

SCORES THE RAILROADS

Attorney Henry Funkley Says Rates Are Prohibitive to Farmers.

SHIPPING OF WOOD TO NORTH DAKOTA NOT PROFITABLE.

Effort Will Be Made to Induce Railroad and Warehouse Commission to Intervene.

"If reasonable rates could be secured from the railroads which control the traffic of cordwood from points on the line of the M. & I. north of Bemidji to North Dakota, the farmers who own farms in the north country could make a profitable thing out of the business," said Attorney Henry Funkley of Bemidji this morning. "But as it is now," continued Mr. Funkley, "there is no way in which enough can be realized from the business to even repay the farmer for his trouble and expense in cutting, hauling and loading the wood on to the cars. It is a shame that the thousands of cords of birch wood standing all along the M. & I. tracks in the vicinity of Blackduck, Tenstrike and Kelliher can not be cut and shipped to the western prairies at a reasonable profit to the poor settlers who are trying with all their might to develop the country, but it seems that unless strenuous measures are employed to bring about a change in the price of transportation the trees will be left standing until all the pine is cut, for when this is accomplished there is every probability that a fire will occur and destroy the hundreds upon thousands of dollars worth of wood uncut."

An investigation of Mr. Funkley's statement leads one to think in a measure as he does. From Blackduck to Bemidji and from Kelliher to Bemidji the rate for birch wood is three cents per hundred pounds. From Bemidji to Grand Forks over the Great Northern the rate per hundred is five and one-half cents, making a total of eight and one-half cents for transportation of a hundred pounds of fuel from either of the north line towns to Grand Forks. A cord of dry birch wood weighs approximately 3,500 and a cord of green wood is taken at 5,000 pounds. Thus it will be seen that the shipment of one cord of wood would cost \$4.25 for green and \$9.00 for dry wood. Placing the expense of cutting, hauling, loading the wood onto the cars and unloading it at its destination at \$3.50, it will be seen that the cost of taking the fuel from the woods to the market is \$7.75 for the green wood and \$8.50 for the dry. The price paid for this fuel in Grand Forks is about \$9.00 a cord. Some will notice by the above that the profit on a cord of dry wood is larger than upon the same amount of green and ask why

PRINCESS Grocery Co.

Today we inaugurate our cut in every thing in Christmas Tree Decorations, Candles, candy Toys, Etc.

The line is still complete; come while we have what you want.

Don't forget our line of Bon Bon Boxes Fancy Chocolate

Candy Candy Candy at wholesale prices
Genuine Lether Cigar Cases
Case Pipes Pocket Books
Tole Pouches Mixed Nuts
Home Made Taffy
Ripe Tomatoes Cucumbers
Radishes Lettuces Celery.

Extra Select Oysters

Fancy Greening Apples, \$2.25 per barrel.

Princess Grocery Co
M. E. CARSON, Mgr
Phone 282

RELEASED FROM CUSTODY

Convicted One Day Only to Receive a Full and Complete Pardon the Next.

Bemidji, Dec. 24—R. R. Bly who was yesterday found guilty of maintaining an exclusive first class bakery, where "good things to eat" are palmed off on a trusting public, has been granted a full and complete pardon and is at liberty to repeat the offense every day in the year. It is rumored that Mr. Bly has entered into a conspiracy to feed the people of Bemidji the most delicious concoctions that have yet been offered in the city.

Full particulars of Mr. Bly's deep laid designs cannot be printed at present but will be cheerfully imparted to all who will call at the Model bakery, 815 Minnesota Avenue. If you are in a hurry phone 125.

CITY RESTAURANT

Christmas Dinner, 25 Cents
Served From 12 to 3 O'Clock.

Relishes		
Dressed Celery		Radishes
Soup		
Consomme Julian		
Fish		
Boiled Pickerel with Egg Sauce		
Boiled		
Ribs of Beef with Creole Sauce		
Roast		
Prime Ribs of Beef, au jus	Loin of Pork, Apple Sauce	
Domestic Goose with Oyster Dressing		
Entrees		
Comport of Peaches		
Chicken Stew with Dumplings		
Braised Tenderloin of Beef with Mushroom Sauce		
Vegetables		
Mashed Potatoes	Steamed Potatoes	
Stewed Tomatoes	Mashed Turnips	
Pastry		
Apple Pie	Hot Mince Pie	Lemon Pie
Dessert		
Plum Pudding with Brandy Sauce		
		Ice Cream
Beverages		
Tea	Coffee	Milk

Funeral Held Today.

The funeral over the remains of Alfred Brewer, the victim of the Frohn township boiler explosion who died at St. Anthony's hospital Thursday afternoon, was held this afternoon. The remains being interred in Greenwood Cemetery.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by all druggists. Price, 75c. per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

"Heart and Sword," a romantic military drama dealing with the political and love affairs of the ruler of an imaginary principality, comes to the City Opera house Monday, Dec. 26. Mr. Harold Nelson as Prince Victor, supported by a capable company, present this charming play with beautiful scenery and lighting effects, and handsome costumes.

Mr. A. R. Kane, a prominent druggist of Baxter Springs, Kansas, says: "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are, in my judgement, the most superior preparation of anything in use today for constipation. They are sure in action and with no tendency to nauseate or gripe. For sale by Bakers Drug Store.

Coal, coal, leave your order at Ross' Hardware for any kind of coal you want. We have different grades in stock and can deliver in quantities to suit.

Everyone who takes Xmas dinner at the Grill receives a handsome souvenir.

The Grill will serve one of their famous dinners tomorrow.

the settlers do not cut the wood and allow it to dry. This question is easily answered by the fact that very few of the homesteaders who own lands in the upper country have enough capital to cut the wood and then wait for a year before it is in a condition to be shipped as such and to be accepted by the purchasers as dry fuel.

It is very probable that the matter will be taken up in the near future with the railroad and warehouse commission and an application for a lowering of the rates asked for.

Danced Last Night.

The dance given last night by the Bemidji orchestra at the city hall was not as well patronized as had been expected, although those who attended the event enjoyed the occasion to the full extent.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver, and clarify the blood. Run down system benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by all druggists.

Swell Menu.

The Grill's menu for tomorrow, is one of the most elaborate works of the printers' art ever executed in Bemidji. Every detail of the bill is done in the most tasteful style.

The cover is gay with Christmas colors while the menu pages are hand painted and adorned with a beautiful photographic gem. The card is a work of art and is entirely a home creation. One will be presented to each customer as a souvenir of the occasion.

THE CHURCHES

Christmas Day services in the Baptist church. There will be special music for the occasion both morning and evening. The subject for the morning will be "The Joy of Christmas." In the evening "The Kiss of Peace." All are welcome to these services.

The program for Christmas Eve is as follows:

Voluntary, Hallelujah.....Chorus
Song "Joy to the World".....Congregation
Prayer.....Rev. Broomfield
"Lift Up Your Heads".....Choir
Scripture.....Mrs. Knox
Song.....Primary Class
Recitations.....Miss Rosable Milne
Solo, "Star of Peace".....Miss Rosable Milne
Song.....Mrs. Gould's Class
Exercise.....Fourteen Boys
Recitations.....
Nazareth.....Choir
Recitations.....
Song.....Primary Children
Doxology.....

Services at M. E. Church as follows: 11 a. m. Subject "Troubled at Christ's Coming," 7:30 p. m. Subject "No Room In the Inn." Special music by choir. Sunday School and Young Peoples' meeting as usual.

Tonight Christmas Tree, Santa Claus, elaborate program, treat for scholars. Everybody Invited.

Everyone who takes Xmas dinner at the Grill receives a handsome souvenir.

Your old stove is good as cash in part payment for a new one at Ross' Hardware.

A MATTER OF HEALTH

ROYAL



BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure
HAS NO SUBSTITUTE

FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Jury in Gardner Case Brings in Verdict of Murder in Second Degree.

The jury in the case against Joseph Gardner, charged with the murder of William Garrison on the latter's homestead in township 64-28, on July 18 last came in yesterday at Grand Rapids, finding the defendant guilty of murder in the second degree. The jury had been out over night and very few expected a conviction. Gardner took the verdict with amazing fortitude. He requested his friends to break the news as gently as possible to his wife and family and then touched a deputy on the arm to signify that he was ready to return to his cell.

AMUSEMENTS

The romantic military, "Heart and Sword," in which Mr. Harold Nelson is starring, comes to the City Opera house Monday, Dec. 26.

The pretty love story which furnishes heart-interest to the romantic military drama "Heart and Sword," is a jewel of simplicity yet of sufficient strength to hold the attention of the audience until the final curtain reunites the lovers "and they all live happily ever after." Such stories are a welcome relief from the problem play which so predominates the drama of today. "Heart and Sword" with Mr. Harold Nelson as Prince Victor, comes to the City Opera house Monday, Dec. 26.

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Going Fast.

I have left six good homestead claims seven to nine miles from Kelliher in good settlement. Claims will cut from 200,000 to 500,000 feet of logs besides pulp wood, cordwood and posts. Locating fee \$50 to \$75 or will take pulp wood or posts for same. J. J. Opsahl, 518 Beltrami ave., Bemidji, Minn.

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Cut flowers today at the Grill.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

WANTED—Cook at Baudette, Minn. P. O. Box 51.

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished room. Bath and modern convenience, well heated and centrally located. Over McConkey's store.

FOR RENT—Two nicely furnished rooms; well heated; good light; bath in connection; hot and cold water. Enquire of Mrs. Boyer, over Fair store.

Miss Mable Kemp will arrive in the city today from Minneapolis where she has been attending school, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kemp.

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Santa Claus masks at Peterson's.

Cut flowers today at the Grill. The Red Cross is coming.

The Bazaar

The Bazaar Store is the center of attraction this week for both old and young. The counters are loaded with Toys and Xmas Goods of all kinds; but right here we wish to mention our fine line of RUGS: Axminster, Wilton, Monarch, Smyrna, Etc., upon which we are making extra low prices.

Mittens, Gloves, Etc.

We have McKibbin's sample line of Gloves and Mittens and can sell them cheaper than you can possibly purchase them anywhere; besides, the large assortment enables you to get anything you want in that line.

The Bazaar Department Store.

Wiggle-Stick Wash BLUE

For Sale By ALL WISE GROCERS

DIRECTIONS FOR USE: Wiggle-Stick around in the water.

Bemidji Commercial College

is now in a position teach any and all subjects taught by that school for \$1.00 per week nights, and \$1.50 per week days, straight. All subjects.

P. J. CONWAY, Principal.
Box 744, 108 Sixth Street, between Bemidji and Beltrami Avenues.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. Kings New Life Pills for dyspepsia, dizziness, headache, liver or bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c. at all drug stores.

Monday, Dec. 26, being a legal holiday, the Pioneer will not issue its regular evening edition, in order to give its employes a short holiday vacation.

MODEL Bakery

Will be Headquarters for Christmas Trees, Trimmings and Holly.

A full line of Candles constantly in stock and our special effort will be to please the Xmas trade. We have the very best and the moderate priced goods.

Our facilities for making Wedding Cakes and Christmas Cakes are unsurpassed and all orders will receive careful attention.

Remember the Model Bakery for "GOOD THINGS TO EAT!"

R. R. BLY, Prop.

Holly by the car load at the Grill.

Money Cheerfully Refunded on All Purchases Before or After Xmas.

Schneider Bros.

THE CLOTHIERS.

We close Monday at noon to give our Employees a Xmas Holiday.

INTERESTING

..Smoking Jacket News..

Famous make of high art House Coats; soft material, beautiful, attractive patterns; \$7, \$6.50 and \$6 values

\$5.00

\$7.50 and \$6.50 Bath Robes in immense selection; a consideration that ought to appeal to you

\$5.00

Grand Sale of Stein-Bloch Suits, Overcoats, Raincoats.

Powerful Values---Money can not buy better apparel. \$22, \$20 and \$18 quality Suits and Overcoats for men and young men, at

\$15

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