

REPORTED THAT RUGGLES WILL BUILD MILL HERE

May Construct Mill Near Bridge at Outlet of Mississippi River.

RUMORED WILL BID FOR RED LAKE TIMBER

Report Not Verified as Lumber Baron is Inspecting Woods North of City.

Charles Ruggles, lumber baron, owner of the famous Ruggles timber on Lake Bemidji, north of Bemidji, may build a new mill here for the cutting of his timber holdings near here, according to reports today.

Near Bridge. It is reported that plans are being made for the construction of the new mill near the outlet of the Mississippi river. Mr. Ruggles owns several natural sites near here.

It is also reported that Mr. Ruggles will bid on the timber on the Red Lake reservation in case that timber is opened up. The Nelson bill which is at present before congress provides for the sale and cutting of the timber.

Employ Many Men. It is estimated that Mr. Ruggles has between fifteen and twenty million feet of timber in the immediate vicinity of Bemidji.

A new mill in Bemidji would mean the employment of several hundred more men. The mill would probably operate for ten years.

Reports could not be verified today as Mr. Ruggles is north of the city inspecting timber.

MINNESOTA A SUMMER RESORT

Fortieth Annual Meet of State Forestry Association Held; to Advise Summer Resorts.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 27.—Making Minnesota the mecca of summer tourists was discussed at the fortieth annual meeting of the Minnesota Forestry association, in session at the West hotel today.

"Exploitation of Minnesota's recreation grounds means the building up of public health and prosperity," D. Lange, president of the association, said today.

"Tourists leave in the Maine woods \$20,000,000 each year and in the Adirondacks \$15,000,000. Our lake and forest region is more attractive and larger than the whole state of Maine and Adirondacks put together, so let us plan for concerted boosting," said Lange.

A feature of the meeting was moving pictures of lakes and forests and the work of the forest rangers in Minnesota in actually fighting a fire. The session will close with a banquet this evening.

The executive committee of the state forestry association of which Mrs. C. J. Backus, St. Paul, is chairman, will reward prizes of young pine trees to winners of tree planting medals in Minnesota, at the meeting. The medals were given nearly 40 years ago by the association, but the executive committee has been unable to locate any of them.

A unique feature will be the banquet this evening. All the forest rangers in Minnesota and others interested in forest work will attend the banquet in the clothes worn by these men in the woods. Flannel shirts, duck trousers and boots will be much in evidence.

BACKUS-BROOKS EXPECT BIG CUT

The Backus-Brooks Lumber company, which has mills at International Falls, Spooner and Keewatin, will saw 150,000,000 feet of lumber this year, which will be a record cut. All of their three mills have large capacities and are working day and night crews.

This information was given by E. W. Backus of Minneapolis, one of the principal stockholders of the company, at Duluth. "We are looking forward to the biggest year in the history of our operations in Northern Minnesota," said Mr. Backus. "We employed more than 5,000 men in our logging camps the last winter and expect to keep from 500 to 1,000 men busy in the woods during the coming summer."

Funeral services were held yesterday in the town of Frohn for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rabi, who died Tuesday.

TODAY'S ODDDEST STORY

Overseas, Cal., April 27.—A party of sportsmen left here for the southern reaches of the American camels. E. C. Beach, a prospector, brought the story that a drove of fifteen camels was seen within a few miles of Salton Sea, at the base of the San Jacintos. The camels were introduced for desert travel more than half a century ago, and when the venture was given up the animals were left to shift for themselves.

GLEE CLUB IN BEMIDJI TONIGHT

Hamlin University Organization to Give Concert at the Methodist Church.

The Hamlin University Glee club arrived in Bemidji this noon and will give a concert tonight at the Methodist church under the auspices of the Junior class of the Bemidji high school.

The concert will begin at eight o'clock and the admission will be 25 and 50 cents.

The personnel of the club is as follows: Henry Hedin, president; Douglas Ames, secretary and librarian; Ivan T. Jones, business manager; Prof. John A. Jaeger, director; John Ledbetter, baritone soloist; Leonard Stromme, reader; Prof. Joen A. Jaeger, tenor soloist; Clarise Scott, tenor soloist, and Edwin Hahn, pianist and accompanist.

First Tenor—Chester Orrison, Wallace Ramstad and Clarise Scott.

Second Tenor—Leonard Stromme, Henry Hedin, Malcolm Farley and Edwin Hahn.

First Bass—Douglas Ames, Frank Liddle, John Ledbetter and Lloyd Alwin.

Second Bass—Harold Pond, Daniel Scott, Ray Temple and Wendell Woods.

The program for tonight is as follows: "Winter Song," (Bullard); reading, (selected), Leonard Stromme; "Holy City," (Adams); baritone solo, (selected) John Ledbetter; quartet, "Sweet and Low," (Barnby) Messrs. C. Scott, F. Liddle, H. Hedin and H. Pond; piano solo, (selected), Edward Hahn; "A Summer's Lullaby," (Gibson); tenor solo—"A Farewell," (Liddle) Clarise Scott; "Ode to March," (Stebbins); quartet—"Chimes," (medley, Westman); tenor solo, (selected), J. A. Jaeger; "Good-bye," (Tosti); reading—(selected) Mr. Stromme; college medley.

JITNEY LICENSE LAW IS TESTED

D. W. LaCombe is Arrested for Operating Two Jitney Busses With One License.

The city ordinance providing for the licensing of jitney busses will be tested before Judge A. M. Crowell in the municipal court Monday.

D. W. LaCombe, a jitney buss operator, was arrested today by Chief of Police Frank Ripple on a charge of violating the ordinance providing for the licensing of automobiles for jitney buss purposes.

The police allege that LaCombe is operating two cars with but one license.

The jitney buss license in Bemidji costs \$50.

The case was continued this morning to Monday.

LA COURT WILL IS ADMITTED TO PROBATE

The will of Samuel J. La Court of Baudette was admitted to probate in the probate court this morning.

MAN ARRESTED FOR SELLING LIQUOR TO INDIAN ESCAPES

Otto Salstrom, Arrested at Cass Lake, Makes Getaway in This City.

RUNS FROM OFFICE OF U. S. COMMISSIONER

Has Not Been Located; Federal Officers Make Search; Expect to Recapture.

Otto Salstrom, who was arrested yesterday morning in Cass Lake by Federal Officer Reed on a charge of selling liquor to Indians, escaped from the office of Judge H. A. Simons, United States court commissioner, late yesterday afternoon. He has not been recaptured.

Runs From Office. Officer Reed brought Salstrom to this city on the afternoon train and took him to the office of the U. S. commissioner. There was no one in the office so Officer Reed went to the telephone to call Judge Simons.

While he was telephoning, Salstrom ran from the office to the street to the corner of Fourth street and Beltrami avenue. He was seen to go in the alley back of the Crookston Lumber company reading rooms.

Draws Revolver. Officer Reed took after his prisoner, drew his revolver, but did not shoot as there were several women between him and the prisoner. When Officer Reed reached the alley Salstrom could not be found.

It is believed that Salstrom had assistance in making his escape. While searching for Salstrom, Officer Reed located two jugs of whisky. He smashed the jugs and spilled the whisky.

Federal officers expect to recapture Salstrom.

"COMEDY OF ERRORS" IS SENIOR PLAY

One of the First Plays Written by Shakespeare to Be Presented May 12 and 13.

The Seniors of the Bemidji high school have chosen as their class play, Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors." It will be presented at the Grand theater May 12 and 13.

Since Sunday was the three hundredth anniversary of Shakespeare's death, this play is especially appropriate for this year. In many parts of the country Shakespearean festivals, pageants and plays are being given by schools and colleges in honor of the world's greatest poet. This revival is serving a twofold tribute; not only is it a tribute to Shakespeare, but it is bringing his plays closer to the people of today.

The charming little play, "The Comedy of Errors," was one of the first plays written by Shakespeare. It is simplicity itself, and yet so well constructed that the events seem the climax of an eventful day in the life of a family.

The Seniors have chosen the most simply way for staging the play. Since a reproduction of the Shakespearean stage is not possible, there will be one setting, representing a street scene in Ephesus where the action takes place. The scene needs no change as the events of the play all take place within a few hours.

As long as the setting is to be scenic, the costumes will probably be the classic draperies of the Greek period. The costuming will be done by a St. Paul firm which is making a specialty of Shakespeare plays.

ASSESSORS GET BOOKS AT COURT HOUSE

The assessors of Beltrami county are calling at the court house today, getting their assessment books and final instructions.

DEATH RATE IN COUNTY IS LOW

Clerks Report That There Were 760 Births and 276 Deaths in County in 1915.

The Stork defeated Death in Beltrami county during 1915 by a large percentage.

Reports received at the court house today show that there were 760 births in the county during the year and only 276 deaths.

Clerks receive twenty-five cents for reporting each birth and death.

The city of Bemidji reported the most deaths and births in the county. There were 183 births in the city and 77 deaths.

The reports from other points are as follows: Baudette, 51 births and 24 deaths; Blackduck, 20 births and 13 deaths; Nymore, 36 births and 10 deaths; Spooner, 28 births and 9 deaths; Bemidji township, seven births and six deaths; Blackduck township, seven births and two deaths; Eckles township, seven births and no deaths; Grant Valley township, nine births and one death; Kelliher village, ten births and seven deaths; Kelliher township, three births and one death; Neshib township, three births and three deaths; Solway, two births and no deaths; Tenstrike, five births and two deaths; Turtle Lake township, six births and one death; Turtle River, three births and no deaths.

The Red Lake Indian agency reported 73 births and 56 deaths for 1915.

BATTER UP! BASE BALL SEASON OPENS

High School Schedule Announced; First Game This Afternoon at Fair Grounds.

Batter Up! Play Ball!

At four o'clock this afternoon the School Baseball League will open its season when the Freshman and Eighth Grade teams will cross bats at the county fair grounds. A fast game is expected as the boys have been practicing hard for the past several weeks for the opening of the season.

The School Baseball League is composed of teams representing the Eighth Grade, Freshman, Sophomore and Junior classes.

The schedule is as follows: April 27—Freshmen vs. Eighth Grade.

April 28—Sophomores vs. Juniors.

May 2—Freshmen vs. Sophomores.

May 4—Juniors vs. Eighth Grade.

May 5—Eighth Grade vs. Sophomores.

May 9—Juniors vs. Freshmen.

May 11—Freshmen vs. Eighth Grade.

May 12—Sophomores vs. Juniors.

May 16—Freshmen vs. Sophomores.

May 18—Juniors vs. Eighth Grade.

May 19—Eighth Grade vs. Sophomores.

May 22—Juniors vs. Freshmen.

BEMIDJI AFTER NATIONAL CONVENTION OF NORWEGIANS

The Bemidji Commercial club is in communication with the Satersdalen's Lag, a national Norwegian organization, with a view of having that organization hold its annual convention in Bemidji this year.

The convention will be held June 15 and 16. It is expected that there will be over 300 delegates from Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, South Dakota and other states present at the convention.

Columbus, O., April 27.—Eggs fried on ice and electric lights without wires are some of the marvels electrical engineering students at Ohio university showed at the school's third annual electrical show here today.

SCOTT TO CONFER WITH OBREGON AT EL PASO SATURDAY

Reported That Conference May Be Held in This Country or at Juarez.

BAKER'S ORDERS DO NOT MENTION TROOP WITHDRAWAL

Battle is Expected Between Colonel Dood's Men and the Villistas.

El Paso, April 27.—(Official)—The Scott-Funston-Obregon conference will probably be held at El Paso or Juarez Saturday.

Another battle between the defeated Villistas and Colonel Dood's forces is momentarily expected here. After a brief stop at Minaca for supplies and fresh horses, Dood has resumed the chase.

Mexicans Killed. Columbus, April 27.—Four Mexican prisoners at Casas Grandes were killed while attempting to escape.

Instructions Sent. Washington, April 27.—General instructions for the assistance of Major General Hugh L. Scott at his forthcoming conference with Carranza's war minister, General Obregon, were drafted by Secretary Baker yesterday after brief conferences with President Wilson and with Secretary Lansing of the state department.

The only official statement as to the nature of the instructions was the following issued by Secretary Baker: "The instructions are to discuss a basis for the most cordial and complete co-operation between the American and Mexican forces in the attainment of their common object."

For Better Understanding. While the immediate object of the conference is a question of military disposition to put an end to bandit operations along the border, there is no doubt that its result will have a strong influence upon the diplomatic negotiations between the two governments.

It is considered certain that General Obregon will carry back to Mexico City on his return a definite impression that the American troops will remain in the position to which General Funston is now shifting them as a buffer between the disturbed area of Northern Mexico and the border, until the success of the Carranza forces in pursuing the bandits removes danger of further raid on American towns.

INSURANCE RATES SHOW BIG DECREASE

New Rate for Dwelling Houses Goes Into Effect; Flat Rate For All.

As a result of the re-rating of Northern Minnesota to make it similar to the rate in Southern Minnesota, the insurance rates in Bemidji are showing big decreases.

There is a flat rate on dwelling houses under the new ruling. A dwelling with a foundation is insured on a basis of 32 cents per hundred. A dwelling without a foundation is insured on the basis of 52 cents per hundred.

The new ruling causes a reduction in the rates on dwellings of about 60 per cent.

One thousand dollars insurance on a dwelling in Bemidji under the old rate would cost \$22.09. Under the new rating the same house could be insured for \$1,000 for about eight dollars.

Reductions in other rates are as follows: One-story brick buildings reduced from 55 to 43. Two-story reduced from 58 to 45. One-story reduced from 1.38 to 90. Two-story frame reduced from 1.13 to 95.

OFFICIAL WHO GOT 2 YEARS FOR SEEKING 5-CENT BRIBE IS FREE

Albany, N. Y., April 27.—Joseph E. Topper, the New York City Health department inspector, convicted and sentenced for soliciting a bribe of five cents, was paroled from Sing Sing penitentiary today.

He was sentenced for two years.

HIGHWAY MAY GO OTHER WAY

State Highway Commission Meets and Hears Proposals From Moorhead.

St. Paul, Minn., April 27.—The eyes of the Minnesota Highway commission, which met at the state capitol today, turned toward Moorhead and the Red River valley.

After the commission had about decided to route the Jefferson highway—the New Orleans to Winnipeg roadway—from St. Cloud, through St. Cloud, Little Falls or Brainerd, Walker, Bemidji and thence through Beltrami county north to the international border or west from Bemidji to Thief River Falls and then north, Clay county commissioners in a meeting at Moorhead placed an official sprocket in the wheel.

This sprocket consisted of an official pledge of financial support of constructing a model highway through Clay county to bring the Jefferson highway from St. Cloud through Fergus Falls, through Moorhead and Fargo and thence north to Winnipeg.

This new route would entirely avoid the Itasca State park and Bemidji.

Although no official confirmation of Moorhead being considered was made at the capitol, it was generally conceded that this route would be given due consideration.

BEMIDJI RIFLE CLUB FORMED

Mayor Charles Vandersluis Heads Organization; Range to Be Constructed.

Mayor Charles Vandersluis was elected president of the Bemidji Rifle club which was formed last evening at the city hall. The club has a membership of over 75.

Other officers of the club are: Attorney P. J. Russell, vice president; Attorney H. J. Loud, executive officer; B. J. Randolph, secretary, and Julius Miller, treasurer.

Dues and membership fees of the club will be one dollar a year. Ranges will be constructed at the Walker farm on Lake Marquette.

Rules and by-laws furnished by the National Board of the Promotion of Rifle Practice were adopted. The Bemidji club will be a member of the National Rifle association and will compete with teams from other cities for medals and prizes.

Membership lists will be closed on June first after which no members will be admitted until after Jan. 1, 1917.

GRADE SCHOOLS TO HOLD BIG EXHIBITS

Exhibits will be held at the close of the present semester in all the lower grades of the Bemidji schools. The displays will be composed of specimens of drawing and industrial work. Special exhibitions in mechanical drawing and manual training as well as in sewing and cooking will also be held.

New York, April 27.—Miss Irene L. Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, and George B. Post, Jr., will be married in St. Bartholomew's church here today.

NORUPTURE BETWEEN GERMANY AND U. S. SAY BERLIN OFFICIALS

United Press Receives Authoritative Information That Crisis is Passed.

ALL OF IRELAND IS UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Kaiser Holds Conference With Aides. Over American Situation.

Berlin, April 27.—The United Press is able to state upon excellent authority that the crisis in regard to German-American relations is virtually passed. There will be no rupture upon developments to date, it is believed.

In No Hurry. Washington, April 27.—German officials in Washington and American officials in Berlin are doing their best to avoid a German-American rupture. The president will not press speedy action.

Important Conference. Berlin, April 27.—The Kaiser held a conference with Chief of the Staff Falkenhayn and Admiral Holtzendorff, chief of the admiralty staff, over the American situation today.

London, April 27.—The events in the European war today are as follows: Officially admitted that English E-22 has been sunk.

All Ireland has been placed under martial law.

Germans capture portions of British trench near Givenchy.

Port of Morgate bombarded in Zepelin attack last night.

NYMORE MAY VOTE ON MERGE IN JUNE

Special Meeting of Village Council to Be Held Tomorrow Evening to Elect Assessor.

The Nymore village council will hold a special meeting tomorrow night for the purpose of electing an assessor.

J. H. Martin, who was elected, assessor, has not qualified for the office.

With the election of a new assessor, efforts will be made to have the finances of Nymore placed in such shape that a final vote of annexation to Bemidji can be held at the primary election, June 19.

The consolidation of the two school districts, No. 4 and No. 7, composed of Nymore and Bemidji, will take place after the two municipalities have been merged.

So that the affairs of the Nymore school can be molded into shape for the next year, it is reported that Superintendent W. P. Dyer of Bemidji will be appointed school superintendent of the Nymore school until the school districts and village and city are merged.

FATHER OF DR. WARD DIES AT EAU CLAIRE

Mrs. A. E. Henderson and Dr. L. A. Ward received word this noon of the death of their father at Eau Claire, Wis. Particulars of the death are not known. Dr. Ward and Mrs. Henderson will leave tonight for Eau Claire.

BLACKDUCK GIRL MAY LOSE EYESIGHT

Dorothea, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson of Blackduck, may lose her eyesight as a result of sticking a needle into her eye. She was sewing and ran the needle into her eye.

She was brought to this city where she is being treated by Dr. A. V. Garlock. Her eyesight may be saved. Mr. Thompson is county commissioner of the Blackduck district.

DEAN MOVES LAND OFFICES TO NEW BLOCK

W. E. Dean has moved his land offices from 115 Third street to the Troppman block. Mr. Dean established his offices in Bemidji three months ago. He has sold Northern Minnesota lands for the past forty years.

The funeral of the four-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Everson, who died Tuesday was held yesterday at Greenwood cemetery.

SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER

Might As Well Kill A Man As Scare Him To Death

By "HOP"



BUN-LEAVE ME I SURE- DID GET CAUGHT IN THAT SHOWER

GOT A BEAR OF A STORY TO WRITE- MIGHT AS WELL GET BARE TO WRITE IT- CAN'T WORK IN WET CLOTHES

WHEN THE FALSE ALARM WAS TURNED ON- FIREMAN DING-DING WAS IN THE TUB- ALL HE HAD TIME TO SLIP ON WAS A CAKE OF SOAP HIS COLD IS BETTER NOW-BUT

YES MAM! THAT IS SCOPES DOOR- GO RIGHT IN!

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