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## SPEAKER ROCKNE VOTED WITH CASS LAKE "PUSH"

### In Response to Representative McGarry's Request for Votes from "My Friends" and "Cass Lake's Friends," He Got Fifty-nine "Wid Him."

The following is the list of the names of those members of the house of representatives of the Minnesota legislature who voted Thursday to keep the bill to locate a normal school at Cass Lake on "general orders" and thus give the "lonesome burg" an opportunity to get in a few more "licks" in the hope of securing the extra vote (they need 60) in order to pass the bill. It will be noted that Speaker Rockne voted with McGarry and his Duluth "bunch" and other supporters:

Those voting in the negative were: Allen, Anderson, Austin, Baldwin, Borge, Borgen, Brady, Brown, Buck, Campbell, Christianson, Congdon, Conroy, Dalzell, Emmel, Ferguson, Fritzpatrick, Friedman, Goodspeed, Graham, Grant, Greene, Handlan, Henry, Johnson, L. H. Jorgenson, Kelley, Kling, Lende, Lennon, Mackenzie, McGarry, McMartin, Melby, Mork, Nimocks, Nolan, O'Brien, Perry, Peters, Pfander, Phillips, Rodenberg, Rowe, Sahler, Sampson, Selb, Sikorski, Spence, Stone, Stuart, Thayer, Washburn, Wells, Welter, White, F. B. Wright, Zech, and Mr. Speaker—59.

The affirmative votes were: Adams, Bendixen, Bicknell, Burnquist, Carey, Carlson, Conley, Davies, Davis, Dorsey, Dower, Doyle, Dues, Gartside, Gates, Haugland, Herzberg, Hinds, Holmberg, Holten, Horton, Johnson, C. E., Johnson, J. T., Johnson, J. N., Kneeland, Krause, Lee, Lobeck, Mattson, McGrath, Mc-

Neil, Murphy, Nelson, H., Nelson, O. B., Noble, Opsahl, Peterson, Putnam, H. A., Putnam, W. H., Rines, Robertson, Rosenwald, Rustad, Saugstad, Sawyer, Spooner, Sulerud, Swendsen, Wallace, Ware, Webb, Wescott, Wohluter Wright, C. P., Denzer—56.

Just before the vote was taken on the motion to indefinitely postpone the Cass Lake bill, Representative Opsahl said: "You should vote to serve the state, and northwestern Minnesota, instead of to advance good fellowship," he said "Kill this bill, and two years hence we can all vote more intelligently on the matter." He also presented a number of petitions against the McGarry bill which he said were from McGarry's district.

And Mr. Opsahl was right with his contention, as the votes which had just previously "killed" the "general" bill were contrary to the majority report of the house normal school committee which had sent a delegation to visit the different normal sites, including the village of Cass Lake, and which committee had made a majority report favoring the "general" bill. But few of those who voted favorably for the Cass Lake bill had ever seen that village; yet they went against the report of their committee and voted with McGarry and his Duluth henchmen, who were protecting the interests of their fellow citizens of the "Zenith City" who owns the townsite of Cass Lake.

## DOINGS IN THE VARIOUS CHURCHES OF THE CITY

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

Catholic—There will be mass Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a. m.

German Lutheran—Services in the court house at 3 p. m. Rev. Theo. Buenger of Cass Lake will preach. Holy Communion.

Norwegian Lutheran—There will be no services in the morning but the regular service will be held at 8 p. m. Norwegian and English Sunday school in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Episcopal—Fifth Sunday in Lent. Services will be held in the Odd Fellows hall as follows: 10:30 a. m., Litany and sermon. Subject, "Baptism, It's Value and Significance." Offertory solo, "O, Rest in the Lord," from Mendelssohn's Elijah. Sunday school at 4 p. m. Evening service at 8 p. m. Subject, "The Events of the Passion."

Methodist—11 a. m., Anthem by choir and sermon by the pastor. 12 m., Sunday school. 7 p. m., Epworth League. 8 p. m., forty minutes of sacred music, followed by sermonette by the pastor. We cordially invite the public to these services, especially strangers and visitors in the city and persons without church home.

Baptist—Morning service 10:45. Subject, "Three Mests." Sunday school at 12:10. B. Y. P. U. at 7. Evening service at 8. Subject, "Pilate's Question." Duet by Miss Bright and Miss K. Smith. We cordially invite strangers to come and enjoy our services. Our aim is to help others. "We are here on business for our King."

Presbyterian—Tomorrow is the closing of the church year. At 11 we will observe the Lord's Supper, also receive into membership those who desire to unite with us. Andrew Rood will sing a solo, "The Endless Day." Bible class and Sunday school, 12:15; Jr. C. E. 3; Sr. C. E. 7. In the evening at 8 Dr. D. B. Duncan will preach. Miss Ruth Wightman will sing a solo, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say." The members of the congregation are urged to be present at the morning communion service. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Probate Court.

March 22.—Estate of Hans Opsete. Petition for determination of errors made by Ole Opsete and order issued setting date of hearing on petition for April 26, at 10 o'clock.

March 24.—Estate of Amy I. Bye. Petition for determination of descent of land filed by H. H. McDougall of Grand Forks, N. D., father of decedent, and order for hearing on said petition issued; date of hearing being set for April 26, at 10 o'clock.

In the matter of the application of the board of county commissioners for the admission of Thomas Bates to the state public school at Owatonna, filed and order of admission issued. The same disposition was made of the application made by the board for the admission of Grace Robinson to the state school.

March 26.—Annual account of Pearl Bishop as guardian of Charles Runyan, minor, was filed.

### Second-Hand Furniture.

J. P. Lahr, the furniture man, announces to the public that in the future he will deal in second-hand furniture in addition to his large line of new and up-to-date furniture, Mr. Lahr having fitted up the frame building in the rear of his lot to handle this line of goods.

Those having second-hand furniture for sale can either secure the cash or trade that for new furniture. People in search of bargains in second-hand furniture are invited to call on him.

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## ROWE BILL IS POSTPONED

### House Kills the Packing Plant Measure.

## WILL INTRODUCE A NEW BILL

### Ramsey County Delegation Has Not Abandoned Its Position—Senate Rejects Cashman's Distance Tariff Measure—House Passes Burdette Thayer's Stamp Tax Bill, But Kills the Gross Earnings Bill.

St. Paul, March 26.—Members of the Ramsey delegation in the house by moving for the indefinite postponement of the Rowe bill paved the way for a bill which will prevent the location of any packing plant where it will become a nuisance to the institutions without laying St. Paul open to the charge that it is hindering the establishment in this state of an industry that would be of benefit to the stock interests of the Northwest. The delegation at first considered amending the Rowe bill, but they concluded that it would be better policy to introduce a new bill. So when the bill came up as a special order C. E. Stone moved that the bill be postponed indefinitely. The house agreed to his motion unanimously.

It was a great disappointment to the hundreds of people who thronged the galleries to hear the debate on the bill, but good news to the members of the house, who have grown tired of hearing arguments on bills on which they have their minds made up long before.

The Ramsey delegation had a meeting with the citizens' committee. At first it was decided to make a fight and try to have attached to the bill the amendment proposed by A. K. Ware, which prohibits the location of any slaughter house within two and a half miles of the university or any of its colleges and within five miles without the approval of the state board of health. This would permit Armour to locate on the proposed site if he could show the board of health that no evil results would follow.

### Decided Upon a New Bill.

But later the delegation came to the conclusion that many of the people in the country were opposed to the Rowe bill, even if it were entirely amended. There seems to be a general impression throughout the state that the Rowe bill would prevent the location of a packing plant here. So the delegation thought they would stand a better chance with an entirely new bill, which gave the state board of health the power to regulate slaughter houses and condemn them if they should become offensive to the educational institutions or residences of any city. This was the interests of St. Paul and Southeast Minneapolis would be protected because Armour could locate at the proposed site only in case it is really true that he can produce a packing plant which will not be offensive and obnoxious to the people living in the vicinity.

Moved by the fear that further railway rate legislation at this time would have a disastrous effect on the present rate cases, the senate failed to pass Senator Cashman's distance tariff bill, although it received twenty-three votes, some of the most eminent attorneys of the body voting for it. Former Attorney General E. T. Young, who has charge of the present rate cases for the state, was quoted in the debate as strongly opposed to further legislative action until the present cases are disposed of. This was emphasized by several of the speakers against the bill and undoubtedly had considerable influence on the vote.

### Railway Commission Scored.

The railway and warehouse commission came in for a round scoring by several senators from the southern part of the state whose constituents they insist have been suffering under discriminatory rates in the shipment of freight.

The house passed the bill providing a stamp tax of 1 cent on each \$100 of sales or agreements to sell on board of trade and chambers and commerce, introduced by Burdette Thayer of Spring Valley. The vote was 72 to 43.

The house committee on taxes and tax laws killed the Spooner bill, submitting to the people the question of a 6 per cent gross earnings tax on railroads, instead of the present 4 per cent tax. One reason advanced for the action was that railroad taxes affected rates and would have some influence on the freight rate suits pending in the courts. The railroad commission and the attorney general's office were understood to be opposed to the bill for that reason.

A step toward the consolidation of St. Paul and Minneapolis into one city was taken when the house, under suspension of the rules, passed a bill for the appointment by the governor of a commission of five citizens from each city to draw up a bill which would make such a consolidation possible, and report the bill to the next legislature. The bill was introduced jointly by J. F. Selb of St. Paul and Thomas Kneeland of Minneapolis. Eighty-one members voted for the bill, some in a spirit of levity and some seriously, and twelve voted against it. It is up to the senate now.

## WILL THE M. & I. MAKE LITTLE FALLS TERMINUS?

### Little Falls Transcript Prints Rumor of Change from Brainerd, Using an Old Line.

The Little Falls Daily Transcript prints the following rumor relative to a possibility that the M. & I. officials are contemplating making Little Falls the terminus of the M. & I.:

It is said that the M. & I. railroad is contemplating using the old main line of the Northern Pacific. This line is on the east side and runs to Brainerd. By the use of this piece of road, about thirty miles in length, the M. & I. could run straight through and make this city its terminus.

"Such a move would necessarily put a round house here. It is held that should the M. & I. use the old main line and run into this city, the freight service would be greatly affected for the better.

"Making this city the M. & I. terminus would mean a round house, which in turn would mean more people employed, resulting in a small growth in the city. Rumor has it that the M. & I. company is planning on placing its shops in the southern end of the city near the old baseball park."

### No Immediate Prospect of Night Train on M. & I.

Judging from the following, taken from the Brainerd Daily Dispatch, there is not an immediate prospect of the M. & I. railway putting on the night train service from International Falls to the twin cities, which some ambitious newspapers had scheduled to take place on April 1:

"W. H. Gemmill general manager of the Minnesota & International railroad, was in the city yesterday and today going to St. Paul on this afternoon's train. When seen by a Dispatch representative he stated that there was nothing definite as yet on the proposed additional service on that road. Business conditions, he said, were such as to compel careful scanning of expenditures. The arrival of business prospected has not arrived, he said, though he believed that it would do so during the summer."

## PARK RAPIDS IS WINNER OF DECLAMATORY BANNER

### Grand Rapids High School Defeated by but One Point, in Contest at Grand Rapids.—Bemidji Was Third, and Akeley Was Fourth.

The annual declamatory contest between representatives of the Park Rapids, Grand Rapids, Bemidji and Akeley High schools, which was held at Grand Rapids Friday night, was won by the speakers from the Park Rapids school, with Grand Rapids a close second, Bemidji third and Akeley fourth. The Eagle Bend and Cass Lake high schools were supposed to participate in the contest, but they failed to send any representatives.

The contest was held in the spacious auditorium of the Grand Rapids high school and a fine program of music was rendered, in conjunction with the recitations of the different participants in the contest.

E. A. Freeman, superintendent of the Grand Rapids high school, acted as chairman of the meeting and the judges selected to choose the winners of the contest were Miss Carey, of the Duluth normal school; Rev. John W. Powel of Duluth, and Attorney Rockwood of Minneapolis.

The Grand Rapids High School Orchestra played several selections and was given an enthusiastic reception, as were also members of the Grand Rapids High School Quartette.

The following was the decision, on points, of the judges, with the names and standing of those who participated in the contest; the marking being on six points, with 100 each, or a total of 600, on general effect, stage appearance, enunciation, delivery, gestures and interpretations:

Serious—First, Will Powers of Grand Rapids; subject, "Sparticus to the Gladiators;" total points, 1681.

Second, Clara Fisk of Bemidji; subject, "Building of the Ship;" 1673.

Third, Guy Benham, Park Rapids; subject, "Independence;" 1643.

Fourth, Lloyd Davis, Akeley; subject, "Lincoln's Darkest Hour;" 1498.

Humorous—First, Freida Rice, Park Rapids; subject, "The Examination;" points 1636.

Second, Herbert Grove, Grand Rapids; subject, "A Horse Trade;" 1597.

Third, Emil Engels, Bemidji; subject, "Our Guide to Rome and Geona;" 1586.

Fourth, John Peterson, Akeley; subject, "A Yankee in Love;" 1575.

While the banner went to Park Rapids, there was no decisive victory for that school, as Grand Rapids (which school was the winner last year) was but one point behind. While there was general satisfaction with the decision of the judges, yet there were many who were of the opinion that Clara Fisk of Bemidji should have been awarded first place in the serious selections. Miss Fisk did splendidly, and all the Bemidji people who were present at the contest are loud in their praise of the talented young lady. While Emil Engels, the other Bemidji contestant, got no better than third place, he did well.

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# Bemidji Souvenir

Congressman Steenerson Approves the Souvenir as follows:

"Washington, March 22, 1909.

"I am in receipt of the special edition of the Pioneer and to my mind a nicer boom of any city or surrounding country has never been written. I wish to compliment you, and your staff, upon the excellent work done."

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Splendid 104-page Magazine, profusely illustrated with fine half-tone cuts of business blocks and Bemidji people who have aided in making "Big Bemidji" the hub of Northern Minnesota, as well as many "beauty spots" on Lake Bemidji and in and about the city of Bemidji, together with well-written articles on Beltrami county lands, dairying, lumbering, etc., etc.

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