

## SENIORS TO GIVE CLASS PLAY SOON

ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL EVENT WILL BE GIVEN AT TURNER HALL

"A ROSE O' PLYMOUTH TOWN" PRODUCTION STAGED THIS YEAR

The entire public school population, besides lots of other people in the city, are looking forward with much interest to the Senior Class play, which will be staged at the Turner theater next Wednesday evening, May 2. The play selected by the class this year is "A Rose o' Plymouth Town," and from present indications there will be an exceptionally large audience. The advance sale of seats is said by the seniors to have already passed all expectations.

### Real Actors In Cast

The class this year has some excellent timber in its cast of characters, and those who have witnessed some of the rehearsals declare that the young men and women who are to appear before the audience next Wednesday evening have the bearing of seasoned actors and actresses. Those who witness the production certainly will not in the least be disappointed.

The play depicts the early Puritan days of New England, and will be instructive as well as entertaining. You will see in real life how the knights of old fought duels for the hand of some fair lady, and you will also learn how the Puritan lads won the fair Puritan lassies.

The only ones who will have anything to regret will be those who fail to see the play. Following is the synopsis:

### Act I.

Rose de la Noye is a sweet Puritan maiden, staying at the home of Captain Standish and his wife, Barbara Standish. The other occupants of the house are her brother, Philippe; her cousin, Miriam; and Aunt Resolute. Miriam is interested in one of the Plymouth colonists, John Margeson, who does not return her interest. Rose, sorry for her cousin, bids Philippe be as a brother to Miriam. A friendship grows up between the two which develops into love. As for Rose, she favors a young dare-devil, Garrett Foster, whom she shields from the fury of the Captain when Garrett flings himself upon her hospitality after a prank in the corn field.

### Act II.

Rose feigns an interest in John in order to punish him for his neglect of Miriam, and in order to tease Garrett. While they are jesting together, John takes cowardly advantage of Rose and catches her in his arms. Garrett challenges him to a duel. The duel is interrupted by the order of Miles Standish, but not before Philippe, who has attempted to interfere, is wounded.

### Act III.

Philippe declares his love for Miriam, and finds that she returns his affection. Rose receives a letter from Garrett, telling her that he has heard the rumor that she is to wed John Margeson, and saying that he himself is going to England. Rose, angry at his immediate acceptance of the rumor, foolishly promises to marry John, only to repent upon realizing how much inferior is John to Garrett, who returns to warn the Puritan colony of an attack.

### Act IV.

Garrett Foster saves the colony, not only by his warning of the coming of the Indians, but by bravely defending alone a breach in the stockade. John Margeson has falsely sworn that he was the defender of the stockade, but his lie is brought to light and Rose is released from her promise of marriage. She gives her love to the man who is deserving of it, and Garrett Foster claims her as his own.

### Cast of Characters

Miles Standish..... Ernest Schleuder  
Garrett Foster..... Max Freitag  
John Margeson..... Armin Koehler  
Philippe De La Noye..... Ludwig Hofmeister  
Miriam Chillingley..... Ellen Ochs  
Barbara Standish..... Josephine Fredericks  
Resolute..... Caroline Stolz  
Rose De La Noye..... Aimee Krook

## OLD HOTEL MAN GETS BACK INTO THE GAME

Fred Seiter last week took possession of the former Merchants hotel, which has been rechristened the Seiter house, and he will conduct it in the future. Mr. Seiter's family occupies quarters in the hotel. Mr. Seiter is a hotel man of long experience, in fact being a member of one of the oldest hotel families in

Southern Minnesota and was brought up in the business.

Mr. Seiter has made many improvements in the old Merchants, and expects to cater only to the better class of trade. Mr. and Mrs. Seiter have a large circle of friends in this city and thruout this part of the state who join in wishing them unbounded success in their present undertaking.

## MANKATO MEN ARE NEAR DEATH IN AUTO SPILL

Glen S. Dixon, manager of the Saulpaugh Hotel at Mankato, and R. J. Cramwell, a commercial traveler, were seriously hurt in an auto accident while driving a motor car from St. Peter to Mankato a few days ago. As they swung into a stretch of road near a railroad crossing they saw a team on the left hand side of the road and Mr. Cramwell, who was driving the car that he would take a chance and pass on the right hand side. As he neared the rig the driver suddenly turned to the side of the road he should have been in the first place. Cramwell, to avoid hitting the carriage, was obliged to run his car into the ditch. The car was wrecked and both men badly injured. They were taken to Mankato and placed in a hospital. While Dixon escaped with only some serious bruises, Cramwell, it is feared, received internal injuries by being jammed against the steel steering gear of the car.

## RESULT SHOWN IN PHYSICAL CULTURE

TURNER SCHOOL STUDENTS GIVE EXCELLENT ATHLETIC PROGRAM.

The fifty-first annual Schauturnen, under the auspices of the New Ulm Turnzueglings Verein, at Turner Hall last Saturday evening, proved to be an unqualified success, said by regular attendants to be even better than all previous efforts. Prof. Herman Hein, turning instructor, has again demonstrated his ability as a teacher in athletics, and as usual came in for much praise from the large audience that filled the hall to capacity. There were more than 250 students of Prof. Hein on the program and each did his or her work in an enviable manner. The only number on the program necessary to cancel was the address to have been delivered by F. W. Johnson. Owing to a severe cold Mr. Johnson was unable to speak.

### Physical Culture a Necessity.

That physical culture is a necessity to the growing generation is being more and more demonstrated as the years roll around. Since the organization of the local Turnzueglings Verein fifty-one years ago, great changes have been wrought in the matter of athletics and the advancement in the public and private schools and colleges of the country has been marvelous. This branch of school work is taught in practically every high school of the country at the present time, and is showing great growth from year to year. It is agreed by all that a well developed body is requisite for the production of a well developed mind.

The entertainment Saturday evening consisted of some fifteen numbers, including two double numbers, one by the first boys' class and the other by the first girls' class. From the grand review in which all of the classes appeared, there was something doing every minute of the time.

While all of the work was of the most excellent character, that done by the boys and girls classes showed every detail had been worked out, and was a wonderful exponent of how grace and bearing is attained. Prof. Hein's ability to train the youngsters was more than ever demonstrated in preparing these students for the entertainment.

### Fine Work of Actives.

The feature calling for perhaps the greatest applause was that given by the Actives. Each member carried a flag, and as the little army of men formed a pyramid there floated from the top two great American emblems in all of their glory. The sight as the pyramid was finished was a most inspiring one.

The parallel bar work and the national tournament exercises by the Juniors were well done as also was the fancy club swinging and the calisthenics by the ladies' classe.

The last number was a wrestling bout between Roman Brust and Leo Berg.

A social dance and a supper following the entertainment concluded the evening's festivities.

## LEGISLATURE ENDS A COSTLY SESSION

APPROPRIATIONS SOAR LONG WAY ABOVE ANY BEFORE IN HISTORY

"ONE IDEA" AND "KILLING" AMONG TERMS APPLIED TO LAWMAKERS

The Minnesota legislature has adjourned, after a three-months' session, during which there was a lot of talk, and not much else done, except to pass appropriation measures. And in that respect the legislature will go down in history as exhibiting a master hand. It has been termed the "one idea" and "killing" session. The last cognomen was gained from the fact that most of the worthy measures presented were killed—most of them on general principles—just to kill.

### Little Constructive Legislation

Most of the legislation enacted consisted of laws affecting only localities, minor amendments to present laws and a number of "war" measures made up the bulk of the business done.

However, the legislature managed to pass appropriations totaling \$23,867,392, and doubling the state tax of previous years. There is some talk that there will be an extra session called. If this proves true the members may have an opportunity to add a few more millions in appropriations, just for good measure.

The Public Safety commission, with practically unlimited powers, was passed and the members have already been appointed. They consist of the following: John Ling, Minneapolis; Judge J. F. McGee, Minneapolis; C. W. Ames, St. Paul; C. H. March, Litchfield; A. C. Weiss, Duluth. While the board has \$1,000,000 at its disposal, approximately one-half of the amount is to be used in squaring up the back pay due the boys who served on the Mexican border during the last half of 1916.

### Prohibition "One Idea"

The constitutional amendment for state wide prohibition was the "one idea" of the Legislature. The death of the important efficiency and economy bills, primary law changes, woman suffrage, statutory prohibition, tonnage tax, make the term "killing" appropriate.

There were some constructive measures passed. The election laws were amended by the enactment of an absent voters law. The drainage laws were codified and improved. The major part of the program of the child welfare commission was enacted. Two important changes were made in the workmen's compensation act. The "blue sky" law, to prevent the marketing of worthless securities, was placed on the books.

### Freak Bills Abound

There were freak bills galore. The protection of the lowly frog was sought in one. Another provided for a "jury primer" in which was to be recorded the names of all law-abiding property owners eligible for jury service. The use of snuff to be forbidden by another. The use of gas in hotels for lighting purposes was also prohibited by one bill. None of these measures passed.

### Legislative Comedies

It has become the custom in recent years for all sessions to conduct investigations, inquiries, probes, into that thing, this thing and the other thing. The fortieth session was no exception. The House appointed one committee to investigate grain exchanges and authorized its labor committee to inquire into I. W. W. disturbances.

As has been the case with many previous legislative inquiries, the ones this

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## RIVER HAS BEEN HIGHER

Alex. Russell of West Newton was in the city Thursday, the first time in some time owing to the high water in the river. Mr. Russell says the statement that the river was the highest this spring since 1885 is a mistake, as some eighteen years ago it was nearly ten feet higher than at its highest stage so far this year.

He says that general seeding is practically finished in his neighborhood, considerably earlier than it was last spring. "Not at any time within my memory, during my forty years residence in Minnesota," said Mr. Russell, "have conditions for seeding been better than this spring. The ground was in excellent shape and the prospects for a good crop were never better. Unless something unforeseen occurs we will have plenty of produce and grain to sell next fall."

## EDITORS TO MEET HERE NEXT MARCH

SECOND DISTRICT SCRIBES IN "SHOP TALKFEST" AT MANKATO SATURDAY

INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS OF PRESS BUSINESS METHODS ARE HEARD

Subscription and advertising rates, plans for collecting subscriptions in advance and other subjects of interest to the fraternity were discussed by the members of the Second District Editorial association, in session at Mankato Saturday afternoon and evening. It was the adjourned mid-winter meeting to have been held March 17, but necessarily called off for the time being because of a blizzard that was raging at the time. The next winter meeting will be held in New Ulm about the middle of March, 1918.

The following were among those present at Mankato Saturday:

### Those Present

Mankato: J. E. Reynolds, Frank W. Hunt, Free Press; John C. Wise, Review, Mapleton; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hotelling, Good Thunder; Carl E. Young, Herald; Frank Griffith, New Ulm; H. H. Walter, P. Liesch, Journal; Capt. Albert Steinhauer, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Miles, Post and Review; Springfield: Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mahler, Advance; August G. Erickson, Free Press. Sleepy Eye: W. R. Hodges, Herald-Dispatch. Windom: L. C. Churchill, Citizen. Wells: I. H. Sickle Forum-Advocate. Winnebago: F. E. Hadley, Enterprise. Lakefield: H. J. Hayden, Standard. Lake Benton: A. E. Tasker, News. Fairmont; Frank Day, Sentinel. Slayton: J. V. Weber, Murray County Herald. Lake Wilson: R. B. Forrest, Pilot. Worthington: A. M. Welles, Globe; P. O. Rensell, Progressive. Redwood Falls, B. M. Wilson, St. James: H. W. Haislet, Independent. Madelia: W. Y. Sanborn, News. Butterfield: V. W. Habin, Advocate. St. Peter: G. W. Kelley, Free Press.

Philip Liesch, president of the organization, presided at the afternoon session, which was devoted to various questions of interest to the country publisher.

### Talks About a Paper Mill.

Frank A. Day argued for a state owned paper mill which he said would put the print paper combine out of business, and bring the price of that absolutely necessary commodity down to a figure where the publishing business would cease to be a hardship.

Subscription and advertising rates were among the next questions discussed. Only two members of the association reported as having increased the price of their paper to \$2 a year; they were A. M. Welles of the Worthington Globe and P. O. Rensell of the Worthington Progressive. These gentlemen said that all the publishers of Nobles county had simultaneously placed the minimum price of their papers at \$2. Instead of losing subscribers all declare that they have gained in the size of their subscription lists.

### Passing of Old Time Editor.

The treat of the afternoon was a short address by Laurence Hodgson, "Larry Ho." the well known Twin City newspaper writer, who was requested to tell why the metropolitan press has degenerated from its proud position of a quarter of a century ago. Mr. Hodgson said there is no disputing the fact that commercialism has taken the place of the real old-time newspaper spirit of long ago. In doing so he paid high tribute to the late Smith B. Hall, at whose funeral recently in Minneapolis, rich and poor alike gathered to do honor to a man who had spent his entire lifetime in the work that he loved, but who had died penniless.

"It was men like Smith Hall," he said, who made the newspapers before they came under the grip of commercialism."

### The New Officers.

The following officers were elected at the afternoon session: President, R. B. Forrest, Lake Wilson; vice president, H. W. Haislet, St. James; secretary, Mrs. Bess M. Wilson, Redwood Falls; treasurer, W. F. Mahler, Springfield.

The visitors were tendered an automobile trip and shown the beauty spots of Mankato, under the auspices of the Automobile club of that city, after which a dinner was served at the Heinrich hotel. Following the dinner the party attended a performance at the Grand Theater under the auspices of the theatre management. The evening was passed in a social way in the Palm room of the Heinrich.

In view of the fact that the National Editorial Association will meet in Minneapolis in July, it was decided to forego the usual mid-summer meeting for 1917. The next winter meeting will be held in New Ulm, this having been decided by the officers, and announced by President Forrest before leaving for home Sunday.

## SLEEPY EYE PREPARING FOR BASE BALL SEASON

The village of Sleepy Eye is beginning to talk base ball, and when Sleepy Eye begins to talk it is usually a sure sign that she is going to act. Sleepy Eye, in fact, is not what its name would indicate, being decidedly wide-awake. As a result it is a safe bet that the town to the west of us will have a real ball team in the field.

At a banquet served at the Lenox hotel, plans were discussed and arrangements partially made for the opening of the season.

It is expected the team will be largely a home-made affair, the intention of the promoters being to use local players as much as possible.

During the evening a permanent organization was formed and the following officers elected: President, George Glotzbach; vice president, A. F. Kuske; treasurer, Joseph Herzog; secretary, W. Zell; directors, Dr. A. F. Strickler, Hans Jensen, Charles Hanson, F. W. Meyer and Dr. Rounds.

## OLD GLORY FLIES FROM POSTOFFICE

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT SUSPENDS OLD RULING

The Stars and Stripes floated from the postoffice last Thursday for the first time in many months. In fact it was probably the first time that the flag ever floated from the New Ulm federal building proper. And thereby hangs a tale.

Early last fall the flag pole, which had stood near the building was blown down. From its top the flag had floated since the erection of the building.

### Authorities Notified

Postmaster Fred Pfaender promptly notified the proper government officials. After going thru the usual amount of "red tape" demanded by the federal government officials at Washington during which there was a delay of several months the contract was let for the erection of a new pole, but it was so late that the work could not be started until spring.

The United States Treasury Department, under whose control the postoffice building is vested, has an iron-clad rule forbidding the floating of a flag or emblem of any kind. Neither could the walls be decorated in any manner, nor even floated from a window of the building. Hence Postmaster Pfaender was obliged to bide his time as he supposed, until the completion of the flag pole.

### Citizens Protest

In the meantime New Ulm citizens had protested to Washington of the apparent lack of patriotism on the part of the postoffice authorities of this city. But there was nothing to do but wait either for the completion of the pole or for the Washington officials to change their minds. It was the latter that came first, however. Thursday morning Postmaster Pfaender received an official notice from Washington, suspending the rule and notifying him that a flag could be placed on the building.

A few minutes after the notice was received "Old Glory" was floating from an upper window of the building.

## EXAMINATION IS WAIVED BY ACCUSED MURDERER

Matthew H. Lang, accused of murdering Mayme Ganske at Sleepy Eye, Saturday afternoon, April 14, was arraigned before Justice N. Henningsen, Thursday morning. A large number of witnesses, including the father and mother of the murdered girl, were present, but they were not needed. H. N. Somsen, appeared as attorney for Lang, while County Attorney Adolph Fredericksen was present on behalf of the state.

Lang stood with his head downcast while the complaint, which had been sworn to by the father of the girl slain by Lang was read. Mr. Somsen, on behalf of the prisoner, waived examination, and he was bound over for action by the grand jury. The prisoner was returned to the county jail, where he will remain until the May term of district court.

## ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND APPORTIONED

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES ALLOTMENTS FOR COUNTIES.

BROWN WILL RECEIVE SUM OF \$16,000 FOR THE PRESENT YEAR.

13 Brown county will receive \$16,000 from the state road and bridge fund. Each of thirty-nine other counties will receive the same amount, while others will get from \$14,500 up to \$40,000, Chisago and Pine being the lucky ones to secure the latter amount each. This is the 1917 apportionment, as announced Monday by C. M. Babcock, state highway commissioner.

The fund totals \$1,613,500, but deductions of 10 per cent or \$161,350 for administration expenses in the state highway department and \$20,000 additional for the reserve maintenance fund left \$1,432,150 to be divided among the counties of the state. The division was made under the new road law committee made up of Commissioner Babcock, State Auditor Preus and State Treasurer Rines.

### The Various Allotments.

Allotments and the various counties receiving each amount follow:

\$40,000—Chisago and Pine counties.  
\$30,000—Hennepin, Ramsey and St. Louis counties.

\$20,000—Beltrami, Blue Earth, Dakota, Itasca, Otter Tail and Stearns counties.

\$19,500—Sherburne county.  
\$19,000—Cass, Polk and Winona counties.

\$18,500—Goodhue county.  
\$17,000—Aitkin county.

\$17,000—Carlton, Olmstead and Repville counties.  
\$16,500—Mower, Redwood and Washington counties.

\$16,325—LeSueur county.  
\$16,000—Becker, Brown, Faribault, Fillmore, Jackson, Martin, Morrison and Rice counties.

\$15,500—Anoka, Cook, Freeborn, Lyon, and Nobles counties.  
\$15,075—Benton county.

\$15,000—Carver, Crow Wing, Marshall, Murray and Steele counties.  
\$14,750—Yellow Medicine county.

\$14,500—Lake and McLeod county.  
\$14,325—Each of the thirty-nine remaining counties not listed above.

### Statement Explains.

A statement was issued by Mr. Babcock explaining several considerations influencing the committee in its apportionment figures.

"The division of the funds was difficult because of the administration and reserve deductions," he says, "also for the reason that liabilities had been assumed by the highway commission at the request of the three large counties and representatives from other parts of the state, for the payment of \$40,000 cash to Pine and Chisago counties to assist in the construction of the Twin Cities-Duluth road, and for the further reason that it is necessary to provide in part for payment toward the state rural highways established within the last three years in Winona, Cass, Beltrami and Aitkin counties.

### Certain Policy Followed.

"The committee followed in general the policy of the highway commission in giving aid to those counties lying near large centers of population which county, due to the excessive maintenance occasioned on roads tributary to due to automobile traffic originating and terminating in the large cities. This is considered a good state policy and is in accordance with requests from representatives of the three large counties, which explains the relatively small allotments to Hennepin, Ramsey and St. Louis counties."

## READY FOR BANQUET

The entertainment committee of the New Ulm Commercial club has everything in readiness for the annual banquet to be served tonight in the banquet room of Turner Hall. The entertainment, aside from the dinner itself, which will be served by the ladies of the Turner Society, promises to be especially attractive. Besides, two popular local speakers, F. W. Johnson and W. H. Dempsey, the committee has secured the Hon. W. I. Nolan of Minneapolis, whose fame as an after dinner speaker extends far beyond the bounds of Minnesota. The attendance promises to be the largest in the history of the club's annual affairs.