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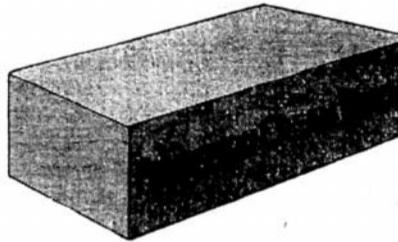
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PRINCETON.

## CITY OF PRINCETON.

The Council Takes Initiatory Steps  
Toward Incorporating as a  
City Government.An Ordinance Passed Declaring the  
Village a City, Subject to the  
Vote of the People.

The first steps toward changing Princeton from a village to a city government were taken at a special meeting of the village council last Tuesday night when an ordinance was passed declaring that all the territory now embraced in the present limits of the village should be and constitute the city of Princeton subject to the vote of the qualified electors of said village. Chapter 8 of the general laws of 1895 is an act to provide for the incorporation, organization and government of cities and at the time it was before the legislature was known as the Howard charter, Senator Howard of Minneapolis being the father of the act. The charter was a well framed and thoroughly drafted document and many cities are acting under its provisions to-day. It is under the provisions of this act that the initiatory steps toward incorporation as a city are being taken by the village council. The law provides for submitting the question to the county commissioners by petition of the people, and authorizes the commissioners to set a day for an election, but this provision was placed in the law to protect the interests of the people and give them sufficient power to grow and develop in case the members of the village board did not see fit to go ahead and take the initiative, which under the law they are empowered to do, and which the village council of Princeton has already done. The ordinance has been properly passed and after its publication it becomes in full force and effect and then it devolves upon the council to pass a resolution calling for an election by the qualified electors of the village who shall say whether they wish to organize as a city or not. At the regular meeting of the council next Monday night the matter of passing the resolution will come up for consideration and it will pass as there does not seem to be anything in the way to prevent it from passing, as the ordinance was passed without a dissenting vote, and there were many of the property owners present to urge its passage.

The village long since outgrew its old charter and its hands are tied so far as taking the necessary steps toward making much needed improvements which are really too numerous to mention. The streets and sidewalks are in very bad shape and it appears that the village has no power to force people to repair their sidewalks and if this is a fact then it would seem that it is high time to get the necessary authority to do so. Then the streets. There has been enough money wasted on the main traveled streets in the village to have paved them in good shape. Then we are in sad need of curbs and gutters in many places. We have already commenced to honeycomb our streets with private sewers. We seem to be absolutely powerless to keep our crosswalks clean in muddy weather. The fire department has disbanded, and it will probably stay disbanded until some duly authorized representatives of the village go ahead and get the boys to re-organize and be in some shape for fires that are apt to break out any time. Looking at the matter all around it would seem that we had got to the end of the village rope and that we had better try city ways and see how it will work.

Should the council pass the resolution calling for a special election there shall be forty days notice by publication given and thirty days notice by posting in five conspicuous places in the village. A majority vote is all that is necessary to carry the election, and after the village clerk has properly filed with the secretary of State the notice of proper election returns, etc., then the village becomes a city, and the old village officers will act and have the powers conferred on them by the charter, and they shall serve until their terms expire and until their successors have been elected and qualify as city officials.

The officers of the city government would consist of a mayor, a treasurer, three aldermen and two aldermen at large. The council would have to elect a city clerk or comptroller, appoint a marshal, etc. The charter gives city governments ample powers for providing for all details in their management and under the act Princeton could maintain a government that would give it ample powers and at the same time the expense of conducting the

city government would be light. More will be said on this matter if an election is ordered. The matter is a most important one and no hasty moves should be made. First know you are right and then go ahead.

### ROTATING AND REGISTERING.

Opinion of Attorney General on Rotating  
Names of Candidates on Ballots—An  
Opinion on Registration.

The following ruling has been made in response to many inquiries received at the attorney general's office in respect to the rotation of names of candidates on the ballot at the November election:

"Section 3, chapter 88, G. L. 1901, provides that the names upon the county ballot as to all offices, where more than one person is to be elected, shall be rotated as many times as there are candidates in the office division in which the greatest number are to be elected. For example, if there are four representatives to be elected from some legislative district and two district court judges to be elected, the names of the district court judges and the legislative candidates are to be rotated four times, but the names of the political parties are not to be changed upon the ballot, that being regulated by a separate section of the law. Where one officer is to be elected, as the county attorney, judge of probate, register of deeds, etc., there can be no rotation of a single name. The only way in which the rotation could be made in such a district would be to rotate the party, and that the law does not allow."

The attorney general also decides that in villages and towns there is but one registration day, and that is primary election day. This was the construction placed on the law a short time ago by County Auditor Whitney.

The attorney general says: "Primary day constitutes the first registration day in all election districts in the State. In villages but one registration day was provided, consequently the primary election day took the place of such first registration day. It simply remains for the board of registration to supplement the primary election list by adding thereto the names of all electors known to the board, or which could be ascertained to be eligible to vote at the coming election taken from the poll list of the preceding general election and post this list ten days before election.

### Drowned at Sauk Center.

Last Thursday P. Hedin received the sad intelligence of the death of his uncle, E. L. Hedin of Sauk Centre, Minn. Mr. Hedin's uncle was drowned in some unknown manner in Sauk lake on Monday night of last week, and the body was recovered Wednesday afternoon. On the day he was drowned he had celebrated his sixty-second birthday. He had been in the mercantile business in Sauk Center for twenty years. He left the business part of the city for his home Monday afternoon and that was the last seen of him alive. Some boys found his hat on the shore of the lake, and a search was instituted and the body was found about sixteen feet from the shore in only two or three feet of water. It is supposed that he became confused and walked off the steep bank into the waters of the lake. He leaves a wife and five children, the oldest of the children being twenty-five years of age and is employed at Long Prairie. None of the children are married.

New Bride for Isanti County.  
Last Wednesday at Elk River occurred the wedding of Emil Swartz of Crown and Miss Celestia Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Carter of Livonia.

The ceremony was performed at the Union parsonage and the bride and groom were attended by Ray Carter, brother of the bride, and Miss Lizzie Looney. After the ceremony they left for their future home in Crown, Isanti county, where a reception was given them.

### Kicked by a Horse.

Last Monday morning while he was hitching up his team to make a trip into the country Don Sausser was badly kicked by one of the horses. The horse's hoof struck him in the abdomen, causing severe internal injury and pain. Dr. Cooney was called and attended to the injury and thus far there are no serious developments.

No bones were broken by the injury. It will be some time before Mr. Sausser will be able to get around.

### Payment for Mille Lacs Indians.

The Mille Lacs band of Chippewa Indians will receive a payment at Lawrence on Nov. 7th and 8th. We are informed they will receive about \$30 per head. This payment has nothing to do with the estimating and adjusting of claims for improvements made on lands around Mille Lacs lake previous to a removal to the White Earth reservation. This will probably be the largest payment the band has ever received.—Mora Times.

## MONEY FOR SCHOOLS.

County Auditor Whitney Distributes  
\$4,224.45 to the Schools of  
Mille Lacs County.Three New School Districts, Two of  
Which are Unorganized—Other  
School News.

County Auditor Whitney has apportioned the school money for the October settlement with the schools in Mille Lacs county. The sum apportioned amounted to \$4,080, to which was added \$144.45, the amount of the accumulated fines since a year ago. The fines were not apportioned in the March settlement as they did not amount to enough to make any distribution. In the present settlement they amounted to seven and four-fifths cents to each pupil entitled to share in the apportionment, making the rate per scholar \$2.078. The distribution to the various districts is as follows:

No. Dist.	No. of Scholars.	Amount.
1	420	\$900.00
2	31	64.19
3	69	138.67
4	91	188.44
5	42	86.97
6	35	72.45
7	43	90.94
8	37	76.62
9	54	111.82
10	32	66.27
11	32	75.42
12	84	174.43
13	359	743.43
14	187	387.24
15	23	47.63
16	64	132.53
17	39	80.45
18	18	37.37
19	48	99.40
20	39	80.76
21	26	58.84
22	32	69.57
23	20	41.42
24	25	55.20
25	33	51.77
		Totals..... 2,040 \$4,224.45

There has been a gratifying increase in the number of pupils entitled to share in the apportionment of the school money, which indicates that there is a more regular attendance of the children at the country schools.

There are at the present time twenty-eight organized school districts in the county and two unorganized. Districts 27 and 29 have been formed but have not been organized as yet. District 30 was formed out of district 14, the Bock district, that has had five schools. District 30 is of course not entitled to any apportionment this year. District 16 which is located at Mille Lacs lake has five schools, and one of them, the Rogers school, has an attendance of three scholars. There are just sixty-four scholars attending the five schools in the district. District 14 has now four schools, while districts 1 and 11 have three, and districts 3, 4, 12, 18 and 25 have two schools each.

There are at the present time fifty-nine teachers in the county schools. The Princeton schools have twelve teachers, while Milaca has seven. Districts 14 and 16 have five teachers each, district 11 has three, and districts 3, 4, 12, 18 and 25 have two teachers each and the remainder of the districts have one school and one teacher.

There are ten districts in the county that have nine months school, five that have eight, and four that have seven, the balance having five and six months school.

### HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS.

Football, Basket Ball and Lawn Tennis  
Furnish Recreation.

The athletic diversions of the pupils of the Princeton high school are being taken up and cultivated with considerable interest. Prof. White is an enthusiast on outdoor sports. He played with the football eleven of the State university in the early nineties, and he is taking great interest in the training of the Princeton high school eleven which will play a game with the Elk River high school eleven a week from next Saturday at Princeton. The Princeton boys have been doing some good seasoning work and with Prof. White as coach they will develop into a very good team. They have secured their new uniforms and will go in for touch downs when the time comes.

The girls have not been overlooked in providing for outdoor sports and a basket ball team has been organized with ten members who are fitted out with pretty uniforms of dark blue, and have been doing considerable practicing lately. Basket ball furnishes plenty of athletic recreation for girls and it is fast becoming a favorite game at schools and colleges. It is as good a game for girls and women as football is for boys. As the Aitkin Republican says: "It combines all the good qualities, and lacks a good many of the bad ones of foot ball. It is a quick spirited game and cultivates strength and physical endurance if played moderately."

"Foot ball will never be played by women, while basket ball is enjoyed

just as much by the boys as by the girls. It may be played during the entire school year if so desired.

"It develops, among other things, quick perception and judgment. In a moment, a person must judge space and time in order to run and catch the ball at the right place, must decide to whom it may best be thrown and at the same time must remember not to 'foul.' It develops physical and moral courage, self-reliance and self-control, the ability to meet success and defeat with dignity.

"For the benefit of those people who do not know anything about the game, a few hints or suggestions are perhaps helpful.

"The game consists of 20 minute halves with a rest of 10 minutes between. It may be played on any grounds free from obstructions, said grounds not to exceed 3,500 sq. ft. The grounds are marked by a well defined outline around the field or floor and are divided into three equal spaces. Five players constitute a team; there are two forwards, two guards and one center and two teams are necessary to play a game. The ball is tossed up between the two centers and is advanced towards goal; the better jumper of course has the advantage. The ball is passed from one player to another until there is a chance to edge it. A goal, if made from the field, counts two points, if from the 15 ft. foul line counts one point. The team scoring the largest number of points of course is the winner."

It is to be hoped that the Princeton girls will be able soon to give an exhibition game, as a good many will willingly pay a reasonable admission fee to see them play.

Another outdoor sport that has been provided for the high school children is lawn tennis. It is not as rough and vigorous a game as basket ball or football, but is a very pleasant field sport in which many of the scholars are taking much interest.

### The Indifferent Voter.

Booth Tarkington, the Indiana author who is a candidate for the legislature in that state, made a three-minute speech at a recent meeting at Indianapolis, in which he tells the following story apropos of the indifferent or apathetic voter:

"The indifferent voter is a worthless sort of a cuss. He is not a good man. You have got to make him vote. I remember a story of an old colored man and his boy who went fishing at a dam, and the boy fell into the swirling water, which soon took him under. A bystander asked the old man why he took it so hard when his boy was such a worthless fellow.

"'Why, he had all the bait,' said the old man.

"That's the way with the apathetic voter. We need him in our business. If he realizes what his vote means he will vote."

On the outside of the building a drum corps at this point started up so loudly as to bring Mr. Tarkington's remarks to a sudden close, and he retired amid the plaudits of his hearers.

### Potato Market.

The only feature to the potato market the past week has been a lively spurt in Triumphs, which were quoted a week ago at 30 cents and on Friday buyers became a little speculative and paid as high as 46 to 50 cents. The market opened Monday with the Texas seed firm and