

MANY LAND BUYERS IN CITY TO ATTEND TAX JUDGMENT SALE

To Begin Monday Morning at Ten o'Clock at the Court House.

MANY EXPECTED TO BUY UNDER VOLSTEAD ACT

County Auditor George to Be in Charge of Sale; Competition Keen.

Many land buyers arrived in Bemidji today to attend the tax judgment sale which will be held at the court house Monday.

The sale will be held under the Volstead act. The act provides that lands in the drainage district which have been unentered or unpatented, may be sold at \$1.25 per acre, plus the usual filing fees, to pay for the ditching charges.

Bidding Keen. As several parties are known to be after the same tracts of land it is believed that the bidding will be keen.

Lands Assessed. In 1908, the government possessed millions of acres of swamp lands in Northern Minnesota which were practically worthless.

The following information is given as to the conducting of the sale: After a ditch has been established by the court, the contract for construction is let, and a lien is filed against all the lands benefited by the ditch, whether owned privately or by the government.

Lien Twenty Years. This lien extends for twenty years, the principle payable in fifteen annual installments after the first five years, the interest payable on all unpaid balance every year.

Money to Government. The act also provided that any excess of money received by the county auditor over and above the total drainage assessment shall be paid to the government as a bonus for the land, before a patent shall be issued.

Bonus is Paid. For an example, the SW of the NE of Section 23, Town 153, Range 30 may be placed on the delinquent tax list for \$4.98, being the amount of delinquent interest for 1912 against that tract, account of ditch No. 10 lien.

The total assessment against this forty may be \$116.80 from benefits derived from that ditch, which with the interest for 1914, being to June 1, 1915, and which may be said to amount to \$7.01, would make a total of \$123.81.

Now if several parties interested in this particular tract should bid it up to \$4.00 an acre over and above the delinquent tax, the lien would be satisfied entirely, and the balance, \$36.19, would be paid to the government as a bonus.

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CANOEST DROWNS IN RAINY RIVER

Spooner, Minn., May 6.—Anton Asp, aged 22 years, was drowned in the Rainy river while he and his brother Edwin were canoeing down the river.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEET AGAIN POSTPONED

Owing to the absence of the banquet committee, the members of the Bemidji High School Alumni association, who met at the library last evening, postponed the meeting until next Tuesday.

STATE NORMAL BOARD TO HOLD MEET TUESDAY

Election of a new president of the St. Cloud normal school may take place at a meeting of the normal school board at Moorhead Tuesday.

BEMIDJI BANKS ARE NOTIFIED OF CALL

Bemidji national and state banks were today notified that a call report has been requested for the close of business May one by the controller of currency at Washington and the superintendent of banks at St. Paul, respectively.

SPAWNING WORK AT HATCHERY FILMED

Carlos Avery, state game and fish commissioner, is at the Bemidji fish hatchery today, supervising the taking of moving pictures of the work there.

Five thousand persons today participated in the street pageant that ushered in an eight-day celebration of the Shakespeare tercentenary.

TODAY'S NORTHWEST ODDITY

Ashland, Wis., May 6.—A concerted organized effort is being made to make Shana-golden, in Ashland county the land of Bohemia.

SCOOPE THE CUB REPORTER



CLEAN UP LEADERS MAKE APPEAL FOR A CITY BEAUTIFIED

Neighborhood Aid is Urged; School Children Help to Banish Dirt in Bemidji.

MOVIE SHOW MANAGER OFFERS PRIZE FOR WORK

City Officials Call Attention to Ordinances and Statutes of Bemidji.

The clean-up campaign in Bemidji which was inaugurated yesterday, continued today and much progress is being made.

Boys of the high school were excused yesterday afternoon and supervised the cleaning of vacant lots. Many lawns were beautified and there is noticed a general brightening of front yards throughout the city.

Prizes Are Offered.

As an incentive to the children of the city to aid in the clean-up campaign, Manager Oliver Whaley of the Rex theater has offered as free prizes free tickets to his theater.

Laws May Be Invoked.

City officials today called attention to ordinances and statutes making punishable the maintenance of unclean and unsanitary places. These laws, it was said, would be invoked in the event of flagrant infraction.

Lots Not Dumps.

Citizens should see that rubbish is carried away to the city dump and aid as far as they can in cleaning up vacant lots and places where tin cans and other refuse have been placed.

SOCIALIST CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT HERE

George R. Kirkpatrick, candidate for vice president on the Socialistic ticket, arrived in Bemidji this noon and will deliver a lecture at the city hall tonight under the auspices of the American Socialist Lecture bureau.

NATIONAL GUARD TO ENCAMPMENT IN JUNE

St. Paul, Minn., May 6.—Adjutant General Wood today announced that the annual encampment of the Minnesota National guard would be held at Lake City, beginning June 20.

FOREST FIRE IS REPORTED NEAR PARK

St. Paul, Minn., May 6.—Forest fires were today reported to the state fire marshal in the vicinity of Leech Lake. The fires are dangerously near Itasca Park.

KINNEY PLAYS SOLO; MINNEAPOLIS DOG DEAD

The following item appears in a "box" article in the Minneapolis Tribune, several days ago.

"Knucks," Scotch collie, belonging to Ray V. Boyd, clerk at the Vendome hotel, 15 Thirty-sixth street west, is dead—unexpectedly, but completely dead. He was a sturdy little animal, but he possessed sensibilities.

BOOTLEGGERS IS SLAIN IN BATTLE ON LONELY ROAD

Three Pals Are Missing; Shot at by Federal Indian Officers.

OFFICER J. C. LEMARR TESTIFIES AT HEARING

Liquor is Destroyed; Victim's Companions Are Accused.

Buhl, Minn., May 6.—"I am confident that the rifle shot we heard deep in the woods after our battle with bootleggers was the shot that killed Steve Dawson," said J. C. Lemarr, special Indian officer, at the inquest yesterday afternoon over the body of the miner killed Thursday night in a fight between Federal officers and liquor smugglers.

Loaded With Liquor.

Dawson and Mike Burovich, employed at the Morrin mine, near Hibbing, left Buhl late Thursday, driving two single horse rigs loaded with barrels of beer and whisky.

Blood Pool Found.

Witnesses at the inquest testified that blood was found at the roadside, indicating some of the officers' bullets took effect.

Lemarr and Oldham testified they saw the four bootleggers disappear in the woods, that after destroying the liquor they continued on to Hibbing, and did not receive information of Dawson's death until several hours later.

BRINGS SUIT AGAINST FORD ALLEGING LIBEL

Washington, May 6.—The Navy league today filed suit in the district supreme court against Henry Ford for \$100,000, alleging that Ford published newspaper advertisements that were libelous and defamatory in character.

JUDGE SCHALLER FILES FOR SUPREME COURT

St. Paul, Minn., May 6.—Judge Schaller today filed for renomination for the supreme court.

CHARTER COMMISSION DISCUSSES PROPOSED LIGHTING AMENDMENT

Meeting is Held at Commercial Club Rooms; Action to Be Taken at Once.

PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY INSTRUCTED TO FRAME MEASURE

City Council at a Special Meeting Monday Night Will Discuss Project.

At a meeting of the Bemidji charter commission last evening at the Commercial club rooms, A. P. White and Fred W. Rhoda, president and secretary of the commission, respectively, were appointed to frame an amendment to the present charter to provide for the installation of a "white way."

Meet With Attorney.

Mr. White and Mr. Rhoda met with an attorney today and it is expected that the proposed amendment will be in shape to present to the charter commission Monday afternoon and to the city council Monday evening.

To Vote in June.

Efforts will be made, if the amendment is satisfactory to the commission, to prepare the amendment for the primary election which will be held June 19, thus saving the expense of calling a special election.

It was pointed out at the commission meeting last evening that the present charter practically omitted providing for a "white way" or for the lighting of the city. If a "white way" were to be installed under the present charter, the entire city would be assessed for the installation expense.

To Cost About \$90.

The installation of a "white way" cluster light would cost about \$90. It is proposed to place four in a block and to install, at present, about 13 blocks of the "white way."

Richards Out of City.

The charter commission is composed of F. S. Arnold, W. N. Bowser, K. K. Roe, G. E. Carson, A. P. White, J. J. Opsahl, F. S. Lyman, J. M. Richards, F. W. Rhoda, Dr. E. A. Shannon, R. H. Schumaker, Attorney E. E. McDonald, F. M. Malshahn, M. E. Ibertson and E. R. Getchell. This commission was appointed March 21, 1913, by Judge W. S. McClenahan.

BORDER CITY AUTO CLUB HAS ELECTION

International Falls, Minn., May 6.—The Automobile club held its annual election Wednesday and elected the following officers: President, N. L. Olson; vice president, J. J. Doran; secretary and treasurer, O. A. Jahnke.

UNKNOWN BABY LEFT AT MARGUM HOME

When Walter F. Marcum and his wife returned to their home last evening at eight-thirty o'clock from a motor trip they found a five months' old baby awaiting them. The baby has not been identified. He was well dressed and was sleeping in the bed. A bottle of milk and a can of condensed milk was by his side. Mr. and Mrs. Marcum have not decided whether or not they will keep the baby. No one was seen entering the house with the baby.

4-YEAR TERM LAW HEARING ON MAY 10

Arguments on the constitutionality of the four-year term for all county officers in Minnesota will be submitted to the supreme court May 10.

F. J. Fischer, Buffalo, has asked the court to direct J. A. Berg, county auditor, Wright county, to accept his affidavit as a candidate for county treasurer this year.

Mr. Berg refused to accept the affidavit on the ground that the 1913 legislature passed a law extending the terms of county officers, who were elected in 1914, to the end of 1918.

CHARLES PEDERSON OF BIG FALLS DIES HERE

Charles Pederson, who was injured in the 14th mill at Pinewood several days ago, died this morning at St. Anthony's hospital as a result of the injuries. His home is at Big Falls. No arrangements have yet been made in regard to the funeral services. Mrs. Pederson, his mother, is expected to arrive in the city this evening.

U. S. TROOPERS KILL VILLISTAS IN BATTLE

San Antonio, May 6.—Members of the 11th cavalry killed 42 Villistas fighting at Ojoahuies. There were no American casualties.

El Paso, May 6.—Scott and Obregon are expected to sign the El Paso peace pact today.

CASES ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE DULUTH TERM

The cases against John Thompson and Edward Nelson on charges of introducing liquor into Bemidji, have been transferred from the Fergus Falls term of court to the Duluth term of court. Nelson and Thompson have been indicted on the charge.

UNCLE JOE CANNON IS 80 TOMORROW

Washington, May 6.—Tomorrow will be Uncle Joe Cannon's eightieth birthday. His political friends and foes in the house of representatives today celebrated the event with an hour of speech making filled with bouquets and no brickbats.

"Confidentially, I wish they wouldn't have this celebration," the ex-speaker admitted today. "It's too much like bringing flowers to a corpse."

"Uncle Joe" is not the extreme partisan he was of old. That's why men of all parties in the house feel so friendly toward him. Since his "come-back" he has kept out of the limelight.

Duluth, Minn., May 6.—Should the "dry" ordinance carry on June 19, it will mean, according to section 2 of the measure, that the city council will refuse to renew all saloon licenses that expire after July 1 of this year, causing a loss of \$47,000 for 1916 alone, although provision is made that Duluth should not go "dry" until July 1, 1917.

GERMAN REPLY AVERTS BREAK WITH THE U. S.

German-American Submarine Controversy is a Closed Incident.

TIME BELIEVED RIPE TO SPEEDILY END WAR

Colonel House May Revisit European Capitols; Irish Leader Shot.

Washington, May 7.—Germany's note has averted a break with the United States. President Wilson's advisors today stated that the German-American submarine issue was closed. The United States will not answer the German reply, indicating that the issue is closed.

Will Issue Statement.

President Wilson studied the official text very closely this morning. It is believed here that Secretary Lansing will issue a short statement this afternoon, calling public attention to Germany's statement that only warships will be torpedoed hereafter. It is believed that the matter will then remain closed and that Germany will not open it by the resumption of submarine warfare.

Prepare for Peace.

American circles are studying the important peace features of the German reply. It is thought that President Wilson now has a great opportunity to speedily end the war. Some even suggested that the time is now ripe for Colonel House to revisit the European capitols.

Averts Present Trouble.

Baltimore Sun: Knowing the difficulties with which the German government is contending, we can well afford to overlook what in other circumstances would be presumption and impudence. The note leaves this country in more or less suspense. But it does apparently, avert immediate trouble.

Break Off Relations.

New York Tribune: Mr. Weston can do but one thing. He must break off relations with the imperial German government, without delay and without hesitation. The recall of Gerard, and the dispatch of Bernstorff to his own country. These are the things that we can no longer postpone. They are the least that can be done; they may well be but the beginning, but they must be done.

Delays Must Intervene.

San Francisco Chronicle: The vast majority of the American people, more desirous of preserving peace than concerned with the technicalities of international law, will be quietly pleased to note that other days and other messages must intervene before there can be any rupture with any European belligerent.

Proposal "Unthinkable."

New York World: All that part of the German reply which contemplates an alliance between Germany and the United States to break a British blockade that Germany herself cannot break, is impossible. It's unthinkable. To grant it would put a stain on the honor of the United States that could never be erased.

Official Executed.

Dublin, May 6.—(Official)—John McBride, San Felter leader, was shot to death this morning. He is the eighth rebel executed. Two others sentenced to die have had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment.

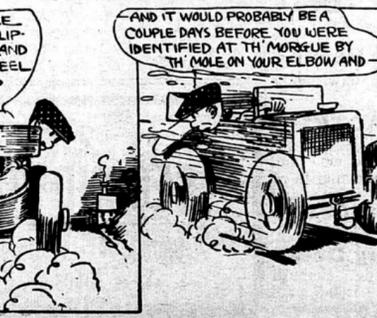
Protest to Mark Anniversary.

New York, May 6.—One year ago tomorrow the Lusitania was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine, with the loss of 150 American citizens. New York and other cities in the East and Middle West tomorrow will conduct services "of an impressive and dignified nature, somewhat in the nature of a protest," according to a statement issued by the American Rights committee.

JUDGE OF PROBATE GOES TO DULUTH

Judge M. A. Clark of the probate court has gone to Duluth on business.

Why Monkey With Your Destiny?



By "HOP"

