

**ANOTHER RECITAL PROMISED.**

A number of prominent musicians and music lovers have been fortunate enough to receive invitations to a private hearing at Turner Theatre on the evening of October 10th of Miss Elizabeth Spencer, the popular New York Soprano, assisted by Mr. Abraham Bond, the violinist.

Miss Spencer is one of the most popular sopranos in New York but has not before had the opportunity to tour, as her work in collaboration with Mr. Thomas A. Edison and her engagements in New York have occupied much of her time.

Miss Spencer's wonderful wit and initiative not long ago quelled an almost certain panic amongst the audience as



well as the animals of a circus, held at Madison Square Gardens at New York City.

While Miss Spencer was watching the show, a herd of elephants became vicious and stampeded. The usual panic attacked the people. While Miss Spencer, quick of wit, jumped up and stood upon her seat, began in an easy flowing stream of mellow harmony, to sing "Silver Threads Among the Gold." The audience around her listened, an

struck by the beauty of her voice sat back in their seats and the trainers soon had the herd of elephants under control. Miss Spencer was the recipient of a beautiful present from the circus manager, and is today almost adored by the hundreds of parents who were there with their children.

Miss Spencer says that Heart Songs are her favorites. She honestly believes that they are the most appealing to most people. These songs seem to find a place in everybody's heart.

During her recital here, a number of these wonderful songs are on her concert program.

**GRAND OPERA SEASON**

The St. Paul Season of performances of the Ellis Opera Company will take place October 20th and 21st, at the St. Paul Auditorium, the only appearance in this section of the West.

"Carmen" will be presented October 20th, with Geraldine Farrar. Lucien Muratore, Helen Stanley, Clarence Whitehill, Rita Fornia, and Leon Rothier; and "II Trovatore" with Emmy Destinn, Morgan Kingston, Louise Homer, Giovanni Polese, Alma Peterson and Constantin Nicolay.

Seats are now on sale at Dyer Bros., St. Paul. Mail orders can be sent to Hiram D. Frankel, 713 Pioneer Bldg., St. Paul. Adv.

Tuesday morning 45 children of the Searles Catholic church were confirmed by Rt. Rev. James Trobec, Bishop of the St. Cloud diocese. High mass was celebrated at 9:30 with Rev. J. J. Tomak of Redwood Falls as celebrant. The sermon for the occasion was delivered by Bishop Trobec. He spoke in English and also in German. In the work of confirmation the Bishop was assisted by the following priests: Rev. Jos. F. Sodja, pastor of the Searles church; Rev. R. Schlinkert, and Rev. A. Schmidt, New Ulm; Rev. James Sklugasek, Marytown, Rev. Albert Zistovsky, Comfrey and Rev. John Wagner, Nicollet.

**BUSINESS CONTINUES STEADY.**

Fluctuations in the business of the banks of the county are indicated quite plainly by the statements of the banks as made to the Public Examiner every three months and in a way indicate the general trend of business in other lines. A comparison of the statements of March and June with the September statement shows that in March there was on deposit in the sixteen county banks the amount of \$6,589,798.14, in June \$6,475,788.77 and in September \$6,520,654.20. It will be seen that the March deposits were higher than those of June or September and that the June deposits were lower than those of September. This is probably only the normal decrease for the summer months occasioned by the withdrawal of funds for building and business expansion purposes and in September the upward movement again is manifested. The steadiness indicated by the figures tells quite plainly of solid business conditions throughout the county.

Bank	Resources	Deposits
Citizens' State Bank of New Ulm	\$1,931,005.18	\$1,765,560.50
First National Bank of Sleepy Eye	678,191.99	600,305.69
State Bank of Springfield	671,641.84	628,774.67
State Bank of Sleepy Eye	562,516.55	514,477.62
Farmers' & Merchants' State Bank of Sleepy Eye	513,288.27	478,599.19
State Bank of New Ulm	492,022.09	424,209.87
Brown County Bank of New Ulm	428,536.45	350,131.33
First National Bank of Springfield	394,949.35	332,449.35
Farmers' & Merchants' State Bank of New Ulm	381,930.11	321,040.14
State Bank of Hanska	283,547.42	244,822.56
First State Bank of Comfrey	269,451.61	239,451.61
Farmers' State Bank of Comfrey	253,344.04	226,344.04
State Bank of Evan	138,527.72	119,303.12
Security State Bank of Hanska	132,192.92	101,751.19
State Bank of Essig	109,680.79	97,472.69
State Bank of Cobden	87,960.63	75,960.63
Totals	\$7,328,786.96	\$6,520,654.20

**PIONEER NURSERY CO. FORGING AHEAD.**

Last week Prof. M. J. Dorsey, who is a grape specialist at the Minnesota University Farm, called on Mr. Pfander of the Pioneer Nursery Co. for the purpose of taking notes on a white wild grape Mr. Pfander found several years ago. Prof. Dorsey was anxious to see the original vine bearing these white grapes and Mr. Pfander accompanied him out into the woods where they found the vine in good condition with still some fruit on it.

There are very few grapes of this variety growing, but this one is of very fine quality and larger in berry and cluster than any other found so far. Mr. Pfander intends to use this as a foundation for crossing with some other white grape of large size to produce a white variety that will be hardy for the Northwest without winter protection, the same as hardy black grapes he now has, which are also a cross with a wild white sweet grape and the Concord.

Prof. Dorsey is very favorably impressed with the finding of this grape and the Experiment Station at the University Farm will also conduct a series of experiments along the line of producing a hardy white variety. It is conceded by all horticulturists new varieties of all fruit producing plants must be originated to withstand our severe Northwestern climatic conditions, and any addition along this line is looked into very carefully by the respective specialists at the Experiment Station.

Besides these hardy grapes, the Pioneer Nursery Co. has a number of new things that are of value for the Northwest generally, one of them being a very little known plum of very good quality and size and an annual bearer, known as the Emerald plum. The Pioneer Nursery Co. is building up a good reputation all over the Northwest.

**WIDOWS' PENSIONS INCREASED.**

Approximately 3500 widows of war veterans in Minnesota will gain increased pensions under the recently enacted Ashbrok law, which is to become effective at once.

The act increases their pensions, now \$12 a month each, to \$20 a month each, and includes widows of veterans of the war of 1812, Mexican war and civil war. The increase means about \$386,000 more a year for Minnesota widows.

Nearly all the Minnesota women affected are civil war widows, although there are a few Mexican war widows in the state and possibly a few whose late husbands were veterans of the war of 1812.

If married subsequent to the civil war, the widows must be more than 70 years old to be entitled to pensions. If married before or during the war, age makes no difference.

If a widow remarries, her pension stops, but under the new law payments are resumed if her second husband dies or if she obtains a divorce from him. If he obtains a divorce from her the pension is not restored. Under the old law pensions to widows stopped permanently upon remarriage.

The following widow pensioners in New Ulm may be affected by this new law: Mrs. Henrietta Heaunstein, Mrs. Maria Meile, Mrs. Johanna Everling, Mrs. Katherina Tauer, Mrs. Louisa Toberer, Mrs. Mary Meyer, Mrs. Andrew Hoffmann, Mrs. Katherina Merkle, Mrs. Caecilia Schilling, Mrs. Mary Julius, Mrs. Friedericke Walther, Mrs. Margaretha Wiedenmann, Mrs. Carrie Gerboth, Mrs. Kunigunde Fischer, and Mrs. Charles Bianchi.

**TO CONQUER THE MINNESOTA.**

For the first time in the history of the state there is an attempt to eliminate danger from high water throughout the valley of the Minnesota river. Many thousands of dollars are lost annually in this valley by high water. Farmers in the vicinity of New Ulm lost thousands of dollars and in the aggregate the losses sustained during the past 30 years run into the tens of thousands this spring because of the floods of the Minnesota.

The All Minnesota Development Association is making a study of these conditions and trying to secure a remedy. This organization would like to have individuals write the chairman of the committee having this matter in charge, Hon. A. L. Crocker, Plymouth building, Minneapolis, giving their opinion of this matter. Governor Burnquist is also a member of this committee and very enthusiastic over the project, since it means the conquering of floods and the reclamation of thousands of acres of land.

The All Minnesota Development Association has a plan for enlisting both state and federal aid in the proper storage of high water, and the finding of some appropriate outlet for the surplus water in the spring time. Thousands of drainage ditches which have outlets in the Minnesota river are the cause of this surplus, but since this is necessary the association will not consider the prohibiting of this. Other means will be found, possibly by means of a reservoir.

Action such as would produce the desired result would also aid in promoting an average stage of water and boating, swimming, fishing and other aquatic sports might be greatly enjoyed along the river all summer.

**JURYMEN OF NICOLLET CO.**

Nicollet County's fall term of the district court will convene at St. Peter, Monday, October 9th. The grand jury will meet at 11 o'clock a. m. of that day and the petit jury will report for duty at 11 o'clock Tuesday. The following jury men will serve at this term of court:

- Grand Jurors.**
- Peter Bolstad..... St. Peter
  - Henry Johnson..... Lafayette Village
  - Nic Reinhardt..... Courtland
  - B. M. Challstrom..... Bernadotte
  - John Liebl..... Ridgely
  - Frank Wilds..... North Mankato
  - George Schneider..... Oshawa
  - Frank Guggisberg..... Lafayette
  - Anton B. Maidl..... Brighton
  - A. M. Jensen..... St. Peter
  - G. A. Carlson..... St. Peter
  - Peter Slattum..... Lake Prairie
  - Ira J. Hensel..... North Mankato
  - J. W. Johannes..... Nicollet Village
  - John Bresnahan..... Oshawa
  - L. N. Schaefer..... Granby
  - Fred Kranz..... Nicollet
  - P. E. Thorson..... Lake Prairie
  - Geo. Palmer..... West Newton
  - Elias Peterson..... New Sweden
  - Theo. Holmberg..... Traverse
  - Wm. LaCroix..... St. Peter
  - M. Christofferson..... St. Peter
- Petit Jurors.**
- A. F. Dallmann..... Nicollet
  - Ole Fredrickson..... St. Peter
  - Frank Sommers..... Courtland
  - N. H. Swenson..... St. Peter
  - Jos. Kienlen..... West Newton
  - Herbert Samuelson..... Bernadotte
  - R. W. Lambertson..... St. Peter
  - Henry Diepolder..... Lafayette
  - Ernest Lippman..... West Newton
  - Wm. Page..... North Mankato
  - Theo. W. Knoll..... St. Peter
  - Wm. Pell..... Traverse
  - Solomon Swenson..... Lafayette Village
  - Leonard Giefer..... Brighton
  - Wilbur E. Doty..... St. Peter
  - Chas. Lind..... Belgrade
  - Chas. Bauermeister..... Ridgely
  - Aug. Wendelschaefer..... New Sweden
  - Jos. S. Nelson..... Lake Prairie
  - Wm. Witty..... Oshawa
  - Fred Wilking..... Granby
  - August Peterson..... Belgrade
  - Chas. Rudberg..... North Mankato
  - J. Emil Peterson..... Bernadotte
  - Gust Nelson..... Traverse
  - Geo. Woehler..... St. Peter
  - Wm. Genkel..... Courtland
  - John Stadick..... Lafayette
  - H. D. Rengsdorf..... Nicollet
  - Bengt Bengtson..... St. Peter

**HOW REDWOOD DOES IT.**

At a meeting held at the Commercial Club rooms last Wednesday it was decided that the Redwood County Fair Association should dispose of more stock, thereby giving more people an opportunity to have a share in this biggest public institution of the county, and to assist the Board of Directors in defraying the expense of the improvements which are constantly being made on the grounds, and in the conducting of the fairs which are giving Redwood County a statewide reputation.

Since 1912, the year the present association took up the work of carrying on the fairs, and purchased the present fair grounds, the sum of \$16,147.10 has been spent on grounds and improvements. Stock has been sold and collected amounting to \$5,226.37, and the indebtedness amounts to \$7,200. The net earnings of the fair, during the years from 1912 to the present amount to \$3,720.73. These figures show that the fair association is an earning proposition and that money spent for stock is money well invested for future returns as well as for present benefit.

**RUSHING HEATING PLANT**

So anxious are the Healy people to carry out their agreement to get heat thru the municipal pipes by the first of October that they were working hard all day Sunday. The big pipes are laid and the covering was going on fast near the station Sunday afternoon.

**COOKING SCHOOL AT ARMORY.**

The Calumet Baking Powder people are putting on a demonstration of the value of their product in producing high class cookery this week. A cooking school is in progress at the Armory four afternoons this week and one of the notables among those who will speak to the housewives who gather there will be Mrs. Marion Cole Fisher, the woman who made the wedding cake for President Wilson. Mrs. Fisher in private life is Mrs. W. A. Wittbecker, wife of the manager of the traveling crew who are demonstrating the Calumet product here. Mrs. Fisher is much better known under her own name as she has written various articles on household subjects and has been connected with several institutions which have courses in home economics and she therefore lectures under the name of Fisher. Both Mr. Wittbecker and his wife are very pleasant people to meet and the cooking school will no doubt afford pleasure as well as instruction to those who attend. There are several members in the demonstrating crew.

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