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CITY TAX RATE DROPS 11.5 MILLS

Big Falling Off in Tax Rate in Bemidji as Against the Heavy Rate of the Past Two Years.

Levy for School and County Purposes is Less—Valuation of Bemidji Increases About 35 Per Cent.

The tax rate for the village of Bemidji for the ensuing year is 36.9 mills against 48.4 mills for last year, a falling off of 11.5 mills. The reduction amounts to more than 25 per cent and every tax payer will notice the difference when he comes to pay his taxes the coming year.

The decrease is due largely to the fact that the school tax for ensuing year is but 21.17 mills as against 30.57 mills last year. There is also a falling off in the county rate, the rate this year being 13 mills against 15.1 mills last year.

At the same time there is a phenomenal rise in the valuation of Bemidji the total valuation for the coming year being \$1,059,977 as against \$701,243 for last year, an increase of nearly 50 per cent. This increase is brought about by an additional assessment of \$80,000, on the stock of the Crookston Lumber company, by an assessment of logs owned by T. B. Walker to the amount of \$80,000, by the increase of about 100 per cent in the valuation of lands outside of city lots and by rapid growth of the city during the past two years. Thus, despite the increase in valuation, the decrease in tax rate will materially lessen the amount of taxes to be paid by each individual.

The following table shows the valuation of the villages of the county:

	Outside city lots	Personal	Total
Bemidji	\$97,543	\$88,028	\$1,059,977
Blackduck	1,147	38,305	39,452
Funkley	1,249	3,977	5,226
Nymore	234	30,007	30,241
Stratton	16,495	30,673	47,168
Turtle River	2,002	11,900	13,902
Unorganized			533,254

Maple Ridge..... 102,181
McDougal..... 2,721
Moose Lake..... 24,022
Northern..... 68,921
Rohish..... 100,874
Pops Hope..... 59,651
Roosevelt..... 64,122
Shelby..... 8,311
Summit..... 120,507
Taylor..... 112,570
Turtle Lake..... 140,794
Turtle River..... 146,889
Wabanaca..... 533,254

The work of estimating the rate of taxation for the various school districts of the county and of spreading the taxes to individuals and individual pieces of land from this rate is now in progress and will be complete by the first of the year. In order to do this, however, the force in the county auditor's office will have to work late each night. The rate cannot be given as yet inasmuch as the rate and the entire tax for each district is figured before the next district is taken up.

The tax rate in many districts of the county will be very high, however—one district having a rate of 65 mills. The reason for this is not extravagance in expenditure, but the fact that Beltrami is a new county, and practically every school district, township, village etc. has all its public improvements yet to pay for. The rate of 65 mills mentioned above will raise enough tax to entirely pay for a new school house and next year the rate will be much lower.

Beltrami county has innumerable ditches to dig, roads to build and other public improvements to make and these will necessitate a heavier tax than the people of southern Minnesota pay. It is estimated by competent authority that because of these things Beltrami will pay a heavier tax than some of its older neighbors for at least ten years to come.

The figures show that the valuation of Bemidji for the coming year is just one fourth that of the entire county. There will be few parts of the county in which the tax rate will be as low as in Bemidji, however.

The tax levy for school purposes this year is reduced almost one third, the actual reduction being 9.42 mills. The present rate 21.17 mills is still higher than that paid by a great proportion of the school districts of the state and it is confidently expected that reductions will be made each year until the rate reaches an average figure.

THEY DID IT THEMSELVES

St. Petersburg View of Lost Fleet Makes the Best of a Bad Business.

New York, Dec. 12.—Nine torpedo boats, built at Perth Amboy, N. J., for the Russian government, have been completed and will leave the yards shortly. They have been taken apart and loaded on a barge to be towed to New York and shipped as merchandise on a liner.

The tenth boat will cross the ocean under its own power. Two six-cylinder gasoline engines have been installed. Each is expected to develop 300 horsepower and drive the little boat at a speed of twenty knots. The crew of eight men is already aboard the boat, which is eighty feet long. Below deck it is not possible to stand erect, for there is only a five-foot space. Should the passage be stormy the crew will be almost as effectually bottled up as if in a submarine. The only entrance to the compartments below deck is through a conning tower, from which the boat is navigated.

Each boat will carry one torpedo tube. One of the five watertight compartments into which the hull is divided will contain the spare torpedoes.

RUSSIANS GET BOATS

Ten Torpedo Boats Built for Russians at Perth Amboy, N. J.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—The statement that the Russian warships at Port Arthur were sunk by the Russians as a protection from the Japanese gun fire is regarded at the admiralty as being quite possible. If true it is interpreted as a sign that General Stoessel believes the fortress can hold out until the arrival of the second Pacific squadron. The supposition is that the garrison as a last resort will retire to the Liaotie forts. If succor should come the ships could be raised.

Considering the fact that Rear Admiral Wiro's orders were to destroy the ships beyond the possibility of salvage when all hope had gone the admiralty has been unable to understand why they were sunk in shallow water. The new explanation is therefore regarded as more reasonable.

NO SMALL VESSELS IN SIGHT.

Japs Cannot Locate Russian Torpedo Boat Flotilla.

Tokio, Dec. 12.—It is reported here that since the commencement of the bombardment of the Russian fleet in Port Arthur harbor the Japanese military observers on 208-Metre hill have not seen anything of the Russian fleet of torpedo boat destroyers and it is presumed it has taken shelter behind Liaotie mountain.

The Japanese fleet lying off the entrance to the harbor is constantly on the alert in anticipation of an attempt being made by any of the Russian warships to escape and seek refuge in some neutral port.

The wedding of Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany and the Duchess Cecilia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin has been definitely fixed for the latter half of May.

A DARING ROBBERY

Masked Men Hold Up Peoria Bank and Secure \$500 in Cash.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 12.—A daring bank robbery was committed in the heart of the downtown district at 1:20 p. m. when three men wearing slouch hats entered the Peoria National bank and while two of the men covered Frederick A. Baken with revolvers the third rushed through the teller's window and, seizing about \$500 in currency and silver, made his escape.

The three men dashed out of the bank and, after warning everybody not to make a move and leaping into a buggy standing near, lashed the horse into a run. The streets were crowded at the time and a large crowd was in immediate view of the men. They went down Washington to Fulton, their progress being impeded by the crush of drays on Washington street, in the wholesale district. The men turned up Fulton street and at the corner of Adams and Fulton were stopped for a moment by the crowd which had received word of what had happened.

A liberal display of revolvers frightened the crowd back and they turned north on Madison street. A big crowd took up the chase, including several automobiles, whose owners managed to keep in sight of the men.

Suicides in a Sanitarium.

Flint, Mich., Dec. 12.—James T. Lunn, a prominent resident of Sloux Falls, S. D., committed suicide in a sanitarium here in a peculiar manner. He made a loop of a large handkerchief and, placing a knot in it, slipped the handkerchief over his head. A folded newspaper was stuck through the loop and twisted until the man strangled himself. He was sixty-three years old and had been a patient at the sanitarium for a number of months.

JAPS DIRECT FIRE ON DOOMED CITY

No Further Necessity for Shelling the Russian Naval Forces at Port Arthur.

Six Russian Vessels Completely Disabled—Japanese Are Directing Destructive Fire Against Town.

Tokio, Dec. 12.—The commander of the Japanese land battery reporting today says that four Russian battleships, two cruisers, one gunboat and one torpedo stowship lying in Port Arthur harbor have been completely disabled and that there is no further necessity to shell the Russian naval forces. The Japanese are now engaged in bombarding the town which is being heavily damaged.

Immense Factory Destroyed.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—The factory of the Henry H. Sheple Manufacturing company, woodworkers and makers of cigar boxes, was partially destroyed by fire during the day which started in one of the drying kilns. The loss is estimated at \$150,000. The company employs 600 men and is the largest manufacturer of cigar boxes in the country.

Noted Wisconsin Man Dead.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 12.—Orson E. Woodbury, author of the campaign song of 1840, "Tippecanoe and Tyler, Too," is dead here at the age of eighty. He wrote several other songs, was once a Wisconsin editor and was one of three men that called the first Republican meeting in Berlin, Wis., in 1854.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

Vandals at Chicago practically ruined the interior of a Wabash avenue saloon, causing a loss of \$3,500.

Mortimer Brooks, a millionaire of New York city, was probably fatally injured while hunting near Pittsboro, N. C.

The suspension of Frederick F. Reichens, a member of the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange, is announced.

A snowfall ranging from a fraction of an inch at Charleston, W. Va., to over eight inches in the mountains of Kentucky, occurred Saturday.

William R. Hearst has sold the Chicago Examiner to Andrew M. Lawrence, who has been identified with Mr. Hearst's journalistic enterprises for years.

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Ladies' Silk Waists We are bound to give extra values for Christmas. We will save you enough on a silk waist to buy your Christmas turkey. All our \$7.00, \$6.50 and \$6.00 waists, are now priced at **\$4.95**.

Ladies' Shoes Booth Ideal Patent Kid, Goodyear Welt, \$4.00 shoes now **\$3.50** per pair.

Mens' and Boys' Clothing It is surprising how much you can save by buying your mens' and boys' suits and overcoats at this store. Just on a \$10.00 suit or overcoat you can save enough to furnish a good sized family with a good Christmas dinner.

Ladies' Belts and Combs From now until Christmas we will show an extra large assortment of ladies' belts and combs at reduced prices.

Christmas Goods That will gladden the hearts of the children. Toys, wood, iron and tin. Dolls, doll beds, doll buggies, sleds and chairs.

Candy We have a full line of candy including mixed, chocolates, bon bons, velvets, penny goods and butter cups.