sixteen-year-old Arthur Schroer is a question which seems to be bothering the local police officers. They claim he will not stay at home and behave, the reform school from which institute he has been paroled does not want him and to cap the climax the jailor at the county jail refused to hold him unless properly committed.

Last week the young fellow was picked up by the local police and was being taken to the jail by Chief Klaus. The boy's foster mother lives near the jail and when the chief and his prisoner had nearly reached their destination the boy broke away and ran home. It is stated that in chasing the boy the chief took a shot at him, but missed. He finally regained possession of the prisoner, however, but not until the entire neighborhood was in an uproar over the escape and arrest. The boy finally went along to jail with Deputy Sheriff Jahnke, who had been attracted to the scene by the shooting.

Stories told by the sheriff and chief are quite at variance at several points. The chief claims that he had orders from the state school to arrest the boy, but claims that it was a telephone message. The sheriff and jailer waited until evening for a formal commitment and when this did not appear the boy was released upon advice of the county attorney.

Young Schroer's record is said to be not of the very best and State Agent De Witt, who arrived in the city Saturday stated that the authorities at Red Wing had failed in using ordinary methods of reform. He was paroled about three months ago in the hope that a change in surroundings would be of benefit. He has since then spent his time in a Wisconsin town, at Mankato and the last three weeks in and near New Ulm. The boy's foster mother has agreed to make a final attempt at reforming him and he will not be returned to the training school for the present.

GEM THEATRE SOLD AGAIN

Buying and selling moving picture houses seems to have become a pleasant diversion in New Ulm, judging from the way they are changing hands of late. The Gem theatre, opened less than a month ago by the Misses Leen, has changed hands once more and A. G. Robinson of Northfield is now the proprietor and manager of that playhouse, the change taking place Thursday of last week.

This is Mr. Robinson's first venture in the movie game, but he states that he will give the public even better service than they have heretofore enjoyed. He states that if the film service is a matter of money the patrons of his house will see nothing but the best.

S. K. Leen, who was the proprietor of the Ruby up to a few months ago and also interested in the Gem, probably will leave New Ulm, but is undecided as to his future location.

FIRE LOSSES IN OUR COUNTY 1915

The need of a more general adoption of fire prevention methods in Brown county is shown by the annual report issued by Robert W. Hargadine, State Fire Marshal, of fires in this county during the year ended December 31, 1915.

There were 13 fires during the year and the loss was \$25,492. This is greater, both in the numbers of fires and in the aggregate losses as compared with 1914. In that year the losses in Brown county was \$12,905 and the number of fires reported 12.

However, the number of fires and the aggregate loss for the past year shows that just a little more care in the elimination of fire hazards and a little more general appreciation of the need of fire prevention will place Brown county in the ranks of those whose losses were reduced during the past year.

The first registration day preceding the city election will be March 28th.

COMMERCIAL CLUB PLANNING BANQUET

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL AFFAIR COME UP AT NEXT MEETING.

PLANS ORNAMENTAL LIGHTS ON TWO STREETS LEADING TO DEPOTS.

Discussion relative to the holding of the annual banquet, plans for the proposed white way on First North and First South streets and several other matters of importance are to come up at the regular monthly meeting of the Commercial Club to be held next Monday evening.

The annual banquet always is one of the stellar events of the year for the club members and this year will be no exception if plans proposed by several of the members are carried into effect. The banquet probably will be held the last week in March or the first week in April.

The proposition of lighting First North street from Minnesota street as far as the Eagle Mills and First South street from Minnesota to the depot by means of the ornamental light clusters is the other matter of importance to come up. It is proposed to erect the ornamental posts at greater intervals than obtains on Minnesota street, but sufficiently close to properly light up a section of the city which at the present time is sadly in need of better illumination. Several of the business men have advocated the plan for some time, but no organized effort to get results along that line has been made up to this time.

Several of the prominent business men have expressed their approval of the scheme but the general opinion seems to prevail that the ornamental posts should be of the same style and quality as now used on Minnesota street. They seem to balk at the suggestion which has been made to put in a less expensive post with only one light. The business men argue that this would cheapen the looks of the lighting system more than the saving in dollars and cents would amount to. They also argue that uniformity should be the rule and not the exception, even if the expense of installation is a trifle greater.

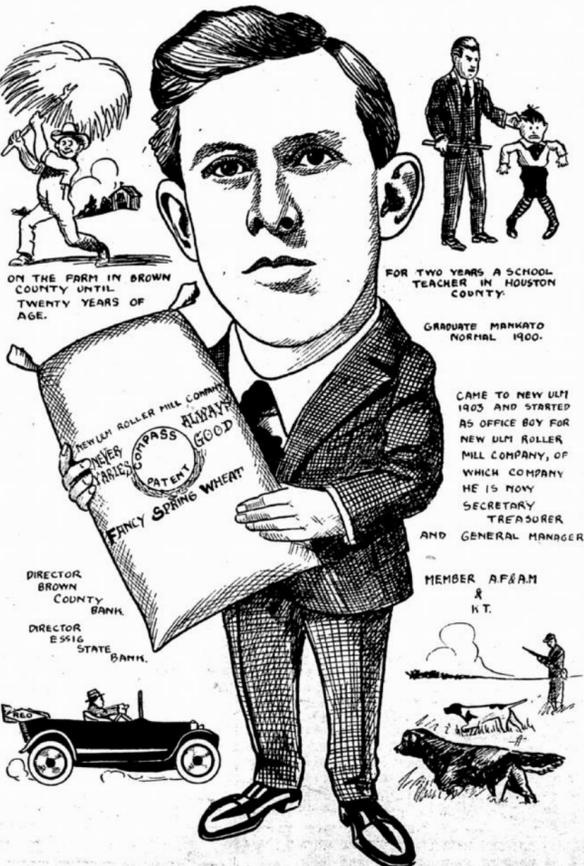
The ornamental lighting system on Minnesota street was paid for in the first instance by the business men by popular subscription, the posts coming to approximately \$65 each. The business men furnished the city with the posts and the installation, wiring, etc., has been done by the city employes. The same procedure is proposed for the two streets now under consideration. One of the prominent business men predicted that there would be no trouble in raising the necessary amount to purchase the posts and it is known that the members of the city council would look with favor upon the move and make provision for its installation and maintenance and furnishing the electricity.

The street leading to the Northwestern depot is not so well illuminated as it should be, it is pointed out. Passengers coming into the city for the first time gain the impression that New Ulm has a very poor lighting system, because so little of the splendid illumination of Minnesota street can be seen from the depot. Two strings of ornamental lights on First North and on First South would change the objectionable condition effectively.

Several other matters of interest to the club members and the city at large are to come up before the meeting, among them the proposition of a new business college advanced by a firm which conducts a number of these institutions in Southern Minnesota and Iowa. One of the owners of the colleges was in the city a few days ago in conference with President Ottomeyer of the Commercial Club, who took the visitor about the city and introduced him to the business men. He was impressed with the city as being an ideal location for an educational institution of that kind and it is possible that he will decide to locate here provided he finds a favorable sentiment.

President Ottomeyer desires to call attention to an erroneous impression which seems to have gained circulation as to the uses of the club rooms. "The rooms are there for all of the business men of the city, whether they are members of the club or not," said Mr. Ottomeyer. "We want the business men to make free use of them for conferences or committee meetings and especially when a stranger visits the city to take him up to the club rooms and get him acquainted with all of us. Make him feel at home. The impression that the club is an exclusive one is entirely erroneous."

OUR MEN OF AFFAIRS



AUG. DAHL, Manager New Ulm Roller Mill