

**FARMERS' FROHN CLUB EXPRESS THEIR OPINION OF MERCHANTS**

Tell Local Men of the Conditions That They Find; Praise Merchants.

**BIG MEETING IS HELD AT HOME OF GUST BERG**

Relations Between Farmer and Business Men in County Becoming More Friendly.

More than one hundred farmers and their families attended the regular monthly meeting of the Frohn Equitable club held at the home of its president, Gust Berg, Saturday. A sleigh load of Bemidji merchants also attended the meeting.

Lunch is Served. After a lunch furnished by the women of the club was served, a joint business session was held at which both the farmer and merchant was invited to express his views with regard to existing conditions between city and country.

Earle A. Barker, president of the Bemidji Merchants association, when called upon, asked permission to put the following questions to all members present: "How do you feel toward the merchants of Bemidji and the city in general?" "Have you any complaints to make or suggestions to offer that would improve conditions?" "We want to hear your frank opinions." The following responded:

Is Used Well.

A. W. Hoskins—"I have no fault to find now. The merchants are using us well. It was much worse three or four years ago, but today they are treating us right."

Fred Swenson—"I have no kick coming. Everything is alright with me."

Is Satisfied.

J. H. Krueger—"Although I have not been here long, I am satisfied with the treatment the Bemidji merchants have accorded me."

A. Rodin—"Things are going alright. They are doing me no harm and I am satisfied."

Stanley Smith—"They have always used me right. I don't see that I can find any fault with the Bemidji merchants. I think the relations between the farmer and the merchant will continue to be more friendly and stronger. We enjoy working together."

Receive Advice.

Gust Berg—"No kick to make now. Years ago it was hard, but today I am well pleased. We always like to have the merchants attend our meetings and appreciate it when they come to visit us. They give us good advice and we know they are sincere."

Only After Money.

I. E. Raymond—"It's altogether different now than it used to be. I can remember when we farmers were looked down upon when we came to town. The merchants gave the impression that we were not good as (Continued on Page 4)

**PRIEST KILLED IN CONFESSIONAL BY MINNEAPOLIS WOMAN**

St. Paul, Minn., March 6.—Ms. Amelia Dudek of Minneapolis, mother of seven children, shot and instantly killed Rev. Father Henry Jakeski, priest of St. Casimir's Catholic church, as he sat in his chair in an improvised confessional in the church Saturday evening. Action had been brought in the Hennepin county court by Frank Dudek in behalf of his wife against the priest. The suit was for \$3,000 damages and it was charged that the priest had taken advantage of Mr. Dudek in 1912 when she was recovering from an operation for appendicitis. After a third time, the priest won the suit. When Mrs. Dudek was arraigned in court this morning the case was referred to the district court to investigate the sanity of Mrs. Dudek.

**SENATE VOTE MAY LESSEN BREAK WITH GERMANY, SAYS BERLIN**

Berlin, March 6.—Well informed Americans here claim that the senate's vote of confidence in the president has lessened the possibilities of a German-American break. There is a wide difference in interpreting the meaning of the senate's action. It is generally thought that it means that the president will be given a free hand to make negotiations with Germany, calling on the senate only in case war is planned.

Washington, March 6.—Olney Arnold, United States diplomatic agent and consul general at Cairo, Egypt, is dead at Lisbon, Portugal.

**CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE VISITING IN BEMIDJI**

Harold Knutson of St. Cloud, candidate for congress in the Sixth district, is a visitor in Bemidji. Mr. Knutson was formerly connected with the St. Cloud Journal-Press.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDS NELSON BILL; MORRISON RETURNS**

Chief of Chippewas Back From Washington is Satisfied With Indian Affairs.

**GENERAL FUND TO BE DISTRIBUTED SOON**

Each Responsible Indian to Receive \$148; Minors' Fund to Be Held in Trust.

John Morrison of Red Lake, chief of the Minnesota Chippewas, returned this morning from Washington where he went several weeks ago to oppose the Nelson bill providing for a forest reserve on the Red Lake reservation and to investigate other Chippewa Indian matters.

Bill is Changed. "You would not recognize the Nelson bill the way it has been reported by the senate committee," said Chief Morrison today. "Unless the senate makes some big changes the bill is satisfactory. All unsatisfactory portions of the bill have been cut out."

"The bill will allow allotments in the forest reserve area; a reserve has been made for the townsites; an appropriation of \$300,000 will be used to drain the western portion of the territory; other changes were made."

Conditions.

"The Chippewa conditions are good. There will be division made in the summer of the general fund and each competent Indian will receive about \$148. The money for the incompetent adults and minors will be held in trust."

"There is evidence of much prosperity in the east; everybody appears enthusiastic."

"I was in Washington the day that the senate voted on the Gore resolution and heard some of the arguments. Crowds were lined up for blocks attempting to gain admittance to the senate chamber to hear the talks."

Money for Treaty.

"There has been \$150,000 appropriated for the enforcement of the Indian treaties. Only \$125,000 was appropriated last year."

Chief Morrison returned to Red Lake today.

**POULTRY ASSOCIATION TO MEET THURSDAY**

The Beltrami County Poultry association will hold a meeting at the high school building Thursday night. C. E. Brown, chicken and poultry specialist of the Crookston experiment station will be the principal speaker. Plans for increasing the membership and making the association a matter of vital interest to all the farmers of the county will be discussed.

**BASEBALL MEETING NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT**

A baseball meeting will be held next Friday night at the armory to discuss plans for a baseball team for Bemidji. Plans for the construction of a baseball park will also be taken up.

**NEWTON BAKER FOR SECRETARY OF WAR**

Washington, March 6.—Newton D. Baker, former mayor of Cleveland, will be the new secretary of war, say apparently authoritative sources.

**SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER**

THEY SAY MOTORISTS DIE FROM BREATHING CARBON MONOXIDE GAS GENERATED FROM ENGINE THROUGH EXHAUST WHILE CAR IS RUNNING IN NEUTRAL—THIRTY MINUTES EXPOSURE TO 20% OF THIS GAS IN AIR IS DANGEROUS AND 5% PRODUCES SLIGHT SYMPTOMS!

**GERMAN CRUISER MAKES BIG RAID; RETURNS TO PORT**

Moewe Captures 15 Vessels and Lays Mines That Sink Big Battleship.

**SLIPS INTO PORT THROUGH BRITISH LINES**

Three Verdun Forts Defending City Are Nearly in Ruins; Douaumont Taken.

Berlin, March 6.—(Official)—The German cruiser Moewe slipped through the British lines and arrived at a German port this morning. The cruiser had been raiding and returned heavily laden.

200 Prisoners.

Nearly 200 British prisoners were aboard the cruiser this morning, besides a million marks in British gold bars.

The Moewe captured 15 vessels and laid mines at various places. One of these mines, it is believed, sank the British battleship, King Edward VII.

To Continue Raid.

Under the same officers and crew that made such a thrilling record, the raider will again be put to sea in a few weeks. It will slip through the British lines the same way that it slipped in.

Report Doubtful.

London, March 6. Newspapers doubt the truth in the Berlin report that the Moewe has returned, saying that the dispatch was sent to throw the British warships off the trail.

Forts Weakening.

London, March 6.—German troops have entered the village of Douaumont. Three Verdun forts defending the city from the east are almost totally wrecked by the German bombardment. Amsterdam dispatches state today. Amsterdam previously reported that the forts Devaux, Moulaineville and Detavannes were being destroyed.

**FORMER CASS LAKE MAN TO STATE OFFICE**

Egbert S. Oakley, an attorney of Duluth, who from 1903 to 1908 was registrar of the Cass Lake land office, has been named by Attorney General Lyndon A. Smith as assistant attorney general. He will succeed W. J. Stevenson, who resigned to accept a position with a Minneapolis trust company.

**APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR COUNTY FAIR**

The board of Beltrami county commissioners has appropriated \$500 to the Beltrami County Fair association for use this year.

The board also appropriated \$500 for the Beltrami county exhibit at the Minnesota state fair and appointed Buford M. Gile as manager of the exhibit at a salary of \$100, to be taken out of the fund appropriated.

**THREE IMPORTANT FACTORS IN BIG FOREIGN SITUATION**

Washington, March 6.—Three important factors developed today in the delicate international situation. They are:

Colonel House's return from a secret European mission to tell the president what he learned.

German decree against armed merchantmen and the photographic copies of alleged secret British orders to merchantment to attack submarines.

The presence of William Jennings Bryan at the capitol.

Pioneer advertisements are reliable.

**\*\*\*\*\* WOULD'NT THIS CHILL YOU? \*\*\*\*\***

The idea is spreading that the year 1916 will be summerless.

The year 1816, after the disastrous end of Napoleonic wars, had scarcely enough summer to be worth mentioning, and the theory seemed to be that the terrific bombardments on European battlefields are bound to have a similar effect upon weather conditions this year.

June of 1816, so the story goes, was a month of frost and ice. New England, Ohio and Pennsylvania were covered with snow.

June 17 there was a great snow storm and flocks of sheep were overwhelmed and suffocated.

The ice was an inch thick on the Fourth of July, and August 20 witnessed a heavy fall of snow.

Not until after September were the climatic conditions restored.

The notion is that history will repeat itself after the passage of a century, and the alarming thought in this connection is that all the Napoleonic wars caused all the derangement of meteorological conditions, then the amount used in the present war is likely to keep the temperature at 40 below zero at least all next summer.

**ROBBERS BREAK INTO BARKER'S STORE; TAKE \$25**

Drug Store is Entered Early This Morning; Back Window is Unlocked.

**WORK OF AMATEURS; POLICE INVESTIGATING**

Money Taken From Secret Drawer; Other Funds in Cash Registers Are Overlooked.

Robbers early this morning entered the Barker Drug store and stole \$25. The loss was discovered shortly after the store was opened for business this morning.

Break Latch.

The robbers gained admittance to the store through a back window, taking off the storm window and cutting a hole in the sash so that they were able to lift the catch. That the robbery took place only a short time before the store was opened was evident as tracks in the snow were still discernable.

Funds Overlooked.

About \$20 belonging to the Moose lodge was taken from the bookkeeper's desk and five dollars was taken from the front cash register. An attempt was made to open the big cash register with a screw driver, but no money was taken from other registers which all contained money.

Familiar With Store.

It is believed that the robbers were familiar with the store and familiar with the place where the \$20 was located. It is thought probable that someone during the day, while up in the bookkeeper's office, noticed the \$20 in the desk.

The work is believed to have been that of amateurs.

The police are investigating.

**FEDERAL INSPECTION OF MILITIA MARCH 20**

Word was received yesterday by Lieutenant E. A. Barker of the Bemidji naval militia, from Captain Guy Eaton that a federal inspection of the Bemidji division will be held on March 20.

Lieutenant Barker today stated that no excuses will be accepted for absence from drill on any account, except severe sickness and death, for the next three drills.

All blues and whites and side arms, as well as all other equipment furnished by the state, will be checked up tonight at the regular drill at the city hall.

**MANY SETTLERS EXPECTED HERE THIS SPRING**

County is Fast Becoming Widely Known as Farming Section; Land Men Active.

**RED LAKE RAILWAY TRANSFERS EMMIGRANTS**

Whole Colony of Iowa Farmers Are Located on Farms Near Nebish.

Beltrami county is fast becoming widely known as a farming section and it is expected that this spring will see a large number of new settlers in this district.

Three Are Located.

Last week three families were located on farms near Nebish. Each had a carload of supplies which was shipped over the Minneapolis, Red Lake & Manitoba railroad. They were W. F. Bradshaw, Frank Porter and Howard Porter, all from Talmage, Iowa. Each started to stock his tract. W. F. Bradshaw introduced three horses and two cows, H. Porter, four mules, and F. Porter, one ox, three cows and two horses.

More Shipments.

Two families from Fargo, N. D., have purchased land on Nat Lake, north of Bemidji, and nine families from Beloit, Wis., have purchased land north of this city.

According to railroad officials, other shipments can be expected in the next few weeks.

**DR. J. W. DIEDRICH WEDS IN LITTLE FALLS**

Dr. J. W. Diedrich was married today at Little Falls, his home city, to Miss Elita Rundell.

The Minneapolis Journal has the following to say of him: "Joe Diedrich, former University of Minnesota baseball captain and a member of the Gopher football eleven of 1914, was famed at Minnesota for his famous left hook slide. He could evade a baseman and made himself safe by his trick. But Diedrich has been called out by Umpire Cupid."

Dr. and Mrs. Diedrich will make their home in this city where Mr. Diedrich is practicing dentistry.

**MAXIMUM FORESTRY SUM IS GIVEN STATE**

Minnesota will receive the maximum federal allowance under the Weeks act for the promoting of forestry, according to notice received in St. Paul today. Under co-operative agreement with the federal government, there will be available in 1916 \$8,000 for the protection of the forests outside the national forests which are under direct supervision of federal officials. The allotment of the maximum to Minnesota is accepted as a recognition of the efficiency of the state service in protecting woodlands.

**TWO RED LAKE TOWNS ARE DRY BY TREATY**

Discovering that Red Lake county, which voted wet last Monday, is still within the dry area of the 1863 Indian treaty, W. G. Calderwood of Minneapolis has written to Cato Sells, commissioner of Indian affairs, and to Henry Larson, in charge of treaty enforcement in Minnesota, calling attention to the fact that the sale of liquor is illegal in Red Lake Falls and Plummer, the two remaining wet spots in the Red River valley. Calderwood is the prohibition leader who dug up the far-reaching treaty of 1855 that closed the saloons in Bemidji.

**BAND DANCE AT CITY HALL TOMORROW NIGHT**

The Bemidji band will give a dance at the city hall tomorrow night. A special program has been prepared by the Louis Burchard orchestra.

**GIRL'S QUINTET IS DEFEATED BY FAST BAGLEY TEAM**

Bemidji Team Goes Down to Defeat for First Time This Season at Bagley.

**DOES NOT AFFECT GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP**

Girls Fight Hard; Final Score is Seven to Six; Bagley on the Defensive.

The girls' basket ball team of the Bemidji high school went to Bagley and was defeated for the first time this season.

The final score was 7 to 6.

Defensive Game.

The Bagley high school girls played a fast defensive game.

The defeat does not affect the Northern Minnesota championship which is claimed by the Bemidji team as Bemidji has played every team in the northern part of the district with but this one defeat. The Bagley five has not played all the teams.

Dance is Given.

The summary of the game Saturday night is as follows:

Bemidji (6)—Edna Anderson, right forward, Emma Klein, left forward, Corrine Carlson, center, Carrie Brown, right guard, Lucile Moritz, left guard, Edna Buckland, substitute left guard for one half; Bagley (7)—Anna Olson, right forward, Amanda Hogan, left forward, Signa Sletton, center, Anderson, right guard, Lawrence, left guard.

Baskets—Bemidji, Corrine Carlson 2, Carrie Brown, 1; Bagley—Amanda Hogan 2, Anna Olson 1. Anna Olson shot the only foul of the game.

A dance and reception was given after the game in honor of the Bemidji team at rooters. Fred Cutter, J. D. Winter and Miss Josephine Parker accompanied the team to Bagley.

**DITCH CONTRACTS TO BE LET TOMORROW**

Contracts will be let tomorrow afternoon at the court house for the construction of Judicial Ditch No. 30. The ditch is located in 156 and 157-31 and 32, northeast of Red Lake.

**TWO TOWNS ESTABLISHED BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Two towns have been established by the board of county commissioners.

One town is to be known as Angles Township and is located in the Northwest Angle, the most northerly town in the United States. A petition was sent to the county commissioners at the last meeting and was accepted. The location is 165-35, 166-32, 166-33, 166-34, 166-35, 167-32, 167-33, 167-35, 168-33, 168-34, 168-35, 167-34.

The other town established is to be known as the Town of Kell and is located in 157-31. A meeting is to be held at the home of J. C. Whitte, March 25 to complete the organization of the town.

**FEDERAL INSPECTOR TO MAKE HOME HERE**

Roy Laforge, formerly of Aberdeen, S. D., will make his home in Bemidji. He is a United States post-office inspector for this district.

**VANDERSLUIS TAKES OATH AS MAYOR; NEW CITY RULE BEGINS**

Present Executive to Outline Policy in Official Statement to Be Issued Tonight.

**FRANK RIPPLE RETAINED AS CHIEF OF POLICE**

City Council to Organize and Elect Officers at First Meeting to Be Held Tonight.

At 12:01 this morning the new city administration of Bemidji became operative. At eight o'clock this evening the new city council will convene and organize.

Mayor Takes Oath.

The oath of office has been administered to Mayor Charles W. Vandersluis by City Clerk George Stein. The oath is as follows:

"I, Charles W. Vandersluis, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Minnesota and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of mayor of the City of Bemidji, in the County of Beltrami, in the State of Minnesota, to the best of my judgment and ability. So help me God." Head bared and right hand uplifted Mayor Vandersluis pledged himself to the people.

Ripple Retained.

A statement as to his policy will be issued by Mayor Vandersluis tonight. He has already announced the retaining of Frank Ripple as chief of police.

The new council will be organized at the meeting tonight. Appointments will be made for the offices of city attorney, clerk of water board, city engineer, scavenger and the appointments of the mayor for police force will be approved.

**MAY PLAY OFF TIE AT DULUTH ARMORY**

The Bemidji high school basket ball team may play off the tie for the Sixth district championship and a place at the Carleton tournament for the state title at Duluth, March 17 or 18.

No plans will be made until after the game between Little Falls and Brainerd which will be played Saturday night.

**AEROPLANE NECK IS LATEST SAYS DISPATCH**

An aeroplane neck is the latest, according to the St. Paul Dispatch. Symptoms are visions of moving lights in the skies and a purring sound as of a motor turning rapidly.

The Dispatch article in part says: According to the aeroplane branch of the health corps, the epidemic is most severe around Bemidji. The city is dry under the Indian treaty. Various efforts have been made to smuggle in liquor, but to no avail. They have a clue, the correspondent wires. Lewis Carroll's words are recalled: Time has come, the walrus said, To talk of many things, Of shoes, of ships and sealing wax, Of cabbages and kings, And why the sea is boiling hot, And whether pigs have wings. The nightly visitor in a flying blind pig, is one theory.

**COMMERCIAL CLUB TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING**

The Bemidji Commercial club will hold its annual meeting tomorrow evening at the club rooms. Directors will be elected and other important business will be transacted.

**NO ACTION TAKEN FOR COUNTY OPTION**

At a meeting of the constitution and by-laws committee and the committee on county option of the Law Enforcement League held Sunday afternoon in the Baptist church, a constitution and set of by-laws were drafted. No definite steps were taken by the county option committee.

A set of the five constitutional articles were drawn up to be presented to the organization for approval next Sunday.

The county option committee deferred action and will make an official report at the regular meeting next Sunday.

