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MAYOR A. A. MCGILL PASSES AWAY HERE

Kelliher Resident Dies in Bemidji Following Operation Which Reveals Cancerous Growth.

FUNERAL HELD HERE TODAY

Had Been Prominent and Was to Become Proprietor of Newly Erected Hotel.

J. W. LEINAN, BLACKDUCK, DEAD

End Comes After He Had Been Brought to Bemidji for Medical Treatment.

A. A. McGill, 47 years old, mayor of Kelliher, and for a number of years a prominent hotel man of that city, died at St. Anthony's hospital here at 2 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mr. McGill had been in ill health for a number of years, and last week his condition became so serious that he was brought to Bemidji. An operation was found imperative and it was found that Mr. McGill was suffering from a cancer. Little hope was entertained for his recovery following the operation, and he slowly sank.

Funeral Services Held.

The funeral was held today at 1:30 p. m.; Rev. S. E. P. White having charge of the services which were held at the Presbyterian church, interment being made in Greenwood cemetery here.

Mr. McGill is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carrie McGill, a brother and sister, Charles and Ida McGill of Chicago, and his father, Alonzo McGill.

Mr. McGill was justice of peace at Kelliher and has been prominently identified with the upbuilding of that town. Recently he completely rearranged to take charge of the newly constructed three story hotel at that place.

Several persons from Kelliher attended the funeral.

J. W. Leinan is Dead.

J. W. Leinan, of Blackduck, died in St. Anthony's hospital here yesterday at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Leinan who had been ill for the past five months, and was a victim of stomach disorder failed to rally as had been hoped. The body was taken to Minneapolis this afternoon, where Mr. Leinan is survived by a wife and children, and interment will be made in that city.

Prayer in an East Indian Court.

The noon hour struck, tolled by the rail gong at the treasury door, and in a moment all things came to a standstill. The Mohammedan lawyers, the village Moslems loitering about the court, even Mozuffer Khan with his guardian policeman, all reverently withdrew. A moment later they reappeared on the wide concrete veranda outside the window at my left. There they laid down their prayer mats, and standing first with devoutly bowed heads and hands folded, they murmured the noon prayers of the prophet's religion; then knelt, still praying, and made obeisance, prostrating themselves before Allah the merciful, the compassionate. The reverence of their devotion was perfect and wholly free from the self-conscious whiffiness that I, the magistrate, had suspected that I, the magistrate, had suspected court to pray there in public.—Charles Johnston in Atlantic.

The Russian Amsterdam.

St. Petersburg is one of the few great cities which have been made and not born. During his residence in Holland Peter the Great was so impressed by Amsterdam, perched upon the waters, that he determined to abandon Moscow and build a new capital which should have canals for streets. In his campaign against Sweden in 1702 he noted an island situated in the mid-stream of the Neva. "Here is my Russian Amsterdam!" he exclaimed and immediately began the building of a city there. The site was a marsh in summer and a frozen morass in winter. Two miserable huts were the only buildings. The erection of the citadel, a great fort in the shape of a hexagon, with a tower 360 feet high, on the north bank of the Neva was his first care. The cottage in which Peter lived while laying out the city still exists.

Why He Left.

"Why did you leave that swell boarding house?"

"Because the swellness was at the expense of the food supply."

"What do you mean?"

"Four kinds of forks and two kinds of vegetables."—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

"CHRISTY" HITS ONE BATSMAN

New York Twirler Had Only Two Wild Throws in Season.

Christy Mathewson hit just one batsman last season, had two wild pitches and gave 38 bases on balls, fewer than one to a game. This record doesn't look very much as if the old boy were going back.

"Kid" Gleason, the old Philadelphia player, has signed with the White Sox as coach.

Marty O'Toole, the \$22,000 pitcher, has a bad shoulder and Pittsburgh is filled with the little glooms.

It is said that Connie Mack is anxious to add Hugh Bradley, of the Boston Red Sox, to the Athletics' roster.

With John M. Ward at the head of the club Boston fans figure that the Nationals will be in the running next season.

Manager Jimmy Callahan, of the White Sox, says that he will play ball as long as the jury in the left bleachers will stand for him.

Outfielder Perry, who led the Eastern, now International, league, in batting last season, has been sold by the Providence club to Detroit.

The Pacific Coast league will open the season on April 2 and close October 27. The Coast circuit has the longest playing season of any league in the country.

John McCloskey, the former big league manager and present owner of the Butte club in the Union association, will place a team in Ogden, Utah, next season.

Joe Tinker says the Cubs haven't treated him right. After ten years of service Joe thinks the Cubs should have released him to Cincinnati where he had a chance to manage the team.

W. H. Watkins and Sol Meyer, owners of the Indianapolis team, now control the Newark franchise in the Ohio State league and the Springfield franchise in the Central league.

"Germany" Schaefer met Clark Griffith after Clarke had witnessed Schaefer's vaudeville act. "How did you like it?" queried "Germany" of Griffith. "You're a good baseball player," replied Griffith.

Where does Ambrose McConnell fit? The White Sox sold "Amby" to Toronto, but now claim that they will keep him. In the meantime Washington has claimed the little second sacker through the waiver rule.

The National Association of Union Printers baseball team is made up of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Indianapolis and Denver printers. The Association will meet in Boston next August.

Marcel Moreau, one of the best middleweight boxers of France, has arrived in New York.

Mike (Twin) Sullivan announces that he is willing to meet Mike Gibbons in a 16-round bout, at any weight.

Harry Lewis says he got a raw deal when he lost the decision in Paris recently to Carpentier, the French boxer.

Sports for the Week.

Tuesday.

National A. A. U. indoor championships, Madison Square Garden, New York.

Cornell-Brown-Pennsylvania Intercollegiate chess tourney begins in Brooklyn.

Jack (Twin) Sullivan vs. Joe Jeannette, 10 rounds, at Buffalo.

Abe Attell vs. Charley White, 6 rounds, at Pittsburgh.

Wednesday.

National A. A. U. indoor championships, Madison Square Garden, New York.

Championship wrestling match between Alec Munro and Frank Gotch, at Kansas City.

Opening of the season of the National Association of Canada.

Opening of annual holiday week golf tournament at Pinhurst, N. C.

Jim Flynn vs. Tony Caponi, 10 rounds, at Salt Lake City.

Carl Morris vs. Tom Kennedy, 10 rounds, at New York City.

Battling Nelson vs. "One Round" Hogan, 10 rounds, at New York.

Frank Klaus vs. Eddie McGorty, 6 rounds, at Pittsburgh.

Thursday.

Annual meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic Association at New York.

Al Palzer vs. Al Kaufman, 10 rounds, at New York.

Friday.

McGill Hockey Club vs. New York Crescents, at New York.

Opening of New Year's golf tournament at Del Monte, Cal.

Saturday.

McGill Hockey Club vs. Boston Hockey Club, at Boston.

Challenge round for the Dwight F. Davis international tennis trophy begins at Christ Church, New Zealand.

BEMIDJI BRIEFS

Wm. Lennon and wife of Kelliher, are in the city today.

John C. Thorpe, the Shevlin merchant, was a Bemidji visitor yesterday.

R. J. Poupore of Kelliher, returned this morning from Minneapolis where he had gone on Saturday.

Mark Lambert left this morning for Blackduck after spending several days with his brother, Bert Lambert.

Paul Winclusky has gone to Renshaw where he will visit relatives and friends for the next two weeks.

Ed. Gould returned last night from International Falls where he had gone to spend Christmas, with friends.

Miss Ruth Smith of Port Wing, Wis., is spending the holidays at the home of her sister, Mrs. John M. Richards.

Miss Mae Barrette of Ranier, arrived in the city Saturday night to be the guest of her sisters, Rose and Dora Barrette.

Miss Kitty Welsh, who has been teaching in Duluth, is spending the holidays at the home of her brother, T. J. Welsh.

John Moberg will return tomorrow to the Moberg lumber camps at Ball Club, after spending Christmas with his family.

Tony Schusser returned this morning from Thief River Falls and Red Lake Falls, where he had gone to spend Christmas.

T. J. Crane, A. N. Gould and Charles Cominsky went to Duluth to spend several days. Mr. Gould will return tomorrow.

J. C. Schultz, of Brainerd, traveling auditor for the Minnesota & International Railway company, spent yesterday in Bemidji.

Miss Alta Fisk left this afternoon for Fargo, N. D., after spending Christmas with her father, D. H. Fisk, and sister, Miss Clara.

C. D. Herbert, proprietor of the depot lunch room, left last evening for Brainerd to be gone several days, looking after business interests there.

Mrs. L. L. Berman had as her guests at the Markham Hotel last evening Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Schumaker and children and Miss Leah Berman.

Bert Jameson and Misses Gertrude Jameson, Hannah Byrre and Georgia Tracy, all of Walker, were guests at dinner at the Markham Hotel last evening.

Miss Florence Mariner who has been confined to St. Anthony's hospital for the past several weeks, has gone to her home in Crookston to remain indefinitely.

R. T. Pope of Minneapolis, spent the past few days in the city visiting friends. Mr. Pope formerly traveled in this territory when he represented the Oliver Typewriter company.

Garnet Peterson will leave tomorrow after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Peterson, Jr., for International Falls, to resume his position as cashier of the First National Bank there.

Misses Olive Cunningham and Gladys Stanton will leave tonight for the Twin Cities for a two weeks' visit with friends. Miss Cunningham will stop for a several days visit in Brainerd on her return home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Lyeon had as their guests at Christmas dinner last evening, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. White and daughter, Marlon, Miss Sarah Quail of St. Cloud, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Torrance and daughter, Dorothy.

H. F. Davies returned yesterday afternoon to Devils Lake, N. D., and Dr. Leora Davies and brother, J. K. Davies, returned this morning to Chicago after spending Christmas at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Marcom.

Mrs. J. C. Parker and daughters Ella and Josephine and Miss Madie Stohl of Pinewood will leave tomorrow for the Park lumber camps at Cedar Spur for a two weeks' visit, stopping tomorrow in International Falls for the day.

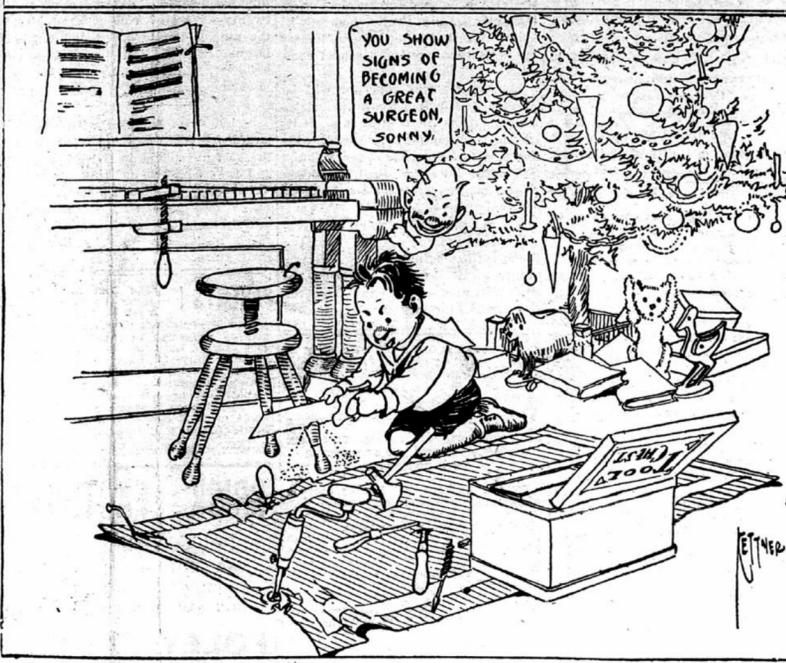
Clarence Shannon left this morning for St. Paul after spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Shannon, to work as a reporter on a St. Paul newspaper during the remainder of the holidays. He will continue his studies at the state university.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Martin Galchutt entertained a few friends in honor of her daughter, Miss Martha, who is spending her Christmas vacation at the home of her parents. The afternoon and evening were spent in singing and other pastimes. Christmas dinner was served. The guests were Misses Jessamine Peterson, Martha and Hilda Galchutt and Hiram Simons, Jr., Walter Jones and Melvin Galchutt.

Philadelphia Democrats are planning for a big Jackson Day banquet next month.

Superior, Wis., will vote January 23 on the question of adopting the commission plan of government.

TRYING THE CHRISTMAS TOOLS



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FUR POPULAR TRIMMING

Used With Shining Effects On All Gowns From Trotting Frock to Ball Room Dress.

CHIFFON IS FAVORITE MATERIAL

BY FLORENCE FAIRBANKS

Fur is a most popular trimming this winter for every type of costume, from trotting frock to ball gown. The results of its use are admirable if it is handled understandingly, but on the whole it imposes limitation on a frock, and fashionable or elegant separate furs worn with a costume into which fur does not enter is a more practical proposition.

In many cases a rather wide band of some long haired fur borders the skirt bottom of a suit or frock which has no other fur trimmings and this mode is pretty, except in the case of a very short walking skirt such as some young women now affect. French makers are showing a liking for such fur bands around back and sides, with some sort of finish at each side of the front, which is left plain. This skirt band of fur, with coat collar to correspond is extremely popular and in Paris, where the modes are followed with less consideration for utility than here, some of the smartest costumes of the winter are in white velvet or in white satin with wide skirt band of black lynx, black fox or skunk and big coat revers of the same fur, a corresponding muff being regarded as part of the costume.

There are shown, too, black velvet suits of similar type with white fur trimming and with big button holes bound in white, but the fluffy white fur at the bottom of the black skirt does not look altogether right and certainly is not sensible.

For dancing dresses chiffon seems to be the favorite material this season. Solid colors as well as printed floral designs are used in developing dresses in this material. The foundations are of satin, in self harmonizing colors, and the chiffon is invariably arranged in tunic form.

DEWEY 75 YEARS OLD TODAY

Receives Many Callers at Washington Home in Honor of Event.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 26.—(Special).—Admiral George Dewey, hero of the battle of Manila bay, and the ranking officer of the United States Navy, entered upon his 75th year today, having been born at Montpelier, Vt., December 26, 1837. There was no formal observance of the anniversary, though during the day there was an almost continuous stream of callers at the Dewey residence. The admiral remained at home with his family and gave a cordial welcome to the many friends who called to pay their respects.

A Virginia Dish.

In a baking dish place alternate layers of sliced apples and sliced boiled sweet potatoes, each layer sweetened and flavored with nutmeg. Add a lump of butter, pour over a little water and bake slowly until the top is nicely browned. Serve in dish in which it is baked.—National Magazine.

Burned While Playing Santa.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 26.—Playing Santa Claus in flannel attire and towed hempen hair, Geo. H. Sawyer, four years old went too close to the lighted candles on the Christmas tree in his home in Cliftondale and suffered burns which are expected to prove fatal. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seward Sawyer, were burned severely in beating out the flames.

THRESHER BUSY AT BAUDETTE

First Machine in North Beltrami Attracts Crowd of Spectators.

That the farming industry is becoming an important occupation to the extreme northern boundaries of Beltrami county is shown by the following from this week's issue of the Baudette Region: "The sound of the threshing machine was heard for the first time in Baudette Tuesday, when Paul Cowan threshed for M. A. Henderson on the outskirts of the village. It was quite an event in the history of the district and it attracted a large crowd. About 500 bushels of oats, wheat and barley were threshed, after which the machine was moved to Mr. Cowan's farm to begin operations on his large crop. Gjelhaug Bros. secured an excellent photo of the machine in operation. Next year it is expected that it will be kept in operation all summer."

SALVATIONISTS TO DO STUNTS

Captain and Mrs. Minnes Head Program of Music, Drills and Recitations

At the Presbyterian church tomorrow night, Captain and Mrs. J. C. Minnes, the clever Salvation Army musicians recently heard here, will have charge of a novel entertainment which will be made up of songs, solos, recitations, duets, readings, trios, speeches and drills. Captain Minnes will feature the evening by playing on tin cans.

Forecasting the Weather.

Of all the scientific departments the weather bureau was started with the least amount of knowledge of its particular subject. Independent observers had gathered a small amount of dissociated facts and based conclusions as it suited them upon the facts. But meteorology was a very indefinite thing, strongly fibered with bad guesses, myths, traditions and theories. It was like the German grammar of which Mark Twain complained. For every page of rules there were forty pages of exceptions. When the weather bureau was started it was with little worth while. It had to map out a campaign of study, and there was no way of telling how long it might be before the study would permit of the laying down of rules. Every one knows that the bureau is far more efficient than it was. It is getting the hang of the weather, learning its multitudinous tricks, its coyness and treachery. It is in the nature of the case a slow affair.—Toledo Blade.

NEW WAY PLEASERS THEM

Business Changes in Manner of Operating Wisconsin Cities Results in Better and Cheaper Service.

APPLETON LIKES EXPERIMENT

Appleton, Wis., Dec. 26.—Commission government for cities under the Wisconsin law is becoming popular in this state. Appleton and Eau Claire are now governed by commission, Oshkosh has just voted to adopt the new system, while La Crosse, Superior, Ashland, Chippewa Falls, Manitowoc, Fond du Lac, Antigo, Wausau, Racine, Janesville, Madison, Sparta and Menasha are considering the matter.

Appleton has been under commission government just eight months, but in that short time it has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of practically every one except the politicians that it is far superior to the old aldermanic system and very few would be in favor of returning to the old system.

Appleton adopted the commission government at a special election held Feb. 7, 1911, after a campaign of education, conducted by a citizens' committee. There were five candidates for mayor and 25 candidates for councilmen at the first primary, and the last mayor under the aldermanic system, Dr. James V. Canavan, was elected the first mayor under commission government.

Under the old system the mayor was paid a salary of \$500 a year and the aldermen \$5 a meeting and 50 cents an hour for committee service, and one of the objections to commission government was that the mayor in a city the size of Appleton would be paid \$3,500 a year and the councilmen \$3,000 a year each, but at the first meeting of the new council several offices under the old system were abolished, the commissioners doing the work, and in six months the new council saved the difference in the salaries for two years.

The mayor became commissioner of the poor, saving \$750 a year which had been paid for that position. Councilman Goodland became superintendent of streets, saving \$600. Councilman Schueller was made scaler of weights and measures, a saving of \$300. In the past the plumbing inspector had been paid in fees and received \$550 last year. The new council made the city engineer the plumbing inspector and the fees are now turned into the city treasury.

COUNCIL TO MEET TONIGHT

Adjourned Meeting to Be Held as Result of Christmas Day.

There will be an adjourned meeting of the city council tonight at which time further action will be taken regarding the ordinance authorizing the sale of certificates of indebtedness to obtain funds with which to operate the poor farm. There was a quorum present last night, the regular meeting night of the council but owing to the fact that it was Christmas adjournment was taken until tonight.

BEMIDJI JOYOUS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Many Reunions and Much Out Door Sports in Clear, Crisp, Ideal Weather.

TREE FOR POOR TO BE GIVEN

Event Takes Place Under Auspices of Salvation Army on Saturday Evening.

BAND DANCE SCENE OF BEAUTY

Christmas Tree, Gaudy in Colors, in Center of Ball Room Illumined By Tiny Colored Lights.

After weeks of busy preparations, choosing and buying, and anticipation for the little folks, Bemidji greeted the annual anniversary of the birth of the Savior with becoming quiet, yet with the proper amount of Christmas cheer.

The weather man could not have been more considerate. The mild, spring weather gave way to cold, snappy winter air, yet not too cold to permit of the out-of-door amusements. Many persons enjoyed skating, and sleigh-riding was popular. Children were out trying the new sleds and skis Santa Claus had brought them.

To Have Christmas Tree.

A Christmas tree and musical program will be given in the City Hall by the Salvation Army, and if there is any little child who will not receive one of the pretty toys it will not be the fault of the charity workers, for every agency has been employed to find the unfortunate children, or tired mothers, who have not had something of this Christmas happiness, that they may enjoy this program.

The ideal home Christmas was celebrated in the many homes where the family reunion took place. Many out-of-town students were home, as well as old friends who had not visited Bemidji in years, and special Christmas dinners and informal entertainments were given in their honor.

Hotel in Holiday Attire.

In the restaurants and hotels, there were gay little dinner parties, and the belated traveler, too, was given as merry a Christmas as possible, some of the dining rooms being prettily decorated with pine, holly and mistletoe, and everywhere the usual turkey dinners were served.

Amusement in plenty was offered to the joy seeker. The several motion picture houses gave special programs.

Many Bemidji persons spent their Christmas in other places.

200 at Band Dance.

At the City Hall there was a merry Christmas dance which came close to setting a record for attendance, more than 200 persons attending. The decorations also were extraordinary. A real Christmas tree in gorgeous array occupied the center of the floor, being bedecked with tiny, twinkling, electric lights of all colors, while shimmering tinsel produced an effect as of strings of diamonds.

Christmas stars and holly banks, mingled with vari-colored lights were arranged on the walls of the ball room while the ceiling was studded with still more of the electric miniature bulbs giving the room a fairyland appearance.

Masten Offers Thanks.

The dance was arranged by the Bemidji band and was given under the auspices of that organization. Director Harry Masten conducted an orchestra of 13 pieces.

As a result of the dance the band is \$35 richer.

"Naturally we were pleased with the dance," said Mr. Masten today, "and the band wants to thank all who assisted in arranging for the affair and to all who attended."

J. R. Watkins Dies.

Winona, Minn., Dec. 25.—J. R. Watkins, wealthy head of the J. R. Watkins Medical company of Winona, died yesterday at Kingston, Jamaica.

John Tower endeavored to sell his wife Elizabeth at auction in London in June, 1817, but the authorities prevented the sale.