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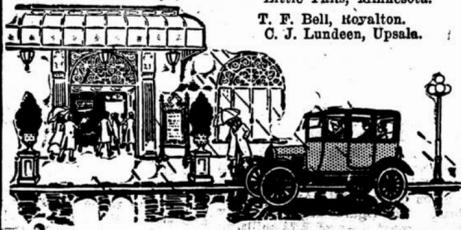
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WATERWAY HEARING

S. HAMMERBECK TALKS FOR FARMERS' CLUBS AT HEARING ON LAKE NAVIGATION

Samuel Hammerbeck of this city was at Duluth last week for the hearing before the International Joint Waterways Commission, on the proposed deepening of the channel of the St. Lawrence river to make the Great Lakes navigable to ocean going vessels.

Following is a synopsis of Mr. Hammerbeck's talk:

Below is a synopsis of Mr. Hammerbeck's argument before the commission:

In coming before your deliberate body, the question naturally and rightfully arises in your minds, "Who do we represent?"

Since both the pro and con in this great argument should be presented, we feel that it is very important to emphasize the question of who we are representing.

The people who now inhabit the middle west have earned the honor of being possessed with a more progressive spirit than those who lezurely remained in the old home. This progressive spirit is still gripping these people and as a result we are building up a great commonwealth, a bread basket for the United States, a veritable land of milk and honey.

I come here representing the farmers' clubs of this great agricultural state. We have some 1,200 clubs, representing 150,000 of the best farmers. What is the purpose and function of these farmers' clubs? The reply to this question is still gripping—co-operation. In the settling of this territory we did not build villages where we could enjoy the evenings in groups, but were separated perhaps by miles. We were in danger of becoming individualistic. However, we became aware that our problems were common and that in order to solve these problems, we must act in unison.

Our 1200 farmers clubs were organized as non-political, therefore we are free and ready to help boost any economic measure of real benefit to our state and nation. These clubs are affiliated into a state wide organization called the "Minnesota Federation of Farmers Clubs," and it is with the greatest pride that I am here today as the president of said state federation, speaking for this great and industrious group of people.

Our motto and slogan is "Live and help to live." We felt that "Live and let live" would mean that everybody help himself and let the devil take the balance. Therefore we adopted the "Live and help to live" slogan as being more appropriate and kind. We felt the demand for being our "brother's keeper."

It is this idea of co-operation and "Live and help to live" that I wish to convey to your conference this morning.

Our argument here is of profound economic concern to this state and to our nation. We have arrived at the fork of the road. No longer can we be expected to compete with South America. No longer should we be expected to ship our products over cumbersome and illogical railroad routes, crossing the continent.

We are an exporting state, and we expect to remain so, especially if our brothers in the east will co-operate with us.

One of the functions of our club work is to help in the finding of logical positions for farm buildings. In doing this work, we found a farmer who had placed his buildings in such a position that his wife travelled 150

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GYMNASIUM FREE TO BOYS

Boys here will have the free use of the Congregational church gymnasium five nights each week this summer, thanks to the efforts of Mayor Berghelm and Chief of Police Clark. Monday night was the opening night.

The question of providing some place for the young boys of the city to spend their evenings in a wholesome way has been a serious one here and the tendency among the boys to frequent the pool halls has become general. Although this is prohibited the law has not been enforced rigidly in view of the fact that there has been no other place where the boys could find recreation.

Through the efforts of the mayor the use of the gymnasium was donated, Chief Clark agreeing to spend five evenings at the gymnasium looking after the boys. A number of business men have guaranteed the payment of the light and water bills incurred. They are N. N. Berghelm, A. F. Anderson, Harry Hamm, F. A. Nelson, J. Jetka, Max Corbin, Walter Folsom, L. D. Brown, W. H. Maney, Arthur LaFond, Joseph Moeglein.

All boys of the city are welcome to take advantage of this offer. The assistants at the gym will be Rev. Gregory, Al Gierok and Walter Sprandel.

Ed. Ludewig of Paynesville transacted business and visited friends in this city Saturday and Sunday.

A community dance was given at the Little Elk school house Friday evening by the Little Elk Community Club. The dance was well attended and was a very enjoyable affair. A lunch was served.

The bill recently passed by congress providing for an increase in the pay of postal employes, will mean an average increase of \$250 per year to the local postoffice employes. Postmaster Brick's salary will not be affected by the increase.

The local office of the Northwestern Milling company were moved this week from the Kiewel building on Broadway east to the mill building on the West side. Dr. A. E. Amundsen and Architect Dingman will use the rooms vacated by the Northwestern Milling company.

The age limit for enlisting in the navy has been lowered to 17 years and boys of that age may now enlist for a period of three years or from minority until they are 21 years of age, with the consent of their parents. The minimum weight is 120 pounds and the minimum height 62 inches.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Whiting arrived Saturday from Minneapolis to make their home here. Mr. Whiting represents the General Motor Company in this territory and he will have his headquarters here. Mr. and Mrs. Whiting have taken rooms in the Totten residence on Fourth street southeast.

BIDS WANTED FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

The Board of Education will receive bids for conveying the children of the consolidated school district to the school buildings as directed, and return them home; and also to carry the children of the Opportunity rooms of the Hawthorne and Columbia buildings to the Lincoln building and back, bidders to ship out the horses but to use the school buses. Bids will be opened on July 7th, 1920.

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Come and Gone

Mrs. H. L. Bailey visited relatives at Gray Eagle over Sunday.

Dr. L. M. Roberts returned Saturday from Rochester, where he attended the clinics at the Mayo hospital.

Mrs. Laura Dunn and son Alton of Brainerd visited with Mrs. Mary J. Treby here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lutes visited relatives in Rice Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gagnon returned Saturday from a visit with Mr. Gagnon's parents at Mountain Iron and Mrs. Gagnon's parents at Northfield.

Austin Grimes went to Brainerd Saturday to enter the N. P. hospital for medical treatment.

John Janietz of Fergus Falls was in the city Sunday for the funeral of Mrs. Frank Janietz.

Miss Margaret Treby visited friends in Sartell over Sunday.

Edwin Eckstrom, who is employed at Pequot, visited friends in Little Falls a few hours Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin of White Bear visited with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morin of this city over Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. H. Hannah, of St. Paul, formerly of this city, was here this week visiting friends, a guest at the A. L. Longley home.

Miss Hildegard Wermerskerchen of Jordan visited at the Peter Van Hercke home the first of Lake Superior.

Guy Sugrue, who is employed at Iron River, Wis., was here over Sunday visiting his family.

F. W. Lyon left Saturday for a visit with his brother, Dr. Morton Lyon, at Se Witt, Ia., and to visit another brother C. E. Lyon, at Perry, Ia.

Miss Marie Sniezek went to Community, N. D., the latter part of last week for a visit with relatives.

Miss Elsie Kummer is in the city for a visit with her parents. Miss Kummer is at a nurse's training school in Minneapolis.

Miss Agnes Hamm has returned home from St. Paul, where she attended St. Catherine's college.

Warren Higby has returned from Menominee, Wis., where he attended Stout Institute.

Paul Posch and children went to Virginia Saturday to visit Mr. Posch, who is employed there.

H. L. Bailey went to Duluth Saturday to join a party of fishermen bound for the northern shores of Lake Superior for a few days' trout fishing.

Mrs. G. W. Massey, Sr., and Mrs. G. W. Massey, Jr. visited friends in Minneapolis Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene C. Rasicot returned Friday from a honeymoon trip to points in the northern part of the state.

Hugo and Edward Pearson went to Shonning, Minn., Friday, for a two months' visit with relatives.

Miss Magdalene Leiser returned to her home in Minneapolis Friday, after a visit at the S. F. Brick home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. O'Brien returned Friday from a week's visit with relatives at Gray Eagle this week.

Theodore Carlson of Brainerd spent Sunday visiting his parents here.

Misses Alexina and Eva Brassard of Minneapolis visited relatives and friends in Little Falls Sunday. They formerly resided here.

Andy Stedler is visiting friends at Gray Eagle this week.

Miss Rose Smith visited relatives at Brainerd Sunday.

Cecil Levin went to Virginia Monday to take employment in the saw mill.

Mrs. Hattie Daniels of Hibborn, N. D., were here visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Brown, enroute to Chicago, where they will spend the summer.

John Newman, who is employed at Staples, visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

Mrs. E. Briesse and daughter Mae, Miss Anna Smith and Joseph Smith more to Grand Forks, N. D., Monday for a visit with relatives and friends.

CROSBY HANDS BRAINERD SHUT OUT.

Brainerd's team was given a royal trimming Sunday by the Crosby salaried team, at Brainerd, Crosby winning, 7 to 0. Patterson, on the mound for Brainerd, was found for fifteen hits.

Miss Esther Johnson returned from a visit with relatives in Minneapolis.

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R. L. RIPLEY, the famous sketch artist, will furnish pen-and-ink drawings of the convention.

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