

TREKKING OUT. NINE THOUSAND.

The Lumber Jacks Returning to City Life After Spending the Winter in the Woods.

The lumbermen are putting in the finishing touches of a big season's work. Some camps have broken up, while others will be "smaking" timber the first of May and even later.

The men have long been restive, and have been looking ahead expectantly to a holiday. Like boys from school they break away from the camps. Old socks and old clothing are cast away and "turkeys" are lightly loaded.

The annual trek of the lumberjack has begun. Bemidji is undergoing the experience which all frontier towns undergo each recurring spring. It brings a fresh air of activity and high life, which few become weary of.

These men come in from their season's work, uncouth, unshaven, hair long or ragged from the artistic efforts of amateur barbers in the camp. But they have the money in their pockets or checks to that effect.

Some of them make a strike for the barber shop about the first thing; if their taste runs in the line of dress they drop into the clothing stores to buy an outfit, with the aid of which they bloom forth like a gorgeous plant that sleeps under the winter's snow and puts forth its blossoms in the springtime.

Others do not stop for that, but make haste to dislodge the thirst which they have been accumulating during the winter. Liquor causes the appetite to increase rather than diminish in many cases. The result of undue haste to satisfy this thirst is often the police call, the village jug, and the court on a dark repentant day the next morning.

Then there are hundreds who resolutely close their eyes to all temptations and make a bee line for the depot and save their winter's wages, every cent, until they reach wives, sweethearts and mothers in far away places. We hear much of the prodigals who spend the earnings of months in a single day, but never a word of the hundreds who turn over their wages to their families or put it in the bank for a rainy day.

No matter whether their money goes to the saloon or the bank, these boys are soon seeking other work and they scatter all over the Northwest, some of them taking railroad work and later in the summer going to the harvest fields. Then when fall comes again, the veteran lumber jack is eager and ready to strike for the woods.

The exodus of these men from the woods is of much importance to towns like Bemidji. They bring much money, and leave the larger share of it in the cities they visit first after emerging from the woods. From merchant to card-sharper, there is a happy day.

The Highest Price Yet Paid For A Small Chunk of Bemidji Business Property.

Nine thousand dollars is a large sum. And this was paid by Mr. Miles of Grand Forks to Jerome Keliher for the corner lot, 25 by 100 feet, on Third street and Minnesota avenue.

Mr. Miles having decided to locate in Bemidji selected that corner as the best one for his business. Mr. Keliher, the owner, arrived from Brainerd Thursday night and in a few minutes the deal was made.

Last fall when Mr. Keliher purchased the two lots and buildings at that corner for \$4000, there were critics who thought him foolish. He now retains more than half of said property, and aside from several hundred dollars spent in improving the corner building, he more than doubles his investment by this sale.

CASE UP AGAIN.

Detroit Nat. Bank Appeals from Decision of Judge Searle in Becker Co. Case.

Messrs. C.D. and F. B. O'Brien, attorneys for the Detroit National Bank, have appealed from the decision of Judge Searle in the Becker county order case.

County Attorney Street says he supposes they will keep on bringing suits as long as they see any hope of getting their money out of anybody. Interest and all, the total of the claims would now amount to over \$20,000.

A STRANGE CASE.

Edward Berg, the Deer Hunter Shot at Nary, Recovers But Forgets English.

A remarkable story comes from Brainerd. It will be remembered that Edward Berg was shot in the head by a companion while out hunting near Nary last January. He was engineer for the Nw. Hardwood Co's mill at Nary.

He was discharged from the hospital about three weeks ago, apparently cured. Then Berg made a discovery which has startled the medical world. Before the accident he could talk English fluently. He now cannot remember a single English word, although his own language, Norwegian, stays with him.

The operation was a difficult one, the recovery remarkable and the result one of the strangest on record. It sounds fishy, but the truth has been fully verified. As a result of the shot, Berg lost perhaps two drachms of brain tissue and the skin on his forehead is all that keeps the brain in place where the bone was removed.

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