

DEATH PENALTY IMPOSED

Wm. Chouard Must Hang For the Murder of His Wife at Cass Lake.

JUDGE SPOONER PASSES DEATH SENTENCE LAST NIGHT.

Court Room Crowded to Its Capacity During Impressive Scene.

Wm. Chouard, found guilty of the murder of his wife, Dora Chouard, at Cass Lake last January, was sentenced to pay the extreme penalty of the law by Judge Spooner at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Walker.

The court room was crowded to its capacity during the ordeal to court and prisoner and the scene was impressive and one which the spectators will never forget. The prisoner was brought into the court room by the sheriff and a deputy. He was visibly nervous and when the court asked if he had any remarks to make he made none. He had intended to talk, but apparently found himself physically unequal to the effort.

Attorney Larson, of Brainerd, who has defended Chouard made an impassioned and eloquent plea for the mercy of the court and at its conclusion the sentence was passed. It was the first death sentence to be pronounced by Judge Spooner during his judicial career. The impressive legal form was gone through in a masterly manner. A hush fell over the court room when the prisoner entered and while the court was passing the sentence the suspense was intense. Immediately at its conclusion Chouard was hurried from the court room.

His attorney endeavored to have Chouard plead guilty to a charge of murder in the second degree but he refused and stated that he would rather hang. He has frequently threatened to cheat the noose by suiciding and will be constantly guarded until the day of execution. Gov. Van Sant will sign the death warrant some time within the next ninety days and fix the date of the execution.

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FISHING SEASON

Anglers Will Have Their First Outing in Lake Bemidji Tomorrow.

Tomorrow will be the first day of the open fishing season and contrary to expectations the first of the week, there will be fishing in both Lakes Bemidji and Irvine. While there is still a good body of ice in both lakes, there is plenty of clear water near the favorite fishing grounds for pike and with favorable weather there will be a good deal of fishing tomorrow. The boat houses will rent boats if the ice remains in its present position, but if it should be driven on shore by wind the boats will not be allowed to go out. The question of bait will probably be settled this afternoon and a small army of boys went out with nets this afternoon to take minnows. The fishing should be good tomorrow. Pike usually bite well at this season of the year. The favorite grounds tomorrow will be at the mouth of the Mississippi in Lake Bemidji and in Lake Irvine.

Picture Grafters Abroad.

The picture grafter is abroad in the land, beware. Yesterday several well dressed gentlemen were canvassing the residence portion of the city enlarging themselves to be with a local photographer and are taking orders under various conditions. The men are not connected with any of the local photographers and are unauthorized to solicit patronage for any local gallery.

Wild Ducks in Lake.

A flock of about 200 fish ducks spent all of yesterday in Lake Bemidji and chose a feeding ground not twenty-five yards distant from the end of the Third street dock. They were very tame and spent all the afternoon and evening in feeding near the dock. The spectacle of a flock of wild ducks feeding within the city limits of a town of 5,000 people is somewhat unusual and quite a large crowd gathered at the dock last night to see them.

Moose Launches Monday.

Wm. McLachlan announces that the passenger boat "The Moose" will be launched Monday. Mr. McLachlan has made considerable repairs to the boat and it is one of the staunchest on the lake. The launching this year is several days later than usual and for the past five years the "Moose" has made regular trips to the head of the lake May 1, a feat which it will be unable to accomplish tomorrow.

It will occur at Walker and Sheriff Hardy of Cass county will have charge.

The crime of which Chouard stands convicted and sentenced to death was without extenuating circumstances. While under the influence of liquor he deliberately shot his wife Dora Chouard to death in a resort at Cass Lake. He pleaded mental irresponsibility caused by excessive drinking at the trial. The verdict of the jury is a just one and the sentence imposed by the court was generally expected.

Nick Hill found guilty of manslaughter in the second degree for the killing of Richard Sanger during a row at a logging camp near Cross Lake was sentenced to twelve years in the state penitentiary.

Judge Spooner and Court Stenographer Cameron returned to Bemidji over the Great Northern last night, the term being adjourned after the sentence had been passed on Hill. The two murder cases have occupied all of the past week but were disposed of in record breaking time, nevertheless. Friday of last week Judge Spooner issued an order for a special venire of fifty jurymen returnable last Monday morning at 10 o'clock. In securing the jury for the Chouard trial all of the venire except one name was expended. The case went to trial Tuesday and the jury returned a verdict Thursday morning at 7 o'clock. The Hill case was next taken up and but five names remained in the jury box when the jury had been selected. A verdict was returned yesterday afternoon.

CITY CHARTER IS FINISHED

Will be Ready for Submission to Charter Commission Monday.

CHARTER COMPLETE COVERS TEN CHAPTERS.

Charter Commission Has Until May 19 to Complete Its Labors.

The city charter will be out of the hands of the charter commission attorneys, the Messrs. McKusick and Gibbons tonight and will be ready for submission to the charter commission Monday.

It is probable that a meeting of the entire commission will be called immediately to dispose of the charter. The various committees will take up and dispose of the portions which they have been designated to cover and the instrument must be in the hands of Mayor Ludington May 19, in order for the work to be finished within the time required by law.

The charter covers complete city government and organization in ten chapters. It is a comprehensive instrument and the task of preparing it has not been ordinary. It is taken from the charters of a number of the best governed cities in the country and is draughted with especial reference to the wants of this city.

If the charter commission completes its labors on time the charter should be ready for submission to a vote of the people some time in June.

Mill Will Soon Start.

The mill at Grand Forks will probably be started up some time next week. The date all depends on how fast the water in the river recedes. It is believed that the river will go down sufficiently during the next few days to permit the starting of the mill. At first only a day crew will be employed. There is a great supply of logs on hand and the mill will be kept busy all summer.

Company Closes.

The Orris-Ober Stock company, which opened a week's engagement at the City Opera house last Monday night and has been playing to very indifferent business, closed last night. The manager undertook to take the company to Minneapolis at noon today, but the baggage could not be gotten on the train for some reason and they were compelled to remain in the city.

Petition for Townsite.

Judge Spooner this morning received an application from Judge Ives, of Cass Lake for a hearing on a petition for a new townsite on the Winnibigoshish reservation about eighteen miles north of the new town of Richards. The new town will be located on the south shore of Round Lake near the headwaters of the Big Fork River.

Incorporation Carries.

The village of Big Falls voted without a dissenting voice to incorporate last Thursday and E. T. Crawford, went to Grand Rapids today to file the necessary papers. The special election to choose village officers will be held sometime within the next ten days. A. M. Greeley, well known in this city will be the first Mayor.

Swamps Burning.

A fierce fire has been raging for the past two days in one of the tamarac swamps down the Mississippi river about five miles from this city and considerable damage has been done. The fire presumably had its start from a fishing camp fire and has destroyed a good deal of wood timber.

Initiated Several Candidates.

The local chapter of the Eastern Star had a regular meeting last night and initiated three candidates. They were Mr. and Mrs. James Walker and W. C. Klein. Following the work of the evening there was a social session, refreshments were served and a very pleasant time was had.

His Mother Dying.

Photographer R. W. Reed, who was called to his old home at Ortonville this week by the serious illness of his aged mother writes that he is uncertain when he can return. Mr. Reed's mother is failing very rapidly and her death is daily expected.

Paying Taxes.

Payment of personal property tax has been quite brisk at the county treasurer's office since the list was put in the hands of Sheriff Bailey for collection. The greater number of delinquents have simply overlooked the matter and will settle before costs attach.

BOUND OVER

Joseph Hearth, Accused of Ny-more Burglary Held To Grand Jury.

Joseph Hearth, Patrick O'Neil and Ned O'Brein were arraigned in Judge Reynold's court this afternoon at 2 o'clock on a charge of burglary. Hearth waived examination and was bound over to the grand jury. The other two were granted an extension of time and their hearing was adjourned until one week from next Monday.

The trio were arrested in a second hand store at Crookston, while endeavoring to pawn some of the stolen goods and were brought back to Bemidji by Sheriff Bailey this morning.

Died of Tuberculosis.

Mrs. Amalie Anderson, wife of a homesteader near Hovey Junction, died yesterday after a long illness of tuberculosis. She leaves a husband and family of five children. The body was prepared for burial by Undertaker Naylor last night. Funeral services will be conducted at Hovey tomorrow and the remains will be taken to the old home of the family at McIntosh for interment Monday.

Base Ball Tomorrow.

There will be a game of base ball at the fair grounds tomorrow afternoon between two local pick-up teams. This will formally open the base ball season in Bemidji and all the local fans are requested to turn out. A team will be selected this week to take on Cass Lake at the fair grounds next Sunday.

Wise to Build.

The Brainerd Dispatch publishes a rumor to the effect that R. R. Wise is to build a \$100,000 hotel at Brainerd. Since the destruction of the Arlington last winter by fire Brainerd has been without a first class hotel.

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