

HOBSON RESOLUTION FAILS TO CARRY

(American Press)
Washington, Dec. 23.—Hobson's resolution to submit a constitutional amendment for national prohibition to state legislatures, was defeated in the house last night, 197 members voting for it, and 189 against it. An affirmative vote of two-thirds is required to adopt resolutions.

Henry Lewis Dead.

(American Press)
New York, Dec. 23.—Alfred Henry Lewis, the prominent newspaper man and author, died here today after a brief illness.

Have Crossed Frontier.

(American Press)
Constantinople, Dec. 23.—The Egyptian frontier has been crossed by Turkish troops in force, an official statement issued here asserts.

London, Dec. 23.—It is only at the northern and southern extremities of the battle line in the eastern arena of the war that any marked change is to be noted. In the western theater siege war of a most stubborn and laborious kind persists. This briefly sums up the situation both in the East and in the West, so far as has been disclosed by the official statements.

The ultimate outcome of the German advance upon Warsaw still is problematical, as a decisive conflict has yet to be fought. Although the Russian center has retired, it now has been reinforced and it is holding a line on the east bank of the Bzura river from its junction with the Vistula.

BROOKINS ANNOUNCES PLAN

Private Wire to Be Used in Sending Fire Alarms to Department.

Before leaving for Minneapolis last night where he will spend Christmas, H. B. Brookins, local commercial manager of the Northwestern Telephone company, announced that a new plan had been arranged for the sending of fire alarms to the department. Instead of simply calling central, a person giving an alarm will call 349. This will give connection with the private line to police headquarters, used only in case of fire, and the desk sergeant answering will accept the alarm and give the location to the fireman. The same alarm will ring a bell in the firemen's dormitory and in the room of the driver of the fire team. The sergeant will then, over the office phone, notify central of where the fire is and she will provide information concerning the fire to persons requesting it. The desk sergeant, by pulling a switch rings a bell at the electric light plant which causes the electrician to blow the fire whistle. In case of fire call 349.

STAMP PLAN A SUCCESS

Many Red Cross Christmas Seals Placed on Parcels at Stewart's.

Every parcel that left the Stewart grocery store today was decorated with a Red Cross Christmas seal, and the plan proved a great success and means that a neat sum will be turned over to the committee which has had charge of the sales. Mr. Stewart was anxious to assist in raising the \$100 necessary to bring a Visiting Nurse to Bemidji for a month's stay and believed that the parcel plan would be a suitable way to do so.

New York has a hotel owned and managed by two sisters.

WORK OF OFFICE APPROVED

Board of Audit Checks Up Books of County Treasurer Geil.

Records of Earle Geil, county treasurer, concerning the receipts and disbursements of the office for the year were approved by the board of audit following an inspection of the books this afternoon. The board comprised Rako, chairman of the board, county commissioners, Fred Rhoda, clerk of court, and James L. George, county auditor.

DEER POT HUNTERS THRIVE

Sportsman Explains Mystery of Amateur Nimrods' Universal Success as Big Game Hunters.

CIVIL SERVICE IS PROPOSED

When a hunter is unable to obtain a deer, it is common practice to buy one from a pot hunter, declared one of Bemidji's best known sportsmen this morning, which may explain why nearly every hunter returning from the woods during the recent hunting season brought back a deer.

Without a market the poachers soon would be driven out of business, said the same man, at the same time stating that those who purchase venison illegally obtained should be made to suffer heavily in the hope of discouraging the offenses.

There have been a few convictions here during the past few months, several of the offenders being prominent business men of this section.

"Minnesota will never receive the best work from its game wardens until the game protection service is taken out of politics and placed on a civil service basis," declared E. A. Cleasby, federal inspector of migratory birds. "Game wardenship should be a profession and not a job. Under the Minnesota system a game warden likely as not may be displaced about the time he has mastered the duties of his office and come to be of real value to the state."

"Six states already have civil service for state employees and in the departments with which I am familiar, as in the game protection and forest service, I know that better results are obtainable than under the old system."

Mr. Cleasby is inspector in charge of the lake district, comprising the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, and devotes most of his time to supplementing the work of state authorities, by instruction and device.

MISS LOGAN HONORED

Court House Officials Give Dinner For Retiring Deputy.

Miss Irene Logan, who recently resigned as deputy county auditor, and who leaves this evening for her home at Grand Rapids, was the guest of honor at a dinner served in the abstract office at the court house last evening. It was a most enjoyable affair and was given by the county officials, who were assisted by the girls' friends in the various offices. The room was prettily decorated for the occasion. Miss Logan has been one of Bemidji's most popular girls since her residence here, and as an official is highly regarded because of her efficient, accommodating and faithful service. Her marriage to Clarence Jackson, one of this city's most prominent young men, will take place at Grand Rapids next week, this announcement having been made at the party of last evening.

"BIG BEMIDJ" WINS AGAIN

Little Falls Basketball Five Unable to Fathom Style of Locals' Play and Accept 18 to 8 Defeat.

GAME WAS FAST THROUGHOUT

In one of the hardest fought and most interesting games ever played in Bemidji, Little Falls was again defeated by "Big Bemidj" last night, the score being 18 to 8, and allowing the locals to slip another notch toward the world's title.

Little Falls, with its aggregation of university and college stars, could not fathom the style of Bemidji's play and although the visitors fought gamely they could not stave off the second defeat.

Bemidji was the first to score, Peck getting a basket, but the count was made even a moment later when Swanson successfully placed his second throw from a foul. From then on Bemidji went into the contest with that same old spirit which carried them through the championship series of last year, Peck, Brandon and Jacobson soon netting the ball, which with Brandon's two free throws, soon made the score 10. The first half ended with Bemidji leading by a score of 10 to 3.

Little Falls, as the night before, did not score a field basket during the first half, but Longley and Swanson each counted in the second half, and a foul gave them eight. An injury forced Diedrich, the gridiron star, to retire during the second half.

For Bemidji, Jacobson's defensive work stood out prominently, while Trafton Howe and Brandon played sensational ball, more than holding their own at all times during the game.

The Little Falls boys appeared bewildered by the speed and accuracy of the Bemidji play, but with the game hopelessly lost, battled gamely to the end, taking the defeat in a sportsmanlike manner.

The lineup:
Bemidji: Little Falls: Swanson
Brandon: Longley
Peck: Brannen
Jacobson: Diedrich
Trafton: Ritter and Dunphy

Field goals, Brandon, 2, Jacobson, Peck, 3, Howe, 2, Swanson, Longley, Free throws, Swanson, 4, Brandon, 2. Timekeepers, Smith and Bob Given. Scorers, Bob Feir, Ross Dunphy and Ray Hannah. Referee, Stanton.

CHILDREN START FIRE

Fire destroyed a small house on Twelfth street and Dalton avenue, this noon, owned by Mr. Coultis. The fire started, it is reported, by children playing with matches. There were three small children and the mother in the house at the time, the mother being in the room adjoining the one the children were in. The first she knew about the fire was when her little daughter came running to her and called to her to save the baby. Mrs. Coultis' hands were badly cut, as she broke a window in an effort to save a few household goods. About the only things saved were a stove, a couple of rockers and a trunk. The house is badly gutted and will have to be rebuilt. There was no insurance.

Several machines have been invented in England for exercising the fingers of persons other than pianists to make them supple.

American girls spend \$134,000,000 a year for candy.

England and Wales have 117,507 women clerks.

FIGHT WILL CENTER ON CONTROL BOARD

Efficiency Committee Secretary Sees Where Chief Opposition to Reorganization Plan Will Be Met.

OTHERS DO NOT MEAN MUCH

Says Report Does Not Fail to Care for Humanities and Will in No Way Impair Good Business Conduct.

(By J. S. Pardee)

St. Paul, Dec. 23.—(Special to the Pioneer.)—Opposition to the efficiency commission's plan will apparently center in the board of control and its friends. There will be people who will nibble at the plan, people who will whittle away a little here and there and people who will chafe a little at losing their free independence in the government. But none of that may be called serious opposition.

The objections of the board of health, for example, to being made part of the civil administration is not likely to delay matters seriously.

A Debatable Question.

The board of control is industrious, efficient and conscientious and cannot see why its status should be changed. The efficiency commission's plan contemplates making the conduct of the institutions a part of the civil administration and adapting it to a business form of organization. This is, of course, a debatable question which the legislature will no doubt carefully consider.

In the meantime, the argument that the board of control has been good, hard working and economical has nothing to do with the proposed change. Under a business form of organization, in place of this triumvirate, there will be just as much hard work, just as much economy, equal industry and equally good judgment.

If the care of the institutions is to be part of the civil administration, brought into a business form of organization, the recommendations of the efficiency commission can hardly be avoided.

A Humanitarian Also.

But the board of control is not only a business manager but also a humanitarian body. The fact is, however, any administrator of these institutions is going to be a humanitarian. The present board of control was established to introduce economies and to be as humane as it could under the circumstances. What was the result? Every member appointed by the successive governors has been a kindly, large hearted, large minded man and no other kind of men could have been appointed. The same will be true under the business form of organization.

At a time when corporations are beginning to grow souls, do not worry about the state going backward in consideration for the humanities. More than that, the board of public welfare will be the humanities board. It should be—there is no reason to doubt it will be—as helpful and efficient as the board of women visitors has been for the institution in Sauk Centre.

The efficiency commission's plans do not fail in care for the humanities. They will in no way impair the good business conduct of the institutions and they will make the civil administration everywhere coherent.

E. E. Schulke, Henry Krahn and R. E. Schumacher of Tenstrike were Bemidji visitors today.

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FIRE DESTROYS HOME; IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

Fire yesterday afternoon completely destroyed the home of the Charles Coppers family, six miles southwest of Turtle River, nothing being saved but the clothing which was worn by Mr. and Mrs. Coppers and four small children. An over-heated stove is believed to have been the cause of the fire, three of the children, the smallest two years old, being home alone when it began. The little tots, ranging in age from 2 to 8, ran to the home of G. I. Goodmanson, notifying them of the fire, but before anything could be done the entire house was covered with flames, which burned to the ground. The family is left without funds, clothing or furniture, everything they owned being swept away by the fire. Any assistance which can be given by Bemidji persons will be greatly appreciated by the unfortunate family. The house will be rebuilt. Mr. Coppers has been employed as a cedar cutter.

ENGLAND ASKS DAMAGES

Bemidji Insurance Man Begins Suit to Collect \$3,480 From Former Saloon Owner and Bondsmen.

RESULT OF BEER GLASS ASSAULT

On motion of Col. Henry Funkley, attorney for the plaintiff, Call England, an insurance man of this city, Judge Stanton has just made an order giving the plaintiff authority to sue the bondsmen of J. R. Pacha, who in January, 1914, operated a saloon at Blackduck.

The motion was made in connection with a damage suit which has just been brought by England against Pacha, and his bondsmen, Edward Boyle and J. N. Schjel, both of Blackduck, in which he seeks \$3,480 damages for injuries sustained by an assault in the defendant's saloon on January 21, last.

In the complaint it is charged that Pacha sold Paul Konada intoxicated liquors while intoxicated, Konada becoming a menace and in this condition striking plaintiff in the face with a beer glass, causing serious and permanent physical injury, and maiming and disfiguring him for life. The complaint includes a charge of loss of time and medical attention.

The case will be tried at the February term of court here.

FARLEY HOTEL BURNS

The Farley Hotel, of Farley, thirteen miles north of Bemidji, was burned to the ground this morning. The large structure was the property of W. T. Blaksley, who resides there and was built ten years ago when extensive logging was being done there.

The Blaksleys saved only a small portion of their clothing, all of the furniture being destroyed.

INDEPENDENT IS DEAD.

One of Bemidji's Weekly Newspapers Succeeded by Tribune.

Volume 3, No. 1, of the Beltrami County Tribune, appeared in Bemidji today. This paper is the successor of the Bemidji Independent, and is published from the same office, being edited and published by A. O. Hesselberg, who has been a resident of the city a short time. Mr. Hesselberg in his first issue says that the Tribune will be independent in politics and will at all times boost for the best interests of the county. He is an experienced newspaper man, having been in the business 23 years.

CHURCH PROGRAMS TO BE EXCELLENT

Various Bemidji Houses of Worship Prepare Splendid Christmas Entertainments—All to Have Trees.

CHILDREN TO TAKE PART

Baptist Church Starts Tonight, Presbyterian Tomorrow and Episcopalians and Methodists Friday.

Bemidji houses of worship, as in the past, have prepared splendid Christmas programs, the first to be given this evening and the last next Monday. The children are to play a prominent part in each of the entertainments, and there will be pop corn balls, oranges, stockings full of candy, recitations, cantatas, appropriate Christmas plays and other excellent features, including old Santa himself.

The Baptist church will stage its program this evening, the Presbyterian, Christmas evening, the Episcopal, Christmas afternoon and the Methodist, Christmas night. The programs in several of the churches follow:

To Give Cantata.

Santa Claus' Mistake, or the Bundle of Sticks, will be presented at the Methodist church by the Sunday school children Friday night. Masdames J. W. Naugle, E. H. Denu and Charles W. Gilman have been drilling the children for the past several weeks, and the cantata promises to be one of the best ever given in the city. The characters are as follows:

Aunt Rachel Alice Minnick
Mable Alice Witting
Molly Florence Bagley
Santa Claus

These Are Fairies.

Fairies—Flora Sheppard, Vera Cutter, Jordice Wallace, Edith Horlocker, Ruth Guenther, Dorothy Seidle, Bertha Phibbs, Virginia Witting, Floy Palmer, Alvera Larson, Luella Backus, Bessie Malone, Irene Powell, Edna Holden and Verona Achenbach.

Icele Boys—Harvey Williams, Jack McGregor, Dan McGregor, Gordon Smith, John Smith, Merton Denley, Donald Stevens, Foster Vincent, Luverne Holden and George Dyer.

Dolly Girls—Ruth Hayner, Mary Maude McConnell, Eltha Whitney, Fern Guenther, Beulah Gilman, Margaret McGregor, Vera Holden, Dorothy Rhea, Sadie Williams, Vera Opsahl, Evaline Getchell and Fern Scarrat.

Boys and Girls—Roy Webster, Willard McGregor, Edward Sheppard, Milton Schadde, Lorraine Kreatz, Elsie Shannon, June Williams, Margaret Symons, Edith Anderson and Martin Hammond.

Synopsis.

The scene takes place in Mable's home, where she and her mother are ready to welcome a crowd of sisters, cousins, aunts and other relatives and friends. The Christmas tree has been decorated with candles, festoons and pretty toys and everything is ready for Santa Claus. Mable, in going to the window discovers a poor child, with a basket on her arm and takes her into the house, inviting her to remain for the festivities.

Three Cheers for Santa.

Molly, the little match seller, has never had a visit from Santa Claus, and listens earnestly to Mable while she explains that he is the "kindest man in the world." Mable falls asleep while she and Molly are waiting for Santa Claus to appear. He comes in singing "Merry Christmas, the Blue Aarch." Molly makes friends with him and he explains that he is very, very sad on account of having to bring Mable, whom he loves, a bundle of sticks, as she has been naughty. Molly intercedes for her and asks him to give Mable the presents she expects and she, Molly, will take the bundle of sticks. Mable awakens, the chorus comes in singing, "Three Cheers for Our Santa Claus."

Santa tries to escape but the children surround him and keep him from getting away. Santa asks if Mable has been naughty and the children answer by singing, "Mable, Why She's the Best of All." Santa Claus discovers that this is not the "naughty Mable" and that he has made a mistake, and makes all the

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SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER

A Nice Present For Somebody Else

By "HOP"

