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GREAT INTEREST BEING TAKEN IN COUNTY FAIR

Program Completed for the Two Days' Race Meet—Old Settlers' Association Will Hold Annual Reunion on First Day of Fair.

The preliminary arrangements for holding the Beltrami county fair in this city on September 26-27-28 are about completed and the premium list and program are nearly ready.

The premium list offers liberal prizes in all branches of exhibits usually shown at a fair, including livestock, horses, swine, sheep, etc., fancy work, fruits, etc.

One of the features of the fair will be a horse race meet, on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 27 and 28, when the following races will be run:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27.

3:00 Trot or pace. Purse.....\$200
2:22 Trot or pace. Purse.....\$250

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28.

2:28 Trot or pace. Purse.....\$250
Free-for-all, trot or pace. Purse,\$300

(There will probably be a running race each day of the fair, which will be arranged during the meet.)

The rules of the American Trotting association will govern all these races, and entries may be made by applying to A. G. Rutledge, Secretary, Bemidji, Minn.

The association has a fine half-mile track, and every convenience for horsemen is on the grounds.

As the Bemidji fair comes immediately after the Hibbing fair and race meet (September 21-22-23) and conflicts with no other meet of the kind in the north half of the state,

it is certain that there will be a large attendance of horsemen at the races, in addition to the crowd that will attend the fair from other walks in life.

It has been decided to give over the entire first day of the fair (Thursday, September 26) to the Old Settlers' association of Beltrami county, and the officers of that organization will co-operate with the fair management in making the opening day a big success.

An effort will be made to secure Hon. Halvor Steenerson, congressman from this district, and several other speakers of note to be present on that day to address the crowd.

A ball game will be played in the forenoon, and there will be a program of small sports, with speaking and a running race in the afternoon. The full program of this day will be announced later.

The old settlers having charge of the annual reunion will extend invitations to the pioneers of adjoining counties to be present.

The work of preparing the grounds of the association for the fair is already under way. The race track was placed in excellent conditions last year, and local horsemen have worked it out all summer, so that when the time comes for the meet during the fair the track will be very fast.

Old Settlers' Meeting.

George H. Wetzel and Henry Stechman of Tenstrike, respectively president and secretary of the Beltrami County Old Settlers' association, came down from Tenstrike today and together with L. G. Pendergast of this city, vice president of the association, consulted with President Wright and Secretary Rutledge of the Fair association relative to holding the annual reunion of the association in this city during the days the fair was given.

The gentlemen held a meeting this afternoon and decided to go ahead with the resurrection of the association and holding the reunion

on the first day of the fair (September 26) when the fair association will turn over the entire day's program to old settlers, providing speakers and sports and entertainment for the large crowd that will be here.

A more complete account of the meeting will be given in tomorrow's Pioneer.

Visiting Cards.

A neat line of up-to-date visiting cards can always be found at this office. New and up-to-date type from which to select style of printing.

Additional local matter will be found on fourth page.

Rev. Willard S. Ward, of Crookston, Thanks The Pioneer

Crookston, Minn., August 5, 1907.

The Bemidji Pioneer, Bemidji, Minn.

Gentlemen:—Before leaving Bemidji last week I appointed a committee on Resolutions to express in that way the appreciation of the Conference for the many and splendid favors we had received at the hands of the people of Bemidji, and I especially mentioned to the committee that desired the thanks of the Conference to be expressed to the press for their uniform courtesies and the great benefits we had received from the advertising and space given in news columns, and I have been informed that they performed their duty in a very satisfactory manner, but I wish to further express my personal appreciation of the kindness shown by you in the space given day by day in the reports, and the very full report you gave of the addresses. I am firmly convinced that the Bemidji Bible Conference is destined to be one of the great institutions of Northern Minnesota, and its influence will be more widely felt year after year. And I congratulate your paper on being one of the first to appreciate this fact, and to use your wide influence for the upbuilding of your own delightful city in those things which make for righteousness.

Yours very sincerely,
WILLARD S. WARD.

FRENCH AND SPANISH BOATS ENGAGE MORROCAN BATTERY

Tangier, Morocco, Aug. 6.—(Special to Pioneer.)—Following an attack on a landing force of French and Spanish sailors, in which seven were wounded, a French cruiser and Spanish gunboat today bombarded the native section of Casa Blanca and surrounding villages, which were destroyed by fire from the warships.

During the bombardment, large reinforcements of tribesmen came up and many of them were killed or wounded.

The Casa Blanca battery joined in firing on foreign warships, whereupon the guns of the French and Spanish cruisers were opened on the battery.

WILL PLAY A BASEBALL GAME FOR \$1,000 A SIDE

Question of Supremacy Between Long Prairie and St. Cloud Will Be Settled Saturday.

Verndale Sun: By the breaking up of the ball game at Long Prairie last Sunday in which the team of that place and Staples were contestants a bitter feeling ensued between the members of the clubs and their friends and as a result Tuesday morning Long Prairie issued a challenge to Staples to play another game on neutral grounds anytime within two weeks for \$1,000 a side. The challenge allows a Minneapolis paper to select an umpire from the cities and suggests the St. Cloud grounds as a good place to play the game. However, a bid has been put in from Verndale and possibly the game may be played here.

Long Prairie wants the team made up of the same men that were in the game Sunday and we understand Staples wants to confine it to the same nines that played at Staples recently. Whether Staples will stick to this strong enough to prevent the game is not known, but otherwise it looks as though it would be a go, for Staples is known to have plenty of supporters who will quickly raise the \$1,000 to cover the Long Prairie wad. If played it will be the most hotly contested game ever played in northern Minnesota.

The game between the two teams, according to information received here, has been arranged, and will be played on Saturday of this week.

The editor of the Pioneer tried to arrange with Senator J. D. Jones of Long Prairie to play the game in Bemidji, this city to give a liberal purse for the two teams. The matter was taken up by phone, but owing to the poor working of the wires a clear understanding could not be had, but the senator intimated that the game had been declared off on account of a pitcher having broken his arm.

H. C. Calvert, who is in the city and who came from the scene of baseball contention for supremacy, states that the game will be played at St. Cloud next Saturday, for a

purse of \$1,000 a side, and that Dr. Chance of Royalton will umpire the contest.

Bemidji Is the Best Resort.

Hal Davis passed through Crookston this morning enroute to Bemidji, where he will enjoy an outing for some time. He is employed on the Fargo Call and is taking his summer vacation.—Crookston Times.

Hal has arrived in good order, and will be given the best there is here, in all lines. He undoubtedly appreciates, like others who have lived about Crookston, that Bemidji offers unexcelled attractions as a summer resort.

IS AGAIN PROFOUNDLY IMPRESSED IN CANADA

County Attorney Henry Funkley Encounters Some Remarkable Feet, for the Most Part, Feminine.

County Attorney Henry Funkley has returned from a trip to Baudette and Spooner, Winnipeg, and points in Canada near Winnipeg. Asked as to his experiences on this second trip to the "King's Domains," Mr. Funkley said:

"Yes I have just returned from another trip through Canada, and, as before, I am greatly impressed with the country.

"This time I passed through a part of the country I have never been in before, and I was considerably north of the 'Banana Belt,' up where they are erecting the big pulp mills that are to manufacture paper for Canadian one dollar bills. "No matter where you go in Canada, you will find something odd and remarkable. What most impressed me on this trip was the women. I know not of what nationality they were, but they had such enormously large feet—not only long, but ponderously wide—so much so, that it often seemed a pity that the owner, who perchance was or some time had been a young lady, was obliged to move them around. They were coarse-skinned, these feet, much wrinkled and with warts on especially the toes. No, I was not in position to know whether these feet were cold. It was truly one of the most marvelous and lasting impressions that I have ever had of Canada."

PROSPECT BRIGHT FOR BEMIDJI SECURING MEET

Much Favorable Comment as to Holding the Elks Convention Here Next Year.

The delegates from Bemidji Lodge No. 1052, B. P. O. E., to the state meeting of Elks being held at Stillwater, have gone to the meeting, and all are armed with telling arguments and striking advertising matter favoring Bemidji as the place for holding the annual meeting of 1908.

The Bemidji delegates are F. S. Lycan, J. C. Covington, A. H. Jester, E. H. Ives and John C. Parker, and they will be re-inforced by a good-sized delegation of other members of the local order and private citizens, all of whom will do some strong boosting for this city.

In their efforts to get the next convention, the delegation at Stillwater are backed by the whole of Bemidji, to a man, as it is fully realized what the state meeting of the Elks really is; and that some three or four thousand exceedingly "live" individuals will own the town for two or three days. The antlered brethren would find a hearty welcome here, where is located the baby lodge of the state. And this city is fully capable of properly entertaining them, as the members of Bemidji, 1052, are all hustlers of the thirty-third degree, and hospitality is a commodity for which this city has an enviable reputation.

It has been generally conceded for some time past that Bemidji had the lead for the next meeting, and it is confidently expected that the bunch of hustlers who have gone to the Prison City will land the plum.

Purchased the Annex.

Earle F. DeVeling, formerly of Thief River Falls, has purchased the restaurant business formerly conducted by Dave McMeekin, and has taken possession of the "Annex." Mr. DeVeling has had considerable experience in conducting a restaurant and will bend his best energies to give the patrons of the "Annex" a first-class line of good things to eat, the "kind that mother used to make," served in the latest styles of the cuisine art.

MOTHER OF C. L. DECKER WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED

While Riding With Mr. and Mrs. Decker at Towanda, Pa., Team Runs Away, Throwing Aged Lady Out and Demolishing Buggy.

The many Bemidji friends of Charles L. Decker, exalted ruler of Bemidji Lodge, No. 1052, B. P. O. E., will learn with regret that his aged mother was seriously injured in a runaway at her home, Towanda, Pa., recently, while enjoying a ride with Mr. Decker and his wife and little daughter.

The editor of the Pioneer today received the following letter from Mr. Decker, enclosing a clipping from a Towanda paper:

"Towanda, Pa., Aug. 2, 1907. "A. G. Rutledge, Bemidji, Minn. "Friend Doc:—I promised to write you on my trip, but did not think I would have to tell you of bad news. But such is the case, as you will see by the enclosed clipping, taken from the Towanda Daily Review. I expected to leave here tonight for Stillwater, but I will now have to give that up and stay here for another week or so, as I am afraid the shock will be fatal to my mother, as she is in very bad shape today, and her health has been poor for many years. I am afraid she won't survive. Well, I hope she may regain her health, and that I will be with you soon in Bemidji.

"With best wishes to you and all the boys, I am

"Sincerely yours,
"Chas. L. Decker."

The following clipping, taken from the Towanda Review, tells of the accident to Mrs. Decker, Sr.

"Mrs. Ezra L. Decker sustained the fracture of both of her arms and was otherwise seriously injured in a runaway accident on the Towanda hill roads Thursday afternoon. That she was not instantly killed is truly a miracle.

"Mrs. Decker has been a great sufferer with rheumatism, and for a long time has been practically helpless. Her son, Charles Decker, wife and little daughter of Minnesota, who have been spending a few weeks in Towanda, arranged a pleasure drive for Thursday, and during the morning started out in a surrey drawn by two horses. Mr. Decker and his little daughter occupied the front seat while his wife and his mother were in the rear seat.

"They drove out in the hill district, and shortly after one o'clock, stopped near the old Bowman tavern in Monroe township for lunch in the shade of a tree. The party alighted from the surrey with the exception of Mrs. Decker who decided to remain in her seat, it being difficult for her to get in and out of the surrey. The lunch had just been spread when the horses took fright, and with a spring started on their mad run. Mr. Decker made an effort to get to the animals but from where he was it was impossible to reach the bits. He was knocked down by the rear wheel of the surrey as the team dashed away.

"Along the road down the hill past the Gregg school house the horses galloped at a terrific pace. At the turn from the Gregg road onto the Plank road, the surrey upset, turning on its end, throwing Mrs. Decker to the ground with great force. The horses broke loose from the surrey and run to Martin Bowen's where they were stopped. Charles Mace and others living nearby hurried to the scene, and the injured lady was brought to her home in Towanda by Mr. Mace.

"Dr. T. Ben Johnson was summoned and assisted by his father, Dr. T. B. Johnson, made a thorough examination of her injuries. They found both bones in the left arm broken above the wrist, and the larger bone in the right forearm and two small bones in the right wrist also broken. Her face was badly bruised and scratched and she was more or less injured about the body.

"To ride nearly two miles over a rough road behind two frightened horses and be thrown from a carriage which was reduced to kindling wood, is an experience which few pass through and live to tell of. That Mrs. Decker escaped instant death, is indeed a wonder."

Mr. Decker had intended going direct from Towanda to Stillwater to attend the state meeting of the Elks and assist in boosting Bemidji in getting the 1908 meet for this city. Charles will be greatly missed by the antlered bunch in the "Prison City," as he is a fun-maker of the best kind, and as a booster he has no peer.

However, the boys all sympathize with him in his trouble.

Your Teeth



Need attention. It will cost you less now than after awhile. It won't cost anything to have them examined anyway.

DR. G. M. PALMER
Formerly of Minneapolis

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SOUVENIR ENVELOPES

The Pioneer has just received a large shipment of Souvenir Envelopes which advertise the beauties of Bemidji.

They can be had at the office at 15 cents per package.

Everybody should use these envelopes and help advertise the best town in northern Minnesota.

Business men desiring to use these can have them printed with return card.

Columbus Buggies
I have just received a full carload of Columbus Buggies which are offered for sale at my barn
Double or Single Surreys, two seated open and Concord buggies, rubber tired runabouts
They can be seen at the barn. The public is invited to call and see them
500 Second St. **Thomas Newby**

A Special Patent
Bemidji Chief Flour
Made Exclusively For The Bemidji Trade