

NEW PENSION RULING

Important Rule Regarding Pension to Old Soldiers.

The Commissioner of Pensions has made the following ruling:

"Ordered in the adjudication of pension claims under the said act of June 27, 1890, as amended it shall be taken and considered as an evident fact if the contrary does not appear, and if all other legal requirements are properly made, that if the claimant has passed the age of 63 years he is disabled one half in ability to perform manual labor and is entitled to be rated at six dollars per month and after 70 at 12 dollars per month. Allowance at a higher rate, not exceeding \$12 per month, will continue to be made as heretofore, where disabilities other than age shows a condition of inability to perform manual labor. This order shall take effect April 18, 1904, and shall not be deemed retroactive. Former rules of office fixing minimum and maximum at 65 and 76 years respectively are hereby modified as above."

The order itself is preceded by a preamble which after citing the law, says the pension bureau has established with reasonable certainty the average nature and extent of the infirmity of old age that 39 years after the Mexican war Congress in 1887 placed on the pension roll all Mexican war soldiers who were over 62 years old.

J. Frank Louke further explains the ruling as follows: In the Long Prairie papers. No disability but that of age enters into this ruling, and under it all soldiers who serve 90 days or more in the Civil war, are entitled to pension as follows:

Age 62, \$6 per month; age 65, \$8 per month; age 70 and over \$12 per month. Many suppose these rates will be paid without making application therefor, but that is a mistake.

If you are receiving pension and are entitled to one under this ruling you must make application for it in due form. If you are receiving a pension, but not as much as this ruling allows, you must make application for the higher rate.

Pensions under this ruling do not commence from the date when you attain to a certain age, but from date when by formal application you establish the fact that you are of a certain age.

BAILEY BOOMS BEMIDJI.

Sheriff Thomas Bailey of Beltrami county, formerly of Little Falls, told the Minneapolis Tribune this about his home town:

"Bemidji is getting to be one of the most prosperous towns of the state, we have a good class of people there, and they are doing all in their power to boom the town along. A sash and door factory will probably be built there in the near future. A mass meeting of the citizens was held last Monday night to see what could be done for the company in the way of inducements."

"The United States army has a recruiting office there, which is doing better business than almost any point in the state. A great many enlistments are being made among the lumberjacks who are now leaving the woods, as the logging season has closed. They are, as a rule, strapping fine fellows, and have no trouble at all in passing the physical examination. Probably a dozen or more recruits are secured each day at Bemidji."

ELKS OFFICERS.

Thursday evening last week the local lodge B. P. O. E., initiated two candidates and elected officers as follows:

Exalted Ruler—Chas. E. Vasaly.
Esteemed Leading Knight—Henry Guerin.
Esteemed Loyal Knight—Don M. Cameron.
Esteemed Lecturing Knight—Dr. E. E. Hall.
Secretary—Chas. Sylvester.
Treasurer—P. F. Hosh.
Trustee—F. E. Cawley.
Tyler—Chas. L. Decker.
Representative to Grand Lodge—M. V. Wetzel.

The L. F. & D. road, without which a farm, probably would occupy the site of one of the most flourishing villages in the state, was built because it was helped by bonds and land grants. Morrison county's share was \$35,000 in seven per cent bonds, and the village of Swanville has been getting the benefits for over twenty years, while the rest of the county has paid for it without grumbling. Turn about is air play, always. Why cannot Swanville help out the Pierz and Elmdale country?

The lower house of congress has voted to increase the pay of rural mail carriers from \$600 per year to \$720.

The council will meet Monday evening to clear up the year's business. The new council begins its labors Tuesday night.

We are waiting for the Royalton Banner to tell us just at what time, in what manner, and where a Morrison county steam railroad will be built, and more important than all, who will build it.

Several members of the local Elks lodge were at the station Friday afternoon to greet J. T. Fanning of Indianapolis, grand exalted ruler of the order, who passed through on his way to Butte and the coast.

A De Laval separator should be in the home of every farmer. It will soon pay for itself. Etoh & Murphy are having a big sale on them.

WILLIAMS HAS A BROTHER IN IDAHO.

The Fargo Forum claims that the real name of E. D. Williams, alias Francis Henry, sentenced last week at this place for forgery, is Percival Young, and says of him:

Young is the brother of Senator Young of Idaho, during his incarceration here sent a telegram to his brother that he was dying. Local parties were advised by Senator Young, whose wife was a former Fargo girl, to show the young man every attention, and to draw on the senator for any expenses incurred. After the brother learned of the true situation he declined to give further assistance.

A BOOM FOR OTSEGO

Monticello Times: With the Minnesota Power and Trolley Co., dam located at Otsego and the power house assured, and the right of way for the trolley line being secured and the prospect of the bridge being located there on account of the great saving in cost in connection with the dam it looks as if Otsego was going ahead the coming season with great strides and in the near future become one of Wright County's important and prosperous towns.

Why is it that some newspapers always locate the Minneapolis Power and Trolley Company's new dam and power plant at Elk River when it is located at Otsego, four miles west of that town? Otsego is destined to become the greatest manufacturing center in Wright county.

MUCH DITCH WORK

The county board met in special session Friday to consider the petition of Robert Petz and others, for Ditch No. 8, which is to drain the big marsh near Swanville.

E. J. Batzer was appointed engineer of the new ditch, which will be about two and a half miles long, and run from the south line of section 29, town 128, range 81, west, through sections 20 and 17 to the north line of section 17, thence in a northwesterly direction through sections 8 and 6, town 128, range 131 west, to a creek running from the north line of section 6 to the Swanriver, near P. A. Bain's place.

Tomorrow afternoon the county auditor will sell the ditching jobs on Ditch No. 6, in Rosling.

Sentiment east of Little Falls is practically unanimous in favor of an electric road, and a great many of the people in that territory have been for years patrons of Royalton. Does our friend the Royalton Banner think that the wishes of these people ought to be entirely disregarded? It makes no difference what Little Falls wants or doesn't want. The fact is that Pierz, Bush and Agass, and the territory around them as well as Elmdale, want better means of transportation. It is easy to talk about Little Falls, perhaps. A fairer way is to tell the people along the proposed line that the Banner is not in favor of helping them.

Andy Fenn has been quite ill with rheumatism.

C. F. Beugnot is employed on the Brainerd Dispatch.

Will Dow has moved his job printing office from the Tanner block to the Harting building on Second street.

Wm. Crossfield was in the city Sunday visiting his family. He is instituting new Woodmen camps in Wadena and Hubbard counties.

The Brainerd Dispatch says: E. J. Ring will move from Little Falls to Brainerd. The friends of the family here will be sorry to hear that.

"The Burglar" will appear at Gross opera house next Tuesday evening. This famous comedy drama will be presented by a capable company.

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church will hold a sale, consisting of many useful and beautiful articles, Tuesday, April 4th, at the church parlors.

There will be no M. W. A. assessment in April which is the second assessment skipped this year, there being no February assessment. The new plan is evidently working well.

The Brainerd Dispatch makes the charge that Sheriff Erickson conducted himself in a manner unbecoming a public officer, and says he ought to be impeached. We would like to hear Ole's story first.

John S. Finney, formerly of St. Paul, and well known to many Minnesota newspaper men, has been transferred from Portland, Oregon, where he had charge of the American Type Foundry branch, to New York city.

Brainerd Dispatch: A benefit ball is being arranged for Chas. Remus, formerly yardmaster for the Northern Pacific in this city. The gentleman has been confined in the Northern Pacific hospital for months, having been injured while working as a brakeman on the N. P. at Glenwood, Minn. Remus is a Forester, a K. P., and belongs to several different orders. The ball will be on the evening of April 28.

FOR SALE—Several thousand panes of glass, 5 x 7 and 8 x 10. Very cheap, at Nelson's Photo Studio.

MILLINERY OPENING

The ladies of Morrison county are invited to call and examine the most complete line of up to date hats ever brought to the city, and at the most reasonable prices, at Mrs. R. Heron's 1st street, Little Falls. m80

SHOULDN'T BE SELFISH

Mr. Cadwell Gives His Views on the Electric Road.

Editor Herald: We notice the move Morrison county is making to get an electric railway to Pierz and Mille Lacs lake, is waking up other localities tributary to the lake, and if Little Falls and Morrison county fail to make their effort a success, Aitkin, Brainerd or some town on the G. N. east of the lake will be sure to tap the country and drain all the trade and business from around the lake and eastern Morrison county. We would like to have this matter agitated and talked over in every neighborhood in the county, right now, and would be glad to see articles in The Herald both pro and con. We see some of the correspondents make light of the idea of the county voting bonds and taxing to build some other part of the county a railroad.

It looks very selfish for people that live within a reasonable distance of market and railroad, to oppose any plan this is proposed to open up other parts of this county, which are from 20 to 40 miles from a market, and will not be settled and improved, so as to pay a share of the taxes, until something is done to induce settlers to come there, even if it is the best part of the county. The time is past when settlers will buy land and settle in central Minnesota, 30 miles from anywhere and wait 30 years for a railroad, as several in Morrison county have done.

We think nothing of voting \$60,000 bonds for court houses that are to cost twice that, first for the looks of the thing, and to make it more convenient for the county officers, so it won't be so hard to get men to run for county offices, when it is not expected to make any material difference in the taxable valuation of the county.

We would like very much to hear from parties that do not happen to live on the line of the proposed road, that are opposed to a few dollars tax to get these parts of the county settled up and made the most valuable part of the county to draw out taxes from to pay the bonds.

Let's hear their arguments. For one, I have always been opposed to voting bonds to railroad companies, and then cursing them ever afterwards, but when old farmers tell us they settled way back from a market, and have been expecting a railroad for thirty years, and now if they did not get one they would sell out and not ask their children to spend their lives without any accommodation, it's different.

The worst feature about this road is I don't like the idea of the county building a branch road to draw the business of this part of the county to the N. P. I think Jim Hill ought to add his mite.

We hope Morrison county will wake up and get a railroad to Mille Lacs lake, and draw all the traffic to Little Falls.

M. N. CADWELL,
Pierz, Minnesota.

THE BENEFITS OF INTERURBAN ELECTRIC RAILWAYS TO SMALL CITIES.

Under the above title John W. Fulwider, city engineer of Lebanon, Ind., in a paper recently read before the Indiana Engineering Society, at Indianapolis, outlined the many actual advantages enjoyed by his community as a result of the construction through it of an interurban railway. In his opinion there is nothing else in this decade that adds as much to the enjoyment and convenience of the people, and especially to that of rural population and residents of small cities. While people of the great centers may profit greatly in a commercial sense, and because of the opportunity to get nearer nature with convenience there cannot be the vital effect on their condition that there is on that of the rural population.

It is especially with the conditions as they exist in Lebanon, through which the Indianapolis & Northwestern is constructed, to which the writer referred. Before the construction of the line there was a fear that some business interests would be injured, but it has not proven so. While some have been lost much more has been gained. A livery man said that his business was much better than before the advent of the line. While it cut out many long drives it added many more short and remunerative ones. The high school of the city has been greatly benefited by the advent of the interurban, on account of the increase of attendance from those living out of town. There is also a marked increase of church attendance from the rural districts. One of the advantages, most appreciated by the business men and public is the freight service. It the merchant has a call for something he has not in stock he knows he can get it in from two to three hours time from the city. The customer knows that he can depend upon it with practically an absolute certainty.

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D. Corbin S. J. Bryant
Ajt Commander.

WM. BATES KILLED

FORMER MORRISON COUNTY MAN LOST LIFE NEAR WALKER

William Bates, a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bates of Randall, was killed at Laporte, a station on the M. & I. R. v. Wednesday last week. The friends of the family will regret to hear of the sad accident, of which the Walker Pioneer gives the following particulars:

"Wednesday morning the down passenger on the M. & I. struck section foreman Wm. Bates while he was trying to take his hand car from the track near Laporte. He was badly mangled, but lived just long enough to be brought to Walker. He died within five minutes of the time he was carried into the hospital.

It is reported that the passenger train was five minutes late in reaching the point of the line and he had a faint thought there was time to reach some other place where there was work to be done and they were caught in such a position that they couldn't easily get the car from the track and it had been abandoned, but Bates rushed back and tried to get it off when he was caught. He was found under the second coach.

His remains were taken to the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. Garret Cronk and his grief stricken wife accompanied by Mrs. Stuart, of Laporte, came down on the freight train that morning. The funeral services will be held from the church Sunday afternoon and the remains interred in Evergreen cemetery. The bereaved widow and several small children have our sincere sympathy. The father and mother of the deceased arrived here last evening and several other relatives are expected tonight."

A COMPLAINT FROM PARKER.

Editor Herald: Among the Darling items in one of the papers recently was a kick about the way the Randall election was conducted. Some strong words were used. I would like to ask the writer of that item how such things can be prevented. The Parker election was certainly not better conducted than that at Randall. Things were run just about as some people cared to run them, whether legal or not. Those who were present know what was done, which was no credit to the town. And yet when we are informed by authority that a town meeting is not an election, and that those who happen to be in charge can run things to suit themselves, there does not seem to be any redress. Then, when even the attorney-general of the state, or his office boy, writes that nothing can be done, till complaints are made, and then those who are guilty, why, there isn't much chance for anything to be done, unless people who believe in decent and fair elections get down to business and elect trustworthy men.

MRS. HUFFEY LOCATED.

The St. Cloud Times says of Mrs. Ida Huffey, who left a child, which afterward died, at the home of J. L. Bastien, in this city, that the woman was employed by Simon Beim, a farmer living near St. Cloud; that she gave birth to a child there, and got money from her employer to go to Murdock, where she said her parents lived. The Times says:

"Since leaving Little Falls, March 7th or 8th, absolutely nothing was known of the whereabouts of Mrs. Huffey until this week. Mr. Beim to his surprise learned from a friend residing near Park River, North Dakota, that the woman had been seen there in company with a man of shady character. The letter also stated that the woman and her consort had departed from there some time last week presumably to Niagara or Petersburg, North Dakota. The woman's former employer here is of the opinion that she administered to the child something which made it sick and he announces it as his intention to sift the matter to the bottom. Mrs. Huffey's husband is serving time in the Wisconsin state reformatory at Hudson, on charge of bigamy, having deserted Mrs. Huffey and married an irresponsible woman, several months ago."

The annual firemen's dance takes place at the opera house next Monday evening. Buy a ticket and help a worthy cause.

C. H. Easton, for ten months employed in R. C. Towle's abstract office, has gone to Forest City, Ia., to do similar work.

A dance will be given at Maurin's hall Thursday evening, April 14th, for the benefit of the degree team of the degree of Poohontas.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church, West side, will hold a sale of fancy and useful articles, and a supper, at the new Swedish Lutheran church on the West side tomorrow evening.

Burtrum item in Grey Eagle Gazette: Russell Burch left here last Saturday for Morrill, Minn. where he expects to teach school this spring. He will be gone about three months and has the promise of the school for that length of time.

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Saturday evening, March 26th, there was a surprise party at the home of Frank F. Tompkins on the West side, in honor of his sixty-seventh birthday anniversary. A good many friends were present and spent a pleasant evening with music and games. Refreshments were served at a late hour, and all present say that Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins are royal entertainers. Mr. Tompkins received several nice presents.

THERE'S GOLD THERE

New York Assayer Reports on Swanville Ore.

Recently S. J. Vassaly, the Diamond Sign Jeweler, secured some ore from the Johnson farm in Swanville and sent it to New York for assay. The ore was assayed by R. Longman's Sons, 8 John St., gold and silver refiners, at the request of J. B. Wood & Son, to whom the ore was sent. Following is the report of the assay:

CERTIFICATE OF ASSAY
New York, March 29, 1904.
Lot No. 1.

Dear Sir: We have assayed the sample of ore marked No. 1 received 23d Inst. and find it to contain:

Two and two-thirds oz. silver per ton of 2000 lbs.
Two-thirds oz. gold per ton of 2000 lbs.

At market rates this would mean about \$1.60 of silver per ton, and \$12.80 of gold per ton.

LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA

Editor Herald: We have moved our quarters farther south and east, and now hall from corner Fifty-second and Zamora streets, Los Angeles.

Some Herald readers have been asking if anything else besides flowers and fruit is raised here. There certainly is. We raise large crops of corn, potatoes, both sweet and the old standby, Irish; and hay and oats, and plenty of other things. The finest hay is the alfalfa, which always finds a market. A man with a good alfalfa land doesn't want anything better. Oats here is out to some extent quite green and cured for feeding with the grain left in it. Corn and wheat are used a good deal for the poultry business, which has greatly developed here.

California is one of the great wheat states, which surprises some who think everything is fruit here. The wheat farms, with the exception of the big ranches, are not as large as in Minnesota. They run from ten to thirty acres, and the rest of the tract is set off for fruit and berry raising. Garden truck of all kinds is planted between fruit trees, also vines of pumpkins, squash, citron, melons, cucumbers, onions, etc., so that many a fruit tract is also a vast vegetable garden.

Cows are high in price now and of course milk and butter are also high. Eggs have been as high as 40 cents a dozen, but are now 25 cents. During the holidays dressed chickens sold at 25 cents a pound, and turkey at 40 cents. Prices are somewhat lower now. Butter is 20, 22 and 24 cents a pound, according to grade. Milk is 7 to 10 cents a quart. There isn't such a very great difference in the cost of things compared with Minnesota, for some things high there and scarce, like fruits, are cheap and plentiful here.

MRS. O. A. ESTEY,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Frank Grzeza is home from St. John's college.

Mrs. J. Kerrioh visited at Royalton.

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Mero have returned from Minneapolis.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Tedford, of Ripley, March 25th, a son.

C. E. Jackson of the Farmer's exchange returned from Southern Minnesota Wednesday.

Chris Van Buskirk is now sole proprietor of the feed business formerly run by Van Buskirk & McNairy.

Mrs. Louisa Branley, daughter of William Morrison, one of the early pioneer traders, died at White Earth last week. She was born in Crow Wing in 1852, and was a sister of Mrs. C. Grandmeyer of Brainerd.

Mrs. Alex. Fashant Sr., mother of Mrs. J. F. McNally, died at Annandale, Wright county, Sunday night, aged 84 years. Mrs. Fashant was Miss Mary Terion, a native of Belgium, born in 1841. She came to this country with her husband in 1852, first settling in Wisconsin and moving to Wright county in 1863, where they had since resided. The deceased is survived by her husband and eight children—six daughters and two sons. The funeral took place Wednesday. Mrs. McNally was with her mother during her last hours.

A home talent concert will be given at the Congregational church a week from next Monday evening.

The Brotherhood of American Yeomen will hold an open meeting April 11th. H. A. Shokney, the district manager, will be present. All members are urged to be present and invite their friends. Refreshments will be served. A good time is expected.

The bankers of the Sixth district will meet at St. Cloud April 6th and 7th. Leon Herrick of Sank Rapids will speak on "Banker's Cares," and Judge O'Neil on "Methods and Work of the Minnesota Supreme Court." Other addresses will be given by A. C. Anderson of St. Paul, Jos. Chapman of Minneapolis, and State Bank Examiner Johnson.

Easter services at the Norwegian Lutheran church Sunday evening at 7:30.

C. M. Hallanger.

For sale, by J. O. Gray, section 2, town of Pike Creek, heifer calves. Come and see them. From five months to two years old.

WOOLEN MILL PROSPECTS

A WISCONSIN MANUFACTURER MAY COME TO LITTLE FALLS.

W. B. Crawford, of Barron, Wis., who is looking for a suitable location for a woolen mill, was in the city Wednesday; and met with officials of the Water Power company and the Commercial club committee. The proposition made Mr. Crawford was one he thought very good. He will bring the matter before his prospective partner, who lives in Iowa, and if the other gentleman is as well satisfied as Mr. Crawford, there is little question as to the mill being located here. Mr. Crawford has had offers from a number of different cities, but would prefer coming to Little Falls if conditions are satisfactory. Mr. Crawford has been in the business for many years, and thoroughly understands it.

It is proposed to use the four story and basement mill near the electric light station. The building is well fitted for a woolen manufacturing business. Part of the machinery to be used will come from Wisconsin, and part from Massachusetts. It is not intended to move the Barron mill, which is doing a very flourishing business, but to establish another mill there. The Barron mill has greatly stimulated sheep growing throughout that section of Wisconsin. If the deal goes through the mill will be in operation here by September 1st.

RANDALL

March 30.—Mrs. Jeffers is comfortably located in Nick Ressler's brick store. She is showing a nice line of goods and the window are handsomely decorated.

S. C. Cochran, he is loaded for every one, but the line he prizes most in, is his shoe, for which he will take a back seat from no one, and for machinery, he can sell you anything from a garden hoe to a steam thrasher. A car load of machinery just arrived.

M. B. Langmade is better prepared than ever to furnish you anything in his line. An exceptionally fine line of paints and prices the lowest.

C. H. Olson. His particular hobby is paper, paper, paper. He would also like to figure on your painting.

N. E. Mueller is chuck full of goods right to the ceiling and more coming every day. N. E. is strictly cash and one price to one and all.

The Easter Monday dance will be given this time under the supervision of Alex. Kennedy. The dance will be in Bailey's hall and supper will be served at Ressler's hotel. A good time is assured to all who attend.

G. H. Schirmerhorn has the property on the north side. The two tracts will be combined in one, and the building will be renovated and repainted. This one, Mr. Schirmerhorn will have an up-to-date modern residence.

The Darling folks who wrote about election took back what they said or modified it so as the public knows it was a falsehood.

Geo. F. Parker was down to Randall on the 29th for the first time in five weeks. He is only able to move around yet and he is pretty well thinned down, but just as jolly as ever.

Frank Bailey is doing lots of wood sawing these days. Frank has a splendid rig and will cut wood for all who need wood and that is everybody.

Martin Rye, a former resident of this place and a section foreman, now section foreman at Starbuck, was here on business last Saturday, returning home Monday.

Mr. Johnson of Bloomington, Ill., arrived here with his family last Monday evening. Mr. Johnson is the man who purchased the Martin Rye farm, better known as the Tom Pederson place in Clough town. Mr. Johnson says there is quite a change in climate as the grass was nice and green when he left Bloomington. He expects a carload of household goods to arrive most any day.

BRICKYARD

March 30.—The Ladies sewing society met at the home of Mrs. Perry Smith Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. E. Manbeck and daughters Mrs. Lillie Chambers and Clara Manbeck, went to the hospital Saturday afternoon to visit Sam Pierce from Parker.

Mrs. John of Little Falls visited Mrs. Solem Stevens Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reid visited her parents Sunday.

Henry Taylor returned home from the woods.

Rev. Stooland did not preach here Sunday afternoon. He was asked to preach a funeral sermon at Little Falls.

Miss Clara Manbeck visited Miss Linnie Beatty Monday.

Mrs. David Wright and Mrs. Chambers visited Mr. Charley Stevens in Little Falls Tuesday.

A girl named Annie Rogers, aged 16 years, claiming to be an orphan, and having lived in Peter Kowalsak's family at Swan River, was engaged by H. Hyson Tuesday evening to do house work for his son's family, who live south of the city. The girl stayed at the Hyson home that evening. In the morning while Mr. Hyson was getting a rig ready, the girl disappeared. The girl was found about noon, but denied stealing anything, and had no money. She may be sent to the Red Wing school.

Bruna the optician will be at Hotel Buckman April 29 and 30. Eyes examined FREE.