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DEATH OF M. J. JAAX.

His Illness Took a Fatal Turn and He Died Very Suddenly at Noon Last Tuesday.

He Was Buried at Eleven O'Clock Tuesday Night--A Sad Blow to His Family.

The sad news of the sudden death of M. J. Jaax was received up town immediately after dinner last Tuesday, and his many friends and the whole community were shocked at the dreadful intelligence that proved all too true.

It was supposed that Mr. Jaax was getting along all right, at least such were the reports sent from his house daily to his wife and daughter and to inquiring friends, but for some reason or other that will never be explained, he was seized with an attack of heart failure, or very serious crisis of the disease just about noon hour, and relapsed into unconsciousness, from which he never recovered.

Carl Cravens who was assisting in caring for him, had asked him a short time before dinner what he desired for his dinner, and Mr. Jaax, who had been feeling in quite good spirit, stated that he would like and Mr. Cravens left the room in the upper part of the house where the unfortunate man was sick. When he returned a very short time afterwards he found Mr. Jaax in an unconscious condition with all the evidences of a fatal termination of the disease. The doctor was immediately summoned as was Mrs. Jaax, but alas, the poor man was then beyond all human aid and death ensued in a very short time. The sad part of his tragic ending was the fact that his wife and children never realized, nor under the circumstances could they know, that death in its merciless flight was hovering over the doomed man.

If ever a home was made desolate, and if ever pity and sorrow came from the silent chambers and recesses of the human heart in one spontaneous impulse it was when M. J. Jaax had to pass out of this world without wife or family, friends or neighbors to console or comfort him.

He was a young man with much of life before him. He had a family that he loved, and he had hosts of friends in Princeton. It was only a few weeks ago that the writer was chatting with him and at that time Mr. Jaax told of a talk he had with the late Sam Carew, then calmly awaiting his end, and there were those expressions of sorrow and regret by Mr. Jaax over the impending untimely death of Mr. Carew. Even then the grim messenger was preparing to remove his mask and mark the man of pity and sympathy for his own, and just why it was Mr. Jaax's fate to fall a victim to smallpox, and this affliction, too, following close on the heels of business reverses and troubles, and to be compelled to die as he did--just why--who can tell.

Under the circumstances there was little that could be done toward extending heart-to-heart sympathy and relief for the bereaved family. The nature of the disease compelled immediate action on the part of the health officers and under arrangements made by the Odd Fellows of which deceased was a member, the body was prepared for burial at once and was interred Tuesday night at 11 o'clock in Oak Knoll cemetery.

Mr. Jaax leaves a wife and four children, Hazel, the oldest being sixteen years of age.

He came to Princeton from Minneapolis about four years ago, and engaged in the second-hand business, in which he was very successful, and he built up a large business. The poor season last fall and winter made his business very dull and when he was taken sick, he had just made arrangements to have his business continued under the management of a trustee until he could realize on his collections and discharge his obligations, which had his life been spared, he no doubt could have done.

Mr. Jaax was a member of the Princeton lodge of Odd Fellows, the Maccabees and Foresters. He had a \$1,000 policy in each of the last two orders.

The family which is so sorely afflicted has the sympathy of the entire community. Under the circumstances they will be compelled to remain under close quarantine for three weeks or more or until all danger of contracting the disease or spreading the same is over.

Narrow Escape From Stray Bullet.
A wild bullet from a 22-calibre revolver came nearly cutting up some very serious capers at the residence of C. S. Neumann last Saturday evening

about eight o'clock. Miss Gladys Neumann had been playing at the piano in the front room when Miss Lou Rines called and Miss Gladys Neumann had just left the piano when the bullet came crashing through the lower pane of glass in one of the front windows and struck the piano stool just below the seat. The bullet was picked up near the stool and was found to be flattened by having struck the hard wood of the stool. The strange leaden visitor that came unannounced and with such force created considerable excitement for a few minutes. It is supposed that it was fired by some one who was shooting at a target or else was discharged from a revolver in the hands of some drunken person, as no sane person would ever think of deliberately shooting through the window to a residence.

Abe Mark Visits Princeton.

Abe Mark was down from Brainerd last week visiting relatives and friends in Princeton. This was Abe's first visit to Princeton since he moved to Brainerd and he enjoyed meeting old acquaintances. He said that business in Brainerd was very good and that the northern Minnesota city was growing very rapidly, but he also noted that Princeton was getting to the front in good shape. Abe says that his new town of Midland at Mille Lacs lake is destined to become one of the best towns in the lake country. He has already sold over fifty lots in the new town and there are already several very substantial buildings in the place. An electric line from Brainerd to the lake is being planned and the farmers will donate the right of way and place the ties on the same and the company will be bonded for the steel and equipment. The new creamery boat that has been placed on the lake will go into commission in a very short time. Abe says the lake country is the coming place and he intends to arrange for an outing for the newspaper boys tributary to the lake sometime the coming summer.

Money for Roads.

M. S. Rutherford is trying to get the county commissioners of Kanabec county to appropriate a sum of money for road work in town 40-25 which is being rapidly settled up. He says that the Ann River Farm Land Co. will donate \$1,000 or better for road work in that township if the county of Kanabec will appropriate a like sum. The new country up that way wants more roads and must have them in order to more rapidly develop the country. A good road is a sure revenue getter for it enhances the value of land, besides inducing settlers to locate on the land and help build up the country. While doing this they are adding at a very rapid rate to the assets of the county and the money that is spent on roads soon comes back in taxes, and not for one year but for all years to come.

A Ball Game Sunday.

The ball season proper will open next Sunday with a game at the fair grounds between the Princeton nine and the Spencer Brook team. Manager Claggett of the Princeton colts is getting his timber seasoned and hopes to make up a good strong team for the season. The line up for the game next Sunday will be as follows: Clarence Hill, catcher; Alphonso Nachbar and Carl Cravens, pitchers; E. D. Claggett, 1b.; Frank Edmison, 2b.; Cliff Cravens, 3b.; Will South, ss.; Guy Cordiner, lf.; Norm Marshall, cf.; Harry Saxon, rf. Manager Claggett says that the boys will be togged out with fine suits for the season, and the Princeton team will be no slouches to be seen or to play. The Princeton team expects to have its new suits for next Sunday.

Will Locate in California.

S. M. Byers writes from Long Beach, Cal., that he has bought a home at that place and will remain in that country in the future. He expects to return home in a few days and dispose of most of his household goods and pack the rest and ship them to California. Mr. Byers says that his wife is getting well and that he has gained five pounds since he went there. He says that he walked ten miles the day before he wrote the letter and that it did not tire him a bit. He says that the only thing he regrets is that he will not be here to vote for R. C. Dunn for governor.

Improved in Health.

Dan McCuaig returned here Saturday after spending the winter at Redlands, California, and is much improved in health. He reached St. Cloud, Saturday, too late for the train into Milaca and one of his livery rigs met him there. Dan thinks that no country can compare with California, especially in ailments of his kind and he hopes to return there to reside permanently.--Milaca Times.

CALL A NEW PASTOR.

The Congregational Church Extends a Call to Rev. John R. Henderson of Vermont.

He Will Assume His Pastoral Duties About July 1st--A Young Man of Ability.

The Congregational church has called a new minister. This time the church went down to New England and selected a man in the person of Rev. John R. Henderson of Waitsfield, Vt., who is desirous of moving west and has been looking for an opening. He wrote to Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, superintendent of the Minnesota Home Missionary society, and Mr. Merrill, knowing that the Princeton church was without a pastor, and realizing that it was looking for a good man did not hesitate to recommend Mr. Henderson, who according to all reports and endorsements is a man well qualified to take the pastorate of the Princeton church. Mr. Henderson is a young man thirty-six years of age and is a graduate of Dartmouth college, where he received his B. A. degree. He is a man fully abreast of the times, and has had great success as a pastor in his present field. While a resident of staid old New England he has been in touch with the west, having resided in Oklahoma for some time and also South Dakota. Mr. Henderson has a wife who is a talented musician and ought to prove a great help in church work.

At a business meeting of the church last Sunday night it was decided to call Mr. Henderson for a trial of three months and he will probably assume the pastorate of the church about the first of July.

A Final Summing Up.

The statement made by R. C. Dunn in his address at Minneapolis which naturally caused a great deal of angry excitement on the part of the persons referred to was precisely as follows:

"I have it upon the authority of James J. Hill that when Judge Collins was running against Judge Willis for the supreme bench the Great Northern railroad contributed between \$30,000 and \$40,000 to his campaign fund. I have it on the same authority that E. A. Nelson, State librarian, went to the Great Northern railroad to get \$25,000 for Judge Collins in the present campaign."

Judge Collins in a letter of inquiry to Mr. Hill interpreted this to mean what Dunn had not said--that he, Collins, had "personally solicited and received from Mr. Hill the sum of between \$30,000 and \$40,000 for his own private and individual use" in the campaign of 1894 referred to. And he therefore asks Mr. Hill: "First, did I solicit from you any contributions of money in the campaign of 1894, or at any other time, for campaign purposes? . . . Second, did you contribute to me personally, or for my personal use, any money in 1894, or at any other time, for campaign purposes? If so, when, where, how much and to whom was the money paid?" To these specific questions Mr. Hill after suggesting a personal interview on the subject replied: "No contribution was personally solicited by you or made to you by me," and adds this significant remark beyond the narrow lines of Judge Collins' carefully limited interrogatory but apparently quite within the purview of the charge made by Dunn: "By whom contributions were solicited and to whom made is a proper subject for a personal interview rather than of correspondence," and this is a pretty distinct intimation that contributions were solicited and received by somebody for that campaign, leaving it to be inferred that they were made in the interest of Judge Collins since that was the thing charged, and this inference derives a negative support from the fact that though Mr. Hill offered to tell Collins who that somebody was in the personal interview to which he invited the judge, the latter refused to accept the offer to have his convenient veil of ignorance removed, declaring that he had "no desire to ascertain about contributions unless they were made upon my solicitation or suggestion."

So that if the person who solicited this money was a fellow townsman and warm personal friend of Judge Collins, who received it with the understanding that it was to be expended in a thorough canvass of the election districts of the State in the interest of Judge Collins--we are simply supposing a case--it would be quite true that the contributions were made without any solicitation or suggestion to that end personally by the judge; it might even be true, though hardly probable, that it was done without his knowledge. Yet it will strike the attentive

observer that Judge Collins showed a commendable degree of prudence in refusing to be enlightened by Mr. Hill on the interesting question of who it was that solicited and received this money.

But while Judge Collins thus emerges from the charge against him in a cloud of conjecture the same cannot be said of E. A. Nelson, one of Collins' most active managers, of whom Mr. Dunn had said: "I have it upon the same authority (Mr. Hill) that E. A. Nelson, State librarian, went to the Great Northern railroad to get \$25,000 for Judge Collins in the present campaign." Nelson would doubtless have much preferred not to ask Mr. Hill any questions on the subject, but since the exigencies of the political situation made it necessary for him to do so, he cannot complain that Mr. Hill's reply was not sufficiently explicit. This is what he said relating directly to his question:

"Sir--I beg to acknowledge your letter of this date and in reply I desire to call your attention to what occurred in a call you made at my office some time during the past winter. You spoke about some farmers coming to the State agricultural farm and then asked me if I had enough interest in the election of governor of the State to contribute twenty or twenty-five thousand dollars to a campaign fund if Judge Collins could be nominated or that with that sum he could be nominated. I replied that I did not desire to interfere in State politics; that my interest in the matter only went so far as to hope a good man would be nominated, and that I would not undertake to furnish that or any other sum of money for the purpose requested. This, I think, you will recall, is substantially what occurred."

Thus Mr. Hill fully confirms Dunn's charge that Nelson endeavored to get him to contribute from \$20,000 to \$25,000 to a campaign fund in the interest of Judge Collins. Nelson, as a matter of course, makes a feeble attempt to deny the pointed and explicit statement of Mr. Hill and he also denies that either Judge Collins or his advisers ever asked him to solicit funds from Mr. Hill or mentioned the subject in his presence. According to him he didn't do it, but if he did do it it was an original and independent stroke of enterprise on his own part. The disinterested public will place its own estimate on the credibility of such denials.

Having thus summed up what appear to be the salient facts and features of the controversy raised by the charges of Mr. Dunn and the statements in their own defense made by Judge Collins and Mr. Nelson published on another page the debate is closed so far as the Pioneer Press is concerned, and the people of the State with these facts before them will form their own conclusions.--Pioneer Press (May 14).

THE POTATO INSTITUTE.

More Particulars About the Potato Institute June 2d.

Supt. O. C. Gregg, has made arrangements with the best men to be obtained for the benefit of the potato belt of Minnesota at the earnest request of many potato growers. Hon. T. B. Terry of Ohio, the recognized authority of the United States, has been secured as one both versed in extensive production of this valuable crop as well as to Minnesota conditions, for one of the instructors.

Prof. Samuel B. Green of our Experiment station, will take up the diseases of the potato and how to prevent them. His work will be especially valuable to all those who are seeking light along this line. He is the real doctor for the sick potatoes. "Prevention is well worth a pound of cure," and may save the potato growers thousands of dollars, even in this year's crop. Prof. Green will also take up fruit and ornamental trees and plants of eastern Minnesota.

Other topics and features of institute work will be taken up as time and demand requires. But the leading features of the work will be devoted to the improvement of and success of the potato raisers. Other speakers are also provided.

The institute Annual No. 16 will be distributed to all those attending the forenoon session as it contains special features in relation to the diseases of the potato. Remember this is State work and all free.

Pony and Cart for Young America.

A Shetland pony and cart came up by express last Friday afternoon from Minneapolis for Banker Peterson's sons. The pony was taken off the car and placed on the express truck with Agent Rice on the "bridge" keeping a close lookout. As the train pulled out the train crew gave the agent the laugh and a few good suggestions about how to unload the pony. George stood pat and so did the pony which was taken onto terra firma and hooked up to the cart. W. H. Ferrell was commissioned the legal representative of the company and drove the pony to its new oats box.

GRADUATION NIGHT.

Program Completed for Commencement Exercises at Opera House Next Thursday Night.

Prof. R. Watson Cooper of Hamline University to Deliver Graduation Address.

The graduating exercises of the Princeton high school will be held at the opera house on Thursday evening, May 26th, the date having been changed to suit the convenience of Prof. R. Watson Cooper, of Hamline university, who will deliver the commencement address. The senior class consists of but two young men, Earl Kaliber and Guy Cordiner, and Mr. Kaliber is the only one who will participate in the commencement exercises. This leaves a kind of an "aching void" so far as the class goes, but Prof. Selleck has prepared a very good program for the occasion. Prof. Cooper who will deliver the address, is professor of literature at Hamline and is an able speaker and will no doubt deliver a very scholarly address. The feature of the exercises will be the musical numbers by a large chorus of school children who are being drilled by Prof. Selleck. The program is as follows:

Invocation.....
Chorus, "Blow Ye Merry Breezes"..... Jacobs
Oration..... "Is the Jury System a Failure?"
Earl Kaliber.
Trombone Solo..... Selected
B. O. Brown.
Address..... "The Intellectual Life."
Prof. R. Watson Cooper.
Chorus, "Oh, Italia, Italia,"..... Donizetti
Presentation of Diplomas by G. A. Eaton, president of School Board.
Benediction.....

THE "NINETY AND NINE."

Original Roster of Senior Class of 1904 and What Became of the Pupils.

The fact that but two high school pupils will receive diplomas this year is of course an exception and not the rule, and the chances are that the Princeton high school will never graduate such a small class again, at least it is to be hoped so; but the question naturally arises what has become of the ninety and nine that entered the high school four and five years ago.

It is a fact that a large proportion of the school children leave school after graduating from the grades, and while many enter the high school few ever graduate. There are many explanations that might be given, most of which perhaps are for very good and sufficient reasons. While the times call for higher education in every calling the fact remains that the stern, practical conditions that govern life are still dominant and will prevail.

In the high school year of 1900 and 1901 there were twenty pupils who entered for the high school course. Two of these pupils, Miss Avis Eaton and Miss Minnie Sellhorn, made up a year and graduated with the class of 1903. Of these twenty, five were in the high school the year before. They were Cecil Bigelow, Guy Cordiner, Fred Keith, Lucie Mudgett, and Grace Tibbetts. Of these Miss Mudgett quit school during her first year while Cecil Bigelow, Fred Keith and Grace Tibbetts dropped their work during their second year. The other pupils who were enrolled four years ago were as follows:

Bertha Woodcock, Myrle Burgan.
Florence Carter, Ralph Claggett.
Andrew Campbell, Heion Christanson.
Earl Kaliber, Georgia Mudgett.
Henry Peterson, Emma Radeke.
Grace Sadley, Stella Sausser.
Geo. Van Rhee.

Of these Miss Grace Sadley is still attending school and will graduate next year. The remainder with the exception of Earl Kaliber, who graduates have all dropped by the wayside because of sickness, removal to other places, and for various reasons. The senior class for next year will consist of ten members if they all remain and graduate, and future graduating classes promise to be at least average ones.

Death of Gen. J. B. Sanborn.
Gen. John B. Sanborn died at his home in St. Paul at about 7:30 o'clock Monday morning.

He was one of the State's distinguished citizens, and was identified with its growth and development.

At the breaking out of the Civil war, Gov. Ramsey appointed Mr. Sanborn adjutant and quartermaster general of the State. In that capacity he organized and equipped four regiments, this involving a vast amount of labor. In the winter of 1861-2, he was appointed colonel of the Fourth Minnesota regiment and served through the war, with a gallant record.

After leaving the army he was appointed one of the peace commissioners, in company with General Sher-

man, Harney, Taylor, Tappen and Senator Henderson, to negotiate treaties with certain tribes of Indians. Gen. Sanborn also served on another Indian commission with Gen. Sully and others, after the massacre at Fort Kearney.

Returning home, he was elected a member of the Minnesota house in 1872, and of the senate in 1881.

Gen. Sanborn had been a member of the Minnesota historical society since 1865, and its council since 1875. He was elected its president a year ago, succeeding the late Gov. Ramsey.

Out of respect to the memory of Gen. Sanborn the governor of the State issued a proclamation notifying the public that the body would lie in state in the governor's room at the capitol from noon to 2:30 p. m. yesterday.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM.

Order of March and Program as Completed by the G. A. R. Committee.

The Memorial Day committee of the G. A. R. has completed arrangements for the program of the day. The exercises will be held at the fair grounds, the weather permitting. Capt. Patterson has been appointed as marshal of the day, while C. A. Dickey will deliver the oration. The parade will be made up as follows:

Capt. I. C. Patterson, Marshal.
Co. G Third Reg. N. M. G., Capt C. A. Calety, Commanding.
Wallace T. Rines Post, G. A. R.
L. A. S. No. 1.
"Old Glory" Carried by Fifteen Girls.
Civic Societies
Public School Children in Charge of Prof. Selleck.

Citizens on Foot and in Carriages. Arriving at the fair grounds the order of exercises will be as follows:

Song.....Choir
Invocation.....Rev. W. E. J. Gratz.
Song.....Choir
Reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.....
.....Corp. A. Z. Norton.
Address.....C. A. Dickey.
Song, "America,".....Choir and Audience.

At the conclusion of the exercises the parade will reform and march to the cemetery where the soldier's graves and cenotaph will be decorated by the members of the G. A. R.

Princeton's New Industries.

Henry Newbert is kept pretty busy these days and is spending much of his time on the road. Besides his casualty insurance business he represents the new Princeton cigar factory of Julius Sugarman and also the Princeton bottling works of E. H. Witte. Both of these new industries are proving a great success. Mr. Sugarman has started in with five cigar makers in his factory and is placing a fine line of cigars on the market, while Mr. Witte has his bottling factory equipped with all the latest machinery and is bottling all kinds of carbonated drinks, mineral and soda water, ginger ale, birch beer, cream and lemon soda, etc. He is a practical man in the business and is turning out a fine lot of goods.

Mora Officials Visit Princeton.

A delegation of the village fathers of Mora was in Princeton Tuesday looking over the water plant of Princeton. Mora has just voted \$12,000 bonds for the construction of a water plant and the officials of that village are looking over the plants of adjoining towns to get what information they can. The Mora delegation consisted of Mayor D. R. Eaton, Hugo Naumann, village recorder, August Engstrand, one of the village trustees, J. C. King, village attorney, and Geo. H. Newbert, village treasurer.

Judge Searle in Again.

Judge Searle is in no sense a candidate for nomination to the supreme bench, but the mention of his name in this connection has met with favor that his nomination is very probable. The ability and general qualifications of Judge Searle for this position are so generally recognized that his nomination would go a long way towards removing the supreme bench from the political game into which it has fallen.--Detroit Record.

Blue Bells of Scotland.

Mrs. Wesley Page has some handsome "Blue Bells of Scotland" in blossom and among the floral decorations at the Congregational church last Sunday was a vase of these pretty flowers. They are from seed sent over by the late Mrs. Olive R. Barker when she was traveling in Europe, and the flowers have thrived well with proper care. They are not the genuine Blue Bells but close enough to be highly prized.

Sheriff Resigns.

Sheriff Gray of Kanabec county has resigned and Geo. E. Day of Mora has been appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Gray intends to move west.

A Good Because.

We wonder if "silence is golden," because, like gold, it is often so hard to keep.--Big Lake Herald.