

## Clearwater County To Buy Court House Building

County Commission. Independent School District. \$10,000 for School Ho.

\$45,000 TO BE EXPENDED FOR SCHOOL

Present Building at County Seat is Owned by Village of Bagley; is Inadequate.

Bagley, Minn., Dec. 8.—At a meeting of the board of county commissioners late yesterday afternoon it was decided to exchange with the Independent School District No. 2, the present court house block for the school house and to pay an additional consideration of \$10,000. The county will use the school house as a court house.

Notes \$45,000 for School. The school district recently voted \$45,000 in bonds to be used for the construction of a new school house as the district has outgrown its present location. Under the plan submitted to the school district by the county commissioners the district will be able to expend \$55,000 on a new school building and will have a site. The county in turn will have an excellent building to be used as a court house.

Has No Court House. When Clearwater county was set off from Beltrami county there were no funds available for the construction of a court house. Mr. White, of the White & Streeter Townsite company of Bagley, donated to the county a block in the village of Bagley to be used for a court house. The village of Bagley then donated the city hall building and the citizens by donations had the building moved to the court house block. The building has ever since 1903 been used as a court house.

Is Two-story Structure. It is a two-story frame structure. On the first floor are located the county auditor, treasurer, register of deeds and clerk of court offices. On the second floor is the court room, a small room to be used as the judge's chamber and another small room for the jury. The sheriff, county attorney, superintendent of schools, surveyor and judge of probate have not been able to find room in the present building so offices have been secured in several buildings away from the court house. The room on the second floor of the present court house that is supposed to be the jury room is so constructed that there is no degree of secrecy and deputy sheriffs have had to be stationed to keep the public from getting too near the walls of the room to hear what was going on inside. Rooms have had to be rented down town to be used for both the grand and petit jury.

No Vault Space. When court is not in session the judge of probate has used the court rooms. But he has had no vault and many of the valuable records of his office have been exposed to loss by fire. The county surveyor has been using the jury room but as there has been no vault provided the records of his office are at the mercy of a fire.

No Heating Plant. The present court house building has no heating plant, except stoves, which makes the danger of fire great. Only two vaults are in the present building, one constructed on the outside. There is a great deal of county property and valuable papers that cannot be placed in these vaults and fire would destroy everything, causing a large loss. It would be impossible to replace a large portion of the records.

Only One Stairway. The present court house building has only one stairway leading to the court room and if a fire would burn the stairway it would endanger the lives of many, were the court in session. The people of the county have realized for some time the need of a new building to properly and adequately house the county officers and their records.

Easy to Improve. The school house is so constructed as will be easy to rearrange the rooms and provide adequate vault space and very convenient offices for all the county officers. The school building is practically new and the condition

is to be ascertained for the county by a resident of Clearwater county and a resident of some other county. The school building is constructed of brick and looks more like a court house than it does a school building.

Total Cost Small. It is estimated that the necessary changes would cost less than \$4,000 and that when the changes are made the county would have a splendid court house adequate for all purposes and not to exceed the cost of \$14,000. That the exchange to be made is wise from an economic standpoint is evident. To construct a building that would provide the same space and in way proper would cost more than twice as much as it would cost the county to make the exchange. By making the change the county will also avoid the usual long delay that would be had if a new building were to be constructed. The building that is used as the court house at present is owned by the village of Bagley. The school district will vote on the exchange in the near future.

## DEMAND FOR MONEY LIGHT, SAYS BANK

Notwithstanding the revival of industry and trade which has been clearly under way for several months, there has been practically no increase in the commercial demand for money, according to the monthly letter issued today by the Security State bank of Bemidji.

The letter in referring to the money market is as follows: "Every part of the country seems to be not only well supplied with money for its own needs, but able to share some for employment outside. This is noticeably the case with such cities as Kansas City, St. Paul and Minneapolis, where in other years when big crops were to be handled money from the East was wanted. The most plausible explanation seems to be that the crops of 1914 brought a large amount of money to the grain and live stock districts, that the check given by the war to new undertakings has caused money to accumulate and that the trade revival has not been going long enough to exhaust the accumulations and send the industries to the money market.

## TWO NEW TOWNS BEING ORGANIZED

Two new towns are being organized in Beltrami county. They are the town of Birch Island, located in Township 155, Range 32 and the town of Angle, in townships 166, 167 and 168, Ranges 33 and 34.

## FUNERAL OF FRANK DAVIS IS HELD

The funeral of Frank Davis was held yesterday at Greenwood cemetery, after an autopsy had been held at which it was decided that his death had been caused by heart failure. Davis is the man who was found dead in a logging camp near Kelliher. As no relatives have been located Garfield Akerberg, county coroner, has petitioned to the state for the administration of his estate, with M. E. Ibertson as administrator.

## STANDARD OIL STEAMER SUNK

New York, Dec. 8.—The Standard Oil company steamer Communipaw has been reported sunk by a submarine.

## FOUR GET WOLF BOUNTIES.

Wolf bounties were issued today in the county auditor's office to Ole Hilblad of Saum, in the town of Battle, George Frantes of Red Lake, in the town of Alaska, Paul Peep in the town of Minnie and Jesse Worme of Carmel, in the town of Benville.

## DISCUSSION CONTEST TO BE HELD HERE

Sixteen High Schools in New State Debating League Formed by Macalester College.

Bemidji has been chosen as one of the three places in the state to hold an elimination contest which will decide on the delegates of this district to a state-wide discussion contest given by and held at Macalester college, St. Paul. The two other elimination cities are Willmar and Mankato, and at these places the student who wins first or second honors will be selected as a delegate to the finals at St. Paul.

Medals to Be Given. Prizes will be offered both for the school which sends the winning representative and for the winner himself. A silver loving cup will be awarded annually to the school that wins, thus making it an annual affair. Medals will be awarded to every student who takes part in the finals.

Eight Minutes to Talk. Professor Glen Clark of Macalester, in organizing the contest, decided that in order to make it as easy for the contestants as possible, instead of having a debating contest which would make it necessary for the teams to change sides for the finals, a discussion contest would be more satisfactory. Each speaker will be given eight minutes for a constructive speech and three minutes for rebuttal. The subject of this year's contest is, "Shall the United States materially increase her naval and military armament?" The speakers can take any phase of the question they care to.

Contest in January. The Bemidji contest is already in the process of organization, although it will not be held until some time in January. Pamphlets and articles are being massed to provide good material for the local representative. It is undecided whether the contest here will be a senior-junior affair or whether the whole school will be permitted to choose a speaker, one from each class.

## COUNTY POULTRY ASSN. IS FORMED

Meeting Held at High School; John Harris is President; B. M. Gile, Secretary.

The Beltrami County Poultry association was organized last evening at a meeting at the high school building of men interested in poultry. John Harris was elected president and treasurer of the association. The other officers elected were Earl Black, first vice president; Gordon Smith, second vice president, and B. M. Gile, secretary. The board of directors are Dr. J. Warning, chairman, Herbert Woods, F. S. Lycan, W. P. Dyer, A. P. Ritchie and Edwin J. Simons.

An effort will be made to secure a membership of 50 for the organization and a campaign will be launched to secure statistics in regard to poultry raising in this county. The annual meeting of the organization will be held the second Tuesday of December and 25 cents' annual dues will be charged.

## PI KAPPA DELTA AT DAKOTA UNIVERSITY

Mitchell, S. D., Dec. 8.—Dakota Wesleyan university has organized a chapter of the Pi Kappa Delta fraternity, through the help of National Historian J. H. Krennyre of Iowa City, Ia., who presented the chapter with its charter. The officers were elected as follows: Frank Leffert, Canton, president; M. M. Brumbaugh, vice president; L. G. Druschel, secretary-treasurer, and Ray Spear, historian.

A wedding license was issued today in the clerk of court's office to Swan Ackerblade and Miss Minnie Hoffman, both of this county.

## TO ASK STATE FOR BETTER TRAIN SERVICE

Commercial Club to Appeal to Railroad and Warehouse Commission; To Solicit Aid From Twin Cities.

At a meeting of the Commercial club last evening it was decided to appeal to the state railroad and warehouse commission for better railway service. Petitions will also be sent to the St. Paul and Minneapolis Civic and Commerce associations, asking for their assistance in this matter. W. Z. Robinson, chairman of the special committee on better train service, reported that nothing had been able to be accomplished and he read a letter from W. H. Gemmill, general manager of the M. & I. railroad, in which it was stated that no promises could be made in improving the service.

## BEMIDJI O. E. S. ELECTS OFFICERS

The Bemidji Chapter, No. 171, of the O. E. S. at a meeting held last evening elected officers: They are: Mrs. Herbert Rasmussen, W. M., W. P. Dyer, W. P., Mrs. Thayer C. Bailey, A. M., Mrs. Wilcox, treasurer, Mrs. George Krenz, secretary, Mrs. Walter Marcum, C., and Mrs. W. Z. Robinson, A. C.

## MODERN WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS

The Bemidji lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Earl McMahon, V. C., George Sterling, W. A., H. N. McKee, clerk, P. M. Peterson, banker, and J. P. Lahr, manager.

## OFFICERS ELECTED BY A. O. U. W.

The A. O. U. W. of Bemidji has elected the following officers: P. Barnell, M. W., C. J. Winter, foreman, Gust Larson, overseer, Paul Winklesky, recorder, S. A. Cutter, financier, A. Larson, receiver, F. B. Lamson, guide, A. E. Webster, I. W., D. Backlund, O. W., and Dr. E. A. Shannon, M. E.

## COUNTRY'S RESOURCES GREATEST IN HISTORY

Washington, Dec. 8.—A sweeping declaration of American financial stability was made by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo in his annual report to congress yesterday. "Our financial resources are the greatest in our history and our banking system, through the operation of the Federal reserve, is the strongest in the world," he said.

## FAIR ASSOCIATION TO MEET SATURDAY

The annual meeting of the Beltrami County Fair association will be held at the Commercial club rooms Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Officers will be elected and plans for the coming year made. All members of the association are urged to be present.

## ANOTHER TUG TO AID OF MINNESOTA

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 8.—A third tug is enroute to the aid of the steamer Minnesota which is reported southwest of here. Uneasiness is felt as a result of the persistent refusal to wireless details of the alleged plot to destroy 16,000 tons of food supplies the vessel was carrying to London.

## TO ASK REDUCTION OF TELEPHONE RATES

Petition to Be Circulated Among Business Men by Merchants' Association.

The Bemidji Merchants' association will circulate a petition among the business men asking the Northwestern Telephone company to make a reduction in telephone rates in the city, as follows: Fifty cents on all business phones and private residence lines and twenty-five cents on all party lines.

This was decided at a meeting of the association held yesterday. The merchants discussed the feasibility of having a "Pay-Up" week in the city.

## REPUBLICANS FAVOR PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson was today informed by senate Republicans that they would not fight his preparedness program if it was kept out of caucus. Senator Gallinger told the president that the Republicans were strongly in favor of preparedness but if it was permitted to go to a caucus, the Republicans were against it.

## FORD TO ALSO END INDUSTRIAL WARFARE

On board Oscar II.—(via wireless.) Dec. 8.—President Wilson's message has been generally discussed by the peace advocates aboard the Ford peace ship and is considered reactionary.

Ford, in a statement, said that it would probably win over a few skeptics, according to his frame of mind. Ford is broadening his scope of activities and declares that he will not only end the war, but that he will also end the industrial warfare.

No answer has been received to the wireless sent by Governor Hanna of North Dakota to the president, asking that passports be issued to beligerent countries for the Ford voyagers.

## JAPS SEND BATTLESHIPS TO AID SHANGHAI CITIZENS

Tokio, Dec. 8.—Japan has taken steps to insure the safety of its citizens in Shanghai from the disaster which the threatening conditions seem to forecast by sending several battleships and a cruiser to the scene of probable disturbance, Shanghai.

## CONSTITUTIONALITY OF TAX COMMISSION QUESTIONED

Mandan, N. D., Dec. 8.—The constitutionality of the state tax commission is again being questioned in a suit begun in Morton county in which the Mandan Electric company is attempting to have the \$18,000 tax levied against its property in this city set aside on the grounds of being unconstitutional.

## OWATONNA BUSINESS MEN FORM AD CLUB

Owatonna, Minn., Dec. 8.—The business men of this city are planning on organizing an "ad" club, like the Minneapolis Advertising Forum, and actual work has already commenced with the appointing of a committee to draft the constitution. Over 100 business men have sanctioned the plan.

## ENGLAND PREPARES FOR GERMAN MOVE IN CHINA

London, Dec. 8.—It was announced in the house of commons yesterday by Sir Edward Grey, secretary of foreign affairs, that England is planning on blocking "German intrigue" in China generally, in the British colonies in the far east and in the foreign concessions in China.

There will be a regular meeting of the M. B. A. in the Odd Fellows' hall Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. There will be election of officers. All members are requested to be present.

## Bemidji To Be Mecca For Development Delegates

BOYS' CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT DETROIT

Third Annual Convention of Northern Minnesota to Meet Dec. 11 and 12; Bemidji to Have Delegates.

The third annual Older Boys' Conference of Northern Minnesota will be held at Detroit, Dec. 11 and 12. Bemidji churches will send delegates.

The conference theme will be: "Nobody else can do the job that God has marked out for you," and many Sunday school workers of wide repute will appear on the program to give their views. Mark G. Holtzman, general secretary of the Hennepin County Sunday School association and W. D. Stem, state secretary of Iowa will be the principal speakers of the convention.

The conference saw its birth in Bemidji three years ago when representatives of all the towns, villages and cities of this section of the state met to choose several delegates to the International Older Boys' Conference at Lake Geneva, Wis.

## CHIPPEWAS WIN CASE; GET \$712,000

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 8.—According to a decision of the United States supreme court the tribal fund of the Minnesota Chippewas will be increased by \$712,000. This sum, it was decided, was due them by the removal of the Mille Lacs band of Chippewas from their reservation of 61,000 acres on the south shore of Mille Lacs lake. The land was opened, but the court upheld the Indian point that under the Nelson act they only relinquished half, the other half to be sold for the benefit of the tribal fund. The decision provides for interest from 1839 when the act went into effect.

The money will go not only to the Mille Lacs band but to the whole tribe. The interest will be paid annually till the 50-year period has expired when the principal will be paid to the tribal Indians then remaining.

## S. G. IVERSON ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR GOVERNOR

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 8.—The candidacy of S. G. Iverson for governor was insured while Mr. Iverson was discussing politics here today. As long as there have been other filings Mr. Iverson would undoubtedly file soon as he said he had delayed this action till others were in the field.

## RAILWAY EMPLOYE GETS \$20,000 FOR INJURIES

Mankato, Minn., Dec. 8.—In the case of John Manning versus the Chicago Great Western Railway company for \$30,000 for injuries sustained in a wreck on Oct. 13, 1914, the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff of \$20,000. Manning had one leg broken and was permanently injured.

## SCHMAHL GETS BLANKS FOR PRESIDENTIAL FILINGS

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 8.—Blanks needed under the new presidential preference law were received yesterday by Secretary of State Julius A. Schmah, and filings are now open for those who care to seek the nomination of president or vice president or convention delegate choice.

## TWO ARE ARRESTED ON EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 8.—United States Marshal Doyle arrested R. C. Kettle and William Kettle, president and cashier, respectively, of the First National bank of Casselton, N. D., on a charge of making false entries to cover an embezzlement of \$100,000. Both waived preliminary examination which means that their case will go direct to the grand jury.

300 Are Expected to Attend Meeting Which Will Open at Ten O'clock at City Hall.

## BEMIDJI DELEGATES ARE NAMED BY COMMERCIAL CLUB

250 Exhibits of Potatoes and 85 Chicken Exhibits for Show to Be Held in Connection With Meet.

Over 300 delegates to the Northern Minnesota Development association will invade Bemidji tomorrow for the sixth annual meeting of that association. A number of delegates will arrive in the city this afternoon and tonight.

Plans Completed. The plans for the entertaining of the visitors were completed last evening at a meeting of the Commercial club. The entertainment committee of the club, of which E. A. Barker is chairman, will have charge of the entertainment.

Bemidji delegates to the convention were elected last evening at the meeting of the Commercial club. The following are delegates: E. A. Barker, E. H. Winter, M. J. Brown, Hon. L. G. Pendergast and A. P. White, and the alternates are H. E. Reynolds, H. C. Baer, E. H. Denu, W. Z. Robinson and Charles Cominsky.

Meet at Ten O'clock. The first meeting of the association will be called at ten o'clock tomorrow morning at the city hall. Every citizen and all delegates are urged to be present at the opening meeting. The program for tomorrow is as follows:

10:00 A. M.—Call to order, President Charles T. Kelley, Menahga; invocation, Rev. Ira D. Alvord, Bemidji; address of welcome, Mayor William McCuaig, Bemidji; response—president's annual address, Charles T. Kelley, Menahga; annual report of secretary, George D. McCarthy, Duluth; report of agricultural committee, Otto I. Bergh, Grand Rapids, chairman; appointment of auditing, credentials and resolutions committees; adjournment.

1:30 P. M.—Address, "Advertising as a Force in Development," Charles H. Mackintosh, Duluth; report of committee on rural credits, C. R. Middleton, Baudette, chairman; report of committee on Amendment No. 1, Hon. P. H. McGarry, Walker, chairman; "The Task Before Us"—the Campaign for Amendment No. 1," Hon. L. N. Nord, International Falls; address, "The Health of the Pioneer," I. J. Murphy, M. D., executive secretary, Minnesota Public Health association.

8:00 P. M.—The delegates to the meeting and other visitors will be entertained by the Bemidji Commercial club.

Executive Committee to Meet. The executive committee will hold a meeting at the Hotel Markham at eight o'clock.

The discussion of Amendment No. 1 and the lowering of lake levels in the reservoir district will probably take up the greater part of the time at tomorrow's session.

250 Potato Exhibits. "There are already 250 specimens of the finest potatoes ever grown, entered, without the local exhibits and considering that this has been a very poor year the number and quality are far beyond expectations," according to a statement by Professor B. M. Gile, secretary of the Potato and Poultry association. The show will be the first annual affair. Over 85 coops have been built and arranged to accommodate the large number of chickens that are expected to be exhibited at the show. The show room will be over Battles' hardware store.

Today is the last day of entry for both potato and poultry exhibits and the place of exposition and entry will be open until 6 o'clock this afternoon. No entry charges are made and no admittance fee will be charged to the show. The show room will be open Thursday until 9 p. m., and will be open until 6 p. m. Friday.

## DAKOTA UNIVERSITY TO GET ROCKEFELLER AID

Mitchell, S. D., Dec. 8.—The last cent of the \$100,000 which, after every claim from debt on the Wesleyan Dakota university was satisfied, would entitle the institution to \$50,000 from the Rockefeller Educational Foundation, was collected November 30. This is but a milestone in the improvement and development of the institute.

## MILTON RETURNS.

Albert Milton of Bemidji, who was reported missing to the Bemidji police several days ago, has returned to his home. He had been at International Falls.

## SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER



## No Place For A Nervous Huckleberry



## By "HOP"



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