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TEN CENTS PER WEEK

ROUSING CLEARANCE SALE!

Three Days of Wonderful Bargains at Berman Emporium---Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, May 26th, 28th and 29th.

The most remarkable sale in the history of Bemidji; right at the height of the season; our store filled with the highest grade, up to date merchandise. You can choose from the best at the lowest prices. Just at the right time when this GREAT SAVING will do you the most good. The high standard of our merchandise, together with the splendid variety, asserts the supremacy of this Sale. Come early Saturday when you can procure all you need of the best assorted stock, Waists, Skirts, Suits, Coats, Dry Goods, Muslin Underwear, Hosiery, Laces, Embroideries, Notions, Curtains.

Waists
Colored cambrie and white lawn waists, one lot worth up to \$1.00, now **48c**
One lot imported baptiste and dotted Swiss fast colors and white, worth \$1.50 now **98c**
One lot best quality wash silk waists embroidered, elegantly trimmed with lace insertion, worth up to \$3.50, at this sale **\$2.39**
20 Per-Cent Discount on the balance of our beautiful line with a shipment just received from New York of the very newest creations in Lace Waists, Wash Waists, Tafeta and Baptiste Waists.

Exceptional values in Wash Shirt Waist Suits from—
\$1.25 to \$5.00

Millinery
One Fourth Discount on our Exclusive Stock of Millinery.

Lace Curtains
The best opportunity to buy your lace curtains for the spring at a big saving—Large stock to choose from.

Skirts
One lot Walking Skirts, worth up to \$3.25 now **\$1.75**
One lot misses' and ladies' Walking Skirts, worth up to \$4.00, now **\$2.65**
One lot worth up to \$8 closing out sale **\$4.95**
20 Per-Cent Discount on our complete assortment Suits and Coats composing the newest makes and materials.

Shoes
We stand supreme in Ladies', Misses', Boys' and Children's shoes in styles and prices.
One lot Ladies' Shoes up to \$4.50, to close at **\$2.98**
One lot Ladies' Shoes \$3.50, to close **\$2.69**
One lot \$3.00 Shoes to close at **\$2.29**
One lot \$2.75 Shoes to close to at **\$1.98**
One lot Ladies' \$2.00 Shoes to close at **\$1.59**
Children's shoes, oxfords and slippers at a sweeping reduction.

Muslin Underwear
Our Muslin Underwear line compares favorably with the best carried in the city both in variety and prices.
Gowns trimmed with embroidered bands and tucks, **45c**
An elegantly trimmed Gown at **59c**
One lot splendidly made Gowns, at **39c**
Corset Covers neatly made embroidered edge, each **10c**
One lot embroidered edge heading, extra full **19c**
One lot handsomely trimmed Corset Covers in wide lace and insertion, at **27c**

Dress Goods
We have a large assortment of the best American Prints, yd. **5c**
A full line of patterns, **7c**
Ginghams, at per yard **5c**
A splendid assortment of Wash Lawns, per yard **8c**
All Dress Goods at equally low prices.

Drawers
Drawers in the largest variety from **19c, 29c, 39c, 48c to \$3**
A special selection in beautiful Petticoats at equally low prices.

Hose
We are overstocked in that line—will, therefore, throw our whole stock on the sale table at **20 Per-Cent Discount** from our former low prices.

Silk Petticoats
At Most Sensational Bargains.
A \$7.00 Silk Petticoat in colors and black, during the sale for **\$4.48**
Another elegant lot worth \$11.00 at **\$7.98**
One lot black Petticoats, deep double flounce, lace band trimming, at **89c**
One lot exceptionally full circular flounce, band stitching, at **\$1.38**

Hundreds of bargains too numerous to mention here. Our name is the best guarantee---when BERMAN'S give a sale the public is assured that it is a great benefit to take advantage of.

THE BERMAN EMPORIUM
Third Street—Bemidji, Minnesota—Third Street

UNION IN FULL FORCE

FINAL ACTION TAKEN REUNITING TWO BRANCHES OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

STORM OF REJOICING FOLLOWS VOTE

TWO MEMBERS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALONE IN OPPOSITION TO PLAN.

Des Moines, May 25.—"I do solemnly declare and here publicly announce that the basis of reunion and union is now in full force and effect and that the Cumberland Presbyterian church is now reunited with the Presbyterian church in the United States of America as one church."

With these words uttered before the general assembly Moderator Hunter Corbett officially established the union of the Cumberland church with the Presbyterian church in the United States of America.

The big ecclesiastical assembly burst into a storm of rejoicing. Handclapping, cheering and waving of handkerchiefs gave expression to unalloyed pleasure. The consummation devoutly wished and worked for through many years, despite many obstacles, had become a reality.

The most intensely dramatic scene of the ceremonies attending the formal union of the churches was the vote against union by two commissioners. Moderator Hunter Corbett put the question, which was in the form of a resolution, and called for the affirmative vote to be expressed by

The Commissioners Rising. Instantly the assembly hall was converted into a stamping, cheering crowd. As the handclapping and cheering died down and the commissioners took their seats the moderator said:

"All who are of the opinion that the motion should not prevail please rise."

A laugh went around the hall, for it was believed the request was a mere formality and would meet with no response. To the astonishment of all present two commissioners rose to their feet. Pandemonium broke loose and it was feared for an instant that indignity would be offered the lonely men who opposed the union. One of the men was Dr. William Laurie of Bellefonte, Pa., and the other was Rev. Roger F. Cressey of Jacksonville, Ill.

The assembly telegraphed the Cumberland assembly at Decatur, Ill., of the action on the question of union immediately after the juncture was declared operative and received a telegram in reply containing congratulations, announcing the official receipt of the information and the adjournment of the Cumberland assembly.

ROASTS RAILWAY PRESIDENT.

Sharp Criticism in Decision by Federal Court of Appeals.

New York, May 25.—Sharp criticism of W. H. Truesdale, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, for breaking a contract to carry milk on that road is contained in a decision of the United States circuit court of appeals. Damages amounting to \$137,883 were awarded to Robert E. Westcott, an executor of the estate of John H. Paul, who had a contract under which he bought great quantities of milk from farmers and shipped it over the Lackawanna.

Judge Wallace, in his decision, said that President Truesdale's repudiation of the contract was inspired by sordid motives and committed with an "arrogance born of a scorn of the consequences" that the appropriation of Westcott's percentages of the money which the defendant had collected for him was "morally no better than larceny," and that "conduct like Truesdale's by those who manage the affairs of great corporations has aroused the spirit of resentment in the public mind which is so intense today and which is not unlikely to result in litigation and in municipal interference which will bring serious loss upon the stockholders."

EXPECT DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT.

Pennsylvania Prohibitionists Name a Mixed Ticket.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 25.—The Prohibition state convention has nominated a mixed ticket for the state offices to be voted for at the next general election. William H. Berry, Democrat, who was elected state treasurer as a Fusionist last November, was named for governor; Homer L. Castle, Prohibitionist, of Pittsburg, was nominated for lieutenant governor; Representative William T. Creary, Democrat, of Catwisa, for auditor general, and ex-Representative E. A. Coray, Jr., Republican, of Wilkesbarre, for secretary of internal affairs.

Castle's nomination for governor was regarded as a certainty until a conference of the party leaders was called to outline the work of the convention. After remaining in session until 1 o'clock in the morning the conference decided on Berry. This was satisfactory to Castle and his friends and the remainder of the ticket was framed up by leaders with little trouble. It is their hope that this ticket will be endorsed by the Democratic state convention, which assembles here on June 27.

SENATE PASSES BILL

SO-CALLED FREE ALCOHOL MEASURE GOES THROUGH WITHOUT DIVISION.

ALREADY HAS APPROVAL OF HOUSE

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED BY UPPER BRANCH NOT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.

Washington, May 25.—The senate has passed the so-called free alcohol bill as it was reported from the committee on finance. The bill has already passed the house and the amendments which the senate has adopted do not materially change its scope. It does not go into effect until Jan. 1, 1907.

There was some debate on the measure and the necessity for the amendments explained. The bill was passed without division.

An attempt to change the committee amendment postponing the time of the bill taking effect from three months from date of passage to Jan. 1, 1907, failed for lack of support.

OIL TRUST A DEVIL FISH.

Pennsylvania Senator Testifies at Cleveland Hearing.

Cleveland, May 25.—The continuation of the interstate commerce commission's investigation into the methods of the Standard Oil company was begun here during the day. Former Attorney General Frank S. Monett of Ohio was present for the commission and as special counsel and Virgil P. Kline, the Cleveland corporation attorney and close friend and adviser of John D. Rockefeller, and F. H. Tolles appeared as counsel for the Standard company.

State Senator Louis Emery of Bradford, Pa., was the principal witness. He was asked concerning the conditions in Pennsylvania when the oil pipe lines were constructed in that state.

"The first pipe lines in Pennsylvania were not invented by the Standard Oil company," he said. "The Standard never invented anything. It has always stolen what somebody else created."

He related a ten years' fight to get two pipe lines to the seaboard, one by way of Philadelphia and the other through West Virginia. In one contest he said the company lost between \$700,000 and \$800,000 expended for the establishing of many miles of pipe.

"We are today," the senator said, who is interested in the United States Pipe Line company, "the only competitor of the Standard to the seaboard and that is the only way we can transport our oil, for the railroads are controlled completely by the Standard. We have been hounded to death by the Standard. They even tried to buy up our \$1,000,000 issue of stock and we were compelled to put our stock in trust so that it would not be possible to sell out to this 'devil' fish except by the unanimous consent of all of us."

HOUSE FAVORS LOCK CANAL.

Opinion of Chairman Tawney of Appropriations Committee.

Washington, May 25.—The sundry civil bill, when reported from the house committee on appropriations, will not contain anything suggesting the type of canal to be constructed at Panama. It will appropriate for the canal on the basis of the lock system. Chairman Tawney has made an inquiry and is convinced that a large majority favors a lock canal and any attempt to amend the bill so as to provide for a sea level canal will fail.

A number of senators have inquired of Mr. Tawney what would be the effect of an amendment in the senate to the sundry civil bill providing for a sea level canal, stating that it was quite probable that a majority of the senate favored that type. In reply Mr. Tawney said that the senate would be obliged to recede or the house would by a vote have to instruct him to accept such an amendment, as he would oppose any proposition of that kind in an appropriation bill.

AFFECTS 20,000 PERSONS.

Connecticut Cotton Mills Voluntarily Increase Wages.

Danielson, Conn., May 25.—A voluntary wage increase of 10 per cent has been granted all cotton mill employes in this district, notices to that effect having been posted in the mills in this town, Mossup, Jewett City, Waukegan and many other places in Windham and New London counties.

The action of the mill owners affects 20,000 persons. It is due, it is said, to the present excellent condition of the cotton milling industry in the state.

CUT DOWN BY POLICE.

Negro Strung Up by Rosedale (Kan.) Mob Will Recover.

Kansas City, May 25.—At Rosedale, Kan., near here, a crowd attempted to lynch Munroe Tolvers, a negro, who had been found under the bed of a white woman. Before he was strangled the negro was cut down by the police and taken to the station. He will recover.