

## BARKISES A BIT BACKWARD

Possibilities for Mayor All Declare That They Couldn't Think of It.

### SEVERAL ACTIVE CANDIDATES FOR OTHER POSITIONS.

Street Commissioner Pogue Said to Aspire to Be Chief of Police.

Village election is six weeks away, but already there is beginning to be a good deal of gossip as to candidates and probable election returns.

The new charter will not be ready for submission in time to hold a city election before March 14, when the village election will be held, so that it is probable that Bemidji will have two municipal elections this spring.

A number of prominent citizens have been mentioned for mayor but no one has been found who will at this early day acknowledge himself a candidate. A good many people are anxious to have W. H. Roberts at the head of the village government. W. N. Bowser is also a favorite while many would like to see Mayor Ludington chosen again. Thus far there has been more talk of these gentlemen than of anyone else, although many others have been "mentioned". There has sprung up within the past day or two a bit of a boom for E. J. Willits. Mr. Willits is a hustler and has many of the qualities which would make him invaluable as mayor. L. H. Bailey is accused of being a candidate but denies the impeachment. M. D. Stoner has a host of friends who think that a better man for mayor would be hard to find. Altogether it is evident that the city will have plenty of material from which to choose its chief servant.

With speculation as to the mayoralty naturally goes gossip as to the chief of police, one of the most important offices in any municipality. Street Commissioner Pogue, it is said has aspirations to succeed Chief Sherm Bailey while it is generally understood that the latter is content to let things run along just as they are now.

Altogether it looks as though Bemidji would this spring do her part toward sustaining the reputation of Beltrami county as prolific of more politics to the millimeter than other counties can produce to the square mile.

#### Bill Posting Plant Burned.

The bill posting plant of the Gross Opera house at Little Falls was destroyed by fire Thursday night. The paper of the "Man From Sweden" company was among the other stock burned. The company were unable to get up any paper so decided to put in the open night at Bemidji. The performance is excellent and in every way worthy of patronage.

#### To Enlarge Depot.

The announcement comes by the way of a Brainerd paper that improvements are to be made to the Minnesota & International depot at this point. The platforms are to be widened, the building moved back a trifle from its present location and more commodious waiting rooms put in. This much was decided upon after a recent visit of officials to Bemidji.

#### To Engage in Business.

C. S. Boss, who for some time past has been engaged as entry clerk at the Minnesota & International depot, has resigned his position and yesterday left for Detroit, Minn., where he will engage in business with his brother, who is a successful contractor and builder at that city, with a large and growing business.

## SOLD SHADOWS

Successful and Novel Social Given by Presbyterian Young People.

The young people of the Presbyterian church gave a novel and pleasant entertainment last evening in their shadow social and basket supper. The ladies came prepared with lunch baskets containing lunch for two. The room was then darkened and the shadows of the young ladies were thrown on a screen. The gentlemen bid on the shadows and the highest bidder ate supper with the lady whose shadow he had purchased. The auctioning of the shadows caused no end of amusement. The attendance was not as large as had been hoped for but the social was one of the successes of the season for the young people.

#### Youthful Rambler.

Last June a lad named Theodore Laguerre, living at Detroit left home and wandered on foot out to Montana. Recently he returned and made his way to the logging camp of the Brainerd Lumber company at Kabekona bay, where he remained for several days doing odd jobs. A few days ago Foreman Frank Bush received a letter from the boy's mother, who is now residing in Cass Lake and who had heard of her son's arrival in the camp, asking that he be sent home. The boy was not at all anxious to go, but Mr. Bush insisted and gave him a note to his wife in Walker to procure him a ticket for Cass Lake, and he left for home on Tuesday evening's train.

#### Round House Moved to Kelliher.

The Minnesota & International round house has been removed from Northome to Kelliher. The road made an agreement with the people of the town that if the expense of moving the round house would be borne by the Kelliher citizens it would stop the day accommodation at the place. The money was raised by popular subscription and in the bill filed by the road for the moving nothing was omitted in the way of expense. It is even said they were compelled to pay for a joint of stovepipe damaged in moving.

#### At Fort Sam Houston.

John Casey, a former well known character of this city who recently enlisted for cavalry service and was one of the first recruits to be shipped from Bemidji, writes his friends here that he has been assigned to duty at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. He likes army life, he says, but he fears the government mules and horses more than he does the Apaches and believes the greatest danger in being a trooper at the present time lies in this source.

#### To Take Charge of Store.

George Fleming, who has been employed at the hardware department of E. H. Winter & Co.'s for some time past, has gone to Mountain Iron, on the range, where he will look over a hardware store, the management of which has been offered to him. He is not yet decided whether he will accept or not. Mr. Fleming is one of the best hardware men in the city and has many Bemidji friends who would regret to see him leave the city.

#### Wood Replevined.

W. F. Hillgoss, special agent of the Great Northern railway, and in charge of their timber lands in this vicinity, yesterday visited some of the company's land in the town of Grant Valley and found a wood camp in active operation. The firm of Farris & Hannah had been cutting there for some time. Mr. Hillgoss replevined 40 cords of wood which they had cut and piled from Great Northern lands.

## MRS. CHENARD IS DEAD

Woman Who Was Shot by Her Husband Expires at Duluth.

### HUSBAND HELD TO ANSWER CHARGE OF MURDER

In Liquor When the Fatal Shots Were Fired—Cries Like Child When Sobered.

Shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday, Mrs. Wm. Chenard, who was taken to Duluth from Cass Lake, with three bullet wounds in her body, died from the effects of the wounds at St. Luke's hospital. Mrs. Chenard was shot by her husband in Cass Lake. One bullet entered the abdomen and the other two in her back. An operation was performed yesterday morning, but there was little prospect that the woman would live. Any one one of the three wounds might have proved fatal, and the long ride on the train in the bitterly cold weather left her in a completely exhausted condition.

The Cass Lake correspondent of the Duluth Herald sent the following account of the tragedy: While under the influence of liquor late Tuesday night, Wm. Chenard fired three shots from a revolver at his wife. The woman was standing but a few feet from the gun at the time it was discharged, and all three of the shots from the weapon took effect in her body. Chenard and his wife had charge of a house of ill-repute on the south side of the track, and Mrs. Chenard was the landlady. It is said, that of late, that Chenard had become violently jealous of his better half, and that he had taken to drinking heavily. On Tuesday afternoon he visited several saloons in the village, and drank freely of whisky. In the early part of the evening he was over town with his wife, and they left for the house at about 11 o'clock. It was near the hour of midnight when the shooting occurred. Chenard and his wife were standing in the middle of the dance hall of the house, the former being exceedingly intoxicated. They had a few words, when Chenard pulled a gun from his coat pocket and, leveling it at his wife pulled the trigger. She was facing him, and the bullet struck her in the pit of the stomach. She gave a loud scream and started for the door, Chenard fired twice more before the woman reached the door, both shots struck her in the lower part of the back. Mrs. Chenard in spite of the fact she was terribly wounded, ran into another house close by and fell to the floor. Drs. Rodwell and Smealie, village physicians, were attending a sick woman in the house at the time and they dressed Mrs. Chenard's wounds. The police were called by telephone, and Chenard, who made no attempt to escape, was arrested and taken to the village jail and locked in a cell. He was so intoxicated that he apparently did not realize the seriousness of the act he had committed. When seen in the jail the next morning, he was still confused from the liquor and stated that he did not mean to hurt anyone, and that he was just shooting for fun, in order to scare his wife. When he had regained his sober senses he began to understand what he had done and cried like a child.

Chenard was confined in the city jail at Cass Lake until the woman's death yesterday when he was arraigned and bound over to the grand jury on a charge of murder. He has been taken to the Cass County jail at Walker.

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## LIBRARY BENEFIT

Public School Children to Sing at Opera House For Library Fund.

An entertainment is to be given at the City Opera house in the near future by the pupils of the public schools for the benefit of the school library fund. Several choruses will be under rehearsal next week and an evening's entertainment is promised that will no doubt draw a large attendance. There are now about four hundred volumes in the school library and substantial additions are proposed. The entertainment will be for the purpose of raising funds.

#### Blackduck Store Goes to Kelliher.

The Kelliher Mercantile company, which has been operating a large store at Blackduck for some time past, has moved its headquarters to Kelliher. The store was one of the largest in Blackduck, but had a large patronage in the vicinity of Kelliher, and deemed the move advisable for greater convenience all around.

#### A Stepper Comes to Town.

Hubbard Jr., Thos. Nary's six-year-old trotting horse, has been bought by A. F. Crawford, of Bemidji. The horse has a good mark and has been entered at several of the race meetings in this section. He is a thoroughbred and undoubtedly one of the finest pieces of horseflesh in this vicinity.

#### Died of Pneumonia.

The five-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dudley, who has been quite ill for the past week, died this morning at 6:30. The little one had been suffering from pneumonia. The remains will be taken to the home of the family at Perham for interment.

## SAMMY JOHNSON IS BUSY

Months of Toil in a Fruitless Effort to Impeach Dunn's Administration.

### STATE HAS SPENT \$1,000 AND FOUND OUT NOTHING.

Reported Attempt to Forge an Unfavorable Report—Scheme Wouldn't Work.

John Barry, expert accountant of Minneapolis, who spent seven months as an assistant of Sam T. Johnson, public examiner, in investigating the records of the state auditor's office during the administration of Robert C. Dunn, is not on the payroll of the public examiner's office this month, says the St. Paul Daily News.

He began June 1 at \$100 a month, and after Aug. 1 his salary was raised to \$150, so he received \$950 for his services up to Jan. 1.

P. M. Kerst, deputy public examiner, has taken his place in the inspection of the auditor's office since.

Mr. Johnson says that Mr. Barry has returned to Minneapolis to take care of some regular clients whom he has served annually for a long time. Mr. Johnson intimated that Mr. Barry would return to the service of the state when his private labors were finished.

#### Another Version.

Gossip at the statehouse, however, has it that Mr. Barry received his walking papers unceremoniously and that he will not be back.

According to the current talk at the capitol, Mr. Barry refused to sign a report which was drawn

## FUNKLEY'S FIRST

First Village Election at Funkley Wednesday Polls Forty-Five Votes.

The new village of Funkley held its first election of officers last Wednesday. The election passed off very quietly. The election was not characterized by any contests. The newly elected officers took the oath of office on the evening of election day. They are as follows:

President—M. H. Fisher.  
Trustees—George Dent, Gust Weberg and Lewis Latterell.  
Recorder—H. P. King.  
Treasurer—G. H. Newton.  
Assessor—Chas. Steele.  
Justice of the Peace—L. Latterell and G. Dent.  
Constables—J. T. Johnson and Norman Dyer.

up as showing the condition of affairs in the auditor's office. The paper had been prepared by Examiner Johnson and F. H. Griggs, who has been assigned as attorney for the public examiner, but it did not accord with what Mr. Barry found.

Mr. Kerst is now looking for what Mr. Barry in his seven months' labor did not find.

#### Ill at Perham.

C. W. Baumbach, president of the Lumbermens State bank of this city, is ill at a private hospital in Perham, Minn., and will be confined at the institution for the next 10 days at least. Mr. Baumbach was returning from a trip to Crookston and vicinity where he had been looking after his interests when he was taken ill. He has but recently been released from a Twin City hospital where he took a course of treatment for a throat affection, and through exposure suffered a relapse.

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