

## HOME-MAKERS AND FARMERS TO MEET

FULL WEEK OF AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCES TO BE HELD IN JANUARY

PROMINENT MEN AND WOMEN TO BE ON UNIVERSITY FARM PROGRAM

Farmers' and Home-Makers' Week will begin on Monday, January 1, 1917, and end Saturday, January 6, at the University Farm School, St. Paul. Last year more than 1,200 farmers and home-makers participated in the week of study of practical and scientific methods of their calling.

Men of local, state and national reputation will participate in the demonstrations, discussions, lectures and conferences regarding the practical and scientific features of farming. The subjects to be covered are varied, each being of special interest. They will include farm crops, farm management and soils; dairy and animal husbandry; horticulture, botany and entomology; agricultural engineering; poultry and bees; veterinary science; rural credits.

### Farm Credits a Feature.

The last named subject is to be given special prominence at the conference informing to the farmer how best to use rural credits. Detailed information is to be given to those present on how to improve one's personal credit under the Federal Farm Loan Act, and how to organize a federal farm loan association.

The women at the conference will have equal opportunity as the men in studying the best methods for improving their homes. Home-Makers' Week furnishes the opportunity for women from the farm, town and city to unite their efforts. Every woman interested in better things for her own home and family, or for those of her neighborhood will find a combination of the practical and scientific well worth possessing.

Among the things to be discussed during the week will be the principles of nutrition, the most scientific action of foods in the body, and the food needed to maintain the body, and the comparative cost and value of typical foods.

Other subjects of no less, value and probably even more interesting and instructive will be the following:

### Many Subjects Discussed.

Larger problems in food preparation; textiles, problems in clothing construction; taste in dress and in house furnishing; child welfare; the cost of food and the family budget; home care of the sick. All of these subjects will be treated in lectures and at conferences to be held during the week.

Besides class work there will be conferences, evening programs and entertainments of unusual interest and value.

Women living either in the country or city will find much to interest and instruct them by attending the week's conference at the University Farm.

### SLEEPY EYE IS SUED.

Vincent Zemler, a farmer near Sleepy Eye, has brought suit in the Brown County District Court against the city of Sleepy Eye, to force that municipality to cease emptying its sewage into its septic tank located on Mr. Zemler's farm, two miles south of town. Mr. Zemler claims the odor from the tank renders his farm an unhealthy place to live and that he will be obliged to leave it with his family if the tank is allowed to remain there. Also that its presence has depreciated the value of his property. The case will be tried at the December term.

### TWO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS CARRIED

Only two of the amendments to the State Constitution out of the eight submitted to the voters at the last election, received votes enough for their adoption. They were the first and second. The first, which related to the improvement of state lands, to be sold to settlers, borrowing money for this improvement from the school funds, received over 38,000 more votes than was necessary for its adoption, while the second amendment had scarcely 3,000 to the good.

The other six amendments were decisively defeated, although all of them had a majority of the "yes" vote over "no".

The first amendment received 240,977 votes to 58,102 against it. While 211,501 voted for the second, 56,148 cast their ballots the other way.

The largest vote recorded against

any of the amendments was that relating to enlarging the State Supreme Court, which was opposed by 108,003 while 130,307 voted for it. The fact that the amendment was so strongly opposed is taken as an indication that many people who voted against it had not taken the time or trouble to study it thoroughly, or even at all, before going to the polls. This belief is gained because its adoption would not have added a dollar to the expense of the state, as it merely provided for making the two Supreme Court Commissioners into Justices.

### M. & ST. L. CONDUCTOR DIES.

George Elmer, a passenger conductor on the M. & St. L. railway for the past thirty years, and for a long time running between the Twin Cities and Watertown, S. D., died at his home in St. Paul last week, from a paralytic stroke. He had just arrived home from his run when he was stricken and died within a short time. Mr. Elmer, who was 78 years old, was well known all over the M. & St. L. system, and had many friends.

## THANKSGIVING DAY CHURCH SERVICES

NOT MANY FESTIVITIES ARE PLANNED FOR THE COMING HOLIDAY

USUAL CHURCH SERVICES AND FEW SOCIAL GATHERINGS FOR DAY

Thanksgiving day promises to be a rather quiet holiday in New Ulm this year. It is said that owing to an unusual amount of sickness in the city at the present time much of the contemplated entertaining by New Ulm hosts will be dispensed with.

### Union Church Services

The usual church services will be held. Four Protestant congregations, the Congregational, the Methodist, the Bethel and Friedens will join in Union services at the latter house of worship on North State street, the pastor, Rev. George Mayer, preaching the sermon, while Rev. C. Hohn, Rev. E. F. Wheeler and Rev. H. F. Schlaak will assist in the services.

High mass will be celebrated at the Holy Trinity Catholic church, at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. A Thanksgiving sermon will be preached on that occasion. Rev. Father Schlinkert will officiate at the services.

Special Thanksgiving services will be held at the Lutheran church at 10:30 o'clock, when an appropriate sermon will be preached by Rev. C. J. Albrecht.

### Program at Schools.

A short program will be given at the Lincoln school this afternoon. The students in the other ward schools are preparing their Christmas program, and did not wish to take the time for a Thanksgiving program. All the schools were given their preference relative to a Thanksgiving or a Christmas program, and only the Lincoln young folk chose the former.

A program of songs, poems and instrumental music will be given at the Catholic school this afternoon.

The usual Thanksgiving dinner will be served the students of the Dr. Martin Luther college, the ladies of the church providing the dinner.

### HANDSOME NEW BLOCK.

The Weiser block, corner of Minnesota and North Second streets, is nearly completed, and many of the office suites on the second floor are already occupied. Those who are now occupying offices in the new building are: Attorney Alf. W. Mueller and Dr. H. C. Edmeston, osteopath physician. County Attorney Adolph Frederickson expects to move here from Springfield soon and will also have a suite on the same floor. The first floor is to be used as a fruit and confectionary store and will be ready for the tenants within a short time. The front suite on the second floor will be occupied by the New Ulm Savings & Loan Association.

The building, which is constructed of rough faced brick with gray sandstone trimmings, is one of the handsomest and most substantial in the city.

Representative-elect A. J. Praxel was in the city from Lambertton Sunday, having arrived Saturday evening.

Two dances are scheduled for Thursday evening, one at Turner Hall and the other at the Armory.

## BIG TURKEY SHOOT GIVES FAIR BOOST

BROWN COUNTY ASSOCIATION OVER \$350 RICHER BY AFFAIR

TURKEYS, DUCKS AND GEESSE DISPOSED OF BY SCORES AT ARMORY

More people attended the big turkey shooting tournament and deer raffle at the Armory last Sunday than ever before, and more money secured for the benefit of the Brown County Agricultural Association than on any previous similar occasion. The association is richer by the affair by somewhere between \$350 and \$400, and besides that all who attended were rewarded with the time of their lives, and many of them a bird, besides.

### Many Strangers Present.

The attendance was not confined to New Ulm nor Brown county. They came in droves and bunches. Springfield, Hanska, Sleepy Eye and nearly every township in the county were well represented; then they were here from Madelia, Gibbon, Fairfax and Nicollet and a good many of them took a turkey home with them.

The deer, which was donated by the Schell Brewing Company, went to C. D. Antritter, manager of the Hart Lumber Company, who held the lucky number, 756. Besides the deer, which was a fine buck, there were ninety turkeys, fifty-five ducks and twenty geese disposed of. Out of town people took their birds home with them, while those won in the city were delivered to the lucky ones yesterday afternoon.

The total receipts were \$750, and after the expenses have been paid the balance will be turned over to the treasurer of the fair organization. It is believed to be well over \$350. The net receipts are said by the officials to be at least \$100 more than was realized last year.

The plan of holding the shoot in the Armory is considered a most happy one by the promoters, it being proven that not only more people attended, but they remained longer and enjoyed themselves much more. Music was furnished during the afternoon by William Winkelmann on the piano. The shooting began at 1 p. m. and lasted until nearly 6 o'clock.

The men having the affair in charge, and their lieutenants had been busy for several days scouring the country for turkeys, ducks and geese and in view of the scarcity of fowls of this class this year it was not an easy task to perform.

### Proceeds to County Fair.

The shoot and raffle is an annual affair, the entire proceeds of which are always donated to the fair association, which an assistance of no small proportions, and officers always appreciate the assistance that is given it in a financial way.

The success of this year's shooting tournament will probably settle the question of location and it will most likely be held in the Armory in all the years to come.

Many of those from a distance Sunday announced their determination to attend all future affairs of the kind here.

### MINNEAPOLIS CITIZEN, WELL KNOWN HERE, DIES

Many New Ulm citizens were shocked Saturday, to learn of the death of Christ A. Boehme, the prominent Minneapolis architect, which occurred suddenly at his home in that city last Friday. Mr. Boehme was preparing to leave for his office, when he was stricken with apoplexy and died as his wife entered the room.

Mr. Boehme had apparently been in perfect health at breakfast. Thursday evening he attended a meeting of a commercial club near his home, and was in his usual spirits.

Mr. Boehme was a leader in community activities on the north side, where he resided, and was a candidate for park commissioner at the last election. He was deeply interested in civic and commercial questions and was one of the best known architects in that city. He was a native of Minneapolis, and was born on the east side 51 years ago.

He was an active Turner, and a member of the St. Anthony Turning Society of Minneapolis. He had often visited this city and was well known here, especially in Turning circles. The funeral was held at Minneapolis Monday, Capt. Albert Steinhauer of this city, delivering the address at the services.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Henry Lysne, a son, Lubin and a younger daughter, Sidonia.

## UPS AND DOWNS OF LIVING COST MANY

PRICES OF MOST COMMODITIES WERE VERY LOW CENTURY AGO

INTERESTING ITEMS FOUND IN SCRAP BOOK KEPT BY NEW ULM MAN

New Ulm folks, who feel that the high cost of living has about reached the limit, will read with a good deal of interest how things were in the "good old days." A hundred years ago that present vexing question evidently didn't worry the laboring man very much—not so much as now, at least. However, at that time the wages he received would be considered pretty small in these days of labor unions, strikes and lockouts.

T. Crone, of Crone Brothers' Department Store, has an interesting scrap book, in which he keeps up-to-date everything interesting. Among the items to be found are those pertaining to prices of pretty nearly every commodity extending way back beyond the beginning of Mr. Crone's business life, even to a good many years before he was born. Mr. Crone's father established one of the first, if not the first, general store in New Ulm, way back in 1857, long before there was a railroad anywhere in this part of the state.

### Letter Postage Was High.

The greatest cost to the public a hundred years ago was letter postage. By a perusal of Mr. Crone's scrap book it is learned that shoes for adults in 1813 cost \$1.20 a pair and for children, 50 cents. Trousers then sold at 33 cents a pair and suspenders were 43 cents. Sugar was higher then than now, as the retail price was 20 cents a pound and two years later it sold for 27 cents. Potatoes were 30 cents a bushel, and the price of a coffin was \$7.50. The postage on a letter in those days was 25 cents and was collected on delivery. Postage stamps had not come into use at that time.

Tea, like sugar, was much higher than now, a pound costing \$1.02. Farm labor was 50 cents a day, except in harvest time, when 60 cents was paid.

Eggs brought from 6 to 12 cents a dozen and butter was from 10 to 12 cents a pound. Meats were exceedingly cheap in those days, pork being 4 cents a pound; veal 5 cents and beef 6 cents.

### Old Ledger Tells Story.

The above prices were gleaned from an old ledger kept by a merchant named David C. Kulp, who conducted a general store at Kulpville, Penn. Mr. Kulp was the founder of Kulpville, and was engaged in business there from 1813 to 1834.

Mr. Kulp included in his business all sorts of "side lines," as they would be called in these days. According to the old ledger he charged 30 cents for cutting a pair of trousers and that he "made a new frock for Polly Rinewalt" for 31 cents. He also received 40 cents for "altering a bonnet."

Since then there have been many ups and downs in the prices of merchandise.

It was in Civil War times that the cost of living hit the high spots, especially when it came to the purchase of anything in the line of clothing or dry goods.

In Mr. Crone's scrap book is found a price list issued by John V. Farwell of Chicago, now the John V. Farwell Company, in August, 1864.

Prints that now sell, wholesale at from 4 1/2 to 9 cents, then were from 45 to 50 cents a yard. Unbleached sheeting that is now around 8 or 10 cents was then 72 1/2 cents. Other prices were in proportion.

### Flour At \$15 a Barrel.

Along about that time grain was very high, and continued to rise until in the late sixties. In 1864 flour was \$9.50 a barrel in the Twin Cities and in 1867 spring wheat flour sold in the Chicago market at from \$12.50 to \$15 a barrel.

Fifty years ago this Thanksgiving cut sugar was 20 cents a pound, or those who contented themselves with the "half bleached" or brown kind, paid 16 or 16 cents. The coffee itself ranged from 45 to 60 cents a pound, the best Mocha costing the latter price.

Pork then was 10 cents a pound and beef 18 to 20 cents. Chickens were 22 cents a pound, and no turkeys to be had, but many Minnesota families in those days substituted venison for their Thanksgiving feast, because that was sold on the market at 8 cents a pound for the best cuts. There were no game laws nor game warden to worry the hunter in those days.

cheaper than it had been before. In fact it had not been used very many years then.

With the high prices in those days for most all commodities labor was much cheaper than now. The housewife was able to secure "competent kitchen help" at \$1.25 a week, and skilled carpenters received \$1.25 a day. Other tradesmen received pay in proportion.

### Prices Again Sag

A few years later prices began to sag again—after the effects of the war had subsided—and within a comparatively short time got almost below normal.

The chef of the Palmer House cafe in Chicago says that about forty-five years ago flour took a jump from \$2 to \$2.30 a barrel and people began to "howl" about the high cost of living. The chef says, according to an item found in Mr. Crone's scrap book, they were paying 25 cents a bushel for potatoes and 5 cents a dozen for eggs and thought them "steep."

Twenty-five years ago in Minneapolis, boiling beef was 4 cents a pound; pot roast 6 cents; shoulder roast, 7 cents, and

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## TO PUSH SALE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS

NEW ULM PEOPLE WILL HAVE A HAND IN BUYING RED CROSS STICKERS

STATE HEALTH BOARD OPENS CAMPAIGN TO FIGHT THE WHITE PLAGUE

Red Cross Christmas Seals will be offered in New Ulm this year for the first time. Dr. O. J. Seifert, local health commissioner has received from the Minnesota Public Health Association, successor to the Minnesota Association for the Relief of Tuberculosis, 30,000 Red Cross Seals, the number allotted to this city, in the annual campaign for their sale, which opened last week. The association is the campaign manager for the sale of the seals.

Dr. Seifert expects to take the matter up with the Commercial Club, and other organizations in the hope that their sales may be pushed to as large an extent as possible.

### To Fight Tuberculosis.

The object of the sale of the Red Cross Seals is to obtain money to be used for the benefit of tuberculosis persons for direct relief, prevention and educational work conducive to relief or prevention. Of the popularity of seals the Public Health Association Journal says:

"Every year increases the popularity of these little educators and holiday makers; they never fail to gain attention, sympathy and service."

Fifty per cent of the Seal receipts may be used locally for approved anti-tuberculosis work provided the net proceeds amount to at least \$50.

For each 6,000 seals sold, that is for each \$30 raised, the town or county will be entitled to an experienced nurse for medical school supervision, or a tuberculosis survey, or infant welfare work, or all these combined, will be furnished free with all necessary supplies, including all expenses, for one week.

A physician experienced in all branches of public health work for a sanitary survey, or medical school supervision, or infant welfare work, or all these combined will be furnished free for one week with all necessary supplies, to any town or county for every 15,000 seals sold, or for each \$75 raised for the local fund.

Both a physician and a nurse will be furnished on a pro rata basis as stated above.

### Seals to Be Sold By Mail.

Dr. I. J. Murphy, executive secretary of the association in charge of sale of seals, announces that the mails will be utilized this year in the work, to a greater extent than ever before. He says:

"A special feature of the campaign this year will be in the rural districts. All of the 1,000 farmers' clubs of the state will be sent supplies. All of the rural teachers will be sent seals and a special health story for children.

"This year nearly all the local campaign managers will use the mail sale method in their districts. In the localities where this was tried last year, most of the professional and business men wrote the campaign manager, that they preferred to receive their seals by mail. Some of them were so pleased with this method that they sent a check of from \$5 to \$10 for the \$1 worth of seals received."

## HEATING COMPANY TO ACCEPT PLANT

DIRECTORS INSPECT PROPERTY AND FIND EVERYTHING IN GOOD SHAPE

CITY TO BECOME OWNER WHEN EARNINGS HAVE REACHED PRICE

Directors of the New Ulm Heating Company Monday forenoon made an inspection of the municipal heating plant, just completed in this city, by the Healy Heating & Plumbing Company of St. Paul. The board will meet today and formally accept the plant. In the inspection members of the board said the work had been done in a perfectly satisfactory manner, excepting a very few minor details, which however, had no connection with the plant, or its workings. Charles Foster, a representative of the Charles L. Pillsbury Engineering Company of Minneapolis, who superintended the work on behalf of the heating company, will be here today, when the formal acceptance is made.

### To Become City Property.

The cost of the plant, including a number of extras ordered after the contract had been awarded, will be about \$25,000. Eventually it will be turned over, by the company, to the city. It will, however, be operated by the heating company until the surplus earnings have reached a sufficient sum to repay the stockholders. Under the arrangements, after the interest on the money invested has been paid, together with the running expenses, which are very light, the surplus is to be turned into a fund with which to purchase it, when it will become the property of the city.

Within a short time practically all of the business places on Minnesota street, between Center and North Second streets will be connected up. For several weeks plumbers have been busy making the connections, but considerable time is required for this work.

The contractors finished their work last week and most of the men employed, including the superintendent and foremen have returned to St. Paul. Several of the plumbers remained for a few days to assist the local men in installing the heat in some of the buildings not yet connected.

The contractors had expected to have the steam turned on by October 1, but scarcity of labor and delay in receiving material caused a slight disappointment and it was fifteen days later before this was done. Since then, and while the finishing touches were being put on, business men and building owners have been busy installing pipes and radiators, and connecting pipes with their old heating plants.

### Buildings Heated.

The following business places are now receiving heat from the new plant: Bastian, Marti & Brandl, general merchants; Berndt's restaurant; Mrs. Anna Rinke, milliner; John H. Forster, furniture dealer; Stuebe Bros., produce dealers; Emil Metzinger, clothier; Crone Bros., general merchants and clothiers; Wd. Eibner, baker and confectioner; Arbes Bros., druggists; J. A. Ochs, general merchant; H. O. Schleuder, jeweler; Commercial club; F. P. Zschunke, clothier; John Schneider, cigar manufacturer; Emil Wicherski, shoe dealer; Art Janka, grocer; Wm. A. Pfefferle, grocer; Rex Pool and Billiard parlors; G. A. Ottomeyer, general merchant; J. M. Meyer, jeweler; R. R. Kemski, printer; Masonic hall; Robert Fesenmaier, hardware dealer; Dakota House; Esser saloon; Pioneer Drug Co., Weiser building and the New Ulm Publishing Company's building.

It is probable that one or two more blocks on Minnesota street will be added to the heating district next summer.

### TELEPHONE RATES REDUCED.

Telephone users will be benefitted by the reduced rates for long distance telephone service to be put into effect by the Northwestern and Tri-State Telephone Companies on December 1. The change is made by order of the Minnesota Railway and Warehouse Commission, and has reference to short distance calls. The rate for calls up to twelve miles will be reduced on that date, from 20 to 15 cents. The rate to seventeen miles will remain the same as before, 20 cents.

The new rate will affect New Ulm telephone users, with only two stations, Sleepy Eye and Lafayette, the charge to those towns, on and after December 1, being 15 cents instead of 20 cents.