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WANT NEW JUDGE

Fifth Judicial District Also Moves for an Addition Judge.

Attorneys of the 15th judicial district who have undertaken to persuade the legislature to provide an additional judge for the district, will be interested in a similar move which is on foot in the Fifth district, of which Beltrami county is a part. It is evident that a bill will be introduced from the Fifth district for an additional judge. The fact that these two districts, whose territory is contiguous, will each ask for an additional judge may incline the legislature to change the boundaries of the districts and possibly create a new district, a change which would probably not be acceptable to the bar of the 14th district.

Brainerd correspondence of the Minneapolis Journal gives the following account of the move in the Fifth district: There is a quiet but determined movement on foot in northern Minnesota affecting the judiciary of the

Fifth district. The district is composed of Beltrami, Itasca, Hubbard, Cass, Crow Wing and Aitkin counties. Up to within a few years ago these counties were among the most thinly populated in the state and one judge could easily handle the business, but in every county the influx of people—actual settlers—has increased the population by several thousands.

Judge W. S. McClenahan has been holding a total of twelve terms of court a year, and from now on there will be at least thirteen terms, Gov. Van Sant having proclaimed the new county of Clearwater, which will be embraced in this district. Beltrami county is said to be the seat of this movement to have another judge for the district, the same as in the Seventh, and those interested have, it is understood, made a canvass and are preparing to ask the legislature to pass a law giving the governor authority to appoint a new judge.

Judge McClenahan is crowded with work. At the last term of court at Grand Rapids nearly a month's time was consumed in trying civil cases, and then the calendar was not cleared. Itasca county has become one of the

busiest among the group, for there is a suspicion of well supplied beds of ore on the lands of the county, and hence litigants are busying themselves clearing up the titles. This has made business very brisk in this county, and it will be so for years to come.

Already candidates for the position are beginning to appear. Among those who are mentioned are J. J. McCarthy, of Grand Rapids, and Attorney M. A. Spooner, of Bemidji. Both are known as able lawyers. As soon as there is a probability of such a law being passed there will be no lack of timber, for the woods are full of good men for the place.

Thousands Expected.

Washington, Dec. 26. — Congressman Frank M. Eddy said today: "Indications all point to a big boom in northern Minnesota this coming season. The opening of the Chippewa reservation under the provisions of the Morris bill is attracting attention from thousands of settlers.

"I understand that the Red Lake bill, with amendments whereby the Indians will be asked to ratify the action of congress, will pass this session. The lands will be sold for \$5 per acre, and the tract is easily worth it.

"I am receiving letters and petitions for the establishment of a new United States land office up into the new land area. Without question, this should be done, and I believe it will be. The accommodations and conveniences of settlers in making entries and attending hearings and making final proofs must be considered. A new office in the center of reservation activity will be in the interest of the settlers and the government alike. The secretary of the interior can change existing boundary lines of the land districts without congressional action, but I should support a bill outright to locate a land office in the new territory for the benefit of the public."

\$35 or \$40 Per Indian.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Indian office has been about completed gathering information about the rolls of Indians in Minnesota and Wisconsin for the distribution of stumpage money from dead down operations under Captain Mercer. All that remains to be done before the distribution is ordered is to copy the rolls and send them to the secretary of the interior for his approval. The Indians on Leech Lake and White Earth reservations in Minnesota to the LaPointe reservation will get pro rata shares of this fund. It has been supposed that each Indian on the roll would get only \$15, but hasty examination shows that each man, woman and child will get between \$35 and \$40. In cases where the Indian has a large family of children the family share will amount to considerable, in some cases enough to maintain them all winter, with careful management. Disbursements will be made by the respective agents about the middle of the month.

Appraise County Property.
Governor VanSant yesterday appointed three commissioners to ascertain and report upon the present value of the public lands and building located at Bemidji, the county seat of Beltrami county. The commission consists of Dr. Wilson, of Red Lake Falls, Mayor Hitchcock of Crookston, and Senator Grindeland of Warren.

The selection of the commis-



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tion was made in response to the petition of the county commissioners of the newly created county of Clearwater which was constructed out of the parts of Beltrami county. The Clearwater county commissioners represented that the county commissioners of Beltrami county had advertised the old court house for sale for the purpose of converting the property into cash and withholding from the new county, its just share. The function of the commission appointed by the governor will be to ascertain the present value of all the property of Beltrami county so the new county of Clearwater may be awarded its proportionate share.—Pioneer Press.

Wages and Cost of Living.

Men are too willing to think every one must be prosperous if wages are high, but laborers don't wear money nor eat money, and if the things they wear and eat are advanced in price and wages not advanced accordingly, the workers are not prosperous. It is not prosperity that causes strikes, but a higher scale of living prices than of wages. Wages are undoubtedly high at present, and golden grain belt beer at the same price as always is well within the reach of all. Pure, delicious and nourishing, it should be in every home. Order of your nearest dealer or be supplied by Fred S. Hazen, Bemidji.

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