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'FLU' SITUATION IN COMMUNITY IS NOT ENOUGH TO BRAG ABOUT

Common Sense Following of City Health Officials Suggestions Effective

BEMIDJI MEDICAL MEN ARE FULLY CAPABLE

Dr. Fortin of Sanatorium Outlines Plans for Clinics to Check Tuberculosis

Of more than ordinary interest, was the regular session of the Bemidji Civic and Commerce association, Wednesday, following the weekly noon-day luncheon. Besides the report on the Ruggles timber tract, which has been proposed to be secured as a city park, and the election of officers for a local organization of the Mississippi River Scenic Highway association, several other matters of importance were brought up for discussion.

Regulations concerning control of measles and influenza were discussed clearly by Dr. Burns of St. Paul, who asked that the association co-operate with the health officer to prevent further spreading of the epidemic.

No One Alarmed.
Just what the so-called "flu" situation in Bemidji is, seems to be a matter of guesswork. As one citizen put it: "Guess there is so little of it in town that we haven't enough to brag about, and people seem to be jealous of cities that are getting lots of advertising."

Bemidji should, of course, take every precaution necessary, which is the recommendation of our health officer and committee on health, but the general expression of our citizens is that the danger has passed and that there is no need to close business, schools and churches, to check the spread of the disease.

New York City, the most congested city in the United States, last year had the lowest death rate from the "flu" and never closed a single public gathering institution. Proper precaution of the individual apparently is the greatest safeguard.

Fortin Outlines Plans.
Dr. W. H. Fortin, of the Lake Julia sanatorium at Puposky, outlined the plans of the sanatorium commission regarding the holding of clinics throughout this district for those afflicted with tuberculosis.

A report was made by A. P. Ritchie, chairman of the local tuberculosis committee, concerning the plans evolved by that committee at a recent meeting. A number of cases of this affliction have been reported in this vicinity and under the plans which are being formulated, clinics will be held in this city and in Ny-more as a permanent proposition.

Dr. Fortin also outlined the necessity for immediate co-operation on the part of all organizations throughout this district to combat against this plague.

In conclusion, the association pledged its support in any way possible, the manner of support to be outlined later, after the sanatorium commission has decided upon its plans.

Legion Executive Speaks.
Attorney Archie Vernon of Little Falls, a member of the national executive committee of the American Legion and who has recently returned from a national session at the headquarters at Indianapolis, Ind., was called upon and he responded with a most suitable and interesting talk on the purposes and activities of the American Legion. He urged that Bemidji's business men, whenever called upon, to co-operate with the American Legion, do so, and willingly. The work which is confronting the returned service men's organization was explained briefly. The talk throughout was very interesting and well received.

Upon adjournment of the business session, a meeting of the directors of the association was held.

GRACIE LEGION POST MEETS THIS EVENING

Ralph Gracie post of the American Legion meets in regular session this evening at 8 o'clock at the rooms of the Bemidji Civic and Commerce association.

All members are especially urged to attend since several matters of importance will be brought up at this time. N. E. Given, newly elected commander of the post will preside.

SCENIC HIGHWAY ASSN. HAS BEEN ORGANIZED TO AID IN PROJECT

River Route Would Run Between Bemidji Up North and New Orleans

Bemidji has made important steps toward the organization of a local Mississippi River and Scenic Highway association, and at the meeting on Wednesday officers were elected for the new organization as follows: President—James L. George. Vice-president—W. Z. Robinson. Secretary—H. M. Stanton. Treasurer—R. H. Schumaker.

Under the present plans the Scenic Highway will run between New Orleans and Bemidji and will give this city a good bit of publicity for every marker along the route will designate the distance to each terminal.

Action was taken at this session following the visit of Truman Pierson of St. Louis, general manager of the association, to this city the latter part of last week. He was well satisfied with what he found here and returned to St. Louis confident that word would be sent him, following the session today, that Bemidji had acted favorably upon the proposition.

Under the present plans, a membership of 100 is necessary for the new organization and a campaign to secure the necessary number will be made at once.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR WAR ATHLETES PLANNED

(By United Press)
Washington, Feb. 26.—Plans for the establishment of a school at Camp Benning, Georgia, to turn out army physical instructors have been completed today by the War Department.

Five officers from each department of the army will be detailed to the school for instruction in physical training and athletics. At the end of the course, each officer will return to his post equipped with the knowledge and training requisite for an instructor in athletics. The instructor personnel at the Camp Benning training school will be made up of physical training specialists.

Besides the athletic program, instructions will be given at Camp Benning in such war activities as hand-to-hand fighting. The instructions planned by the army will make every soldier fit to meet the severe modern warfare requirements of body control, agility, strength and endurance, it is believed.

The organization of a school for army chaplains at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, now is being worked out by the War Plans Division at the War Department, also.

WRESTLING MATCH TONIGHT PROMISES TO BE WARM BOUT

Larkin Arrives for Second Meeting With Curtis at the Grand

Dan Larkin arrived in Bemidji this morning to wrestle L. C. Curtis at the Grand theatre tonight. He has no excuses to offer this time, but on the contrary comes here loaded with "coin of the realm" together with friends who are ready to wager all upon the lad from Hopkins.

L. C. Curtis, the Bemidji champion and favorite son of the mat, needs no special introduction. Bemidji is behind him strong and will depend upon his taking the gate receipts tonight. He is an old timer at the game and knows how to make the most of every opportunity.

A little inside dope about this man Larkin might be in order, also. Eleven years of mat work keeps him from bragging about being a "spring chick" in the wrestling game. He has a good head on him and has some record to go with it. While in the Navy he downed all comers, large and small. He entertained President Wilson on the George Washington, the first trip over after the war.

Out of 32 bouts he has never lost one, and just a month ago he took on Paul Prehn, middleweight champion of the A. E. F. and pinned his shoulders to the mat. He is 29 years of age and weighs 155 and is in fine trim for the fray.

There will be two snappy preliminary bouts, as well as a reel or two of moving pictures. The program starts at 8:15 but the main event will not begin until after the merchant's banquet is over at the Markham hotel. This has been especially arranged, to permit those desiring to attend both affairs to do so.

The match will be for "blood." There will be no split up of the gate receipts. So sure are the contenders that each is willing to lose all or take all. Manager Harding of the Grand theatre gives assurance of a good clean bill and the general public is cordially invited to attend.

REPORT MADE BY COMMITTEE APPOINTED ON RUGGLES TRACT

First Suggested Tract Considered But Rocky Point Acres Are Favored

WOULD MAKE IDEAL RENTABLE COTTAGE SITES

Bemidji Association Is in Favor of Securing This Second Proposition

Following the action taken at the regular meeting of the Bemidji Civic and Commerce association Wednesday, regarding the proposition of securing the Ruggles timber tract on the east shore of Lake Bemidji, the committee appointed to investigate the project made the following report at the meeting on Wednesday:

Report in Detail.
"Your committee has the following report to make regarding the Ruggles timber situated on the east side of Lake Bemidji:

"This tract of timber consists of about three hundred acres, that would be necessary to make a suitable park for the City of Bemidji. This timber is situated on the east side of Lake Bemidji, extending north from the Bemidji Mill to the Mississippi river. All of this land is well covered with timber except about 80 acres near the Mississippi.

"We have secured the estimate from our forest ranger, L. F. Johnson, also the Crookston Lumber Company. Their grand total for the amount of timber on this 300 acres is 2,025,000 feet. We have estimated the cost of the timber and the lands for what we consider a fair valuation for park purposes at \$57,000. We understand the timber belongs to the Neils Lumber Company of Cass Lake, and the land belongs to Charles F. Ruggles of Manistee, Michigan.

First Consideration.
"The land consists of a flat piece, sandy, and is cut off from the lake shore by the M. & L. railway. The strip of land along the lake shore is low and swampy, with no timber except what would make cord wood. The lake shore is very shallow and covered with weeds and bulrushes, not a very desirable lake shore for park purposes. Nature has done very little toward making this ideal park growth of trees. It is estimated that these trees are 130 years old and that most of them have matured and that the life of them, if well taken care of, will be about 30 years more.

New Plan Submitted.
"We also wish to submit you the plan that has been suggested to us to secure for your park the land situated at the head of Lake Bemidji, known as Rocky Point and the small tract of land just west of the Golf grounds, extending to the shores of Lake Bemidji and containing about 101 acres. Nature has done a great deal toward making this an ideal park grounds.

"The amount of land that would be necessary to secure for this park is about 101 acres containing about 1,105,000 feet of timber and we estimate that this tract could be obtained for about \$33,000. We think that this amount of money can be secured by popular subscription from the loyal citizens of Bemidji. We raised something like \$17,000 in this way, in order to obtain the Soo railway, and this was done in a very short time. We see no reason why we could not secure this tract in this way and donate it to the city of Bemidji.

"If this tract was selected for park purposes it would be self supporting from the start, as it would be a very easy matter to rent small tracts for the purpose of tourists building cottages for about \$25 per year. The location is ideal for this purpose as it is close to Birchmont, where they can secure their meals, and the lake shore is ideal for bathing and swimming, and after this tract is bought and paid for there would be no further expense to the taxpayers for interest on investment and upkeep, as it should be self supporting from the renters.

"We also understand this land belongs to C. F. Ruggles and the timber to the Neils Lumber Co. We are also informed that this timber is of much better grade than the timber on the east side of Lake Bemidji and in our opinion is very much longer lived.

"We hereby submit the information for your consideration."
Committee.
A. A. Warneld,
W. N. Bowser,
C. L. Isted.
Head of Lake Favored.
Following the report and some dis-

TRAINING FOR OUR MERCHANT MARINE



An interesting photograph taken on the training ship Iris of the United States shipping board, showing how the recruits are taught the rudiments of the sea. After a week's course the recruit graduate, taking their places on one of Uncle Sam's merchant ships.

BEMIDJI ASSN. HOLDS ANNUAL BANQUET AT THE MARKHAM TONIGHT

"Road to Happiness" Is Subject of Visiting Speaker's Effervescent Address

"The Road to Happiness," is the address to be delivered by Curtis M. Johnson of Rush City, who has been secured as an after-dinner speaker for the annual banquet of the Bemidji Civic and Commerce association this evening, at 8 o'clock, at the Markham.

Mr. Johnson is very well known in business circles, and throughout the northwest he is spoken of as the premier after-dinner speaker. He is at present engaged in the hardware and implement business at Rush City and was formerly president of the National Federation of Retail Implement Dealers' association. He is one of the managers of the Minnesota state fair and in 1919 he was the superintendent of the automobile and machinery exhibit. All who have heard him talk declare that he is a "wizard of words."

For the benefit of those who have not secured a ticket for the banquet, a few tickets will be on sale at the door, but only a few, since the number of tickets already sold is very large. About 150 or 175 can be accommodated at the Markham and covers are being laid for that number.

ALLEGED PERJURER IS FACING TRIAL TODAY BEFORE MCLENAHAN

Trial Is Echo of Big Criminal Grist Run Through Mill Last Term

Before the district court today is the case of Frank Storey, charged with perjury, committed at the September term of court while testifying on the liquor cases.

Storey was sworn as a witness on September 24, 1919, in the case of State of Minnesota vs. Joseph Thiebault of Baudette, charged with having, at the village of Baudette, on May 12, 1919, kept and maintained a place wherein intoxicating liquor was kept for sale, and Storey is charged with having testified falsely at the trial last fall. He claimed that Thiebault was not the man who sold him the liquor, the testimony in that case as charged in the indictment being false, in that Thiebault was the man who sold Storey the drinks.

Judge W. S. McClenahan has relieved Judge C. W. Stanton for the time being and is presiding at this trial. Jurors were selected this morning and it was expected that the evidence hearing would take at least all day.

In the case of the Town of Froh vs. Goodman & Lovtved, the verdict was returned this morning by the jury after an all night retirement in favor of the plaintiff for half the sum asked.

discussion concerning the proposition it was voted that the matter of securing either tract be referred to the committee who are to see J. Neils, in an attempt to have him defer the cutting of the timber on the tract at the head of the lake, until action might be taken by the local association to endeavor to get the state to set aside the tract as a state park, a proposition which at one time was considered favorably, and which it is believed can be put over at present.

BEMIDJI HARDWARE CO. INCORPORATES ALONG MUCH LARGER LINES

Partnership Formed; Extensive Improvements Planned for Expansion

Bemidji has acquired a new incorporation to be known as the Bemidji Hardware Company, which will continue business along more extensive lines than formerly. The new firm includes W. Z. Robinson and K. E. Robinson, in addition to C. W. Vandersluis and L. D. Vandersluis, formerly proprietors of the firm under the same name.

W. Z. Robinson is well known to this community, having come to Bemidji 11 years ago. For three years he was instructor in agriculture in the Bemidji High school, and then spent some time at the Bemidji Mills, learning the lumber business. Following this, he went into partnership with M. E. Smith, forming the Smith-Robinson Lumber Company, which continued business for seven years. He has now severed all connections with the lumber company and entered the hardware business.

C. W. Vandersluis is even more of a veteran than Robinson, having first come to Bemidji in 1901 as a traveling salesman for Janney-Semple-Hill Company of Minneapolis, dealers in hardware. He traveled the neighboring territory for this firm until 1915, then went into business as the Bemidji Hardware Company. For three terms he was mayor of this city, holding that estimable office during 1916, 1917 and 1918 and since that time has been alderman-at-large and likewise president of the City council, during 1919, holding that office for the ensuing year.

The Bemidji Hardware Company, under the new ownership, expects to build a warehouse soon, and deal more extensively in tractors, farm machinery and implements. Plans for a new store are under way, but the actual building may not be done before another year.

KENTUCKY VISITOR TO REMAIN IN BEMIDJI

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. DeLeuil of Louisville, Ky., who arrived here on Sunday, decided to make their home here and have taken apartments in the Kaplan flats. According to Mr. DeLeuil, this is the "best little spot he has found yet." He is contemplating entering business here soon.

CROOKSTON QUINTETTE DEFEATS LOCALS, 35-16

Coach Jackson's quint of the Crookston High school turned the tables on the Bemidji High school aggregation when it traveled to that city and played there last night and succeeded in piling up a score of 35 points against Bemidji's 16.

Bemidji defeated the fast Crookston outfit here earlier in the season by a close margin, 15 to 14, but the locals hopes were shattered last night when they run up against Crookston on its own floor.

The defeat does not bar Bemidji nor hinder the team in any way in the race for the championship of the third athletic district since Crookston is not in this territory, but it did give the local team a "black eye" since it seems to have taken a slump in putting up the same hard fought game it has done heretofore.

As a preliminary to the main event the Senior and Sophomore girls of the Crookston High staged a very interesting contest.

RAIL UNIONS AND FARMERS ASK PRESIDENT TO VETO BILL

Railroaders Call Upon President at White House; Farmers See Tumulty

ADRIATIC NOTES TO BE RELEASED TODAY

Vice-President Marshall Loses His "Adopted" Son From Novel Ailment

(By Ralph Couch)
(United Press Correspondent)
Washington, Feb. 26.—Railroad unions and the Farmers' National Council today asked President Wilson to veto the Esch-Cummins rail bill.

A delegation of fifteen union heads called at the White House and left the resolution adopted by the railroad representatives, who have been in session here several days.

The farmers' spokesman also handed Secretary Tumulty a memorial, addressed to the president, urging his veto measure.

LODGE MOTION ADOPTED.

(By L. C. Martin)
(United Press Correspondent)
Washington, Feb. 26.—The senate today adopted the motion by Senator Lodge to postpone the discussion of the reservation on Article 10, league of nations covenant, until all other reservations are disposed of.

TO BARE ADRIATIC NOTES.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The entire series of notes exchanged by Wilson and the supreme council, regarding the Adriatic settlement, will be made public this afternoon or tomorrow, Secretary Polk announced today.

VICE-PRESIDENT BEREAVED.

(By United Press)
Washington, Feb. 26.—Morrison Marshall, three-year-old adopted son of Vice President Marshall, died at 6:40 o'clock this morning. The child died from an excess of acid in the blood, despite every effort of specialists of Johns Hopkins hospital.

Morrison was taken into the Marshall home about two years ago when the family consented to let the vice-president regard him as his own, without formal adoption. A special nurse watched over him constantly.

SPLENDID PROGRAM BY NORTH TEACHERS

The first meeting of the Northern Section of the Beltrami county Teachers' Patriotic League was held at the Baudette school building on February 21, with J. A. McArthur, chairman, presiding.

The program was as follows.
Opening song.
Vocal solo—Miss Hurley.
"Object and Aims of the Patriotic League"—Mr. McArthur.
"Methods of Teaching Americanism in Lower Grades"—Miss Maus.
"Current Events"—Miss Vaughn.
"A Comparison—Teachers Wages and Cost of Living"—Mr. Kirkconnell.
"Teachers Problems"—Miss Blanchard.
Vocal solo—Miss Eagen.
Formulation of Permanent Organization.
Closing song.
Adjournment.

BLOODLESS FIELD OF BATTLE IS DESERTED

(By J. L. O'Sullivan)
(United Press Correspondent)
Iron River, Mich., Feb. 26.—The bloodless battlefield here stood deserted today by the prohibitionary expedition forces, under Major Dalrymple. Daybreak found the major en route to Washington. Before leaving he announced that he would present evidence procured here of alleged liquor violations, to the prohibition officials and the department of justice.

His army demobilized, County Prosecutor McDonough called Dalrymple a "four flusher" and "bluff."
"He backed down completely," McDonough declared.