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LOCAL ASSOCIATION RESENTS CALUMNY

FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUNDS ARE HANDLED ACCORDING TO STATE LAW.

PROSPERITY CONTINUES WITH NEW ULM ASSOCIATION OF FIRE LADDIES.

The New Ulm Firemen's Relief Association continues in the same prosperous condition that it has maintained in the past, as was demonstrated by the annual report submitted by Secretary Alfred Schrock, at the annual meeting of the association Monday evening.

There are now 45 members, two having been admitted during the past year.

Members of the association take exception to a statement made by State Public Examiner Andrew E. Fritz in St. Paul recently, and published in the Twin City papers, in which the examiner is quoted as saying that practically every relief association in the state is violating the state law relative to the handling of funds. So far as the New Ulm organization is concerned, every dollar of the funds are handled strictly in accordance with terms as laid down by the law, is the claim of the officers. They feel that the public examiner should investigate all of the associations financial condition before making so broad an assertion as he has been given credit for. The treasurer of the local association is under bonds for \$10,000, while the secretary's bond is for \$1,000.

According to the secretary's report as made at Monday's meeting, on October 1, 1915, there was in the special fund \$8,289.68, and on September 30, 1916, the amount had increased by \$926.62, there being on hand on the latter date, \$9,216.30. The year's receipts of this fund were \$1,070.62, which included \$688.92, received from the state.

The receipts of the general fund were \$147.60, while the disbursements were \$192. Of this fund there was on hand on September 30, last, \$1,643.57.

At Monday's meeting the association re-elected the following officers for the coming year:

President, Charles Brust, Jr.
Vice President, Fred Oswald.
Secretary, Alf. Schrock.

Treasurer, Emil Wicherski.

Trustees, John Herzog, Fred Pfaender, William H. Gieseke, Frank Niemann.

It was decided to hold the regular annual banquet some time during the fall.

At the regular meeting of the New Ulm Fire department held before the Relief Association meeting, Chief Henry Engel was recommended for re-appointment by the city council.

DITCH PETITION REJECTED.

At a meeting of the Brown County Commissioners Monday the petition relative to county ditch No. 40, was rejected. The petition called for the tiling of ditch No. 13, involving about six miles in Home township.

The objection found by the commissioners was that the description of the line of route was insufficient. The petition was signed by Elizabeth A. Martine, Edward F. Berkner, Alfred A. Berkner and W. C. Miller. About twenty residents of the town of Home were at the meeting to oppose the petition.

The commissioners will hold a meeting next Friday, October 6, to consider a petition relative to ditch No. 41, in the townships of Leavenworth and Burnstown.

STATE TAX LEVY.

County Auditor L. G. Vogel has received from the state auditor notice relative to the state tax levy, which will amount to a total of 3.03 mills on this year's assessed valuation of property, in figuring the taxes which become due January, 1917.

The general state taxes amount to 2.02 mills and are divided as follows. The rates below are given in decimal fractions of a dollar:

State Revenue	00100
State Road & Bridge	00100
Soldiers Relief Fund	00010
State Prison Fund	00015
The National Guard	00003
Educational Building	00012
Historical Society	00001
Itasca Park Fund	00001

State General Tax Levy00242
In addition the state levies a one mill tax for the support of the public

schools of the state, the proceeds of the one mill tax in each district going to the treasury of that district. The state also levies a tax of .23 of a mill which goes to the support of the State University making a total state levy for education of .00123 on every dollar of assessed valuation in the state.

The state also levies a tax of one-twentieth of a mill or .00005 on each dollar of assessed valuation for the teacher's pension fund. This makes the total state tax levy .00371.

In addition the commissioners of each county will make a tax levy for the county, and the council of each village or city will make a levy for the village or city. In common school districts the voters at the annual meeting make the levy for the school district. In independent districts the levy is made by the school board.

FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT.

A. C. Anderson, a Lambertson real estate man, was killed last Thursday afternoon, when his automobile turned turtle on the road north of Revere, Redwood county. Mr. Anderson was riding in the car with his three children, none of whom were injured. The car was being driven by Arthur Anderson, a 14-year old boy, at the time of the accident.

NORTHFIELD PLANS CONGO CONFERENCE

CHURCH AND COLLEGE UNITE IN ANNIVERSARY MEET AT CARLETON.

INSTITUTION FOUNDED FIFTY YEARS AGO.—CHAPEL TO BE DEDICATED.

F. H. Krook was chosen by the Congregational church as delegate to the State Conference of Churches to be held next week at Northfield. The conference will last nearly a week and will include the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Carleton College when the new chapel of the college and a new organ will be dedicated. Several young people go from New Ulm every year to continue their education at Carleton and the celebration will therefore be of interest to a number of parents whose young people are now at school at Northfield.

The commemoration-conference week will begin Sunday, October 8th, with the dedication of the Skinner Memorial chapel. Monday's special event will be the dedication of the chapel organ and a recital will be given by W. Lynnwood Farnam of Boston, organist of Emmanuel Episcopal church in Boston. A dinner has been arranged for Monday also at which the Minnesota Congregational Club will be guests.

Tuesday and Wednesday will be given over to the deliberative sessions of the conference, with continuous work mornings, afternoons and evenings.

Thursday the commemorative services begin. The history of Carleton College since its founding will be reviewed. These sessions will be notable from the large number of college presidents who will be present from all over the United States. Among them will be President Eaton of Beloit, President Maine of Grinnell, President King of Oberlin, President Vincent of Minnesota, President Burton of Smith, President Slocum of Colorado and President Lowell of Harvard. Many of these famous men will deliver addresses Thursday and Friday.

A foot-ball game with Malcaester will follow the serious work and a banquet at 6:30 Friday with a program of speeches will conclude the week's gatherings.

SKAT CLUB ORGANIZES.

New Ulm's skat club had their first fall session at Turner Hall Monday evening which was well attended. Six tables played and the prizes were won as follows: 1st prize, Albert Haag, 16 net games; 2nd prize, Ernst Wicherski, 719 net points; 3rd prize, Max Burg, grande against four; special prize, John Backer, high play. After the session was over, a business meeting was held and new officers elected. The newly elected officers are Otto Oswald, Pres.; Barney Esser, Vice Pres.; Anton S. Dorn, Secy.; John Backer, Treas.; Robert Williams, skatmeister. The annual dues were fixed at 50c per annum. There will be weekly meetings, and Monday evening has been selected for the meeting night. The sessions will begin not later than 8 o'clock. Attorney Storning of Tyler and Julius Krause of Cobden were outside visitors at Monday's session.

BIG RECLAMATION PROJECT PLANNED

RECOVERY OF UNDRAINED LANDS DECLARED PARAMOUNT AT MEETING.

ALL MINNESOTA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION TO ASK FROM LEGISLATURE.

The Minnesota legislature which convenes in January next will be asked to appropriate money for a survey of the undrained lands in Northern Minnesota. This was decided at a meeting last Saturday of the All Minnesota Development association at the State capitol. The meeting was called by A. L. Crocker of Minneapolis, chairman of the reclamation, drainage and flood committee of the association.

Flood relief, drainage of the low lands and reclamation of more than half the area of the state were declared the paramount problem before the commonwealth.

Attorney General Smith was commissioned to draw a bill to be presented to the legislature providing for a topographical survey of the state, and if possible, for hydrographic, soil, water and water power surveys as well.

It was estimated by some of these present that the survey would cost about \$200,000, while Dr. F. W. Sardeson of the state and federal geological survey estimated that a thorough undertaking of this kind would cost at least \$4,000,000.

The proposal for such a bill to come before the legislature followed a general discussion of the state's drainage needs in which the main point of agreement appeared to be that these needs should be determined from an engineering standpoint and then a state-wide program be formulated for meeting them, as against sectional or local programs.

The problems involved, it was stated, were not intrastate, by any means, but that both North and South Dakota were affected by the same conditions that troubled Northwestern and Central Minnesota. They went even farther, it was asserted, in the fact that Canada was involved on the northern border, which made the question international and called for consideration by the International Joint commission.

Dr. Sardeson outlined a scheme for flood relief in the lower Minnesota River valley which called for connecting the drainage area of Red Lake and the Red Lake river with that of the Minnesota river. By impounding the waters of Red lake and its basin, he said, the flows west and south into the Minnesota river could be so regulated as to keep a mean annual flow in the lower Minnesota, thus keeping the channel open at all seasons to accommodate the discharge of its own tributaries.

"In South Central Minnesota," said Dr. Sardeson, "where land values are high and it becomes necessary to make every acre productive, tilling and drainage on a large scale must be carried on. In the Minnesota valley alone close to \$20,000,000 in the next 20 years for drainage projects will be needed. A like amount will be needed for an equal area in upper Minnesota."

"The problem of reclamation is a big one in upper Minnesota. Forests, swamp land and muskeg are preventing rapid settlement and there drainage must precede and not follow settlement."

WATONWAN FAIR HAD HARD LUCK.

While the Watonwan County Fair association is somewhat crippled, owing to the rainy weather during the progress of the fair, it is still very much alive, according to the St. James Independent. The attendance this year was cut down to one-third of what it would have been had the weather been more favorable, an official of the association is credited with saying.

The receipts, meager as they were, were seized by a creditor to satisfy a note for \$800, leaving the board short of money to pay the current expenses. To relieve the situation, however, twenty-five business men and farmers advanced \$100 each, placing the association in shape to care for all pending bills.

A proposition is up to the voters of Watonwan county to authorize the county commissioners to appropriate 1-4 of one mill tax to pay the present indebtedness, which now amounts to the \$2,500 advanced by the citizens of St. James and the county.

The Epworth Leaguers of the German Methodist church will hold their annual election Friday evening of this week.

BOARD IS PUZZLED OVER PHONE RATES

STATE R. AND W. COMMISSION MUST MEET PECULIAR SITUATION.

RURAL COMPANIES UNABLE TO ADOPT ADEQUATE SCHEDULE FOR SUBSCRIBERS.

The Minnesota Railroad and Warehouse commission is face to face with a somewhat puzzling situation in the rural telephone field. Of late there has been brought to the attention of the commission from various parts of the state a condition that requires immediate remedy.

The condition arises from the failure of the rural companies in the first instance to adopt a schedule of rates that would carry their burdens. The situation is very similar to the one that the fraternal insurance orders were called upon to face some years ago and which all but disrupted some of them. In order to make their insurance departments attractive certain orders adopted a set of rates which later proved inadequate. The inevitable result was that they were compelled to raise their rates not only high enough to meet the obligations of the order but to cover the deficiencies of the period of low rates. The only other alternative was a dissolution of the order and the partition of the assets among the members of good standing. The majority raised the rates and gradually are getting on their feet again.

In like manner scores of rural telephone companies in Minnesota, and of course elsewhere, fixed their rates without regard to the day of reckoning. No provision was made for depreciation or to meet obligations. The subscribers obtained of course telephone service at a very moderate figure and were pleased accordingly. But the future is not so bright judging from many of the communications received by the Commission.

An instance is furnished by a telephone concern with a plant valued at about \$25,000 and serving 450 subscribers in one of the best known farming sections of the state. The secretary of the company writes that the plant almost has outlived its usefulness and unless reconstructed the cost of maintenance will be in excess of the earnings. It is suggested that the Commission make an investigation of the entire situation, including an examination of the books and an inspection of the plant, and propose a table of charges that will be fair to all concerned. Otherwise, writes the secretary, the company will be wrecked, the subscribers deprived of their telephone service and the stockholders liable for assessments to liquidate the obligations of the company.

"This is an unfortunate condition," said a member of the Commission, "but we are quite helpless. We can send men out to make investigations with a view of ascertaining the reasonableness of rates, but hardly to advise local companies what rates to charge. Such a duty was not contemplated by the legislature and the amount of the legislative appropriation for the maintenance of the newly created telephone department would preclude any such action."

"Telephone companies should obtain rates to cover operating expenses, taxes

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LIBERAL CONFERENCE AT HANSKA.

An elaborate program has been prepared for the Liberal Conference to take place at the Nora church in Hanska next Thursday and Friday, October 5 and 6.

Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the first session will be held, Rev. Elmer S. Forbes of Boston, delivering the principal address. The Rev. Mr. Forbes is secretary of the Department of Social Service of the American Unitarian society. On the same evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, a conference service will be held at Union hall. Rev. Richard W. Burton, pastor of the Church of Unity, Buffalo, N. Y., will preach. Unity choir will furnish the music.

Friday forenoon's session will take place at Nora church, while the afternoon session will be held in the hall from 2 to 4:30 o'clock. Following this a reception with lunch will be given in the hall. Lunch will be served from 5:30 to 7:30. Members of Union Orchestra will play.

A platform meeting will be held at 8 o'clock Friday evening at the hall. The following speakers are to give addresses:

Rev. Ernest C. Smith of Chicago, secretary of the Western Unitarian conference; Rev. Walter A. Smith of St. Cloud, and Rev. Richard W. Boynton of Buffalo, N. Y.

Thursday at 12:30 p. m. a dinner will be served to the visiting delegates and members, at the church grounds.

The general public is invited to attend the services at the church and hall.

HEATING PLANT NOT YET READY

The municipal heating plant will be completed in every detail by October 15th according to W. A. Rupea superintendent for the Healy Plumbing & Heating company of St. Paul, which is installing the plant.

"We could turn on the steam at any time, now," said Mr. Rupea, "but few of the buildings have been connected up to receive it."

The Corn Belt Publisher, official organ of the Iowa Press association, has just made its appearance. G. L. Caswell of Dennison, Iowa, is the editor. It contains sixteen pages, devoted to the doings of editors, publishers and press associations, especially pertaining to its own state.

SECURES RELEASE FROM BORDER DUTY

SERGT. WM. PFEIFFER RETURNS TO NEW ULM FROM THE TEXAS BORDER.

MAJ. PFAENDER ALSO EXPECTS TO SECURE FURLOUGH. ALL ARE WELL.

When "Big Bill" Pfeiffer loomed up on the horizon Tuesday morning in New Ulm it was generally supposed that he represented the vanguard of the returning boys from the front but according to what Bill says there is little likelihood of the others getting home in time for Thanksgiving Day altho he said that when he left all of them were figuring hopefully on getting back by the 15th of this month. Pfeiffer said that he thought so too until he got to Fort Snelling and saw the preparations there to send more men to the front. In his opinion the rest of the Minnesota troops will still be in the Sunny South when a spring returns to the land.

Pfeiffer secured his release from the service because of his dependent family and left Texas last Wednesday morning, arriving in New Ulm Monday night. He says that Minnesota looks plenty good enough for him and that he has no intention of turning around and going back to the border right away. The men all sent messages that they were well and getting along O. K. but that all would be mighty glad to get back home again. Lieut. Puhlmann and Sergt. Christiansen who recently underwent operations for appendicitis have fully recovered and are again on duty. Capt. Groebner and Lieut. Klause have also been released from the hospital where they had been confined on account of slight attacks of malarial fever. Only one other man of the Company was afflicted with malaria, Holcomb of Springfield being the third victim of the "shakes".

Major Pfaender had put in an application for a month's furlough the day that Pfeiffer left Llano Grande and hoped to be able to secure leave of absence in order to be home for the fall term of court in Brown County. Pfeiffer said that the Major hoped to take his family South with him on his return to spend the winter. All that would look as tho the men's stay might be prolonged.

GERMAN LECTURER ENGAGED.

Thursday evening, Nov. 2nd, Dr. Urban, German poet and journalist will speak at the high school auditorium on subjects relating to German Literature. Dr. Urban is a lecturer for the Central Bund. The lecture will be given under private auspices and the public is cordially invited to attend.

INJUNCTION IS SUSTAINED

Sheriff C. H. Curtis, of Lincoln county, has been restrained from locking several county officers' but of their quarters, which they occupy in the jail building. A temporary injunction granted by Judge I. M. Olsen several months ago has been sustained by the state supreme court, in a decision handed down last Friday.

KELLOGG AND BEDE HEARD AT ARMORY

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE MILD IN HIS CRITICISM OF DEMOCRATS.

DISCUSSES MILITARY, NAVAL AND INDUSTRIAL PREPARED- NESS AFTER WAR.

Hon. Frank B. Kellogg of St. Paul began his speech before the Republican mass meeting at the Armory, Monday evening by saying that he might not be so well known to many of his audience but that New Ulm was not new to him. In fact, he said, he came here some thirty-five years ago from Rochester, with the intention of opening a law office. "I was a young lawyer, then," he continued, "with the whole world before me. New Ulm then was quite a ways into the frontier."

Mr. Kellogg's address, while Republican and espousing the cause of his party throughout, was exceedingly temperate in tone.

"While I am a Republican from the bottom of my heart," he said, "I do not and never did believe in placing party above duty to my country."

Discussing the preparedness question, Mr. Kellogg said that this country should not only be so prepared from a military and naval standpoint, that it might be able to repulse an invading foe, but above all and of more importance is industrial preparedness.

"This country does not need a large army nor an overwhelming navy," he declared. "What we want and must have is a military and naval strength to protect our sea coasts and our borders from invasion and for the protection of our citizens and their property, whether at sea, at home, or in foreign lands. The people of this country never will go to war for conquest."

Discussing industrial preparedness the speaker warned his hearers that all of the warring nations will be prepared at the end of hostilities to put up a still more aggressive battle for the commerce of the world, and will fight to regain and control the markets, not only of their own possessions, but for those of South America and even in the United States. "Any person," he said, "who believes that Germany is bankrupt, or even crippled by reason of her great expenditures during the war is greatly mistaken. The fact is that she has borrowed all of the money so far expended in hostilities from her own people, which has been paid back to them for farm produce, for clothing, and for munitions with which to feed, clothe and equip her great army. The same is partially true of the allied nations."

"And as for England," he continued, "do you know that she has been building ships since hostilities began so rapidly that with all of her losses she now has a

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LONG LITIGATION SETTLED.

The litigation which has been pending between Joseph and Edward Engesser for two years has been settled out of court at St. Peter.

By the terms of the agreement the holdings of the brothers are divided. Edward acquiring full possession of the brewery property in St. Peter, while Joseph obtains various other items of real estate and personal property in that city, formerly held by the brothers in partnership.

Of the case the St. Peter Herald says: "The brewery and other interests had been held by the partnership of Engesser Brothers since about 1890, having passed to them from their father Mathew Ehgesser, one of the pioneers of St. Peter. The senior Engesser came to St. Peter in the early 60's and not only was he a pioneer in a personal sense, but the brewery is an old landmark of the city. Engesser Brothers operated the brewery for nearly a quarter of a century."

"About January 1, 1915, differences of opinion as to the management and general conduct of the business arose. At first of a trivial nature, they finally developed into trouble of a nature which made the appointment of a receiver seem advisable. Shortly after this date the Mankato Loan & Trust Company of Mankato was appointed a receiver to conduct the business of the partnership. Prior to this, action had been begun by Edward Engesser against Joseph Engesser, which in the course of legal procedure was postponed several times until the action was at last set for Sept. 14 of this year, at a special session of the court held for that action."