

DRAINAGE BILL IS HELD TO BE BEST

PRESIDENT OF FLOOD CONTROL ASSOCIATION TALKS OF THE WORK DONE.

AUTHORS OF BILL HAVE SAME INTERESTS AT STAKE AS OPPONENTS.

"It is somewhat discouraging, after we have worked so hard to bring about some relief for the control of the disastrous floods that yearly cause thousands of dollars damage, and now when success is practically assured that a few disgruntled ones should try to defeat our efforts," said A. B. Kaercher, president of the Tri-State Flood Control Association, who was in the city a few days ago discussing the situation in the Minnesota Valley.

Mr. Kaercher was just returning from St. Paul, where a hearing on the flood control bill had been held before a legislative committee, which had met some opposition from a number of farmers living in the vicinity of Morton.

Work Too Local

"As nearly every one in the valley knows," continued Mr. Kaercher, "Dr. Fritsche, myself and a number of others have worked constantly and faithfully for some ten or twelve years for some means to control the floods of this valley. Last fall it became apparent that we had been working too locally, and that if anything was to be accomplished we must enlarge our plans and bring in more territory. After considerable effort we got our fellow sufferers in the Red River valley interested, and at my suggestion, a meeting was called at Fargo, which was held in November. That meeting, as probably all of your readers know, was attended by the Governors of North and South Dakota, while Governor Burnquist was represented by Attorney General Lyndon A. Smith. There were present several Congressmen, United States Senators and members of the legislatures of all three states, and all of them endorsed the plan of flood control by the reservoir system, which has also been declared the most feasible means by several United States engineers.

"There is but little use for me to go into detail as to the plans for the reservoir system. It has been explained time and again, and was given a thorough discussion at various times, and especially at the conference held in New Ulm on January 10, last.

"After the Fargo meeting, at which I was elected president of the association, F. L. Cliff, an attorney of Ortonville, whom I have known for years, acknowledged to be one of the best lawyers in Minnesota, and who is personally interested as he owns, 1,200 acres of land in the Minnesota valley, was appointed chairman of the legislative committee, which has drafted the bill presented to the legislature. This bill is identical

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NUMBER OF BIRTHS MORE THAN DOUBLE DEATH LIST

Clerk of the Court Carl P. Manderfeld has received from the State Board of Health the annual report of the births and deaths in the various cities, villages and townships for the year 1916. They were as follows:

	Births	Deaths
Albin township.....	16	2
Bashaw township.....	11	5
Burnstown township.....	23	20
Cobden village.....	3	0
Comfrey village.....	17	4
Cottonwood township.....	15	6
Eden township.....	17	2
Evan village.....	3	3
Hanska village.....	6	3
Home township.....	25	7
Lake Hanska township.....	26	4
Leavenworth township.....	14	7
Linden township.....	15	2
Milford township.....	16	2
Mulligan township.....	23	9
New Ulm city.....	154	107
North Star township.....	12	3
Prairieville township.....	9	4
Sleepy Eye city.....	58	28
Sigel township.....	18	5
Springfield city.....	28	20
Stark township.....	17	4
Uly township.....	19	4
Total.....	545	258

The fact that two hospitals, each with almost state-wide reputations, is a reason why the death list in this city is so large. Patients are brought here from all over this part of the state.

HELD AND HAEBERLE BUY NAGEL TRANSFER BUSINESS

Monday morning Alf. G. Nagel, who has been in the general transfer business for the past thirteen years, turned the property over to Herman Held and Elmer Haerberle, who purchased Mr. Nagel's interest last week. The deal by which Held and Haerberle came into possession of the business involved the transfer of Mr. Nagel's residence, a number of wagons, an auto truck and fourteen horses, and Mr. Nagel took over the residence now occupied by George Bromley. The object of the purchase by Held and Haerberle was that they wished to extend their business, which to this time has been confined to the ice business as owners of the New Ulm Ice Company. They made Mr. Nagel an offer which he accepted. The business was established by Herman Nagel about thirty-seven years ago, since which time it has been in the Nagel family. In 1904 he transferred the business to his son, who has now disposed of it. Mr. Nagel is yet undecided as to the future, but expects to engage in some other line soon.

PIPES AND CIGARS SOON QUIT KANSAS

SUNFLOWER STATE STARTS A MOVEMENT TO DRIVE OUT SMOKERS.

LOVERS OF WEED WILL HAVE HARD TIME ENJOY LIFE THERE.

Poor old Kansas has got another notion. She is going to put a ban on smoking. And when Kansas goes after anything it sometimes gets it. Don't you dare pollute the atmosphere of Kansas with your vile cigars and your dirty pipes. And as for those "coffin nails"—self-rolled or factory-made—they are an abomination on the soil of "Bleeding Kansas" and in the sight of Kansans. The same men who made Kansas the prohibition capital of the United States are now going after the "weed" in every shape.

Introduces Bill.

Representative O. P. Jewett of Dighton, Kansas, has just introduced a bill in the legislature of that state to banish tobacco. The Kansas mind has decreed that tobacco is wrong. And when the Kansas mind decrees that any particular thing is wrong, there is never a compromise. Kansas keeps hammering away until that objectionable thing is eradicated. Kansas started after prohibition thirty-five years ago. Since then it has enacted 1,500 laws and resolutions to get prohibition enforced. And still the legislative mill continues to grind out prohibition laws and resolutions. So, while some smokers laugh at the new anti-smoking bill, others, remembering the tenacity with which Kansas sticks to its sumptuary ideas, are inclined to fear that sooner or later the anti-smoking bill will be hammered thru some legislature and will become the law of the state.

The Jewett anti-smoking bill is very sweeping in its provisions. If you happen to be a bachelor and can go down to the "club" which, by the way, must have a special room for smoking and, yes, the name "smoking room" must be on the door, you can escape its provisions. And if you are a married man without any "encumbrances," you can smoke to your heart's content—provided you stay within your own doors. But if you happen to be one of those home-loving fellows who, after a hard day's work, like to spend their evenings home with wife and children and a pipe or cigar, you are in trouble, if this bill goes thru. You can't smoke if there are any children in the house and that's all there is about it.

Can't Smoke in Street.

And you cannot smoke out in the street, no matter who you are. Nor can you smoke in the caboose of a freight train. In fact, you can't smoke on a train of any sort, a street car, a taxi, an omnibus, a public park, or any other public place, nor in "any room or buildings where children are kept." And if you do you will be fined from ten to twenty-five dollars. And furthermore, if the custodian of a building, or a watchman, or a policeman, sees you smoking and fails to arrest you, he is subject to the same fine as is the smoker.

After the anti-smoking bill becomes a law in Kansas, it is the intention of its backers to spread the doctrine into other states, they say.

So, look out, you smokers, Kansas is after you.

PRIMARY LAWS DUE FOR MANY CHANGES

SENTIMENT IN STATE DEMANDS A REVISION OF ELECTION STATUTES.

LAST DAY FOR INTRODUCTION OF BILLS IN LEGISLATURE ARRIVES.

From legislative circles in St. Paul there comes almost positive assurance that there is to be some radical changes in the election laws during the present session.

Sentiment, it is claimed, comes from every part of the state for some change that will return to definite party responsibility, and the Legislature is very likely to take heed of the demands of the people.

Members of the elections committee of both House and Senate are said to be anxious to pass such a bill. That it will be put thru is the confident expectation of leaders in both branches.

The Senate has made the Rustad bill, providing for party conventions preceding the regular primaries, a special order of business for Friday at 2 p. m.

Four Bills Before Committee. The House elections committee, with four bills before it, will meet Wednesday or Thursday to whip some measure into shape.

There has been a growing sentiment for the so-called Odland bill which would provide for the selection of nominees for United States senator, governor and all other state offices by conventions. The bill was introduced in the House by Representatives Ahipstead, Indrehus and Odland.

Democrats and Republicans alike have been seeking some modification in the primary election laws. Papers of both parties thruout the state have joined in demanding a change.

The St. Cloud Times, one of the strongest Democratic dailies in the state, in an editorial devoted to the Odland bill, points out that the measure is aimed at preventing every "Tom, Dick and Harry" from forcing himself upon the people as a candidate as did "Tom" Dwyer, Democratic nominee for governor, at the last election.

Last Day for New Bills.

This is the last day for the introduction of bills. About a thousand bills have so far been introduced in the house and about eight hundred in the senate. This is a much larger number than was introduced during the first ten weeks of the session of 1915 and more, perhaps, than was ever introduced during the same period by a Minnesota legislature. Also a much larger number of bills have been passed during the first ten weeks this winter than has been the case in former sessions, all of which goes to prove that the present legislature is an industrious bunch, whatever other failings it may have.

Prohibition Bill Killed

Another surprise last week was the big majority against the statutory prohibition bill in the house. Ever since the bill was introduced it was believed by the dry leaders that the house would send it over to the senate to be killed there, but it developed that almost half of the representatives who voted for the constitutional prohibition bill would not stand for the statutory brand of prohibition. They reasoned that it would be illogical to submit the prohibition question to the people and at the same time pass a statutory bill. They felt that Senator J. D. Sullivan hit the nail on the head when he said that such a procedure would be like submitting a case to a jury and then withdrawing it before the jury could act.

The boxing law enacted in 1915 will remain in force at least two years more, for the senate has killed the Sageng bill which sought to wipe it off the statute books. This action was a surprise to ever so many, for popular sentiment seemed to be against professional boxing. Some of the best men in the senate felt, however, that the lovers of boxing in the twin cities might as well witness matches at home as to see them at Hudson, Wis.

Absent Voters May Vote

The absent voters bill, fathered by Senator W. A. Campbell of Minneapolis, has passed both houses. It provides that a Minnesota voter can vote by mail from anywhere in the United States, and its author maintains that at least 25,000 will take advantage of this privilege at the next election. Senator Campbell is a traveling salesman who has been great.

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LOCAL SOCIETY IS TO RETAIN VORORT

TURNERS OF STATE SELECT NEW ULM AGAIN AS HEAD-QUARTERS.

NATIONAL DELEGATES CHOSEN TO GO TO BROOKLYN IN JUNE.

At the annual meeting of the Turnbeizirk Minnesota which was held at St. Anthony Turner Hall in Minneapolis last Saturday and Sunday, New Ulm was again selected as the place for the executive committee known as the Vorort and it was also decided to have a Turntag in the open some time during the month of June this year and the New Ulm Turnverein was asked to take charge of it. This will be in the nature of a Turnfest with this difference that no prizes will be awarded and that only one day will be devoted to the meet. As now planned, the Bears, Actives, Ladies and Youths classes of the societies in St. Paul, Minneapolis and New Ulm will participate.

The meeting was well attended, every society belonging to the district being represented by its full quota of delegates and matters requiring the attention of the delegates were speedily dispatched.

French in Limelight

Considerable merriment was caused shortly after the meeting had been called to order when the names of the delegates were read and for a few minutes Attorney Burton French of this city was in the lime-light and practically all eyes of the delegates were focussed upon him. The assistant secretary who read the names of the delegates is a typical German and when he came to the young attorney's name, he asked, "Wer ist French?" and it sounded as tho he felt that some one inimical to the German cause was trying to speak into the meeting and there was a spontaneous outburst of laughter.

It was decided to publish an official organ for the Bezirk, this to contain news and announcements of special interest to the members of the district. The executive committee was entrusted with this work and requested to have the first issue out by next September, about the time the societies will resume their activities after the summer rest.

Several resolutions were adopted which if carried into effect will help to increase the activities of the societies during the coming year. The next district meeting will be held at St. Paul.

Delegates Chosen

William Mueller of the St. Anthony Turnverein, A. F. Schintz of the St. Paul Turnverein and Herman Hein and Albert Steinhauer were elected as delegates to represent the Bezirk at the Bundestagsatzung which will be held at Brooklyn in the latter part of June, this year.

For Saturday evening the St. Anthony Turnverein had arranged a Kommerz for the delegates. Prof. Koenig of the State University delivered his illustrated lecture on "Castles of the Rhine and Their Legends" and Albert Steinhauer delivered a short address. Other numbers on the program were recitations and song selections.

Sunday afternoon a Turntag was held at the St. Anthony Turner Hall in which the bears, actives, ladies and youths classes of the Twin City societies and New Ulm participated.

Those who attended from here were Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Kemski, Mr. and Mrs. George Hogen, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Puhmann, Albert Steinhauer, Herman Hein, Chas. Hauenstein, August J. Mueller, Chas. Emmerich, Franz Niemann, Burton French, Kurt Bell and Roman Brust.

PLANS BEING MADE TO REORGANIZE COMPANY A

Capt. W. Bates, of the United States Army, held an inspection of Co. A, Second Regiment, M. N. G., at the Armory, Monday evening. The company, which now numbers forty-six members, including the officers, made an excellent showing in its drill work, and Captain Bates said he was well pleased with the condition of the company. He is detailed by the Central Division of the War Department to inspect the various National Guard companies of the section.

Following the inspection a company meeting was held, at which it was decided to effect a reorganization at once. Another meeting will be held Wednesday evening, April 4, when some plan of procedure will have been decided upon. The company is now below its minimum, and must have a membership of eighty by June 1.

SHERIFF JULIUS SELLS BIG SLEEPY EYE MILL

Last Wednesday Sheriff Julius sold at sheriff's sale the big flouring mill at Sleepy Eye, for \$60,000, the mill at Albert Lea for \$18,000, and the personal property of the United Flour Mill Company, for \$2,500, making a total of \$80,500. The company, which is a Minneapolis concern, also owned a mill at Sioux City, Iowa. The purchaser was Walter J. Engel, of Chicago.

The property was sold to satisfy a mortgage, which with the interest, aggregated a total debt of \$411,129.07. There had also accumulated debts of \$3,200, of which \$3,000 was the expense of the trustees, and \$200 attorneys' fees.

The Sleepy Eye mill closed down a year ago last January, at which time Judge Booth of the United States court, appointed the E. A. Thayer Mortgage Company, Minneapolis, receivers for the two milling properties.

It is understood the Sleepy Eye mill will be opened within a short time. No definite announcement has been made as to the exact date of opening the mill, nor what has been decided on as to the future of the Albert Lea property.

ILL LUCK CAUSES SUICIDE ATTEMPT

DICOURAGED MANKATO MAN IN NEW ULM HOSPITAL BADLY WOUNDED

FAILURE OF ABILITY TO SUPPORT FAMILY GIVEN AS HIS REASON

After writing a note in which he told of his financial troubles, and his discouragements, Anton Vogt, of Mankato attempted to commit suicide in this city last Friday night. Vogt entered Esser's saloon about twenty minutes before closing time, passed thru the room into the toilet at the rear of the building, where he stabbed himself seven times in the left breast, each of the cuts just missing the heart.

Found By Traveling Man

He was discovered by a traveling man who happened into the toilet only a moment after the unfortunate man had attempted to take his life. He immediately gave an alarm and the police were notified. A physician was called, the flow of blood stopped, and the man taken to Loretto Hospital, where he is said to be recovering. He has a wife and four children living at Mankato who are said to be in destitute circumstances.

In Vogt's pocket was found a note evidently written only a short time before he attempted to kill himself. In this letter he related the troubles that had beset him during the past few months in which he had been unable to earn enough to keep starvation from his wife and children. He is a tailor by trade, but for some reason he had been buffeted about from one poor job to another, earning but little and then beaten out of his money, until he declared that he was unable to supply food for family.

Well Known Here

Vogt, who is deaf and dumb, is quite well known in this vicinity, and especially at Sleepy Eye, where he formerly lived. He is said by those who know him, to be an honest and hard working man, about 48 years old, but that fate seems to have been playing him false.

Beyond the statement written before committing the act, Vogt has so far failed to give any further details of his troubles that caused him to wish to make way with himself.

FIREMEN BUY AUTO-TRUCK

The firemen of Morris became tired of wheeling the old hose cart around by hand, and have made arrangements to buy an up-to-date auto fire truck, costing \$2,200. They took the money out of the Firemen's Relief Fund, and the city dads didn't have to put up a cent. The "only fly in the ointment," however, according to the Tribune, is that they will have to keep the new machine in an old rattletrap of a fire engine house. They are invited to bring it over and keep it in the brand new fire hall that New Ulm is going to have.

The annual township and village elections were held thruout the county yesterday. The Review goes to press too early to give results. The warmest contest in the county was between the "wets" and "drys" at Springfield.

NEW CITY HALL IS NOW A POSSIBILITY

COUNCILMEN TAKE ACTION ON NECESSARY IMPROVEMENT FOR NEW ULM.

ALDERMEN ALSO START MOVEMENT TOWARD ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY.

The citizens of New Ulm will be permitted to say whether they want a city hall and fire headquarters, or if they will be content to continue with the present inadequate "city clerk's office", the ramshackle shed in which the fireapparatus is stored and the excuse for a police headquarters. The proposition of issuing bonds to build a city hall will be submitted to the voters at the annual election to be held on Tuesday, April 3d. This was decided on at the meeting of the City Council Tuesday evening, in response to a petition, signed by 195 citizens, presented by a committee of the Fire Department, Messrs. Henry Engel, Fred Pfander and Joseph F. Groebner. Members of the committee urged the necessity of better quarters for the fire apparatus owned by the city, and at the same time argued that the present facilities for housing the other city departments is a disgrace to a progressive and up-to-date city like New Ulm. With but little argument the council adopted a resolution instructing the city attorney and clerk to proceed toward calling a special election, which will be held on the same day as that of the general election in April.

May Censor Films.

A communication from the Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church requested the council to take the necessary steps toward requiring only films that had been passed upon by the National Censorship Board to be shown at the moving picture theaters in this city. Members of the council expressed themselves as favorable to the request, and the city attorney was instructed to report at the next meeting the rights of the council in the matter.

Alderman Eibner brought up the matter relative to the necessity of additional water supply for the city. He said the superintendent of the Water and Light Department had called his attention to the fact that while there is no shortage at the present time, during the summer there will be, unless some steps are taken to relieve the situation at that time. The well on the hill is now supplying but 100 gallons a minute. The city sold last year 4,000,000 more gallons than in the previous year, and with the prospect that much more will still be used in the future, it is none too soon to make provision for the increased consumption, he said. Other members of the council agreed with him, and Superintendent Mueller and the water and light committee were instructed to investigate the best methods for securing the necessary additional supply, the cost etc., and to report at the next meeting.

Tree Planting In Cemetery

A plan for tree planting and improving the City Cemetery, prepared by Max Pfander, was examined by the members of the council with considerable interest. It was referred to the cemetery committee with instructions to investigate the cost of the trees to be planted under Mr. Pfander's plan.

A petition signed by F. H. Behnke, as a stockholder and director of the New Ulm Grocery Company, was presented, asking that twelve feet of Valley street, in front of the lot where the company expects this season to erect its wholesale warehouse, be vacated. The petition was referred to the street committee, and will be acted upon at the next meeting of the council.

The proposition to place the electric light wire from the light station to Minnesota street under ground was taken up for consideration. It was referred to the committee to determine the cost. That the poles on which the wires are now strung are old and getting rotten, subjecting the city to possible heavy cost from an accident, should some of the poles break off, which it was said is liable to happen at almost any time, was the contention of the aldermen. The city clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for sprinkling the streets and also for teams for hauling the hook and ladder truck in response to fire alarms.

Monthly reports by Chief of Police Adolph Klaus, Patrolmen John Herzog and Alvin Harmening were read by the clerk.

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