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## DISTRICT JUDGE CONDEMNS THE STATE LAND POLICY

Judge Stanton Denounces Method, Time and Place of Selling Minnesota's Public Domain.

CONTRARY TO GOOD BUSINESS, NOT SQUARE DEAL WITH U.S.

Koochiching County Losing Population—Development Association at Big Falls Today.

[Continued from Yesterday's Paper.]

"It should devolve upon the state to at all times make reasonable and constant effort to attract settlers and to provide them with opportunity to maintain and enjoy decent roads, good schools, religious societies, township organizations, and the many things incident to a comfortable and happy rural existence. And so I contend that the primary object of the state in dealing with its lands in northern Minnesota, should be to attract settlers, and that every provision should be enacted with that purpose in view. The value of the land itself is insignificant in comparison with the value of the benefits to the state, and particularly to the community in which the land is situated, of having it occupied and improved by a bona fide settler. The taxes on the property thus directly and indirectly added to the valuation of the state would soon exceed the value of the land, to say nothing of the manifold beneficial results of thus populating sparsely settled communities. The policy of the state should be founded upon the principle that every tract of land in the state should be some citizen's home, and the nearer it comes to the accomplishment of that purpose the nearer perfect it will be.

"Much of the state land in this county is of superior quality, as rich and productive as any in the state. This statement has verification in the fact that in the year 1908 the school lands sold in this county brought an average price of \$8.86 per acre, while the aggregate sale in the state, including 19 counties, brought an average of only \$6.58 per acre; and in the same year the swamp lands sold in this county brought an average price of \$9.20 per acre, while the aggregate sales in the state, including 16 counties, brought an average of only \$6.23 per acre.

"The time is now at hand when actual conditions loudly and unmistakably proclaim that the people of Koochiching and neighboring counties must present their griev-

ances and appeal to fairness and justice of the great commonwealth of Minnesota to do the right thing by that important portion of its domain which awaits development. And this association, formed, as its name implies, for the purpose of aiding in the county's development, is at once confronted with a real, live, important public duty, the manner in performance of which duty will conspicuously affect the future development of this section of the state.

"The state must be induced to adopt a more liberal policy in the disposition of its lands,—a policy that will attract settlers and help to transform the wilderness into farms and homes. One suggestion that is not without merit is to place large quantities of this land upon the market at frequent intervals, to be sold to actual, bona fide settlers only, and to be so generous with the timber as to amount to an inducement for its purchase and settlement. This plan could be adopted as to both school and swamp lands without the necessity of a constitutional amendment.

"Another suggestion is to carry out the spirit and purpose of the swamp land grant in good faith by taking away the minimum price restriction and sell a large quantity of these lands at frequent intervals, at public sale, to the highest bidder, who will be required to become an actual settler. To so dispose of this land for less than \$3.67 an acre might require a constitutional amendment, but probably enough of it could be sold to accomplish the result desired at this price and more, thus leaving the matter to legislative enactment.

"Some method, at least, approximating these suggestions can be devised and enacted into law, which will bring settlers in sufficient numbers, so that with liberal state policy to aid in the construction of roads, the now unoccupied, untaxed state lands will be the homes of thrifty settlers, the state will add many thousands of families to its population and the public wealth will be enormously enhanced.

"Agitation is what is needed. There is work for this and similar organizations in northern Minnesota to do. The people of Minnesota are not acquainted with the facts. You must see that they are informed. That is all that is needed. The people are fair and want the right thing to be done always. But, like our neighbors in Missouri, they will insist upon being shown, and it is your duty to show

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## WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MAKE COUNT BIG?

Have You Given Any Information Out to the Enumerators? Have You Made Your Guess?

Again we say, how big is Bemidji? Keep a coming with your guesses and don't stop. Bemidji really looks bigger today than it did a month or three weeks ago. The enumerators carry a bigger smile than when they first started the count and judging from this, things are coming faster with them.

Everybody should help everybody else and all together we should help the enumerators. A. G. Rutledge, enumerator in the fourth ward has nearly all the hotels and boarding houses to canvass and in order to get all the tenants that rightfully belong to Bemidji he must be up at all hours of the night and day. Before six in the morning and after six in the evening is his busy time.

Boarding house proprietors and hotel proprietors can be of considerable assistance to the enumerators if they will only take the time to see that everybody housed in their various establishments is properly listed. Make it a point that these lists left by the enumerators are filled out and returned to the proper enumerator.

The guessing department of the Pioneer is kept exceptionally busy counting all the various estimates. A guess turned in by Henry R. Johnson of 10,000 is the highest venture up to date. Mr. Johnson lives in Nymore. Right here it would be well to give the public a little tip. If we want to reach over the 5,500 mark we have all got to help. How many of you have given the enumerators any assistance to date? What have you done to help boost the population count? Surely you know of someone who has been or will be overlooked. Get busy. Keep thinking a few additional guesses.

- Genevieve Foster.....5432
- Mrs. A. Foster.....5350
- Alaine Foster.....6899
- George A. Secord.....5235
- Oscar Christianson.....6666
- Ralph Johnson.....5780
- Stanley Vye.....8215
- Hart Aubolie.....7219
- Emma Klein.....5856
- Elanice Boyed.....7019
- Elizabeth Anderson.....6095
- Evelyn Anderson.....5890
- Mrs. Leonard Nelson.....7694
- Esther Tennstrom.....5986
- Mrs. I. Newton.....6444
- Jennie Newton.....7116
- Alex Newton.....4580
- Mrs. James N. Bunn.....5758
- Frank W. Schroder.....6782
- Mrs. G. V. Cady.....7360
- Percy Botting.....6392
- Kenie Botting.....6202
- Mr. G. L. Botting.....7499
- Mrs. H. G. Botting.....5910
- Pearl Botting.....6009
- Effie Klunness.....6523
- Rue Klunness.....6283
- Ruth Miner.....4985
- Henry R. Johnson.....8000
- Mrs. Bert Carver.....7425

## SMALL PIKE FOR BEMIDJI.

The state game and fish commission's private car, with from 75 to 100 cans of pike minnows, will come to Bemidji within a few days, according to a statement made by J. A. Wessel of St. Paul, a member of the commission, who was in the city on business yesterday.

At least 50 cans of these pike, which have been taken from the state hatcheries at St. Paul and Glenwood, are the best variety, will be distributed in Lake Bemidji and nearby waters. The car, which is in charge of Superintendent of Fisheries Cobb, will come up by way of Park Rapids, over the Great Northern.

## Carlton Trial Today.

John Carlton, who was arrested at Winnipeg two weeks ago for holding up a Blackduck farmer on the shore of Lake Bemidji, was given a hearing late today before Court Commissioner Slocum.

## BEMIDJI BOAT CLUB RENEWS INTEREST

Will Co-operate With Improvement League in Beautifying and Clearing the Lake Shore

## LUMBER COMPANIES PICKING UP LOGS AND "DEAD HEADS"

Former Docks Around Lake Shore Will Be Replaced.—Club Wants More Members.

Members of the Bemidji Boat club are awaking to the boatmen's needs on Lake Bemidji for the coming summer, and will hold their first meeting early next week. Dr. G. M. Palmer, commodore of the club, and H. E. Reynolds, secretary, are planning extensive improvements in boating in the vicinity for this season.

The good work of the club in getting the lake shore cleaned last spring will be repeated, and the club expects to co-operate with the members of the Bemidji Improvement league in keeping the boulevard, especially in the vicinity of the city boat house and the dock, clean and beautiful. Some members of the club desire to have grass seed planted between the streets and the lake in the business district. This, with a thorough cleaning and the repairs on the city dock and bandstand, will give Bemidji an exceptionally bright appearance at this much frequented place.

The steam tugs of the Bemidji and the Crookston Lumber companies are picking up the loose logs which had become scattered over the lake and hauling them to the booms, near the mills. The companies are also attempting to thoroughly clear the lake of "dead heads," an act which will be appreciated by every boatman who likes to go on the water at night. The boat club will probably make arrangements to have the booms between Lakes Irvin and Bemidji kept open most of the time, so that there will be no interference with trips on the upper Mississippi and to Lake Plantagenet.

Old docks at advantageous places around the lake, which have been carried away or stolen since last summer, will be replaced for this season by the members of the boat club, and all necessary repairs will be made. The club established docks, which proved very convenient, at Diamond Point, at the outlet of the Mississippi river at Birchmont Beach near Mayo's cottage, and just north of Lakeside, last summer.

The Bemidji Boat club has an enrollment of 45 members, who carry the club flag on their launches. The boat club flag is dark blue with the white letters, "B. B. C." in monograph form. There are about 145 gasoline launches on Lake Bemidji this spring, and the members of the club will conduct a membership campaign this season to get all of the owners interested in the organization.

## RAILWAY HAS FARMS TO SUPPLY DINING CARS.

Chicken, Dairy and Truck Farms Maintained by the Northern Pacific Railway Company.

For something over a year the Northern Pacific has maintained a poultry farm at Kent, Washington near Seattle, where, on fifty-two acres, a flock of seven thousand white leghorn chickens is producing 150 eggs a day for use on Northern Pacific diners.

Experiencing such marked success with its poultry, the railway company will hereafter secure the milk and cream for its commissary department from a herd of three hundred thoroughbred milch cows maintained in the same vicinity. In addition to

## KING EDWARD VII IS DEAD PRINCE OF WALES, KING.

London May 7.—King Edward 7th, who returned to England from a vacation ten days ago in best of health, died at 11:55 last night in presence of family after illness less than three days.

Prince of Wales succeeded to crown immediately according to laws of kingdom without official ceremony.

King Edward is dead. The end came at 11:45 last night in the presence of the family and after an illness of but three days. The last words were "Well it is all over but I think I have done my duty." These words fell from King Edward 7th in a waking interval late yesterday. A gloom has been hanging

over the City of London and the provinces all day yesterday. Bulletins have been issued every few minutes as to the king's condition.

During the King's illness the throngs were so absorbed in His Majesty's illness that the arrival of the Prince of Wales attracted practically no attention.

Early yesterday afternoon the members of the diplomatic corps called and signed the visitor's book as did many other prominent personages. All left the Palace betraying by their expressions, the fears entertained.

Various telegrams issued for the press yesterday were as follows:

London, May 6th.

"There is the highest unofficial

authority for the statement that the King's illness has already developed into double pneumonia.

London, May 6th. The following bulletin was issued from Buckingham Palace at 6 p. m. The King's symptoms have become worse during the day and His Majesty's condition at this hour is critical.

The death of King Edward will doubtless change the program for Mr. Roosevelt's visit. The public entertainments will necessarily be postponed as will also the Guild Hall ceremony for the presentation of the freedom of the city of London, the much planned gayety is turned into gloom.

## DOINGS IN THE VARIOUS CHURCHES OF THE CITY

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

Episcopal—Services will be held in the I. O. O. F. hall at 8 p. m., conducted by Rev. H. F. Parshall. Sunday school at 4 p. m.

Norwegian Lutheran—Services will be held in the morning at 10:30; Sunday school, both Norwegian and English, at 12; and evening service at 8 o'clock, conducted by Rev. T. S. Kolste. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Presbyterian—Tomorrow will be the annual observance of Mother's Day. A special interest centers in the observance of this day. There will be special music. Please wear a white carnation in honor of mother. The public is cordially invited to participate in this service. Bible class and Sunday school 12:15 Jr. C. E. 3 p. m.; Sr. C. E. 7 p. m. Evening service at 8. Strangers always welcome with us.

## BIG MASS MEETING AT CITY LIBRARY TUESDAY

Bemidji Improvement League Have Called Meeting to Discuss Plans for City's Cleanliness.

Next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a mass meeting of the citizens of Bemidji in the Carnegie library building for the purpose of discussing matters of cleaning the streets of Bemidji and

the parks and lake shore.

It is the desire of the Improvement league to have as many as possible present at this meeting. The director of the state sanatorium at Walker will address the meeting and many ideas that will be helpful will be contained in this address.

The Bemidji Improvement league desires chairs, rugs and tables to furnish their rooms in the basement of the library and gladly receive aid from local citizens.

## NOTED SCHOLAR-EDITOR AT BIBLE CONFERENCE

Bemidji Bible Conference, July 24-31, Will Be Addressed by Well Known Speakers.—Plans.

Dr. A. C. Gaebelein of New York City, editor of "Our Hope," and a Bible scholar of international reputation, will be present at the Bemidji Bible conference July 24-31. Rev. S. E. P. White, who received assurance of Dr. Gaebelein's presence yesterday, stated that the visit of this speaker is sufficient to insure a large attendance at the conference.

Dr. H. C. Swearingen, of the House of Hope church of St. Paul, will deliver an opening address, and will speak on the first of a series of studies on Hebrews. Other speakers of wide reputation are being secured for the week's religious meetings which will be held in Bemidji.

Reverend White and a committee are working energetically in preparation for this meeting, which will be both interdenominational and non-sectarian. The conference will undoubtedly be the largest ever held in Bemidji.

## Buy a Good Farm

I am offering for sale the SE 1/4 of Sec 1, and the SW of the SW of Sec. 12, Town 147, Range 34, known as and occupied at the present by the owner, C. F. Tramp.

33 acres cleared; 80 rods to a school house; 6 miles to Wilton, 4 miles to Soo right-of-way and 9 miles to Bemidji.

The place has considerable timber (nearly enough, when marketed, to pay what owner asks).

A good frame dwelling 16x20 with an addition 12x20 and 10x12. The house is back plastered and papered; also a good barn, granary and chicken house.

This place is an excellent one, has been well kept up and is ready for the purchaser to take up the work of the farm. This year's crop has been seeded and goes with the place.

**Price, \$2,000.00**

You may talk with the undersigned or with Mr. Tramp, at the farm.

**C. J. Pryor**  
Miles Block Bemidji, Minn.

## Seed Corn Contest

All parties who have enrolled their names in the

### Seed Corn Contest of the First National Bank of Bemidji, Minn.,

Can now receive the corn by calling or sending to the bank. There is difficulty in securing seed corn this year, and on that account be sure to call before May 5th.

All who enter this contest have an opportunity to win \$2.50 to \$10.00 by bringing in a sample of the corn raised from the seed furnished, to the Beltrami Co. Fair in the fall.

**The First National Bank**  
of Bemidji, Minnesota