

## BEMIDJI GREETED 65 DULUTH TRADE MEN

Taken to Commercial Club Where Talks are Made by Burke, Gravel and Parker.

## THIRD REGIMENT BAND PLEASURES

Delegation Came on Splendidly Appointed Soo Train of Five Coaches in Charge of Officials.

## REMER SHOWERS WITH FLOWER

Women Distribute Bouquets and Men Boosting Literature—Off Again at 7 A. M. Today.

Rolling into the new Union depot in a special Soo train of five luxurious palace cars, 65 representative Duluth business men came to Bemidji at 9 o'clock last evening, two hours later than their original schedule called for, and, led by the Third regiment band proceeded up town and later to the new quarters of the Bemidji Commercial club in the Nangle building.

The band gave a street concert, much to the delight of the crowd which gathered. Music also was given at the club rooms later. The band made a decided hit here, as well as in all the towns visited yesterday.

## Burke Welcomes Visitors.

At the Commercial club rooms, President Burke extended an official welcome to the visitors and expressed regret that they were not to be in Bemidji a longer period, and pledged the co-operation of this city with Duluth in the upbuilding of the North and the expanding of trade relations.

F. X. Gravel, Duluth Dry goods firm, responded for the visitors and spoke eloquently of Bemidji as a city of boosters and was liberal in his praise for the reception given the trade delegation here. He explains that the object of the trip was to convince Northern Minnesota that Duluth is the most desirable trade point in the state.

## Mayor Parker Also Cordial.

Mayor John C. Parker then extended a welcome on behalf of the city, predicted still greater prosperity for Bemidji and this part of Minnesota and told the visitors that the city belonged to them while they were here.

The crowd then gave a rising vote of thanks to Bemidji for her hospitality and finished it off with three cheers and then some.

The remainder of the evening was spent entirely informally, a large number of Bemidji business men renewing their acquaintance with the Duluth visitors and establishing new friendships and ties in a business way. Refreshments and cigars were served.

## 40 Wanted Daylight Ride.

About 40 of the visitors were willing to get up early this morning for a ride about the city, but it was so late when the crowd finally dispersed that it was deemed unwise to attempt the early morning ride.

The train left here at 7 this morning, proceeding to Thief River Falls, via Plummer, and continuing to Erskine and all towns between there and Alexandria where the train will remain over night, finishing the trip via Glenwood, Albany, Anamias, arriving in Duluth tomorrow at 5:50.

Yesterday was spent in the towns of Moose Lake, Cuyuna, Crosby, McGregor, Pillsbury, Shovel Lake, Remer, Boy River, Federal Dam and Cass Lake.

At Remer a large crowd was waiting at the depot and the women of the town presented each of the visitors with a buttonhole bouquet. "Boosting literature was distributed," said a member of the party, "which might well be copied by Duluth."

In the party, as a guest of the Duluth and representative of her Commercial club, was W. R. Mackenzie of this city, who boarded the train in that city.

The train was in charge of high officials of the Soo road and was furnished by that company. C. A. Sherwood, general agent freight department, Duluth; H. M. Lewis, assistant general passenger agent, St. Paul; H. L. Duffy, general traveling passenger agent and W. M. Grosh were Soo officials on the train.

Secretary Eya of the Duluth Commercial club had charge of distribution at each stop of a large amount of literature setting forth advantages and trade triumphs of Duluth.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL HERE

Comes With Assistant Attorney General Janes to Look Into Pending Case Against Dumas.

## MCDONALD TO AID THE STATE

Attorney General George T. Simpson and Assistant Attorney General Alexander L. Janes came to Bemidji today for a personal investigation into the pending cases brought by the state fire marshal's office against Dr. Dumas, mayor of Cass Lake.

Attorney General Simpson expects to return to St. Paul tonight but Mr. Janes will remain here for several days. Mr. Janes had charge of the examination of Mayor Dumas when arraigned before Court Commissioner Simons here, and probably will have charge of the prosecution of Dr. Dumas when his case comes up next month.

E. E. McDonald, the Bemidji attorney, has been retained by the state to assist in the prosecution of Dr. Dumas.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING ENDS

Successful Convention of Beltrami Association Held in Baptist Church

The Beltrami Sunday School Association which met in this city Monday and Tuesday, closed last evening with a number of papers being given by some of the delegates to the convention. The convention opened Monday. An address was given by State Worker Paul Dietrich of St. Paul. Yesterday Mrs. J. C. Parker of Blackduck gave a paper on "Sunday School teacher's preparation to teach graded lessons," Miss Woodruff of the Methodist Sunday School of this city gave a paper on "Primary Graded Lessons Taught" and Mrs. Head of this city gave "Junior Graded Lessons Taught." The convention opened yesterday by devotional services led by Rev. Mapson of Tenstrike. This was followed by a short address by acting pastor, Rev. Hull of the Baptist Church of this city. Mr. Hull spoke on "Church teachings and the holding of scholars in the 'teen age.'" Mrs. Hitchcock of this city spoke on "Every member of Church a member of the Sunday School." Mrs. Bogart of Blackduck, then gave a paper on "Practical Missionary Instruction in the Sunday School." At 3:30 Mrs. E. A. Hastay of Blackduck, gave a paper on "Training for Service in Every Sunday School" which was followed by a paper on "Every Member of Every Class a Christian" by Miss Beth McGregor of this city. The out of town delegates were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dietrich of St. Paul, Rev. Barckman of Blackduck, Mrs. J. C. Parker of Blackduck, Mrs. Bogart of Hornet, Mrs. E. Hastay of Blackduck, Rev. Mapson of Tenstrike and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Martin of Nymore.

## Wise or Innocent?

He met her one night at a reception and asked her to go to the theater with him. She accepted, and, as they liked each other, they went again later. Then it got to be a weekly occurrence. Finally he got to thinking that he was solid enough with her to go out between the acts, and so he did. For several weeks he worked this and met with no rebuff. But she was thinking a lot, even though she wasn't saying anything.

One evening she said, "Why don't you go to the smoking room to smoke instead of going to the lobby?"

"Is there a smoking room inside?" he asked.

"Of course. You always say that you are going out to smoke, and it seems so useless to have to take your coat and coat every time. And if you thought of it beforehand you could buy those cigarettes that you seem to like—the ones that smell like cloves, you know—before you come."

He is wondering if she is as wise as it seems or as innocent as it appears.—Boston Traveler.

## House Numbers.

Before the advent of the house number, only business signs, coats of arms and house names marked the different buildings. Then, in London, for instance, one had to look for Mr. Jones, should he desire to call upon that man, in, say, "Whitechapel, not far from the Blue Boat." It is thought Berlin in 1795 was the first city to employ the numbering system. The German innovators did not put odd numbers on one side of their streets and even numbers on the other. They merely started from the Brandenburg gate and numbered straight ahead, taking no account of change of street. As they proceeded, therefore, the numbers grew higher, the height to which they attained being limited only by the supply of houses. The first house they numbered was No. 1, the last the number that betokened the total number of houses in the city.—St. Louis Republic.

## When Parasols Began.

Parasols when they first came into use must have been cumbersome. Henri Estienne, writing in 1578, speaks of a parasol as capable generally of sheltering four persons from the sun. And when they diminished in circumference the material still remained of the heaviest. Red velvet parasols, with heavy gold fringes, were carried by ladies of fashion in the days of Louis XIV. At that time it was possible when crossing a bridge in Paris to hire a parasol at one end and deposit it at the other, the charge for the accommodation being a sou. Under the regency fashion went to the other extreme. Men's parasols folded into the shape of a three-cornered hat and could thus be carried elegantly under the arm. Ladies' parasols were binged, so that they could slip into the pocket, for ladies had pockets then.—London Spectator.

## Longest Indian Word.

The longest Indian word on record is the following, that was printed in an Indian Bible in 1661: Wutappesitrukussunnoobwehtunkquob.

It signifies "kneeling down to him." When the Rev. Cotton Mather, primitive Boston's Puritan pastor, first saw this consolidated phrase it prompted him to jestingly observe that the words of the language must have been growing ever since the dispersion at Babel.—New York Telegram.

## Spiteful.

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"Maybe she has a grudge against herself."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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## TELLS ROE HOW CITY CAN ALTER SYSTEM

Mayor of Keokuk Explains That Commission Plan Was Secured By Private Canvass.

## BELIEVES TASK AN EASY ONE

Declares That Usually the Only Opponents are Scheming Politicians and Newspapers.

## PUT UP TO COMMERCIAL CLUB

Alderman Suggests That Organization Investigate and Take Lead in Proposed Reform.

Alderman Knute Roe today received a second letter from Joshua F. Elder, mayor of Keokuk, Iowa, regarding the commission form of government for cities, in which he explains how Bemidji may go about it to adopt such a change.

## Mayor Elder says:

How it Was Done in Keokuk.

K. K. Roe, Esq., Bemidji, Minn. Dear Sir: Replying to your favor of August 17th:

The Commission Form of Government here was established by the efforts of certain citizens. A Committee actually canvassed the whole town and knew before the first election that they had a large majority in favor of it.

It is only by this kind of work, as a rule, that you can secure sufficient interest by the people to carry such a movement through. Usually the newspapers and the politicians are opposed to such a change, as it is apt to take out of their hands the control of affairs.

## Had Only One Speaker.

I think we only had one speaker here to address the people at a public meeting.

If your State has given you a good enabling act, you ought to have no difficulty in convincing the people that it is for their good to establish Commission Form of Government.

Civil Service has been established with us, in accordance with our law, and this takes out of the hands of those in power the use of offices of the City to pay their County and State Political debts, which is a great gain.

Yours very truly, J. F. Elder, Mayor.

## Puts it Up to Club.

Mr. Roe explains that Minnesota has an enabling act which makes possible the adoption of the commission plan as soon as a majority of the people decide that such a change would be desirable.

It is suggested by Mr. Roe that the Commercial club take the proposition up and if, after investigation, it seems wise to go ahead, that the club assume the responsibility of canvassing the city.

## The Egg and the Shell.

Eggs are made chiefly of carbonates of lime, and the yolk is half water, half oil and albumen, while the white of an egg, as it is called, consists of water chiefly with albumen and a little phosphorus and sulphur. The yolk always floats at the top of the white, so to be as near as possible to the hen when she sits upon it to hatch it, while two cords attached to the yolk, one at each end, prevent it from actually touching the shell.

## Ignorance.

A Scottish minister was asked to pray for rain. He did so, and the rain came down in floods and destroyed the crops. Irritated at the result, one disgusted elder confided to another that "this comes o' intristin' sic a request to a meenister who lana acquent wi' agriculture."

Why They Are Clander. "Women's minds are much cleaner than men's," said a woman teacher husband.

"They ought to be," replied her husband. "They change them so much oftener."—Ladies' Home Journal.

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## POST VACATION FISH TALES



## CUTTING 11 FOOT CORN

W. G. Chroeder Harvesting Field of 35 Acres Which Show Fourteen Ton Average.

## NO DAMAGE DONE BY FROST

Corn averaging 11 feet in height over a field of 35 acres is today being cut by W. G. Chroeder on his farm, northwest of Bemidji. It probably is the greatest stand of corn in this section of the country, ears, ranging in size from 15 inches to 18 inches in length, being well formed.

The stalks tower 4 or 5 feet about the big horses dragging the harvester, the machine resembling a vehicle going through a forest. A sample of the corn is on display at Schroeder's store here.

The corn is to be used in the Schroeder silo and it is averaging about 14 tons to the acre. Mr. Schroeder is keeping a careful account of the harvest and will be able to give the definite figures later. The corn is the Number 13 variety.

Although last night was cool, and there was a slight frost in low places, there was no damage done.

Professor Otto Bergh, agricultural instructor of the Bemidji high school, said today:

"I found a few blackened leaves on plants of the melon family, such as pumpkins, cucumbers, etc. The tomatoes also were slightly nipped, but absolutely no damage was done by the frost."

The Weather Man now insists that the cool wave will continue a short time and tonight will be another dangerous period for the tender plants, although it is not believed the mercury will go as low as last night.

## MODERN OCEAN LINERS.

Their Double Hulls Defy Hidden Rocks and Derelicts.

In the hands of a skillful marine architect much more has been accomplished with steel construction than the mere economy of space. The safety of vessels at sea has been enormously increased until in the highest type of modern ocean liners the element of danger is virtually eliminated.

The marvelous ingenuity displayed throughout this great fabric of steel in guarding against every possible contingency of the sea comes to the average landsman as a surprise. A great liner of 50,000 tons may be controlled by a single hand. The complicated machinery for safeguarding the ship is practically automatic.

The bottom of the great hull of the liner is doubled, the inner shell being strong enough to float the ship even if the outer hull be completely torn away. It is exceedingly unlikely that water would ever reach this inner shell through accident to the main hull, but the precaution is taken so that if it should strike a hidden object it will prove absolutely invulnerable.

The shipwrecks of the past caused by running upon hidden rocks, derelicts and icebergs are thus completely eliminated.—M. B. Coe in Cassier's Magazine.

## Wild Pennant Scramble is On.

The New York Giants are today leading a remarkably close pennant race of the National league. By winning another contest from Chicago yesterday, the Giants took a jump of five points ahead of the Cubs. Hard on the latter's heels are the Pittsburgh Pirates, for notwithstanding the loss to Philadelphia yesterday, the Pirates are only six points behind Chicago. It is several years since three teams run such a close race in the National league.

## STATE FAIR RATE GIVEN

Northern Pacific and Soo Line Announce Fare of One and One-third From Bemidji and Other Points.

## MAKES TRAVELING COST \$8.80

Information was today received by Passenger Agent Fisher that the Minnesota & International, subsidiary company of the Northern Pacific and the Soo Line, that a rate of a fare and one-third for the round trip had been established for the coming Minnesota state fair.

This will make the rate for Bemidji to St. Paul and return \$8.80 and to Minneapolis \$9.20.

These rates will go into effect September 4 and will continue until September 11, inclusive.

During the fair week the Minnesota & International will put on a special sleeper for the express benefit of Bemidji patrons, and reservations may be made accordingly.

The special rates granted by the roads make the rate approximately what it was under the old two-cent rate.

The Soo rate to the Twin Cities is, St. Paul \$13.35 and Minneapolis \$13.75, the mileage over that line being greater than via the Minnesota & International.

## CLUB PLANS CELEBRATION

Chairman Schneider Announces Event in Honor Commercial Order's New Home.

## WOMEN TO BE GIVEN RECEPTION

At a meeting of the entertainment committee of the Bemidji Commercial club last evening, called by Chairman E. A. Schneider, it was decided that a day should be set apart for the general public to inspect the new home of the club.

It was agreed that a reception should be given the women of the city during the afternoon and that a smoker for the men follow in the evening.

Other plans are merely tentative and definite arrangements, as well as the choice of date for the opening, will be decided upon at a meeting to be called later.

It is expected, however, that the celebration, which will be entirely informal and largely in the nature of a jollification meeting, will take place about September 15.

In the meantime the club rooms will be placed in permanent order and all the new equipment will have been installed by that time.

The new quarters were much admired by the trade visitors from Duluth last evening, who declared them to be as fine as any in the smaller cities of the state. The work of moving has been completed and the work of settling, in charge of James L. George, was so quickly done that the Duluth business men found the quarters in apple pie order.

## BIRMINGHAM MAY BE "WET"

Largest City in Alabama to Vote on Liquor Question Tomorrow.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 23.—Jefferson county, the largest county of Alabama, will vote at a special election tomorrow on the question as to whether legalized selling of liquor shall return or not. In addition to Birmingham the county embraces Bessemer and several other populous manufacturing centers, in consequence of which the election is regarded as the stiffest test to which prohibition has been put in Alabama since the adoption of the State-wide prohibition laws several years ago.

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## Martins and Gore at Wilson Barbecue

Trenton, N. J., Aug. 23.—United States Senators Thomas P. Gore of Oklahoma and James E. Martine of New Jersey were the chief speakers at the barbecue of the Woodrow Wilson Democratic Club, which was held at the Inter-State Fair Ground here today.

## NEAR DEATH IN FIGHT OVER INSULT TO WIFE

Peter Nelson Accused by Jay Weaver Improper Conduct and Has Three Bones Broken.

## BULLET FIRED AT CLOSE RANGE

Enraged Husband Grabs Stick and Wallops Adversary, Accused of Entering His Home.

## LATTER NOW LOCKED UP HERE

Taken Before Justice at Kelliher and in Absence of Bail Bond Committed to County Jail.

On complaint of Peter Nelson, who has two ribs and one arm broken, Jay Weaver, a watchman for the Bemidji Lumber company, is in the Beltrami county jail as the result of a desperate hand to hand fight Sunday at the Battle River dam, near Kelliher, following, Nelson asserts, an insulting proposal to his wife by Weaver, who is 66 years old.

## Weaver Guards Dam.

Weaver was guarding the dam Sunday. The Nelson home is but a short distance away. It is alleged Weaver went to the Nelson house and insulted Mrs. Nelson, her husband being absent at the time.

When Nelson returned his wife told him of her experience and he at once went to the dam and encountered Weaver, who denied any wrong doing.

## Nelson Unafraid of Rifle.

Despite the fact that Weaver was armed with a rifle, Nelson closed in on him and was struck two hard blows by Weaver who used the gun as a club, and then threatened to open fire, but the rifle appears to have failed to work.

Nelson declares Weaver continued to threaten his life and that to protect himself he picked up a stick and hit Weaver several blows.

## Bullet Grazes Nelson.

Weaver finally managed to get the rifle to working and sent a bullet toward Nelson, but the death dealing missile passing between Nelson's arm and side. Further efforts on the part of Nelson to use the rifle failed.

Although both men were suffering from wounds received, Nelson walked to Kelliher, swore out a warrant and compelled Weaver to appear before Justice Hardy, who bound Weaver over to await the action of the grand jury.

In default of bail bond he was committed to the county jail and was brought to Bemidji yesterday by Constable Wilson, and turned over to Sheriff Hazen who locked him in the county jail here.

Physicians dressed the wounds of each man. Neither appear to have been dangerously hurt, although Nelson's broken bones will disable him for several weeks.

## TAFT REVIEWS G. A. R. VETS

Parade of Old Soldiers Begins at 10 and Takes 4 Hours to Pass.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 23.—President Taft, as the guest of the Grand Army national encampment, today reviewed the gray-haired veterans of the Civil War as they marched through the streets of Rochester with flags flying, bands playing and the crowds cheering. Through two miles of shaded streets the old campaigners of Grant and Sherman moved in martial array to the blare of bands and the pipe and the roll of fife and drum. The procession started shortly after 10 o'clock this morning and was more than four hours in passing the reviewing stand in Clinton Avenue. Occupying seats with the president in the reviewing stand were Governor Dix of New York, Mayor Egerton ofables. As each division of the column of blue-clad veterans approached Rochester and a number of other notable stand the colors were dipped and each department commander joined Commander-in-Chief Gilman in the stand.

## South Dakota Druggists Meet.

Huron, S. D., Aug. 23.—Leading representatives of the retail drug trade throughout South Dakota gathered here today for the twenty-sixth annual convention of the State Pharmaceutical Association. The sessions will continue three days.