

## CITY COUNCIL RECONSIDERS PHYSICIAN APPOINTMENT; NAMES DR. SHANNON

### Estimates Submitted For Beltrami Avenue Paving

Finance Committee to Meet to Decide on Improvements to Be Made.

PROPERTY OWNERS PROTEST AGAINST MINNESOTA PAVING

Contracts Let for Sweeping and Sprinkling Streets; Bids Are Low.

At a meeting of the city council last evening City Engineer Tom Swinson submitted estimates of the cost of proposed paving on Beltrami and Minnesota avenues and the construction of a sanitary sewer. The finance committee of the council was authorized to investigate the project and to decide on what improvements are to be made during the coming year.

It was estimated that the cost of the constructing of a sanitary sewer from Sixth street to Fifteenth street on America avenue, from Ninth to Thirteenth streets on Minnesota avenue, from Twelfth to Fourteenth streets on Beltrami avenue and from America to Beltrami avenue on Thirteenth street would be \$8,410.40.

Paving Cost \$10,672.

It was estimated that the paving of Beltrami avenue from Tenth to Fourteenth street and the constructing of a storm sewer would cost \$10,672.90.

It was estimated that the cost of constructing pavement and a storm sewer on Minnesota avenue from Fifth to Seventh street would cost \$5,797.60.

A petition was filed, signed by property owners on Minnesota avenue protesting against the paving of Minnesota avenue from Fifth to Seventh street.

Hahn Gets Contract.

Joe Hahn, city scavenger, was awarded the contract for the cleaning of the septic tank. He submitted a bid of \$188 for the work. William Peckles submitted a bid of \$200. It cost the city \$250 to have the tank cleaned last fall.

Sweeping, cleaning and sprinkling the streets contract for this season was awarded to Tom Schadow last evening for \$209. Bids submitted were as follows: Elmer Marlin, \$264, Joe McTaggart \$262.50, Wes Wright \$247.98, James Miller \$266 and William Peckles \$247.

Alderman Ervin urged the council to consider the buying of a motor sprinkler for Bemidji. He stated that upon investigation that he found that the sprinkling and cleaning of streets could be secured at a much lower cost than the city is now paying.

Miller Lowest Bidder.

Frank Miller was awarded the contract for the building of a private office in the city hall for the use of the chief of police. His bid was \$81.

A petition signed by property owners urging the vacation of the end of Fourth street for a site for the naval militia army was filed.

C. G. Johnson was granted a jitney license. The jitney license in Bemidji is \$50.

The council was split in their opinions in regard to the enforcement of the ordinance which provides for an indemnity bond of \$3,000 for jitney operators. Alderman Ervin protested against the enforcement of this ordinance, stating that he did not believe in making a hardship for the jitney operators. He stated that the jitney service was a good thing for the city as a whole and that he did not believe that the council should take into consideration whether or not it was injuring other private enterprises in Bemidji.

Bond Cost \$160.

It was pointed out that a bond would cost each jitney owner about \$160.

City Attorney Russell stated that the city is absolutely under no risk and that a bond is only to protect the passenger if the driver of a jitney was unreliable. He stated that Duluth had at one time considered the same matter and that the matter was dropped there.

Alderman Bailey stated that in his belief that the jitneys were a God-send to Bemidji and that they should be encouraged.

Alderman Smart urged the enforcing of the ordinance.

Insurance Men Benefit.

President Lyman pointed out that the city would get no benefit while the insurance companies would. He suggested that the raising of the li-

### NARY RESIDENTS THANK MERCHANTS

Bemidji Men Contribute to Fund to Finish Church at Nary.

Residents of Nary today sent to the Pioneer a card of thanks to the Bemidji merchants for contributions made toward a fund for the completion of a church at Nary. The contributions have been kept secret up to this time.

The card of thanks is as follows: To the Merchants Association:

It has just been learned by the people of this community that some of the merchants in Bemidji have given aid in the finishing up of the church at Nary, some by contributing cash and others in various ways.

It has been kept a secret from the people how the means were obtained to do this work until just recently. Now we, as a community, wish to express our hearty thanks to all of the merchants who so kindly contributed to this work.

—The Community of Nary.

### MRS. TUOMY WINS SLOGAN CONTEST

Bemidji Woman Submits "The City of Enterprise;" Selected by Judges.

Mrs. J. T. Tuomy, wife of Dr. J. T. Tuomy, is the winner of the slogan contest conducted by the Bemidji Merchants association and has been awarded the five dollar prize by the judges.

She submitted the slogan, "The City of Enterprise," which, it is believed by the judges, to be the best of the slogans for Bemidji submitted in the contest.

The decision of the judges was unanimous. The judges were T. J. Burke, H. M. Clark, C. L. Isted, Dr. G. M. Palmer and A. P. Ritchie.

All citizens are urged to use the slogan, "The City of Enterprise," as much as possible.

The judges have not decided the winner of the designs submitted in the contest.

### FRANK DEWEY FOUND GUILTY

Charged With Running Unlicensed Drinking Place; Takes Appeal.

Frank Dewey, proprietor of a pool hall on Minnesota avenue, was found guilty in the municipal court before Judge D. H. Fisk, this morning on a charge of running an unlicensed drinking place. He was sentenced to 50 days in the county jail.

Attorney Funkley for Dewey appealed the case.

Chief of Police Rippe and Officers Zacharias, Essler and Cross raided the pool hall Saturday and allege that they found liquor.

A large crowd was in court this morning when the case was called.

Notice was served on George Sterling this afternoon, the holder of the Dewey pool hall license, that a hearing would be held tomorrow morning at ten o'clock on the question of revoking the license.

W. N. Bowser, of the O'Leary-Bowser company, left the latter part of last week for Duluth and Superior where he will visit a short time. From there he will leave for Chicago and Grand Rapids, Mich., where he will visit with relatives for some time, returning to Bemidji in two weeks.

### BEMIDJI GETS REDUCED FIRE INSURANCE RATES

Northern Minnesota is Placed on the Same Basis as Southern.

REDUCTION IN PREMIUMS HERE TO BE \$5,503.80

Insurance Companies Agree to Demands of State Insurance Commissioner.

St. Paul, Minn., April 4.—All Northern Minnesota is to have the basis fire insurance rate enjoyed by Southern Minnesota. This is the announcement made by the state insurance commissioner.

Until last fall Southern Minnesota, including the Twin Cities, enjoyed the lowest basis rate. Central and Northwestern Minnesota were paying a higher rate, and the sixteen northerly counties of the state a rate even higher than that paid in the central and northwestern portions.

Nov. 24 last, Commissioner Works of the state department, ordered the General Inspection company to use a uniform basis rate throughout the state and further demanded that this uniform basis rate be no higher than that prevalent in Southern Minnesota. Mr. Works declared at the time that he would permit towns having an extra fire hazard to have a higher rate, but he insisted that such towns must be considered individually.

All Towns to Be Rerated.

The General Inspection company, after some negotiations, agreed to lower the rate in Central and Northwestern Minnesota to agree with the Southern Minnesota rate, but insisted that there was justification for the higher basis rate in the sixteen heavily timbered northeast counties.

Mr. Works and Mr. Fisher have spent several weeks in these northeast counties inspecting some 400 towns and villages. The result is the agreement on the part of the General Inspection company granting credit reductions on existing rates. These reductions will apply until the various towns have been reinspected and rerated under the uniform basis rate agreement.

The following figures show the difference between the old and new basis rates in the several towns mentioned:

Virginia. One-story brick buildings reduced from 55 to 43. Two-story reduced from 58 to 45. One-story frame reduced from 1.08 to 90.

Two-story frame reduced from 1.13 to 95. Towns in the same class as Virginia are: Chisholm, Eveleth, Hibbing, Bemidji.

Little Falls. One-story brick building, reduced from 47 to 39. Two-story reduced from 49 to 41. One-story frame reduced from 99 to 82.

Two-story reduced from 1.04 to 86. Towns in the same class as Little Falls are: Crookston, Moorhead, Thief River Falls, Long Prairie, East Grand Forks and others.

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### THREE PLEAD GUILTY ON FEDERAL LIQUOR CHARGES IN BEMIDJI

Tom Olson, Fred Bellow and Henry Hutte Ordered Committed at Duluth.

TO AWAIT ACTION OF FEDERAL COURT

Six Cases Transferred to Minneapolis so That Pleas of Guilty May Be Made.

Hearings on two liquor introduction cases were held before Judge H. A. Simons, United States commissioner, this morning and applications for the transferring of six cases to the Minneapolis term were received by the Indian commission in Bemidji.

Tom Olson, who was arrested April first by J. P. Brandt, Federal officer, charged with introducing into Deer River seven quarts and one-half pint of whisky, was arraigned yesterday before Judge Simons. He entered a plea of guilty and was committed to the St. Louis county jail to await the action of the federal grand jury.

Bellow Guilty. Fred Bellow, charged with having on April 2 introduced three gallons of alcohol into Cass Lake, entered a plea of guilty before Judge Simons today and in default of bonds was committed to the St. Louis county jail to await action at the July term of Federal court.

Upon arraignment this morning before Judge H. A. Simons, Henry Hutte, on a charge of introducing liquor into Indian country at Floodwood on April 1, entered a plea of guilty and was ordered committed to the St. Louis county jail to await the action of the Federal court.

Elbert Nelson, Exie Buchanan, Lanti Alta, Fred Bellow, Tom Olson and Henry Hutte, all charged with introducing liquor into Indian territory and bound over to the July term of the grand jury, presented applications to have their cases transferred from the July term of court to the present term now in session at Minneapolis.

This action was taken by the defendants that they may plead guilty and commence serving their terms immediately. The applications were granted.

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### ST. PAUL FEDERAL DAM MAY BREAK

St. Paul, Minn., April 4.—It is feared that the big Federal dam on the Mississippi river between St. Paul and Minneapolis will break today. Hundreds of families below the dam will be endangered if the 80-foot wall of water comes tumbling down. Many families have been forcibly removed by the police.

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### ATTORNEY RULES THAT OSTEOPATH IS NOT ELIGIBLE

Dr. Shannon is Hired at Salary of \$600 Per Year; Physician Last Year.

ACTION AT FORMER MEETING RECONSIDERED

City Heads Unanimous in Action; State Osteopaths May Test Action.

As a result of the opinion of City Attorney Russell requested by the city council on the appointment of Dr. F. J. Darragh, an osteopath, as city physician, the council last evening reconsidered the appointment of Dr. Darragh and Dr. E. A. Shannon, city physician last year, was hired at \$600 for city physician and health officer for the ensuing year.

The action of the council was unanimous.

May Be Tested. Their action may result in a test case. This was the first time that an osteopath was appointed to the office of physician in the state and state osteopaths may bring a test case to prove that they are eligible to the office.

The opinion of City Attorney Russell is as follows: Section 36 of Chapter 4, Charter of the City of Bemidji, provides that: "The health department shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be a physician, duly licensed to practice medicine within the State of Minnesota, of good standing in his profession, and who shall have been in practice for at least three years, who shall be called 'health officer.'

Not in Charter. "It will be seen from the foregoing that this officer is entitled to a salary as well as any of the elective or appointive offices, to which a salary is attached, and the method of allowing it to go to the lowest bidder, is to say the least, an innovation, not sanctioned by the charter, and puts the care of the sick poor and dependents as well as the preservation of the public health on a very low plane.

"I fully understand why this was done—simply to take the burden of making a selection off the shoulders of the council, from a number of applicants.

"The call for 'bids' in response to which Dr. Darragh's tender was received, informed all physicians that the duties would be the regular duties of a health officer and as city physician to take care of the worthy poor of the city, its paupers and other duties required by ordinance, said physician to furnish the necessary medicines, bandages, conveyances, etc."

"While the wording of the call for bids is somewhat ambiguous, in that it says 'taking care of the worthy poor of the city, etc.,' and 'furnishing necessary medicines, bandages, etc.,' which might be done by any layman, the words, 'City Physician,' has a well understood meaning—the medical attendance on and treatment of the city poor.

"In the proposal of Dr. Darragh he agrees to 'furnish such bandages and supplies as the other health officers have done.'

Duties Twofold. "The duties of our 'Health Officer' are twofold. He must, as health officer, attend to the sanitary conditions of the city, the prevention of epidemics, the quarantining of communicable diseases, etc., and as city physician he must prescribe for and treat the poor and dependent of the city.

"So far as the first part of his duties are concerned I have no hesitation in saying that Dr. Darragh is eligible.