

North Central Minnesota Educational Association To Meet Here Next Week

Seventh Annual Session to Be Held Thursday and Friday.

SEVERAL HUNDRED TEACHERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND

R. F. Ross of Walker, President of Organization, Announces Program.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS TO HOLD MEETING ALSO

The North Central Educational association will hold its seventh annual meeting in Bemidji next Thursday and Friday.

Normal Head Here.

The main address of the convention will be given by Prof. H. W. Shroyck, president of the Southern Illinois Normal college.

200 Are Expected. The county superintendents of schools are planning to have a meeting during the meeting of the teachers.

An attendance of over 200 is looked for at the meetings.

Following is the program:

Thursday, Feb. 17, 8 p. m. Music—(a) "Fairy Waltz," (b) "Butterfly Boat," Seventh and Eighth Grade Glee club; "The Effective Teacher," Supt. P. P. Colgrove, Virginia; solo, Miss Rhoda Nehring, Deer River; address, Dr. Lotus D. Coffman, dean college of education, University of Minnesota.

Friday, Feb. 18, 9 a. m. Music—(a) "Welcome," Sixth grade chorus; (b) "The Sailor Lad," Second grade chorus; "The Class Room Teacher," Miss Isabel Williams, president M. E. A.; "High School English," E. M. Phillips, state high school inspector; solo, Hon. A. J. Linden, Pine River; address, "Agricultural Subjects in Modern Education," W. H. Bender, college of agriculture, St. Paul.

Friday, 2 p. m. Music—"Up and Away," Fifth and Sixth grade chorus; solo, Miss Jennie Paulsberg, Pine River; "Medical Inspection in Rural Schools," Supt. D. B. Jewell, Koochiching county; "My Ideal Teacher," Supt. George A. Franklin, Deer River; mixed quartet, "Moonlight Will Come Again," Miss Jennie Paulsberg, Miss Leila Daily, A. J. Linden and R. F. Ross; "The Nature and Ministry of Fiction," President H. W. Shroyck, Carbonate, Ill.

Friday, 8 p. m. Music—(a) "Swing Along," (b) "Road to Mandalay," high school double quartet; vocal solo, Miss Frances Kenney, Bemidji; "The Obligation the Individual Owes to Society," President H. W. Shroyck, Southern Illinois State Normal university, Carbondale, Ill.; "America," audience, led by high school double quartet.

Agricultural Section.

W. P. Stapleton, Akeley, presiding. Friday, 11 a. m.—Agriculture room—"To What Extent Should the Agriculturists Encourage the Co-operative Movement?" Clyde Campbell, Deer River; "Credit for Northern Minnesota Farmers," H. G. Zavoral, Laporte; "How Much of His Time Should the Agricultural Instructor Give to Extension Work?" R. M. Day, Bagley; "The Teaching of Agriculture in Grades," M. P. Ostby, Pine River.

Friday, 4 p. m.—"The Problem of Transportation for Extension Work," C. A. Caldwell, Park Rapids; "Cooperation on the Sale of Seed Potatoes," E. M. Gile, Bemidji; "The Greatest Problem of the Agriculturist," E. P. Cowing, Fosston; "The School Farm," Edw. Vaneura, International Falls; "Classroom and Laboratory Management in High School Agriculture," W. H. Bender, College of Agriculture, St. Paul.

Rural School Section. Miss Eunice Ramsey, Mildred, presiding. Friday, 11 a. m.—High school auditorium—"Schoolroom Sanitation," C. A. Kelly, Akeley, Miss Eliza Boobar, Nary; "Relation of Parents and Teacher," Miss Esther Campbell, Solway, Miss Rose Shefner, Cyphers;

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TREASURER SMITH AND PICKIT ARE INDICTED BY JURY

Clerk is Formally Arrested; Bench Warrants for Smith Reported Issued.

SMITH MAKES PUBLIC STATEMENT OF CASE

High Life Blamed for Downfall of Investment Board Clerk by Friends.

BULLETIN.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 11.—Treasurer Smith is expected to resign late this afternoon. Friends say that although he is not guilty it would be delicate for him to continue under the shadow.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 11.—Two indictments were returned by the Ramsey county grand jury yesterday afternoon against R. C. Pickit, former clerk of the state investment board, charging forgery in the second degree in connection with the recently discovered irregularities in the handling of certain trust funds of the state.

Three Secret Indictments. Three secret indictments, understood to charge Walter J. Smith, state treasurer, with first degree larceny, were also returned.

Pickit has been formally arrested. Bench warrants have been issued for Smith.

Charged With Forgery. Pickit is charged with forgery in connection with two warrants on school districts which were cashed at the office of the state treasurer, Walter J. Smith, after the endorsement of the school treasurers had been forged.

One was for \$18,000, under date of May 29, 1915, and the other for \$6,000, under date of August 21.

Protests Innocence. Walter J. Smith, state treasurer, lying in a bed in a room on the second floor of a sanatorium at 403 Seventh street south, Minneapolis, late yesterday talked to a newspaper representative. "I am innocent," he said, "and I can explain everything satisfactorily. Take these warrants for instance—"

At this point G. C. Cardoff, a close friend of Mr. Smith's, interrupted and advised him to make no further statement. "You are a sick man," he said, "and the physician has refused to permit you to talk."

Smith took the advice of Mr. Cardoff. That he is ill is indicated by his appearance. He is thin and pale and his hands shook as he tried to tell his story.

Not Taking "Cure." Mr. Cardoff made the following statement concerning Smith's condition: "Mr. Smith is not taking a liquor cure. He is here because he is a personal friend of mine. I have known him for a long time and he is under medical treatment for a condition bordering on a nervous prostration and pneumonia."

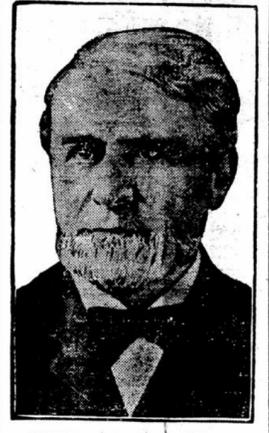
"I have talked over the matter to some extent with him and I am sure he can explain it. The public should suspend judgment. He is in no condition to make a statement at this time."

SECOND SCANDAL IN STATE OFFICE

This is the second time in the history of Minnesota that a state treasurer has been involved in a scandal relating to alleged misuse of state funds. In 1873 William Seeger, then state treasurer, resigned while the state legislature was preparing to impeach him for alleged defalcation of \$180,000. It was shown that Seeger was not at fault and the shortage was made good.

PICKIT REPORTED TO HAVE LIVED HIGH "High life" is one of the causes of the downfall of R. C. Pickit, say his friends. He is 32 years old. Joy

U. S. SENATOR WHO INTRODUCED RED LAKE BILL



SENATOR KNUTE NELSON.

rides, cafe parties, automobile trips, extended tours, pool, billiards, etc., were stated to be causes of the downfall.

DIVORCE CASES UP TO DISTRICT COURT

Judge C. W. Stanton of the district court in the divorce case brought by Peter M. Leonard against Martha Leonard, instructed the jury to return a verdict for the defendant on the charge of adultery.

The district court is today taking up the case of Fitz Willis Nye of Nymore against his wife, Mary E. Nye, from whom he seeks legal separation. Judge D. H. Fisk is representing the plaintiff and Attorney Charles W. Scrutchin for the defendant.

BEMIDJI FARM CLUB TO MEET TOMORROW

The Bemidji Farm club will meet tomorrow afternoon at the Carr Lake school house. An interesting program has been prepared. A number of Bemidji merchants will attend the meet.

PINE RIVER QUINT HERE TOMORROW

The Pine River high school girls' basketball team will meet the Bemidji girls' team at the Armory tomorrow night. The game promises to be a fast contest as the two teams are evenly matched.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ADOPTS NELSON BILL RESOLUTIONS

The Commercial club and Merchants' association in a joint meeting yesterday afternoon passed the resolutions opposing the Nelson bill which were published in the Pioneer last evening. The resolutions will be sent to every United States senator.

HENRY MILLER IS REMODELING STORE

Henry Miller, proprietor of the Miller Midway Cash Grocery store, is having the interior of his store on Beltrami avenue repainted and remodeled. Mr. Miller will in the future have a more complete stock of all groceries.

Subscribe for the Pioneer.

SECRETARY OF WAR GARRISON RESIGNS FROM WILSON CABINET

Action is Due on Account of Difference on Preparedness Plans.

OPPOSED TO GRANTING OF FREEDOM TO PHILIPPINES

Successor to Be Appointed Within 24 Hours, Report Officials in Washington.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Secretary of War Lindlay M. Garrison resigned late yesterday because President Wilson would not "irrevocably" support the continental army plan, and because he opposed the administration plan of setting a definite date for the freedom of the Philippines.

President Wilson accepted the resignation, but has not selected a successor. The president himself probably will take personal charge of the administration's national defense plans in congress.

Assistant Secretary Breckenridge also resigned as a mark of loyalty to his chief, whose views he shared. The president accepted his resignation. Both take effect immediately.

Temporary Head.

Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, automatically becomes secretary of war ad interim.

It is known that one of Secretary Garrison's principal reasons for the conviction that only a federal continental army, instead of a reorganized national guard should be made the main military dependant of the nation, was his belief that some day the United States may be called upon to defend the Monroe doctrine and in that event, he says the prospect is that the national guard not becoming available to ruse outside the United States before a war declaration.

Upon the contention on the one hand that the continental plan which meant ultimately universal service, was the nation's reliance, and the position on the part of the president that no one plan could be enforced upon congress, President Wilson and his secretary parted official company.

General Surprise.

Mr. Garrison's resignation was a complete surprise to official Washington generally. He made no personal explanation.

Several hours before the official announcement, he had boarded a train, with his wife, for New York, and word had been passed at the department that he would be absent indefinitely.

The acute differences of opinion which led to the break began early in the year, when opposition to the continental army plan began developing in congress. There had been indefinite rumors of the possibility of the secretary of war leaving the cabinet, but they were never counteracted in official quarters.

Was Strong Man.

The secretary everywhere was regarded as one of the strong men of the Wilson cabinet, upon whom the president leaned in the difficult situations both domestic and international, which have marked his administration.

GARRISON THROUGH WITH POLITICS

New York, Feb. 11.—Former Secretary Garrison this afternoon made the first statement since he resigned from the war office. He stated that he had quit politics and that he would never take the stump against Wilson.

SUCCESSOR TO BE NAMED IN 24 HOURS

Washington, Feb. 11.—A successor will be named to Secretary Garrison within 24 hours. He will be a Democrat dark horse. None who have been mentioned so far will really be considered.

Nation-wide Pay-Up Week, Feb. 21-26.

WHY CHANGE?

Mayor William McCuaig is one of the most efficient executives that Bemidji has ever had. He has an excellent record and has taken a commendable interest in the city's business. He has well discharged the obligations of his office. There is no need in change of mayor this year.

The Daily Pioneer endorses Mayor McCuaig for re-election. There is not a single good business reason why Mayor McCuaig should be retired at this time. He is the people's candidate. He has by his past service to the city earned the right to re-election and the people can choose no better man next Tuesday. Why change? Think it over. Vote for Mayor William McCuaig for re-election.

ARMORY GRANT UP NEXT TUESDAY

Bemidji to Petition for Building; Stillwater and Eveleth Also Make Application.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 11.—Building armories for Minnesota cities will be the chief business before the armory board, which meets at the capitol Tuesday, Col. George C. Lambert, chairman of the state armory board, told the United Press today.

Gives \$15,000.

A petition for building an armory for the Bemidji division of the naval militia is expected, he says. According to state law, the local company must secure a site suitable to the board, and \$1,000 or as much more as the local company elects. When the site and the money are accepted the state adds \$15,000 of its money and the armory is built.

Few Hitches.

The process sounds simple. However, there have been a few hitches in meeting the letter of the law. These instances may come before the board also. One of these instances is at Stillwater. Another involves an interesting situation at Eveleth, on the Mesaba range.

Mine Stops Building.

In this little mining town, the local company of the state guard has the site, the thousand and the desire for an armory. When the state board examined the title, however, it was found that the title was clouded by mineral reservations. Under this restriction, mining companies holding the reservations could remove the building on the site at any time. Minnesota isn't raising armories to be carted about, so the project balked.

There are forty armories in Minnesota today. Col. Lambert said.

MUSICAL COMEDY CAST IS NAMED

The cast of the musical comedy, "Sinbad the Sailor," which will be produced by members of the Episcopal church next Thursday, was named today.

Mrs. G. H. Strickland will play the part of Princess Aminta. Other members of the cast are Miss Donna Lycan as Queen Gulnara, Miss Ella Laqua as Lazula, Jack Herbert as Murad, George Graham as Ajib, Andrew Rood as Haroun L. Raehid, C. D. Lucas as a herald, Miss Jane Hayner as Zulieka and C. M. Jacobson as Sinbad.

Besides this cast there will be choruses of cannibals and queen's attendants.

MULEY COW ON PROGRAM AT DEVELOPMENT MEET

Crookston, Minn., Feb. 11.—The muley cow that is killed and made into beef steaks was the theme of today's session of the farm crops show at the Red River Valley Development association. Prof. William Dietrich and Prof. H. R. Smith of St. Paul judged the beef.

Pay-Up Week, Feb. 21-26, means much to you.

SESSIONS OF GRAND JURY ARE COMPLETED; REPORTS ARE MADE

Several Are Arrested on Bills for Violation of Liquor Laws.

RECOMMENDED THAT JAIL BE HEATED FROM COURT HOUSE

Fund is Collected for Girl Whose Father is Accused of Incest.

The Beltrami county grand jury completed its sessions at 11:30 o'clock this morning and was discharged by Judge C. W. Stanton of the district court. The jury went into session Tuesday and has returned several indictments, including several for violation of liquor laws.

Gagnon Indicted.

Frank Gagnon of Bemidji was indicted on two counts for selling liquor without a license. When arraigned yesterday afternoon Mr. Gagnon entered a plea of not guilty. He was represented in court by Attorney Charles W. Scrutchin. He was released on \$500 bonds.

Larson on Three Counts.

John Larson of Puposky was indicted on three counts for violating the liquor laws at Puposky. He is accused of selling liquor without a license to Theodore Daly, to J. W. Nelson and of conducting an unlicensed drinking place. When arraigned Larson entered a plea of not guilty on the three counts. His attorney is Attorney Charles W. Scrutchin. He was released on \$500 bonds.

Indicted for Incest.

Herman A. Schaeffer, who was indicted yesterday on charges of incest and carnal knowledge, when arraigned yesterday afternoon, entered a plea of not guilty through his attorney, Henry Funkley. He is confined to the Beltrami county jail.

Scrutchin Appointed Attorney.

Gust Severson, who was indicted for robbery in the second degree, committed at Spooner, entered a plea of not guilty to that charge when arraigned yesterday. Judge Stanton appointed Attorney Charles Scrutchin to represent Severson. Severson is confined to the Beltrami county jail.

Wilson Pleads Not Guilty.

Roy Wilson of Puposky was indicted by the grand jury of selling liquor without a license to Clement Gilbert and to J. W. Nelson. When arraigned he entered a plea of not guilty through his attorney, E. E. McDonald. He was released under \$500 bonds.

Koza Not Indicted.

No indictment was returned against Frank Koza, who was bound over to the grand jury from this city when he was implicated in a shooting scrape at a hotel in this city last fall. He was released from the county jail where he has been confined since the shooting.

Make Up Fund.

Before adjourning the grand jury members made up a fund for Caroline Schaeffer, 15-year-old girl, and her baby. The girl's father was indicted for incest and carnal knowledge.

Urge Improvements.

The grand jury in its final report stated that it had examined the county jail and found it in good condition. It recommended an improvement in the basement of the court house by lowering the furnace so that the fall can be connected and heated by boilers of the court house heating plant. It is also urged that improvements be made in the janitor's quarters and that a new floor be laid in the same. B. E. Arneson was foreman of the grand jury.

COURT GIVES NORTON ST. PAUL BALL CLUB

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 11.—Judge Orr of the district court yesterday decided that J. W. Norton owns the option of the St. Paul baseball club and has a right to exercise the option. He will buy the club for \$115,000.

BEMIDJI MEN TO BIG CEMENT SHOW

M. F. Cunningham, J. B. Hook and George Kretz and a local party of others interested in permanent construction with concrete are planning to go to Chicago to take part in several concrete conventions which will be held in the next two weeks.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 11.—Lawlessness in northern Mexico is increasing. Besides murdering Guy Johnson, an American, Villa bandits have raided San Juan, killing several men and carrying away two women.

SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER



Trailing The Grippe Germ To Its Lair



By "HOP"

