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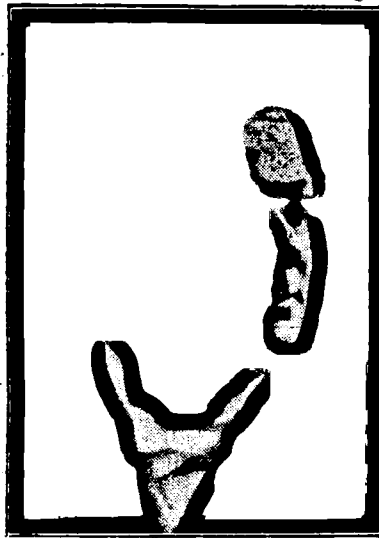
LITTLE FALLS, MORRISON COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1908.

WAS VERY INTERESTING

Methodist Episcopal Conference Largest in Its History

The Brainerd district of the Methodist Episcopal church convened at the Little Falls church on Tuesday afternoon. After devotions, Rev. E. K. Copper, the presiding elder, presided over the business session. Revs. Charles F. Davis, of Brainerd, was elected secretary, and J. H. Dennistoun, of Bemidji, treasurer. Revs. J. T. Brabner Smith and L. S. Koch were appointed a committee on renewal and granting of licenses to preach, and Revs. C. W. Lawson, W. H. Robinson and W. G. Follensbee committee on resolutions.



REV. E. K. COPPER, Presiding Elder of the Brainerd District of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Clinton A. Billig, who welcomed the visiting clergymen for the local churches. Mr. Billig was cheered when he said that he was cradled in Methodism.

Miss Lora Magee, for the Methodist church, gave one of the most eloquent and well delivered addresses of welcome ever heard from a woman. The response was made by Rev. I. N. Goodell of Wadena, and the sermon was preached by Rev. H. A. Cleaveland, D. D. It was a masterly and scholarly exposition of Christ's words, "And the house fell," showing that Christ's words abideth forever.

The Ladies' Aid and Epworth League members gave an exquisite informal reception in the church parlors and frappe and cake were served to the people.

On Wednesday morning Rev. J. H. Dennistoun preached a truly Methodist sermon. Rev. M. Soper, of Walker, and W. R. Borst of Zimmerman were granted licenses to preach.

Rev. Charles Fox Davis read an excellent paper on "The Brotherhood of Methodist Preachers and their Relations to Each Other." The paper was enthusiastically received, and Rev. W. H. Robinson led the animated discussion. Mrs. Frances E. Farrell, Little Falls, made a profound impression by her able paper on "How to get most out of the cradle roll." It was a literary gem and full of instruction. Rev. Charles F. Davis read a paper on the genius of Methodism, and Rev. J. H. Keppell one on Methodist Hymnology, and Rev. L. S. Koch led the discussion. Dr. S. P. Long eulogized this paper and the two which followed by Rev. R. C. Manly and Rev. J. T. B. Smith.

Dr. Long thought Methodist pastors too often neglected the Sunday schools, and should teach the children that they did already belong to God. He deprecated the idea of permitting children to grow up as if they belonged to evil, and then at the age of thirteen or so lasoed them by a revival.

These papers were well written and excellent.

APPRAISERS AT WORK

State Lands to be Sold Here on the 29th of June

Lafayette Shaw, a cruiser from the state auditor's office, Frank Armstrong of Royalton, and John L. Gross of Granite, have begun the work of appraising the state lands to be sold at public sale at Little Falls, June 29th. They have been in Mr. Morris, Morrill, Leigh, Richardson, Pulaski, Platte, Granite and Hillman this week. None of the land can be appraised at less than \$5 per acre. Some of the land was abandoned by the original settler and reverted to the state. In these cases the improvements made, fences, cleared and cultivated lands, etc., are also appraised. One abandoned tract has a fine wire fence around it. Another has several acres cleared, etc. Some tracts have cordwood timber.

Mr. Armstrong was in the city yesterday. The appraisers expect to finish the East side of the county this week, and will then work on the West side. Mr. Armstrong says that while some of the land examined is not very good, there is a lot of good meadow in some parts, notably near Ramey.

Next week the appraisers will go through Elmdale, where there is a forty to be sold, Pike Creek, Randall, Cassing, Scandia Valley, and other towns in the western part of the county. Mr. Shaw, of the state auditor's office, is an expert timber cruiser, and when the estimates are ready for the public, it will be found that all details are well covered. Around 10,000 acres will be offered at the sale.

PULASKI TOWN MATTER SETTLED

Walter Novak, the treasurer of Pulaski town, who left the place several weeks ago without accounting for a deficit of about \$800, was located in a factory in Minneapolis the latter part of last week, and taken to this city by Sheriff Long Saturday morning, and lodged in the county jail.

The town officers of Pulaski town were in the city Tuesday and Wednesday looking into the matter, and Wednesday afternoon the bondsman, Geo. M. Hoffman and Gustave Hoffman of Buh, were here and made arrangements with Novak whereby the deficit to the town was made good, neither the town or the bondsman losing anything. The bondsman not wishing to prosecute Novak, he was allowed to go free, and has returned to his home in Pulaski.

NEW RULING FOR ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY

A new ruling has been made by the head of the St. Joseph society that all who are at present members of other secret organizations must withdraw from them, says the St. Cloud Journal-Press. This rule is creating considerable discussion among the local members as many are carrying insurance in other secret orders and do not want to give it up.

The St. Joseph society is a Catholic order and is one of the strongest in the city, having a membership of 500. No reason for the new rule is made, but it is not a rule of the church.

TEACHERS GO TO ST. CLOUD

There are no sessions of the city schools today, all the teachers having gone already or are going to St. Cloud to be in attendance at the meeting of the Northern Minnesota Educational society, which convened there Thursday evening, and which will hold sessions there up to Saturday noon. Supt. White will read a paper. There will be a large attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ashburn have moved to Cass Lake, where Mr. Ashburn will be employed.

Buy Now—Solid gold set rings; \$2.00 ring now \$1.80, \$3.00 ring now \$2.70, \$10.00 ring now \$9.00, \$20.00 now \$18.00. —Diamond Sign.

REV. W. H. FARRELL, Pastor of the Little Falls Methodist Church.

for mental suggestion in the cure of the body, and the cure of the soul as often the way of curing the body.

Resolutions were passed thanking the church, the pastor, the press, and in condolence for the death of Bishop Fowler and the son of Rev. Dr. Dodds of Staples.

Rev. J. T. B. Smith was appointed treasurer pro-tem. The license of Arnold Pfenniger was renewed and license to preach granted John Heritage. A question box was held by Dr. Cleaveland and a discussion of Annuity Fund.

Rev. C. W. Stark, field agent of the Anti-Saloon League gave some interesting facts about his work. He said that even the associated press ignored many temperance items of vast importance, and gave out liquor news that was exaggerated.

There were forty millions of people living under prohibitory laws, and 45 per cent of the population of states were under prohibitory laws.

Alderman Watson S. Moore spoke of the change in temperance and good government sentiment in Duluth, saying the lid laws are at Duluth to stay. S. Michael, a lay delegate, Brainerd, spoke of the benefit derived from the Methodist church.

Deaconess Allison, of Chicago, spoke briefly of the Deaconess work. A committee to arrange for the next Epworth League convention was appointed. Revs. W. H. Farrell, J. H. Smith, Charles Fox Davis, J. H. Dennistoun.

The conference adjourned to meet

SHE FORGED A CHECK

Wished to Draw \$250 on Judge Shaw's Account at Merchants Bank

Heavily veiled and carrying a mysterious air about her, a short stout woman entered the Merchants State Bank of this city at about 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and attempted to pass a forged check, calling for the sum of \$250, on the account of Judge of Probate E. F. Shaw. His suspicion already aroused by the mysterious air of the woman, Joe Moeglein, the cashier of the bank, upon the presentation of the check, took it to the back part of the bank and compared the signature on the check with the signature on Judge Shaw's card, and found that there was a vast difference. He then called up Mr. Shaw by telephone, but in the meantime the woman made her exit through the door. Mr. Moeglein followed her to the Hub Clothing company, where on entering the store she had taken off her veil, and as he entered the store she left it. The police were then notified and two trips were made to the depot, where they found a person answering the description of the woman in question. She stoutly denied her complicity in the matter, and proof not being strong enough, she was allowed to go free.

The officials of the bank, however, are satisfied that they know the woman, who attempted to pass the forged check, but there is little likelihood that she will be prosecuted, the opinion being that she has received a lesson she is not apt to soon forget. She is a resident of the northeastern part of the county.

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at the next annual conference to complete its duties.

Alderman Watson S. Moore of Duluth spoke to a crowded church on Thursday evening of the science of politics. He laid emphasis on power of the preacher in politics, and spoke of the great and powerful political reforms taking place in America. That political parties were working for good government, and that the bulk of the people worked for good government irrespective of parties.

Dr. Long of Minneapolis said that Alderman Moore ought to be governor of Minnesota.

Revs. J. T. B. Smith, L. S. Koch, and J. H. Dennistoun were appointed a committee of time and place for next district conference. Pine City and Akeley asked for the conference. The conference was "one of the largest and best in the history of Northwest Methodism." The papers were able, the interest intense, the addresses powerful and the entire conference was a decided success.

Dr. Copper made a very efficient presiding elder and guided the conference with decided executive ability. His words were greatly enjoyed. The clergymen were very enthusiastic over their welcome and visit and went home in high praises of Little Falls, its beauties, and hospitality.

The entertainment of the delegates was of the best and much appreciated by the visitors. Rev. and Mrs. Farrell and the entertainment committee made ample provision for the guests. The entire arrangements of the conference were carried out perfectly. The hospitality of Little Falls was amply spoken of by the clergymen.

STAMP NOT REQUIRED

If Effort is Being Made to Comply With New Postal Regulations

As was seen at the outset, it was impossible for newspaper publishers to meet the new postal regulation, which went into effect on April 1st, without great loss and inconvenience, and the postal authorities although not changing the ruling, clearly see the situation, and will not require the legitimate publisher at present to put one-cent stamps on newspapers that are in arrears more than the previously stated time, unless it is shown that no effort is being made to comply with the regulations.

Many have already assisted us in making our books clear in this matter, for which co-operation we heartily thank them, and we hope to hear from those who have not.

There is no particular reason why our subscribers should not see to having this matter arranged, for in most cases the amount due is not large, and in case it is, arrangements can be made with this office, agreeable to both the subscriber and this paper.

We have dwelt a good deal on this ruling during the past three months, and no doubt all are quite well acquainted with the purpose of the new regulations, and the fact that we are unable this week to publish a letter received by the local postmaster from A. L. Lanshe, third assistant postmaster general in regard to the matter, but will do so in our next issue.

REV. CLEAVELAND ADDRESSES THE SCHOOL

Rev. H. A. Cleaveland, D. D., of Long Prairie gave a very interesting and instructive half hour's talk during the last period of the morning session at the high school Thursday. He stated that the school and college were designed to get rid of all encumbrances, and to clear the field for the active and intelligent work on the part of each student. He gave it as his opinion that anyone with brains, whether rich or poor, could get, not only a common education, but also a college education, providing of course he had the pluck, courage and morals to do so. Rev. Cleaveland is a very good story teller, and in his most happy way of telling them, he told a number of very amusing anecdotes to illustrate his discourse.

BEEF HAS RAISED

As will be seen by a glance at the market report for this week beef and pork have both been advanced in price at the instance of the "Beef Trust." The raise on beef is \$5.50 on the hundred, and on pork, \$1.25 for live and \$.75 for dressed on the hundred. This would be good news for the farmer if he had plenty of beef and pork for sale, but the trust takes care of that. It waits till the greater quantity has been disposed of before making its raise, and therefore instead of benefitting by these raises, the farmer is in the same boat as the resident of the city and suffers thereby. Clover seed is now bringing \$10.00 per bushel. Wheat, however, has taken a slump of 6 cents during the week and is now selling at \$.95 per bushel for No. 1 Northern, the other grades in proportion.

M. W. A. CONVENTION

Delegates from different parts of the county, to the number of twenty, were in attendance at the Modern Woodmen county convention held Wednesday morning in the court house in this city. J. W. Crossfield, clerk to the local M. W. A. lodge, and Ole O. Torgerson of Motley, were named as delegate and alternate respectively to the state camp, which will meet in Duluth the first Wednesday in May. After the meeting the delegates were taken for a drive about the city. The next county convention will be in 1911 at Motley.

Rev. J. T. B. Smith of Akeley kindly assisted us with the report of the Methodist district conference for which we extend thanks.

Marriage licenses were issued to Lewis C. Randall and Minnie Jane Brinegan; Frank Engene Montbrand and Florence Ethel Nichols.

Buy Now—Watches at special discount of 10 per cent. 7 jewel Elgin \$8.00 now \$7.20, 17 jewel Elgin or Waltham \$10.00 now \$9.00. Spirit J. Vassaly, Diamond Sign Jeweler.

German Evangelical Lutheran church, Rev. Alexander Siegenthaler, pastor. April 5 Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Services 10:30 a. m. Theme: "Jesus and Judas at the Lord's Table." You who are without church come, we welcome you.

John Hokanson of Little Elk, Todd county, reputed to be a well-to-do farmer, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a shotgun at his home last Saturday morning. No apparent reason can be found for his rash deed, as he seemed to be in good health, prosperous and contented.

J. H. Guerin has been busy during the past few days making official visits, in the capacity of district deputy for the Elks of Northern Minnesota, to the Twin Cities and other points. Wednesday night he installed the officers of the Minneapolis lodge of Elks, last night he assisted at a meeting of the St. Paul lodge, and tonight will assist in Stillwater.

AN EXCELLENT LECTURE

Father Cleary on Church and State in France

Germania opera house was filled Monday evening with a pleased and interested audience, gathered to hear Rev. Father J. M. Cleary of Minneapolis lecture on "Church and State in France." The speaker's fame as an orator and lecturer is national, and the audience was not disappointed. The speaker handling a subject ordinarily dry with breadth, wisdom and eloquence.

C. E. Vassaly introduced the speaker on behalf of Marquette Court, C. O. F., and Father Cleary in opening paid tribute to the good work of the Foresters, urging that all eligible should join.

In taking up his subject the speaker defined what is meant by the separation of Church and State in the United States, the equal freedom of each in its appointed sphere to do its certain work. Not that the republic has no interest in the welfare of religion. On the contrary, it has the highest and deepest reasons that religion shall prosper, and it guarantees the rights of all in their exercise of worship. The State does not meddle with the internal affairs of denominations, but guarantees their rights, and the Church does not interfere with the functions of the State. Parallel they go along, each a help to the other, and each free. In no other country on earth does such a condition exist. In France something very different is meant by the question of separation of Church from State, and the viewpoint of a citizen of France is very different from that of an American citizen. In the first place, France is not a republic in the sense that the United States is, a self-governing body of free men, but a centralized government, a republic in name only. Mexico in name a republic, is more despotically ruled than Russia, and France is a mockery of a republic.

The speaker went back to the Revolution as a foundation for most of the ills which vex modern France. During that great convulsion of humanity the Constituent Assembly declared all ecclesiastical property, the accumulation of the ages of faith, the property of the nation, and at its disposal. Irreligion reigned supreme. After Napoleon as First Consul had restored order, his practical mind saw that religion was needed in France, his idea being to make it a handmaid of the government. His negotiations with the Holy See led to the Concordat, or contract, of 1801, made with the French government and Pius VII. This provided that the church be restored in France, that so far as possible the property seized be given back, that as a recompense for the property sold since the Revolution a stipend be paid the bishops and clergy by the French government.

The stipend was in most cases a beggary one. But Napoleon insisted that the Concordat should include the right of the French government to approve the bishops named by the Holy See. This was a direct interference with the internal and independent government of the church. The harsh terms were agreed to in order to restore religion to unhappy France. With varying phases under different governments, this agreement continued until recently, when without negotiation or consent of the Holy See, the other party to the agreement, it was declared invalid by the French government.

During the closing years of the 19th century and the opening years of the 20th century, conditions in France had been getting worse. Religion was attacked on every hand. Men animated by infidelity and atheism secured control of the government, and used the tremendous power of a centralized government through many agencies to keep themselves in power. For many years, following the Revolution, there had been systematic attempts to poison the minds of the French people against religion, and with great success. Leading universities and colleges were filled with irreligion. The culmination of the warfare came in the laws which declared all ecclesiastical property, including all accumulated during the 100 years since the Concordat, as property of the State, decreed that if it was desired to use the churches, associations under the supervision and permission of the State must be formed for that purpose. It was intended not to separate Church and State in the American sense, giving the Church the right to the use of its own property and to govern itself, but to dispossess the Church, and after doing so to make it the slave of the State. All the bishops of France rejected such a proposal. The government, with ruthless hand seized churches, convents and schools, drove out the Sisters of Charity, who had cared for many a French soldier on bloody battle fields, forced into exile thousands of the religious whose only crime was their faith, and perpetrated indignities which shook the world.

What the end will be who can tell? It is a relentless war on all religion which is going on, and a nation which wars on religion cannot endure.

The above is a very brief outline of Father Cleary's address. It is only possible in such a lecture to touch on a few points, the subject being a vast one, but Father Cleary brought out with precision and clearness certain salient things. Few can surpass Father Cleary as a lecturer, both as to his appearance and his wonderful voice. He will be always certain of an audience in Little Falls.

Barney Burton went up to International Falls Tuesday on a business visit.

LOCAL MEN INTERESTED

Henry Guerin and Ernest Storck Will Run Bank in Brainerd

A new financial institution to be known as the State Bank of Brainerd, with a capital of \$25,000, will be established in Brainerd and be opened up about the first of June. Henry Guerin and Ernest Storck of Little Falls, backed by men of means in Iowa and this part of the state, will be in charge of the new institution. Each has much experience in the banking business, Mr. Guerin having been a valuable employee of the German American National Bank of Little Falls for the past ten years, during which time he has received a thorough training in every branch and department of the business, and Mr. Storck having been employed seven years in the State Savings Bank of Des Moines, Ia., and later in the First National Bank of Little Falls and the Citizens State Bank of Brainerd, during which time he also has become thoroughly efficient in the different phases of the business. They are in a position to conduct a very strong financial institution, and with the advent of the new bank Brainerd will have three sound institutions in which to deposit its money.

The front 25x50 feet has been leased in the south store-room of J. W. Koop building on the corner of Seventh and Laurel streets, by the new banking house, and everything will be put in readiness so that the institution can start business on June 1st.

VETERANS SURPRISE COMRADE RASIOCOT

Saturday evening, March 21st, will long be remembered by the many friends of Comrade Wm. Rasicot of 7th street N. E., who to the number of fifty or more invaded his home on the above date, to pay their respects to an honored member of Post No. 31, G. A. R.

This was under the auspices of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. Our comrade was taken by surprise and the invading force was so large he considered discretion the better part of valor and made an unconditional surrender. Conditioned that he should furnish amusement and rations for the crowd, which he did with the assistance of his son and wife, who are past masters in the part of entertaining. Cinch was played at 9 tables. At 11 o'clock a bounteous lunch was served, after which we all gave the comrade the glad hand and expressed the wish to meet him at many social events in the future. Our comrade has past the four score mark, yet seems as jovial as when the writer first met him forty years ago, but not so sprightly. —MIKE.

TOWNE AND DELMAS PARTNERS NOW

Charles A. Towne, formerly congressman from this district, has become the law partner of Delphine Michael Delmas, the Napoleon of the Pacific coast bar, who was Harry Thaw's chief counsel during the first trial of the slayer of Stanford White. They will practice in New York.

According to the plans of the two lawyers their practice will be general. Mr. Delmas will devote his attention to criminal cases, while Mr. Towne's legal activities will be centered chiefly on civil cases.

TO GIVE DINNER

The W. R. C. will give a dinner Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. at Maurin's hall. Old veterans and their wives are especially requested to be present.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gotstein, Sunday, March 29, a son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lipinski, Monday, March 30, a son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson, Thursday, April 2, a daughter.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Davis, 202 2nd street SE., Saturday, March 28, a daughter.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stein, Little Falls town, Saturday morning, March 29, a son.

Fred Gravell, who has been scaling for the Nichols-Chisholm Lumber company, north of Frazer, returned home Tuesday.

We have a communication from John Schmolke, the hustling land man of Buckman, but are unable to use it this week. It will, however, appear in our next issue.

Frank Reede, who has been running the cigar store located one door north of the postoffice for H. W. Veners, has purchased the business, the deal being closed Thursday.

The fine horse belonging to the Pine Tree Lumber company, which was drowned in the river about two weeks ago, was located some distance from where it sank, and taken out of the river Tuesday.

C. V. Cummings of St. Paul has gone to Perham to open up an office there for the G. C. Geraghty & Co., grain and stock brokers. He had been assisting J. C. Highbush at the company's local office.

All members of the board of fire underwriters are notified that the annual meeting of said board will take place at 4 o'clock p. m., Monday, April 6th, 1908, at the Commercial club.

—Stephen C. Vassaly, Secretary.