

FARM LAND IS VALUABLE IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA

The Duluth Evening Herald Tells Some Foignant Truths Regarding the Lands in this Part of the State,— Best Farming State in the Union.

Duluth Evening Herald: Farm lands within a radius of fifty miles of Duluth range in value from \$8 to \$15 an acre with possibly \$25 or a little more for a few extra-select garden patches almost in the suburbs. Farm lands within the same radius of Des Moines, Iowa, St. Joseph, Mo., and Lincoln, Neb., western cities of the population class of Duluth, but without its prominent commercial advantages and its unrivaled location, are easy sales at from \$100 to \$250 an acre or even more.

Beyond the 50 mile radius of Duluth, all through St. Louis county, good farm lands are almost going begging at \$5 an acre. In the counties in which the three other cities named are situated, lands that are little, if any better, are considered bargains at from \$50 to \$75 an acre and are rising in value year by year. Indeed, the prediction is being made with the utmost confidence, that by 1910 there will not be an acre of good farming land in Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri or Kansas that will not command a minimum of \$100.

Further, it is strange but true that scores of Northern Minnesota farmers have given up rich, well wooded and never parched lands in order to buy at \$1 an acre more, unwatered upland tracts in the semi-arid, treeless and sandy plains of the "short grass" regions of Western Kansas and Eastern Colorado. And still others have abandoned their Northern Minnesota farms to go on to the intensely cold prairies of Manitoba.

And what are the reasons for these most unjust conditions?

In the first place the farmers, who have left Northern Minnesota for the arid plains of Western Kansas and Eastern Colorado and the prairies of Manitoba, have done so simply because they are not of the strenuous, self-reliant class of the pioneers who cleared the lands of Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Eastern Iowa and Missouri of even more difficult timber. No, they prefer either precarious chances of rain on the plains or the intense cold of winter of Northwest Canada to the labor of clearing off timber that may in itself be turned to profit.

In the second place, Northern Minnesota's great advantages have never been exploited in any way whatsoever. On the contrary, what little has ever been said about the section has been grossly unjust. It is the belief among many, if not most, farmers of even the southern part of the state that the northern portion is either swamp land or is good for nothing but the timber. Farmers of the east and of the middle west, if they think of Northern Minnesota at all, consider it about as inhabitable as land in the Arctic circle.

It is certainly time for the people interested in the future greatness of Duluth and the development of Northern Minnesota to take steps to correct these false impressions. All St. Louis county, outside of the iron ranges, should be converted into farms while lands near Duluth and the range towns should be richly productive garden patches and dairy farms. And all can be made so if the right steps be taken to attract the right kind of men to this section.

CAN NOW FILE ON THE CEDED CHIPPEWA LANDS

Lands Withdrawn From Entry November 10, 1906, Are Now Subject to Entry.

The following letter, received from the register and receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Cass Lake is self-explanatory.

"We just received from the Commissioner of the General Land Office instructions under the Act of March 1st, 1907, under which all the so-called Ceded Chippewa Lands which were withdrawn from entry on November 10, 1906, have been restored to entry.

"Under said Act of March 1, 1907, entrymen are required to pay in addition to the fees and charges now authorized by law, a pro rata charge for the examination and investigation of the swampy and overflowed character of the land, and for the drainage and reclamation of said lands, to hereafter assessed. Filings on Ceded Chippewa Lands will therefore be received by this office from this date. Interested parties can receive printed copies of the complete circular as soon as they are received at this office, from Washington."

They Have the Record.

The Douglas Lumber company is a new industry to Bemidji the past few months and is now busy sawing lath.

Wednesday of this week they made the record of the season cutting and bundling 65,900 lath.

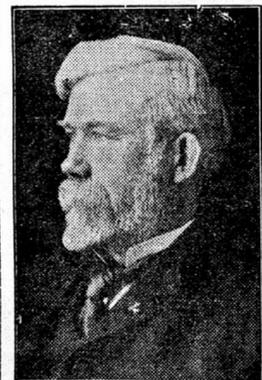
The company are enjoying a good trade and intend enlarging the capacity of the mill to 100,000 per day of ten hours. A spur is being built from the

Red Lake road to the mill, a distance of 1300 feet which will make the facilities for getting timber to the mill and the shipping of the manufactured products much easier.

A. L. Cole Improving.

Akeley Tribune: A special dispatch from Fergus Falls contains the welcome news of some improvements in the physical condition of A. L. Cole, of Akeley.

Dr. A. B. Cole arrived at Fergus Falls on Wednesday after a week's visit with A. L. Cole, in Chicago, who was in a much improved state of health. A. L. Cole has suffered from erysipelas



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and has been seriously sick and grave doubts have been entertained as to his recovery. Dr. Cole says A. L. Cole will be able to leave Chicago for Akeley in a few days.

Mr. Cole was so much better that Mrs. A. L. Cole accompanied Dr. Cole to Fergus Falls.

This glad news will be welcomed by his many friends in Akeley and throughout Minnesota.

SLOW PROGRESS GETTING A JURY

Thirty-Eight of the Special Venire of Fifty Jurymen Had Been Examined at 4:15 This Afternoon—Six Were Accepted as Members of the Jury to Try Paul Fournier

JURORS SECURED

George Keiser, farmer, Turtle River. Casper Albee, farmer, Port Hope. E. O. Estenson, farmer, Battle River. Harry Evans, farmer, Eokles. W. J. Craig, contractor, Kelliher. David Boston, Kelliher.

The work of securing a jury in the case of the state vs. Paul Fournier, indicted by the grand jury on the charge of having killed N. O. Dahl, near Quiring, Beltrami county, on April 7, 1904, was commenced this morning at 9 o'clock.

Judge Marshal A. Spooner is presiding at the trial. Henry Funkley, county attorney of Beltrami county, is prosecuting attorney for the state.

Charles W. Scrutchin of Bemidji, is acting as chief counsel for the defendant, Fournier, and is assisted by John M. Martin of Virginia, Minn.

That the attorneys for the defendant intend putting up a hard fight in order to save Fournier from the gallows or life imprisonment is evident.

The list of fifty special veniremen from which to select jurors in the case was read by the clerk. W. J. Kelley of Shotley and L. Goldberg of Bemidji were excused on account of sickness.

D. H. Fisk, G. M. Torrance and H. A. Simons, all local attorneys, were agreed upon by the counsel as triers of jurors.

Fournier is cool and collected and beyond a slight shifting of his eyes gives no indication of nervousness. He is undoubtedly possessed of great nerve.

Fournier did not learn until yesterday that Wesley had been convicted of killing Dahl. The knowledge of Wesley's conviction has apparently no effect on him.

Sheriff was instructed to bring John Washburn and G. A. Smith, served with subpoenas as jurors, into court.

Counsel for defendant requested the records to show on which indictment Fournier was being tried and was told it was on the charge of killing N. O. Dahl.

The proceedings today have progressed very slowly. The attorneys for both the state and the defendant have asked many questions, which have taken much time and covered a wide range.

The courtroom has been well filled all day and the proceedings have been watched very closely. E. D. Beeson and D. W. Schreckengast were excused from the venire.

Melvin Dahl was the first venireman called. Mr. Dahl stated he had read accounts of Wesley

trial in Bemidji Pioneer, which had made an impression on him.

Defense entered challenge for actual bias. On being sworn, Mr. Dahl stated the reading of the accounts of Wesley trial would prevent his being a fair juror. Excused.

John Moberg next venireman called. Challenged by defendant's counsel for actual bias. Challenge admitted; Moberg excused.

Robert Pupore called. Challenged for actual bias. Challenge admitted; Pupore excused.

J. T. Hayes, a farmer living in the town of Liberty, was the next venireman called. Challenged by state for implied bias. Challenge disallowed. State interposes peremptory challenge.

N. H. Healey called. Challenged for actual bias.

C. T. Eckstrand called. Challenged by defense for actual bias; challenged denied. Triers found the challenge true. Eckstrand dismissed.

Peter Haugen called. Challenged by defense for actual bias. Challenge admitted; Haugen excused.

J. W. Peck called. Challenged by the state for general disqualification; excused.

S. V. Long, Knute Aakus and Nels Volland were excused for actual bias.

John Washburn appeared in court and showed that the date of his subpoena was for March 9th and his name was stricken from the list of venireman.

F. W. Pike called. Challenged for actual bias. Triers found challenge true.

S. J. Harvey called and dismissed for actual bias.

George Keiser, a farmer living in Turtle River, was accepted and sworn as juror No. 1. Mr. Keiser was challenged by the counsel for the defendant for actual bias. The triers reported the challenge as being untrue and Mr. Keiser took his place.

H. S. Annette was called and the defense made use of its first peremptory challenge.

Willis G. Nye, Gust Carlson and Edward McKee were dismissed.

At 10:40, Casper Albee, a farmer living near Farley, and who was the eighteenth juror called, was accepted without challenge from the state or the defense.

E. O. Estenson, a farmer living in the Town of Battle River, was accepted as juror No. 3.

Ole Millegan and L. T. Ejella were called and excused.

Alex. Cameron was challenged peremptorily by Mr. Funkley, being the second used by the

state.

Frank Stevens was sworn as special officer in charge of the three jurors already secured, after which court was adjourned until 1:30.

Twenty-two of the fifty jurors on the special venire had been examined at noon, three jurors being secured.

Court opened at 1:30.

R. J. Dearborn was the twenty-third juror examined. Mr. Dearborn was challenged by the defense for actual bias. The triers reported the challenge not true, and the defense challenged peremptorily.

Albert Martin of Wilton was dismissed on the challenge by the state of general disqualification.

Frank Wagner was called. His examination as a juror concluding with a peremptory challenge on the part of the defense.

G. A. Johnson of Kelliher, and J. Melby of Wilton were dismissed as jurors on challenges of actual bias made by the counsel for the defense.

Judge Spooner ordered Clerk of Court Rhoda to issue another special venire for fifty jurymen returnable next Monday morning at 9 o'clock. The venire was issued and the deputy sheriffs were given the necessary papers to secure the veniremen.

Charles Krahm, a farmer living near Farley, was called and after the triers had stated that a challenge for actual bias was not proven true, the defense used its third peremptory challenge and Mr. Krahm was dismissed.

Henry Evans, a farmer living in the town of Eokles, was the twenty-ninth juror called. He was questioned closely and finally passed by both the state and the defense, and was sworn as the fourth juror who will try Paul Fournier on the charge of having killed N. O. Dahl.

E. D. Alger of Tenstrike, the thirtieth juror called, and admitted that he had formed an opinion as to guilt or innocence of the defendant and was dismissed.

E. J. Trask was called and after examination was dismissed on the challenge of the defense for actual bias.

Carl Jurkowski, juror No. 32, was excused on the challenge of general disqualification.

W. J. Craig, a contractor at Kelliher, was accepted as the fifth juror, being the thirty-third juror called.

John Clasen was called and dismissed.

David Boston of Kelliher, the thirty-sixth juror called, was accepted and sworn as juror No. 6.

J. M. Johnson and C. W. Dudley were called and dismissed.

At 4:15, thirty eight had been examined and six jurors secured.

DOINGS IN THE VARIOUS CHURCHES OF THE CITY

Hours of Worship and Subjects of Sermons to Be Delivered in the City Tomorrow.

St. Phillip's Catholic church—Early mass, 8:30 a. m.; high mass and sermon, 1:30. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Rev. Father O'Dwyer.

Norwegian Lutheran—Services will be held at the church tomorrow morning at 10:30. Evening services 8:00. Rev. S. R.

Leirfall will preach at both services.

Baptist—Services commence at 10:30, with the Commemoration of the Crucifixion. All who feel prepared are welcome. At 11 Mr. Davis, the lumber camp missionary, will take charge of the service and will tell us about the work among the camps during the winter. As many as possible should hear about the work. Sunday school at 12:10. Union service in the evening in the city hall.

Presbyterian—Morning service at 11. Rev. Frank E. Higgins, formerly pastor of this

church, but who is now superintendent of Logging Camp Missions, will speak. Sunday school and Bible class at 12:15; Jr. C. E. 3 p. m. Sr. C. E. 7 p. m. Union services in the evening at the city hall. All are invited to these services.

Methodist—Public worship at 11. Mr. Buswell of Wisconsin will preach. No one should miss hearing him. A treat is in store for you. Miss Graling will sing "A Clean Heart," and a ladies' quartet will render "Two Friendless Children." Sunday school at 12:15; Junior League at 3 p. m.; Epworth League at 7:15. No

TWO LONE WIDOWS FORM AN ALLIANCE OF FORTUNES

Des Moines Capital Gives an Account of the Strange Compact Entered Into by an Iowa Widow and Woman Said to Live Here.

The following, taken from the Des Moines, Iowa, Capital, will be read with interest by people residing in this vicinity:

"Widow Eleanor Johnson, who lives near Avon, and Widow Lenora Ellsworth of Bemidji, Minn., who has been visiting her, have drawn up and placed in the office of the county recorder one of the most remarkable contracts in the county records.

Believing that they could attain a wealth of prosperity and pleasure if they were to link their fortunes together for the remainder of their lives that would be impossible if they should continue to go it alone, the two women have placed together their estates into a common fund. This they are to use in common, each doing her share of the work and paying expenses out of the treasury.

The unique provision of the contract is that each agrees not to marry again as long as the other is alive. The contract was drawn up yesterday afternoon in the office of a local attorney and turned over to Deputy Recorder Underwood, who is holding the document until proper fees are forthcoming.

Mrs. Ellsworth has been visiting near Avon for several weeks and it was at her suggestion, it is understood, that the "merger" was effected. The contract reads as follows:

"Know All Men By These Presents: That Eleanor Johnson of Avon, Ia., party of the first part, and Lenora Ellsworth, of Bemidji, Minn., party of the second part, both being widows of sound and disposing mind and competent to contract, and being possessed of the following prop-

erty, to-wit: The said party of the first part owning and possessing twenty acres of land situated in Polk county, Iowa, one dwelling house, one horse and buggy, two cows and five hogs; the party of the second part being the owner of sixty acres of timber land situated two miles from Bemidji, Minn., and each of the parties hereto having \$200 in cash, and being desirous of forming a compact whereby each shall share in the profits arising out of the combined property of both hereby enter into the following covenants and agreement to wit, witnesseseth:

"The parties hereto agree that neither shall marry during the life of the other; that they shall live together on the land owned by party of the first part, each contributing equally towards the maintenance of both, and each performing an equal amount of the domestic labor requisite to the conduct of a neat, healthful and happy home; that if it be deemed expedient to dispose of any of the said described property, the proceeds from the sale thereof shall be placed in a common fund which shall be the property of both, each having a one-half interest therein.

"It is further agreed by and between the parties hereto that each shall share in the expense of maintaining the said home and of all the disbursements.

"In witness whereof we have hereunto affixed our signatures this 28th day of March, A. D., 1907.

"ELENORA JOHNSON,
"LENORA ELLSWORTH."

The Pioneer is unable to learn of any such person residing in this community as Eleanor Johnson.

service in the evening as there will be a union meeting at the Opera house. Let the mass meeting in the evening be a great success.

Lumberjack Sunday.

Mr. Higgins, commonly known as the "Sky Pilot," is here with his workers holding street meetings. They are assisted by Rev. J. Buswell and Prof. Weaver of Wisconsin. They are looking for a big Sunday. In the morning Rev. J. Buswell will speak in the Methodist church, Mr. Fred W. Davis will speak in the Baptist church and Mr. Higgins will speak in the Presbyterian church. In the evening all the churches are to unite in a mass meeting in the city hall. Rev. J. Buswell will speak and Prof. Weaver will sing. All are invited to these meetings.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian church will be held at the church auditorium Monday evening, April 8. Supper will be served to the members and friends of the church at six o'clock, after which the annual meeting will be held and reports for the past year will be read.

—Rev. S. E. P. White, pastor.

Married.

Judge Clark this afternoon performed the ceremony which united Miss Minnie Erickson and Gullick Gullickson. The bride is one of the popular young ladies of the town of Lammers, while the groom is a prosperous Norman county farmer. The happy couple will make their home at Bear Park, Norman county.

Additional local matter will be found on fourth page.

BUYS RUGGLES TIMBER 3 TOWNS FOR \$225,000

Messrs. E. R. Farley and Sam Simpson Buy 25,000,000 Feet in Vicinity of Farley.

E. R. Farley and Sam Simpson today closed a deal for the C. F. Ruggles timber in towns 148 32, 148-33 and 147-33, all tributary to Farley.

The deal involves \$225,000 of which they are to pay \$60,000 down, and the balance as the timber is being cut.

The timber holdings of Ruggles, the millionaire lumberman of Michigan, in these towns has been estimated at 25,000,000 feet of white and Norway pine, and Messrs. Farley and Simpson plan to cut it in two or three years.

Dr. Blakeslee's Uncle Dead.

W. J. Ostrander of Waukegan, Ill., an uncle of Dr. F. A. Blakeslee, died at the doctor's home, Thursday from Bright's disease.

Mr. Ostrander was 73 years old, and came here last November with Dr. Blakeslee's mother. His health had been failing for a long time, and death was not unexpected. Dr. Blakeslee will accompany the remains to Illinois, where interment will be made, tomorrow.

Elk's Ball.

The Elk's ball at the City Opera house last night proved a very successful affair, being the first public social function of the local lodge. Over 50 couple were in attendance, and the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed. Symington's orchestra furnished the music.