

REALIZE WEALTH IN
NORTH MINNESOTA

Farmers and Business Men of Southern Section of State Awakening to Opportunities of this Country

"STEP SYSTEM" TAKING PLACE

Only Question of Few Years Before All Land Here Will Have Been Purchased and Developed

Many farmers and business men in southern Minnesota are awakening to the opportunities in northern Minnesota, and the State Board of Immigration is receiving numerous inquiries from people in southern Minnesota asking for information about this section of the State. The people of southern Minnesota are beginning to realize not only that the lands here, which a few years ago were considered worthless, are proving to be among the most productive lands in the state, but they are beginning to realize that the farmers in other states to the south, east and west have discovered this fact and are buying up quarter, half and whole sections of northern Minnesota lands and transforming them into some of the most valuable and productive farms to be found in the State.

Advance In Price

There is another fact that has helped to awaken the southern Minnesota men to the opportunity that lies at their door, and that is the rapid advance in price of Northern Minnesota lands, and the result is that today thousands of people in southern Minnesota, who a few years ago were inclined to poke fun at the man who endeavored to promote agriculture in the northern counties of Minnesota, are displaying keen interest in the development of this section of the State and are investing their money in these lands. The fact that the farmers of Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, South Dakota, and other states, were buying up these lands with such marked success stirred our southern Minnesota citizens to action, and they have decided to go in for their share of the good thing northern Minnesota has to offer the world in the way of good farm lands at low prices.

Boys To Farm

A prominent farmer from Le Sueur County said last week: "I have just bought a section of land in Northern Minnesota. I do not intend to farm it myself, but I have two boys that will be old enough to farm for themselves in a few years, and when they are ready to begin I shall present them each with a half section farm and let them go forward and build themselves a home the same as I did."

Moving North

Recently a Blue Earth County man said: "While I love Blue Earth County and her farm lands are among the richest to be found anywhere in the world, the prices are getting pretty well up. I am going to sell some of my Blue Earth county lands and invest in the lands of northern Minnesota. I used to regard northern Minnesota a land of pine stumps and sand, and when the first agitation of development began there and people told me that they were going to make farms up there I thought it was more or less of a joke, but I am now thoroughly convinced that northern Minnesota holds a great future. I knew of a dozen men from down in Iowa who have sold out their high priced lands and invested in northern Minnesota, and I am going to sell some of my lands and take over a tract of that land because I believe it is a good thing."

The Step System

These are only a few of the many cases that could be cited which lead one to believe the Southern Minnesota farmers who are selling their high priced lands are not leaving Minnesota, but are moving further north locating on cheaper lands. In other words the "step system" is taking place in this State, which means that Iowa farmers are buying southern Minnesota farms, southern Minnesota farmers are buying central and northern Minnesota lands, and a continuation of this for a few years will make a great change in agricultural conditions of Minnesota, particularly the northern part. It is a pretty well established fact that every county in northern Minnesota is capable of producing clover, timothy, alfalfa, potatoes and all kinds of vegetables in abundance, and with those conditions prevailing it is hardly any wonder that the tendency of the Minnesota man who has money to invest in land is to remain in this state where he can get lands capable of producing those valuable products at from \$12 to \$30 per acre.

Million of Acres

While there are millions of acres of this land yet undeveloped in the

DUDLEY FIELD MALONE.

Scores Recent Appointments of New York's Governor.



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New York state Democracy is split wide open on the Tammany domination issue following issuance of a public statement by Dudley Field Malone, who is believed to be President Wilson's spokesman, denouncing recent appointments by Governor Glynn as having been inspired by "Chief" Murphy of the wigwag.

"The greater number of Governor Glynn's appointments are hopelessly bad," said Malone's statement. It is now quite clear that the state administration is dominated by the Murphy influence.

Malone's open attack is expected to mean a vigorous and final fight by Wilson Democrats to wipe out Tammany.

SUBMITS TOLL QUERIES

Minnesota Congressman-at-Large Asks Colleagues if They Know of Rail Interest in Bill Before Congress

"WHY THIS HASTE," HE ASKS

Washington, March 31.—A series of questions, designed to put in wrong advocates of repeal of free tolls through the Panama canal, were put to the house by Representative Mahan.

"Why is my time so limited that all I can do is to put a few questions to the advocates of this bill?" asked Mr. Mahan. "Why this unseemly haste in forcing this measure through the house?"

"Are the people yet awake to the meaning of this contest? Do they realize that it is the last desperate effort of the great railroads to maintain control of the transportation and to hold the power of levying unreasonable freight rate taxes upon consumers? Is it not clear that in demanding the repeal of the exemption of tolls on our coastwise shipping England is acting as attorney for the Canadian Pacific railroad?"

"Do not my colleagues from the Northwest realize that in pleading for England's view of the treaty they are rendering valuable service to the royal house of Hill in Minnesota? Does not the elimination of water competition mean millions in railroad dividends? Does not my colleague, Mr. Stevens, realize that water competition reaches to the very heart of this country—to Winona, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth, by way of the Mississippi and the Great Lakes?"

northern section of Minnesota, it is only a question of a few years, providing the present rate of immigration that direction continues, until it all will be taken. The State and Government lands are moving rapidly, and large tracts of lands held by lumber companies and corporations are being retailed out in small lots. This means that actual development is sure to follow. With the high cost of living at hand, and the general land hunger that prevails among all classes is convincing evidence that the undeveloped sections of Minnesota are due to be the scene of much activity within the next few years, and there will be a substantial increase in the prices of these lands.

FIRE ENDANGERS MINNEAPOLIS MILLS
Minneapolis, March 31.—The milling district of Minneapolis was threatened by fire last night, which wiped out a large warehouse of Boutell Brothers, furniture dealers, entailing a loss of \$50,000. Because of the inflammable character of the goods stored in the warehouse, the flames were hard to control. The fire was spectacular and held within its bounds with great difficulty.

ASSESSORS IN SESSION

Nearly Every Tax Adjuster of Beltrami County in Attendance at Meeting Held in Court House

TOLD AS TO LAW CHANGES

With but few exceptions every assessor of Beltrami county, numbering more than 70, was in attendance at the meeting held in the court house this morning for the purpose of receiving information as to law changes in making assessments.

The meeting of today, which was arranged by the state tax commission, was attended by Sam Lord, one of the commissioners, who distributed booklets giving a review of the tax laws of the state and other information of importance to the assessor.

Meetings will be held in every county of the state for the purpose of instructing assessors in regard to their duties, which have been made more difficult this year owing to the classified assessment law enacted by the last legislature. The tax commission has determined that every assessor shall have a thorough understanding of the law before he begins his work, and that the tax laws of the state shall be carried out just as they are written.

The new law divides property for purposes of taxation into four classes. The first class covers iron ore whether mined or in the ground, which is to be assessed at 50 per cent of full value. The second class includes household goods, wearing apparel and the like, to be assessed at 25 per cent of full value. The third class covers live stock, agricultural products, stocks of merchandise, manufacturers' material and manufactured products, tools, implements and machinery whether fixtures or otherwise, and all unplatted real estate, and is to be assessed at 33 1-3 per cent of full value. The fourth class covers all property not included in the first three classes, and is to be assessed at 40 per cent of full value.

Mr. Lord told the assessors the importance of making reliable assessments and urged that time and care be expended in proper adjustment.

CONFER ON RESERVE BANKS

McAdoo and Burleson Talk With President.

Washington, March 31.—President Wilson, Secretary McAdoo and Postmaster General Burleson had a talk at the White House about the location of federal reserve banks. Mr. Burleson is said to be interested in the selection of a Southern city for a reserve bank. The list of reserve districts and cities in which banks are to be located probably will be announced during the coming week by the organization committee.

Not Real Militants.
Paris, March 31.—A few words from a police officer took all the militancy out of 300 suffragettes here. They had planned to march from the bourse to the Place de l'Opera, but meeting the officer quit cold.

"A Lady of Quality"

Cecilia Loftus, in "A Lady of Quality," will be the attraction at the Grand tonight and tomorrow evening. This is a five part picture by the Famous Players. There is both tragedy and comedy in the story and it is considered one of the best feature films on the screen today. Thursday evening Sanford Dodge and his talented company will appear at the Grand.

WALSH NOW FAVORS LEASING PROPERTY

Believes That by These Methods Land Will be More Fully Developed—Western Opinion Defeated

BEGINNING GREAT UNIVERSITY

President Wilson to Take Part in Dedication—May Link Government and Education

By Congressman C. H. Tavenner.

Washington, March 31.—Senator Walsh, of Montana, has admitted defeat for the western opinion that lands containing mineral resources ought to become the out-and-out property of those willing to develop such properties. In a remarkable statement before the Senate the other day Mr. Walsh, who is a Democrat, declared his willingness to support the leasing system, not because he thinks it right but because he thinks that by the adoption of such a system the public lands of the west can be developed, and by that system only, since the conservationists are strong enough to block any other plan.

"We have come to a time," said he, "when we must either determine to yield something to those who honestly believe that a leasing system is the proper policy to be pursued, or we must content ourselves with the perpetuation of the present paralysis that affects the mining industry of the west."

"I am willing to accede to some kind of a leasing law, not because we want it, not because we think it the best system, but because we recognize that we have got to have it or have no effective law at all."

Beginnings of Great Methodist University

On May 27 President Wilson will take part in the dedication of the College of History, the first of the graduate schools which the Methodist Episcopal church plans to group about a campus in Washington which has already been acquired. Under construction is the College of Government. As money is raised it is planned to construct from 20 to 30 graduate colleges which will put at the disposal of students the priceless data which have been collected by the American government in almost every line of human thought and endeavor.

There have been many dreams of establishing in Washington the greatest university in the world, linking government and education together as a team pulling for the advancement of civilization. Wisconsin has such a system now, and she has taken the lead in Democracy. The Fess Bill, now before the House, proposes a university which shall be closely linked with the government, the students in fact conducting much of the governmental research work.

HOUSE TO RENT—WHERE?

Real Estate Men Looking for Homes For Both City and Out of Town People—Flats Would Pay

If Bemidji wants to grow and take care of her people and those who want to come here and make their homes in this city it must build more homes. Real estate men report the scarcity of houses. They have dozens of inquiries daily and some of them place renters and make no charge for it.

If you own a house and want it rented list it with any of the Bemidji real estate men. The chances are that it will be rented immediately.

What Bemidji needs above all things at the present time is houses. Small houses from four to eight rooms. At the present time it has no flat buildings. That a flat building would pay big returns on an investment there can be no doubt. Something should be done this summer in the building line. With the coming of the normal school Bemidji will need several hundred modern houses and should commence building at once.

BEMIDJI'S FUTURE BEST

S. D. Segal Finds in This City Best Opportunities in State—To Maintain Standard of Berman Store

HOLD ROUSING OPENING SALE

With the close of the day the well known Berman Emporium goes out of business, only to be succeeded by S. D. Segal of Superior, who will conduct the business under the firm name of the Segal Emporium.

The store will be closed today for the purpose of taking inventory following which the new owner will open with a mammoth spring sale, announcement of which will be made in the Pioneer at a later date.

For six continuous weeks Mr. Segal has traveled the country over with a view of securing a location for a dry goods store. "I have visited hundreds of cities throughout the northwest and have come to the conclusion that Bemidji is the best little city of them all," he said today.

"Bemidji is a city with a future," he continued "and in my opinion it will eventually become one of the best and biggest trading centers in the state. It is properly located and with the rapid development of the surrounding country it is destined to become 'The City' in Northern Minnesota."

"Our aim is to maintain the same high standard attained by the Berman Emporium and where possible to improve the lines, introduce modern methods and to broaden out into new fields, thus doing our little portion toward making Bemidji the trading center it should be and is being to become."

"After we conclude our stock taking it is our intention to open the store under the new name, introducing ourselves to the public with a rousing spring opening sale. In this manner we will be placed in a position to meet hundreds of citizens whom we will learn to know and who will learn to know us and our methods of doing business."

In the departure of Mrs. L. L. Berman Bemidji will lose one of its most highly respected citizens and business associates. During her time in Bemidji she has won many staunch friends personally and for the store and has proven herself a woman of business ability and a true friend.

In the Blossom, who has been connected with the Berman Emporium since its organization, Bemidji has had a live wire booster of the first rank. "Ike" has always been considered a leader among his numerous bachelor friends who will miss his advice and counsel on problems pertaining to matrimony. He is a man who can see the bright side of life, even in the face of adverse circumstances.

That Mr. Blossom knows the dry goods business is evidenced by the fact that the Berman store has one of the cleanest and most up-to-date stocks in the state. He was the store's chief buyer and his judgment of merchandise was above par. His going will be a loss to Bemidji.

The Segal Emporium will open business with the good will of its predecessors and the past reputation of the new firm is such that Bemidji has a right to rejoice in their coming. The merchants in Bemidji as a whole are not to be surpassed by any city in the entire northwest. They are a clean up-to-the-minute lot. They are boosters in every sense of the word. They have the habit of getting together and doing things, and in them Mr. Segal will find business associates and competitors well worth the name.

Groom McCullough Leaves

Groom McCullough, who for five years has been connected with the Bemidji Lumber company, left last night for Minneapolis where he has accepted a responsible position with the Northland Pine company. During his stay in Bemidji Mr. McCullough made many friends who regret his departure from Bemidji but are pleased to learn of his promotion. He was accompanied by his mother, who has made her home with him here.

VILLA AND HIS TROOPS.

Fighting at Torreon Continues With Awful Slaughter.



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WOODMEN TO MEET HERE

Delegates of Six Lodges of County Hold Convention Here to Name Representative to State Meeting

TO HAVE DANCE AND BANQUET

Delegates from the six Modern Woodmen of America lodges in Beltrami county will meet at the Odd Fellows hall tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 for the purpose of electing a representative to the state convention.

These meetings are held once every three years and matters of importance to the welfare of the lodge are brought up and discussed at the meeting, including new measures, laws and rates. The next state convention is regarded as being of more than ordinary importance as the rate questioned will be thoroughly reviewed with the possibility of revising.

It is expected that each of the six lodges of the county will have delegates at the meeting, several of whom are already here.

During the evening following the business session of the convention tomorrow the Bemidji Woodmen and the Royal Neighbors will serve supper and a dance will be held in honor of the visiting delegates and their wives.

SMALL DEPOSITORS ARE PAID

Directors of Bank in Memphis Raised \$300,000 Fund.

Memphis, Tenn., March 31.—Chancellor Francis Feathers approved a plan by which depositors of the Mercantile bank, which closed its doors here six weeks ago, will be paid in full if their accounts are less than \$1,000. Depositors whose accounts are more will get 75 per cent.

Directors of the bank made up a \$300,000 fund to be added to the bank's assets.

Seven Spectators Injured.

Oakland, Cal., March 31.—Losing control of his motorcycle, V. Seifert, a performer, ran off a cycle saucer track at an amusement park here and dropped twenty-five feet into a crowd of spectators, of whom seven were injured, while Seifert escaped unhurt. Mrs. Robert Lyons and Ray Goulden, a twelve-year-old boy, were seriously injured.

H. A. Montbriand has accepted a position with the Herald Tailoring company of Chicago and will represent them in this territory.

MALOY REFUSED LICENSE RENEWAL

Council Refuses Another Application—Favored by Only One Alderman—Matt Thome Given Permit

WEBER WANTS FULL PAY

Municipal Court Clerk Refuses to Accept Salary Reduction—Commissioner and Cameron in Tilt

That the Bemidji city council is determined to reduce the number of saloons in Bemidji was again made evident last evening, when Ted Maloy, who operates a thirst parlor on Third street, was refused a renewal of his license. Alderman Bailey was the only member of the council in favor of the renewal and the only man to vote for the application. Matt Thome was granted a renewal by a unanimous vote. No arguments were made for or against either of the applications and the interest usually manifested was entirely lacking.

Petrie To Care for Poor

Bids were opened for the caring of the city's paupers who were made homeless by the burning of the poor house in East Bemidji a few weeks ago and the bid of Fred Petrie was accepted over that of Matt Heffner. Petrie offered to care for the paupers for \$16 a week and will furnish a pest house in case of contagious diseases.

Will Repair Water Tank

Members of the water and light committee reported on the condition of the water tank which was recently discovered to be defective and a motion was made to bring the matter up one month from last evening. The repairs to be made will include painting and the tightening of all the rivets.

City Engineer Reports

Thomas W. Swinson, city engineer, made several reports in regard to the condition of the sidewalks and roads within the city limits and the street commissioner was instructed to make repairs wherever necessary. Mr. Swinson also called the attention of the council to the fact that the sum of \$5,526 could be obtained upon demand from the county from the tax imposed upon Bemidji residents for the road and bridge fund. As there is but little money on hand to complete the work necessary in the vicinity of the bridge over the outlet, it was suggested that this money be obtained for this purpose. City Attorney Russell suggested that the matter be left on the table for a few weeks to await the action of the state highway commission which would consider propositions in regard to making this road a state highway. In the meanwhile Mr. Russell will draw up a petition to be signed by the council demanding the sum named so that if necessary action can be taken immediately.

To Clean Septic Tank

A motion was made and carried to advertise for bids for the cleaning of the septic tank which was reported in fairly good condition by the city engineer. These bids will be opened at the meeting to be held on April 14th.

Jumps on Street Commissioner

Alex Cameron, who resides on the corner of Fourth street and Irvine avenue, complained about the poor condition of the street crossings Sunday and pictured women endeavoring to wade through several inches of water. Cameron could see no reason why the street commissioner could not have cleaned the crossings on Sunday as well as any other day. Carter was not slow to arise and defend himself and stated that he was downtown Sunday and did all he could to better the walking conditions. Hot words ensued for several minutes but quiet was restored by Alderman Moberg who smoothed things over by a brief explanation of conditions.

May License Livery

At the request of the liverymen of the city an ordinance has been outlined governing the hire of teams, automobiles or other conveyances. Several suggestions were made by car owners, aldermen and others, but nothing definite was decided upon and the matter was left on the table until the next meeting.

Reimburse Bursley

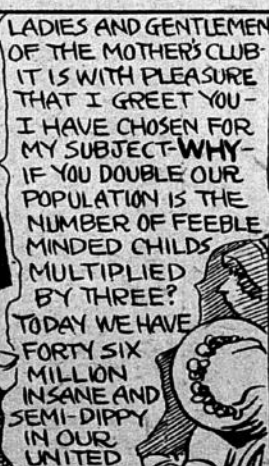
Owing to the fact that Fred Bursley was acting as police officer at the time it is alleged he slandered Arthur Dickinson while making an arrest in the latter's place of business, and who was later sued for damages, the city may reimburse the defendant as a matter of protection to its employees. The amount paid by Bursley did not exceed \$85, as the plaintiff was only awarded a settlement of one dollar. This matter was also

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