

A. P. ROBINSON IS CHAS. GRAVEL'S NEW PARTNER.

The deal, whereby Chas. Gravel bought out C. B. Buckman's interests in the Onamia Lumber & Mercantile company, transferring the old Guernon property, corner of Broadway and Fourth street northeast, in part payment—mentioned some time ago in the Herald—was completed last Tuesday. Consideration is not given. Mr.

Gravel has sold to A. P. Robinson of this city, the stock acquired in the deal with Mr. Buckman. Mr. Robinson will soon remove to Onamia.

James Lund, a former clerk of the West hotel, was in the city Wednesday. He has resigned his position in the Ransford hotel of Brainerd, and has accepted a similar position in the National hotel at Staples.

ST. CLOUD WON RUBBER

Locals Went Down to Defeat by Score of 7 to 6 in 12 Inning Game

By a number of bad decisions by the umpire, favorable to the St. Cloud aggregation, that team was enabled to tie the score with Little Falls in the seventh inning in the game at St. Cloud Sunday, and to take it in the twelfth inning on a heavy drive by Rasch which, although plainly a foul, was called fair, allowing Fox to bring in the winning run.

The score stood 6 to 3 in favor of Little Falls at the close of the first part of the seventh inning. Rasch was the first man up for St. Cloud in their half of this inning. He made first, then attempted to steal second. The second baseman put the ball on him before he reached that base, but the umpire called him safe. Again in the same inning Little Falls was given a rotten decision when Schroeder of the opposing team, who secured a hit and then moved safely to second, attempted to make third and had the ball put on him while he was still some distance from the coveted bag, but the umpire called him safe also. This decision was so rank that even some of the St. Cloud players commented on it, and the fans were thoroughly disgusted with the game. Both players scored, and with the run later brought in by Tufford tied the score.

The fans' indignation had been aroused to a fighting pitch at Lacher's onslaught, with the ball, on Jennings of the Little Falls team, in the first part of this inning, just after he had caught him out on second. The decision was a close one, and Jennings being in doubt as to whether it was rendered favorably to him or against him, called out to the umpire for a repetition of the decision. Lacher scornfully told him that he was out, whereupon Jennings reminded him that he wasn't being spoken to. This evidently enraged the second baseman as he immediately let drive with the ball when but a short distance from him, striking Jennings just above the ankle. Instantly the crowd broke into the diamond and made for Lacher. It was necessary for the umpire and an officer to pull Lacher away and use considerable persuasion with the crowd, else a hot melee would undoubtedly have ensued. Lacher has a reputation for doing dirty-work in baseball playing, and although he has got into scraps as a result, he had never before thrown a ball at a player. He has reached that stage where the management should not tolerate him in the team any longer, and in fact this is what will have to be done if the management is to expect to get any sized attendance at future games, as a number of respectable St. Cloudites were heard to say that they would not attend another game in which Lacher played; and some even went as far as to say that they would not attend another baseball game. While they like to see their home team win, they want them to win on their own merits, not on bad decisions and dirty-playing. It is such things as these that deal death blows to baseball, and the sooner it is done away with, even in amateur teams, the more popular the sport will be for it.

Little Falls scored in the fifth and seventh innings. Batters was first up in the fifth inning, and was put out on first. Kidder made first and scored on a hit by Wetzel. The latter would also have scored in this inning, but, although he had plenty of time to score, he cut third, was caught doing so, and declared out. Fortier got to first all right, but Kingen was put out, retiring the side. In the seventh the boys pounded Schroeder's benders all over the lot. Stoll started the fireworks with a hit. Batters advanced him to second on a sacrifice hit, himself beating it out to first. Kidder secured a single, filling the bases. Schroeder passed Wetzel, forcing one score. Batters scored a little later. Fortier trimmed the ball for a safe one, Kidder crossing the home plate on it. Kingen, the next man up, was

put out. Diedrich then secured a hit, scoring Wetzel and Fortier. Jennings advanced Diedrich on a sacrifice hit, himself getting to first. Lauerman went out on a caught fly, and Jennings was caught stealing second, retiring the side, in the midst of the turmoil which was caused by Lacher's action above mentioned. Rasch pitched the remaining five innings for St. Cloud, allowing but one hit, fanning out three, and in every case but the eleventh inning, in which four were up to bat, three men up to bat was all that was needed for him to put the side out each inning.

Fox was first up in the third inning for St. Cloud, and fanned. Rasch, Schroeder and Kuhn secured hits in succession. Tufford went out on first. Lacher buckled on to it for a two-base hit. The first three named scored. Materna went out, retiring the side. In the seventh St. Cloud secured three more runs, tying the score at 6 to 6; and in the twelfth they broke the tie, winning the game by a score of 7 to 6.

Score is as follows:

St. Cloud—	ABRHP	OA	EA			
Kuhn, 3b	6	1	1	0	1	1
Tufford, 1b	6	0	1	1	4	0
Lacher, 2b	6	0	1	7	3	2
Materna, c	6	0	1	8	2	0
Prem, lf	5	0	1	2	0	0
Hohman, ss	6	0	1	1	3	1
Fox, cf	6	1	0	2	1	0
Rasch, p, rf	6	2	2	0	4	1
Schroeder, p, rf	5	2	2	1	2	0
Total	52	7	9	35	16	7

Little Falls—	ABRHP	OA	EA			
Fortier, 2b	5	1	1	3	0	0
Kingen, rf	5	0	1	2	4	1
Diedrich, 3b	5	0	1	2	4	1
Lauerman, lf	5	0	0	2	0	1
Stoll, c	5	1	1	9	2	1
Batters, 1b	5	1	2	14	0	0
Kidder, cf	5	2	1	2	0	0
Wetzel, p	4	1	1	1	6	0
Total	44	6	9	35	17	4

St. Cloud: 003000300001-7
Little Falls: 000010500000-6
Wetzel struck out 6 men, Schroeder 3 and Rasch 3.

The Record-Breakers went down to defeat for a second time at the hands of the Randall team at the local ball grounds last Sunday afternoon by the score of 7 to 5. Ed. Ploof, who pitched for the locals, had an off-day. He was pounded all over the lot by the visitors in the first inning, netting them five runs, and the rest of the team for the most part gave a very poor exhibition of ball-playing. The game, so far as the Record-Breakers are concerned, was not up to their standard playing, as errors were very numerous. In the Record-Breakers' half of the first inning Gravel scored a run; in the fifth he secured a hit, scoring Ploof and Hall, and later scored a run himself in the same inning. Billstein tied the score for the locals in the sixth inning, but there was no more scoring for them during the rest of the game. In the eighth inning two of the visitors earned their way to first, then Ploof filled the bases by hitting the batter with the ball, and forced a score by letting the next one up take his base on balls. Still another run was scored by the Randall boys in this inning before the side was put out, the score standing 7 to 5 in favor of Randall. The locals had a fine chance to score in the ninth inning, when Gagnon, the first man up, manipulated a three-base hit. He died on third, however, as Lattimer for Randall struck out the next three men up, ending the game. His pitching was the feature of the game. Throughout the game, he held the locals on his staff. His speedy left-handed in-shoots were too much for the Record-Breakers.

Southwest Darling
Aug. 10.—The school authorities have ordered changes in the district 85 school house, that the chimney is to be in front and the bell tower back. Suppose the next will be to rebuild. Farmers are backward on their work owing to lack of help. Rain is much needed. Pastures and potatoes and corn are pretty dry. Remember the picnic next Sunday at John A. Thelander's in section 88. Lars Peterson, Chas. Nordstrom, Lois Anderson and John Regnell helped August Blomquist with the haying. John Thelander has lost his fine dog. Frank Rendahl lost a cow a week ago Sunday.

East Darling
Aug. 10.—There will be services next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. at the Swedish Lutheran church, all invited. There will be a picnic dinner afterwards at John Thelander's, with a program commencing at 2 p. m. Two leap year parties Sunday, one at Rich Valley and one at Elm. About 150 were present at the picnic Sunday.

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He writes of the relief work as follows: All telegraph and telephone connections were destroyed and an operator went outside of the town till he reached the first wire and tapped same, telegraphing from a stump in this town, "send relief trains with nurses, food and doctors, medicine, all of Fernie is destroyed." At once they commenced loading a train, and same was on the way at about 7 o'clock to the stricken city. Nobody here could realize really that it could be so, but soon were convinced of the fact. Another train left for the same place at 12:00. All the bread in the town was sent, and all available blankets, etc. Many people saved their lives by getting into the creek which ran through the town, as the fire got up on them; and it was a case of burn to death or seek relief in the water. Persons say that the water got warm, but were only troubled by the terrible smoke which nearly suffocated them. At four o'clock in the morning the first train came in with people from the burned city, having only 250 of them. The people looked as though you would take a rake and tear their clothes and then throw ashes and dirt on them. Half the men and little children had no hats. Out of each family there was one missing. In the morning another train came in with 650 more people, and they too had friends and relatives missing. Mr. Arendt says that offices were opened in Cranbrook for the relief committee, and he was requested to act as stenographer and assistant to the secretary, to whom all relief committees reported. The day following the fire Nelson, B. C. and Spokane, Washington, each sent a carload of provisions, etc. The same afternoon that Fernie was destroyed, Cranbrook was threatened, and all the people went out to fight the fire. The wind headed the fire in a different direction late in the day, and there was no more danger for that town.

Royalton Banner: Petty thieves broke into McGonagle's shop Saturday night by cutting a panel from the back door. The fill was touched for a few pennies and some trade chips, but nothing of any value was disturbed. A. C. Wilson's barn was also broken into and a tool chest ransacked, but nothing of value rewarded the efforts of the marauders. The McCurry ditching machine arrived from Osakis last week and the crew is busy turning the soil to drain the large meadows east of here. The W. A. Trask farm was the first to have work done and it is expected that the machine will be busy for several months on the farms in this vicinity.

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JUSTICE COURT

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There was a mistake last week in reference to the state appropriation for the bridge to be built at the mouth of Crow Wing river. The amount is \$1000 instead of \$500. \$25,000 to loan on farms at low rates.—Signor & Schallern. 24 4t

Miss Zetta Lucia has taken a position in the Walman optical and jewelry store.

Miss Fleda McDougall visited with friends in this city this week enroute home from a visit in Detroit.

Loren B. Roberts is visiting with his father, Dr. L. M. Roberts, while convalescing from a hurt foot.

A party, composed of the families of P. Germain and J. Griswold, enjoyed an outing at Fish Lake Tuesday.

Congressman C. A. Lindbergh will deliver an address at the Labor Day exercises which will take place in St. Cloud.

The stamp picture business which has been conducted by A. Mattson on Broadway has been purchased by Henry Colombe.

Margaret Hause of St. Paul was the guest of honor at a girl-party given by Miss Dorothy Ricketts at her home Saturday afternoon.

Chas. Gravel and P. W. Blake are having their telephone line to Pierz repaired, a number of poles knocked down in a recent storm.

George Fuller of St. Louis, Mo., who is interested in property in this city, arrived here the first of the week for an extended visit.

A new pipe was put in the Broadway watering fountain, located near the court house, Saturday, the old pipe having worn out.

Mr. and Mrs. Al. Dugas left Tuesday evening on a business trip to Chicago and Milwaukee, where Mrs. Dugas will purchase her fall millinery stock.

Chas. Scoles, the ice-man, narrowly escaped being run down by the North Coast Limited Monday morning as he was driving across the tracks near the paper mill.

While playing ball last Sunday Steve Adams of Cudrum had a leg broken by being spiked by a comrade. He was taken to this city Sunday evening to have it attended to.

John Kerich, Sr., returned home from St. Cloud Monday, where he had been taking treatment. His friends will be sorry to hear that physicians pronounce his case as hopeless.

Supt. H. E. White and family, who have been visiting with relatives in Elk River and Royalton since Mr. White completed his term of summer school at Buffalo, returned Monday.

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