

MINNESOTA ONE OF NORTHWEST'S LARGEST FARMERS

Products Valued at \$500,000
By State Under Direction of
of Control During Biennial Period.

10,000 ACRES ARE WORKED

Is Divided Between Sixteen Institutions—Stock Most Prominent at Several—Industries Taught

Among the largest practical farmers in the Northwest is the State of Minnesota. Through its agents, the state board of control, for the biennial period ending with July 31 last, the state produced farm products totaling nearly \$500,000 in value, and a market was found for every particle of it.

The farm comprises the 10,000 or more acres which are a part of the sixteen state institutions in charge of the board of control, and it is made up of some of the most productive land in the state. The tillers of this vast acreage were the state's wards confined in the institutions, and the principal market for their labors the institutions themselves.

To make the institutions of the state as nearly self-supporting as possible has always been the aim of those in charge, and while in a measure its full realization is not possible, efforts to bring it about in part have been attended with considerable success.

How They Have Produced.
How these institution farms have produced and the value of the products, all of which represent the labor of men, women and children confined in each is shown by these figures: In 1911 and 1912 the amount was \$216,281.06; in 1912 and 1913 it was \$221,973.75 and last year \$269,337.32.

While the trades are taught in a majority of the institutions, especially where the young and those charged with infractions of the laws of society are confined, a knowledge of the soil and how to make it produce stands first. In the hospitals and asylums for the insane farming is the chief occupation, for the very good reason that it provides a line of employment that is the only thing possible in such an institution. Not only is a profit secured, but the work is of a nature that aids materially in the way of a cure.

Diversity is Shown.
Showing the diversity of the farm products grown, the farm attached to the Anoka insane asylum last year produced nearly 50 different varieties of food stuffs. A small amount which represented excess was sold, but the most of the stuff produced figured on the tables of the inmates. Ice was even harvested to the extent of 1,000 tons, valued at \$500. Nearly 20,000 bushels of cabbages were raised last year, also nearly 2,000 dozen of green corn, a large number of water and musk melons, 108 bushels of cucumbers, 255 bushels of tomatoes, 145 quarts of strawberries. Nearly 118 quarts of raspberries. Nearly 17,000 gallons of milk were produced, 358 dozen eggs, over 11,000 pounds of fresh pork and nearly 3,000 pounds of veal. Sufficient feed was raised to care for the institution stock. The Anoka asylum grounds are about 681 acres in extent, but less than one-half of it is given over to farming, yet as

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SUNDAY IN THE CHURCHES

Catholic.
Low mass at 8 a. m. High mass at 10 a. m. Sunday school and benediction at 1 and 2 p. m. Vespers at 7:30 p. m. Father J. J. T. Philippe.

Salvation Army.
Sunday school at 2 o'clock. Public meeting at 3 and 8 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday meetings at 8 p. m.

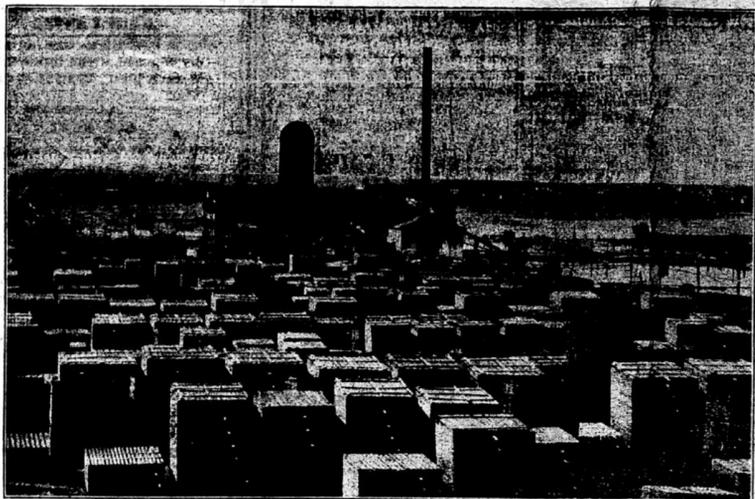
Christian Science.
Christian Science services held at residence, 520 Beltrami avenue, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock at 520 Beltrami avenue. Literature can be found in the public library.

Swedish Lutheran.
There will be services in the morning at 10:30. Sunday school at 12. Evening service at 8 o'clock. Services in Nydome at 3 p. m. J. H. Randahl, pastor.

Presbyterian.
The bible class and Sunday school will meet tomorrow at 10. Morning worship and sermon at 11. Rev. J. C. Strand, pastor-evangelist of the Presbytery of Adams, will preach the sermon. There will be no services in the evening, but we will join with the Methodist church in a union ser-

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CROOKSTON LUMBER COMPANY PLANT NO. 1



Bemidji's big sawmill which will begin sawing next Tuesday morning, giving employment to 400 men. Many improvements have been made at the establishment and a most successful season is expected. Plant No. 2 is expected to begin sawing within the next two weeks.

TREAT PRISONERS WELL

American Ambassador Says British Give Austro-German Captives Every Possible Consideration.

LABOR CONDITIONS INTERFERE

By CARL W. ACKERMAN.
Berlin, April 3.—(By mail to New York.)—England, on the whole, treats the Austro-German prisoners she has interned "as good as could be expected under the circumstances," according to a report made to United States Ambassador Gerard by John B. Jackson, an American who visited English prison camps. The sanitary conditions in some of the British camps were bad, Jackson reported. The British commanders promised him, he said, that those situations would be improved.

On February 1, Jackson reported England had interned 26,900 Germans and Austrians. These men were confined in 13 detention camps and on nine ships. Generally speaking, the food and health of the prisoners was good, according to the report to Ambassador Gerard. The Germans complained principally of the monotonous bill of fare and of their treatment after arrest, Jackson reported. Several Germans brought from South Africa swore that they had been insulted and robbed, while others testified that they owed their lives to British soldiers, who protected them from mobs in France while they were being transferred from the front to Great Britain.

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KEEP OFF THE LAWN, PLEA IN CAMPAIGN

Does the newspaper carrier, postman or the delivery boy walk over your lawn in his trips to serve you? If he does ask him to stop.

Those in charge of Bemidji's Clean-up movement have discussed this question in connection with the campaign and the co-operation of merchants and others have been asked in seeking to reform boys who have formed the habit of "taking short cuts" across the lawns of the homes they visit.

ATTENDED SERVICE; CONVERTED

Evangelist Singer Tells Why He is Engaged in Present Work.

(By Rev. C. W. Gilman)
Reverend Frank Reynolds talked from the first Chapter of Job yesterday afternoon at the Methodist church last night. He preached from the subject, "The Fatal Blunder of a Shrewd Governor." The thought was that people put off until tomorrow to accept Christ and "tomorrow" never comes. The week of old-time revival services have been interesting and profitable. One of the most interesting meetings was that of Friday night when Mr. Chap-

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IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE.

Standard Oil Company Makes Many Needed Changes at Yard.

Many improvements have been made at the yards of the Bemidji branch of the Standard Oil company during the past several weeks. A new office has been provided, the storage tanks and all buildings repainted, the yard enlarged and a new fence erected. John T. Roe, the local representative of the company, announces that the stock of specialties will be enlarged, shelving for this purpose being provided. The oil wagons have just been returned from Superior where they have been repainted.

ATHLETIC FUTURE BRIGHT

Championships in Football and Basketball Looked Forward to by High School Students—Bestul to Stay.

BASEBALL TEAM TO BE FAST

Bemidji high school athletic prospects have not been brighter in several years and already students of the educational institution are anticipating championships in two lines of sport for next fall and winter, football and basketball. The announcement that Julius Bestul, instructor in sciences at the high school, and athletic director, will return next fall, has been received with joy by students. Bestul's ability as a coach has been made evident on several occasions, especially last fall when he placed one of the best elevens ever turned out by the local school in the field and during the past winter when the basketball championship of the Sixth congressional district was won, the five being contenders for the state title. He is popular with the students and as a coach has been most successful.

But one player is to be lost on either team, this being Fred Graham, star halfback and guard, who will be one of the 1915 graduates. Letter men will be available for almost every position. Baseball prospects are also good and a fair record is expected. Coach Bestul has a large number of candidates and from present indications it seems that the team will be made up as follows: Catcher, Tanner; pitcher, Johnson; first base, George Graham; second base, Delbert Wood; shortstop, Claude Bailey; third base, Harold Swischer. In the outfield Herold Warfield, Fred Graham and Myron Plummer apparently have won places, although there are several other likely candidates. The first game will be played with Blackduck in two weeks.

Special Tonight.

There will be a special meeting of the local council of the United Commercial Travelers in the Elks club rooms tonight at which considerable important business will be transacted. The officers are making an urgent request that all members attend.

Garage at Blackduck.

Douglas Donald, who for some time has been employed by the Crookston Lumber company as machinist, left last night for Blackduck where he will operate an automobile livery and garage, which he recently purchased. He will have the Royal agency.

That cancer is frequently an inherited disease is the assertion made by Miss Maude Sly, a medical research worker at the University of Chicago.

Mrs. C. C. Bradford is superintendent of public instruction in Colorado.

PROCLAMATION FOR CLEAN-UP WEEK ISSUED BY MAYOR

McCuig Designates April 23 to 30 as Period for Beautifying and Improving Conditions of Bemidji.

CITIZENS MAY SHOW CIVIC PRIDE

Suggests That Arbor Day Be Thoroughly Observed—Refers to Summer Resort Possibilities.

William McCuig, mayor of Bemidji, has today issued a Clean-up week proclamation, which is as follows:

The Mayor's Proclamation.
"Whereas, Friday, April 23, next has been officially designated 'Arbor Day' by the governor of this state, it is particularly fitting and proper that I should, and as Chief Magistrate of this city, I hereby designate and fix the week commencing April 23 as 'Clean-up Week,' for every citizen of this community.

"Nature has been lavish in bestowing her bounties upon us. We have a city whose natural beauty is unsurpassed. Nature cannot clean up our back yards. And while she imparts to flowers and fields and autumn woods all the colors of the rainbow, she cannot paint a weather-beaten shack, or the run-down, neglected dwelling house.

"Ordinances and laws may be passed and ordained and re-ordained, providing for the cleanliness of our city, but unless we have a personal and civic pride they are weak and ineffective.

Opportunity to Show Pride.
"So this week will furnish an opportunity for every citizen not only to show his personal pride in beautifying his own home, but also his civic pride in a cleaner, healthier, more beautiful city.

A Great Summer Resort.
"Let us all work together to clean up and paint up Bemidji during this week and then keep it clean through the entire year and for each year to come. Let us plant trees and grass and flowers, and make a better, bigger, beautiful Bemidji. If we do this, we will in a few years have what seems now happily assured, a summer resort second to none—an ideal place to live.

"In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City to be hereto attached, this 17th day of April 1915.

"WM. MCCUAIG,
"Mayor."

"DAUGHTERS" CONVENE

Washington, April 17.—The advance guard of delegates to the annual congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which convenes here Monday, arrived today. Hotels blattered with the badges and var-colored insignia. Headquarters of the two candidates for President-General, Mrs. William Cumming Story, the present incumbent, and Mrs. George Tatcher Guernsey, state regent of Kansas, were in full blast. Mrs. Guernsey is said to have the backing of Mrs. Donald McLean and Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, former Presidents-General. Teas and banquets this afternoon and tonight were the ante-congress festivities provided.

GRAIN RATE RAISE PROTESTED

Chicago, April 17.—Grain dealers, elevator operators and others from all middle western states interested in grain growing and marketing today had their inning in the Interstate Commerce commission's investigation in the "western advance rate" case. They filed protests against grain rate increases proposed and will conclude their testimony Monday. Traffic experts and attorneys of Omaha, Des Moines, Kansas City, Minneapolis, St. Paul and other commercial clubs and chambers of commerce also appeared. They opposed any shake-up in rates which would disturb commercial parties now existing between the competing grain markets.

Trap Shoot Tomorrow.

There will be trap shoot at the grounds of the Bemidji Rod & Gun club tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. It is expected that a large number will attend.

Dance Much Enjoyed.

Last evening's dance, given by the Bemidji Knights of Columbus, was a most enjoyable affair. About fifty couples were in attendance. The hall was attractively decorated. Long Brothers' orchestra provided music.

Need any help? Try a want ad.

TOO EARLY FOR SPAWN.

First Pike Netted at Bemidji's New Fish Hatchery.

Yesterday a large number of Bemidji persons, the trip being made in ten automobiles, visited the pike hatchery at the dam for the purpose of witnessing the first gathering of spawn. The seine was used several times and a small number of pike were netted, it being found that it is too early to begin gathering the spawn. The work proved most interesting and a large number are planning to visit the hatchery when the eggs will be collected, about a week from now.

NINE PRIZES AWARDED

Kenneth Kenfield Wins First Prize in Bird House Contest in Colony Class—Dell Wins Single.

TO BE DISTRIBUTED ABOUT CITY

Much interest is being taken in the bird houses which have been on display at Schneider Brothers since yesterday morning. The houses were built by boys of the junior and senior high schools in a contest which was brought to a close yesterday when the judges completed their work.

Prizes amounting to \$15 were awarded for the best houses, there being two classes, colony and single. In the colony class an attractive house built by Kenneth Kenfield won first place; John Larson being second and William Lloyd third, the prizes being three dollars, two dollars and one dollar.

In the single class the prizes were awarded as follows: R. Dell, \$3.00; L. Opsahl, \$2.00; G. Teeters, \$1.50; S. Van Kirk, \$1.00; B. McTaggart, 75 cents and Frank Harris, 75 cents. Many of the thirty houses displayed have been bought by interested persons while several others will not be placed on sale by their owners. They will be distributed throughout the city.

ZEPPELINS DID MUCH DAMAGE IN RECENT RAIDS ON ENGLAND

Berlin, April 17.—Private advices received here report that the Zeppelins did great damage in their recent raids upon the England coast towns. Several officers of the British guard were either killed or wounded and bombs were dropped upon British ships patrolling the coast to protect ship yards. Bombs were also dropped on British docks.

London, April 17.—Residents here are suffering from a very bad case of Zeppelinitis, and every cloud is thought to contain a German dirigible or aeroplane. Wild reports are being received hourly.

It was reported early this morning that a Zeppelin raider had attacked Essex and Suffolk, passed near Colchester and then over Ipswich and Felixstowe. The admiralty, however, this morning said that reports of these attacks were probably not true because they were lacking in confirmation.

850 Men at Work.

The crew in the woods will number about 130 men and plant No. 2, when it begins operations with both a day and night shift, will employ about 200 men, which together with the force at plant No. 1 will put to work for the coming summer about 850 men in the local lumbering field.

Not alone is Bemidji giving employment to hundreds through the lumbering industry, but other cities in which mills will begin operations in this part of the country are extending a welcome to the pleasant sounds of the big machinery in operation. About the same time as the big Crookston mill starts, the mills in Port Francis, Frazee, Cass Lake and Little Falls will also begin to turn, all of which promises a prosperous year for Northern Minnesota.

MRS. J. D. ROCKEFELLER'S WILL FILED IN PROBATE COURT

New York, April 17.—The will of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller was filed in probate court here this afternoon and contained many charitable bequests. The estate is valued at \$5,500,000. Specific requests contained in the will were that \$550,000 be left to the estate and \$1,000,000 be divided among several Baptist homes and charitable institutions. Her son, John Rockefeller, Jr., was given \$100,000 out of the estate.

ATTEMPT TO KILL BOXING BILL IN SENATE FAILS

St. Paul, April 17.—The senate this afternoon postponed action on the Moeller boxing bill until Monday. An attempt to kill the bill failed. If the senate passes the bill boxing will be allowed in Duluth and the Twin Cities.

A bill making it unlawful to play the "Star Spangled Banner," except in its entirety, was recommended for passage.

Resolutions concerning the death of Judge Gorham Powers of Granite Falls were adopted.

CROOKSTON MILL TO BEGIN SAWING NEXT TUESDAY

Four Hundred Men Will Be Given Employment at Plant No. 1—Extensive Improvements Made.

LOCAL INDUSTRY TO EMPLOY 850

Summer Logging Operations at Spur No. 28 to Be Pushed—Other Mills Start Work.

When the big whistle blows next Tuesday morning at seven o'clock, which, by the way will be a most welcome sound to every citizen of Bemidji and Nymore, 400 men will begin drawing good wages as employees in Bemidji's largest and most prosperous institution, the Crookston Lumber company's big saw mill.

The mill, which is known as plant No. 1, will be steamed up Sunday and the machinery turned over Monday in order to place it in shape for active operation Tuesday morning. Considerable money has been expended on both the big mills in repairs, overhauling and added improvements, the aim of the company being to keep the plants in first-class condition, thus enabling them to operate with the greatest safety and to the best advantage.

Same Crews to Work.

Practically the same crews will be employed in both mills as last summer, working both a day and night shift. Mill No. 2 will begin operations the latter part of this month, it is understood, but should the ice go out of the lake before that time indications are that the wheels will start turning about a week later than mill No. 1.

The camp near Kelliher which has been in operation all winter, has been closed and the entire equipment, including two large steam skidders and crew of one hundred and fifty men, have been transferred to Spur No. 28, which is located about two miles from the Village of Nebish on the Minneapolis, Red Lake & Manitoba railway. A train load of machinery and logging equipment passed through Bemidji during the present week enroute from Kelliher to Spur No. 28. Active work in logging this new territory will begin next week and a steady stream of logs will be carried to Bemidji from this camp during the present summer.

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ABANDON ATTEMPT TO REACH CONSTANTINOPLE

Constantinople, April 17.—According to war office information, a hostile ironclad which was bombarding the outer forts of the Dardanelles was badly damaged by Turkish fire. The warship was hit four times, two shells striking below the water line and two other shells bursting on her deck. Reports indicate that the allies have abandoned their efforts to reach Constantinople and merely continuing sporadic attacks upon the Dardanelles fortifications for a possible political effect.

VILLA TROOPS RETREAT FROM MATAMORAS VICINITY; NEWSPAPER MAN MISSING

Brownsville, Tex., April 17.—General Villa's army which has been besieging Matamoras, is in full retreat on Monteray, apparently intending to join Villa's army at Celaya. The retreat began yesterday noon and the camp of the Villistas was completely deserted this afternoon. General Carranza and his garrison in the city of Matamoras are celebrating. H. E. Morris, a representative of the Brownsville Sentinel, is missing and it is believed he has been kidnapped to prevent news of the recent Villa defeat from leaking out.

Mrs. W. H. Roberts returned to Bemidji this morning from St. Paul where she has spent the past three months.