

## LAND SEEKERS DUPED

**Unscrupulous "Locators" Working in the State of Oregon**

H. H. Kelley, president of the Kelley-How-Thomson company, has returned to Duluth from the west and says considerable agitation is going on in Oregon over the fleeing of would-be settlers by unscrupulous "land locators."

Mr. Kelley says that many persons from Minnesota and other states in this section of the country, have been going out there, upon inducements from these "locators," and have been paying their hard earned money to these agents for the purpose of securing lands to which they have no title, and can get none.

The place where most of the fleeing has been going on and "squatters" have been filling, are the Oregon and California land grant lands. Some of the bolder spirits among the spurious land agents have been advertising that Attorney General Bonaparte had given his sanction to the filing on the lands, and this induced Mr. Bonaparte to write the following letter to the Oregon editor:

"My Dear Sir: I am duly in receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. with the inclosed clipping. It would be a source of pleasure to me if I could write you at some length on the subject matter of your letter, but I am compelled to say that the interests of the government will not permit me doing so. I can only say that it proposes to undertake proceeding for the purposes of testing the rights and responsibilities of the present holders of the title to the lands to which you refer, and that it would be advisable not to make any expenditures in the premises except upon the advice of competent and experienced counsel, in whom implicit confidence could be placed. Yours truly,  
Charles J. Bonaparte."

"It is the practice of these professional 'locators' to secure from the prospective homesteader, a fee of \$100 for securing him a tract of land, and make him agree to give another \$100 when the title is perfected," said Mr. Kelley, in discussing the matter. "The agents know the title to those lands is clouded and that a squatter would have a hard time getting a good title, but they do not care; they are waxing far on the \$100 fees. Even if the homesteader can secure a good claim to their property, the chances are that it will take ten years before the matter can be cleared up. It is best to take the attorney general's advice and not make any expenditures on the land."

## STORK MEETS ANGEL OF DEATH.

St. Cloud Journal-Press 23: In an East side home today a little girl four years of age, who was unable to even wonder at the mysteries of life and death, is happy over the arrival of a baby brother, who came today. In a chamber below the father of the little girl lies in death and the mother is critically ill. The child, unable to comprehend, continually calls for her father and mother. It will be remembered that George Quine, aged 27, died at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Brennan, on the East side while there on a visit. Mr. Quine with his wife and child, Dottie, have been in the city for several weeks. Mr. Quine coming here for the purpose of regaining his health.

F. Burt Mooers of Montevideo, Minn., is the new proprietor of the Brainerd Arena.

Rev. C. A. Billig and Rev. Dr. Moorehouse of Brainerd exchanged pulpits Sunday.

H. C. Meining has again assumed his old position as general manager of the Northwestern Milling company.

G. W. Stewart of Grey Eagle is now district deputy for the Yeomen, and will make his residence in St. Cloud.

Mrs. W. H. Hall is suffering from a slight attack of diphtheria, and the house was quarantined Monday morning.

The dance given by the Yoemen at Maurin's hall last week Thursday was well attended, and a pleasant evening was passed.

The sixth anniversary of the Elks' lodge was celebrated by a dance Friday evening, about thirty couples being present. Punch was served; also light refreshments. Ebert's orchestra furnished the music. A delightful time was had.

Walker Pilot, Miss Carrie Ross, the teacher of the 4th and 5th grades of the school here, was elected last week to the 6th grade in the Cass Lake school, at an advance in salary. It came unsolicited and is highly complimentary of the good work she did while here.

"Cards of thanks" for services rendered in cases of sickness or death, save in exceptional instances, are not necessary. Why thank people for doing what you would gladly do for them under like circumstances? Or, to make it plainer, why thank people for doing neighborly acts of kindness?—Princeton Union.

Write the editor of this paper and give the postoffice address of Wilbur Rathbun, his wife or any of his children, or information that will lead to proof of his death without leaving heirs, and you will receive \$10.00. Said Wilbur Rathbun was born in the state of New York about 1817 and came from Allamakee county, Iowa, to Minnesota about 1856, and he was not married at that time.

Anton Fleig and family left for Modesto, Cal., Saturday. They went over the N. P. via Portland, Ore. Mr. Fleig owns some land near Modesto which he purchased when on a trip there about a year ago, which he will put into fruit. He will also do considerable automobile painting, as this territory has a great many machines. Mr. Fleig is an excellent workman, and will do well. The family's many friends will wish them success in their new home.

## VENNERS MAKES CHANGES.

Some very elaborate changes have been and are being made in the billiard hall and confectionery on Broadway, which has been conducted by H. W. Venners during the past eight or nine months. The billiard and pool tables have been moved from the Broadway location to the store room in the Hall block, just opposite the Columbia hotel, and that branch of the business will be conducted there with Gerald McMasters in charge.

The confectionery business will be continued by Mr. Venners in the Broadway building, and workmen are at present remodeling that part of the building until now occupied by the billiard and pool tables, and Mr. Venners will conduct a restaurant in connection with the confectionery. The partition is being placed some thirty feet back, and is being raised to the ceiling. Five booths are being arranged, and new tables will be put in. The restaurant will be opened for business tomorrow.

## BALL PRACTICE.

The first baseball game of the season was played at the ball grounds south of the city last Sunday afternoon, when a team self-styled as the prospective city team met and defeated the Pine Tree Knots by a score of 14 to 0. Only five of the regular players of the latter named team participated in the game, the vacancies being filled by spectators. The affair was mostly in the nature of giving players a try-out for the big team, which it is hoped will be organized soon. Among those who were given a trial at twirling were Neuman, Wetzel and Moran on one side and Armstrong and Hogle on the other. The affair was pulled off very good naturedly, and it was regarded as a huge joke when eleven men batted in one inning. However, all will learn by experience, and it is hoped that even more will turn out for practice next time.

Herbert Fauger went to Valley City, N. D., Saturday, where he will be employed this summer.

Jean, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nichols, of Frazee, is troubled with appendicitis, and Monday she was taken by her parents to Asbury hospital, for treatment.

Mille Lacs Pioneer: A Swedenborg Vineland made a business trip to this place on Wednesday. He says that the ice is piled up on the shore in places between Cove and Vineland as high as twenty-five feet and that in some cases it even covers the main road, making it very difficult to travel.

John Kerich, Sr., of this city underwent an operation on his arm at Rochester, Monday morning. Mr. Kerich had been having considerable trouble with the member since he bruised it some months ago. He had an operation performed on the member once before, which helped him greatly at the time, but latter on the arm gave him considerable pain and it was necessary that he should undergo another operation.

Report of school in district No. 107:  
Days taught 20  
Enrollment 17  
Average attendance 14  
Those present every day: Winnie Dugan, Henry and Willie Mann, Walter and Louisa Rohl, Lottie, Rollie and Leslie Swanson. Visitors: Ida Johnson, Vera and Hanna Johnson, Roy and Homer Rohl.  
—Frances D. Gillson, teacher.

Report of school in district No. 106, town of Cushing for the month ending April 24:  
Enrollment 21  
Days taught 19  
Holidays 1  
Average attendance 18  
Pupils receiving certificates for perfect attendance: Frances, Florence, Helen and George Simmones, Ellen, Agnes and Alice Anderson, Elmer Nygaard, Henry and Ella Anderson.  
Those absent two days or less: Frankie and Vernie Betso, Amanda, Charley and Leonard Nordlund, Albin Anderson and Axel Sandquist, Annie and Harry Anderson. Visitors: Supt. M. E. Barnes, O. B. Nygaard, and Misses Matilda Simmones and Della Betso.  
—Jennie C. Swanson, teacher.

## AUSLAND

April 28.—It was raining around here Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and Monday it snowed almost all day. Ernest Otto came over from Crow Wing county for a visit in this locality for a few days last week.

The dance at the town hall last Saturday night was not very well attended on account of bad weather. Joseph E. Powell went to Staples on important business last week. Otto Citrowski went on the drive last Saturday.

Mrs. Pauline Cook was a visitor at the Powell place last Sunday. The bad weather delayed the seeding in this locality for a few days. The clover hay in this locality looks to be in good condition.

The fire warden stopped the fire last Friday and it is the hope that that will be all the fires for this year. Merton Smith lost his barn by a running fire last week, which was very nearly full of timothy hay, and our school house had a close escape, as it burned nearly up to the wall before they got it stopped.

Miss Evany Carpenter returned the 20th and the school commenced the 21st, after the Easter vacation.  
—Stones beside the road in this locality are plentiful. Boys be careful after dark as they are just as bad as rat dens were last winter.  
Mrs. F. Page went to Pillager last Wednesday, but had to return home on account of prairie fires.  
—Tegner Melvin and John Knudson have been seeding, dragging and pulverizing for Grandpa Pilon for the last couple of days.

Johnny Rail went to Pillager last Wednesday.  
Grandpa and Grandma Pilon were at Ft. Ripley callers last Thursday. Roy Jones was seeding for A. C. Stroming last Saturday as Mr. Stroming was out on town business.  
John Pilon was at Ft. Ripley Saturday on some important business.  
Ed. Rail started for the drive last Saturday, but the water was too cold to suit him, so he returned Sunday.

## KILLED BY THE TRAIN

**M. R. Sackrite, a Soo Iron Worker, Fatally Injured at Royalton**

While attempting to board a moving freight train—No. 57—at Royalton Friday evening, about eight o'clock M. R. Sackrite, an iron worker, employed on the Soo, fell under the wheels, and died from the injuries received a short time after he was brought to St. Gabriel's hospital in this city.

The left leg was crushed up to the thigh, and the ankle of the right leg was badly broken. He was also injured internally.

Dr. J. P. Chance of Royalton was called immediately, and thought it advisable to take the injured man to the hospital at this place. As soon as the dispatcher could secure the permit—which was in about a half an hour—the engine was detached from the train and hitched to a box car, and the man placed on an improvised bed. The train was then started, and was run at a high speed, the eleven miles being made in ten minutes. A rig which had been telephoned for from Royalton, was ready to receive the injured man, and he was immediately taken to St. Gabriel's hospital, but the shock proved too much for him, and he died five minutes after reaching there.

In looking through his effects, his name was found and also, the fact that he was a member of the Iron and Bridge Workers' Union of Minneapolis, whose officers were communicated with, and an answer was received asking that the body be prepared for shipment to that place. T. J. Hurley and H. A. Rogers, officers of the union, arrived here Saturday, and accompanied the body to Minneapolis Sunday morning, where the remains were interred under the auspices of the union.

The deceased was a large man, weighing about 225 pounds, and was 27 years of age. He was originally a resident of Nova Scotia, but since coming to the states has had no particular home, as the trade at which he worked called him to all localities. He has no parents living and is a single man.

## THE JOSLIN BLOCK.

Excavating work for the new business block which will be put up by Mrs. Harriet Joslin on the lot just west of the Golden Rule store, was started the first of the week by Contractor A. D. Harrison. The store room and the residence now on that lot, which have been purchased by Mr. Harrison, will soon be moved to other locations, the residence to a lot on First street northeast just across from the A. D. Harrison home.

The new Joslin block will be modern in every respect, with plate glass front, and will be arranged much as previously mentioned in these columns. It is not known for certain at present whether the building will be one or two stories in height. It is rumored that several have applied for a lease of the block for store purposes. Other buildings will probably be constructed on Broadway during the course of the present year.

St. Cloud Journal-Press: A party of Royalton citizens consisting of J. H. Russell, E. S. Foot, J. H. Miller, G. C. Hollenbeck and H. H. Clifford came to St. Cloud Saturday to take the third degree work in the Masonic lodge on that evening. They returned home yesterday.

## RIPLEY

April 23.—Mederie Heroux bought some good seed oats of David Gaboury, Jr.  
Jos. Gilmet and D. Gaboury made a business trip to Belle Prairie Wednesday.  
Severe Guillmet of Brainerd passed through here on his way to Little Falls Friday.

Miss Eulalia Skoog, teacher of the Gaboury school, attended the teachers' meeting at Swanville Saturday.  
The Little Falls visitors Saturday were N. Barbeau, Jos. Guillmet, Jake St. Onge, Adolore Millet, D. Gaboury, J. B. Odette, Jos. and Hector Labrie, A. Boisjolie and C. Z. Wilson.  
Jos. Guillmet traded horses with C. L. Nelson one day last week.  
A. Millet and M. Heroux were at the town clerk's office on business Friday.

We are glad to report that M. Olson's little girl is improving finely. There was a very small attendance at Belle Prairie church Sunday.  
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ledoux, Monday, April 27th, a son. The last storm that we had has delayed seeding for some days. There is not much seeding done in this neighborhood yet.

Miss Sophia Fuse returned from a visit to Two Rivers.  
Dr. Dumont made a professional call in this vicinity Monday.  
Mrs. A. Millet and Mrs. J. Guillmet called on Mrs. D. Gaboury Monday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Nap Genet visited their daughter, Mrs. Peter Gaboury, Sunday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. David Gaboury, Tuesday, a twelve-pound girl.  
Report of school district No. 53, in Ripley town, for month ending April 18:  
Pupils enrolled 43  
Days taught 20  
Average attendance 18

Those absent only two days or less: Cora, Lona and Eugene Gaboury, Alfred and Arthur Boisjolie, Fred Alcide and Laura Gaboury.  
—E. A. Skoog, teacher.  
These cold days are hard on milch cows. They need some extra care. Some of our boys went fishing and we got a taste of fish.

Mrs. C. A. Billig and daughter have returned from a visit with relatives in Illinois and Wisconsin.  
Mrs. A. H. Nickerson, of Elk River, has returned home, after a short visit with her daughter, Mrs. E. W. Kalisher.  
Mrs. G. F. Kirscher and daughter have returned from a visit to the Twin Cities.  
Miss Alice McNairy visited friends at Frazee the first of the week. Geo. Wilson was up from Royalton Saturday.

## LINCOLN

April 28.—C. L. Gantz was a Little Falls visitor last Wednesday.  
Chief of Police O'Connor and secretary, of St. Paul, were in the village Wednesday and Thursday, overseeing improvements on Mr. O'Connor's place. Mr. O'Connor has shipped lumber up and a carpenter arrived here Thursday to build a house.

Mrs. John Randall and little daughter, Ethel, and Mrs. Christine Nelson were Little Falls visitors last Saturday.  
I. W. Bolen and Joe Lewis left for Staples last Saturday. Mr. Lewis found employment, so did not return.  
Howard Enke was a Little Falls visitor last Thursday.

A crowd of young people from the village attended a dance at the home of Mike Beck last Saturday evening. All reported a good time.  
G. W. Staples arrived here last Monday from Randall and relieved G. C. Shaffer as third trick operator. Mr. Shaffer left Sunday afternoon for Minneapolis.

Emory White and F. B. Randall were Staples visitors last Sunday.  
Mrs. A. F. Sargent visited in Little Falls Monday and Tuesday.  
Miss Lilly Ickler returned home from Staples last Saturday and Freddie Ickler left the same day for Staples, where he will stay indefinitely.

Bert James arrived here last Friday from Freedhem for a visit with his sister, Mrs. J. F. Rahier.  
Miss Christien Nelson returned last Tuesday from a visit with relatives in Ft. Ripley.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Borgstrom spent Monday and Tuesday visiting in Little Falls.

Mike Cullen was down from Staples last Sunday.  
A dance is to be given at the Lake View hotel next Saturday night.  
The N. P. Ry. company has started work on this division by setting a steam shovel to work between this village and Philbrook. It is evident the company intends to keep at this work for some time as they have put in a telegraph office at the place of work.

Mrs. Jac. Kiewel visited at Fergus Falls with relatives this week.

But for the presence of mind of Mrs. W. H. Thompson, residing near Fawndale, and the quick action taken by her in the matter, Charles Larson of the Carl Broden photograph studio, would have had a disastrous runaway to his credit last Saturday. He was taking some very valuable photograph supplies into the country at the time, and when he had reached a point on the road near Fawndale, the horse became frightened. In trying to hold the animal back with the reins, the bit broke and the horse started at full speed on the road. Mrs. Thompson, who was a short distance down the road, took the situation in at a glance, and instead of making herself scarce she blocked the road and waved the runaway horse into the wood-pile, where it was easily stopped. Mrs. Thompson is to be commended.

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**COMRADE ARNOLD THE VICTIM.**  
This time it was Comrade Arnold of 7th st. N. E., that was short in the number he thought was necessary to hold his strong castle. So he started out to look up his reserves and while he was thus engaged his stronghold was invaded by an aggressive force, so strong that he did not deem it advisable to try to eject them, but with the assistance of his good wife did all he could to make the evening enjoyable. Six tables were held by eleven o'clock, when Grandma Arnold had the call for lunch sounded, which was eagerly responded to by all. After lunch, which I should pause to remark was most excellent, we bethought ourselves of the blessings of a fine slumber which could be had by wending our way to our several domiciles, which we did after wishing Grandpa and Grandma Arnold the enjoyment of all the best of this world's goodies. Comrad Arnold was out looking up the dilatory Q. M. when the main force took possession of his domicile, he being afraid that the Q. M. had neglected to take after the night flank. —MIKE.

John Wudke dislocated his left arm, last week Thursday. In stepping to the sidewalk, on coming out of a store, he slipped and fell, with the above result. The injury is a very painful one, and will lay him up some time.

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