

COUNCIL PURCHASES OILING APPARATUS

EXPERIMENTS WILL BE MADE ON SHORT SECTIONS OF CITY STREETS.

ALSO LETS CONTRACT FOR ERECTION OF NEW CEMETERY BUILDING.

With the purchase of apparatus used in oiling the streets and 20,000 gallons of the necessary fluid, the city council at its meeting last Tuesday evening began the movement to bring New Ulm into the class of modern cities. The contract for the oil distributor was let to the Studebaker corporation for \$517, this being the lowest of the three bids received. The contract for furnishing 20,000 gallons of oil went to the Standard Oil Company, whose bid of 5.36 cents per gallon was the lowest. According to present plans of the members of the council short sections of streets will be oiled at a time in order to determine the proper amount of oil for the soil in this locality. Experts in other cities have been unable to give advice in this matter because of the difference in the soil.

Bids were also received by the council for the erection of a building at the city cemetery, plans for which had been accepted by the council some time ago. John G. Gronau was the successful bidder at \$2,608. While the original plans were to use brick of an outside concern, it was decided to patronize home industry when Mr. Aufderheide presented a sample for the inspection of the council. The brick has the appearance of granite and it is believed will give the building a handsome appearance.

John L. Hoffmann in a letter to the council lays claim to \$250 as damages for injuries said to have been sustained in a fall on the icy sidewalk in front of the Woratschke building on the corner of First North and Broadway. The matter was referred to the city attorney and the street committee.

The firm of Mitchell, Peat & Co. of Minneapolis was given the contract to audit the books of the city, beginning April 5. This firm is to furnish one expert accountant at a salary of \$15 a day and if necessary an assistant at \$10 per day.

Three building permits were granted by the council, one to Dr. Weiser for the erection of the new brick block on the corner of Second North and Minnesota streets, another to Jos. Feseminner for a new garage to be erected on the property immediately north of the post-office on Broadway, and one to Chas. Brust, Sr., for remodeling his residence on the corner of Center and Broadway. Permission was also granted Dr. Weiser for the removal of the present building on Second North street to the rear of the lot. The building is to be given a new front, brick veneered and otherwise improved in appearance.

Final payment for the pump installed by J. G. Robertson of St. Paul at the well on Center street hill was ordered, the council allowing the contractor \$1,000 as final settlement.

Hippert & Werner were allowed \$50, which sum had been retained from the contract price of constructing storm sewers.

EXPERT WILL LECTURE ON COMMERCIAL CREDITS.

O. R. Parker, manager of the Credit Rating Association of Minneapolis, will speak at the Commercial Club rooms next Friday evening on the subject of "Commercial Credits" which matter has engaged the business men of the city for some time. The lecture will not be confined to members of the Commercial Club and every business man is being urged to make it a point to be there.

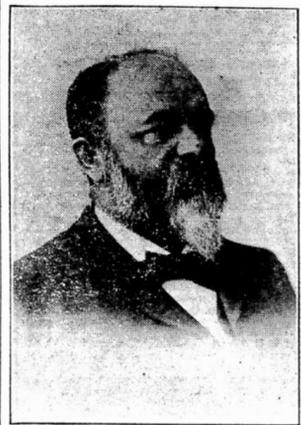
The matter of extending credit to the trade is a custom in New Ulm dating back to the opening of the first store in the city. Even people who are perfectly able to pay spot cash are in the habit of having purchases charged and keeping an open account at the various stores. While it may be an impossibility to do business without extending a certain amount of credit, it is believed that the habit can be curbed to a great extent.

Mr. Parker was engaged by the Commercial Club to explain to the business men the system now in use in the larger cities. He will be prepared to lay before the meeting a full set of blanks now in use by the Minneapolis association.

Two children of the Henry Konakowitz family were taken down with typhoid fever Tuesday.

ROUNDS OUT 75 YEARS OF ACTIVE LIFE

Captain Frank Burg reached the seventy-fifth milestone of life last Friday and enjoyed the congratulations of his many friends at Turner Hall where he had attended the Bunge lecture. Captain Burg is one of the prominent figures of New Ulm. He came to the city about



CAPT. FRANK BURG

45 years ago and in his younger days took an active part in athletic work at Turner Hall. As a manufacturer of cigars he gained a state-wide reputation and the fame of "Burg's Blizzard" extended far beyond the borders of the state. As the organizer, commander and for many years the sole financial sponsor of Burg's Battery, Capt. Burg set for himself a monument in the history of the city which future generations will still look back upon with pride. Although he has rounded out three-fourths of a century in life the captain still takes an active interest in the affairs of the city, state and nation and it is the ardent hope of his many friends that he will remain with them for many years to come.

ALDERMAN MUELLER DECIDES NOT TO ENTER RACE.

One of the surprises of city politics is the announcement yesterday of Alderman Mueller of the second ward that he would not stand for re-election to the city council. Although his many friends had implored him to permit the circulation of a petition in his behalf he turned a deaf ear to all their arguments. He stated that his business does not permit the time necessary for the proper fulfillment of his duties as a city officer and rather than neglect one or the other he decided to forego the honor. Mr. Mueller is filling the unexpired term of Christ Ruemke who died in office.

Rumors to the effect that F. H. Retzlaff would again file for re-election, were set at rest by Retzlaff himself by the statement that he had not changed his decision of a week ago and would not accept the office under any circumstances. Christ Filzen has started to circulate a petition for councillor in the third ward and several others are contemplating entering the race.

MASKERS MAKE MERRY AT TURNER HALL.

More than a hundred masks and several hundred spectators attended the annual prize masquerade of the New Ulm Turnverein at Turner Hall last Tuesday evening, to fittingly close the season of festivity prior to the beginning of the season of abstinence. The gorgeously gowned groups were a reminder of yesteryear's days in Turner Hall, when masquerades on a still more elaborate scale were held annually and hundreds of dollars were spent for costumes for a single evening.

The official opening of the evening's fun and frolic was shortly after 9 o'clock, when Prince Carnival appeared on the stage and through his decree proclaimed the holiday and forgiveness in advance for the infraction of any of the rules and laws of the ordinary mortal. Alfred Puhlmann and Miss Lou Schramm represented the royal couple and led the grand march opening the evening's dance program.

The committee of judges, composed of Messrs. J. P. Graff, Chas. Stuebe, Jr., and Philip Liesch and Mesdames H. N. Somsen, Carl Crone, Sr., and J. A. Ochs, made the following prize awards: Best group, "Palm Beach Girls and Boys;" second best group, "Ballet Dancers;" best gent's mask, "Happy Hooligan;" Louis Hofmeister; best lady's mask, "Shepherdess;" Miss Phyllis Neumann; best comic gent's mask, "Flying Dutchman;" H. O. Schleuder; best comic lady's mask, "Baby Doll;" Alf. Marti; best couple, "George and Martha Washington;" Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Vercoe.

Dances also were held at the Army, Gem and Schell's hall to observe Fast.

VIVID WAR SCENES SHOWN ON SCREEN

BIRTH OF A NATION MOST SPECTACULAR PLAY EVER PRODUCED IN FILM.

TEN SQUARE MILES OF GROUND WERE USED AS BATTLE GROUND STAGE.

D. W. Griffith's mighty spectacle "The Birth of a Nation" comes to the Armory four days. Beginning Mat. Sunday March 26. There will be two performances daily at 2:15 and 8:15. Nothing like this wonderful attraction has ever been seen upon the local boards. It is given here exactly as it is being presented in New York City where the big drama has broken every record in the stage history of the first city in the country. In addition the piece has piled up record engagements in Chicago, Boston, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

It covers a wide range of American history and touches only the highest points of interest in the great events that led up to and terminated the Civil War. The force that slavery played in producing this crisis is traced from its inception to its abolition. While the basic theme is historical in its foundation its intent is the fundamental one of true drama. The forces which make for these results have been marshalled upon a larger scale than was ever dreamed of before. Where directors of vast spectacle have dealt with hundreds in the past Griffith employs thousands. 18,000 people fill his stage which has a vast territory for its background. 3,000 horses pass before your view in wild dashes over miles of county roadway. The decisive battles of the Civil War are reproduced in faithful detail and you see these conflicts fought again just as they were waged 50 years ago. Cities were built up only to be destroyed to lend force and verity to the dramatic narrative. One enormous battlefield is shown stretching over an area of 10 square miles and upon these planes and trenches 10,000 soldiers clash in a mimic warfare that is as real as if you were eyewitnesses of the actual occurrence. Holding the great effects in tether is a story as tender and true as love and romance can be pictured. There are tears and smiles, noble sacrifices and heroic deeds of personal valor. Youthful dreams of Love's fruition are rent asunder by the demons of War; home ties snap before the call to arms and suffering such as cannot be imagined is depicted in the crude manner that history is made when men surrender reason to passion and engage in a deadlock of armed resistance.

You see the war start after being shown the causes which precipitated it. (Continued on Page 2)

SPRINGFIELD DRYS ARE SNOWED UNDER

CONTEST RESULTS IN TWO TO ONE VOTE IN FAVOR OF LICENSES.

PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY VOTE INDICATES NO INTEREST IN FREAK LAW.

Very much of a joke is the way in which the presidential preference primary of Tuesday was considered by the average voter. In New Ulm with over 1,200 voters to draw from only about 300 availed themselves of the privilege and with the exception of the closing of the saloons nothing happened which drew public attention to the fact that an election was being held. The first ward east 139 votes, the second 93 and the third 167. Although there were three ballots to choose from only the Democratic and Republican were sought for in two of the wards. In the first three Prohibition voters exercised their privilege as a voter.

About the only election of interest in the county was the Springfield wet and dry contest, where the wets won out by better than two to one. The vote cast was 233 wet and 106 dry. This defeat of the Springfield drys is even more decisive than that at the election of last year.

Following are the officers elected in the townships which reported the results last evening:

Cottonwood — Supervisor, Martin Schnobrich; treasurer, Geo. C. Griebel; Clerk, Jos. J. Sperl; justices of the peace, Geo. Fischer and John W. Haas; constables, Jacob Leitkam and Fred Thiede. The sum of \$1000 was levied for roads and bridges and \$200 for the general township fund.

Courtland Village—President, Lorenz Hunsicker; Councilman, Wm. F. Meyer, Rudolf Holzerland, Herman Poehler. Recorder, H. E. Stellmacher; Treasurer, Paul C. Mayer.

Courtland township — Supervisors, Henry Bode, Jr., Louis Hulke, Julius Schroeder; clerk, Fred Rengstorf; treas., Otto Hintz.

Milford — Supervisor, Louis Spellbrink; clerk, Henry J. Mayer; treasurer, Fred Roloff; justice of the peace, Erwin Spellbrink; constable, Wm. Geske. For township expenses \$1,000 was levied and \$2,100 for the road and bridge fund.

Those candidates for delegates to National conventions bearing German names received high votes in the city especially Mr. Gebhard, a former resident of this city. Ex-Governor Eberhart also was given a big vote throughout the city and county.

PRICELESS PHOTO COLLECTION DISPLAYED AT LECTURE

Last Thursday evening a large and appreciative audience had the pleasure of listening to a lecture at the Congregational church by Fred W. Johnson on his collection of autographed photographs of the world's famous men and women. The lecture in itself was unique.



F. W. JOHNSON

It was a digression from the usual field of lecture topics in that it really was a two hours' review of the world's history, illustrated by actual photographs of those who made history and given the stamp of authenticity by the handwriting of the originals.

Mr. Johnson began his lecture with a brief review of how he happened to become interested in this kind of work and the divers ways in which the signed photographs were obtained. The collection had its inception in the office of the New Ulm Review some twenty-five years ago when Mr. Johnson was editor of this paper. Upon the walls of the old office over the present Arbes drug store hung photographs of some of the leading newspaper men of that time and it occurred to Mr. Johnson that he would like to have a collection of the more familiar faces of Minnesota's editors. The field soon broadened and it was not long before the prominent politicians of the State were added—the governors, United States Senators, congressmen and others. A chance remark by a critical friend that he might get some of the really big men of the country into his collection, gave inducement to try the broader field until finally there is hardly a man of great prominence who does not grace the collection with his signed photograph. In the fields of war and peace, in the realms of music, art and literature, a person interested can find hours of diversion by just looking over the collection and recalling the deeds of heroism, the bursts of oratory, the charm of music, the beauties of nature as depicted by the artist or the interest in some book long forgotten—all the product of some fertile brain, probably long since passed from the active scenes of life but still cherished in the memory of an admiring people.

The song of a Tetraxini mellowed by the wonderful acoustic of the Theatre Nationale of Mexico City, the flower of oratory of a Bryan, the stern commands of a Sherman, the flash of white teeth in the paintings of a Defregger, or the mysterious transformation of thistles into fruit of a Burbank, all are brought to life in vivid mental reflection.

To describe the collection of Mr. Johnson, by taking up each individual character or photograph singly even if for a brief resume of the reason for his or her prominence, would take volumes without end. It must be seen to be appreciated—no, not seen alone, but gone over with the owner of the collection himself, whose entertaining stories never fail to bring out some point in the life and work of the original of the picture not noted in history and not found in books of price.

The collection never will be complete, as it is added to constantly as new dazzling lights spring up upon the firmament of worldly glory.

EVERLING ELECTRIC CO. OPENS TIRE REPAIR PLANT.

One of the busy places in town these days is the vulcanizing and auto tire repair plant, recently established by the Everling Electric Co. at 5 So. Minnesota street. The plant is complete in every detail and equipped with all the latest machinery and appliances, making repair work on short notice a possibility. Albert (Bibs) Everling only recently returned from the Twin Cities where he took a course of instruction in the latest methods of repairing tires and is now saving tubes and tires which formerly had been discarded as useless.

The company has also taken the Willard battery service station where batteries for all the machines in the city are being charged.

PROTEST AGAINST MUNITION TRAFFIC

TURNERS FAVOR PLACING OF EMBARGO ON SHIPMENTS TO EUROPE.

BEZIRK MAY CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING.

With the spirit of mental and bodily training pervading the meetings the fiftieth annual session of the Minnesota Turnbezirk came to a close at Turner Hall last Sunday morning. New Ulm was honored by its selection as the headquarters of the state society for the coming year; resolutions were passed asking the members of congress and the United States senators from Minnesota to work and vote for a resolution looking towards the placing of an embargo upon the export of arms and munitions of war to any of the nations now at war in Europe; the celebration of the golden jubilee of the bezirk in the course of the present year, and the recommendation that a summer contest be arranged by the "Vorort" to be held in one of the smaller German centers of the state, were some of the things of importance transacted at the sessions.

The sessions opened Saturday afternoon, with Herman Vogt of Minneapolis, vice president of the state society, in the chair. The following delegates were reported present: St. Anthony, Minneapolis, Christ. Boehme, Hermann Poepel, Wm. Miller, Fred Lange, Aug. Schwerdtfeger, Walter Giesmann, C. F. L. Brown, J. F. Wachsmuth, Wm. Kuhn, Otto Naumann, Fred Naumann and Louis Malchow; New Ulm, Fred Pfander, Henry Engel, Chas. Emmerich, Aug. Marschner, Otto Oswald, Alf. Schroeck, Hermann Hein; St. Paul, Henry Hadlich, Otto Hierskorn, Alb. Schintz, Wm. Staack, Wm. Kuehn, Herman Hoenk, Leslie Strouse, Louis Metzger, Karl Thiers, Fred Jessrang; Vorort, Herman Vogt, Max Simon, Geo. Rhomborg, J. W. Dreger, Otto Hankey, Otto Modler.

Wm. Miller of Minneapolis was elected as permanent chairman of the convention and Henry Hadlich of St. Paul and Geo. Rhomborg of Minneapolis as secretaries.

Capt. Frank Burg of New Ulm, who has been a member of the Minnesota Turnbezirk for 45 years and who has never failed to attend the sessions of the convention when such was possible, was unanimously elected honorary president of the meeting.

The annual reports of the state officers contained a number of recommendations of interest to the delegates but not of import to the general public. Following these reports the several committees were appointed and adjournment taken until 5 o'clock.

Upon reassembling reports were submitted by the committee on finance, reporting the State Society's treasury in a flourishing condition and the books as accurately kept. The committee on resolutions recommended that Turners who have uninterruptedly followed athletics for twenty-five years be given diplomas of honor and be otherwise recognized at the meetings of the Turnbezirk. It developed during the discussion that there are several members in Minnesota having this distinction and the recommendations of the committee were concurred in.

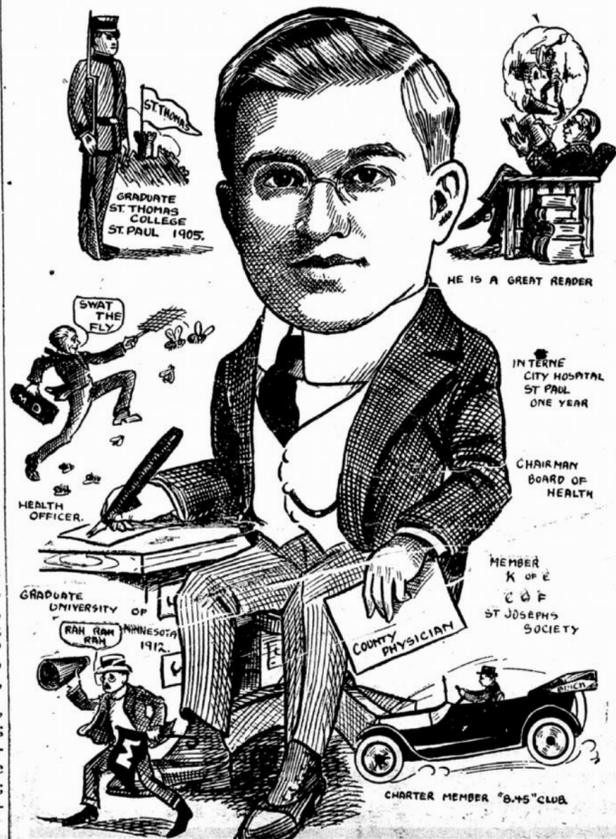
The matter of selecting the headquarters city for 1916 occasioned considerable discussion, as none of the three societies felt that they could accept the arduous duties connected with the management of the Society's business. After reassembling Sunday morning, however, the New Ulm delegation announced that the New Ulm Turnverein would accept the honor and the convention accordingly made the selection unanimously.

The matter of sending a class of athletes to the next national turnfest at Brooklyn in 1917 was discussed at some length, but finally the recommendations of the committee that the proposition be referred to the next state convention were agreed to.

Instead of arranging for a turnfest this summer as had been planned by some of the members of the Society it was decided to hold a midsummer contest in one of the smaller cities of the state and in his connection Young America and Jordan were mentioned. It was the general consensus of opinion that these smaller cities would appreciate the exhibition work of the active Turners more than if the contest were held in one of the three cities of the Bezirk.

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OUR MEN OF AFFAIRS



DR. O. J. SEIFERT, Health Officer.