

COUNCIL STRIKES WAR PRICE SNAGS

ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF \$2000 EXPENDITURE GROWS TO OVER \$6,000.

NEW PUMP AND REPAIR OF OLD MACHINERY AMONG COUNCIL PLANS.

From a contemplated expenditure estimated at a little over \$2,000 for the installation of a new pump at the water works, the city council is now facing an investment of over \$6,000, according to the bids submitted by the several contractors at last Monday evening's adjourned meeting.

The bids submitted at the meeting were as follows: Union Machine Co., \$6,158 for a new pump and \$1,139 for repairs; Minneapolis Engineering Co., \$5,025 for new pump and \$1,187 for repairs; J. G. Robertson, St. Paul, \$5,000 for the new pump and \$837 for the repairs necessary to the Luitweiler pump.

Although the matter of delivery did not enter into the competitive bidding the interesting fact was brought out during the discussion that the manufacturers are at present working right up to their capacity and cannot make deliveries short of from sixty to one hundred and twenty days.

That the city council is face to face with a serious problem is apparent. According to a statement by Supt. Mueller the city will in the case of a dry summer be unable to meet the demands of the water users even if all of the present equipment is run to its full capacity.

The present plans of the council include a change at the pumping plant which it is believed will reduce the cost of pumping. The plan is to do away with the storage of water in the German Park reservoir and connect up the mains direct with the new pump.

Because of the complicated technical wording of the bids the council decided to refer all the bids to the water and light committee for thorough investigation and Friday evening hold an adjourned session to dispose of the matter finally.

Several building permits were submitted to the council, but as some of them did not meet the requirements of the fire ordinance, they were laid over to be taken up at the adjourned meeting Friday evening.

Mr. Aufderheide appeared before the council on behalf of the New Ulm Brick & Tile Works. The members of the council had practically decided to use an outside brick in the construction of the new building at the cemetery and he urged the council to set the example of patronizing home industry by using the cement brick manufactured by his firm.

CREDIT TRICKSTERS AT WORK.

Farmers Duped Into Purchase of Stock Later Found Valueless By Investors.

Farmers throughout the country seem to have been victimized by smooth-tongued agents of so-called co-operative investment companies and while the companies themselves may not come under the ban of the post office department, it is possible that civil actions will be started against them unless they mend the ways of their agents.

In some of these letters the complaint is made that the agents selling the stock make misrepresentations as to when loans may be obtained by subscribers and that the companies later disclaim responsibility for the statements made by the agents.

Where farmers are confronted with a proposition of this character, they should first read the prospectus and the contract very carefully and make sure that they know exactly what these mean, especially the contract. If the contract is so worded that its meaning is not clear after a careful reading, this in itself should be reason enough for extra caution.

Farmers ought, first, to find out what provision has been made for the protection of the interests of subscribers, either through responsible Government supervision over the activities of the company, or in any other way, and if they are in doubt they should consult competent advisors with regard to the responsibility of the company before paying over, or agreeing to pay over, their own good money.

REMOTE PRECINCTS MUST MAIL ELECTION RETURNS.

There seems to have been considerable doubt as to the distance for which mileage may be collected by the election judges in calling for the ballots previous to the election and the delivery of the returns to the county auditor when the ballots have been counted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AT AUSTIN

One thousand Sunday school workers from every county of the State and from every protestant denomination will gather at Austin for the Fifty eighth Annual Convention of the Minnesota Sunday School Association April 26-30.

Austin extends a royal welcome to the Sunday school hosts of Minnesota, and will entertain all delegates on the Harvard Plan (lodging and breakfast free). Every Sunday school in Minnesota is entitled to send delegates.

WEAKER BOWLERS GIVEN HANDICAP

EVENLY MATCHED CONTESTS ROLLED ON CONCORDIA CLUB ALLEYS.

MERCHANTS HANG UP PRIZES FOR LEADERS IN VARIOUS EVENTS.

More than fifty local bowling enthusiasts participated in the handicap tournament rolled on the Concordia Club alleys from Thursday afternoon until Sunday evening and although the match passed off good-naturedly there was a keen rivalry for first honors in the singles, doubles and five-men events.

Although the entrance fees were divided among the prize winning teams there were enough special prizes offered by the merchants of the city to make the tournament of interest to even the poorest of the bowlers as well as the best.

FIVE MEN.

First prize	\$5.00
Second prize	3.00
Third prize	2.50
Fourth prize	2.00

DOUBLES.

First prize	\$2.50
Second prize	2.00
Third prize	1.80
Fourth prize	1.60
Fifth prize	1.50
Sixth prize	1.10
Seventh prize	1.00
Eighth prize	1.00
Ninth prize	1.00

SINGLES.

First prize	\$2.00
Second prize	1.75
Third prize	1.25
Fourth prize	1.00
Fifth prize	1.00
Sixth prize	1.00
Seventh prize	.75
Eighth prize	.60
Ninth prize	.60
Tenth prize	.55
Eleventh prize	.50
Twelfth prize	.50

SPECIAL PRIZES.

The rules of the contest did not permit any one bowler to win more than one of

SIXTEEN BANKS OF COUNTY SHOW HEALTHY INCREASES

Both the resources and deposits of Brown county's sixteen banks have taken a jump forward during the past two months according to the statements rendered the federal and state comptrollers made March 13 as to the condition of the banking institutions March 7.

Resources	Deposits
Citizens State Bank of New Ulm	\$1,968,702.02
State Bank of Springfield	758,042.37
First National Bank of Sleepy Eye	730,241.89
State Bank of Sleepy Eye	578,971.98
Farmers and Merchants, Sleepy Eye	564,186.08
State Bank of New Ulm	518,077.75
Brown County Bank, New Ulm	425,556.39
First National Bank, Springfield	408,522.94
Farmers and Merchants, New Ulm	327,249.00
First State Bank, Comfrey	284,130.88
State Bank of Hanska	275,285.30
Farmers State Bank, Comfrey	250,329.60
State Bank of Evan	146,817.01
Security State Bank, Hanska	129,783.33
State Bank of Cobden	91,486.56
Total	\$7,564,912.20

LITTLE INTEREST IN CITY ELECTION

FIRST WARD CONTEST ONLY ONE TO LEND EXCITEMENT TO EVENT.

NO SUITABLE CANDIDATE APPEARS AS SUCCESSOR TO MUELLER.

Prospective candidates for city offices will have to hurry if they want to get their names on the ballots for the regular spring election, as the time limit in which candidates may file their petitions will expire next Saturday, March 25th.

Mayor Fritsche has a clear field for re-election as had been anticipated at the time he made up his mind to be a candidate for the office again. The same applies to City Treasurer Oswald and City Clerk Backer, the latter serving his first term as a city official.

Several candidates are said to be in the field for office of constable, but as no petitions have been circulated it will be necessary for the voter to write the name of his favorite candidates upon the blank space left for that purpose on the ballot.

No new candidates have sprung up in the third ward, where a successor to F. H. Retzlaff is to be elected and it seems Christ Filzen will have a clear field at the polls.

The choosing of a successor to Alderman Mueller in the Third Ward is still an unsolved problem.

Election day will be April 11th this year. The first and only registration day has been set for Tuesday, March 28th, at which time the judges of election will be at the several polling places for the registration of those voters whose names do not appear on the present list of qualified voters.

New Ulm will at least have one baseball team this year. At a meeting of the Gonzaga club of the Catholic church they decided to have a baseball team.

A. F. Groebner was elected business manager and R. Baasen was elected captain and field manager.

NEW OVERSEER APPOINTED

Commissioners Name C. N. Walbert As Successor To Late Arnold Gulden At Poor Farm

C. N. Walbert was chosen by the board of county commissioners as successor to the late Arnold Gulden as overseer of the poor farm and his salary was set at \$52.50 per month out of which the new overseer must pay the hired girl generally employed at the poor farm.

The board also made quite a saving in the salary of the county physician over the amount paid out in former years. A few years ago the several physicians who were called to attend county patients drew something over \$2,000 for their services, but a year ago this was cut down to \$1,000 by the appointment of a county physician and the fixing of the salary at that figure.

This year the job of county physician went to the lowest bidder, Dr. J. H. Vogel, for \$250 per year, and he will have to attend to the calls in the first and third commissioner districts and furnish the necessary medicines.

The sum of \$500, was appropriated for the Brown County Agricultural Society for improvements contemplated at the fair grounds during the present year.

TURNVEREIN SELECTS STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the action taken at the recent state convention of the Minnesota Turnvereirk selecting the local Turnverein as the state central society, the following state central committee was elected at the meeting of the Turnverein last Saturday evening.

The society also decided to dispose of one of its lots on State street near the Union hospital, one of the members having made an offer which seemed fair and acceptable.

LAFAYETTE FARMER HAS MIX WITH BUZZ SAW.

While helping around a circular saw used for cutting wood on the S. M. Swenson farm in Lafayette last Wednesday, Chas. D. Erickson took on the saw for a one-round go. The result was a complete victory for the machine, and Mr. Erickson came off with a badly lacerated leg and foot.

The felt boot and rubber overshoe which he wore were cut into shreds and mixed with the flash and broken pieces of bone. The attending physician took twelve stitches to close the wound.

Although it will take Mr. Erickson a long time before he can again make any use of his leg it is not thought that there will be any more serious consequences or permanent disability.

'THE MAKING OF A NEW RACE', DR. GREYS TOPIC.

Last Monday evening at the German Methodist church of this city Dr. John Archer Grey of Jackson, Mich., delivered his lecture on "The Making of a New Race." Dr. Grey is well known here and a large number of people heard the lecture.

For several years Dr. Grey has been a close student of sociology, laying especial emphasis on the problems arising out of a class of people, popularly known as the "Hobo." The speaker said that to a large degree the "Hobo" class is a necessary product of conditions which exist in society and that therefore society has a duty to perform in trying to reclaim these unfortunates.

Great interest is being shown in these directions all over the country. In Minneapolis there is now in the process of construction what is called "Brotherhood Temple." The purpose of this Temple is to help the man who is down and out and to render him assistance in such a way that it will be of real and lasting benefit.

CREDIT BUREAU IS A VITAL NECESSITY

MILL CITY EXPERT EXPLAINS COMPLEX PROBLEM OF PROPER RATING.

LOCAL MERCHANTS WILL DISCUSS FORMATION OF CLUB NEXT FRIDAY.

No large business enterprise, either wholesale or retail, can get along or grow without a large amount of credit business, according to O. R. Parker, manager of the Minneapolis Credit and Rating Bureau, who spoke to the business men of New Ulm at the Commercial Club rooms last Friday evening.

A system of rating must be established which will minimize the losses incident to bad debts. A rating of that sort can not be established with any degree of reliability for all business men collectively but each individual business man must follow his own rules even after he has been notified of the fact that certain persons are slow pay or undesirable customers.

The giving of credit and the system of rating revolves around the three C's, capital, character and capacity. While the first probably is the first essential to the credit men, the character of the man asking for credit is really the thing that counts. A man may have an income say of \$3,000 a year. That would be his capital stock with which to do business with the merchants.

The speaker stated that one of the large department stores doing business in Minneapolis to the extent of over two million dollars a year has the credit rating down to such a fine point that their losses amount to less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.

Minneapolis has the matter of rating down to a science. When a new family takes up residence in the Mill City its record is immediately looked into before credit is asked for. The information is gathered from various sources, some from the banks and some from the record the family has left behind at its former place of residence.

Mr. Parker was in doubt as to how the merchants of New Ulm could proceed along this line as the city really is too small to employ a salaried secretary or manager and without this the scheme would be apt to prove a failure because the information gathered should be available at a moment's notice.

A plan was suggested to the business men present, however, and it is possible that this will be put into effect. A meeting of the business men of the city is called for next Friday evening at the rooms of the Commercial Club at which time the feasibility of organizing a credit and rating association will be thoroughly discussed.

An illustrated lecture on India will be given at the Congregational church next Sunday evening by Rev. Arthur McBride, who has made a first hand study of the subject, having been a resident of that country for a number of years. The lecture is free and the general public cordially invited.