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BOARD FINISHES ITS WORK

The Board of Equalization Has Worked Hard for Four Days.

CRITICISES WORK OF SOME OF TOWN BOARDS.

Members Say that Lax Methods Were Used in Passing on Assessments.

The county board of equalization has finished its work for this year. It has worked hard for four days fixing up the assessment rolls, and the members feel that they are now prepared to enjoy a well earned rest.

Valuations throughout the entire county show a general increase over those of last year. Criticism has been offered on the methods used by some of the assessors in carrying out their work. In Bemidji, for example, all the horses in the town were assessed the same, \$30, regardless of their comparative values. The average is supposed to be about that amount, but this does not mean that every horse should be assessed the same. In other towns all the cows have been assessed in a similar manner.

According to members of the county board of equalization, town boards, many of them neglect a good deal of their work. They are supposed to look carefully into the individual assessments and equalize them where necessary, but this year the majority of them seem to have simply signed their names to the assessment rolls and left the work to the county board, whose business it is to compare the town assessments, not the individual and raise or lower them as found necessary.

No Time to Lose.

An eminent surgeon used to remark to his assistants when everything was laid out ready for an operation: "Don't be in a hurry, gentlemen, for we have no time to lose." One can accomplish so much by keeping steadily at it and doing one thing at a time, but Americans seem to want to do everything at once. If we realize that restlessness and nervousness are the most serious faults of our race we should see the necessity for using golden grain belt beer to overcome the difficulty. It rests the nerves completely and puts one in perfect condition, mentally and physically. You will enjoy a case at home. Order of your nearest dealer or be supplied by John F. Essler, Bemidji.

Loud Thunder.

A thunder clap, startling in its loudness, frightened the timid in Bemidji last night shortly before midnight. The accompanying bolt of lightning put most of the electric light wires and many of the telephones about town temporarily out of business. Farther than this there seems to have been no damage done. Beyond a light shower there was no rain.

New Laundry.

The new laundry, known as the Peerless, is now in full operation at 309 America avenue. It has only been running a few days, but business is reported good and rapidly on the increase.

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A BIG CROWD

Expected That 2,000 People Will Come In on the Two Excursions Tomorrow.

It is expected that the two Great Northern excursion trains tomorrow from Grand Forks and St. Cloud will bring in the neighborhood of 2,000 people to Bemidji. The great attraction will be the ball game to be played between the Grand Forks league team and St. Cloud. If the weather is favorable the attendance at the game will probably be as large as when Crookston played on the local grounds. Although Grand Forks is in the league it is claimed that the St. Cloud players can put up just as fast a game. The betting on each team is about even.

Special from Blackduck.

Besides the two excursion trains to run into Bemidji tomorrow from Grand Forks and St. Cloud there will be one over the M. & I. from Blackduck and intermediate points.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Winter and son LaMonte, arrived from St. Paul on Tuesday.

Miss Blanche Narveson of Duluth, cousin of Arthur Narveson, is visiting in town.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Miss Alice C. Everett and Wm. Jensen.

Mrs. Kate Smith of Verdale, Minn., is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Helmer.

Three drunks were up before Judge Reynolds this morning. One was sentenced to serve ten days in the county jail and the others were fined \$5 each and costs.

MONEY ASKED UNDER THREATS.

Kidnapping of Children Promised Unless Widow Pays \$2,000.

Rock Falls, Ill., July 25.—The police and postal authorities are on the track of the blackmailers who have been terrorizing the farmers north of the city, and it is daily expected arrests will be made. The latest victim of the unknown blackmailers is Mrs. Henry Barber of Polo, a widow. Yesterday morning she received through the mail a letter demanding \$2,000. The letter directed where and how the money should be left. For failure to comply with the demands meant the kidnapping of Mrs. Barber's two little children. It is believed the letter was written by those who sent one to James Grehling demanding \$500 under penalty of burning his house. Mr. Grehling paid no attention, and a week later, while he was away from home, his house was destroyed by fire. William Tryce and James Brown each have received letters of the same nature through the mails. Of Tryce the blackmailers wanted \$500 and from Brown \$700.

NO BOUQUETS FOR MILITIA.

Government Learns That It is Sadly Deficient.

Washington, July 25.—Reports now being received at the war department indicate that there is room for great improvement in the national guard of the United States. As a whole the militia is in a deplorable condition and there is little evidence that any effort was made after the Spanish war to bring about an improved order of things. Only in a few instances have the inspecting officers of the army found a guard organization that overshadowed the great majority in the matter of discipline, and an attention to drill necessary in a first-class military organization.

FEAR AN ERUPTION.

People of St. Vincent Frightened by Activity of a Volcano.

Kingston, July 25.—The Soufriere volcano has been slightly agitated since July 19, emitting puffs intermittently, which cause electrified clouds and low rumblings. A severe earthquake shock was felt at 1:40 a. m. Tuesday, accompanied by a subterranean sound of cracking, which shook the buildings here and threw the populace into a state of consternation. They feared that a disastrous phenomenon would follow this earthquake, similar to that of July 17, 1902, which preceded the eruption of Sept. 3, 1902.

TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE

Mrs. Forbes Hung Herself With Pieces From Her Skirt.

FOUND BEFORE PURPOSE WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

Was In the City Jail at the Time In a State of Intoxication.

A startling incident which occurred during the encampment, kept quiet by the police until the visitors left town, was the attempted suicide in jail a couple of nights ago of Mrs. Neva Forbes, a woman from one of the sporting houses.

Mrs. Forbes was arrested for being drunk and disorderly. This was early in the evening, when she was placed in the city jail and left alone. Shortly after this a man passing by the structure heard the sound of someone struggling in one of the cells and upon investigation found that the woman was hanging from the top of her cell, a rope made of the ruffles torn from her dress tied about her neck. The cell was locked, but the officers with the keys were soon summoned and the body taken down. With considerable difficulty she was revived and taken to her boarding house to be cared for. She had tied the cloth rope to the top of her cell and then, with a noose in the end about her neck, had jumped from a projection at the side of the cell.

The morning after her experience she said that she remembered nothing whatever of the occurrence, but complained of having a very sore neck. She could not remember of having had any desire to commit suicide.

NOTICE.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Bemidji, Minn., postoffice until Aug. 10, 1903; for leasing premises for a postoffice at Bemidji, Minn., for a term of five years. Blank proposals may be obtained at the postoffice where form of lease may be seen. Dated July 24, 1903.

C. L. MORRIS,
83-84-87 Postoffice Inspector.

BULLION IS STOLEN.

It Is Doubted If the Robbers Can Get Away With Their Loot.

Phillipsburg, Mont., July 25.—More than 500 pounds of bullion, worth \$100,000, was stolen from the retort room in the Bimetallis mill at an early hour yesterday morning. The thief or thieves left no clue as to their identity or as to the manner in which the bullion was taken away. The loss was discovered shortly after the day shift went to work and was immediately reported. The officials of the company at once informed the authorities of the theft and officers are at work on the case. It is thought that it will be impossible for the guilty persons to get out of the country with their booty. They could not have traveled far with it before the loss was discovered, and the authorities in every section of the country have been notified and will be on the lookout for the criminals.

HELD FOR TRIAL.

Circumstantial Evidence Is Against Young McLaughlin.

Winona, Minn., July 25.—James L. McLaughlin, who was brought to this city from Wabasha county, charged with having entered the postoffice at Hammond, in that county, last December, and stealing money order funds, was given a hearing before United States Court Commissioner C. A. Morey, and was bound over to the next term of the United States court and his bail fixed at \$1,000, which it is believed his brother in Wabasha will furnish. The evidence was largely circumstantial, but it was considered sufficient to hold him.

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APPROPRIATIONS

The County Board Provides for the Construction of Several Co. Roads.

The county board adjourned yesterday to September 8th. Little business besides making appropriations for town and county roads was transacted yesterday. The following appropriations for roads were made: Town of Solway, \$150; town of Turtle River, \$200, to be expended on a road between sections 5 and 6; town of Port Hope, \$200, for a road to run north and south on section 32, and between sections 29 and 32 and between sections 28 and 32 east and west.

John McDougald was instructed to advertise for bids for the construction of two roads running out of Blackduck, one to Langor and the other to Battle River.

MONUMENTS FOR TROOPS.

Pennsylvanians Will Dedicate Three of Them in Succession.

Harrisburg, Pa., July 25.—The three commissions created to arrange for the dedication of monuments to Pennsylvania soldiers in the South, have fixed upon the following dates: Andersonville prison, Nov. 10; Seventy-third Pennsylvania regiment, Chattanooga, Nov. 11; Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania regiment, Shiloh, Nov. 16.

Gov. Pennypacker and staff and state officials leave here on a special car for Andersonville on Nov. 9.

JESSE GRANT GETS MILLIONS.

He and Col. A. K. Owen Obtain Mexican Concessions.

New York, July 25.—Jesse Grant, son of former President Grant, is expected in Baldwinville on Saturday to confer with Col. A. K. Owen concerning property in Mexico. Mr. Grant assisted Mr. Owen in getting concessions from Mexico which, under a recent court decision, property was awarded him valued at \$50,000,000. He is heavily interested with Col. Owen in a railroad and other property at Tepic, Jalisco.

RELIANCE BEATS COLUMBIA.

Gives Old Defender Worst Beating She Ever Sustained.

Newport, R. I., July 25.—In a race for a special cup yesterday the Reliance gave the Columbia the worst beating she has ever sustained in a contest sailed in a good whole-sail breeze. Sailing over a course thirty-eight miles in length, nearly twenty of which were dead to windward, the new cup yacht finished 18 minutes and 49 seconds ahead of the old champion.

HAD SEVEN CENTS.

And With That Capital Two Boys Were Bound for Europe.

Chicago, July 25.—Europe was the goal sought by Hugh McGee and Frank Kelly, two thirteen-year-old youths of South Omaha, Neb., whose combined capital was 7 cents, but the projected tour of foreign lands ended at Evanston. The two boys were arrested at the railway station, where they were taken off a fast mail train found for Chicago from Madison, Wis.

Two Men Badly Scalded.

Detroit, Mich., July 25.—A tube in the boiler of the steamer Turret Court blew out when that steamer was abreast of here yesterday. Two men were badly scalded.

John Miller of Duluth is visiting his brother, C. F. Miller.

The Daily Pioneer want columnists are good result getters. Try them.

PRISONERS ARE GONE.

Sweetheart of One Man is Believed to Have Aided the Escape.

Waukegan, Wis., July 25.—Aided by his Chicago sweetheart, Charles Dennis, one of the most notorious safe-breakers in the country, made his escape from the jail here. With him fled Frank Lattimore, a cracksmen equally well known to the police in every city. The woman, supposed to be Bertha McGuire was waiting for them just outside the jail, in a buggy drawn by a fleet horse. Into this vehicle the two men sprang. The last was freely used and the trio began a long drive to Chicago. The Chicago police have been warned.

MORE TIME FOR RONK.

His Case is Put Off for Argument for New Trial Until August.

Blue Earth, Minn., July 25.—District court convened here yesterday. In the case of Bert Ronk, Attorney Henry Morgan of Albert Lea asked a further stay of proceedings. Judge Quinn was at first unwilling to grant a stay of more than one day, but finally continued the case until Aug. 18. At that time a motion for a new trial will be made. A motion was made to admit Ronk to bail, but this was denied. Ronk is under sentence of twenty years for the killing of Charles G. Eberlein.

HEAVY RAIN

The Country West of Bemidji as Far as Grand Forks Gets a Good Soaking.

Grand Forks and vicinity was visited last night by one of the heaviest rains of the season. Grafton and Minto report heavy rains. In Minto the rainfall for fifteen minutes was the heaviest ever experienced in that section. Emerado was flooded, and at Fisher, Crookston and other portions of the Valley the storm was heavy, but no serious damage is reported.

Crops Not Improving.

St. James, Minn., July 25.—Crop prospects in this county are growing poorer with every rain. Tuesday night a hail storm passed over the southeastern part of the county, but, as there was little wind, the damage was not great. Barley harvesting is in full blast. A strip of country five miles wide and fourteen miles long just north of Ormsley, was visited by a heavy wind storm this week, and not a stalk of grain remains standing. The crops are a total loss.

THE NEW TOWN OF

KELLIHER

situated as it is, at the head Bullhead Lake, and at the terminus of the Bullhead branch of the M. & I. railway, and being in the heart of the timber district where logging will be carried on extensively for the next fifteen years, is bound to be a thriving town in a very short time. The soil in this vicinity is loam with clay subsoil, showing excellent prospects in regard to agricultural purposes. The

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