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A New Jockey to Ride the Sixth Congressional District Mule.



Henry Truelsen—The old racer looks badly bungled up. No wonder Jockey Towne didn't want to try another heat.

Welcome Feed

Given to the returned Gold-hunters at the Merchants Hotel last Saturday Night. Bemidji Cheer Vs. Cape Nome Chill.

Three of the party of six which left Bemidji last June for the gold fields of Cape Nome returned last week. Al and Earl Carson and Frank Snyder are home again and report the others of the party in Washington state locking up timber claims. The boys had excellent health, except Mr. Snyder who had an attack of fever while on the boat enroute home, which landed him in the hospital at Seattle, and still leaves him in a weak and lean condition. Mrs. E. Carson and Mrs. Frank Snyder who went to the coast to meet their husbands, also returned.

A banquet was given Saturday night at the Merchants Hotel in honor of our adventurers. About thirty of their friends gathered to welcome the boys and to destroy the big and dainty feast which Landlord Hazen had carefully provided. After the excellent supper, a few short speeches were made, L. H. Bailey, the inimitable toastmaster, being in command. Ye reporter having taken copious notes on a sheet of cigar smoke is able to give the remarks in full:

Toastmaster Bailey:—"The wave of excitement which encircled our land over the discovery of immense granaries of gold in Cape Nome, caught in its rippling eddies several citizens of Bemidji. They tossed aside their common vocations, seized the pick and pan and followed the direction to which the goddess of fortune seemed to frantically beckon. In peace, in war, in politics or adventure Bemidji has the man of the hour—the active man, ever ready to pierce the veil of obscurity and to leap into the sunlight of action. And there of course were men willing to separate themselves for a season from the charms and comforts of their Bemidji homes to vie with the world in wrenching from the grudging hand of fortune its glittering sands of well-guarded gold. In honor of these men a banquet was given by many of their admirers just before their departure. We told them then that did their journey lead to hunger or prosperity; should they come back dimpled heirs of fortune or wasted wrecks of busted hope, they could bank on our sympathy and our fraternal spirit; our hearts would leap with joy to welcome them, came they back in broadcloth or in rags. Three of the wanderers have returned, two of them are with us to-night. I understand that more will follow on the next hog train. And a few of us have gathered to join with you in singing 'Home, Sweet Home.' While you may not have brought as much gold as you intended, of done as well as we have hoped, we now offer you more than gold—that which gold cannot buy—the hearty friendship of your fellow citizens. To know that there are those whose hearts welcome you, that warm hands are outstretched to greet you, is after all a source of more satisfaction than a bag of nuggets. I will call upon the first prisoner at the bar to make his defense, if any—Mr. Snyder."

Mr. Snyder:—"I am guilty, but will plead sickness as extenuating circumstances—I had the gold fever when I left, a kind of typhoid fever while away, and homesick fever has

brought me back again. I am more glad to get back than words can express. And to again be reminded that we have a warm place in your hearts, is ample pay for all the hardships we have endured. Yes, indeed, friendship is more than gold. Such greetings as you give us—such evidence of good wishes—is worth more to me than four times the wealth of Alaska. I have come back and I assure you it is to stay."

Other responses were made by W. S. McClenahan, of Brainerd, A. M. Greeley, C. R. Martin, Ed Kaiser, J. H. Hauer and A. P. White. Space forbids a full report.

Chas. G. Rapp

Gets the Republican Nomination For Representative from this District to Oppose S. A. Swanson, Populist.

At the republican legislative convention for the counties of Beltrami and Red Lake, held at Red Lake Falls on Tuesday last, the balloting lasted until after midnight, four for Rapp and four for Nygaard at first, and then four for Rapp and four for C. L. Smith. The Red Lake men were stayers, and Mr. Smith at last withdrew in favor of Mr. Rapp, who was then unanimously nominated.

Mr. Rapp was born in Sweden, but looks like a native of France. He has been the leading merchant of St. Hilaire for 15 years and is said to be very popular in his county with all classes and all nationalities. He is an old time republican.

The Populists held their legislative convention in Bemidji Monday afternoon and nominated by acclamation S. A. Swanson. He is a popular and progressive young man of Red Lake Falls and the official abstracter of his county.

David Booth, O. M. Skinvik, A. R. Cobb and Thos. Bailey were the delegates present from this county, and Sam Gibeau, Adam Zeh, Swan Anderson, P. A. Ekstrom, J. B. Hebert, Thos. Belair, W. H. Scribner, Jas. G. Brady and S. A. Smanson from Red Lake county.

To Much Moisture.

The recent heavy rains have done considerable spite work in this vicinity. Hundreds of tons of hay have been spoiled, corduroy bridges damaged and clayroads rendered well nigh impassable.

Sunday night the Great Northern railroad track lost two bridges by washouts, one between Solway and Shevlin and the other near Deer river. All the rivers were reported full to the banks and some of the sloughs that have been dry all summer are now a mile wide.

On Monday the only trains into Bemidji came up on the B. & N. M. By Tuesday afternoon the Duluth train was enabled to get here, went on to the washout to the west where the track had not been repaired, took up the east-bound traffic, and doubled back. Wednesday the trains ran on schedule time in both directions.

The road bed on the Great Northern is very soft for miles and considerable work will be necessary before it is in good condition again. A large force of men have been at work.

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