

## SHEVLIN IS FIRE SWEPT

The Entire Village Narrowly Escaped Destruction This Morning.

LOSS WILL REACH MORE THAN \$16,000.

Six Business Buildings Completely Burned to the Ground.

This morning at 12:30 fire broke out in the drug store of A. Gilmore & Co. at Shevlin and before sufficient help could be had the flames were beyond control and were sweeping down the street and threatening to destroy the entire town.

Just how the fire originated is a mystery. A. Skie who has charge of the drug store had been but a few minutes in bed, having just come from the train, which was late, when the fire was discovered by some men who were in a near by saloon. Mr. Skie had barely time to get out of the building and saved but a part of his clothing. There was no fire in the building and he had no lamp and had not been smoking.

The fire destroyed every building on the east side of the street with the exception of the bank which was north of the drug store. The wind swept the flames to the south and all the efforts of the citizens to quench them were fruitless.

The loss was almost a total one. Most of the buggies and carriages add all of the stock except one cow, were saved from the livery barn, but very little was saved from the buildings.

Shevlin has no protection other than a hand engine which was totally inadequate for such a fire, and although the citizens worked desperately nothing south of the drug store could be saved.

The losses and insurance are as follows:

A. Gilmore & Co., Bemidji, stock of drugs \$1600, insurance \$1000.

Leethad Drug Co., Duluth, store building \$900, insurance \$500.

Martin Hippe, livery barn, \$1800, insurance \$800.

William Brompton, personal effects, \$250 no insurance.

S. T. Odegard saloon building, \$1400, no insurance.

H. C. Aldrich, saloon fixtures, \$1200, no insurance.

Martin Nelson, Central hotel building, \$3000, insurance \$1500.

George Daniels, landlord, personal property \$500, no insurance.

Olia Olson, saloon building and fixtures, \$2500, insurance \$1500.

T. Gram photograph gallery, \$150, no insurance.

In addition all the fronts of the buildings on the west side of the street was badly scorched and many window panes are cracked and broken.

Chas Robinson, of Grand Forks and E. J. Regan, of Larimore headed a party which left for home this afternoon after a day's fishing in Lake Bemidji. They made a good catch and promise to return soon.

The latest magazines at our news stand, Peterson.

## RACING CIRCUIT

An Effort Being Made to Form One for Northern Minnesota.

BEMIDJI HAS A GOOD TRACK AND SOME SPEEDY HORSES.

Track Must be Fixed Up at Once or Horses Will be Taken From Here.

An effort is being made to form a racing circuit to embrace various towns and cities of northern Minnesota. Dr. Warringer, who has organized very successfully several racing circuits in this part of the state, has interested himself in the matter. He left yesterday for Fosston and Crookston, where he will talk the matter up, and he may visit Ada, Hallock and East Grand Forks before his return.

The necessary money to make such a circuit a success could undoubtedly be raised in each town as past experience has proved that it is money most profitably spent. Each town would need to raise in the neighborhood of \$500.

Something must be done at once in Bemidji if the town wishes to keep the horses it now has. Quite a number have been in training here and some have already been taken away because the track has not been put in proper condition. Bemidji with its track and enclosed grounds is well prepared to join a racing circuit and the track should be placed in condition at once.

## PROBATE COURT

Judge Clark Disposes of a Number of Important Cases During the Day.

The business in the probate court office today has been very large, Judge Clark having disposed of a number of important probate matters. The first case that came up this morning was that of Carl Martin, a young man of Turtle River who was accused of feeble-mindedness. He was committed to the state school for the feeble minded at Pribault. The hearing of the final account of A. L. Gordon, administrator for the estate of Joe Michaud, was brought up this afternoon and an adjournment was taken till 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Evidence in the case of E. E. Schulte, of Tenstrike, vs. the estate of S. A. Gray, deceased, was heard before the probate court this afternoon. Shulke claims damages in the sum of \$140 against the estate for a carload of hay which he alleges he sold Mr. Gray. The evidence will be sent to the probate court of Stearns county, where the administration of the estate is in progress.

**Council Meeting.**  
The city council meets tonight when the new city charter will come up for discussion. No other important business will come up before the meeting.

## VOTE ON JUNE 28

Charter Commission Held Its Last Meeting Saturday Evening.

LET CONTRACT FOR PRINTING THE CHARTER.

Printing Must be Completed and in the Hands of the Voters This Week.

The charter commission, which has been holding some strenuous sessions during the past ten days, completed its labors Saturday evening, when a meeting was held to allow various bills and to let the contract for the printing of the charter so that every one may have an opportunity to study it and know exactly what it provides in the way of a city organization.

It was decided by a unanimous vote to receive bids for printing the charter and it was also decided that all bids must agree to publish the charter by May 27 and that all bids must be accompanied by a certified check for \$250 as a guarantee that the work would be completed within the specified time. The Sentinel bid \$166, but would not agree to print the charter before June 2 and did not accompany its bid with a certified check. The Pioneer bid \$250 and agreed to complete the work this week and furnished the certified check required. The contract was accordingly let to the Pioneer, and the charter will be published in the Daily Pioneer this week and supplements will be furnished to the News and the Sentinel. The News holding that there might be some question as to whether the charter should be printed by the city or by the commission refused to make a bid.

The commission will probably hold no further meetings until there is a demand for amendments to the charter. The commission is a perpetual body, or at least will be so, in case the charter is adopted.

The date set for the vote is June 28 and by printing it this week the people of the city will have a full month in which to discuss it.

## BATTLE OF BALLOTS

Approach of the End of Bemidji Contest Brings Out Heavy Voting.

OVER 65,000 VOTES CAST IN BEMIDJI TODAY.

Everybody Interested and Everybody Hard at Work For His Favorite.

The vote today:

**FIRST DISTRICT--BEMIDJI.**  
May Villemain ..... 11824  
Fern Spencer ..... 6101  
Hattie Halderman ..... 4928  
Edna Tanner ..... 2297

**SECOND DISTRICT--BLACKDUCK, CASS LAKE, TENSTRIKE, HAGLEY, WALKER.**  
Elizabeth Ness, Tenstrike ..... 9330  
Nellie M. Brewster, Bagley ..... 9201  
Emma Spencer, Walker ..... 7975  
Dora Hermonson, Blackduck ..... 6934  
Theo McCluskey, Bagley ..... 6670  
Julia O'Brien, Cass Lake ..... 4599

The Pioneer's great contest for a trip to the world's fair at St. Louis will end Thursday of this week promptly at noon.

The near approach of the end calls for the activity of the friends of each of the candidates and from this time on there will be a big vote polled every day. Thousands of votes have been issued and the final vote will be a big one.

Miss Villemain today polls close to 50,000 votes, while Miss Spencer polls nearly 20,000. The contest between these two ladies is so close that it would be simply impossible to predict the result. Each has a large number of friends who are determined that their favorite shall win and laying the question of the contest entirely aside it is doubtful if there are two more popular young ladies in the city.

The issue of the contests will be watched with the greatest interest.

The contest in the outside towns continues to grow more spirited and although not so large a number is being voted each day a great many votes are being reserved.

## LOG ROLLING

Some Very Interesting Sport Promised for the People of Bemidji.

Allan Stewart, well known throughout this section as an expert log roller, desires to establish his prowess beyond the possibility of question and he therefore issues the following challenge:

I hereby challenge Ed. Roach to a log rolling contest to take place in Bemidji or any other place where a purse may be offered, winner to take both side bet and purse and contest to take place on the Fourth of July. The log to be used shall be a dry log, twelve feet long and not to exceed seventeen inches in diam-

## NARROW ESCAPE

Lumberjack at Tenstrike Takes Carbolic Acid for Despondency.

REPENTED WITH THE ACID HALF WAY DOWN HIS THROAT.

Man Still Lives But His Throat is Terribly Burned--May Be Crazy.

Late Saturday afternoon a lumberjack named King attempted to end his life at Tenstrike by taking carbolic acid. When the stuff started down his throat he repented and spat it out. Now he lies in the jail at Tenstrike, half sane and half crazy.

King had been working near Tenstrike in the camps and was discharged Friday. He came to town and went to see a woman of the town with whom he was infatuated. She would not have anything to do with him and he returned to town, secured the acid in some unknown way, and made the attempt at suicide. It was thought at first that the man would die but he is still living and will probably be brought to Bemidji this evening or tomorrow morning to be examined as to his sanity.

The man raves a good share of the time but in his more lucid spells he declares that he was tired of life but seems to be anxious to shield the woman in the case.

## SAW BIG FISH

Big School of Sturgeon in Big Fork Hinder Passage of Small Boats.

Big Fork Compass: E. F. Crawford, Bemidji's leading attorney who has successfully concluded the organization of Big Falls village, arrived Saturday night by way of Winnipeg and the Rainy. With two boatmen he encountered a spectacle that was not so wonderful ten years ago. About twenty-five miles down the Big Fork they beheld ahead of them the surface of the river disturbed with what they thought was rapids, 30 yards long and extending across the river, save a smooth strip next to the banks.

In frugging the bank to ascend the "rapids," they discovered that the foaming water was only made by a crowded school of big sturgeon. It took the men half an hour to paddle past this living waterspout, all the time their Peterbury being threatened with crushing by the six-foot monsters that swam close beside. Mr. Crawford said they passed three such schools, the succeeding ones being smaller, and many straggling bands of one to half a dozen sturgeons.

The sturgeon are now leaving Lake of the Woods to deposit eggs in the streams. Dan Campbell has already caught two sturgeon this spring at the falls. He says these fish would come here by the thousands before the fisheries were established at the mouth of the Rainy. Is this to be an old-time season? Crawford says so.

**Paid \$5 and Costs.**  
A gentleman well known in the city was fined \$5 and costs before Judge Reynolds this afternoon for raising a fray and acting in a disorderly manner generally on lower Mississippi avenue, near the residence of J. A. Axahl. The lesson will probably act as a stimulant to his future good behavior.

**Fishing Good.**  
Fishing has not been better in Lake Bemidji and Lake Irvine for several years than it is at the present time. Not so many large fish are caught as at the beginning of the season but pike and perch are both plentiful. Perch are biting very lively and most of those caught are exceptionally large fish.

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eter. Winner to be determined by best two out of three or three out of five. Am willing to agree to any reasonable rules to govern contest. ALLAN STEWART.

Mr. Stewart considers Roach the best log roller in the United States with the exception of himself and he proposes to settle the question of championship in this contest.

**Final Proof.**  
Peter M. Dysthe, of Wilton proved up on a valuable homestead in the vicinity of that town before Clerk of Court Rhoda today.

**Hendricks Here.**  
J. A. Hendricks, of Fosston, a prominent candidate for the republican nomination for county attorney of Polk county is in the city today on business connected with the probate office. He will remain here for several days.

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