

ANOTHER BIG DEAL

Davidson & McRae Buy 200 Land Townsites

Duluth News-Tribune 19: Davidson & McRae, of Duluth, have just completed a big land deal in Canada, involving from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. They have purchased from the Canadian Northern road, which is controlled by McKenzie & Mann, all of the townsites on that line between Port Arthur and Edmonton. The number involved is said to be 200 and it includes Fort Frances, which is opposite Koochiching, on the Rainy River.

A. D. McRae returned yesterday from Toronto, where he has been engaged with McKenzie & Mann in the deal.

The Canadian Northern road runs through a new territory all the way from Port Arthur to its present western main line terminus at Gilbert Plains. The road is to extend its track 200 miles this year in the direction of Edmonton. The line penetrates an undeveloped country most of the way, and Fort Francis seems to be the most important townsite on the route at present.

Davidson & McRae and their associates have for the past two years been heavily interested in Manitoba lands. The firm will go about the promotion of the string of townsites in an energetic manner, and encourage the development of each according to its advantages.

The deal is unique in many respects, for the wholesale purchase of such a large number of townsites on a line of railroad is without precedent, in the Northwest at least.

ELKS INSTALLATION.

Little Falls lodge No. 770, B. P. O. E., installed officers as follows Thursday night last week:

Exalted ruler—C. E. Vasaly.
Esteemed leading knight—J. H. Guerin.
Esteemed loyal knight—D. M. Cameron.

Esteemed lecturing knight—Dr. E. E. Hall.

Secretary—Charles Sylvester.

Treasurer—P. F. Hosh.

Tyler—C. L. Decker.

Esquire—E. J. Weber.

Trustee, 3 years—F. E. Cawley.

Chaplain—Rev. F. E. Alleyne.

Organist—W. A. Butler.

Inner guard—H. W. Venner.

Representative to grand lodge at Cincinnati—M. V. Wetzel. Alternate—H. A. Rider.

Fourteen applications for membership were presented, and some have been secured since the meeting.

After the regular meeting there was an entertaining social session, with W. W. Koons, of St. Cloud, one of the best known Elks in the country, presiding. W. I. Nolan of Minneapolis was present and helped things out considerably. There were present from outside Exalted Ruler Randall, Mayor J. E. C. Robinson, W. W. Koons, A. Technimperlin, and Major Bleecker of St. Cloud, and Mr. Camp of Minneapolis. Mayor Robinson and Supt. Randall were among the speakers, and "delivered the goods." The evening was a pleasant one for all attending.

Friday evening took place the Elks anniversary ball, it being two years since the local lodge was instituted. A large and jolly crowd of Elks and their ladies had a splendid time. The hall was beautifully decorated. Folsom provided excellent music, and other provisions were not wanting.

NEW GROCERY FIRM.

L. C. Courtney & H. C. McMasters, who will operate the grocery business bought from St. Hilaire & Co. under the name of Courtney & McMasters, took possession Monday morning. Both are experienced grocers. Mr. McMasters will move his family here next week from Ellendale, N. D. Mr. St. Hilaire is going to Canada on an extended visit and Lewis Rader, the other member of the firm of St. Hilaire & Co., will assist the new owners for a time.

Elias Brown has moved to a house on First street northeast.

CLELAND SUCCEEDS FEE

APPOINTED GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.

St. Paul, April 16—The announcement was made today that Alexander M. Cleland had been appointed general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific railroad, to succeed Charles S. Fee, who resigned to become traffic manager for the Harriman system. Mr. Cleland has been for three years assistant general passenger agent to Mr. Fee, and his promotion follows the established rule of the Northern Pacific in advancing its worthy employes whenever possible. Mr. Cleland was at one time connected with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul ticket office, in the Union station in Chicago. He succeeded A. L. Craig as assistant general agent of the Northern Pacific when the latter became general passenger agent of the Oregon Short line.

SOLEM SELLS STUDIO.

S. A. Solem, who has conducted a photograph studio here for about eleven years, has sold the business to Salene Bros. of Minneapolis. Mr. Solem's health requires more open air work, and he will be in Otter Tail county much of the summer. He has a studio at Henning.

Chas. Guernon has made several improvements in his repair shop.

Miss Matilda Moeglein is cashier and bookkeeper for the Union Provision Co.

John H. Raymond has moved into the A. K. Hall house on Third street northeast.

Rev. Paul Beck attended at Fergus Falls last week the semi-annual German Evangelical Lutheran conference.

Mrs. P. L. Page arrived from California Saturday to join her husband, who recently returned from there. Mr. Page is not in good health.

Atkin Independent: Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Barr entertained a party of six at the Foley Thursday in honor of Dr. Millsbaugh of Little Falls, one of the physicians of the convention.

The Ladies Working club of the Congregational church has elected officers as follows:

President—Mrs. J. G. Millsbaugh.

First Vice Pres.—Mrs. C. A. Weyerhaeuser.

Second Vice Pres.—Mrs. W. A. Butler.

Secretary—Mrs. L. A. Schlinger.

Treasurer—Mrs. T. Amo.

In driving through the county recently we counted 27 Tiger drills. We inquired why was this and was told the Tiger was the best of all.

FIRE LOSSES

In times of stress and fire people are apt to examine into the solidity and strength of companies in which they are insured. But why insure in a weak company and take chances on a Baltimore fire when there are plenty of good companies.

The undersigned represent some of the leading and strongest English and American companies. Among the five English companies is included that peerless prince of all companies—The Royal of Liverpool, which pays its Baltimore loss of one million dollars without discount and contributes \$10,000 to the fire sufferers. All the English companies pay their Baltimore losses direct from England. Of the companies represented we mention the well known Continental of New York, the National of Hartford and the Germania of New York.

When considering insurance give us a call. Respectfully,

Signor & Schallera.

SYRUP FROM PUMPKINS

Another New Industry For Central Minnesota.

St. Cloud Times: Among the visitors in St. Cloud today was E. P. Stanchfield, president of the Minnesota Syrup, Oils and Vinegar Company, of Minneapolis, a company which recently formulated a proposition to the citizens of Clearwater and farmers of the vicinity to establish at that village a syrup factory.

Speaking of the syrup factory proposition, said Mr. Stanchfield:

"Our company proposes to manufacture syrup from pumpkins, the company furnishes the farmers with seed and agreeing to pay \$20 a ton for the pumpkins delivered at the factory. A yield of from twenty to thirty tons per acre is not uncommon and although this is a comparatively new industry, it has been thoroughly tested and found practical. The syrup closely resembles the Vermont maple syrup, both in flavor, color and sweetness. The skimmings from the syrup are made into high grade vinegar and the seeds make the very best quality of salad oils. Even the pulp may be utilized in the manufacture of paper. Should the project carry, about forty men would be employed."

In order to secure this industry the people of Clearwater are required to subscribe \$5,000 of the stock, or 700 shares in all. About 450 shares have already been sold. Just as soon as the balance of stock has been subscribed, work will begin on the erection of two buildings 32 by 48 and 60 by 148 respectively for machinery and warehouse and cold storage buildings.

MULTIPLICATION OF POTATOES.

Since potatoes are so scarce and high in price, a timely article on their propagation will not come a miss. I believe that it is a well known fact, that sweet potatoes are never propagated by planting a part of the tuber itself, but the whole root is put into a hotted and sprouted. After the sprouts are 2 to 3 inches long, they are broken off and set into the ground like other plants and cultivated.

Now Irish potatoes are susceptible of the same treatment, and you can make 10 bushels of seed from 1 bushel at no extra cash expense. I have tried it, others have also, but the knowledge is far from being general. Select your potatoes, put them in a warm shady place, and in short time they have all sprouted. Now break off the sprouts close to the potato, and plant one sprout to the hill. Don't be scared, the mighty oak tree is only a tiny sprout at first, and you will find your hill of potatoes plenty large in time. Now you have one planting from the first sprout, and if you leave the potatoes alone, they will sprout again, sometimes as often as five times, and that way you have successive plantings from the same seed. You can cut up and plant the potatoes any time you wish, of course. Some may hesitate because of the idea that the successive sprouting of the seed impairs its vitality, but that I have my doubts, as I have had as large, fine potatoes from 2nd and 3d sprouts, as from the potato itself cut up and planted in the ordinary way.

It seems to me that the sprout receives its impetus and vitality from the mother plant, after which it takes care of itself, and does not depend upon the parent potato for nourishment. Often, while digging potatoes in the fall, we find that the original pieces of potatoes planted are scarcely changed.

If you want to have new potatoes all winter, try this plan: When the first crop is ripe, or when the little potatoes appear on the surface of the ground around the stalks and show sprouts, take them off, cut them in two and plant them, one piece in a hill. You will be surprised at the result. I am told that further south, two complete crops can be raised in one season by that method, and I know by experience that planted as late as the first week in August up in this country, these second plantings will make splendid table potatoes and in a long season will often get ripe."

GEO. W. GISE,
Huff, Minnesota.

CHANGE IN GROCERY OWNERSHIP.

John Billstein has sold his grocery business in the Viktor block on Broadway to Frank John and Herman Pantzke. Mr. John has had considerable experience in business matters. Lately he has been employed as salesman by Raymond & Ebert Bros. Mr. Pantzke has been employed in the grocery business for several years, and has a wide acquaintance. The young men are hard workers, energetic, and hustlers, and will certainly get their share of the trade.

Mr. Billstein will remain in the city, of which he has been a resident many years.

A FERTILE FARMING REGION

STATE DAIRY COMMISSIONER WRITES OF MORRISON COUNTY.

W. W. P. McConnell, state dairy commissioner, who was the principal speaker at the dairymen's meeting here three weeks ago, has the following in the current issue of the Northwestern Agriculturist:

Little Falls, with its vast manufacturing resources, its excellent public schools, its beautiful modern homes and hospitals, its invigorating atmosphere so energizing man that its bustling populace delights in constant toil, is at the center of Morrison County, and likewise the center of one of the most beautiful and fertile sections of the state. To speak of Little Falls with its beauty and industry, is only to tell of the natural results of the tilling of a productive soil. For while the lumber interests have done a great deal for this city its future, as well as that of every other prosperous city in Minnesota, is contingent and dependent upon the success of the farmer.

Only a quarter of a century ago, the actual settler came to Morrison county. At that time the most optimistic prophet did not even dream that he was in the midst of a land that would some day flow with milk and honey, and invite the ambitious to cast their lot within this busy hive of industry. But such is rapidly being realized. Every year finds hundreds of desirable families anchoring themselves in this new Northwest. And yet an intense system of farming is but beginning.

With the advent of dairying Morrison county will be able to feed millions yet to come. The dairy cow will furnish a demand for the grasses and forage that grow so abundantly on these rich undulating fields, and the natural results of it will be a system of rotation of crops, which will mean more fertile fields without weeds. And where the farmer is prospering you will find great opportunities for both the capitalist and workingman, in the building up of so wonderful a country.

The people are flocking to Morrison county in large numbers. During the last five years it is safe to say that the population has almost doubled, and yet some of the richest land is yet unoccupied. But without doubt, it is only a matter of a short time, when by reason of the present low price of these lands, their exceeding fertility, the excellent local markets, the pure water, unlimited supply of fuel, the healthful climate, and many other attractions, the brawn and brain of the other localities less favored by nature, will be attracted to the Garden of Eden in Central Minnesota, Morrison County.

A BAD RUNAWAY.

Jerome Martineau, a well known farmer of Ripley, hitched his team Saturday morning to a post near the Tanner flour mill on the West side. About 11 o'clock they became in some way frightened, broke the tridle and started on a run. They ran north and across the bridge, causing a general scattering along Broadway. At first street they turned north. The delivery rig of Richard Bros. was standing in front of the store. The wagon pulled by the runaway collided with the delivery wagon, breaking it in two, and one of the runaway team fell down, and kicked around, but got up, and the excited animals went north for several blocks, being stopped across the tracks. The principal damage was to the delivery wagon.

Herman Pantzke was ill for a few days.

Carl Frees, lately of Cloquet, is the new pharmacist at C. H. Brown's drug store.

Dr. Roberts was in Minneapolis Sunday consulting with Dr. Kohler regarding Maj. Morrill's eyes.

Annie Rudzick, the girl convicted of stealing a pocketbook from E. H. Henson, was sent to the Red Wing training school.

The telephone operators at St. Cloud have returned to work, differences between them and Manager Meyers having been amicably arranged.

The trout fishing season opened last Friday. Judging from some current stories, the sucker season in Little Falls extends the year around.

Foreman Ed. Lavole of the Boom company has started a crew on the Belle Prairie log jam and will clear the stream there and at Olmsted bar.

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

Latative Bromo Quinine
Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days
on every
E. H. Brown, Inc. 25

MILITARY AT WALKER

Buckman Hopes to Get Department to Recommend Station.

Brainerd Tribune: A camp of instruction for the troops in the department of Dakota at Walker, Minn., is a project to which Representative Buckman is now giving his attention and for which he has hopes of success. Last year the question of a detachment of troops to be stationed at Walker was agitated by Mr. Buckman, who at the time found that the general staff was opposed to the idea of creating new posts until their plan of reorganization shall be subjected to a thorough test. The medical officers of the army have for a long time been strongly impressed with the desirability of establishing in the northwest camps for instruction and convalescent camps for troops returning from foreign service. No vicinity, it is pointed out by Mr. Buckman, has so many of the general qualifications as has Walker, and Mr. Buckman expects the co-operation of the medical department in securing the rendezvous of some of the commands now serving in the department of Dakota near Walker during the present summer.

If the department adopts the plan proposed it will mean the assembling of the troops of Minnesota and the Dakotas at Walker and a resultant expenditure of money.

PHYSICIANS' MEETING

SMALL ATTENDANCE AT AITKIN GATHERING

Atkin Independent: In point of attendance the meeting of the Upper Mississippi Medical association, which was held here last Thursday was a flat failure.

There were only five visiting physicians present, Dr. Werner Hemstead and J. A. Thabes, of Brainerd; Dr. J. G. Millsbaugh, Little Falls; Dr. J. F. McKinnon, Wadena; and Dr. B. F. Van Valkenberg of Long Prairie.

The business meeting was held at the court house in the afternoon, and the evening session in the office of Dr. Avery in the Washington block. At the evening session interesting papers were read by Drs. Belsheim and Van Valkenberg, followed by a lively discussion.

At 9 o'clock the visitors were escorted to the Foley hotel by the local doctors, where an elegant banquet was spread, and good cheer prevailed until a late hour.

THE CONCERT.

The concert given at the Congregational church Monday evening was attended by a large audience, who were given an evening of rare enjoyment. The Gans chorus of forty voices contributed two members to the pleasing program, and proved a credit to the good work of Mr. Gans as well as evidencing the talent of the chorus members. Ebert's orchestra and the Sunday school orchestra, each of four pieces, gave their selections in splendid style. The piano duet by Misses Cornwell and Brannen, the selection by the mixed quartette, Misses Carley and Mahan and Messrs Harding and Towle, the vocal duet by the Misses Carley, the vocal solos by Mrs. C. A. Weyerhaeuser, Miss Olive Cornwell, and R. C. Towle, all pleased the audience. Mrs. G. D. LaBar of Brainerd confirmed the pleasant impressions of Little Falls admirers by the solos given. The concert netted the ladies' club a little over \$150.

ROYALTON STORE ROBBERY.

A. H. Kramp's drug store at Royalton was entered by robbers Monday night, and \$70 taken from the till. By cutting through a pane of glass in the rear door the key or the inside was reached and turned. The robbers got \$25 in bills, and the rest in silver, including 100 quarters. The village marshal goes off duty at 1 o'clock. The glass in W. L. McGonagle's store rear door was out but not broken. It is thought the job was done by two tramps who were noticed camping near the village during the day.

E. A. Kling is attending court in Walker.

Mrs. M. Mooney is visiting at Eau Claire, Wis.

The Euchre club gave a dance at Elks hall Tuesday night.

The Odd Fellows will give a ball for members and their families on April 28th.

Mrs. Ben Sites of St. Cloud brought two children of Ed. O'Brien to the orphanage Tuesday.

Louis Buechner and J. W. Hatch, of the boom crew, who work near the Broadway bridge, have put a little shelter house on a pier for their use.

The Freedmen Co-operative Creamery Co. has elected J. G. Jones president, C. Swanson vice president, O. Swanson secretary, S. M. Blom treasurer, C. A. Johnson, A. Ekvahl and W. Walgren, trustees.

CHIPPewa LANDS

SOON TO BE OPENED, SAYS G. G. HARTLEY

G. G. Hartley returned yesterday from Washington, says the Sunday Duluth News-Tribune, and in the course of an interview regarding Chippewa land matters said:

"All the agricultural lands outside of the forest reserve on the Cass Lake, White Oak Point, Winnibigoshish and Chippewa Indian reservations will be opened for homestead inside of two months probably in about five weeks. The list will include some very good land.

"None of these lands are subject to scrip or any other than actual homestead entry, at \$1.25 per acre. Some agricultural land in that region is described by the surveyors' notes as swamp land, but Commissioner Richards informed me that he proposes to correct any apparent mistakes of this sort on these reservations, and where it is plain that such errors have been made, he will have the description examined and re-classified; so that it would seem settlers will be safe in entering upon any lands classed as swamp lands which are beyond question agricultural lands.

"Many people have inquired of me how to get a homestead in that country, and for their information I wish you would say I have a letter from E. J. Fulton of Cass Lake saying he will be prepared, with headquarters at Cass Lake, to locate settlers on these lands. He is a capable cruiser and has examined these lands for this purpose, and has plans and descriptions of all the lands, and he and his assistants will be prepared to take settlers out and locate them."

Eich & Murphy have sold a DeLaval cream separator to A. R. Davidson, and one to G. McLeod of Eldmade.

Chas. Krotoschinsky Sr., an old settler of this county, is very ill at the home of his son Paul in Swan River.

The corner stone of the New Catholic church to be erected at Sauk Centre at the cost of \$75,000, was laid Thursday last week. Bishop Trobec and several other clergymen were present.

Manager Harry Gordon of the "Royal Slave" company was quite ill for a few days, and confined to a room at the Buckman. He was in bad condition Monday, but gradually improved.

The Odd Fellow anniversary services will be held at the Methodist church next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. M. O. Stockland delivering the sermon. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are requested to meet at the hall at 10 o'clock.

To Loan—Money on improved city real estate. D. M. Cameron.

NOTICE OF SALE

DITCH PROCEEDINGS.

SALE OF DITCHING JOBS.

Notice is hereby given, that on the 23d day of April, 1904, at one o'clock p. m., at the office of the county auditor, in the city of Little Falls, in the county of Morrison, I will sell the jobs of digging and constructing the ditch No. 2 of Morrison county, established by the board of county commissioners of Morrison county, and state of Minnesota, by their order bearing date March 7th, 1904, viz:

In sections of 100 feet each, each of said sections to be known and numbered by stakes, as shown by the report of the engineer in said matter, commencing at the one including the outlet, and from thence, successively, up stream to the one including the source.

Commencing at the northeast corner of the northwest quarter (nw¹/₄) of section thirty-one (31), township 41, range 32, in said county, thence running along the following route: North to the center of section 30 in said town, thence east a half a mile to the east quarter stake of said section thirty (30), thence in a northeasterly direction across section 29, and a part of section 20 in said town about one mile, and terminating at a point in the southeast quarter of said section 30 where Peiky Lake creek crosses said sec¹/₄ of sec¹/₄ and said Peiky Lake creek to be used as its outlet.

To the lowest responsible bidder or bidders, and that bids be invited for said work, said work to be completed within the time required, and in the manner specified, in said engineer's report. And no bid will be entertained which exceeds more than thirty (30) per cent over and above the estimated cost of the construction, in any case, as stated in the said order; and the successful bidder will be required to give a satisfactory bond, to be approved by the auditor of said county, with two freehold sureties, for the faithful performance and fulfillment of his contract, and to pay all damages that may accrue by reason of his failure to complete the job within the time required in the contract. The said order and estimates and profile are on file, and may be seen at my office.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the auditor of said county, for not less than ten per cent of the amount of each bid.

The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

WILLIAM A. BUTLER,
County Auditor Morrison County, State of Minnesota.

(SEAL)
Dated April 6th, 1904.

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