

## HALF MILE TRACK TO BE BUILT ON LAKE BEMIDJI

Local Horsemen to Build Track to Diamond Point.—Horses With Good Records to Race.

Local horsemen are building a half mile ice race track on the shore of Lake Bemidji adjoining the city.

For some time past, Bemidji owners of fast steppers have been having sundry disputes of the possible merits of their "goers" on the ice, and there has been considerable talk favorable to building a track on the ice and hold matinees.

Thomas Newby, William Begsley, K. McIver and several others have taken the matter in hand, with the result that the track will immediately be put into condition for speeding.

The course will be from Diamond Point to the city dock and will be a double track, one side being used for the horses to return to the starting point without interfering with those coming down the stretch.

There are at present owned in the city, several horses with very good records, among them being the following:

Bessie Barolight, record 2:22, owned by Thomas Newby; General Blackford, 2:22 1/2, Dr. J. Waringer; Bemidji Belle, 2:27 1/2, William Begsley; Minnie Wood, 2:27, W. T.

Blakeley; King-Banecia, 2:29, William Robinson; Ida G. 2:30, Ole Anderson; Flora Medalla by General Blackford, owned by Thomas Newby; Jennie Blackford by General Blackford, owned by Frank Gannon and the fast little Filly owned by James Fullerton.

It is the intention of the promoters of the race track to give some good half mile races during the winter and as there are some very fast horses owned here, there will undoubtedly be some rare sport for those who like horse racing.

### Remains Brought to Bemidji.

Deputy Coroner J. P. Lahr returned this morning from Kelliher where he was called to view the remains of Ole Aspin, the man who was killed by the early morning train at that place Saturday morning.

Mr. Aspin was a man about forty-five years of age and has a wife and family living in Minneapolis.

Word has been sent to them at Minneapolis and the remains will be held for a reasonable time or until they can be heard from.

Deputy coroner Lahr decided that an inquest was not necessary.

### New Years Ball.

The volunteer fire department will give a New Year's ball at the city hall Wednesday evening. Music will be furnished by the Bemidji orchestra. A good time promised. Tickets \$1.00.

1908 diaries at the Pioneer office.

## MUNCH AND CARPENTER MAY SKATE AT BEMIDJI

Backers of Each Want Championship Decided.—Manager Snow Offers Bemidji Rink.

There is a possibility of inducing Harry Carpenter of Crookton, who recently skated in this city, and Joe Munch of Minneapolis, who are at present in a "merry row" over their respective abilities as rapid skaters, to skate a race in the Bemidji roller rink to settle the speed skating championship of the northwest.

Munch and Carpenter have been doing considerable talking through the newspapers at Crookston and at the present time Carpenter appears to have a little the better of the argument. It is said his backers had put up \$100, which Munch dare not cover. On the other hand, Munch's friends claim that it will be impossible for him to get a square deal at Crookston and that he is willing to cover Carpenter's money to skate any other place designated except Crookston.

Chester, Snow, manager of the Bemidji rink, authorizes the statement that he is willing to give a reasonable percentage of the receipts to the skaters, to be divided as they see fit, for a series of races on the local rink to decide the championship of the northwest and also the owning of the money, which, it is

alleged, is being thrown around promiscuously in the Queen City by the backers of Carpenter on one hand and Munch on the other.

Bemidji is neutral ground for the two skaters and Bemidji citizens have no choice as to the winner; they simply want to see a good square deal, the best man winning, and are willing to pay for the privilege of seeing such a contest.

### Committed to the Asylum.

Thomas Stanton, a laborer in the Joe Ervine lumbering camp near Blackduck, was brought down yesterday morning by the Blackduck police, charged with insanity. He was taken before Judge Clark and the insanity board yesterday forenoon and after a thorough examination adjudged insane. He was taken to Fergus Falls yesterday by Sheriff Thomas Bailey.

Mr. Stanton is an Englishman 58 years of age, is single, and has an honorable discharge from the U. S. army where he has served seven years.

His trouble seems to have originated from injuries sustained some years ago when he was running an engine at Bluffton, Minn., and fell from a ladder striking his head on the brick floor of the engine room. He is set upon committing suicide and has attempted to end his earthly career in various ways.

### Club Dance.

The Young People's Dancing Club will give a party in the City Hall Tuesday night, December 31st. Ladies choice after 12 o'clock.

### The Itasca Park Region Nursery.

L. P. Anderson, the president and general manager of the Itasca Park Region Nursery company, has returned from a business trip to points in North Dakota, where he received a nice "bunch" of orders for nursery stock, while over in the "Flickertail" state.

He states the annual meeting of directors of the nursery company will be held in a few days, when officers for 1908 will be elected.

The Itasca Park Region Nursery is one of the principal enterprises of this city, and will develop into one of the largest industries of the kind in this part of the state; and the success of the company is due in a very large measure, to the enterprise and ability of Mr. Anderson.

### Post Office Closed Tomorrow.

The general delivery of the post office will be open tomorrow from 10 until 11 o'clock. As there will be no delivery by carriers, those desiring their mail should call at the office at that hour.

### Barber Shops Open Until 9 O'clock.

The barber shops will be open this evening until 9 o'clock, and tomorrow until 11 o'clock. Customers are requested to take notice of the hours.

### Wanted Relatives Address.

Jens Hanson received a letter this morning from Charles A. Johnson of Oakland, Cal., inquiring as to the address of relatives of Ap. C. Daddley, who was employed in this city

four years ago as a bartender in one of the saloons here. The letter stated that Daddley is not expected to live and would like to hear from any friends or relatives of his. He has a mother, brother and a divorced wife in this vicinity, and all information will be gladly appreciated.

Address Charles G. Johnson, 362, Seventh St. "The Tavern," Oakland, Cal.

### Cards of Thanks.

I hereby take this opportunity to thank the many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted me during the last sickness and death of my wife, Mrs. Harry Daughterty-Harry Daughterty.

### New Year's Dance.

A big New Year's dance will be given at the rink Wednesday night. Music by the orchestra. Admission 25c for dancers, skating 15c extra. Skating 7:30 to 9:00. Dance from 9:00 until 12:00.

### A Mistake Corrected.

My store is open every day (except Sundays and legal holidays) from 8 a. m. until 12 m.; 1:00 p. m. until 6:30 p. m., Saturday evenings until 10 o'clock.

### Marriage License.

August W. Schnell to Mamie Down George Rina to Millie Ellis. Attend the musical program and social in the Norwegian Lutheran church Tuesday night.

## WANTS ONE CENT A WORD.

### HELP WANTED.

WANTED FOR U. S. ARMY: Able-bodied unmarried men, between ages of 21 and 35; citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read, and write English. For information apply to Recruiting Officer, Miles Block, Bemidji, Minn.

WANTED: For the U. S. Marine Corps; men between ages 21 and 35. An opportunity to see the world. For full information apply in person or by letter to Marine Recruiting Station, Armstrong Hotel, Bemidji, Minn.

WANTED—Competent girl for general housework. Inquire Mrs. Thomas Bailey.

### FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Three barber chairs; \$45. Apply to H. A. Miles.

### FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Six room cottage, 913 Bemidji Ave. H. A. Miles. Phone 8.

FOR RENT: Furnished rooms. 921 Minnesota Ave. Bemidji, Minn.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

PUBLIC LIBRARY—Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 2:30 to 6 p. m., and Saturday evening 7:30 to 9 p. m. also. Library in basement of Court House. Mrs. Harriet Campbell, librarian.

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Relying on our tremendous fall business, we placed very heavy re-orders on all lines of our stock of Clothing, Furnishings, Shoes, etc. After taking inventory we find ourselves with an extra \$10,000 worth of choice merchandise on our hands. These goods must be paid for on or before January 15th. In order to raise \$8,000, we shall close our store all day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to mark down prices on our entire stock of suits, overcoats, hats, shoes, rubbers, underwear, etc.

On Saturday morning at 9 a. m. we shall place on sale such eminently well known lines of Men's Clothing as Hart, Schaffner & Marx and the "Acorn Brand" clothing; such Boys' and Young Men's Clothing as is made only by Becker-Mayer & Co. You will have the choice of such fine Furnishing goods as are shown only by Wilson Bros. of Chicago. We shall absolutely slash prices on such well known makes of Shoes as the Lewis A. Crossett, Selz' "Royal Blue", Dr. Reed and W. L. Douglas. All our well known hat lines, such as the John B. Stetson, Gordon, Mora and Patterson, will offer you remarkably low reductions.

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