

Bemidji Contractors Awarded City Contracts For Paving And Sewers

BIDS OF GOODMAN AND LOITVED ARE LOWEST SUBMITTED

Sewer and Water Main Extension Contracts Let Below Engineer's Estimate.

PAVING IS LET AT TWO CENTS ABOVE ESTIMATE

Lake Shore Road and Bridge Matter Again Considered; Special Meeting Monday.

Goodman & Loitved, Bemidji contractors, outbid a large field of contractors from other cities, and were awarded the contracts for the construction of storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water extension and paving at the meeting of the city council last evening.

All the bids, with the exception of paving bid, were below the city engineer's estimate. The paving bid was about two cents above the estimate, but since the estimate was made the cost of cement has increased 15 cents a barrel.

A large number of citizens and contractors attended the meeting of the council to witness the opening of the bids.

Storm Sewer \$2,004.50.

For a storm sewer on Bemidji avenue from Fourth street to Seventh street and on Beltrami avenue from Tenth street to Eleventh street, Goodman & Loitved were awarded the contract at \$2,004.50. Their bid was as follows: For 15-inch pipe, 80 cents a foot; 12-inch pipe, 65 cents a foot; 10-inch pipe, 60 cents a foot; 15x10 y's at \$2.10; 12x10 y's at \$1.80; one-quarter bends at \$1.40; manholes at \$38 and inlets at \$16. Other firms bidding on this work were the Robinson, Vanalstein Co., of Grand Forks and the Pastore Construction company of Duluth. The latter firm bid \$2,309 and the former bid was higher.

Sanitary Sewer \$8,130.68.

Goodman & Loitved were awarded the contract for the construction of a sanitary sewer from Sixth to Thirteenth streets on America avenue to Beltrami avenue on Thirteenth street, on Beltrami avenue from Twelfth to Fourteenth streets and on Minnesota avenue from Ninth to Thirteenth streets. Their bid was \$8,130.68. The engineer's estimate was \$8,400. Goodman & Loitved bid \$1.38 for eight-inch pipe, \$55 per manhole and \$107 for flush tanks. Other bids for this contract were submitted by Kircher Bros., of St. Paul, Grand Forks Construction company, H. F. Bosworth of Ada, Pastore Construction company of Duluth, John McDonald of Duluth, Robinson, Vanalstein Co., of Grand Forks and William C. Frazer of St. Paul.

Water Mains \$1,269.60.

Goodman & Loitved were awarded the contract for the extending of water mains on America avenue to the corner of the St. Hilaire Lumber company property to the Koors Bros. new building. Their bid was \$1,269.60. The William C. Frazer company of St. Paul submitted a bid of \$1,310. The Goodman & Loitved bid was as follows: Four-inch pipe, \$1.48; hydrants, \$58; gate valve, \$14; specials, six cents a pound.

Paving Contract \$11,030.

Goodman & Loitved were awarded the contract for paving on Beltrami avenue from Tenth to Thirteenth street and on Bemidji avenue from Fourth to Seventh streets on a bid amounting to about \$11,030. Their bid was as follows: \$1.22 per square yard of paving, 40 cents per lineal foot of curb, 50 cents per cubic yard for removing surplus earth. The engineer estimated that there would be about 9,000 square yards of paving, 2,000 lineal feet of curb and 1,000 cubic yards of surplus earth. Others bidding for this contract were George E. Kretz of Bemidji, Farnham Bros. company of Minneapolis and Robinson, Vanalstein company of Grand Forks.

Get Cement Contract.

Goodman & Loitved were awarded the contract for cement work in the city for 1918. There were no other bids submitted. Their bid was nine cents per square foot for sidewalk, 25 cents per lineal foot for curbing and 14 cents per square foot for street and alley crossings. They had the contract last year at the same figures.

On the motion of Alderman Lehr at the meeting last evening the electric lights in the city hall will be placed on a meter.

A petition signed by residents for

ADVERTISERS ATTENTION

Nearly 350 homes in Bemidji can be reached exclusively through the columns of the Pioneer. These homes take no other local paper. There are but 54 homes in Bemidji which are paying subscribers to other local papers, which are not now reached by the Pioneer, according to a canvass recently completed by a Pioneer representative.

Licenses Granted.

Jacob Goldberg was granted a license as a junk dealer. Frank Pogue was granted a license to operate a jitney bus. City Engineer Swinson submitted an estimate of \$545 for the improving of the road west of Fourth street. The city clerk was authorized to advertise for bids, to be returned at the next regular meeting of the council.

On the motion of Alderman Bailey, President Lycan appointed a committee of three to meet with the old soldiers to plan for a Memorial Day program. The committee is composed of Alderman Bailey, Alderman Miller and Mayor Charles Vandersluis. City Attorney Russell was instructed to draw up a resolution for the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$50 for Memorial Day expenses.

Bridge Matter Up.

A communication from W. H. Gemmill, general manager of the Minnesota & International railway, submitting a plan for the bridge over the inlet of the Mississippi and the using of the present Bemidji avenue outlet, opened the discussion of the proposed Lake Shore street and the new bridge over the Mississippi river. After much discussion the council adjourned to next Monday evening when a special meeting will be held to take some action in the construction of the bridge and street. City Engineer Swinson was requested to prepare estimates as to the cost of the projects proposed.

To Remove Tracks.

Mr. Gemmill in his letter proposed track changes on Bemidji avenue so as to make the railroad crossing there less dangerous. He proposed to remove all except one track. The steel tower and several light poles would have to be removed and the street would be placed on the same level with the Minnesota & International bridge. Mr. Gemmill in his letter stated that he believed that the work would cost less than any other project. He stated that the railroad could not consistently open Second street for a street crossing as it would so cut up their yards as to make them valueless.

Several of the aldermen stated that they had received complaints from farmers and others on account of switching at the present crossing frightening teams. It was pointed out that it is dangerous for a woman or a child to drive a team over the crossing.

"The council had better resign if the present location of the bridge and the dangerous crossing is retained," said Alderman Bailey. "The people won't stand for it."

Oscar B. Thompson and his mother, Mrs. Bertha Thompson, of Canby, Minn., have moved on their farm in Maple Ridge township.

J. L. George, county auditor, who went to Chicago several days ago, is expected to return to Bemidji tomorrow.

Take advantage of a want ad

SENIOR CLASS DAY PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

Solos, Recitations and Readings on Program to Be Given June First.

DEAN VANCE OF UNIVERSITY TO GIVE COMMENCEMENT TALK

Law School Head Accepts Invitation to Speak Here; Graduation June Second.

Dean William Reynolds Vance of the law school of the University of Minnesota will give the commencement address at the graduation exercises to be held at the Grand theater June second, according to an announcement made this afternoon by Superintendent Dyer.

The program for the Senior Class Day which will be held June first, was announced today at the high school. It includes selections, solos, readings and recitations and every member of the class will take part.

To Give Oration.

Leroy Mattson will deliver the class oration, Miss Edna Buckland will give the class prophecy, Delbert Woods will give the class poem and Marjorie Shannon will give the class will. Miss Lenore Ryan will sing the class song.

The class will give a pantomime in which the characters will be as follows:

Scene One—Freshmen: Mildred Richardson, Edna Anderson, Earl McIver, Leroy Mattson, Will Ward; Sophomores, Miss Edna Buckland; Juniors, John Stechman; Senior, Alec Cameron; Professor Dyer, Harold White; Miss Loe, Marjorie Shannon.

Scene Two—Sophomores, Dollie Koors, Helen Jones, Irma Dye, Alec Cameron, Delbert Woods.

Scene Three—Juniors, Corrine Carlson, John Stechman, Will Ward and Lucile Moritz; guests—Laura Hazen, Delbert Woods, Rachel Gerlinger and Earl McIver.

Quartet to Sing.

Scene four will be a commencement program at which all members will receive diplomas. Seniors will be Dollie Koors, Alec Cameron, Corrine Carlson, Corrine Carlson, Edna Buckland, John Stechman, Will Ward and Delbert Woods.

The senior quartet composed of Edna Anderson, Edna Buckland, Alec Cameron and Will Ward, and the class orchestra under the direction of Leroy Mattson will furnish the music for the program.

The program was arranged by Lucile Moritz, Jeanette Stechman and William Ward.

FINAL MEXICAN CONFERENCE TO BE HELD TODAY

General Scott Receives Instructions From Washington; President Unchanged.

RESULT MAY BE DEAD-LOCK AND ADJOURNMENT

Pershing Concentrating and Disposing Forces as Though Attack is Imminent.

El Paso, May 2.—Instructions were received by General Scott from President Wilson today.

The final Obregon-Scott conference will probably be held this afternoon. President Wilson has not changed his stand that the American troops will not be withdrawn at this time. It is believed at the conference today, Scott will tell Obregon of the decision of the United States. Obregon will politely say that he is unable to discuss anything else and the conference will be adjourned.

Columbus, May 20.—General Pershing is concentrating and disposing of his forces as though an attack is imminent. He is not taking any chances. He is acting as under actual war conditions.

ROOSEVELT AND WILSON DISCUSS NATIONAL SPIRIT

Integrity of the United States Cannot Be Hampered With, Says President.

PRAYS THAT COUNTRY BE NOT DRAWN IN WAR

Colonel Claims That He Has Done Nothing to Make Crisis a Political Issue.

Washington, May 2.—America, re-awakened in national spirit through lessons of the war in Europe, was the theme of an address of President Wilson yesterday at the opening of the national service school military encampment for young women.

Honor is Sacred.

In concluding, the president spoke a warning that the honor and integrity of the United States cannot be tampered with. He prayed that the country should not be drawn into war, but declared that if it should be, "in the great voice of national enthusiasm which would be raised, all the world would stand once more thrilled to hear the voice of the new world asserting the standard of justice and liberty."

The president expressed confidence that in time of trouble the great mass of foreign born citizens of the United States would be loyal.

Roosevelt Talks.

New York, May 2.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt on his return here last night from Chicago, issued a statement expressing gratification at the reception of his views on "preparedness, national duty and Americanism" in the middle west. Colonel Roosevelt declared he is not interested in the political fortune of himself and others, and after outlining the principles advocated in recent speeches.

Time of Crisis.

"It cannot be said too often that this is a time of crisis in the nation's career. We are now laying down the foundation and the controlling lines of a new era in our history. Everything I can do will be done to see that the people west and east realize the facts and act accordingly."

"By no act of mine, by no word of mine, has this grave question been involved in factional politics. In every state in which the law governs such matters, I have promptly withdrawn my name from all factional struggles."

"As regards myself, I do not believe the delegates ought to nominate me at Chicago unless they are prepared whole-heartedly and without reserve to make the fight along the lines above outlined."

SIX GERMANS ESCAPE PRISON

Break From Canadian Internment Camp; Rumored That They May Have Started Big Fires.

St. Paul, Minn., May 2.—That the escape of six Germans from an internment camp at Lathbridge, was connected with two mysterious western Canada fires, aggregating \$1,000,000 loss, was a rumor on this side of the border which became stronger today when messages to Canadian newspaper correspondents returned unanswered. The messages asked for confirmation of the connection of the incidents. It was thought the Canadian censor prohibited connection between the incidents.

Tunnelling for 110 feet, four feet under the ground, six Germans escaped from the Lethbridge internment prison. The tunnel was dug with stolen kitchen utensils. A goodly supply of rations was taken by the men, the government admitted.

Both fires were in grain elevators. Messages received here referred to the fires as "mysterious," but gave no details.

At Medicine Hat, Alta., fire destroyed the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., with a loss of \$500,000. The property of the Rice Milling Co., Chicago, at St. Boniface, Man., was burned, 300,000 bushels of grain being destroyed. The damage is reported under half a million dollars.

FEDERAL COURT AT FERGUS FALLS TODAY

The Federal term of court opened at Fergus Falls this afternoon at four o'clock with the calling of the Federal grand jury. Several Bemidji men are attending the court sessions. There are many criminal cases involving the introduction of liquor into Indian "Lid" territory to be tried in the court.

That the boating season for the Bemidji division of the Minnesota Naval Militia will be opened next Monday, was the substance of an announcement made by Lieutenant E. A. Barker at a regular drill of the company last evening.

The same crews for the two whale-boats and the cutter were assigned for this season as were delegated last season. Militia members are ordered to report at the dock at seven-thirty o'clock next Monday night.

BEMIDJI NAVAL MILITIA TO GIVE ANNUAL BALL

The Bemidji Naval Militia is issuing invitations for its annual ball which will be given at the city hall, May 19. The committee in charge of the dance is composed of Whitney Brown, Edwin F. Simons, Carroll Hill, Remson Bell and William McDonald.

Milton S. Lamoreaux of Chicago, sales manager of the Bemidji Box factory, is visiting in the city today.

SHEVLIN-HIXON CO. OPENS CHICAGO OFFICE

The following from the Stillwater Gazette is of interest to Bemidji people:

George A. Lammers returned last night from Lammers, Wash., where he spent the winter. He brought with him an announcement that the Shevlin-Hixon company, of which T. A. McCann is general manager, will open its Chicago office in the Continental and Commercial building on May 1, with A. W. Lammers in charge. The company will handle the highest quality of California white pine. The company is equipped to load forty cars of white pine under cover at one time.

ASSESSORS BEGIN ON TAX CANVASS

Assessors in Beltrami county Monday commenced the listing of real property with reference to its value and the assessing of personal property. A special effort is being made to induce people to make their returns on personal property. The success of the assessor in equalizing the burden of taxation depends on the willingness of the people to do their part.

WILLIAM C. TITUS IS NYMORE ASSESSOR

William C. Titus was elected village assessor at a meeting of the Nymore village council held last evening in the Willis Nye office at Nymore.

J. H. Martin, who was elected at the village election, failed to qualify for the position.

Assessor Titus was instructed to complete the assessment as soon as possible to allow the final vote on annexation to be taken at the primary election in June.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO HOLD MEETING TONIGHT

The Bemidji Commercial club will hold an important meeting in the club rooms tonight at eight-thirty o'clock. Representatives from organizations of railway workmen and representatives of the railways are expected to be present to discuss the pending railway strike. Other important matters will be discussed.

ARCHDEACON PARSHALL'S CONDITION UNIMPROVED

The condition of Archdeacon Heman F. Parshall who is seriously ill at his home in Cass Lake, is unimproved this afternoon. Dr. Colter of Wadena, a specialist, has been called and is expected to arrive in Cass Lake tonight.

FOUR WOLF BOUNTIES ISSUED BY COUNTY

Four wolf bounties were issued in the office of the county auditor Monday. They were issued to Matt Meyers of Grant Valley, C. W. Welsh of Graceton, Herman Klapes of Malcolm and D. C. Hasbrook of Roosevelt.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO GIVE ANNUAL BALL

Invitations have been issued for the annual ball of the K. of C., No. 1544 of Bemidji which will be given at the city hall, Friday evening. The music will be furnished by the Burdard orchestra.

HEARING IN GROTTA ESTATE IN COURT

Judge M. A. Clark of the probate court this morning held a hearing on claims in the estate of Ole B. Grotte.

Richard Bush from Brainerd arrived in Nymore Saturday afternoon and will visit several days with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Olson.

GERMANY'S REPLY TO UNITED STATES REPORTED COMPLETED

Will Probably Be Dispatched to This Country Today or Tomorrow.

FIVE HUNDRED REBELS KILLED IN DUBLIN REVOLT

Gerard Returns to Berlin From the Headquarters of the Kaiser.

Berlin, May 1.—Germany's answer to the United States note is completed. It will probably be sent tonight or tomorrow.

The situation is not changed. It is believed that there is no danger of an immediate break.

1,500 Wounded.

Dublin, May 2.—At least 500 rebels were killed and 1,500 were wounded in the seven days fighting in the streets of Dublin. Officers say that the estimate is conservative. Dublin hospitals are overflowing.

Ambassador Returns.

Berlin, May 2.—Ambassador Gerard arrived from the kaiser's headquarters today.

French Repulsed. Berlin, May 2.—(Official)—Fierce French attacks near Fort Douamont and the Callette Woods have been completely repulsed.

Trenches Taken.

Paris, May 2.—(Official)—In a successful offensive near Fort Douamont, Saturday and Sunday, the French captured 1,000 yards of German trenches.

Thief River Falls, Minn., May 2.—Through the efforts of County Attorney H. O. Kjomme and Detective Delaney, imported for the purpose of securing evidence against alleged bootleggers, wholesale arrests followed here, an even dozen warrants being issued. All were bound over to the grand jury under bonds of \$200 each.

Washington, May 2.—The administration fight for the senate Philippine bill with its Clarke amendment authorizing independence for the islands with four years, was lost last night in the house by a vote of 213 to 165.

Chicago, May 2.—Eleven thousand employees of the International Harvester plant at Blue Island are striking. Two thousand more went out this morning.

St. Paul, May 2.—The state today loaned the city of St. Cloud \$100,000 to build a high school.

St. Paul, Minn., May 2.—Secretary of State Schmahal today filed for renomination. His platform is his past record.

St. Paul, Minn., May 2.—John Lind has filed for railroad and warehouse commissioner. Ira Mills, present holder of the place, had filed for renomination. This John Lind is not the former governor, but lives at Lowry, Minn. He filed on the prohibition ticket.

LUMBER MARKET IN WEST IS VERY GOOD

The lumber market in the west is very good, according to B. W. Lakin, superintendent of the logging department of the Crookston Lumber company, who returned this morning from a trip to Oregon, California and New Orleans.

"Everyone appears to be feeling very good in the west," said Mr. Lakin today. "The biggest trouble in the lumber business is the securing of boats and cars. Business outside of the lumber business appears to be quiet."

"The South, especially in Louisiana, is booming. With the duty back on sugar, the plantations have been opened and everything appears to be in excellent condition."

"I did not hear much war talk, except in Southern California where they are of the belief that the United States must intervene in Mexico."

"The South sentiment favored Wilson while the West sentiment was very much against him."

STATE OFFICER TO BE HERE TOMORROW

G. M. Cesande, assistant state superintendent of schools, will be in the city tomorrow. He will inspect schools in Beltrami county for several days.

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Somebody's Mother And Somebody's Mother-in-Law Are Not The Same



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