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FEBRUARY TERM COURT IS BEGUN, STANTON ON BENCH

Calendar is Called; 13 Cases to Be Tried by Jury; Several Cases Settled.

GRAND JURY IN SESSION; SEVERAL MATTERS UP

Naturalization Hearing on at Court House; Federal Examiner Here.

With Judge C. W. Stanton on the bench, the February term of district court was opened this morning at the court house. The calendar for this term is very short and includes but 13 jury cases. When the court was called there were 43 cases on the calendar.

13 Jury Cases.

The following disposition was made of the cases:

Jury cases—City of Bemidji vs. Hans Hagen; E. W. Gosline doing business under the name of Margie Mercantile Co., vs. George Horton and J. D. Foot, co-partners as Horton & Foot; Jennie Gunderson vs. J. O. Harris; Frank Haley vs. E. H. Marcum; Otto Affeld as special administrator of the estate of Bruno Affeld, deceased, vs. Harley F. Murphy and William M. Murphy, as co-partners doing business under the firm name of William Murphy & Son; Alfred Johnson vs. W. G. Schroeder; Fritz Willis Nye vs. Mary E. Nye; Peter M. Leonard vs. Martha Leonard; Peter M. Leonard vs. Vjarles Wilson; C. F. Rogers vs. William Anderson; Mack McCloud vs. L. Latterell and Mike Lutgen.

Case Continued.

The case of Emma Haas vs. Fred Kaupt was continued by Judge Stanton and set as the first jury case of the next term.

The case of E. C. Middleton vs. Northern Pacific Railway company, a corporation, was settled and ordered dismissed.

The case of John Eichendorf vs. Peter Maule and Ben Haskell was stricken from the calendar.

The case of Joe Steidle vs. Northern National bank was settled and ordered dismissed.

The case of the State of Minnesota against A. A. Andrews was stricken from the calendar.

The balance of the cases are court

Grand Jury Called.

The grand jury was called at eleven o'clock this morning. There are several important matters to be taken up but it is believed that the work will be completed by tomorrow.

The members of the grand jury are Otto Myran of Inez, John Peterson of Baudette, C. G. Stenmoen of Grygla, L. M. Lovering of Blackduck, Ole Clementson of Clementson, J. E. Patterson of Bemidji, John Kyler of Spooner, B. A. Arneson of Arneson, Pete Krogseng of Saum, John Gibbons of Kelliher, Jake Skrivseth of Turtle River, August Stromberg of Quiring, Herbert Sanborn of Pitt, R. E. Miller of Bemidji, Matt Hendrickson of Baudette, R. H. Dickenson of Turtle River, W. E. Arnold of Turtle River, Iver Nisje of Baudette, Frank Brooks of Hines, Joe Weaver of Blackduck, August Buer of Bemidji, Anton Levandowsky of Williams and John Morris of Baudette.

Criminal Cases Feb. 15.

County Attorney Torrance stated that he believed the criminal calendar would be ready for trial Feb. 15.

R. K. Doe, Federal naturalization examiner, is examining applicants for citizenship papers this afternoon at the court house.

The court calendar will begin tomorrow at ten o'clock when the petit jury will be called.

AUTO PRICES MAY INCREASE, SAYS JEWETT

C. W. Jewett, manager of the C. W. Jewett garage and automobile company, returned this morning from the Twin Cities, where he has attended the automobile show which was held last week.

"Conditions have never looked as favorable as this year for a prosperous season," said Mr. Jewett in speaking of the auto show. "Although there are no radical lines in the make or construction of cars, all indications point to the shortage of materials.

"In view of this fact, the manufacturers look forward to a remarkable raise in prices. Some of the manufacturers stated that their prices would probably advance between 15 and 25 per cent. This, however, is not expected to decrease the sale of cars."

Pay-Up Week, a business stimulator, in Bemidji Feb. 21-26.

TODAY'S NORTHWEST ODDITY

Thief River Falls, Minn., Feb. 8.—Minnesota today produced its Portia. Mrs. Fanny Ainton, wife of an attorney appeared today as her own counsel and pleaded her own case, in her husband's suit for a divorce from her. Her husband hired several attorneys to assist himself in the fight against the woman.

ART EXHIBIT TO OPEN TOMORROW

Big Collection at High School; Proceeds for Purchasing Pictures for All Schools in City.

The Ellson Art Gallery exhibit from Minneapolis, will be shown at the high school building tomorrow. The collections contains over two hundred large-sized reprints of old masterpieces.

In accordance with plans already inaugurated, the pupils from various grades will act as lecturers, explaining to all spectators the cause, significance and technicalities of the pictures.

Ten cents admission will be charged. The money received will be spent in purchasing pictures for the various schools of the city. It is expected that in addition to the pictures which are purchased from the receipts, many classes and grades and possibly outside organizations, will donate pictures.

The exhibit will continue Friday evening, and Thursday and Friday afternoon and evening.

MINN. PRESIDENTIAL LAW AGAIN IN SUPREME COURT

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 8.—For the second time within a month, the Minnesota presidential preference primary law was on trial in the Minnesota supreme court today. Its costs was the argument against it in today's hearings.

Walter N. Carroll, Minneapolis attorney, is the latest contestant of the law.

In the case today, Carroll alleged the cost of the primary was $100,000, which he declared unnecessary. He alleged that the law disfranchises the Minnesota voter and cited as evidence of the extravagance of the law, the fact that Democratic and Progressive primaries will be held, although there is only one candidate under each party, for the primary.

PAUL DEHNEL MAY FILE FOR STATE OFFICE

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 8.—Paul F. Dehnel of Bemidji, who quit the Progressive party after the meeting of the state committee last week, says he will file for delegate-at-large on the Republican ticket. He expects to file under the Cummins banner. Later on, if Julius Schmahl decides to run for governor or United States senator, Dehnel says he will file for secretary of state. Dehnel twice ran for congress in the Second district as a progressive.

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Mr. Dehnel has not returned from St. Paul where he went last week to attend the Progressive convention.

ELKS TO REHEARSE MINSTREL TONIGHT

A rehearsal will be held tonight at the Elks' hall for the Elks' minstrel show which will be held March 3 and 4. The rehearsal will begin at eight o'clock and all members are urged to be present.

Washington, D. C., Feeb. 8.—Alexander Morrison of Bathgate, N. D., has been named collector of customs at Pembina to succeed Judson LaMoure, Jr.

1916 SHOULD BE BIG YEAR, SAYS BEMIDJI MERCHANT

Charles Cominsky, of Schneider Bros., in An Interview States People Buying Freer.

ADVISES CITIZENS TO MAKE BIG "BID" FOR VACATIONISTS

Despite Rise in Dye and Leather Prices, Local Store to Maintain Usual Prices.

Note—The following is the first of a series of interviews with Bemidji business men about vital questions of the day. The next will appear in an early issue of the Pioneer.—Editor.

"What will business conditions be in Bemidji and the country during 1916? The prospects look much brighter than ever before.' '

That is the way Charles Cominsky of Schneider Bros. company, dealers in men's and women's furnishings, lines up the situation. His reasons for the bright prospects are set forth as follows:

Money is Easier.

"Money is much easier and in the retail end we find people buying much freer than last year. I believe that there will be more work for the workingmen in 1916 in the country than there ever was in the history of the United States. The same is true with Bemidji. I believe that laborers will be scarce.

Farmers Trade Here.

"Bemidji is the center of a great district. Many people are trading in the city. Farmers are trading more than ever in the city and they appear to like Bemidji as a trading point."

Mr. Cominsky is not a man to become over enthusiastic over the present conditions and believes that there is still room for striving for Bemidji citizens. One of the ways in which to increase business in Bemidji, according to Mr. Cominsky, is to make a "big bid" for summer tourists and vacationists.

Should Write Friends.

"Every business man and citizen in Bemidji ought to co-operate in boosting for summer business by writing to their friends, manufacturers and wholesalers with whom they do business, telling them of the most beautiful spot in America for a summer vacation," said Mr. Cominsky.

In speaking of business in connection with the men's and women's furnishings, Mr. Cominsky said:

Prices the Same.

"While the dye situation has been very serious in the past and will be worse in the future, the merchandise that we purchased for the spring season is all dyed with the genuine indigo dyes and the colors are fast.

"There have been some advances in the merchandise on account of the dye, wool and cotton situation, but the advance is at the manufacturers' end. We will continue to sell all the products at the same price as usual with the exception of one article and that is blue overalls, the price of which having been raised to $1.25 by the manufacturer.

"The leather market has taken a good advance but we bought our shoes at the same prices as last year and expect to sell all the shoes at the same price as last year."

NAVAL MILITIA DRILLS TO MUSIC

For the first time since its organization, the Bemidji Naval Militia last night drilled to music. Almost the entire band turned out to furnish marches for the navy boys.

MERCHANTS AND COMMERCIAL CLUB CONSIDER MERGE

A meeting of the Bemidji Merchants' association and the Commercial club is being held this afternoon to consider the merging of the two organizations.

IT'S 71 BELOW IN ALASKA, SO DOGS GO IN WHERE HORSES CAN'T TREAD

Seward, Alaska, Feb. 7.—Mail carriers here from Iditarod said today that when the mail was taken over the trail at Takotna the temperature was 71 degrees below zero. The cold was so intense the carriers had to turn back their horses and set out a second time with dog sleds.

WAR CORRESPONDENT AT CITY HALL TONIGHT

E. J. D. Larson to Give His Famous Warologue Under Auspices of Bemidji Elks.

E. J. D. Larson, who has visited the European war zone, gives his famous warologue tonight at the city hall. The warologue will be illustrated with two hundred scenes from the warring countries, and will be intensely interesting.

Mr. Larson has just received word of the death of the aviator with whom he made an ascent near Paris. While making a flight in the war zone, his machine became crippled and fell, carrying the aviator with it to his death.

In Red Wing, where Mr. Larson gave his waralogue, there was a large audience present, a larger crowd, it is said, than greeted Bryan when he appeared there.

Mr. Larson's lecture takes sides with none of the participants in the great struggle, and aims to be neutral in the truest sense of the word.

The entertainment is given for the benefit of the Elks and should draw a big house.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 8.—On account of the war, even shoe laces have advanced in price from 32 cents to 92 cents a gross.

TODAY'S MARKET REPORT

South St. Paul Markets.

Beef	$8.00@8.75
Hogs	$8.05@7.90
Sheep	$8.00@10.00

(The following markets are furnished the Daily Pioneer by William L. Henderson & Co., Germania Life Building, St. Paul, Minn.)

Minneapolis Markets.

Wheat	$1.29⅛
Rye	96½@97½
Corn	76@77c

Chicago Markets.

Wheat	$1.30¼
Corn	77c

Duluth Markets.

Wheat	1.29½
Rye	97c

Bemidji Markets.

Turkey, live, per lb.	$ .20
Turkey, dressed, per lb.	.24
Geese, live, per lb.	.14
Geese, dressed, per lb.	.18
Ducks, live, per lb.	.15
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	.20
Hens, large and fat, live, per lb.	.13
Hens, large and fat, dressed, per lb.	.18
Veal, fancy, dressed, per lb.	.14
Veal, fancy, oversize, per lb.	.12
Veal, poor, oversize, per lb.	.10
Fall lambs, per lb.	.16
Spring lambs, per lb.	.16
Mutton, fancy, dressed, per lb.	.14
Large hogs, dressed, per lb.	.9½
Medium hogs, dressed, per lb.	.10
Small hogs, dressed, per lb.	.10
Beans, per lb.	.10
Butter—	
Dairy, per lb.	.35
Creamery, bulk, per lb.	.35
Creamery, prints, per lb.	.37
Eggs—	
Storage, per doz.	.30
Strictly fresh, per doz.	.35
Carrots, per bu.	.60
Potatoes, fancy, clean and free from rot and frost, per bu.	1.20
Cracked corn, per bu.	1.12
Cracked corn, per sack, 75 lbs.	1.30
Corn and oats, per sack, 75 lbs.	1.30
Bran, per sack, 100 lbs.	1.25
Shorts, per sack, 100 lbs.	1.35
Oil meal, per sack, 100 lbs.	2.75

LUSITANIA CASE SOLUTION LOOKS HOPEFUL---OFFICIALS

Washington High Officials Attend Conference With President on Situation.

WAY IS OPENED FOR CONSIDERATION

Wilson Has Long Talk With Secretary Lansing Before Cabinet Session.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The Lusitania situation looks hopeful today, say high officials following the Wilson-Lansing conference. The matters, however, have not reached the stage to warrant official announcement. The president had a long engagement with Secretary Lansing this morning before the cabinet meeting.

Confers With Cabinet.

It is believed that he took up with his cabinet the latest communication which Germany hopes will bring the negotiations over the Lusitania disaster to a termination satisfactory to the United States.

Matters "Practically Settled."

Chairman Stone of the senate foreign relations committee today declared after conferring with administration officials that he believed the case was "practically settled."

Germany has agreed that reprisals must not be directed against any other than enemy subjects.

This expression is offered by Germany to take the place of the phrase containing the word "illegal," which is incorporated in the draft of the Lusitania agreement, now under consideration.

Turk Vessels Sunk.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Dispatches say that Russian torpedo boats have sunk 40 Turkish sailing vessels in the Black sea.

Prince Oscar Wounded.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—It is reported that Prince Oscar of Prussia has received light shrapnel wounds on the head thigh.

TODAY IS REGISTRATION DAY; ELECTION NEXT WEEK

Today is registration day. The polls will be open until nine o'clock tonight. The registration up to two o'clock this afternoon was light.

City election will be held next Tuesday at which a mayor, city treasurer, city clerk, assessor and an alderman from each ward will be elected.

Mayor William McCuaig is a candidate for re-election. All the other city officers are also candidates for re-election. They are: George Stein, city clerk, George Rhea, city treasurer, T. J. Lloyd, assessor, J. P. Lahr, alderman of the First ward, Tom Smart, alderman of the Second ward, P. Foucault, alderman of the Third ward and R. E. Miller, alderman of the Fourth ward.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

The Northwest is celebrating this week as the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Christian Endeavor society. The society was organized in Portland, Me., in 1881 by Rev. Francis E. Clark.

The Bemidji Christian Endeavors will have charge of the prayer meeting at the Presbyterian church on Thursday night. A valentine social will be given in the church parlors Friday evening.

ENGLISH WARSHIPS PATROL U. S. COAST

Newport News, Va., Feb. 8.—British ship masters arriving here today report that two allied cruisers are patrolling the coast off the Virginia capes. It is believed that other German raiders are expected.

AUTOMOBILE LICENSE NUMBERS HAVE FREAKS; WHAT IS YOURS?

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 8.—Dr. George Granger of Rochester, Minn., has no respect for hoodoos. The number of his automobile license tag is 13. What's more, he was born on the thirteenth, married on the thirteenth and his parents were married on the thirteenth.

REMMY INQUEST AT CITY HALL TONIGHT

Coroner's Jury to Consider Shooting Case at Turtle River.

Coroner Garfield Akerberg will hold an inquest tonight at the city hall over the death of Ralph Remmy, station agent at Turtle River, who was shot and killed Saturday evening.

The body has been brought to this city.

Among the witnesses to be examined tonight are Peter Larkin, president of Turtle River village, H. Brown and James Bliss, both of Turtle River. The latter is the stepfather of Mr. Remmy.

It was pointed out by a Turtle River resident today that Remmy was wearing a hostler in which was a .38 Colt revolver. It is believed that the gun accidentally dropped to the floor as Mr. Remmy stooped and was accidentally discharged, the bullet going through Remmy's hand and lodging in his head. Death was instantaneous. Mr. Remmy was clerk of the Turtle River village council, financial scribe for the Samaritan lodge and a member of the Masons. He was in excellent standing in the community.

The inquest tonight will begin at about 8:30 o'clock.

DEER RIVER MAN ON LIQUOR CHARGE

William Sundberg of Deer River was arrested yesterday morning by Special Indian Officer J. P. Brandt, charged with having introduced three quarts of whisky and one quart of alcohol into Indian "lid" country at Deer River on Feb. 5.

When arraigned before Judge H. A. Simons, United States commissioner, in this city, Sundberg entered a plea of not guilty and demanded a hearing, which was set for Feb. 10. He was committed to the Beltrami county jail upon default of bonds to the sum of $300.

FOSSTON HIGH SCHOOL AFTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Fosston, Feb. 8.—The local high school is again in the field for the basketball championship of Minnesota. For the past three seasons this team has taken the title of this district, one year carrying away the state championship. At last season's tournament held in Northfield, Fosston was a runner-up, being defeated by Red Wing, the present title holders. The local team is lighter than usual this year but is displaying great speed and clever individual floor work. Thus far a defeat has not been felt, and the followers of the game here are confident that their team will again be in the running at the Carleton finals.

SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATURE MEETS IN SPECIAL SESSION

Pierre, S. D., Feb. 8.—Under Governor Byrne's proclamation, the state legislature met today in special session to amend the primary election laws. These, the governor said, are defective. Today's was the first special session in the history of South Dakota.

STATE SCHOOL WARRANT FORGED FOR $18,000

J. A. O. Preus, State Auditor, Submits Information to Ramsey County Attorney.

DRAWN IN FAVOR OF AITKIN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Ramsey County Grand Jury to Investigate; Cashed in Office of State Treasurer.

BULLETIN.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 8.—R. C. Pickit, discharged clerk of the state investment board, today confessed to forging state warrants and placing them into circulation. He stated that he had been forging warrants since 1913 and that the total sum aggregated $22,000. State Treasurer Smith today stated that the forgeries were made without his knowledge.

St. Paul, Feb. 8.—J. A. O. Preus, state auditor of Minnesota, and W. J. Stephenson, assistant state attorney general, late yesterday submitted information to R. D. O'Brien, Ramsey county attorney, about the alleged irregular handling of a warrant drawn against the state permanent trust funds for $18,000 in favor of the treasurer of school district No. 46 of Aitkin county.

The warrant was drawn by R. C. Picket, clerk of the investment board in the auditor's office, executed by Claude S. Brown, deputy auditor, and cashed in the office of Walter J. Smith, state treasurer. Mr. O'Brien was told that the school treasurer's name was forged.

The information given Mr. O'Brien, it is understood, will be submitted to the Ramsey county grand jury Thursday.

UNORGANIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETS

The Beltrami county unorganized school district No. 119 board held a meeting at the court house yesterday. Routine matters were considered. The officers of the board are A. E. Rako, president, W. B. Stewart, secretary, and Earl Geil, treasurer.

NAVAL MILITIA TO GIVE FORMAL DANCE

Bemidji's naval militia company will give its annual formal dance in the city hall, Feb. 18.

Efforts are being made to make it one of the best social functions of the year. The social committee has commenced work on invitations, decorations and other preparations.

BEMIDJI GIRLS' QUINT OUT AFTER TITLE

Miss Elizabeth Vermilya, coach of the girls' high school basketball team, announced this morning that a game had been arranged for the girls' team, to be played against the girls' team of the Pine River high school next Saturday in the Armory.

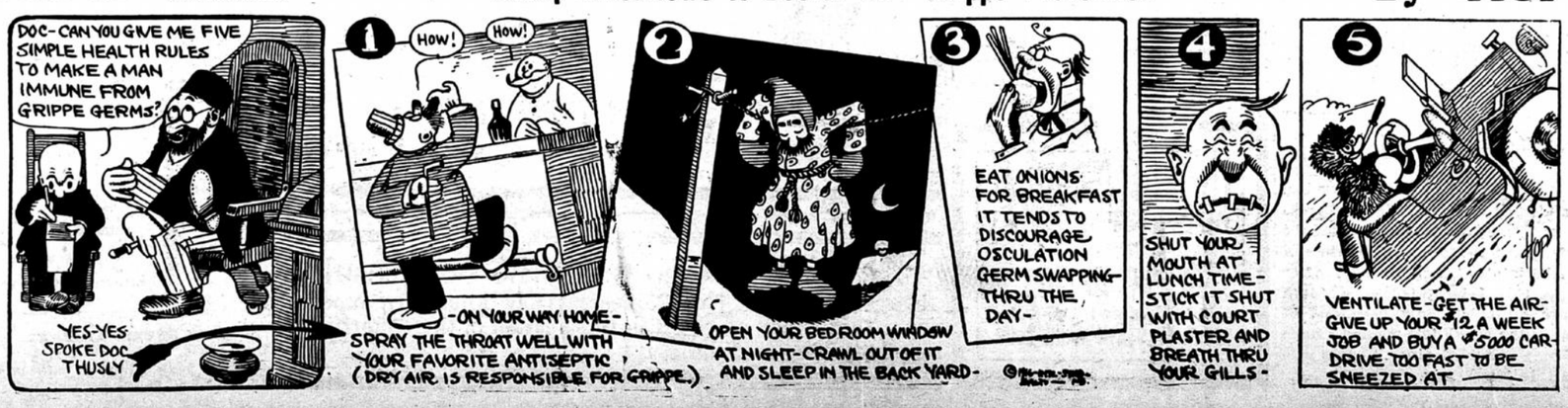
By defeating the Pine River team the Bemidji team will be in direct running for the championship title of Northwestern Minnesota.

STATUE OF MINNESOTA'S FIRST GOVERNOR UNVEILED

Washington, Feb. 8.—The statue of Henry Mower Rice, the first governor, of Minnesota, was unveiled today and placed in the historical statuary hall in the capitol this morning. Vice President Marshall accepted the statue for the government. Senators Nelson and Clapp made presentation speeches.

CROOKSTON MANSLAUGHTER CASE TO JURY SOON

Crookston, Minn., Feb. 8.—The trial of Leo Tracy, charged with second degree manslaughter, is progressing rapidly and it is probable that the fate of the defendant will be in the hands of the jury tonight or Wednesday. The state completed its case yesterday and the defense immediate commenced its side.

Tracy was arrested last fall in connection with the death of M. F. Hall of Austin, Minn., who it is alleged met death from a blow received in a fall caused from being struck by the defendant.

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