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OPTION FOR CITIES OF FOURTH CLASS

If Bill Passed by Both Houses Is Signed By Eberhardt, Bemidji Can Vote on Saloons.

SUPREME COURT MEN NAMED

Homer D. Dibell, of Duluth, and Myron D. Taylor, of St. Cloud, Appointed Commissioners.

O'NEILL MEASURE IS FAVORED

Senate Committee Recommends Road House Bill—May Support Development Work.

St. Paul, March 15—The house Friday passed Senator Frank Clague's bill giving cities of the fourth class local option. The bill permits all cities of less than 10,000 population to vote on saloon issues.

Nine other bills were passed. One provides a state legislative reference bureau, the director to be named by a commission composed of the lieutenant governor, speaker of the house and the president of the state university.

A senate bill passed permits the establishment of the fifth state fish hatchery at Granite Falls. A house bill providing that a fish hatchery be established in St. Louis county also was passed.

Two state supreme court commissioners and two district court judges were appointed Thursday night.

The five judges of the supreme court named the two commissioners early in the evening and sent word to Governor Eberhardt. Before midnight the governor had named the district court judges and received their acceptances.

Homer D. Dibell, district court judge at Duluth, a Republican and in 1910 a candidate for the supreme bench, becomes supreme court commissioner and his place on the district bench is taken by Bert Fesley, Democrat, now city attorney of Duluth.

Myron D. Taylor, judge of the district court at St. Cloud, a Republican, is the other supreme court commissioner and John Roeser of St. Cloud, another Republican takes his place on the district bench.

A law passed by the present legislature creates the two commissioner-ships. The supreme court judges long have been overcrowded with work. The constitution prohibits there being more than five of these judges. To relieve the situation the legislature created the commissioner-ships. The salary is the same as that of a judge of the supreme court, \$7,000. Their power is almost as great. They are as near being judges of the supreme court as the constitution will permit.

The senate committee on temperance Friday afternoon voted to recommend for passage the bill by Representative D. P. O'Neill prohibiting boards of county commissioners from issuing liquor licenses. The bill has passed the house.

Representative O'Neill appeared before the committee, and made a very brief and pointed speech in behalf of his bill. He said:

"I am sorry to have to impose such a bill on Southern Minnesota, where it might be all right to have places where the weary traveller can refresh himself.

"But we need this bill to blot out the places in the woods of Northern Minnesota which the lumberjack sky pilot truly calls 'the very vestibules of hell.'"

The project of placing county officers on a non-partisan basis, ratified by the senate, went by the board in the house committee on elections yesterday afternoon.

In point of fact, the idea had no defenders whatever in the committee, and it was not until the more violent partisans proposed to undo the work of the extra session in putting judges of probate and county superintendents of schools on a non-partisan basis that there was any evidence whatever of a perception that it is incongruous to continue on a partisan basis the election of minor officials whose duties have no more relationship with national party lines than the Aldrich

JOHN PAUL FARRELL

Held in New York as the Bomb Slayer of Women.

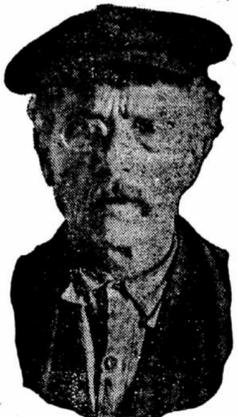


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currency bill has with the procession of the seasons.

Counties will be able legally to appropriate money for the support of incorporated development associations, such as the Northern Minnesota Development association, under a bill by Representative Charles W. Bouck of Royalton, which passed the senate yesterday and is now before Governor Eberhardt for his signature.

SHEEP ARE WANTED

Ed. Opem of section five, town of Lake George, Yola post office, was in the city yesterday and this morning ordered a carload of sheep, to be delivered as soon as the snow goes off. He will keep from 150 to 200 sheep for his own use and the rest will be distributed among his neighbors.

J. T. Robinson, a farmer at Big Falls, has written J. J. Opsahl that he will take a car of sheep and C. L. Wright, of Longville, has written to inquire about the proposition of the Bemidji Commercial club.

INAUGURATION PICTURES

Scenes Taken in Washington March Fourth Produced Here.

The Brinkman theatre last night showed moving pictures of the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson in Washington March 4. The pictures showed the Minnesota militia clearly and some even thought they could distinguish Captain Otto, of Bemidji, as one of the aids.

The pictures are the first authentic inauguration pictures to reach Bemidji and will be repeated tonight.

MORE SETTLERS COMING IN

Charles E. Glass of LeSueur, Minnesota, writes J. J. Opsahl of this city as follows, "There is no question but what we will be able to locate from 100 to 250 families in Northern Hubbard county in 1913, and in order to do this we will need your cooperation and also that of the railroads and the lumber companies."

Most of these people Mr. Glass has in view are Polish people and good farmers. A meeting will be held at Akeley next Tuesday to boost the state park and also the canning factory of that place. Akeley will probably be made the gateway to the state park.

CONFESS MURDER OF LITTLE CHILD

By United Press.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, March 15—The grand jury this morning brought in a true bill for murder against Victor Pople, of International Falls and Warroad, Minnesota, and Mrs. Eva Willis, of Rainy River, Ontario, confessed murderers of the latter's infant daughter, Ethel Victoria Willis.

The couple were arraigned today before Justice Cault and the case is now proceeding. Both Pople and Mrs. Willis have expressed a desire that their trial be started as soon as possible.

Both Pople and Mrs. Willis confessed that taking the little six months old child from the boarding house where they had been staying and after choking its life out to placing it in a deserted boat in the Red River where its tiny body was found frozen stiff last Sunday night.

BURKE APPOINTED

By United Press.

Washington, March 15—President Wilson today appointed Governor John Burke, of North Dakota, secretary of the treasury of the United States to succeed Carmel Thompson. The Burke nomination will probably be sent to the senate this afternoon.

DOCTOR IS FREED

By United Press.

Winnipeg, March 15—After six hours of deliberation at Morden, the Manitoba assizes this morning acquitted Dr. George Erskine, of Charles, N. D., of the charge of manslaughter in causing the death of Mrs. Wm. McLeod of murder during confinement for childbirth.

HOLLOW HORN BEAR SIOUX CHIEF, DEAD

By United Press.

Washington, March 15—Hollow Horn Bear, chief of all the Sioux Indians, died today in the capitol of his great white father farm from his tepee on the prairies near Rosebud, South Dakota. The aged brave, with his little group of followers who came here to take part in the inaugural parade and to offer the chief executive the pledge of peace of his people, turned his eyes toward the happy hunting ground and silently went to sleep after losing a week's brave battle against pneumonia.

SKI MEET ON SUNDAY.

Barney Reilly and Other Stars to Jump From Local Slide.

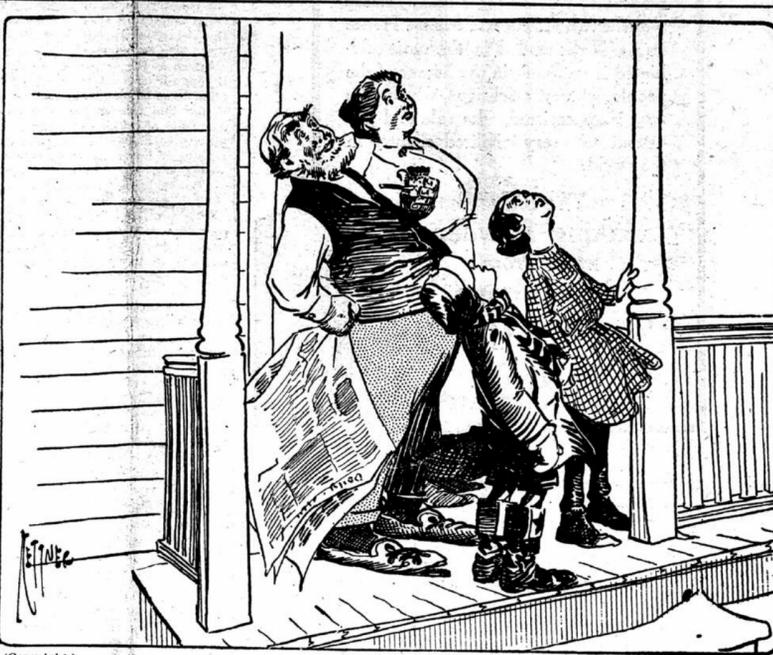
Barney Reilly, Axel Hendrickson, and David Lind will take part in a ski tournament which has been arranged for 2:30 Sunday afternoon on the ski slide across Lake Irving. Reilly is a well known jumper and is of championship calibre; Hendrickson's specialty is a summersault in the air after leaving the take off; Lind is said to be the only one-arm jumper in the world.

The slide is on the south shore of Lake Irving and may be reached by driving across the lake. The boys said this morning that a drive has been ploughed out from the brewery to the slide.

NO CASS LAKE GAME.

The basket ball game between the Bemidji High school and the Cass Lake High that was to be played at Cass Lake tonight was called off by the Cass Lake team this morning. Over twenty-five Bemidji rooters planned to accompany the team.

FLYING NORTH



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BIG BEMIDJI WINNERS MANY ATTEND PLAY JUST WHAT IS A CORD

Defeated Superior Athletes Last Night In Second Game of Series by Score of 19 to 10.

WANT BOAT CLUB HERE

In one of the most exciting basket ball games ever played in Bemidji, the "Big Bemidji" team defeated the Superior, Wis. Y. M. E. A. quint last night by the score of 19 to 10. The visitors took the lead during the first few minutes of play but the locals tightened and at the end of the first half were in the lead.

During the first half the score was a tie nearly the entire time and neither side was able to gain over the other. Neumann, who did not play the game of which he was capable Thursday night, was a feature in last night's game and made several points for the local team. Brandon seemed to be every where at once and although he missed several hard luck shots he made the majority of the baskets and shot all but two fouls.

Peck, Bell and Jacobson completely outplayed their men and kept them out of the game most of the time. The Bemidji team work was excellent and the Superior boys were unable to break it up. Many believe that the local team would have defeated the Superior team Thursday night had they been more confident.

The Superior team congratulated Bemidji after the game and admitted that they had been beaten fairly and squarely in one of the cleanest games they had ever played. Between halves and after the game they formed a circle and yelled for the Bemidji team. In speaking of Bemidji before leaving, Manager Olson stated that the team had never been treated as well as did the local boys and citizens of Bemidji.

After the first night's game when they had defeated the local team in a close game they expected to hear sneering and other unpleasant remarks by the crowd but nothing of the sort happened and the visitors were unmolested. Although the crowds at both games were the largest that have ever attended a game in Bemidji, they were also more orderly and hardly a sound could be heard when either team was allowed a free throw.

The people on the side lines did not interfere with either side and the

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Blackduck Opera House Crowded Last Night at Production of "The Three Hats"

DADE AND MRS. PARKER STARS

Special to The Pioneer. Blackduck, March 15—A crowded house saw home talent present "The Three Hats" in the Blackduck opera house last evening. Jesse Dade, postmaster, and Mrs. J. C. Parker carried the leading roles and so well did they read their parts that the audience was kept laughing most of the time.

Dade, as Sam Selwyn, engaged in a fistic encounter one evening and in the fracas exchanged hats with his opponent. His wife discovered the hat and wished to know where he had been the evening before. To add to the confusion, a professor of penmanship appears on the scene and wants a hat also. Selwyn's daughter read by Mrs. Ellenson, and Fred Bellamy, Selwyn's friend, read by Albert Bye, are each in love with other persons but Selwyn wishes them to be married.

After carrying the plot through three acts with a duel all but drawn off in the last, the trouble is finally straightened out. It appears that Selwyn traded the hats at the home of a common friend, that his fistic encounter was with his prospective son-in-law, played by Jim Sullivan, and that the owner of the third hat is Professor Blithers, played by Dr. Freeburg to whose daughter Fred has been secretly married. Mrs. Selwyn, however, never did quite understand things. Ivan Cann as the maid, Ella Hermanson as the maid, and Mrs. J. M. Reed as "Lottie" had minor parts which were well carried.

WERE MARRIED THIS MORNING

John C. Riebe and Clara Johnson both of Nebish, were married by Judge M. A. Clark this morning.

FINGERS WERE BADLY TORN

Chester Otto had every finger on one hand badly torn in the box factory this morning. He was taken to the hospital where his injuries were attended to and doctors believe they can save the fingers.

State Leader of Weights Decides 110 Cubic Feet is Good After Wood Has Been Cut Twice.

BILL NOW IN LEGISLATURE

Minneapolis, March 15—An official state test made this week determined the size of a cord of wood as 110 cubic feet. A cord of wood is generally understood to mean 128 cubic feet, but this decision means that a cord of four-foot wood, sawed into three or four pieces, is equivalent to that amount.

The law reads that 128 feet shall constitute a cord of wood. This law has been in existence for many years and dealers found that if they sold that amount as a cord when sawed they would be losing money, for the 128 feet when sawed and piled will measure on the average but 110 or 112 feet. To get around this technically they have been selling sawed wood by the load. By this evasion, they give the consumer the same amount of wood as was contained in the original four-foot pieces. The idea is prevalent that because 128 feet of sawed wood is not received, the purchaser is being cheated. This is not so and the official test made this morning establishes the legitimacy of the 110-foot cord.

Fifty fuel dealers, representing every district in the city, were present at the test. A cord of average four-foot maple wood was piled in a rack and measured under the supervision of G. H. Staples, state inspector of fweights and measures, and E. O. Sather, a deputy inspector. It was then sawed into four pieces, or what it known as three-cut, and measured again.

The justice of the dealers' contention that there would be a big loss if the sawed wood had to contain 128 cubic feet was shown by the fact that though chips and bark, in fact almost everything but the sawdust were added, the pile shrunk to 110 feet.

A second test was made of a cord of four-foot rough maple, sawed two-cut or into three pieces, and the spectators were astonished when the result showed that the original amount had shrunk to 105 cubic feet. It was expected that the fewer pieces would occupy more space and the fact that it occupied less was a distinct surprise.

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REAPPORTIONMENT PASSED BY SENATE

House Bill Changed By Addition of Two Senators and Five Representatives—Conference Necessary

FOUR HOUR FIGHT WAS BITTER

Fraught with Sectionalism—Led by Minnesota Members Who Would Not Give Up Offices.

CITIES WERE ONCE IN DANGER

Amendment Proposing to Leave Their Representation the Same As At Present Lost 38 to 20.

By United Press.

St. Paul, Minn., March 15—After a four hour debate, fraught with the bitterness of sectional strife, the senate late Friday afternoon passed the reapportionment bill as reported by the committee, Sen. V. L. Johnson, Center City, chairman. The final vote was 48 to 10.

As passed, the bill provides for four more senators and ten more representatives than at present. As this is an increase of two senators and five representatives over the bill as previously passed by the house, it will necessitate the appointment of a joint conference committee to arbitrate the differences.

The fight on the bill was led by members from Southern Minnesota, especially those from the First and Third congressional districts, who tried to prejudice the country members from Northern Minnesota by telling them the bill would virtually place the control of the state in the hands of the three large cities—St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth.

The Northern members, however, refused to be misled, although tempted by an amendment which proposed to allow the northern part of the state the representation provided in the bill, but which proposed to leave the representation in the three cities the same as at present. This amendment was offered by Sen. F. E. Putnam, Faribault, and the fight for it was led by Senators F. A. Duxbury and John Moonan. The amendment was lost by a vote of 38 to 20.

When the opponents of the bill saw that the fight was going against them they made a vain attempt to have the bill re-referred to the reapportionment committee, on the pretext that the committee ought to amend the bill and leave the representation in Ramsey, Hennepin and St. Louis counties as it is at present. This was lost by a 18 to 43 vote.

Senator Johnson, in talking for his bill, made the point that there had been no reapportionment for sixteen years, and that during this time the southern part of the state had been over-represented.

"Even now we cannot compel you to give up this over representation," declared the chairman of the reapportionment committee. "We must come and kneel before you in humble supplication and beg for what is justly due us and which does not belong to you."

The attempt to amend the measure so as to deprive the three large countries from increased representation was a revival of the seven senator fight of two years ago. Speaking on this proposition, Sen. J. D. Sullivan, St. Cloud, said:

"Two years ago I supported the seven-senator proposition. If that was the issue at this time I would again support it. But it is not the issue, or should not be. The seven-senator proposition was put to the people at the last general election and it failed to pass. Therefore, in passing a reapportionment bill we must be guided by the constitution as it now is, and not by what the constitution might be or would be had the seven-senator proposition passed."

As passed by the senate, the additions of two senators and five representatives have been given to Southern Minnesota. Beltrami and Koochiching counties are coupled with one senator and two representatives; Clearwater, Pennington and Red Lake are put together with one senator and one representative; Roseau, Kittson and Marshall have one senator and three representatives; Cass and Itasca have one senator and two representatives; and St. Louis county is divided into three districts

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SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER

Was It Beginner's Luck, Or Is Scoop A Shark?

By "HOP"



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