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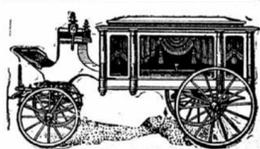
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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

The Continued Story of Current Events.

Mrs. James Lappen returned Saturday evening from Rochester, Minn. The art of taxidermy will be taught by Mrs. Henry Buenther, 809 Bemidji Ave.

Chris Olson, deputy sheriff, went to Kelliher Saturday evening on a business trip.

J. Bisiar, the "harmony man," returned Saturday evening from a business trip to Laporte.

The Baptist Y. P. U. will hold an ice cream social on the Baptist church lawn Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Howrey and son of Waterloo, Iowa, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Howrey's sister, Mrs. Tabor of this city.

Mrs. W. H. Smith and two children of Mondova, Wis., arrived in the city yesterday and will visit at the home of Mrs. Smith's brother, Lee LeGore.

John Dale and wife brought a load of twelve neighbors from Turtle River yesterday to participate in the Scotch picnic; and they all had a splendid time.

Mrs. G. V. Thomas returned to her home at Tenstrike Saturday evening, having spent Saturday in the city doing some shopping and visiting with local friends.

Robert Jarvis and Alex. McLean of Cass Lake were among the out-of-town visitors who came to the city yesterday and participated in the Scotch picnic. They had a fine "time."

L. E. Stetler, a Minneapolis attorney, departed this morning for his home in the "Mill City," after having spent several days visiting at the farm home of T. H. Pendergast, in Grant Valley.

Mrs. E. N. French and little son departed Saturday evening for their home at Blackduck, having visited for several days at the home of James French, father of Mr. French, and also with Mr. and Mrs. George T. Baker in this city.

Mrs. Ray, sister of Mrs. Ike Black, came to the city Saturday evening for a visit at the Black home. Her daughter, Miss Mary, has been visiting with Mrs. Black and will return to the "Mill City" with her mother, when the latter concludes her visit here.

H. A. Simonson, the Blackduck painter, went to Blackduck Saturday evening and Sunday at the "Duck," returning to Bemidji this morning. Mr. Simonson has contracted to do a large amount of painting for G. E. Kretz, the local contractor and builder.

Oman Potter of St. Paul, the traveling representative for the Minnesota Type Foundry company, Sundayed in Bemidji and departed this morning on a trip southward over the M. & L. railway. He will visit all of the towns of importance between here and St. Paul, soliciting orders for his company.

George Cochran, the logger, returned to the city Saturday evening from a business trip to Walker. Mr. Cochran is loading at Wilton some five million feet of logs, which are being taken to Walker to be sawed into "dimension stuff" there at the sawmill plant of the Leech Lake Lumber company.

George Draper, who has acted as clerk at the Palace hotel in Blackduck for some time past, spent Saturday in Bemidji, returning to the "Duck" Saturday evening. He did not state whether he would remain with the Palace since J. C. Thompson has leased the hotel to another party and is living the simple life on his farm near Blackduck.

Alex. Thompson of Crookston, the general agent for the Minneapolis Brewing company, was a visitor in the city yesterday. He came over from the "Queen City" for the express purpose of attesting to his Scotch ancestry, and participated in the annual picnic with a vim that left no doubt as to his "family tree." Mr. Thompson has many friends in Bemidji, and he is always welcome.

John Mogan passed through the city Saturday evening from a trip to Benedict, where he had been to look over some timber and also investigate a land deal. John will come to Bemidji Wednesday night and accompany local Elks to St. Cloud. He will act as captain of the Bemidji Elk baseball team, and expects to make a good showing with the material which the lodge has. It will not be John's fault if Bemidji does not win the game against the Minneapolis Elks—"Potts or no Potts," as John puts it.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid will meet at the church Wednesday afternoon. A picnic lunch will be served.

Theodore Gullickson, general agent for the Hamm Brewing company, went to Jenkins and Pine River this morning in the interest of his company.

Mrs. William Burce of Kelliher spent Saturday in Bemidji, doing some shopping and visiting with local friends. She returned to her home Saturday evening.

J. A. Herman, clerk in the Lumbermen National Bank in this city, returned this morning from an over-Sunday visit with friends at his former stamping-ground—Kelliher.

Mrs. J. M. Sullivan and Mrs. A. L. LaJeunesse departed this morning for Minneapolis, where they will visit at the home of Mrs. A. J. LaJeunesse, a sister of Mrs. A. L.

E. C. McGregor, a cruiser and estimator in the employ of the Mississippi River Lumber company, left this morning for Hackensack, where he will look over some land at that point for his company.

John Marin, who is always "easy going," wears a broader smile than usual, these days, because of the arrival at his house of a new son, of tender years, good lung power, and healthy generally. Here's success, John.

Mrs. W. B. Holmes and son of Ada came to Bemidji Saturday for a brief visit here, among the pines and healthful air. Nothing like Bemidji air and water to recuperate one from the alkali-laden ozone and drinking fluid of the Red River Valley section.

A. A. Smith, the Kelliher hustler, returned to his home Saturday evening, having spent Saturday in Bemidji on some business matters in connection with his new hotel project. Mr. Smith has every faith in Kelliher and is putting his money into business enterprises in that north-country metropolis.

A. A. McGill, one of the most prominent business men of Kelliher, was among the north-country people who were transacting business in Bemidji last Saturday. Mr. McGill returned to Kelliher on the evening train. He is village recorder, justice of the peace, dray operator, etc., and is "some" citizen of that enterprising town.

P. J. McKeon, the M. & L. "boarding car man," is now stopping in Bemidji. He has charge of the boarding cars which feed all the laboring men who work on the M. & L. "gang work" hereabouts. There are two outfits working in south Bemidji, one gang of men laboring with the steam shovel work and the other on the work of clearing for the new terminals that will be placed in south Bemidji, between the two mill sites.

J. Bisiar departed this morning for Brainerd, to meet Mrs. Bisiar, who is returning from a trip to the Pacific coast, including a visit to the exposition. Mr. Bisiar will attend the Red Men's convention at Brainerd, and Mrs. Bisiar will visit with friends there for two days, when they will both return to Bemidji. Mrs. A. A. Carter, who has also visited "out west," is expected to return this evening, having come as far as Staples with Mrs. Bisiar.

Miss Hannah Neville, who has been employed at the Pioneer office for the past three months, departed last Saturday for her home in Grand Forks, N. D. Miss Neville came to Bemidji for the purpose of "subbing" for some of the lady compositors on the Pioneer staff while they enjoyed their vacations; and she returns to the "Flickertail" metropolis with the intention of either completing instructions on a "machine" and eventually becoming a linotype operator, or will work as compositor in one of the offices in Grand Forks or East Grand Forks.

L. W. Huntley of Grand Rapids, chief clerk in the office of the register of deeds of Itasca county, came to Bemidji Saturday afternoon and went to International Falls Sunday morning, to look after some private business matters. Mr. Huntley is one of the veteran residents of Grand Rapids and is regarded as one of the most popular, as well. He is a strong Elk, and may come to Bemidji and accompany the members of Bemidji, 1052, to St. Cloud, Wednesday night, for the purpose of attending the annual state meeting Thursday and Friday of this week.

J. N. Guthrie came to the city this morning from his home at Turtle River and spent the day in Bemidji on business.

L. Latteral, who conducts general stores at Kelliher and Funkley, came to the city this morning and spent the day here on business.

Mrs. Rudolph Stetbacher, niece of Mrs. D. G. Miller, returned this morning to the state sanatorium at Walker, after having visited here for several days at the Miller home. Mr. Stetbacher, husband of Mrs. Stetbacher, is the custodian of the grounds and the buildings at the state sanatorium.

Matt Fisher, the only original blow-in-the-bottle Matt, came to the city this morning from his home at Funkley and spent the day here looking after some business matters. Matt says that Funkley is booming and that he actually believes that the Soo railway will eventually make up its mind that Funkley is the only logical point for the Thief-River-Falls-Duluth extension to cross the M. & L.

KILLS HIS WIFE, TWO CHILDREN AND SELF

Wisconsin Farmer Commits Quadruple Crime.

Barron, Wis., Aug. 9.—While crazed over religion Christ Hanson, a wealthy farmer living near Cameron, cut the throats of his wife and two daughters, aged eighteen and sixteen respectively, and then hanged himself in his barn.

The quadruple crime was discovered by other children of Hanson when they returned from a berrying expedition.

Hanson had lived near Barron for a number of years, but recently he moved to a farm near Cameron, after selling his farm near this place for \$3,000 less than he had been offered. At that time comment was caused and some of his friends began to entertain doubts of his sanity, but nothing was done.

Recently Hanson is said to have spent most of his time in reading on religious topics and he gradually conceived the idea that it was his duty to end his life and those of the other members of his family.

RECLAMATION WORK IN WEST

Senate Committee to Make Tour of Inspection.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The senate committee on irrigation will soon begin inspection of lands in the Northwest for which reclamation projects are under way. Members of the committee will assemble at Chicago, which city they will leave on Aug. 11.

Senator Carter of Montana is chairman of the committee. The other members who will make the inspection trip are Senators Warren of Wyoming, Chamberlain of Oregon, Flint of California, Paynter of Kentucky and Borah of Idaho. At Billings, Mont., on Aug. 15 Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and Director Newell of the reclamation service will join the committee and accompany it upon its mission.

About one-half the work that has been mapped out for the committee will be completed this month. The inspection will be discontinued until November, when it will be resumed, with Seattle as the starting point.

JAPAN IGNORES CHINA'S PROTEST

Begins Construction of Railroad in Manchuria.

WEARIES OF NEGOTIATIONS

Tokio Government Issues Instructions to Proceed With the Work, for Which Preparations Had Been Made Some Months Ago—Relations Between the Two Countries Considered Seriously Strained.

Peking, Aug. 9.—In defiance of the protestations of China Japan has begun the construction of the Antung-Mukden railroad. Simultaneously at each end of the line the work was started by Japanese engineers and constructors, who for several months have been awaiting the outcome of the negotiations. The action was the result of instructions from Tokio.

The feeling of Japan in this matter, which is due to China's objection to changing the existing narrow gauge of the line to the standard gauge of the connecting lines in both Korea and Manchuria, was reflected here by a Japanese official of high standing, who said that China-Japanese relations at the present moment bore a dangerous resemblance to those of 1904.

That a vital difference exists between China and Japan is shown by the respective statements made to England by the Japanese government and Sir Julian Jordan, the English minister at Peking. The Japanese contend Japan is entitled to reconstruct the railway under the treaty of 1905 and attribute China's attitude to the reactionary tendency of Prince Ching, the regent. Minister Jordan sends word that the Chinese government has informed him that the Antung-Mukden road will be commercially useless to Japan and is being built purely for military purposes and to be used as a club to extort concessions from China.

JAPAN'S ACTION JUSTIFIED

Britons Say No Other Course Was Possible.

London, Aug. 9.—The decision reached by Japan regarding the construction of the Antung-Mukden railroad, in spite of the objections of China, is generally considered here to be justified. Before taking the step Japan consulted Great Britain and the other powers with whom Japan's relations are close. Great Britain, while regretting that her ally found it necessary to defy China, agreed that Japan had no alternative. There has been no endeavor to deny that this line is mainly of military importance, but as one diplomat put it:

"Japan would be more than human if she did not avail herself of her treaty rights, especially as these are one of the few solid compensations for the heavy sacrifices of her war with Russia."

The South Manchurian Railroad company, which, on account of the large subsidies it receives from the government has been compelled to rebuild its line, is not altogether pleased with this decision, as the undertaking involves the company in large expenditures and will divert a part of the company's traffic from Dalny to Fusan.

Robbers Fire Missouri Town.

Gayco, Mo., Aug. 9.—The town of Auxvasse, twelve miles south of here, was set on fire by robbers. The entire town appeared as though the entire town would burn. An automobile load of dynamite was rushed there to demolish buildings and check the flames.

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