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WAITING FOR THE "GONG"

We knew it all the time, but we didn't think J. J. was spending restless nights thinking about it.

Well, did you ever hear of anyone making a perfectly sensible suggestion, but what in pops some "kid" and "spills the beans"? No, Mr. Opsahl is no kid, he's a perfectly matured, full-grown home-maker; but, Jesus, what we want in Bemidji is a Senator. You must have misunderstood our editorial of the other evening.

Why, of course, we expect that a serious effort would be made to carry out the idea of proper distribution of representation in this 62nd District, which was as follows: THE SENATOR FROM BEMIDJI; A HOUSE MEMBER FROM KOCHICHING; A HOUSE MEMBER FROM NORTHERN BELTRAMI.

If a fellow only knew when to take J. J. seriously. We know now that people read The Pioneer, and we also have had advertisers tell us that, but now we can prove it, because we have received a number of letters admitting that our suggestion the other day was a good one and no end of commendation from friends and near friends (we have no enemies) on the street and in the office congratulating us on the idea.

"Why not entertain motions or nominations through your columns," cry a dozen or more, "for Senator and House member?"

Well, we have no objections—none whatever. In fact, we believe that we'd rather enjoy it, so let them come.

Sure we'll keep it a secret as to the party who nominates, if so desired. When a few dozen good men or women have been nominated, a weeding out process suggestion will be in order; but for the present, let's get down to serious nominations. Men of whom this county may be proud. Men or women to whom we may point with pride and say "he's our Senator," or "she's our representative."

Now is the time for all good men—etc., etc.

NEW CHARTERS

Bemidji has a charter commission made up of competent, reputable citizens who are to assemble a charter intended to eliminate the inconsistencies and limitations of the antiquated instrument under which the city at present is compelled to do business.

Nearly every resident has at one time or another encountered something objectionable in connection with the operation of this charter.

The point just here is that an opportunity is to be given the voters to bring about a more up-to-date and satisfactory condition of affairs. With the present personnel of the charter commission, representing in a composite way, as it does, the various interests of the city and community, we can be assured that something in the way of an improvement will be offered.

The big thing the voters must make up their minds to do is to take an active interest in the charter election. Unfortunately, it frequently happens, that because of apathy on the part of the citizens—needed charter changes fail.

Only a few days ago an illustration of this took place in St. Paul, when the proposition to get rid of the cumbersome, ineffective "commission plan" rule by adopting a charter that would make the mayor a responsible person of authority was defeated, because thousands of persons vitally interested did not take enough interest in the proceedings to go to the polls on election day and cast a ballot.

It is a good idea for the voters here to indicate their desires in connection with the writing of the new charter, let their influence aid in drafting the kind of an instrument that the city—and by city, is

meant every taxpayer—needs. Then make himself a committee of one to see that the importance of the change is brought home to every resident.

When brother came home from school for the holidays, he cleaned out baby's bank. Christmas morning, sister needed a present all at once for the neighbor's child, and now baby hasn't any bank. Selah!

Minnesota this year is to elect a United States senator, a governor and a complete set of state officers. But what we should like to know is: who is going to be president of the Bemidji Golf club?

The Bemidji basketball team may have been a little tardy in getting started but they will win the croqueted hot water bottle yet before the season is over.

"Do you mean," writes Mabel, the stenographer from Brainerd, "that I can get a job in Bemidji; I see you say it is a jobbing center." Pretty good guess, at that, Mabel.

A Michigan man has invented an automatic food conveyor for restaurants. Guests sit at the table and the food passes in front of them. That ought to be a great joyride for a hunk of limberger cheese.

Production of pig iron has decreased from 30,066,162 tons in 1913 to 16,300,000 in 1921. You can hardly blame the pig iron people for squealing.

Flapjacks & Sausage are a popular firm these winter mornings. Honey & Buckwheat also are still doing business at the same old stand.

There are 173,000 farms in the state and every one of them has a dog that runs out and threatens each passing flivver.

Eggs four bits per, and then they are not always what they are cracked up to be.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

(Albert Smith of Waskish took a "poke" at Opsahl's Grygla railroad idea, and now comes Bro. Opsahl with a long putrout in defense. We have taken the liberty of cutting it down some (apologies to Mr. Opsahl), but have left most of the "kick" in the letter.—Editor.)

I was pleased to see you publish "The Albert Smith Crape Mfg. Co." letter about "Poor Deluded Grygla"—and, in behalf of the land owners I represent, as well as Baker Olson and his connections, I wish to thank Mr. Smith and Co. for the nice tribute paid me about being able to create an increase in farm values.

From general public and press reports, there are millions of farmers hoping and praying for a reasonable rise in present depressed values of their property and I feel very grateful to Bros. Smith for predicting that farm property values will have a tendency to rise around the Red Lakes and Grygla district on account of my humble effort in encouraging co-operation in asking the Interstate Commerce Commission to assist the land owners needing railway service to induce one of the transcontinental trunk line railways to build branches through that district as soon as possible and where business will warrant.

Now, let us consider "poor deluded Grygla" district's condition.

During the early part of last fall they forwarded to their congressman, H. Steenerson, a petition signed by officials of nine farm community clubs, as well as several hundred farmers, merchants and bankers stating their district comprised approximately 4,000 square miles, or 2,560,000 acres, of fertile farm lands in need of better railway service and asking congress to hasten the Red Lake reservation development so there would be hope of inducing one of the three Bemidji trunk line railways to build across the reservation giving the Grygla district a short or direct haul to and from the large primary grain, livestock, potato and merchandise markets. This district is well provided with drainage, roads, schools and some very progressive dairy and livestock farmers; and their bankers can readily show anyone that it will cost their community up there fully \$15 per acre for taxes and interest compounded to carry their lands for the next ten years, or approximately \$9,000 per square mile (will the Crape Mfg. Co.'s president or stockholders please note). This is quite a neat sum to dump into the tax and interest sinkhole on idle acres.

And if Grygla wins out and secures within a reasonable time railway service, they stand a fair show of getting back all or part of their money spent for surveys, and if financial conditions keeps so bad that no more railway branches be built (irrespective of needs), the district will probably survive the loss of twenty cents per quarter section spent in honest efforts for bettering their communities when they have to face the tremendous overhead cost in taxes and interest of carrying idle lands.

Replying to Smith's statement that East Red Lake settlers would in no way co-operate with me in my humble Red Lake development efforts, he may hit the truth best by changing it about—that I am doing my little mite to co-operate with them in their efforts for better drainage and lower levels of Red Lake and better railway service. The verdict can best be decided by the actual settlers and I would rather hold my non-salaried office of president of the Grygla Red Lake Farm Development Optimist company than be president of the Pessimistic Smith Crape Mfg. company.

J. J. OPSAHL

KELLHER

Mrs. Eberhardt entertained a few friends on Friday evening last week. All enjoyed a pleasant evening.

The Study club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Pierson last Friday night. There was a good attendance and fine program. Mrs. Pierson surprised her guests by serving a sumptuous lunch after the meeting. Those who attended were well repaid for venturing out on such a stormy night, both by the program and the entertainment.

The students of the Bemidji Teachers college all returned on Wednesday morning. They enjoyed the brief vacation, but are unanimous in their desire to return and continue work in the college.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Latterell entertained friends at a card party on Monday night. The evening was spent in playing progressive five hundred. Mrs. Barry and Mr. Breck carried

off the honors and each received a prize as a reward. Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Miller drew down the booby prize to the amusement of all. Mrs. Latterell served a delicious supper after the game, and the guests felt that never before had a new year begun so auspiciously.

The Presbyterian Sunday school elected officers on Sunday. Mr. Wilder was re-elected superintendent, Paul Wagner, assistant, Mildred Sullivan, treasurer, Hazel Wagner and Sylvia Gray, secretaries.

Axel Peterson has gone to St. Paul where he will visit at the farm school of the university for a few days.

Olaf Krogseng of Saum was a Kellher visitor on Sunday. William Skrief was a Bemidji visitor this week, going on business for the Kellher Lumber and Fuel company.

Word has been received from Miss Norris that she has entirely recovered from her illness. She will be back,

ready for work, on Saturday of this week.

The senior class will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hankey to read over the class play on Thursday night of this week.

At a meeting of the board of education on Tuesday arrangements were made to purchase wood for the ensuing year. A committee of three members, Latterell, McLeod and Bone, was appointed to purchase what was necessary, and fix the price for the same.

The Presbyterian Aid will entertain in the school house next Thursday evening, Mrs. Hankey and Mrs. Arey being hostesses at this meeting.

Arrangements are being made by Mr. Skrief for another debate in the near future for the Community club.

THE PIONEER WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

SHVLIN

ROBERT O. BRIGGS



The second number of the University Lyceum course will be given here Friday evening, January 20, Robert O. Briggs being the entertainer. Mr. Briggs just can't help being entertaining and as a delineator of the darker dialect and character has very few equals. Although his friends know him as "Smiling Bob," yet his work is not entirely so. He knows the serious side of life and just at the moment we may be laughing with him at the funny things he sees in ourselves and our lives, he brings out one of the noble truths of life with a force that amazes and compels. Nearly all of the material that Mr. Briggs uses in his platform impersonations, readings and cartoons is original with himself, and every one that attends can be assured of something different.

Those who attended the last number given in November can be sure that this will be its equal in the entertainment art.

Lester Dickinson came to Shvelin to spend the remainder of the holiday season with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Oryall.

The Misses Martha and Ella Teigland from Alida were in town Tuesday.

Miss Agnes Olson, whose home is in Becida, arrived on Wednesday to visit at the J. G. Miller home.

Charles McDonald was a business caller at Bagley, Wednesday.

Mrs. Oscar Paulson's mother, Mrs. Parris, who has been spending the holidays here, has returned to her home in Georgetown, Minn.

Dorothy and Gordon Noyes spent Wednesday at the Wiltsie home in Bagley.

Sever Severson, who has been working in Dazey, N. D., is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wells, who have been visiting at the latter's former home, have returned to Blabon, N. D.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kaiser of Bagley were here Thursday.

Mrs. M. Hippe from Debs is visiting with relatives here.

L. A. Larson returned Thursday from Clearbrook where he has been spending the holiday vacation with Mrs. Larson.

Mrs. Benjamin Theilan left on Saturday for a visit with relatives in Stillwater.

George Courtney of Bagley spent a few minutes here last Friday evening.

DeVere Wilson of the Bagley Mercantile company was a business caller in Shvelin on Thursday.

The sudden change in weather, and the heavy fall of snow has made it necessary for the mail stage to revert to winter transportation methods. George Hanson, mail deliver, has been using a Ford until this morning. The drifts during the last few days have made it difficult driving with the car, but last night's storm put an end to car driving, although last year Mr. Hanson used the car until January 2.

And because the stage driver starts horses he must make an earlier start and P. G. Anderson, who brings the mail over to the post office from the depot in the morning must get the mail over by 5:30 a. m.

Samuel M. Desjardines has been assisting during the holiday buying rush at the Shvelin Mercantile store.

Little Miss Mavis Marsh spent last week at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Rauk.

O. G. Lee and E. Sletten of Bagley were business callers in Shvelin Saturday.

Mrs. Edna Hanson visited relatives in Bemidji New Year's day.

The Ladies' Aid of the Norwegian Lutheran church served a lutefish and beefe supper New Year's eve. The service was excellent, and all tables were loaded with generous supplies of food.

Carl Rauk and Conrad Paulson spent New Year's day in Bemidji.

H. W. Teichroew returned to his work at the St. Paul vocation school on Monday.

Miss Sadie Wimer returned to Fosston Sunday after spending a week with her parents here.

John Solberg returned to Superior Monday after spending the holidays with his parents.

Miss Esther Mattson, who spent the holidays with her parents at Dassel, Minn., returned Monday.

Miss Anna Wickstrom of Alida was a Bemidji visitor Monday.

I. W. Gehron, wife and little daughter Lillian, visited with Messrs. Will and Al Brown and families Wednesday.

John R. Reed, wife and son Robert, were guests at Mr. and Mrs. Martin Peterson's New Year's day.

John M. Manirs, wife and sons James and Thomas, spent New Year's

SWISS FAVOR AMERICANS

That Switzerland, akin to us in ideals and institutions, left hospitable and friendly memories in the minds of the many wounded American soldiers, who convalesced there during the war, we cannot doubt.

From all reports, the beauty of the little Republic made a lasting impression. This is especially true of its wintertime of matchless beauty and unequalled opportunities for sport. Then the entire Swiss nation and hosts of warmly clothed and welcome visitors give themselves wholeheartedly to play.

Under the stimulus of skating, skiing, curling and tobogganing, old faces, hearts and bodies grow young again, while youth, with new zest, pursues its tempestuous way.

No wonder, then, that the American's steam for the little Republic goes up as its thermometer goes down.

But the liking is apparently mutual, for Switzerland has gone far out of her way to favor Americans above all her hosts of visitors. An evidence of this she no longer requires a Swiss visa on your passport, but accepts your American passport as sufficient at her frontier. And the American passport is the only kind Switzerland accepts without a visa.

Day with A. Eaton and family in Eland.

A number from this vicinity attended the bazaar at Good Templar hall at Waskish Thursday night. Any one wishing thoroughbred eggs for setting just call John R. Reed.

Messrs. Al and Will Brown and families, Warren Ray, wife and sons, Chester and Bernard, spent Saturday evening with Harry Burns and wife and watched the old year out and the new year in.

John R. Reed and wife, Miss Viola Gehron and Messrs. Earl and Everett Gehron, Axel Anderson, Ralph Eaton and Raymond Daken attended the New Year's dance at Belle.

John McManus and wife, Mrs. Andrew Anderson and sons Raymond and Axel and daughter Pearl, Miss Viola Gehron and Messrs. Earl and Everett Gehron attended the dance at Mrs. Aaton's Tuesday night. All report a good time.

Robert Reed spent Saturday night with Dan and William Gehron.

Martin Peterson butchered his big ox Friday.

PEARL FISHING IN SCOTLAND

Low Water During the Season Just Ended Brought About Many Successful "Catches."

The pearl-fishing season, which has now drawn to a close, has for many of the Scotch fishers been an extremely successful one, says Violet Ruenburg in the Edinburgh Scotsman. Owing to the low volume of water in the rivers after the long drought, they have been enabled to see more easily the shells on the river bed, also to wade farther into the water. These fresh water pearls are contained, not in oyster, but in pearl-mussel shells, which are to be found in several of the Scotch rivers and streams.

The methods of fishing vary slightly. The fisher with whose method we are most familiar wears an angler's hip boots and wades far into the water. He carries in his hand a piece of corrugated iron, shaped much the same as a jug, the base of which is made of glass. This enables him to see the shells which lie at the bottom of the river. In his other hand he holds a "tongs" consisting of two pieces of wood with iron plucers.

On seeing a shell he lifts it with tongs and puts it into his pocket. Then when he has a good number of shells he opens them on the river bank to discover if he has had any luck. It may be that he will find a pearl in the first one he opens, or he may open many shells without any prize. The same shell may contain more than one pearl.

As there is a mass of water weed at the bottom of the river which prevents the shell being seen, the spring, before the weed is in full growth, and the autumn, when it is dying down, are the best times for the fishing.

Demon Was Cattlefish.

For many centuries Norway has had its legends, telling frightful deeds of the kraken, a great and mysterious marine creature that was a danger to sailors on the high seas. Now scientists have found that the localities in which these folk-tales flourish are the habitat of giant squids or "cuttlefish," of the genus Architeuthis, that have frequently been cast up upon sea beaches. According to Dr. James Ritchie of the Royal Scottish museum, the largest of these on record had tentacles with a span close to 30 feet. It was nine feet nine inches long from the tip of its tail to tip of its short arms, but its tentacular arms were each 14 feet long.—New York Evening Post.

Famous Nuremberg Bible.

Following the discovery of copperplate engraving we have the printing of the Gutenberg Bible, said by some authorities to be the first use of movable type. Soon Savonarola is distributing his sermons in pamphlet form among the people. Koburger has "perfected" the press. "Perfected" books are being published. A rich doctor of Rome is successfully experimenting with type, when appears the Chronicle at the Nuremberg press. (Columbus has found the New world.) At this press Durer is apprenticed to Volgemuth, and, together with Pleytendorff, they compose the art staff of the Chronicle. And they make the type.

This publication is to appear yearly. Some copies are to be bound, but for the most part it is to be issued as a newspaper. It is the first printed newspaper in the world—or did China have one? Printing was first used there in 202 B. C., but the secret never got out—China had a wall. Besides, she wasn't even mentioned in Europe till a missionary carried the "word." This was about the middle of the Thirteenth century.—Exchange.

day dinner Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Horner, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hoglin, Misses Fay and Irma White, Grace Stillwell and George and Howard Stillwell. Glen Allen and George Greigg left Monday morning for Birchmont to saw wood on a large scale.

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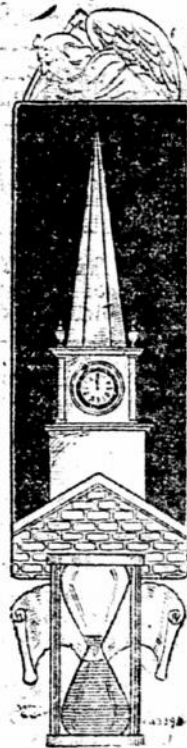
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FATHER TIME

—in passing, will take you our New Year Greetings and an invitation to call here often during 1922

We suggest that you make a New Year's resolution 'to induce all your friends to come to us and sit for HIGH-CLASS Photographs early in the New Year. Another year may reveal many vacancies in our circles of friends. Then such artistically finished, natural Portraits will be cherished. Make an appointment for your Photographs here this week.

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