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FAIR WEATHER FOR THE FAIR

COOL AND COMFORTABLE, THE CROWDS ENJOY ANNUAL COUNTY SHOW.

FEWER EXHIBITS THAN USUAL BUT FINE QUALITY AND APPEARANCE.

Cooler weather than usual marked the opening of the annual Brown County fair and gave people more encouragement to spend a longer time at New Ulm and in visiting the fair. The cool breeze made a wrap comfortable at times even on the grandstand and every one is taking a greater interest in what is going on.

Homecoming Affects Fair.
Due to the homecoming with its carnival features, Secretary Lindemann found himself strictly up against it, for his carnival company engaged earlier in the season cancelled their contract as soon as they heard the White-Myers people were to be here for the Home Coming. Mr. Lindemann engaged three other carnival outfits but each and all of them also refused to come to New Ulm upon hearing about the Home Coming. None of them seemed to feel they would be able to carry away any money. Mr. Lindemann, by strenuous efforts succeeded in securing three shows under the name of the McDonald Exhibition Shows and they were on the grounds yesterday for business.

In the exhibition spaces also it seemed that Home Coming had some effect for the number of displays particularly in handiwork are considerably fewer than usual. However, it can be truthfully said that never before have things shown up to better advantage. The exhibition building has always been too small and now that fewer articles are entered they can be displayed to much better advantage, each article having space to itself instead of being hidden by others overlapping. Merchants of New Ulm apparently have not had time yet to recover from their Home Coming efforts and there are no displays by those who usually take up considerable space. The New Ulm Greenhouses did not make their usual display, but furnished a number of potted and cut flowers which were placed about the exhibition room instead of being all banked together.

Fewer Booths.
The New Ulm Roller Mill booth occupies the place usually held by the Eagle Roller Mill which has no display. Retzlaff, as usual, has his display of ranges, washing machines and separators. Engelbert has a similar booth. Schell's Brewery has a booth instead of their usual display of a mounted deer. The Victor Talking machine also has a booth. This about concludes the list of booths in the exhibition building. Fruits and vegetables and displays of household handiwork, hand painting, children's work and so forth are really very fine. In one corner of the exhibition building is to be seen the barberry exhibit intended to educate the farmer against this destructive pest.

Ground Exhibits.
On the fair grounds under tents are to be seen exhibits of the Simons Lumber Company, Willard Vogel, sign painter, the Vogel Lumber Company, Ulrich Electric Company, Automatic milkers, the Chevrolet, Durant, Ford and Dodge cars exhibited by J. P. Graff, Ben Fesenmaier, Kretsch and Company and F. H. Retzlaff respectively. Other exhibits are those of Robert Fesenmaier, separators and washing machines, tractor shown by Windmiller of Mankato and the Saffert Construction Company stone work display.

Live Stock Exhibits.
The big cattle barn is the chief center of attraction for most of the farmers and their families and very wonderful are the exhibits of fine animals. There are herds exhibited from the following farms: Holsteins, Jos. Bianchi, Fredrickson of Cobden, the County and Cedar Lodge farm owned by Carl Olsted; Hensel's Walnut Hill farm, Guernsey's; Lee & Sons Sylvan Border Shorthorns of Hanska; Brookdale Herefords belonging to J. E. Falts of Sleepy Eye; Brown Swiss owned by Albert Boettger and Otto Friton of Sleepy Eye; Pleasant Oak Shorthorn exhibited by Jos. Altmann, Route 1, New Ulm and Frank Johnson of Sleepy Eye. In addition to the herds mentioned there were twenty-two head of splendid cattle in the baby beef class and these animals are surrounded constantly by enthusiastic crowds of girls and boys discussing how they raised the prize winners.

An out door shed has been added

this year in which the overflow from the horse barns are quartered and the same arrangements had to be made this year for hogs. Among the exhibitors of swine are Clarence Schultz of Sleepy Eye, spotted Poland china; Pine Hill Farm Hampshire Hogs by C. E. Peterson of New Ulm; Brookside Farm Chester Whites by A. M. Walsler; the Meholm Herd of Chester Whites by Melzer Brothers, Hanska; Roadside farm Chester Whites by A. C. Schreyer of New Ulm; Clover Bloom Chester Whites by A. P. Rans of Springfield; Birchdale Chester Whites by R. J. Altmann of Gibbon; Pleasant Ridge Poland Chinas by Nick Thill of New Ulm and Oliver Amundson, Hanska; Doe Latimer of Springfield, Duroc Jerseys; Evergreen Farm, Joe Mueller of New Ulm, Duroc Jerseys; and Art Plath of Chester Whites by Dahms of Hanska Poland Chinas.

Few Sheep Shown.
The only sheep in the pens at the time the Review writer visited the grounds were those exhibited by A. F. Holder of Meadow Lands farm at Sleepy Eye.

The poultry building is well filled with exhibits of various birds, rabbits, etc. All of these things were seen in a very hasty tour of the grounds made the last hour before noon on Tuesday and in that length of time we could not see half there was to be seen and a fuller account will be given in next week's issue of the Review.

ANNIVERSARY AT FORT OBSERVED

MAJOR ALBERT PFAENDER OF NEW ULM WAS SPEAKER

OF THE DAY

PLAN TO RESTORE OLD FORT AND BARRACKS TALKED AT ANNIVERSARY

Restoration of the old buildings at Fort Ridgely to their 1862 appearance, the formation of the artificial lake in the ravine in the state park there, and the designation of Fort Ridgely park as the place for the National Guard encampment instead of Lake City were amongst the proposals heartily cheered by an immense crowd which attended the 60th anniversary program at the site of the old fort Tuesday of last week. The celebration this year drew the largest crowd on record.

Senator Benson Presided.
Senator Henry N. Benson of St. Peter presided. The principal address was delivered by Major Albert Pfander of New Ulm, son of the late Colonel Wm. Pfander who was at one time commandant at old Ft. Ridgely. Colonel C. H. Hopkins of Fairfax, secretary of the park association and father of the restoration idea, told the history of Fort Ridgely. Judge Henry Moll of St. Peter and Levi Longfellow of Minneapolis were on the program.

Julia Schwaset Schmitz, one of the refugees of 1862, told her experiences, including how she was saved by the squaw of Good Thunder, a Sioux Indian, who hid her under a buffalo skin and sat on the skin until danger was past. Mrs. Joseph Shiro, whose father acted as an interpreter between the whites and reds, recalled episodes of the historic events of 1862.

Frank Hopkins Spoke.
Attorney Frank Hopkins of Fairfax, who, as a member of the legislature, got through that body the first appropriation for Fort Ridgely park, spoke of the future of the historic place. It was explained that a survey of the grounds had been made during the summer under the authority of the state auditor. It was found possible to dam the large ravine which adjoins the site and thereby create an artificial lake which would be a material attraction for the park as a resort. It was from this ravine that the Indians did their deadly work in August, 1862.

The only building still standing is the old stone commissary building. It is proposed to reconstruct all of the old buildings that were in use during the pioneer days, while some of the defenders are still living to assist in rebuilding them accurately.

Fort is Historic Site.
The old fort is one of the biggest attractions of historical interest in the entire west, speakers declared, and the perpetuation of its history by means of improving the park and inviting tourists and other pilgrims is of the utmost importance to Minnesota. It was also proposed that the site be used as the training camp for the National Guard of Minnesota next year and in the future instead of Lake City.

The same band of Sioux Indians who held forth in New Ulm during

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COMMISSIONERS' FLOAT SESSION

BROWN COUNTY "FATHERS" DID BUSINESS ABOARD FLOAT IN PARADE.

ONE OF MOST UNIQUE BOARD MEETINGS IN BROWN COUNTY HISTORY.

Official business is often transacted in the most unique places, but Brown County's Board of County Commissioners is probably the only county board that has ever transacted the county's official business aboard a float in a parade, for that is what was done in the 60th anniversary celebration parade at New Ulm.

When the thousands of people along the line of march applauded at the wild swinging of arms and pounding of the table by the county commissioners, little did they know that those gestures were very real and that our county fathers were making motions, introducing resolutions, indulging in razzing arguments on issues before them and in every way carrying out a bona fide session of the board.

Was Secretary Pro Tem.
County Attorney W. T. Eckstein was on the float, not in his capacity of county attorney, but as the secretary pro tem of the board, the executive clerk, County Auditor Louis G. Vogel being otherwise engaged as marshal of the parade and riding his gay stall at the head of the column.

The deafening applause of the multitudes had no disconcerting effect on the county commissioners and their capacity for work was not one whit lessened thereby. In fact, it seemed to serve as a spur for more speed in the execution of the county's business, as witness the following "official proceedings" of the unique meeting.

The County Commissioners of Brown County, Minnesota, met in special session pursuant to agreement made at their session held on August 17, 1922, this 19th day of August at 10 o'clock A. M., to transact all such business as may devolve upon them.

All the members were present. Chairman Herman Polkow called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Johnson offered the following motion:

Whereas it has been made to appear to the County Board that the Executive Committee of the 60th Anniversary of the Indian Massacre be commemorated, has appointed County Auditor Louis G. Vogel as Marshall of the day during the said celebration; and

Whereas, owing to such appointment the said County Auditor is unable to attend the session of this board at this time and function as its official clerk; Therefore be it moved that the County Attorney W. T. Eckstein be appointed as clerk pro tem of this board.

Said motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Palmer and unanimously carried.

Whereas it has been made to appear to the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County that the City of New Ulm, in conjunction with the neighboring counties of Brown, Nicollet, Blue Earth and Watonwan Counties, would commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Indian Massacre in a befitting manner, August 17th to 20th, both inclusive; and

Whereas the County Board deemed it meet and proper that it should, so far as may be, contribute towards the industrial parade by supplying a suitable float for the occasion; and

Whereas such float was prepared by Assistant Highway Engineer, C. Robertson, descriptive of original and present territorial limits of Brown County, together with membership of first County Board, in conjunction with other data of interest; and

Whereas, such float was drawn by a team of horses furnished by the County Poor Farm, and for which Henry Portner, Chairman of the Town Board of the Supervisors of Cottonwood and Carl Walbert, Overseer of the County Poor Farm, acted as footmen; Be it resolved, by the County Board, that the sincere thanks of the County Board be extended to all such persons who so heartily entered into the spirit of the occasion and contributed as abundantly towards the full success of the occasion so commemorated.

Application being made by the Town of Prairieville for reimbursement in the amount of \$1500.00 for moneys expended by said Town upon highway heretofore applied to the County of Brown for assistance in the improvements of highways, all according to the laws applicable in such cases; Therefore, on motion of Commissioner

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LAST OF FIRST SETTLERS GONE

PETER MACK, FINAL SURVIVOR OF EARLIEST BAND, SUCCUMBS.

DIES AT AGE OF NINETY-TWO. JUST AT THE CLOSE OF 60TH ANNIVERSARY.

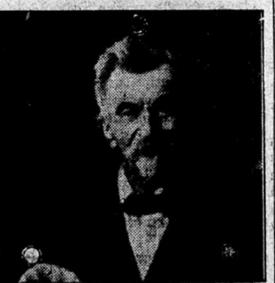
With the death of Peter Mack who passed away at the home of his son, John Mack in the Town of Milford, Friday morning shortly after 8 o'clock the last survivor of the first group of pioneers who came to New Ulm has gone to his reward.

Mentally the deceased was bright to the last but physically he had become quite decrepit in the past year. Death was due to old age, superinduced by dropsy. He was born in Oberdischingen, Oberamt, Ehingen, Kingdom of Wuerttemberg, Germany, June 29, 1830 and was therefore over 92 years old when he died.

Comes To America.
In the old country he was a coachman and gardener on a large estate. In the early fifties he joined his brothers and others who had decided to come to America and for some time after he came to this country he worked as a farm hand. During the early part of 1854 he became associated with the Chicago Land Verein whose main object was to provide better and more pleasant homes for the working man and hoped to attain this through the founding of a German colony in the far West.

On the 15th day of September, 1854, Mr. Mack and about thirty others left Illinois for the purpose of founding a colony at what is now Le Sueur. When they arrived there they did not like the place and pushed further westward and in the early part of October reached the place of Joseph La Framboise, an Indian trader who lived a few miles from Fort Ridgely. It was through him that they learned that a desirable place for a colony was to be found at the confluence of the Cottonwood and Minnesota rivers, to which place they went. They spent the first winter, however, in a deserted Indian village in the town of Milford. For years these early settlers had to combat the trials and tribulations of pioneer life, culminating in the horrors of the Indian Massacre. Mr. Mack was wounded twice during this conflict, a wound in the arm weakening that member so that he was not able to do very heavy work after that.

Returns to New Ulm.
After the Indian Massacre the Mack family moved to St. Paul where they lived for two years, then again returned to New Ulm where they resided for about eight years. During this time Mr. Mack was engaged as



Fred A. Pike Will Speak.
Although the great majority will come mainly for the opportunity of hearing Magnus Johnson, there will be other very attractive things on the program. Attorney Fred A. Pike of St. Paul, state chairman of the farmer-labor party, will be one of the speakers. He is an orator of note and will be well worth hearing. State Senator Frank H. Romberg of this district, a colleague of Magnus Johnson in the state senate, and who like Mr. Johnson has represented the interests of the people of the entire state honestly and well, will be present, as will also Hon. Louis Spelbrink, Brown County's conscientious representative in the lower house of the legislature. These men have known Magnus Johnson for several years and have worked with him in the legislature. They know his record well. Another progressive who will be at this picnic is Michael Kramer, candidate for representative at large from Redwood and Brown Counties. Whether there will be room on the speaking program for all of these men is not definitely known, but they will be there and their many friends will be glad to meet them. They all stand for the same program of progressive legislation as does Magnus Johnson, a program that all honest men and women can conscientiously support.

His Life and Associates.
The deceased was united in marriage to the widow of his brother in 1857. She preceded him in death December 7, 1874. The issue of this marriage were three sons and one daughter. One of the sons, Fred, died on the 10th of August this year. Some time after the death of his first wife, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Minna Haebler, who died many years ago. He is survived by ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mr. Mack was a great lover of the out-of-doors. He was practically the first farmer who had an orchard and in this he spent a great deal of time, making it beautiful and attractive. He was a member of the original New Ulm Jaeger Verein and was at the time of his death a member of the New Ulm Turnverein of which he had been a member for over fifty years. He was also at the time of his death a passive member of the Hofmeister band.

Mr. Mack was a great favorite among the Junior Pioneers who always treated him as their special guest

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MAGNUS JOHNSON TO SPEAK SUNDAY

FARMERS OF WATONWAN AND BROWN WILL PICNIC AT FORT HILL

DIRT FARMER CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR IS SUNDAY'S MAIN SPEAKER

State Senator Magnus Johnson, Meeker County farmer and the candidate of the farmer-labor party for governor of Minnesota at the November election, will be the principal speaker at a big picnic to be held at Fort Hill park on the shore of Lake Hanska in Brown County next Sunday, September 3rd.

Farmers, laborers and business men of Watonwan and Brown Counties have united in putting on this big picnic and every man, woman and child in both counties, who take any interest in the folks who work with hand or brain on the farm, in the store, shop or office, will want to hear the man who has been the floor leader of the farmers in the past several sessions of the Minnesota legislature and who will be elected with a good sized majority over Preus for governor this year if most of the people whose interests are farm hand. During the early part of 1854 he became associated with the Chicago Land Verein whose main object was to provide better and more pleasant homes for the working man and hoped to attain this through the founding of a German colony in the far West.

Johnson Will State Principles.
Magnus Johnson will state his principles at the Fort Hill picnic next Sunday. That there will be a monster crowd is a certainty. "Everybody knows Johnson", somebody has said, and this is a splendid opportunity for renewing acquaintances. He is the same jolly Swede as ever. Running for governor hasn't turned his head a bit. He has been signally honored by the farmers of Minnesota before, but he is always the same "J. Magnus", and enjoys to be called by his first name by all the people of the state.

The committee in charge of the picnic promises a varied program which will appeal to old and young alike. There will be sports and music and eats, and those who know the Norwegians in the Hanska neighborhood say that when all have eaten once, there will again be more eats. Leave it to the Norskers to furnish things to eat.

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nization after being bound over to the federal grand jury at Mankato, which convenes October 24th. A number of other New Ulm cases, results of a raid of some time ago, will also come up at that time.

It is whispered around that just before the federal agents swooped down upon the soft drink brigade of New Ulm, that several owners of refreshment places were given a "tip" that a raid was about to take place. That is said to account for the absence of the "mule" in some of the other places. It is also claimed that the look-out who gave the tip, collected goodly sums from his proteges after the raid.

The museum in the pioneer lodge was recently enriched by donations of relics made by the Esther Behnke and Frank Tuttle families. One of the articles turned over to the Junior Pioneers is an old clock which was brought from Braddock County, Pa., to New Ulm by Albert Tuttle. During the Indian Massacre the clock was in the Tuttle home in the town of Milford, the farm now owned by George Mauch of this city. A pair of fire tongs reputed to be over 300 years old which came west with the Tuttle family in 1855 is another relic that was turned over to the Junior Pioneers. In addition to this Mrs. Behnke turned over a steel engraving of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln which has been in the Behnke family for over fifty years.

SLEEPY EYE CAR THIEVES CAUGHT

DR. STRICKLER'S STOLEN CAR RECOVERED AT FARGO LAST WEEK.

ITINERANT THIEVES CAUGHT AND LODGED IN BROWN COUNTY JAIL.

Brown County is a mighty good place to stay away from if one has an itch for taking the property of others. The county authorities again have shown speed and efficiency in corralling two strangers who stole the Ford Sedan of Dr. Strickler of Sleepy Eye less than two weeks ago.

County Attorney Eckstein, Sheriff Julius, Chief McGowan of Sleepy Eye and Dr. Strickler left here last Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Fargo, N. D. They returned Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Dr. Strickler driving the car back which had been stolen from him and the peace officers having in their custody two men, giving their names as Howard Halverson and Robert Smith, who stole the car at Sleepy Eye, on Thursday, Aug. 17th.

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JOURNAL'S FRONT PAINTED YELLOW

DARK NIGHT COVERS ATTACK OF YELLOW PAINTERS ON NEWSPAPER.

HALF OF LEMON ALSO LEFT BY NIGHT MARAUDERS AS MEMENTO.

Some time during the darkness of night, presumably quite early yesterday morning, a crew of yellow painters must have worked fast and furiously on the front of P. Liesch's print shop on Second North street. Spectators gathered in groups in front of the Journal office yesterday morning to view the handiwork of people who prefer to let the darkness hide their identity.

The entire front of the Liesch building was daubed with yellow paint, the big window of the office having received the heaviest dose, hardly a square inch of the big plate having escaped from the thorough painting of the night gang. The brick wall and the smaller windows had also received a goodly covering of paint.

Used Broom As Brush.
The night visitors left their paraphernalia, consisting of an ordinary house broom, a big pail in which had been the paint and which had been entirely emptied, and a small brush, evidently an old brush that had formerly seen use in cleaning of cans or pipes, which had also been drafted for use as a paint brush. The fact that there were both a broom and a brush, which both showed use as painting tools, leads to the certain conclusion that the job was not done by one person alone, but that there must have been at least two people, and very likely more, on the job. Workers of this caliber generally go in gangs.

Handed a Lemon.
The half of a lemon had also been left on the sidewalk, close to the door. This was probably symbolic of the feelings that prompted the attack.

When the Journal force arrived on the scene, they began to gather up and put away the "tools" left by the painters. A Review reporter asked Mr. Eyrich if he surmised the cause of the painting. "Some people are crazy, I guess," was the only reply. Workmen were busy yesterday forenoon trying to wash off the paint, which was a pretty difficult job. Water had no influence on the sticky stuff and chemicals had to be resorted to in order to get it off. Traces will no doubt remain for a long time.

Beecher's Residence Painted.
It now appears that about a month ago the residence of H. L. Beecher, 404 South German street, was daubed with yellow paint, the Review having missed the news at that time. Whether the same gang did both jobs or if New Ulm has two night painting crews seems to be unknown at this time. City and county officials will no doubt get busy and chances are that in the long run, the culprits will be caught as the officials have a record for being able to locate evil-doers almost without exception.

INDIAN CHIEF WAS IN BIG OUTBREAK 30 YEARS AGO

Wadena and family passed through Mora Tuesday on their return trip to Mille Lacs Lake after a successful blueberry season in Wisconsin. Wadena was once a noted Indian in the eyes of the Nation. About thirty-two years ago a man came to Mora bringing the report that there was an Indian uprising among the Chippewas and that the white men were being killed; the alarm was at once given to the State and the National militia was called. A great deal of excitement reigned and at last a special train of soldiers arrived to fight the Indians. When they arrived it was to find that Wadena and a few of his tribe were on a little spree, there was no massacre. However, he caused the state a great deal of money. Possibly many of the older Minnesotans remember the tale, also the large ball which was given here in honor of the U. S. soldiers.—Mora Forum.

POSTOFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY

Postmaster Fred Pfander informs the Review office that the postoffice will be closed on Labor Day, Monday Sept. 4, all day. Carrier windows will be open between the hours of 8 and 9 in the morning. There will be no mail delivery, either rural or city.

Tell your friends to read the Review.