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COMPENSATION BILL MAY NOT BE PASSED

Labor Men All Over State Are Aroused to Action Due to the Twin City Mass Meetings.

NO LABOR UNIONS FAVOR IT

Workmen Want Such an Act But Say Present Measure Does Not Help the Situation.

TWO NEW PROPOSITIONS UP

Classified Personal Property and Corporation Indebtedness Taxes to Be Considered.

By United Press.

St. Paul, Minn., March 13.—It seems to be generally conceded that the so-called workmen's compensation measure, drafted by the special senate committee appointed two years ago, and which is now before the labor committee of that body, will never be passed. Doubt is expressed that it will ever be favorably reported by the committee.

Labor men all over the state are aroused to a point of action, due to the mass meetings held in the twin cities, where the bill was vigorously opposed. Every mail adds a batch of protests to the list and the legislators will soon be flooded with petitions and communications.

There is no record of even one union labor organization having gone on record as favoring the proposed law. Many have declared in favor of a workmen's compensation act, but they used the word "compensation" literally, and the point is made that the present bill does not compensate.

As the result of the visit to St. Paul and Minneapolis of Chas. H. Crownhart, chairman of the Industrial commission of Wisconsin, which body has supervision over claims arising under the workmen's compensation act in that state, there is a strong possibility that some legislator will introduce the Wisconsin law before the time limit arrives.

Even Mr. Crownhart admitted that the Wisconsin law is not perfect, but he said it would be amended, and that with the proposed amendments, he considered it the best law of its kind in the union.

Reapportionment and the Dunn good roads bills are the big matters now before the senate and it is likely that each will be disposed of this week.

Both the senate and house grain probe committees are likely to conclude their work this week. Chairman S. D. Works of the senate committee has announced his intention of trying to terminate the hearings by Saturday, while the house committee is anxious to get through in order to enable their attorney, Congressman James Manahan, to get back to Washington.

Takes Measures Up.

Two tax measures that greatly affect the cities and their business interests will come up for action in the senate committee on taxes and tax laws in the near future. They are the classified property assessment bill and an amendment to the existing law relating to the taxation of corporations so that they will hereafter be compelled to pay taxes upon their indebtedness.

Both of these measures already have been passed by the house. It is understood that both bills emanate from the tax commission.

Many owners of property are protesting against the passage of the bill providing for the classification of property for the purpose of taxation. They say that the classifications made in the bill and the percentages to be assessed in most cases, are unfair and that they discriminate against different kinds of property owners.

The classified assessment bill provides that all homesteads, including both city and country homesteads, the latter comprising eighty acres of land and all buildings thereon, shall be assessed at twenty-five cents. All other city property shall be assessed at fifty per cent and all farm and unplotted lands with improvements shall be assessed at 33 1-3 per cent; stocks of merchandise, 33 1-3 per cent; household effects, twenty-five per cent, and other personal property fifty per cent.

Those who are supporting this (Continued on last page).

THOMAS NELSON PAGE.

Novelist May Succeed Late White-law Reid as Ambassador to England.



GO TO CASS LAKE

About twenty high school students will accompany the High school team to Cass Lake Saturday when the Bemidji High and Cass Lake basketball teams will clash. The local team expects to win from the Cass Lakers but not by as large a score as in the game played here as the Cass Lake hall is much smaller and it is almost impossible for a team not familiar with the hall to make a good showing. The ceiling is too low for shooting baskets from a distance but as the local team has developed excellent team work they are confident of winning. Those accompanying the team will form a rooting club.

REPLACES NELSON

A. H. Kuhlman, a graduate of the Wisconsin Agricultural college, has been engaged by the board of education to finish the year in Bemidji as the successor of A. E. Nelson. Mr. Kuhlman has been offered a two year contract but has not yet signed for that time. During his senior year and since leaving college he has been teaching short courses.

FAST GAME PROMISED

Tonight the "Big Bemidji" basketball team will clash with the fastest basketball team that has ever represented Superior, Wis. The game will be played in the roller rink. Seating arrangements have been made to handle the crowd and as the hall is large there is room for over 300 people. The stage will be used to seat the "Hoodoo" band that will entertain both the team and the audience during the entire forty minutes of play.

The Superior team arrived this afternoon on the Great Northern and are prepared to give Bemidji a game that they will remember for some time. The local boys feel confident of winning as the visitors are handicapped by the large hall and will not be able to play as strong a game the first night as they will Friday. Prof. Earl Carson will referee the entire game and the "Big Bemidji" lineup will be as follows: Brandon and Bell, forwards; Peck and Jacobson, guards; Al Neuman, center. To bring the Superior Y. M. E. A. team to Bemidji meant an expense of about \$100 but such good support is being shown the team that the boys believe they can clear expenses.

PENSIONS

ASSISTANCE TO BE GIVEN TO MOTHERS

Campbell Bill, Providing for \$10 Per Month Per Child, Passed House This Afternoon.

Special to The Pioneer. By United Press.

St. Paul, March 13.—Rev. W. A. Campbell's mothers' pension bill passed the house this afternoon by a vote of 81 to 12. Campbell led the fight and was assisted by several friends.

The age limit in the bill was reduced from seventeen to fourteen years but otherwise the measure was not amended.

The bill as passed provides that when in the opinion of the judge it is better to leave children with a mother than send them to a state institution to be kept at public expense, he may allow the mother a pension of \$10 per month for each child of fourteen or under.

This expense is to be borne by the county in which the mother resides and the county in turn will be reimbursed by the state by \$5 per month.

DIED IN CITY JAIL

A man registered as Bob Tierney died in the city jail yesterday afternoon sometime between half past three and four o'clock. The man was a vagrant who had been hanging around town for some time and was picked up for being drunk. Nothing is known of his family although he had a letter signed "Mother" from a point in Iowa.

WARNED OF DEATH IN YEAR, CHICAGO MAN SUICIDED

Chicago, March 13.—When John Wunderle, forty-five, was told by a physician that he could not live a year he went to an adjoining room and shot himself this afternoon. He had overworked and was suffering from nervous breakdown. Wunderle was for thirty years employed as a clerk for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road.

MANY ARE POSTING BETS

A number of bets have been made on the roller race which will be held next Wednesday night at the roller rink. Bertel Buckland, the local champion, will race Ellsworth Ramsdell of Akeley in a twenty lap race. Buckland has defeated all of the local skaters that competed for the championship and also Irvine Sherman who held the championship of North Dakota. Sherman will again race the winner of Wednesday night's race as he believes he can win if he can obtain a good pair of fibre skates.

WILL ENFORCE PUBLICITY LAW

Washington, March 13.—Postmaster General Bursleson declared today that unless the supreme court issues the injunction requested by newspaper publishers to prevent his enforcement of the newspaper publicity law, he will immediately proceed against the newspapers which have not observed the statute.

There are about 150 papers that did not send in sworn statements as required.

WHO SHOULD WORRY?



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CONTEST FOR CARRIERS ELECTION RETURNS ARE GOING TO BLACKDUCK

Pioneer Paper Boys to Compete For Monthly Prize With a Big One Twice a Year.

IS BASED ON COMPLAINTS

In order to effect a better and more efficient service in the delivery of the Daily Pioneer to city subscribers, this paper has inaugurated a prize contest among the newsboy carriers. Beginning Monday, March 17, an accurate record will be kept of all complaints received at this office from subscribers who have reason to complain for not getting the paper or for inefficient service rendered by the carriers.

All carriers who complete thirty days of perfect service will receive a prize and a capital prize will be given to the carrier who shows the cleanest record during the period of six months. The Pioneer urgently requests that all subscribers who do not get first class service advise this office, stating the nature of the complaint. The boys will be marked according to the number of complaints and their nature. For example, when the paper is not delivered, the boy receives a black mark, or when it is not delivered where the subscriber wishes the paper placed, it counts against him.

The Pioneer desires that every one of its subscribers should receive the paper regularly and without an omission. It is believed that through the conduct of such a contest the subscribers will learn to know the carrier boys better and the boys will be particularly anxious to keep a clean record, thus bringing about a more perfect delivery service. The co-operation of our readers will be greatly appreciated by the management.

ARTICLES ARE FILED.

The Liberty Telephone company today filed its articles of incorporation with the register of deeds. It is a farmers' line running through Maple Ridge, Liberty and Eckles townships and through the villages of Scribner and Wilton to Bemidji. The incorporators are planning on extending the line this spring. E. M. Sathre is the president of the company.

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Town of Summit.

Supervisor, Henry Berg. Clerk, Arthur Gilstad. Treasurer, Tom Thompson. Assessor, Arthur E. Anderson. Justice, Josiah Weaver. Constable, Soren Thompson. Overseer, Charles Olson.

Town of Maple Ridge.

Supervisor, Merrick St. Peter. Clerk, William Carlson. Treasurer, William Tisdell. Assessor, John W. Mackey. Justice, Joseph St. Peter. Constable, R. B. Hayes.

Village of Wilton.

President, J. O. Melby. Trustees, P. J. Frodahl, John B. Horen, Nels Volland. Treasurer, Albert Martin. Recorder, M. A. Rognlien. Justices, J. M. Watkins and O. L. Stortroen. Constables, Ole Guisness and Dan Sullivan. Assessor, O. L. Stortroen.

LICENSE.

Many Bemidji People Intend to See Home Talent Play in City Hall Friday Night.

PROMINENT MEN IN THE CASTE

The plot weaves around the experiences of a man who has engaged in a fight in his club and comes home with the wrong hat. In his efforts to find the owner of the hat and the troubles which come to him over the wrong person appearing for the hat, many comic situations are created. After carrying the story through three acts, with preparations for a duel in the last, the play ends to the apparent relief of all concerned.

The caste of characters is as follows:

- Sam Selwyn, a married man. J. E. Dade
- Fred Bellamy, his unwilling slave Albert Bye
- Captain Katskill, of the Kilkenny Irregulars. J. F. Sullivan
- Dibbs, a boy in buttons. Ivan Cann
- Bosco Blithers, a professor. Dr. J. M. Freeberg
- Mrs. Selwyn. Mrs. J. C. Parker
- Grace, her daughter. Mrs. S. E. Ellenson
- Tilly, a parlor maid. Miss Ella Hermanson
- Lottie Blithers, Fred's fiancée. Mrs. J. M. Reed

LUMBERJACKS ARE HERE.

Lately the Bemidji streets have been crowded with lumberjacks that have swarmed in to the city from the surrounding country. Nearly all of the lumber camps have broken up and the majority of the men have received large checks and are spending hundreds of dollars with Bemidji merchants. Some of the men will stay in Bemidji and work in the saw mills which will commence sawing March 24, while a great number will leave for Dakota and other points to work on farms until next fall.

MILLS TO START SAWING APRIL 1

Crookston Lumber Company Says It Will Begin Operations Then Even If Ice is Still In

NEW \$10,000 ADDITION READY

Steam Skidders Bring Double Sized Logs From Woods—Must Be Resawed Here.

NEW BUTTERMAKER ARRIVES

E. C. Styles Will Open Creamery for Business Middle of Next Week— Comes From Waltham

Although there is a covering of several inches of snow over the ice in the lake, the indications for an early opening are so strong that both lumber companies are preparing to start sawing within a month. This morning the Crookston Lumber company stated that it would start its mill April 1, which is one week earlier than it started last year and the Bemidji Lumber company stated that it would start sawing as soon as the ice is out of the lake.

An addition to the Crookston mill has been built to care for the longer logs which were cut in the woods this winter. The Crookston company has three steam skidders working and with these modern machines, they are able to bring double length timber out of the woods. As the logs are too long to be handled in the old way, an addition with saws was made to the mill and the timbers will be cut in half as they come up from the lake. The addition has cost a little over \$10,000.

T. A. McCann said this morning that he believed the Crookston cut would at least be equal to that of last year and possibly larger as the mill is starting one week earlier and may be able to saw later. He said that in 1912 the mill stopped the first week in November but could have cut for two more. The Bemidji mill expects to saw as much in 1913 as it did in 1912.

With the breaking up of many of the camps in this vicinity, the men have been coming into the city in large numbers. Some are staying, while others are going through to the Dakotas. Many expect to take a vacation until the mills start and then work in the yards. The snow last night and this morning somewhat crippled the work in the yards as the bobs had been discarded and the carriages brought out.

Another sign of spring is the arrival of the new butter maker, E. C. Styles, and the announcement that the Bemidji Creamery will start operations about the middle of next week. Mr. Styles, who was accompanied by his wife, comes to Bemidji from Fergus Falls and has been in the business about three years. Last year he operated a creamery at Waltham, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Styles have moved into the house at 911 Dewey avenue which was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Rathbun when burned out a month or two ago.

VAGRANTS MUST LEAVE TOWN

Every day a few vagrants are arraigned in police court for petty offences. Most of these men are public nuisances who are living entirely off of the lumberjacks. They are nearly always without money when picked up by the police and as a result the only sentence that can be given them is a few hours to leave town or a short sentence in the county jail. Most of them are given the former as a jail sentence means an expense to the city. Judge Crowell stated this morning when trying a vagrant that hereafter heavier sentences will be imposed upon these vagrants. The new police force has picked up a large number of these men and will continue to do so until the city is rid of all undesirables.

TWO PLAYS ON MARCH 28

Practice on the two High school plays is held every evening in the High school building. Miss Marjorie Knappen has charge of both plays. The new talent in the High school is used in these plays and each character has special training for the role. Both plays will be presented March 28.

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