

German Catholics Gather in St. Cloud for Their 17th Annual Convention

Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Deutsch Romanisch Katholisch Staats-Verband.

During the 17 years of its existence the Staats Verbandes has done great things, not only for the German Catholics of Minnesota but for society in general. Labor conditions have been remedied and the members have also been influential in bringing about many reforms pertaining to the moral and intellectual welfare of the state at large.

The Staats Verbandes was organized at the annual meeting of the mutual aid society which was held in New Ulm in 1894. The objects of the society, it was stated, were to advance Catholic interests and also to defend the common rights, both spiritual and civil. It was the announced policy of the society that it would not enter into politics in any form and that it would be against the rules of the society for any of its members to bring politics into it.

Another reason for its organization was that which formed a bond between the various German Catholic societies in Minnesota and in turn associate itself with the Central Verein, which embraces all German Catholic societies in the United States.

First President.

John S. Grode of St. Paul was elected first president of the society and Willibald Eiber of New Ulm was the first secretary. Mr. Eiber has served continuously ever since that time in this capacity, he being the present secretary is Martin Walser of Mankato.

There will be 400 delegates here to represent the society at the business meeting. It embraces 134 societies and has a total membership of 11,388.

The second president of the society was P. N. Korst of St. Paul, and the third, Paul Kemp, of Winona. Mr. Ahles is the fourth president, the other officers having served a number of terms. He was elected last year, when the society met at Mankato.

have used their influence on the legislative committees as well as on general factories for more favorable laws and better working conditions.

On Labor Problems.
Some of the measures which passed the two houses, were signed and became laws during the last session, and which were supported by the societies, are: Safety appliances, nine-hour day for women; minimum wage; workmen's compensation; punishing employers for misrepresentation in employing help to break a strike; prohibiting child labor on certain work. The society was also back of the mothers' pension bill which was fathered by the state board of charities.

Mutual Aid.

The German Catholics' Mutual Aid society, one of the oldest in the state, was organized at St. Paul in 1877. The constitution was drafted at that time and the first set of directors was elected.

The directors met in St. Paul in 1878 and the number of members at that time was reported to be 500. In 1882 the society was newly organized and incorporated and in 1901 the membership numbered 6,049. These were distributed among 21 societies.

The Ladies' Auxiliary was inaugurated in 1896. In 1905 it numbered 33 societies with a total membership of 1,005.

The reserve fund of the society in 1905 amounted to \$130,000 and at present, it is believed, it will be about \$500,000. The society owns and controls its own paper, The Verein Spote, which was established in 1896. The officers are:

President—George R. Gerlach, St. Paul.

Secretary—J. G. Jueneman, St. Paul.

Treasurer—G. A. Schroeder, Minneapolis.

Traveling Agent—George Stelzle.



RT. REV. JAMES TROBEC, D. D., BISHOP OF ST. CLOUD.

sidered and studied by the members of the society is that of watching the factories where young women are employed and curtail the hours and keep their environments free from suggestion of immorality. This was taken up, in a number of instances, with the commission of labor, when the factory owners refused to grant certain changes which had been requested.

The sermons and discussions which will come up at the meetings of the society indicate that the deliberations this year will use "The Holy Family" as the model. Rev. Alfred Spirig, S. J., of Mankato, will speak Sunday morning on "The Holy Family as a Model," and Rev. Valerius Nelles, O. F. M., will speak Monday morning on a similar subject. Rev. E. Scheuer of Holdingford will speak Sunday afternoon

on "St. Joseph as a Model for Men," and M. C. Tauges of St. Paul will speak on "St. Mary as an Example for Women." Sunday afternoon, Rev. Joseph Koesters, D. D., S. V. D., missionary to China, will speak on "The Child Jesus," an example for youth. Rev. Koesters is touring America for a year and speaking before various German societies.

Thirty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the D. R. K. Unterstutzungs-Gesellschaft of Minnesota.

St. Cloud will be host tomorrow to several thousand visitors, the occasion being the seventeenth annual convention of the Staats Verbandes and the thirty-fifth annual convention of the German Catholic Mutual Aid society of Minnesota.

Great preparations have been made by the committees in charge of the affair and assurances have been given in advance that the visitors will find everything to their convenience when they arrive.

The Staats Verbandes, or Federation of Catholic Societies of Minnesota, promises to bring out lively discussion during the meetings, while that of the Mutual Aid Society will be for the most part insurance. The latter society has this single aim in view—it is an organization of German Catholics, being a co-operative insurance society.

The Federation, however, which goes hand in hand with the above society, has a different purpose. It is for Christian social reform. That this society is progressive may be shown by a glance at the reports of its accomplishments during the past year. It has many features which bring it out prominently before the people as one of the strongest of its character.

While the two societies meet here jointly on Sunday, their business sessions will not be simultaneous. The Staats Verbandes will meet Monday and the Mutual aid will meet Tuesday. Both societies, however, will be here for the big celebration which will be Sunday. This has been designated Katholiken Tag.

A public demonstration will be given on this day. The parade, which has been termed the feature of the gathering, will take place on this day and there will be other celebrations of the day.

autos with officers and escorts. Officials of the Staatsverband and Minnesota Aid association.

Second Division.
Marshals, Chris. Deering and Joseph Nierenberg.

Form on Eighth Ave. S., north of First St. S.

Right resting on First St. S. Band.

St. Paul and southern societies.

Third Division.
Marshals, Joseph Beumer and Carl Gruber.

Minneapolis, St. Michael and Albertville societies.

Form on Eighth Ave. S., south of First St. S.

Right resting on First St. S. Band.

(This and all subsequent divisions same as second division).

Fourth Division.
Marshals, Joseph Storekamp and George Hunstiger.

Form on Seventh Ave. S., north of First St. S.

Right resting on First St. S. Wadena (St. Joseph).

Bluffton (Bluffton St. Johannes).

Buckman (St. Michael).

Little Falls (St. Joseph).

Pierz (St. Joseph).

Perham (St. Heinrich).

St. Joseph (St. Joseph).

Fifth Division.
Marshals, Louis Kost and Reinhard Ergen.

Form on Seventh Ave. S., south of First St. S.

Right resting on First St. S. Richmond (St. Michael).

Cold Spring (St. Joseph).

Eden Valley (St. Joseph).

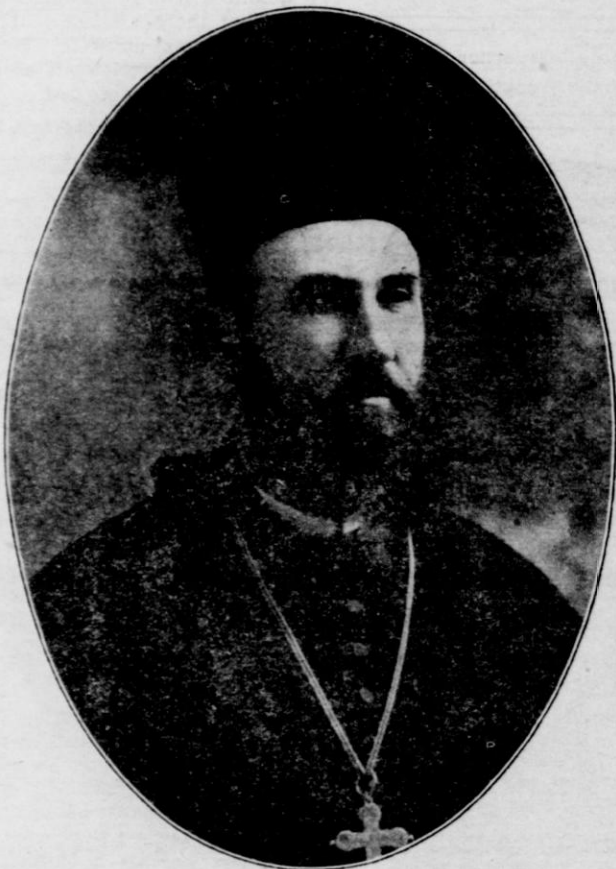
Farming (St. Joseph).

St. Marie (St. Joseph).

St. Martin (St. Aloysius with band).

St. Nicholas (St. Nicholas).

Watkins (St. Antonius).



RT. REV. ABBOT PETER ENGEL, O. S. B.

Here Third Time.

The society comes to St. Cloud this year for the third time since its organization. It was here the first time in 1896, and was also here about five years ago. St. Cloud, it is said, is a favorite city with the delegates because of the hospitality and accommodations. One of the principal inducements to bring them here this year was the establishment of a club house.

Nearly every state in the union has a Staats Verbandes and they elect delegates to the National convention, or Central Verein.

During the year just past the society has attained many goals. It has given its funds to worthy causes with a free hand. According to the figures of the secretary it gave \$988.55 to the Zentral Stello, where the printed pamphlets and other literature pertaining to German Catholics in America are printed. It also gave \$3,987.07 to charity, besides donating over \$2,000 for other purposes.

On Social Reform.

The federation was originally organized and established for the purpose of protecting Catholic interests to promote Catholic education, but of late years the Staats Verbandes and the Central Verein has been active for social reform.

Industrial changes have helped the society to shape its policies to fit the needs of the time. These evolutions have brought about many economical questions for patriotic and freedom-loving citizens to ponder over. One of the great problems that has been taken up by the society is the labor question.

In Minnesota the society has made a special study of all labor problems and they have supported all legislative measures that have come from the State Federation of Labor and passed through the legislature during the session just closed. It has been the aim of the society to help the laboring classes to bring about better conditions for themselves, and they

The membership of the society is now about 15,000 and they will have about 400 delegates in St. Cloud. It is anticipated that the mutual aid and the Staats Verbandes will send the same delegates to St. Cloud.

STUDY HOUSE TO BE ESTABLISHED

STAATS VERBANDES AND MUTUAL AID MEMBERS INTERESTED IN MOVE.

FORMER DONATES \$2,000 FOR WORK—WILL BE ERECTED IN CHICAGO.

Members of the Staats Verbandes and German Catholic Mutual Aid society are interested in the movement among like societies all over America to erect a study house for the purpose of studying questions of sociology in Chicago.

The lot has already been purchased and the study house will be erected in the near future at a considerable cost. The Staats Verbandes has voted \$1,841.50 to the cause and individual members have subscribed \$963.45 more, making a total contribution of \$2,805.25.

Moral Questions.

The society has taken a keen interest in the morals of the country and only recently has it supported a movement of Father James Donohue in St. Paul, to curtail the white slave traffic and keep young women out of the snares of their agents.

The plan evolved by Father Donohue is that which places detectives, in the employ of the city, at the different railroad stations. If a young woman comes to the depot unaccompanied she is given directions so that she will get into refined circles of society.

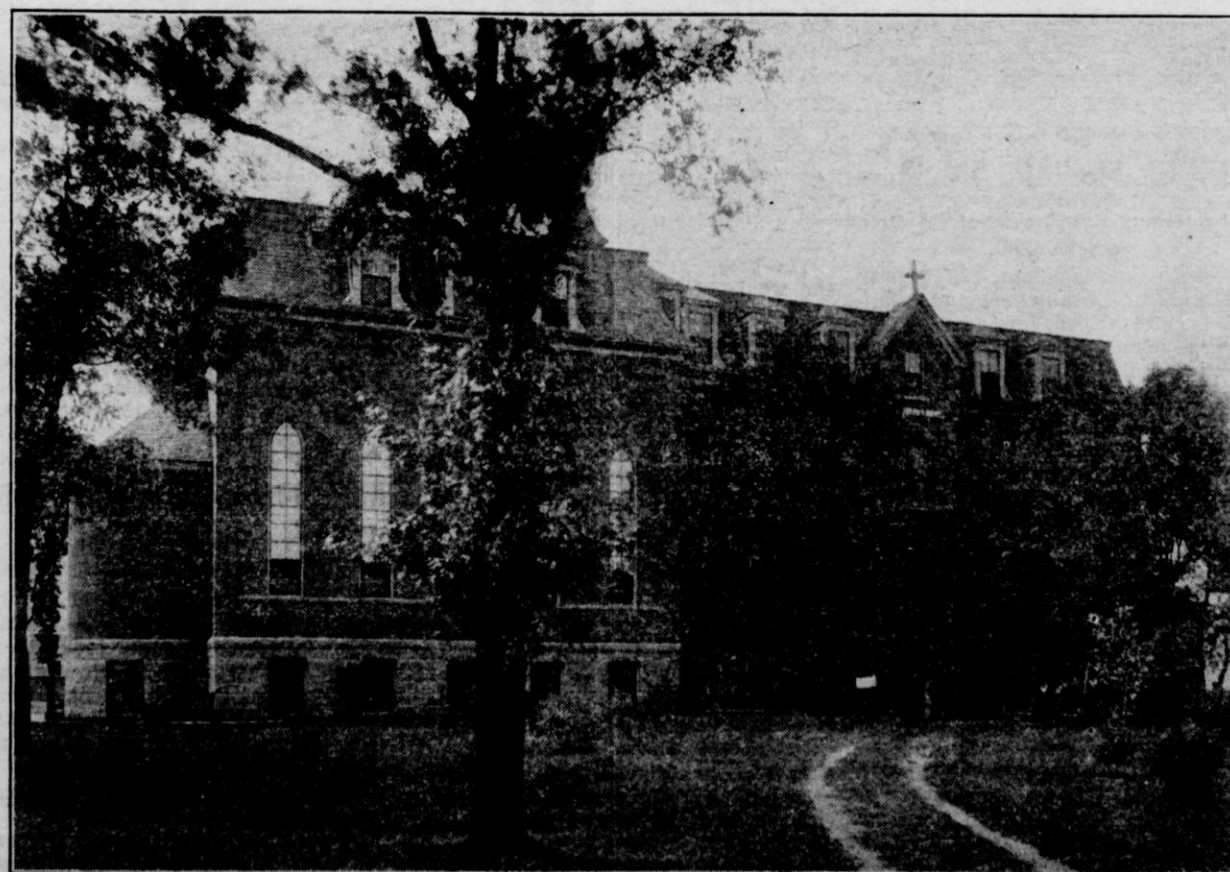
Another matter that has been con-



ST. MARY'S AUDITORIUM, IN WHICH CONVENTION WILL MEET.

The Meeting Hall Which Will Hold 2,000 People, Where Delegates Meet.

ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL FACTORS IN BRINGING THE CATHOLIC CONVENTION TO ST. CLOUD WAS THE CATHOLIC CLUB HALL, WHERE THE BUSINESS SESSIONS COULD BE HELD. THIS CONVENTION HALL WILL SEAT 1,500 PEOPLE AND WILL MAKE ROOM FOR 500 MORE IN CASE OF PRESSURE. IT WILL BE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE DELEGATES WHILE IN THE CITY. HERE THE BUSINESS SESSIONS OF THE GERMAN CATHOLIC MUTUAL AID SOCIETY AND THE STAATS VERBAND WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY. OFFICERS WILL BE ELECTED BY BOTH SOCIETIES AND IT IS LIKELY THAT PAUL AHLES WILL AGAIN BE CHOSEN PRESIDENT BY THE STAATS VERBAND.



ST. JOSEPH'S OLD FOLKS' HOME, ST. CLOUD.



J. D. JUENEMAN, Secretary.

The program for the day will start at 9 a. m., when the delegates, directors and guests will be tendered a reception by the officers and members of the local societies.

At 10 a. m. Pontifical High mass will be celebrated by Rt. Rev. James Trobec at the Cathedral. The bishop will also preach the sermon. Pontifical High mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's church at the same time. Rt. Rev. Peter Engel, O. S. B., will be celebrant and Rev. Alfred Spirig, S. J., will preach the sermon. From 11 to 1:30 p. m., dinner will be served at the Catholic club. At 2 p. m., the parade will start on its march through the principal streets of the city, at 3 p. m. there will be a general meeting of the delegates and guests at the Catholic club hall, and from 5 to 7 p. m., supper will be served at the Catholic club hall and at St. Mary's school. A program will be given at the Catholic club hall at 8 p. m.

The program of the day, the formation of the parade and the regulations are as follows:

From Eighth avenue south on First St. south to Fifth Ave., south; then west on St. Germain St. to Ninth Ave.; north to Fifth St.; east to Seventh Ave.; south to Third St. north; east to Sixth Ave. north; south to St. Germain St.; east to Fourth Ave.; south to First St. south; west to Eighth Ave. S., the point of beginning, and disband. The procession will be made up as follows:

Police.
Escort to flag, Catholic Cadets.
Grand Marshal, Michael Weiskopf.
Bernard Schoener, chief of staff.
Barney Mutschler, Peter Spaniol and George Deering, aides.
Band.

First Division.
Marshals, Herman Beumer and Alfred Hall.
Form on First St. S., west of Seventh Ave. S.

Right resting on Seventh Ave. S. State federation banner.
Delegates to convention.
Clergy, city and county officials in

Mary (St. Johannes).
Rockville.
St. James (St. James).
Belgrade (St. Michael).
Roscoe (St. Joseph and band).
St. Rosa (St. Joseph).
Spring Hill (St. Michael).
Sank Centre (St. Joseph).

Sixth Division.
Marshals, George Kater and Ignatius Luckroth.

Form on Sixth Ave. S., north of First St. S.

Right resting on First St. S. Melrose Band.

Melrose (St. Bernard).

Melrose (St. Joseph).

Melrose (C. O. F.).

Freeport (Herz Jesus).

Long Prairie (St. Johannes).

Millerville (St. Joseph).

New Munich (St. Joseph).

Meires Grove (St. Joseph Maenner with band).

Meires Grove (St. Johannes).

Avon (St. Benedict).

Collegeville (St. Benedictus).

St. Joe, Stearns county (St. Joseph).

Albany (St. Joseph, with band).

Seventh Division.
Form on Sixth Ave. S., south of First St. S.

Right resting on First St. S. Clear Lake (St. Marcus).

Luxemburg (St. Wendelinus).

St. Augusta.

St. Cloud (Hibernians).

St. Cloud (K. C.).

St. Cloud (Polish).

St. Cloud (C. O. F. 744).

St. Cloud (St. Joseph).

Parade Rules.
General rules governing the parade have been issued. They are:

1. The parade will move at 2:30 p. m. sharp. The firing of one gun will announce the start.

2. The Grand Marshal, with his staff, band and police escort, will form at 1st St. S., west of 7th Ave. S., right resting on 7th Ave. S.

3. Divisions will march in column of platoons, four files front.

4. Divisions will form promptly at

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Local Men Who Will be in Charge of the Convention Opening Tomorrow

Officers of Day



PAUL AHLES,
President Minnesota Association.

EBERHARD HOEHL,
Musical Director.

GERHARD MAY,
Convention President.

HERMAN COLLIGNON,
Secretary of Convention.

BEN E. SCHOENER,
Marshall of Day.

Festival Committee



REV. P. ALFRED MAYER, O. S. B.

ANDREW GRUBER.

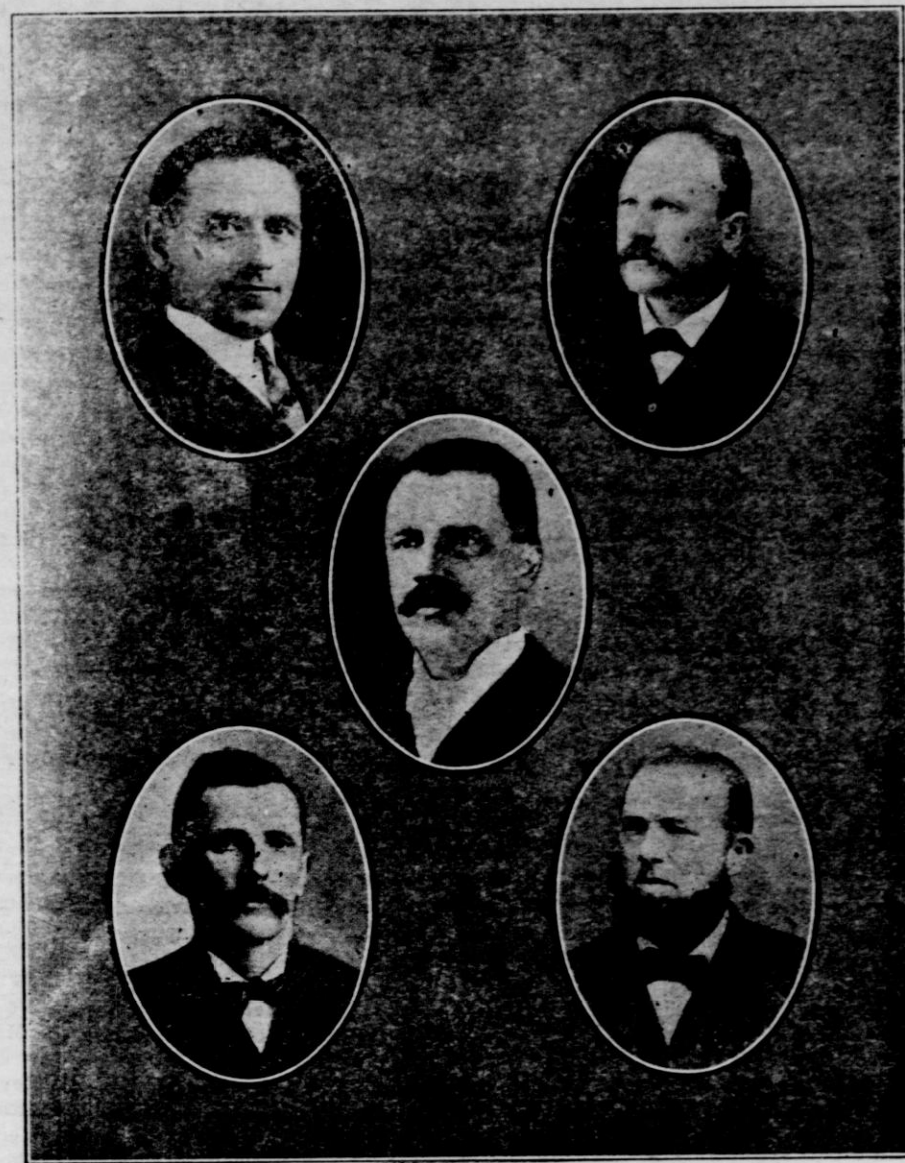
ALOISE FRANKE.

BARNEY LAMMERSEN.

FRANK FANDEL.

JOSEPH SCHELLINGER.

Officers of St. Joseph's Society



GEORGE DEERING,
Vice President.

JULIUS DOMINICK,
Treasurer.

WILLIAM BOERGER,
President.

EDWARD DOERNER,
Corresponding Secretary.

BARNEY VOSSBERG,
Financial Secretary.

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the appointed hour. Any organization not ready to march at the time fixed will forfeit its place in the column and will be assigned a position farther at the rear.

5. Smoking will not be allowed in the line of march. Division aides will enforce this rule.

6. Bands will play alternately and no band will play while the band immediately preceding or succeeding it is playing.

Sunday, Sept. 28.

4 a. m.—Reception of directors, delegates and guests.

10 a. m.—Pontifical high mass at Cathedral by Rt. Rev. James Trobec, D. D., who will also preach the sermon.

8 p. m.—Meeting of the delegates. Tuesday, Sept. 30.

8 a. m.—Solemn requiem for the deceased members of the Central Verein, Sermon by Rev. J. G. Steigler, Pierz, Minn.

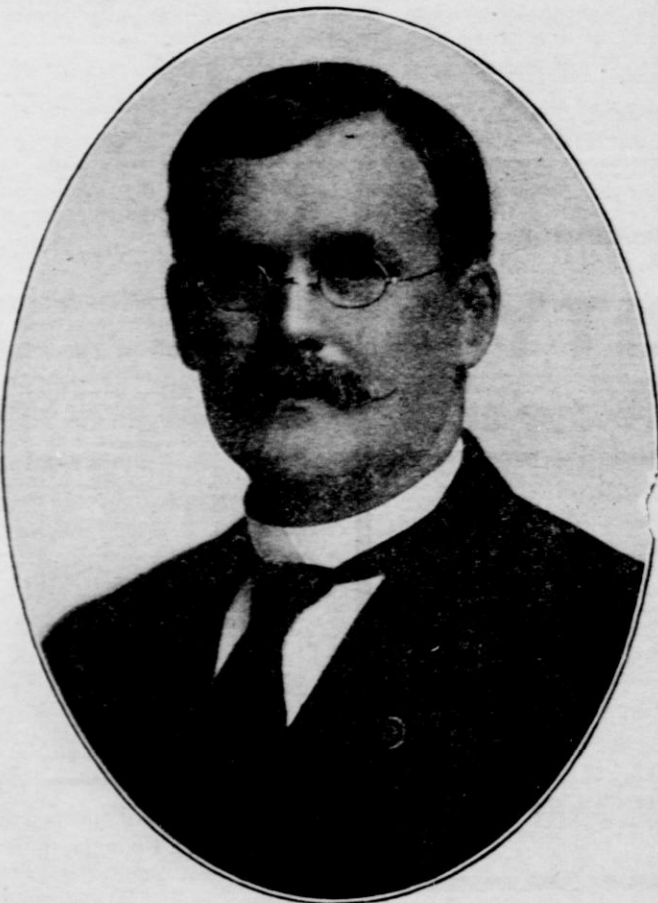
10 a. m.—Meeting of the delegates of the C. V.

2 and 8 p. m.—Meeting of delegates and closing of the convention. Wednesday, Oct. 1.

7:30 a. m.—Solemn high mass of Thanksgiving.

8:30 a. m.—Automobile tour to St. Benedict's academy, St. Joseph, and St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn.

Outside of those who will speak at the different masses the following will speak at the meetings in the Catholic Club house: Rev. Robert Schlinkert, New Ulm; Very Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, St. John's University; Rev. E. Scheuer, Holdingford; M. C. Tautges, St. Paul; Rev. Jos. Koesters, D. D., South Schunung, China.



GEORGE STELZLE,
Traveling Agent.

10 a. m.—Pontifical high mass at St. Mary's church, celebrated by Rt. Rev. Peter Engel, O. S. B. Sermon will be preached by Rev. Alfred Spirig, S. J.

11 to 1:30 p. m.—Dinner at Catholic Club and St. Mary's school.

2 p. m.—Parade through the principal streets of the city.

3 p. m.—General meeting of delegates and guests at the Catholic Club hall.

5 to 7 p. m.—Supper at C. C. hall and St. Mary's school.

8 p. m.—Program at Catholic Club hall.

Monday, Sept. 29.

8 a. m.—Solemn high mass at St. Mary's church, celebrated by Rt. Rev. Edward J. Nagel, V. G. Sermon by Rev. Valerius Nelles, O. F. M. St. Paul, Minn.

9:30 a. m.—Opening of the 17th annual convention of the D. R. K. of Minnesota.

12—Dinner at the Catholic Club hall.

2 p. m.—Meeting of the delegates.

TO THE VIRGINS.

Gather ye rosebuds while ye may.

Old time is still a-flying.

And this same flower that smiles today

Tomorrow will be dying.

The glorious lamp of heaven, the sun,

The higher he's a-getting

The sooner will his race be run

And nearer he's to setting.

That age is best which is the first.

When youth and blood are warmer;

But, being spent, the worse and worst

Times still succeed the former.

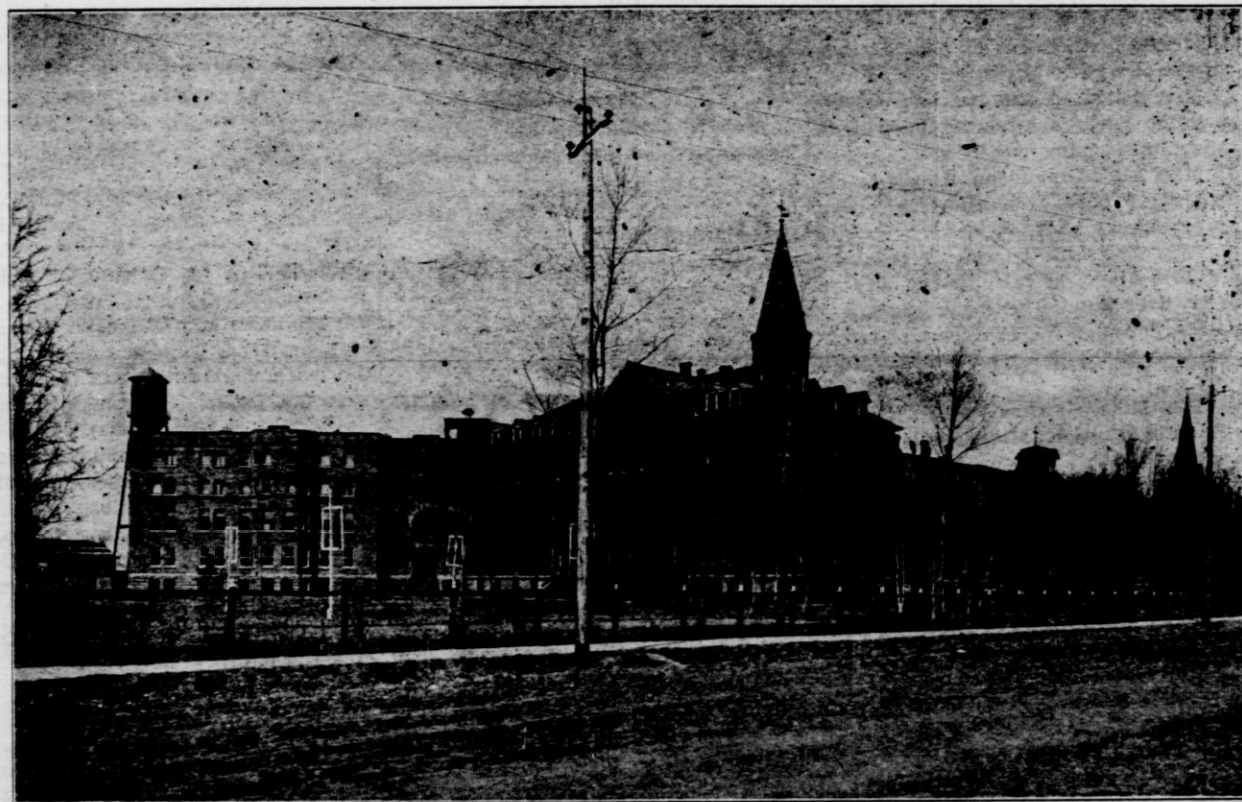
Then be not coy, but use your time

And while ye may go marry,

For having lost but once your prime

You may forever tarry.

—Robert Herrick.



ST. BENEDICT'S ACADEMY AT ST. JOSEPH.

INCREASE LIVE STOCK IN STATE

PLAN ADOPTED AT CONFERENCE OF GOV. EBERHART AND BANKERS.

FARMERS URGED TO BUY MORE CATTLE—BANKS TO FURNISH MONEY.

Committee's proposed plan to securing additional live stock in Minnesota:

1st. Reorganize your farm on a live stock basis with proper rotation of crops. Call on your county agricultural agent if you have one, or your agricultural high school or the college of agriculture for advice and plan.

2d. If you desire to go into dairying, those agencies will help you get the cows. Buy as good cows as you can get and secure a pure bred sire to head your herd. Arrangements can be made at your local banks to furnish necessary money to those prepared to properly handle such stock. If enough cows are available and a creamery is not available, the college or county agent will help you organize one, and the banks will help you furnish the money.

3d. If you have the experience and the feed and desire to purchase feeders, the banks will furnish money to help finance the proposition. The county agents of the agricultural college will help you to get the stock.

4th. If you already have good dairy stock, don't sell it. Good grade cows able to produce six thousand pounds of 3 1/2 to 4% milk, cost \$100 and up, and they are worth it. If you have the common cow, test her, find out what she is good for and then proceed to improve her progeny by buying pure bred dairy sires. The county agents will help you find the stock—the banks will help you get the money.

5th. If you want to raise feeders, cooperate with your neighbors and buy a good beef sire in addition to

your dairy sire. Use the beef only on the poorest animals of your dairy herd. The progeny will make good feeders. Never use the beef sire on good dairy cows. Raise your calves. Don't sell the young stock until it is in condition to bring the highest market price. The local banks will help you to secure the money and the agricultural agents will help you to select the stock.

6th. If you want to produce breeding stock, the county agents and the agricultural college will help you to select the foundation animals and banks will help you secure the money.

7th. Twenty-four counties in Minnesota have county agents working under the direction of the agricultural college and in co-operation with the farmers' clubs, commercial clubs and the banker's association. There are in Minnesota one hundred and thirty-five agricultural high schools with trained agricultural men in charge. Most of these are co-operating with the farmers of their county along the lines suggested. The methods followed in Big Stone county are herewith presented.

(a) The county agent demand among the farmers sufficient for the purchase and sale of several carloads of cattle.

(b) The local bankers agreed to furnish money for the project and finance individual farmers in handling such cattle as they had feed for.

(c) December 10, 1912, a carload of Holstein grade cows was sold at Graceville. The females in this load cost \$90 per head. The registered yearling males \$120.

June 10, 1913, a carload of Holstein grades was sold at Cornell. They were all females and averaged \$105.

June 25th, 1913, one-half carload of registered Shorthorn sires were sold at Clinton, averaging \$100 a head.

September 22, 1913, a carload of registered Shorthorns sold at Clinton September 26th.

At present we have a man looking over the best beef centers for the purpose of buying five carloads of calves to be converted into beef by means of silage hay and corn.

In Big Stone county the method of handling the financial part of the project was as follows:

Fifteen bankers and business men including a few farmers guaranteed any loss from purchase and sale of the first three carloads, sale being at public auction.

This guarantee is held by the local bank that furnishes the money. All money received from the sale of such stock in excess of purchase price and expenses in bringing it into the county is refunded pro rata to purchasers, thus placing this transaction on a wholesale co-operative basis. No money has been lost, on any of these transactions.

8th. Don't say that you cannot get the money. It is being secured without difficulty wherever farmers are properly organized for the purpose above described. Your county agent, if you have one, or the agricultural college will tell you how to proceed.

9th. The agricultural committee of the Minnesota Bankers' Association stands for the financial side of this movement. The Agricultural College and other educational agencies will supervise the agricultural phases of the work.

ADOLPH O. EBERHART,
CLIFF W. GRESS,
A. D. STEPHENS,
W. H. GOLD,
A. B. LATHROP,
A. L. HAECKER,
W. W. SMITH,
A. F. WOODS.

SOLITUDE.

In the dark night,
Thine eyes;
In the still room,
Thy voice;
In solitude,
Thy presence and thy touch.

But when the daylight comes
And dreams are flown
It is the world surrounds me.
Then—I am alone.
—Author Unknown.

Wrestling With a Razor.
Little Minnie—Oh, mamma, what's that dreadful noise? Mamma—Hush, darling, papa's trying to save the price of a shave.—Puck.

STOCK GAMBLING.

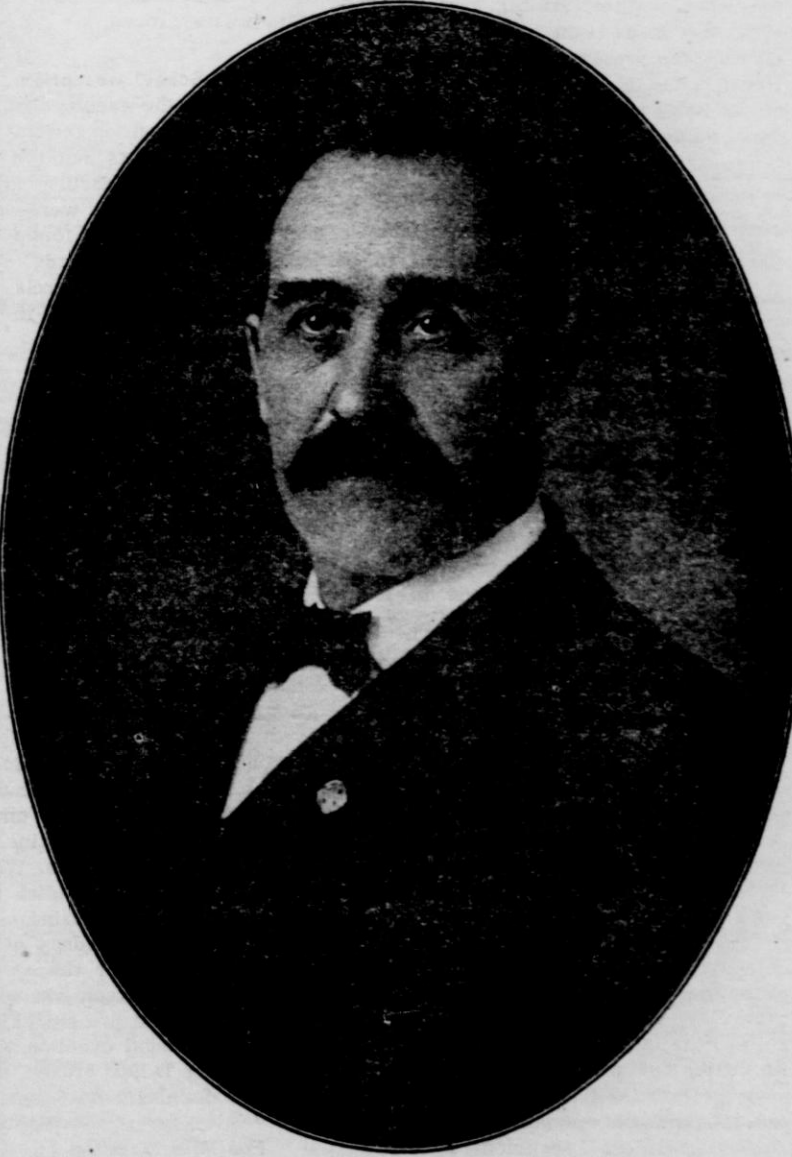
Short sales constitute the greatest menace to industrial stability and financial strength now presented to the American people. Some time we must take up the problem of suppressing these gigantic gambling transactions, and this is the time to do it. We ought to employ the taxing power to put an end to the evil. If the tax is imposed next year there will be but a tithe of the gambling that has been flaunted in the face of the American people. It will not interfere with honest and legitimate business methods, and the market places of the country will be made more secure. The stock exchanges are not now places for the actual transfer of commodities. They are places where unscrupulous men balance their wits.—Senator Cummins of Iowa.

SOLITUDE.

Solitude is not measured by the miles of space that intervene between man and his fellows. The really diligent student in one of the crowded hives of Cambridge college is as solitary as a dervish in a desert.—Thoreau.

Solitude is the home of the strong, silence their prayer.—Ravignau.

Solitude, the safeguard of mediocrity, is to genius the stern friend, the cold, obscure shelter where molt the wings that will bear it farther than suns and stars. He who would inspire and lead his race must be defended from traveling with the souls of other men, from living, breathing, reading and writing in the daily time worn yoke of their opinions.—Emerson.



GEO. R. GERLACH,
President.

WE DON'T CARE.

We did not like the way in which
The girls dressed yesterday;
But they did not care what we liked,
They dressed thus anyway.
And they will dress tomorrow in
Whatever they care to wear;
That being so we have made up
Our minds we will not care.

GARDEN FOLK.

"I never saw a cabbage plant
Or pumpkin vine that ran;
The cantaloupe, elope it can't,
But a tomato can.
"The corn at this pricked up its ear,
The beet blushed rosy red;
The garden folk began to jeer—
'What rotten stuff,' they said."
—Dalton, Ga., Citizen.