

Schools Occupy New Apartments

CONTRACTORS SUCCEED IN COMPLETING WORK AHEAD OF TIME.

UPPER GRADE TEACHERS WILL BE GIVEN DEPARTMENTAL WORK.

Congratulations are due to the members of the New Ulm School Board for the manner in which they have expended the funds voted them for the construction of the new high school building which was completed in time for the beginning of school Monday morning of this week. The contractors evidently worked in good luck and to good purpose as it was not expected that they would be able to complete the work so that the building could be used much before the first of March, and Sunday things were in good condition for work all over the building with the exception of the rooms that will not be occupied this year. Not anticipating the space to do the manual training and the domestic science work in, no place was made for these subjects in the curriculum of 1914-15 and these rooms will be finished up as the carpenters get to them. Teachers will be engaged for these courses next year.

Monday morning saw a grand moving day. High school pupils, teachers and Superintendent left the Emerson building bag and baggage for their new quarters. And into the Emerson building poured the crowds of grade students coming from the various buildings all over town where they have been scattered since the old Union Building was torn down to make room for the new High School. From the Methodist Church Basement, from the Lutheran school, from the Washington and Lincoln School Buildings they came, loaded with books and other implements of schoolroom warfare, the mighty army going into new headquarters for the spring campaign against ignorance.

The entire plan of upper grade work has been changed by the new housing of the pupils. All seventh and eighth grade pupils are now located in the central school and occupy the assembly room formerly occupied by the High School. Their class rooms will be the former science class rooms on the same floor so that there will be no necessity for their passing up and down stairs on their way to and from classes. The teachers who formerly had straight grade work for seventh and eighth grades will now have department work and this is the greatest of the changes made in the conduct of the schools. Heretofore each grade had its own special teacher for all subjects with the exception of German. Now there will be an instructor in History, one for Grammar, one for Arithmetic and one for Geography. This gives teachers a chance to specialize and improve in their methods of handling the subject for which they are cast.

The assembly room of the seventh and eighth grades will be in charge of Miss Sauter who will be principal of the Emerson building. Miss Sauter will have her hands full taking care of the big room and hearing classes every hour of the day as well. Her subjects will be Arithmetic and Spelling while she also does a part of the work in drawing and penmanship. Miss Schwanke has been assigned the History and Geography and Miss Pangel the Reading and Grammar besides taking the other classes in drawing and penmanship.

On the lower floors of the Emerson School are now located the First and Second Grade taught by Miss Louise Meile, the third and fourth in charge of Miss Eunice Starr, Miss Bertha Pfeiffer with the Union Building Fifth and Miss Marie Lunde with the Union Building Sixth.

The Normal Department is housed in a room of the New Building. At the Washington School Miss Sommerstad and Miss Schaul are in charge of the two first grades and Miss Borchert and Miss Johnson occupy the two upper rooms with the four intermediate grades. Miss Johnson will be principal of this building. There are only three rooms in use: the Lincoln building this year, Miss Lloyd being principal and teacher of the Fifth and Sixth Grades. The other teachers are Miss Schmidt, First and Second and Miss Ruemke, Third and Fourth.

After the High School pupils had established themselves in the new building Monday morning an hour was given to

singing and talks by the Superintendent and Principal Peterson. Such a volume of music as the girls and boys poured out in their happiness at the pleasant new surroundings has never before been heard in New Ulm school halls. They were dismissed for the forenoon following the opening exercises and the science pupils undertook the task of moving the apparatus from the old class rooms into the new. Regular work was resumed yesterday and will be continued, uninterrupted by the presence of workmen who will be occupied with the little jobs of finishing up for several weeks yet. The several rooms to be used by the Domestic Science and Manual Training will be given attention and by the close of the school year everything will be in readiness for a full force of teachers.

The casual visitor to the new building must be impressed with the lack of ornamentation everywhere. Every piece of timber has been put in for the utilitarian reason and no attempt has been made to produce anything elaborate. The finish is in plain, dark oak, substantial, useful and beautiful in its simplicity. Instead of very heavy, large plate windows, small panes of glass have been used to compose the side walls in the large assembly hall which saves the strain of the weight of heavier galls and is more economical also in cause of accidents. The side and overhead lighting system is used, doing away with the necessity of teachers facing a glare of light as they stand before their classes. Every modern idea of convenience and sanitation has been incorporated in the equipment of the rooms in the way of ventilating, heating and vacuum cleaning systems. The wardrobes are all open in the halls so that air can circulate freely among the traps as they hang and thus keep them fresh and cleaner than if they were stored in some dark unlighted closet as is often done in school room wardrobes.

ANOTHER CONVENTION COMING.

At the annual meeting of the Minnesota National Guard held at the Radisson Hotel last Monday and Tuesday it was decided to hold the next convention in New Ulm. This means that about 200 militia officers will be the guests of the city presumably between Christmas and New Years, altho this is a matter left entirely with the executive committee. The office of Brigadier General after a lively contest was filled by the election of Col. A. W. Wright of Austin, he receiving a majority of the votes on the 10th ballot. Major Albert Pfander was elected Secretary of the association.

ALUMNI BANQUET A BIG SUCCESS

The plan of having the annual banquet of the New Ulm High School Alumni held during the Christmas vacation when all the former students come home if it is possible proved to be a splendid one as never before has the affair been so well attended. Nearly a hundred were present when the gathering took place last Thursday evening. It was not a banquet in the ordinary sense of the word as the program committee thought it would be a pleasant variation to arrange the two hours dancing from 8 to 10 followed by a light supper without the usual program of toasts. Apparently all the alumni in the city made an attempt to be present but were surprised to find the school Board represented by one lonely member, Dr. G. F. Reineke being the only one present.

The business meeting was held in the supper room which was made pretty with carnations and smilax on the tables. The Gym where the dancing was done was decorated in the high school colors, lavender and white.

Supt. Hess suggested that it might be a very nice thing for the Alumni to work together to secure enough funds to place a new grand piano in the High School Assembly Room and the idea took well, something like a hundred dollars being promptly pledged to start the ball rolling. A committee consisting of Arthur Boock, Dr. A. V. Seifert, Elmer Haerle and Miss Vera Strickler was appointed to see what can be done in regard to this plan.

Officers were chosen for the next year as follows: Arthur Boock, pres.; Miss Lulu Doehne, Vice Pres.; Miss Vera Strickler, Rec. Secretary; Anton Gruenfelder, Fin. Secretary Mitchel Russell Treas.

The medical fraternity of Brown and Redwood Counties is in session in the city today. There are over 20 members of the Association and they hold semi-annual gatherings where the doctors discuss various cases that have come under their observation and take counsel together on knotty points of their profession.

Police Officers Render Reports

YEAR OF 1914 PROVED REASONABLY QUIET IN POLICE CIRCLES.

TWO PRISONERS ARE SENT TO STILLWATER FROM BROWN COUNTY.

In his annual report to the Mayor and City Council, Chief Klaus reports 21 arrests by the police officers of the city during 1914. Of this number 6 were German Bohemians, 5 Germans, 5 were Americans, 3 Irishmen, 1 Jew and 1 Norwegian.

Of these prisoners 9 paid fines under city ordinances and three under the penal code. Two were sentenced to imprisonment in the County Jail and 1 to State Prison. In the case of 4 of them, sentence was suspended; one was discharged by a coroner's jury and one was turned over to out of State authorities.

Of those taken in custody 6 were residents of New Ulm and 15 were non-residents. No women were arrested during the year. Of the arrests made 10 were under State laws and 11 under City ordinances. For the violation of State laws fines aggregating \$35 were imposed and paid and for the violation of city ordinances \$128 was paid in the shape of fines.

As usual assault and battery and drunkenness head the list. Honors are even between them this time there being six cases of each. There were three cases of grand larceny and 1 for obtaining money on false pretenses. One person was arrested as a murder suspect, and one each for gambling, riding on sidewalk with motorcycle, discharging firearms and defacing property.

Sheriff W. J. Julius has prepared and submitted to the State Board of Control his annual report from which it appears that a total of 41 prisoners, 40 male and 1 female found accommodation at the County Jail during 1914. Three were carried over from last year. The following disposition was made of these prisoners: 2 were removed to the State Prison, 6 were discharged because of expiration of sentence and 14 because they paid their fines. Two men and 1 woman were admitted to bail and 3 were discharged because no indictment was found against them. Eight of the prisoners were discharged from custody either because they were acquitted or the cases against them nolle prossid. One was sent to Hospital for Insane and 1 was otherwise removed from jail. The sentences of 3 have not expired and they were holding forth at the County bastille on the first of the year. A total of 491 days board was furnished to the prisoners for which there was charged the sum of \$294.60. The report goes on to state that the sheriff resides in the jail, that the County employs a jailer and that the jail is also used as a city lock-up. There is proper accommodation for 18 prisoners and the largest number of prisoners in jail at any one time during the year amounted to 9. The prisoners, the report says, are kept separate and are allowed the Bible and newspapers for reading matter.

JULIUS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT

At the annual meeting of Minnesota Sheriffs held in St. Paul last Tuesday Sheriff William J. Julius was elected Vice President. About 40 sheriffs from the various counties in the state were in attendance. In the evening they had a banquet in the "Old Heidelberg" restaurant.

A committee was appointed to intercede with the legislators to have the salaries of sheriffs in the smaller counties raised from \$800 to \$1000, to increase the mileage from 10 to 15 cents per mile and the board of prisoners from 57 cents to 70 cents per day. This was all done, no doubt, in the interest of economy and retrenchment and for the sole purpose of reducing taxes.

The members of the Men's Clubs of the Congregational and Methodist Churches have arranged for a debate on the question of increasing the army and navy of the United States. This debate will be held for the general public and will probably be held in the auditorium of the church Thursday, the 14th of January. Rev. Wheeler and E. J. Buehrer will assume the duty of defending the affirmative of the question and the negative will be upheld by H. T. Peterson and Dr. Rieke.

Good Beginning For New Year

INTEREST IN THE WORK OF CIVIC CLUB CONTINUES UNABATED.

MUNICIPAL HEATING PLANT PROPOSITION WILL BE CONSIDERED.

Another successful meeting must be marked up to the credit of the Commercial Club. This was held Monday evening and was attended by about forty of the members. It was the first meeting of the year 1915 and augurs well for the activities of the club during the coming year.

Two committees, that in charge of the Corn and Colt Show and that which looked after the Municipal Christmas Tree celebration, submitted reports. From the former it appears that the meeting was not a success so far as attendance goes, but in other ways it was satisfactory. The committee was able to report a surplus after paying all the expenses. This sum was ordered placed on a certificate of deposit to the credit of the Club.

The report of the Municipal Christmas Tree celebration Receipts and Disbursements reads as follows:

Receipts.	
Funds collected	\$400.02
Sale of candy etc. left over	19.80
Discounts	2.47
Total	\$422.29
Disbursements.	
Candy	\$90.95
Nuts	119.00
Fruit	42.65
Labor	14.00
Cigars for Mueller & assistants	5.00
Telephone	40
Truck	11.72
Tinsel	4.80
Miscellaneous	11.55
Boxes	21.00
Total	\$321.08
Bal. on hand	\$101.21

The committee offered the following recommendations for the consideration of the Club:

"There are a number of families that need some assistance and it is the intention of the committee to devote at least a part of the cash remaining in relieving to a small extent some of their needs. We recommend that the balance left over be retained intact to be used for the next Christmas celebration or for charitable purposes as the Board of Directors may elect.

"Your committee extends sincere thanks to the ladies who put up the boxes of candy and nuts, to Mr. Mueller, Supt. of the city electric light station and his assistants who so beautifully decorated the tree, to the Park Board for the tree, to the Second Regiment Band for their services, to Wm. Pfander and those who composed the chorus, to John Gronau for his personal services in erecting the tree, to Ferdinand Crone and those who assisted in the distributions of the fruit, candy and nuts, the Chief of Police Klaus, his force and Co. "A" for their services, to the New Ulm City Council for the electric current, gobs and fixtures used in lighting the tree, to the citizens who so generously contributed to the Xmas fund and to each and every one who assisted in any way in making the occasion a success." The report was accepted and filed and the funds were left in the hands of the committee to be used for the relief of the poor as they see fit.

On behalf of the committee in charge of the Conference of Corrections and Charities, F. W. Johnson reported that the convention would be held here the latter part of September and will last four days. He told the Club of the meeting with Mr. Davis, Secretary of the Conference, and outlined the scope of the meeting as given in the Review several weeks ago. In this connection it was decided to have a committee investigate the necessity and feasibility of organizing a local Board of Corrections and Charities and the chair was instructed to appoint a committee of five to make such investigation. Pres. Ottomeyer referred this matter to the civic committee of which Supt. Hess is chairman.

Jacob Klossner, Jr. brought up the Luce Electric short line proposition and told of the activities by individuals and communities to secure the electric line. No one present seemed to feel that the stock necessary to secure the Luce line for New Ulm could be subscribed at

this time and the matter was dropped.

Julius Berndt, Sr. who was recently elected an honorary member was present and thanked the club for the honor conferred on him and regretted exceedingly that on account of his advanced years he would not be able to be as active in the club work as he would like to be, but stated that if at any time his services should be required, he would do everything in his power to promote the welfare of the city. He was roundly applauded for his remarks.

Fred W. Johnson brought up the question of a municipal heating plant for the city and the proposition was discussed at some length and finally disposed of by referring it to a committee consisting of F. W. Johnson, Albert Steinhauer and Emil G. Hage.

Upon the request of F. J. Armstrong a sum not to exceed \$50 was voted the house committee to be expended in the purchase of a new set of billiard balls and changing the pool table into a billiard table. The members present went on record favoring a complete renovation of the club rooms and the house committee was instructed to take this matter up with the landlord.

Since the last meeting the following memberships have been received: Raymond Leary, Wm. H. Mueller, M. E. Schuster, W. G. Alwin, J. B. Baarsch, Geo. Fesenmaier, J. P. Graff, Theo. Mueller, F. A. Schrupp, Wm. Pfander, Jr., Chas. Weilandt, Geo. W. Cunningham, and Geo. Z. Bromley. The club now numbers 153.

President Ottomeyer reported that 215 copies of the Building Edition of the Review had been sent to the various commercial clubs of the state, that about 100 had been sold to members. He recommended that at least 50 copies should be retained by the club for future use.

HIGH SCHOOL IN CONTEST.

The new high school building will receive a preliminary baptism or a sort of quasi-dedication this coming Friday night when the High School debating team clashes with Redwood Falls on the Interscholastic Debate question. The local debaters have sacrificed several portions of their vacation to work on this debate, and as they are now primed with enough "pep" and arguments to run the Mexican government for two weeks they expect to make a creditable showing against the veteran Redwood Falls team. The New Ulm team consists of Elizabeth Dougher, Walter Wiedenmann and Armin Koehler. Armin has developed a brand of persuasiveness that would coax a cast-iron dog into wagging its tail, while Walter reports that one night he caught himself starting in on his direct speech instead of the evening prayer.

As the lighting system will not be in place by Friday night Mr. Hess has arranged for temporary lights for that that one evening. The school building will receive its dedication later in the year when all the work on it has been completed. A large crowd, however, is expected to turn out for this occasion, as the rivalry between these two schools has always been very keen. A small admission charge will be made to pay the expenses of the visiting team.

COSTS MONEY TO VENT SPIRE.

Monday morning at 10 o'clock Anton A. Henie appeared before City Justice N. Henningsen and plead guilty to the charge of having wrongfully and wilfully spat on the show windows of C. G. Reim, the jeweler. He was fined \$10.00 and costs, amounting to \$14.00 which he paid and was thereupon discharged.

The offense for which he was arrested was committed Thursday morning about 5 o'clock. For several weeks the fronts of various business houses along Minnesota Street had been decorated with sputum. Nothing was thought of it at first but its recurrence at frequent intervals aroused the suspicion in the minds of some that this spitting on the windows was done intentionally. For the purpose of catching the guilty party Chief Klaus and C. G. Reim lay in wait Thursday morning and caught Henie in the act. He was immediately placed under arrest and taken to the jail. At ten o'clock he was arraigned before Justice Henningsen and at his request the case was adjourned until Monday morning when the defendant plead guilty and was fined.

BROADWAY GROCERS DISSOLVE PARTNERSHIP.

The Broadway Grocery, which has for the past few years been conducted by Brey and Bianchi went into the sole possession of John Brey, the firm having been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Bianchi has not fully decided as yet what business he will enter.

Companies Get Additional Help

NEW ULM HAS "HEADQUARTERS COMPANY" AND DRAWS ANOTHER \$15,000.

LOCAL COMPANIES, BAND AND COLONEL BUSCHERS MEET REQUIREMENTS.

New Ulm may consider itself fortunate in having the Regimental headquarters and the band located here. This means that New Ulm will receive an additional \$15,000 from the State for armory purposes.

Pursuant to General Orders No. 14 issued out of the Adjutant General's Office under date of August 10, 1914 the organization of a company known as the "headquarters company" is provided for. This company will consist of the Colonel, Lt. Colonel, Regimental Adjutant, members of the regimental non-commissioned staff, a total of nine and the 27 members of the regimental band, making a total of 36 officers and men.

These orders were not received here until the early part of December. Immediately upon their arrival, they were submitted to Attorney General Smith for an opinion of the statutes of this company with reference to sharing in state appropriations. December 12th the Attorney General filed his opinion to the effect that the "headquarters company" was to all intents and purposes a military organization and as such entitled to any and all state appropriations, even as to the \$15,000 for armory purposes, provided it complies with all the requirements made obligatory upon the various companies who desire to share in this state aid.

As soon as this information reached New Ulm, steps were taken to raise the necessary \$1000. This was accomplished in short order by Co. Buschers and the Regimental headquarters subscribing \$100 to this fund and the Second Regiment Band, Co. "A" and the Machine Gun Company each \$300. This money is now on deposit in a local bank and as soon as the board of Armory directors convenes in St. Paul, possibly next Tuesday, the money will be turned over to them and this sum and the further sum of \$15,000 will be made available for the completion of the armory now under process of construction. With this additional appropriation the local armory board hopes to be able to complete the building according to plans and specifications without incurring a deficit. New Ulm is certainly lucky in securing this additional appropriation.

FLOOR GIVES WAY.

At the annual Eisteddfod held at Cambria a near panic resulted as the result of the floor in a portion of the hall giving way under the great weight put upon it New Years Day when the competitive events were being carried out. In reality, the accident occurred just at the close of the exercises and was caused by the fact that in the rear of the hall those who had been unable to secure seats in the body of the church stood closely massed together and when they began to move about just before the dismissal of the audience the floor was unable to bear the strain longer and gave way.

Cambria people feel that they were very fortunate in that the accident was not a thousand fold worse. The portion of the floor that gave way was located just back of the portion of the basement which contained the heating plant and had the break come a few feet nearer the front of the room without doubt there would have been fatalities following it. The timbers bent from both sides to a depth of nearly three feet and this would have been sufficient to cause fearful injuries if the furnace had had any part in the confusion. As it was, people were terribly frightened when the loud, sudden crash was heard. Those nearest the exits made for the outside hastily and others threw up windows and the crowd started a rush for the doors. Two ladies were carried out fainting. The confusion was controlled by the cooler headed ones in as short order as possible and all got out without injuries. It is quite likely that if the popular Eisteddfod gathering is held next year that a larger hall will have to be secured. An account of the contents appears in the Cambria correspondence this week.