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PROGRESS MADE
ON HOTEL PLAN
FOR BIRCHMONT

Negotiations Made With Former Owner and Operator to Aid in Project

F. S. LYCAN AGREES TO SUPERVISE NEW HOTEL

Committee of Business Men of City Meeting Today to Complete Plans

The finance committee and the building committee of the Civic and Commerce association on the Birchmont hotel, report progress on the project. Negotiations with George Cochran, the previous owner and operator of the hotel, have been made with reference to the amount of interest he would take in the hotel project. Mr. Cochran has, with his usual magnanimity, agreed to sell to the new Birchmont hotel organization, when it is formed, the twenty lots taking in the space from the Jacob property east to the Ervin property, together with all cottages, buildings, bathhouses, boats, docks, pump house, pressure tank and other appurtenances situated on this plot for the sum of \$12,000; \$2,000 of which, Mr. Cochran agrees to take in stock of the new company, and for the remaining \$10,000 he accepts a mortgage subject to a first mortgage which may be placed on the property.

This same property was valued by a committee consisting of H. E. Reynolds, George Krazt, and A. A. Warfield at the sum of \$18,000, and in the amount Mr. Cochran has accepted he is evidencing his strong desire to see the new hotel project put through successfully.

F. S. Lycan, proprietor of the Markham hotel, has agreed to take the operation of the hotel under his supervision for a period of two years if the project is consummated. This also means a big sacrifice on the part of Mr. Lycan and it is felt that by thus offering his services he has paved the way for the successful operation of the hotel.

A large representative committee of the business men of the city met at luncheon in the association rooms today with the finance and building committees to complete the details of the financial plan. These details will be given in full in tomorrow's Pioneer. Watch for them.

CATTLE SHOW BIG GAIN
ON SWEET CLOVER FEED

(By United Press)
 Fargo, Jan. 28.—Cattle pastured on sweet clover for 32 days showed an average gain per head of 130 pounds, a gain of 4.2 pounds per day, according to B. S. Eastman of Gilby, farmer, who urged the need of more sweet clover pasturage on North Dakota farms. Mr. Eastman pointed out that it required three to five acres of other pasturage to feed one animal, but that two animals could live on one acre of sweet clover.

As to the value of sweet clover crop, he cited the case of J. W. Scott of Gilby, who fed 400 ewes on 70 acres and then cut a crop from the same patch. Furthermore he placed his stock on the market the last of October saving 60 to 90 days customary feeding period and marketed them at the time when stock prices were highest.

TWIN CITY SCOTS OBSERVE
BIRTHDAY OF ROBERT BURNS

St. Paul, Jan. 28.—Twin City Scots and members of the various twin city clans will assist the Clan Campbell, number 116 of the Order of Scottish Clans, to celebrate the one hundred and sixty-second anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns at the St. Paul Masonic temple here tonight.

CHIEF CAMPBELL FREED
FROM SCANDAL CHARGE

(By United Press)
 St. Paul, Jan. 28.—J. J. O'Connell, brother of Mrs. E. J. McCarthy, in a statement today declared Chief of Police Campbell 'innocent' of charges made against him by the woman. Chief Campbell was given a clean bill of health by Police Commissioner Smith yesterday following an investigation of the scandal which involved Campbell and Mrs. McCarthy.

Deputies took Chief Campbell to the county jail when they found him in a room with Mrs. McCarthy. The woman confessed to Commissioner Smith that it was a frame-up. O'Connell in his statement today said, "My sister is not a woman of strong mind and no doubt this has been taken advantage of by some designing persons." He said, "Her mind had been affected since she had scarlet fever when a girl."

STATE PARK PROJECT IS
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

In a message to Judge C. W. Stanton today, Senator Leonard H. Nord advised him that the bill to provide for the establishment of the proposed Lake Bemidji State Park has been recommended for passage by the public domain committee of the senate.

Considering the favorable attitude that various organizations in this section of the state have assumed toward the project, indications are that the proposal will be passed upon favorably by both houses within a very short time.

THEATRES TO
NEAR EAST
ST IN
EF FUND

Special Matinee to Be Held Tomorrow 1:30 at Bemidji theatres

A special program has been arranged for the local theatres to be held at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon for children and those adults who are able to attend. All proceeds will be turned over to the Near East relief fund to aid the starving children of Europe under the direction of Herbert Hoover, who is sponsoring the drive throughout the United States.

Parents are urged to assist in the project, since the local theatres have agreed to furnish everything except the picture free of charge. An admission price of ten cents will be charged children, while grown-ups will be admitted for twenty-five cents. This admission fee for adults does not, however, limit the amount which can be donated at this time, and it is urged that those who wish to contribute freely at this time in order to make the proceeds sufficiently large to make a good showing for this city. The Rex program will be a Fox special, "Treasure Island." Will Rogers in "Almost a Husband," a Pathe review, and a selected comedy will make up the program for the matinee. The performance at the Grand and the Rex will start at 10:30 and at the Elko at 11 o'clock.

NEW CENTRAL STUDENTS
TO REPORT ON MONDAY

Parents of children who are to enter the central school as beginners with the opening of the second semester are urged to see that such children report at the principal's office at the Central building on Monday forenoon at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. John Smith and son, Walter, arrived this morning from Couer d'Alene, Idaho, for a visit at the home of Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. H. Waldron at Tenth street and Dalton avenue.

ARMY APPROPRIATION
SUFFERS HEAVY CUTS

Appropriations for Rivers and Harbors Work Placed at \$50,250,000 for Year

(By United Press)
 Washington, Jan. 28.—With a reduction in the War department estimates of \$699,275,000, the Army appropriation bill carrying a total of \$331,222,000 was reported to the House today by the appropriation committee. The appropriation of the committee is based on an army of 150,000 men. Thus the bill was a reduction of about \$64,000,000 compared with the appropriation for the current year.

JUVENILE BAND MEETS AT
SEVEN TOMORROW NIGHT

Director G. O. Riggs of the Juvenile band announces that all members of the band are requested to be at the band rooms in the City hall at 7 o'clock tomorrow evening. The band will play at the basketball game at the armory between Bemidji and Crookston High school.

CITY TEAM PLAYS THIEF
RIVER FALLS TONIGHT

Bemidji's city basketball team will leave for Thief River Falls where it will take on that city's aggregation this evening in what promises to be a close contest. Last year Thief River Falls was defeated here by a fair margin after having won over Bemidji on the home floor. Both contests were attended by a large crowd of enthusiasts who are anxious to see the outcome of the battle tonight.

The locals are in first class condition for the fray having practiced regularly every evening, and the Thief River Falls bunch are aided by having taken part in a large number of games already this season, while the Bemidji team has had only two games.

It is expected that a number of local fans will accompany the team to Thief River Falls this afternoon.

SENATE NAVAL
COMMITTEE TO
HEAR DANIELS

Naval Officers to Discuss Suspension of Building for Six Months

COMMITTEE TO TALK OVER BORAH'S ADVICE

Borah Drafts Resolution to Cover Investigation of Important Points

(By United Press)
 Washington, Jan. 28.—(By L. C. Martin.) Secretary Daniels and Admiral of the Navy will be asked to tell the Senate naval committee whether suspension of building for six months would be safe and expedient. The committee will meet soon to talk over Senator Borah's resolution and will ask for information on the point.

Senator Borah expects the naval representatives in the committee to report against suspension. He has already drafted a resolution for a complete investigation to cover these points: the reported British suspension of naval building for the purpose of studying new ideas in naval construction; the opinion of American and foreign experts as to the wisdom of building dreadnaughts, battle cruisers and surface ships against submarines and aircraft; the manner in which the naval officials receive and treat suggestions from naval officers of subordinate rank concerning innovations; the relative cost of the sixteen battleship program now under way and the aircraft submarine policy.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY
IS RE-OPENING PLANT

Detroit Factory Will Soon Be on 25 Per Cent Capacity Three Days a Week

(By United Press)
 Detroit, Mich., Jan. 28.—The Ford Motor Highland Park plant is re-opening. Many heads of departments, machine men, and millwrights are called back. By Monday it is said the plant will be operating at about twenty-five per cent of its capacity. Three days a week will be the working schedule at present. The plant has been closed more than a month.

The men who were called back to work will get the plant in shape for the resumption of production. The first jobs in the re-opening are being given to picked men who were notified by mail. Gradual expansion will bring thousands back to work.

MASONIC DANCE PROVES
TO BE ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

A second of a series of Masonic dances was held Thursday evening at the Masonic temple. A large attendance indicated the popularity of the parties and the next one will be given Thursday, Feb. 10.

LEGION MAKES PLANS
FOR VARIED ACTIVITIES

Plans for Special Activities Mapped Out at Meeting Thursday Night

Ralph Gracie Post of the American Legion held a meeting last evening which, in all ways but election of officers, resembled an annual session. Plans for various projects for the ensuing year were discussed in detail and keen interest was evidenced by all members. Committee reports brought forth news of projects under way and these indicate that the post will soon resume its customary activity in the community.

The housing committee has assured the post that within a very few weeks another boxing card will be staged here. Arrangements are being made with Al Arne of International Falls and Gunner Quinn of Minneapolis to form the main event, and if these fighters are secured, local fans are assured a first-class headliner.

Plans are also under way for an American Legion ball to be held in the new armory in a few weeks, this event hereafter to be an annual affair. The dance committee is already at work in preparation for putting on a novel dance.

A dramatic club is soon to be organized within the Legion with John M. Culver as instructor and head. Local talent will be used throughout in putting on the productions. It is planned to stage at least two plays here before the latter part of May, the dates to be decided upon as soon as the club has organized.

As the result of a motion passed, Commander N. E. Given will deliver a retiring address at the next meeting of the post on Feb. 10, when new officers will be elected. The newly elected commander will also be called upon for an address. He will be asked to outline the work he proposes for the post during the coming year.

National headquarters of the Legion is organizing a speakers' bureau composed of three thousands members scattered over the United States and from this bureau speakers will be selected to address nearby posts upon calls issued by the state department. Bemidji is to have several speakers in the bureau and plans are being made to interchange speakers with nearby posts to aid in putting "pep" into the meetings.

The program for the next meeting will include an address by John M. Culver, "pep," and the awarding of an attendance prize, which was originated last evening and which will be awarded to the person whose name is drawn, provided that he is present when the drawing is made. Every member is especially urged to be present on Feb. 10, when officers for the coming year will be elected and other important business will be brought before the post.

FARM MANAGEMENT TO
BE DEMONSTRATED HERE

Farmers living in the vicinity of Bemidji will have an opportunity on February 4 to study farm management under the supervision of W. L. Caver, farm management demonstrator of the agricultural extension division of the University Farm. An all-day session is planned and will begin at about nine o'clock in the rooms of the Bemidji Civic and Commerce association. A similar meeting will be held at Hines the following day.

Only two topics may be discussed at one meeting and it is expected that potatoes and dairy products will be chosen for the local subjects as were chosen at Hines.

WAGE CUTS FOR
RAILROAD MEN
BEFORE BOARD

Labor Committee of Railroad Executives in Conference on Wage Cuts

RAILROAD BOARD TO HOLD HEARING ALSO

Industrial Readjustment Will Depend on Railroads, Say Officials Today

(By United Press)
 Chicago, Jan. 28.—(By C. Little.)—Five men barricaded themselves in a hotel room here to draw up a case designed to prove that the wages of two million railroad employees should be slashed. The five holding the conference comprised the labor committee of the association of railroad executives.

The report they drew up will be presented to the standing committee of the association. This body after passing on it will make their presentation in a form of a petition to the United States Railroad Labor Board. The railroad board—the supreme court of railroad capital and labor—will hold a hearing on the petition before reaching a decision. Not until the railroad problem is settled will industrial readjustment be accomplished, authorities admitted generally.

Normalcy will come when the railroad problem is solved for the four sides are unsettled. The four sides are: railroad management, one million stockholders, two million employees, and the traveling public.

DEVELOPMENT CONGRESS
ORGANIZED PERMANENTLY

Important Projects Indorsed By Congress Representing Three Big States

(By United Press)
 St. Paul, Jan. 28.—"Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin have combined to make the Great Lakes basin the greatest agricultural and industrial section of the country" said Gov. J. A. O. Preus today.

A permanent organization of the Tri-State Development Congress was accomplished last night and the following projects endorsed: A big reforestation program; Federal flood control; Liberal rural credit program; Classification by analysis of all lands and an extension of the topographical survey; Regional community planning; Deep drainage of marsh lands and definite assurance to settlers on such work; Uniform methods in financing drainage projects; A bureau of information to serve prospective settlers; and development of tourist traffic.

A committee was named on permanent organization and efforts will be made to secure a large membership in the next congress.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS
HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED

At a meeting of the board of the public library, it was decided to discontinue the circulation of books until the smallpox epidemic has abated.

The reading room will be kept open, and books, except those in homes where there is smallpox are to be returned as usual. Books in homes where there is smallpox are to be kept in such homes until further notice. By order of the library board.

Grace A. Warfield, Secretary.

BEMIDJI QUINT MEETS
CROOKSTON TOMORROW

Local Cagers Promise Speedy Contest With Polk County Aggregation Here

Coach Paul F. Schmidt's Crookston high school basketball quint will meet the Bemidji high school tossers tomorrow evening in the old Armory at 8 o'clock in the fifth game on the locals' schedule. Though this is not a district game, interest in the result of the game is at top pitch and the players themselves are in excellent condition to give Crookston a trimming.

Coach Smith's men have been receiving hard scrimmages all week and are in good shape to enter the contest. Early this week Captain Higbe gave signs of illness, but the star will be able to start tomorrow night, it was announced this evening.

Coach Smith is spending most of his time demanding closer teamwork. He sees the lack of that as his greatest obstacle to district championship hopes and believes that caging accuracy will almost take care of itself in the development of it.

Crookston has shown much class in the early contests this year, having garnered in two victories, one over the Ada high school five last Friday by a 20-to-16 count, after Ada had them beaten 16 to 8 at the end of the first half. The wonderful defensive game put up by Coach Schmidt's quint resulted in holding Ada scoreless in the second half while the Polk county quint counted 12 points. It is this same ability to come back strong in the final period that is feared largely by the Bemidji team. The Crookston style of play, however, will be more rounded out than any of the Bemidji opponents to date and will prove of value to the Bemidji mentor, who is ferreting out the weak points of the local tossers with a view to elimination before Feb. 4, when Bemidji tackles St. Cloud on the local floor.

OFFICIALS PROBING
ALLEGED CONFESSION

North Dakota Coal Miner Walks Four Miles to Tell Police He Killed Lessee

(By United Press)
 Minot, N. D., Jan. 28.—Ward county officials today are investigating the alleged confession of Jack Collier, miner, known as "Oklahoma Jack" who walked four miles to Kenmare to tell the officials he had shot a man. John Reynolds, a miner, was found dead near Collier's shack with four bullets in his body. Collier is alleged to have been drunk yesterday with hard cider. In an argument with Albert Hanson, a coal mine lessee, he shot Hanson twice but the latter was rescued by Thomas O'Neill, another miner. Reynolds, although warned of Collier's condition went to the latter's shack and the shooting followed.

SIXTY PER CENT LOSS
POCKETED BY FARMERS

Washington, Jan. 28.—Based on December first prices paid to producers the value of all farm crops of this country for 1920 was slightly under \$10,500,000,000 according to the Department of Agriculture, compared with \$16,000,000,000 in 1919, and a little over \$10,000,000,000 as the five-year average 1914-18 inclusive. This is proof positive that the agriculturalists were the first to suffer from the slump in prices, while the fact remains that the ultimate consumers profited little or nothing by lower living costs. During 1920 the United States imported something like \$1,500,000,000 in foodstuffs, to say nothing of other products of the farm—probably an aggregate of not less than \$2,000,000,000, compared with an estimate of something like \$50,000,000,000 the year before the war. And two billion dollars of American money had a terrific purchasing power in 1920 on account of depreciation of foreign exchange. In bulk, the importations of 1920 would be considerably in excess of four times the 1913 importations. This situation suggests one of the main reasons why the American farmers are demanding emergency tariff legislation.

BEMIDJI STATE
NORMAL SHOWS
FINE PROGRESS

Advancement During Past Year Shown in Report Made By President Deputy

MAXWELL OF WINONA URGES LAW CHANGES

Would Revive Bill Empowering Normal to Grant Bachelor's Degree in Education

The progress of the Bemidji State Normal school during the present school year and the advancement over the previous year are set forth in the following report by President M. W. Deputy as presented at the regular quarterly meeting of the state normal school board at Mankato on January 25:

"Since the last quarterly meeting of the board, eleven new students have been enrolled in the adult department, making the total for the year one hundred eight; in the elementary department, six additional children have been admitted, bringing the total to ninety-eight. During the quarter there has been but little illness among the students and the attendance has been unusually good. The city schools have, as usual, showed a willingness to co-operate with us and have arranged for their school nurse to give some time to our elementary department without cost. Three students, having completed the work for the two-year course, were awarded diplomas at the end of the fall term, and it is recommended that their graduation be approved."

"A uniformly good quality of work has been done by the students and teachers, and the spirit of the school is most commendable. Two literary societies have been organized which, thru friendly rivalry and an interest in the development of ability to appear well before a public audience, seem to have a wholesome influence for good. At the opening of the campaign for relief of European children, the public speaking class in charge of Miss Eunice Asbury presented the cause before the entire school assembly with the result that \$140 was quickly subscribed and paid by the students and faculty."

"The facilities of Martha Sanford Hall under the able management of Mrs. Grace B. Thacker, have made it possible not only to provide desirable living conditions for a limited number, but also to afford excellent opportunities for the better social training of practically the entire student body. At present, all available space in Martha Sanford hall is taken and some are on a waiting list. Numerous inquiries indicate that the enrollment for both the summer school and for the next year will be increased considerably in which case we shall have much difficulty to provide suitable living accommodations until such time as the proposed new wing shall be added to the present building."

A number of other matters of importance to all the Normal schools of the state were discussed. President Maxwell of the Winona school referred to proposed legislation which he thought should receive immediate attention and regarding it he stated:

"There are three details of new legislation which I could wish might receive the favor of the board and the approval of the legislature. They have been discussed by the presidents of the schools at various times and, I believe, in general approved by them. These items are: first, the change of the legal name of each of the schools from State Normal School to State Normal College; second, authority in law for the award by the State Normal College Board of the bachelor's degree in education; and third, the substitution of free tuition for the present requirement of a pledge to teach for two years, or in lieu thereof a cash payment of thirty dollars per year of attendance."

"A bill empowering the Normal School Board to grant the bachelor's degree in education was approved and introduced by this board in 1911. It easily passed the state senate but died in the house with many other bills on account of the unusual congestion of business which characterized the session named. The arguments for the action taken ten years ago are even more cogent at the present time."

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY
CLUB AFTER MEMBERS

The Women's Civic and Community club opened a membership drive today and is planning to visit every home in the city desirous of obtaining as many as possible to join the club at once. Bemidji ladies are asked to assist in making the drive a success. Those who have not been invited to join are asked to hand in their names and membership fee of one dollar to the committee on membership.

