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## MAXFIELD SAYS SETTLERS COMING

State Immigration Commissioner Has Received Many Letters of Inquiry.

## MAJORITY ARE HOMESEEKERS

Intend to Locate on Northern Minnesota Lands and Build Their Homes in Minnesota.

## PROSPECTS NEVER BETTER

All Signs Point to Influx of New People This Spring—Some Locate Near Bemidji.

## Special to The Pioneer.

St. Paul, Feb. 13.—There will be the greatest movement of homeseekers to Minnesota this spring in the history of the state, according to H. J. Maxfield, commissioner of immigration today. "Every indication points to this," said Mr. Maxfield. "I do not draw this conclusion from the activity in this line last year, or from the splendid reports of many prospects, sent me by local real estate dealers, but from actual correspondence received by this office the past six months. From a file of letters marked 'follow ups' and amounting to several hundred the following extracts were taken:

G. A. Acree, formerly of Williamsburg, Connecticut, writes us from Baudette: "We are here as a consequence of the books you sent us almost a year ago, advertising your state and are well pleased, and we have gotten others interested in coming. Send them literature."

Carl Peterson, Grindstone, South Dakota: "In reply to your letter, I have picked out Koochiching county and will attend the state land sales there."

Fred Pleggenkuhle, Cedar Rapids, Iowa: "I now own 3,000 acres of land in Cass county. My son will settle in that county this spring."

Geo. E. Cole, formerly of Missouri, writes us from Nevis, Minn., as follows: "I have lately come to Minnesota from Missouri and am now located here."

G. W. Chapman, Clarion, Iowa: "Your last letter at hand. I was up at Mora, Minn., this fall and looked the country over and I liked it very much. I fully intend to locate in Minnesota in the near future."

Was in Beltrami County. C. D. Francisco, Shippenville, Pa., writes in part: "I have recently returned from a trip of inspection from your state and find your letter upon my return. In company with other parties I made a trip to Roseau and Beltrami counties and since my return, I am advising some of my neighbors about the opportunities there."

L. N. Bowman, Kings, Illinois: "In reply to your letter, I have decided that Cass county is about where I want to buy land, so send me information about it."

Oliver Bailey, Luther, Okla.: "In reply to your letter of January 3, you may be surprised to know that I am about to locate in Roseau county, close to Roosevelt. I am trading for a quarter section there."

Rud Dorgersrode, 330 N. Lawrence street, Philadelphia, Pa., says: "Expect to locate in Minnesota in the spring of next year. Give me shipping directions."

Chas. Dussell, Marmon, North Dakota: "I am in a deal for 200 acres of land near Bronson in Kittson county. Send me detailed information about that country."

Bought Near Bemidji. H. E. James, Edgewood, Iowa: "In reply to yours of recent date. While I have not decided to come to Minnesota I may look your country over next spring. I have shown the literature to my friends so much that it is worn out with the following results: Two parties from here, Bert Dodds and J. Foster, went to Minnesota and bought land near Bemidji; also a friend from an adjoining town took up a homestead. Several other parties are thinking seriously about going up there next spring."

Geo. Ball, 1304 Main street, Des Moines, Iowa, writes as follows: "Through advice and literature sent me, I am living at Big Falls, Koochiching county. I have sixty acres of land and am well pleased. "These are a fair sample of the

## FRANK K. STURGIS.

Former Stock Exchange Head Witness Before Pujo Committee.



Photo by American Press Association.

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\* **BECKER'S MOTHER WAITS** \*  
\* New York, Feb. 13.—A little \*  
\* gray haired woman, ninety \*  
\* years old living in a Long Is- \*  
\* land town, receives every morn- \*  
\* ing a letter from her son, in \*  
\* which he tells her that he is \*  
\* getting better and that he ex- \*  
\* pects to see her just as soon as \*  
\* his health is fully recovered. \*  
\* The mislve comes from for- \*  
\* mer Police Lieutenant Charles \*  
\* Becker, who is awaiting electro- \*  
\* cution in the death house at \*  
\* Sing Sing. \*  
\* Mrs. Anna Becker hasn't seen \*  
\* a paper for a good many years. \*  
\* It's hard for her to make out \*  
\* the characters, so there is al- \*  
\* ways some one good enough to \*  
\* read all the parts that might \*  
\* interest her. In this way the \*  
\* news that her favorite son has \*  
\* been convicted and is under \*  
\* sentence of death has been kept \*  
\* from her. She thinks he is in \*  
\* a hospital and all the letters are \*  
\* written upon the stationery of \*  
\* a hospital. \*  
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hundreds of similar letters received and now on file in this office. In response to a system of 'follow up' letters, which are sent out thirty days after our first communication, every mail brings such letters as are quoted above, either saying they have purchased land in Minnesota or are planning to come in the spring. Prospects were never better and I look for the greatest movement in Minnesota farm lands in the history of the state."

## MANN LEADS FILIBUSTER

Washington, Feb. 13.—Led by Republican floor leader Mann of Illinois and Representative Garner (Dem., Tex.) opponent of the Hon. H. C. Woodruff's bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for the national exhibit at the Panama canal exposition at San Francisco in 1915, late this afternoon began a filibuster against the bill which promised to last late into the night.

Roll call was demanded by the leading filibuster.

## MINNESOTA ALUMNI.

The annual banquet of the Alumni association will be held in Minneapolis Friday evening. Bemidji alumni have been requested to send greetings to the guests of honor, Presidents Folwel, Northrop and Vincent. Alumni wishing their names signed to the greetings call 679 between 6 and 8 tonight.

## FISHER PROTESTS TRANSFER

Washington, Feb. 13.—Protest against a transfer of the Alaska coal land cases from the interior department to the court of claims for settlement was entered today by Secretary Fisher.

The Jones bill giving the claims court this authority was before a senate committee.

## STAY IS GRANTED

J. O. Harris Allowed Ten Days in Which to Perfect Appeal From District to Supreme Court.

Judge C. W. Stanton this morning heard the prayer of J. O. Harris that a judgment in the Moon-Harris election contest be entered for Mr. Harris and that if it was denied, that Mr. Harris be given ten days in which to perfect his appeal to the supreme court. Judge Stanton denied the motion for judgment and allowed Mr. Harris ten days for the appeal.

## ROBBED OF \$60.00

Walker Man Took In Strange Bed Fellow and Awoke in the Night With His Roll Missing.

Olaf Aede, of Walker, claims that he was robbed of \$60 last night in a room over "Big Harry" Gunsalus saloon. Aede says that the money was taken from him while he slept by a lumber jack whom he had befriended by allowing him to sleep in the same room. Aede's watch and some small change were not touched. The police were told by Aede that his lumber jack friend represented himself destitute and that he had bought drinks for both. The man said that he had no money so Aede invited him to share the room for the night. In order to protect his money, Aede put his wallet in his vest and wore the vest to bed. When he awoke, the vest was open and the wallet and a new overcoat missing. It is believed the thief escaped on a night train.

## PASSED BAD DRAFT

Police are looking for a man who styled himself "John Webber" to T. A. Carlson yesterday and succeeded in getting \$18 cash from Mr. Carlson on a bad check for \$64.

Mr. Carlson said that the man represented himself to be a farmer near Wilton and that he bought \$46 worth of goods. "Webber" said that he would like to have the goods crated and ready so that he could take them home this morning. He tendered a draft for \$64 drawn on the First National Bank of Minneapolis by "Thomas Lunham" and endorsed by "R. T. McWilliams" and Carlson gave the man \$18 in cash and put the draft in the bank this morning. It was returned as not good.

Investigation developed that W. L. Brooks, cashier of the Northern National Bank had written the draft for "Lunham" as he represented that he had money on deposit in Minneapolis and wanted to send \$64 to a friend in Southern Minnesota. Mr. Brooks was looking for "Lunham" this morning.

This is the second piece of bad paper to be passed in Bemidji this week as an Indian passed a bad check for \$20 on the Berman Emporium Tuesday.

## TEACHERS RE-ELECTED

At a special meeting of the school board yesterday afternoon, the list of teachers recommended for re-election by the teachers committee of Superintendent Dyer, and members Brown and Roe was passed. All teachers but A. E. Nelson were re-elected. Mr. Nelson's election being held up pending his report on the school farm. No action was taken on the creamery proposition as the matter had not been brought before the board.

## BAD \$20 BILL

A bad \$20 bill was passed on the T. J. Crane store last week. The bill was on a New Jersey state bank and similar to the national bank notes. The error was not discovered until the bill was taken to the bank this week and it was then too late to trace the person who passed it.

## "SPEAK KINDLY TO YOUR COW"



(Copyright) Wisconsin Man Writes Series of Injunctions to Milkmen.—News Item.

## DEER RIVER HERE FRIDAY

Champions of the Range to Meet Bemidji in Basketball and Fast Game is Predicted.

## TROUBLE OVER BRAINER DATE

Friday night the High school basketball team will play the Deer River team in this city. Deer River has played Cass Lake and Bagley and several of the cities on the range and have won every game. Their men are large and are apparently capable of playing a fast game. If Bemidji wins the game tomorrow, it will mean a step toward the championship and will also put them in line for the championship of the range as Deer River is in the lead there at present.

It is a big expense to bring the visitors here, as the train connections are poor and the team will remain in Bemidji a whole day at local expense.

A game has been scheduled with Brainerd for Feb. 21, but it is doubtful as yet as to whether or not the team can obtain a hall for that date. W. B. MacLachlan has advertised a roller masquerade for that date and as the hall has been rented for Feb. 22, there will probably be no opportunity for a game in that hall for the last of next week. Bemidji is anxious to meet Brainerd as they are now playing a fast game and have defeated nearly all the fast teams in line for the championship.

A large number of rooters are expected to accompany the Deer River team tomorrow night and dance will be given in their honor after the game.

## TROOPS READY TO MOVE

Three Thousand Infantry and 2,500 Marines May Be Sent To Protect Americans in Mexico.

## ANARCHY FEARED IN CITY

Vera Cruz, Mex., Feb. 13.—Disturbances from Mexico City say that in addition to the battle raging in the streets mobs are forming and that shooting has become general.

Even the houses in the line of fire are being plundered by mobs that are roaming the streets and anarchy is threatened.

Nearly all the stores that have not been plundered have been closed and foodstuffs have become so high as to be unavailable for the poorer class. Dispatches from Mexico City also say that the Madero government is expected to flee the before tomorrow night, unless the tide of battle turns in the government's favor.

Calmenera, Cuba, Feb. 13.—The United States battleship Nebraska sailed for Mexico 10:30 Wednesday morning. The remainder of the American fleet here is awaiting orders.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Preparations have been made to move approximately 2,500 marines from the ships of the Atlantic fleet and the Guantanamo naval station to Vera Cruz, to be held in readiness there for landing, in case it should be necessary to relieve the foreign legations in Mexico City.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The First brigade of the First division of the army, about 3,000 strong, has been ordered prepared for "expeditionary service." It is composed of the Third Infantry, at Madison barracks and Oswego, the Fifth Infantry at Plattsburg and the Twenty-ninth Infantry at Fort Niagara, all in New York.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The American Red Cross has transmitted \$1,000 to Ambassador Wilson in Mexico City, \$500 to be used by the American Red Cross society and \$500 at the discretion of the American ambassador for the relief of wounded and destitute American citizens.

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL

A. E. Witting is in Minneapolis attending the automobile show.

## TWO FIRES IN BAUDETTE

Office of Cedar Company Burned and Settler Loses Home—Both Had Small Losses.

Baudette, Minn., Feb. 13.—The cedar company's office conducted by U. S. Hicks was found to be on fire about 10 a. m. Monday, but the Baudette fire department reached it in time to put out the fire, before much damage was done.

Peter Caveran, who lives north of the Rainy River saw mill, on the government road, about two miles north of here, lost his home by fire Monday morning. The fire was started in the cellar from some unknown cause. Peter froze his feet while going to a neighbor for help. He had no insurance.

The Duluth Brewing and Malting company is going to build a \$35,000 hotel in Baudette during the next summer. It will contain not less than forty available rooms for guests and will be as nearly fireproof as possible. It will be three stories high, constructed of reinforced concrete and pressed brick, and modern in every respect.

H. M. McCumber, electrician of St. Paul, who was called to Pitt last week, on account of the death of his father, was in town Tuesday with his brother, George, of Pitt.

Marshal J. R. Dundas was appointed deputy sheriff of this end of the county last week by Sheriff Johnson. Jack is well fitted for the job, and no better appointment could have been made.

## JOHNSON BUYS A FORD.

Edward Johnson, of Irvine avenue, bought a Ford automobile from the Northern Automobile company yesterday.

## DENIES HE ASKED FOR MONEY

Washington, Feb. 13.—Denial of charges that he "illegally held up" federal employes in Arkansas for contributions to the Republican campaign fund of 1912 was made today to the Clapp committee by George H. Campbell of Little Rock, treasurer of the state committee.

He said he wrote many office holders requesting donations, but denied fixing the amount they were asked to give.

## SHEEP TO FOLLOW A FREIGHT RATE

Montana Raiser Waits on Great Northern to Allow Him to Ship in a Train Load.

## WANTS TO THE TEST COUNTRY

Says if Venture Succeeds This Summer Thousands More Will Be Sent Following Season.

## SAHL TO MAKE A PLAT

Will Go Over Ground Between Here and Akeley to Chart the Sheltered South Slopes.

A trainload of sheep, to the number at least 2,500, will be shipped to Bemidji this spring and unloaded here for summer grazing, provided the Great Northern will make the sheep men a rate of the through rate plus \$5 per car. This is the announcement J. J. Opsahl makes after returning from a trip to Minneapolis the latter part of last week.

In Minneapolis, Mr. Opsahl met G. P. Pope, of Miles City, Montana, and Mr. Pope returned with him as far as Walker and Akeley. Mr. Pope is a sheep man and at present is wintering about 50,000 head. He says that he is in the same position as other western sheep men who find that their ranges are being diminished by the incoming homesteaders.

From Walker, Mr. Pope and Mr. Opsahl drove west through the Lake George country to Akeley. Mr. Pope at first did not care to look over the country in the winter but at Akeley expressed himself as favorably impressed with the range possibilities of the country.

"If the Great Northern will make me a rate," said Mr. Pope I will ship in at least one trainload of ewes this spring and try the range possibilities of the country. The ewes will come in as soon as I can be assured that there is feed for them but they must be here by the first week in May. They will be heavy with wool and lamb at that time. In the trainload, there will be from 2,500 to 4,000 head. I will pasture them here in the summer and then ship them all to the markets in the fall."

Mr. Pope commissioned Mr. Opsahl to make a plat of the country between Bemidji and Akeley showing the hills and especially the south slopes. He said that the ewes would have no trouble in lambing if they had sheltered spots on south slopes. Mr. Pope will bring men to care for the sheep if the animals are shipped.

In Akeley Mr. Opsahl found that the business men went back from the Bemidji sheep meeting enthusiastic and are taking steps to assist the Bemidji Commercial club to get the sheep into this country. The Akeley men say that they realize that when the lumber mill is moved the city will suffer a great financial loss unless the surrounding country can be built up in the meantime.

## CROOKSTON BANK SOLD

The Scandia-American bank of Crookston has been sold to A. A. Miller and J. P. Foote, doing a loan and loan business in that city under the firm name of Miller & Foote.

About a year ago the Scandia bank was sold by Miller & Foote, who had conducted it for a long time, to Lewis Ellington and H. D. Reed with whom were associated J. H. Ruettell, Halvor Steenerson, Charles Loring, C. C. Strander, G. S. Chesterman, H. Holte and some others. Mr. Ellington was elected president of the institution and H. D. Reed, cashier. The bank was capitalized for \$50,000 and there was a surplus of \$10,000.

The announcement was made a day or two ago that Mr. Ellington had been appointed postmaster of Crookston by President Taft and is now awaiting confirmation by the senate.

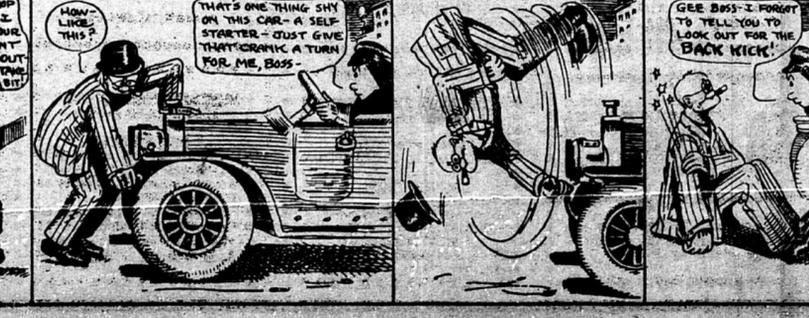
## MORE BUSINESS IN CASS LAKE

Cass Lake, Feb. 13.—J. Redden, an Iowa man, and Ed Barbeau, of Cleveland, Ohio, have leased the building west of Marsh's block in West Cass Lake, from W. J. Fahey, of Crystal, N. D., and will open a restaurant and billiard hall, herein at once. Mr. Redden was here for a short time last fall getting medical treatment for a hand which was lacerated by a saw mill and he decided to engage in business here and bring his family from Iowa.

## SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER



## Scoop Didn't Wait To Crank The Car Himself



## By "HOP"

