

BOULEVARD PINE FOREST

Pine Island Logging Road of J. A. Irvine Co. Wonder of the Woods.

EXTENDS STRAIGHT AND UN-DULATING FOURTEEN MILES.

Most Magnificent Thing of the Sort Ever Built in the Minnesota Woods.

Dr. Blakeslee, who has recently returned from a trip to the J. A. Irvine logging camps at Pine Island in Beltrami county 156-26 tells of the most wonderful winter road that has ever been built in the logging woods of northern Minnesota extending from Pine Island to the landing on the Little Tamarack river a distance of fourteen miles.

The road is fifty feet wide extends in a due line for its entire distance and is so level that it is possible to see a load of logs for a distance of eight miles. Its construction involved the outlay of a vast amount of money but it has more than paid for itself in added convenience.

On either side of the road it has been staked and ridged and millions of evergreens have been set up and wedged together to keep the snow out. It is always in excellent condition and is more like a boulevard than a winter logging road.

The Irvine camps in at Pine Island are the largest in the state this winter. Over 200 men are employed at the camps. Nearly all of them are old timers from the Stillwater country who have been in the employ of the Irvine Co. for years. The walking boss is a Mr. McManimim, who is well known to all the lumbermen of this section as "Bronch".

Seven loads are hauled over the logging road to the landing each day. Each load is drawn by eight horses and two trailers are attached. The first sleigh carries on an average of 14,000 to 17,000 feet the sleigh following carries about 11,000 and the last one about 5,000.

Pine island is in the center of a big swamp and is about two miles long and two miles wide. It contains over 150,000,000 of pine. At the west end is some of the finest yellow Norway that has ever been taken out of the Minnesota woods. This is being cut for the Winton Lumber company of Thief River Falls. The Crookston Lumber company owns 100,000,000 at the east end of the island, all of which is white pine. The timber stands in a body and there is scarcely a trace of underbrush through the entire belt.

Says He Is a Stepper.

A. F. Crawford, who recently purchased Thos. Nary's trotting gelding Hubbut, Jr., has a letter from a well known trainer at the Minnehaha track in Minneapolis congratulating him upon his purchase. The trainer is anxious to handle the horse and guarantees to drive him in 2:12 in sixty days from the time he is put in his hands or he will bear all expenses. Hubbut, Jr., defeated Riley Wilkes, who went in the 2:20 class trot at the state fair events last fall and won a purse of \$5,000. He distanced and headed the handy Wilkes at Minot, on the Great Northern racing circuit and at several of the association meets in Minnesota and is regarded by the Minneapolis trainer as one of the most promising horses in the state.

WONT WARM UP

Factory Proposition About to Leave Bemidji for Lack of Encouragement.

For some time past the Messrs. Lang & Carter, real estate dealers have been endeavoring to interest Bemidji capital in the establishment of a broom handle factory here, and owing to the fact that they have not met with sufficient encouragement they are considering offers from Nary and in all probability will accept them and establish the factory there.

The broom handle factory will be started in a small way but Mr. Lang believes that by proper management it may in a short time become an important industry. He guarantees to market \$500 worth of product weekly from the inception of the factory. He has made efforts to have several minor concessions given him in the way of encouragement but has been unable to carry out his projects and is naturally somewhat disappointed.

The proposition made him at Nary is very liberal and if it is accepted it is probable that all the interests of Lang & Carter in this city will be transferred to that village.

Cutting Reservation Timber.

Lineman Will Hall of the Great Northern has been busy during the past week pulling down the telegraph wires near Cass Lake as a convenience to the loggers on the reservation who have large clumps of timber near the track which have to be felled across it. The frozen condition of the ground prevents the grounding of the wires when down and a half mile of it has been strung on the ground a full half day without interfering with the telegraph service.

Evidence Was Insufficient.

Wm. Boyer and C. Kimball, homesteaders living about three miles south of Bemidji, were in Judge Reynold's court this morning charged with violations of the state game laws by Game Warden Wegner, of Lake Itasca. Mr. Wegner yesterday swore out search warrants and the search of the premises of the two men developed a find of venison. This morning the case was dismissed for the reason that the warden was unable to prove that the venison killed out of season.

Mr. Schroeder's Regrets.

I wish to state that I am one of the merchants and taxpayers of Bemidji that am decidedly in favor of the present reform movement. We citizens of Bemidji certainly owe it to those one thousand and more school children that they are brought up in a clean community.

I regret very much to note that we have men who consider dollars and pennies.

W. G. SCHROEDER.

Case Is On.

The case of Swan Torkelson, the Clearwater county sheriff who is fighting impeachment proceedings, was heard by Gov. Van Sant yesterday. E. T. Teitsworth and E. F. White appeared for the Bagley Reform League, while E. O. Hagen, of Crookston appeared for the defendant. The governor has the case under advisement.

IS A PICTURESQUE CHARACTER

For Quarter of a Century A Beltrami County Pioneer Dan Campbell Has Lived in Wilds.

LAND OFFICE RENDERS DECISION IN HIS FAVOR.

Is Well Known in Bemidji and Story of His Early Life is Interesting.

The recent decision of the general land office at Washington by which a claim on the Big Fork river, valued at from \$80,000 to \$100,000 is awarded Daniel Campbell, has attracted considerable attention, and brought many congratulatory comments from those who have met Campbell and become acquainted with the unusual events of his early life.

Fragments of the history of this quaint, backwoods character, which, patched together, make a fantastic tale, are now being related by those who are acquainted with him and his hermit manner of existence. Living as he does at the big falls on the Big Fork river, directly in the path of the traveler through the northern wilds, his tall, slightly bent form, piercing eyes, peculiarly shaped nose and heavy head of bushy black hair are known to many.

Although 70 years old, Campbell has scarcely a gray hair in his head, in spite of the troubles of his early manhood, and he is stronger than many a younger man who has lived a city life. Living for the past twenty-two years the wild, free life of the woods has kept his health in an excellent state of preservation. But this same life has affected him otherwise. The loneliness of the great forests has given him many peculiar traits, for he lived entirely alone, scarcely ever seeing a white man until five or six years ago, and visiting town only about once a year.

It is rather difficult to gather a connected story of the events leading up to Campbell's life of solitude, for the old hunter and trapper never speaks of them himself. When the curious try to lead him on, he immediately becomes morose and taciturn, and scarcely a word can be gotten from him for hours at a time. When the subject is mentioned a revengeful gleam shines from his eyes.

It is said to have been the trickery of a brother that brought "Old Dan" to the woods of Northern Minnesota. Dan, so the story goes, was associated with the brother in big lumbering ventures when both were comparatively young men, and Dan was reputed to be wealthy. He was then, as now, entirely without education, however, and was forced to entrust the handling of the business to his brother, with the better educational knowledge. The brother took advantage of Dan's ignorance in this line, it is said, and by trickery obtained possession of the business of the firm and all the latter's money, afterwards turning his brother out in the world to shift for himself and make a new start in life.

Bitter in heart and in despair over the brutal treatment accorded him by his rascal brother, Dan gave up all hope of winning success in the world, and, buying a small trapper's outfit, a couple of blankets, a few provisions, an ax and a gun, he buried himself in the forests. He built his cabin where it stands today at Big Falls. That was nearly twenty-five years ago. For years nothing was heard of him, and his people thought him dead. And all this time he has lived alone, except for a brief period when he had an Indian squaw for a wife.

In the course of time, as the country began to settle up, his claim became valuable. His ignorance of land laws was taken advantage of and his title to the property was contested. After a two years' fight in the courts, the battle has been won, and Old Dan will die rich, for his land will steadily increase in value as the country settles up and the railroad draws near. The Minnesota & International railway will cross his land, which immediately adjoins the platted town-site of Big Falls.

HE FOUGHT FOR GEN. TAYLOR

A Beltrami County Pioneer Was a Soldier For the Sturdy Fighter.

ONE OF FEW LIVING VETERANS OF MEXICAN WAR.

Found General Santa Anna's Wooden Leg After the Battle of Chapultepec.

Uncle George Witsel, seventy-eight years of age, and one of the pioneers of Beltrami county, who at present lives at Tenstrike, claims the distinction at present of being one of the few surviving veterans of the Mexican war. Mr. Witsel was injured in an accident on the Minnesota & International a short time ago and he was in Bemidji yesterday to adjust claim which he has against the company, accompanied by Attorney C. S. Carter of Tenstrike.

Few people who have passed the allotted three score years and ten of mankind's existence are as well preserved as Mr. Witsel and there are few who retain their mental faculties as clearly as the venerable gentleman. He is the owner of over 300 acres of land in the vicinity of Tenstrike, and is honored and respected by all who know him for his genial personality and his cheerful disposition.

Mr. Witsel comes of the sturdy stock of Vermont and his grandfather fought in the revolutionary war and was present when Lord Cornwallis laid down the British arms at Yorktown. Mr. Witsel well remembers the tales of the jingle nook at his old home in Vermont, when his father, who fought in the war of 1812 and his grandfather told of the days when they fought in the cause of

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TACKLE SNOW

Louis Hill and Other Officials Try Hands at Shoveling the Beautiful.

Vice President L. W. Hill, General Manager Ward, General Superintendent Slade and other lesser officials of the Great Northern were given a taste of real railroading at Niles, when for three hours the members of the railroad party were required to handle shovels in order to dig the train out of a snow drift that formed while the crew was engaged in giving assistance to Train 3, which had stuck in the snow at Niles. After the coast train had been started on its way it was discovered that the engine of the special was frozen up and that the snow had drifted so high that several hours were necessary to get the special on its way again. The only brakeman that Conductor Mayer had on the trip was sent out to flag any trains that might happen along. This left the conductor with a party of railroad officials of high degree and a lot of shovels. The officials were equal to the task and Louis Hill and the other members of the party are credited with shoveling snow like section bosses.

Royally Entertained.

The teachers of the Bemidji public schools who attended the educational meeting at Cass Lake yesterday had a very enjoyable holiday. They were entertained at the Endion hotel at dinner by the Cass Lake teachers and in the afternoon went for a drive to the agency schools. In the evening came the lecture of Dr. Shoemaker, of the St. Cloud Normal school. His subject, "The Uses of the Imagination" was handled in a manner that was a rare treat to all. After the lecture a reception and ball was given to the teachers. Those who attended from Bemidji besides Prof. Edmunds and W. A. Cassler, of the local board of education were the Misses Bright, Johnson, L. Lennon, Desjardines, Campbell, Covell, Minton, Miller and Allen.

FIRST CHAPTER OF CHARTER

Ready for Submission to Committee on Wards and Elections.

FIXES TERMS OF CITY OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS.

City Council Will Be Considerably Enlarged Under Provisions of Charter.

The first chapter of the proposed city charter, or rather the second chapter, fixing the manner of election of city officers, their terms of office, powers, etc., is out of the hands of the charter commission attorneys, the Messrs. McCusick and Gibbons, and ready for submission to the charter commission committee on wards and elections.

Its provisions will be interesting to all those who are interested in the organization of the city under the charter. Under its provisions the elective officers are the mayor, clerk, treasurer, two justices of the peace, until a municipal court is established, two aldermen from each ward and an alderman at large, who will preside over the deliberations of the council in the absence of the mayor. All other officers will be appointed by the council. The date of the annual city election, to be governed by the general election laws of the state will be the third Tuesday in May each year. The terms of city officers will begin June 1 and extend for a period of one year from that time. All city officers except the justices of the peace are elected for one year. The justices will serve two years. Members of the various boards which the charter will create will be appointed to serve terms of three years.

The chapter is subject to such changes as the committee may deem expedient.

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35 pairs M. A. Packard & Co.'s shoes for men, box calf, vici kid and velour calf, all sizes, new lasts, worth \$2.50 to \$3.50, for **\$1.98**

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